



NEWSLETTER BULLETIN

August 2023

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DON'T FORGET – P&DARCS AGM ON AUGUST 9TH AT 7.30 pm

You will receive an email with the link to register the weekend before the meeting.

From the President

As I am certain most members will attest to, the year is rolling along rapidly, and we find ourselves preparing for the P&DARCS Annual General Meeting. Only two motions occupy the agenda for the General Meeting, which we need to address prior to the AGM. As you will see from the list of nominations further along, there are a few changes. Neil Addicott has decided not to stand for the Vice President role and will nominate as an Ordinary Member. Stevie Malcman is also standing down as Registrar and will not seek a position on the committee this year. On behalf of all our members, I'd like to thank Neil and Stevie for their contribution in the past year. A lot of work plays out behind the scenes of the committee, and their input and support has been appreciated.

And one of our longest serving members of the club, Mr Ivan Chiselett is also standing down from the committee. Most of you will know Ivan as a stalwart of our club, and he has given a significant amount of time and knowledge during his tenure. In addition to the club committee, Ivan has spent considerable time on both the VMAA and MAAA committees in the past. On behalf of all aeromodellers Ivan, I offer our sincere gratitude for a job well done.

From my point of view, I consider it a privilege to be a part of the P&DARCS committee. From my role in the MAAA this year and working with other clubs across the country, I can see that the P&DARCS remains progressive, is a very well utilised club and we have access to some of the best facilities that a club could hope for. It's the support of the members of our great club that allows that to continue. With several clubs closing their doors in the past year, it is comforting to know that P&DARCS has been building on a solid foundation for more than 50 years and we will continue that path.

There will be a busy lead up to the latter part of 2023 with the ASAA (IMAC) Nationals coming to our field in October, as well as the 40th anniversary of the Shepparton Mammoth Scale Event, which is always well patronised by our members. We then have our own Scratch Built Day in November. The new committee will also be preparing the documentation that is necessary to formulate the renewal of our CASA area approval that expires in January 2024.

Thank you all for your support in the past year, and I look forward to seeing as many members attending the AGM as possible.

From the Secretary

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&DARCS will be held via ZOOM on August 9th at 7.30 pm. A Zoom invite will be sent to members the weekend before the meeting.

All committee positions will be declared vacant, and the election will take place using electronic voting. Only full members (shareholding) are entitled to cast a vote.

Agenda for the P&DARCS 2023 Annual General Meeting

To be held on August 9th 2023 via Zoom.

Meeting to be Chaired by President Keith Quigg

Attendance;

Apologies.

Minutes of 2022/23 AGM;

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2022/23 P&DARCS AGM

Moved by _____

Seconded _____

President's Report.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Motion: that the audited Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer Peter Harris Be Accepted.

Moved by Peter Harris

Seconded _____

General Business

1. Motion: that any two jointly of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator of the PayPal account of P&DARCS are authorised to operate the Accounts of the Club.

Moved by Peter Harris

Seconded _____

2. Motion: that John Van De Waterbeemd be appointed as Auditor for the upcoming financial year.

Moved by Peter Harris

Seconded _____

Elections.

The outgoing President, Keith Quigg, stood down from the chair and asked Andrew Smallridge to chair the elections of the Club.

Andrew Smallridge accepted and occupied the chair for the elections.

The Secretary advised that he has received the following nominations.

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded By
President	Keith Quigg	Steve Malcman	John Teather
	Peter Harris	Frank McPherson	Ivan Chislett
Vice President	David Law	Phillip Singh	Gavan Sexton
Secretary	Phillip Singh	John Van De Waterbeemd	Gavan Sexton
Treasurer	Peter Harris	Daniel Jenkins	Norm Morrish
Registrar	Trevor Garey	Alex Subotsch	Keith Quigg
IT Manager	Daniel Jenkins	Andrew Mysliborski	Norm Morrish
Field Manager	Craig Fitzsimons	Michael Smith	Brian Evans
Facilities Manager	Norm Morrish	Daniel Jenkins	Peter Harris
Safety Officer	Melissa Law	David Law	Keith Quigg
	Brian Evans	Craig Fitzsimons	Ivan Chiselett
Ordinary Member	John Van De Waterbeemd	Steve Malcman	Keith Quigg
	Neil Addicott	Keith Quigg	David Law

From the Registrar

Registrars Report – August 2023

Thank you to those members that have already paid and renewed your club membership. I have already received some positive feedback from members, stating how much quicker the online renewals process is. At the time of writing this report, we had completed Batch 11 of the renewals with 150 members processed.

Please contact me via email at registrar@pdarcs.com.au if you require your renewal to be sent to a different email address.

I will be standing down as registrar at the upcoming AGM. I would like to thank all the committee members for their support during the time I have been in this role. I will provide training and handover to the incoming registrar to assist them in hitting the ground running.

New Member Applications

There are three new member applications this month. Please make these new members welcome.

Glen Campbell – FRANKSTON – Probationary Member
Indy Bajwa – TEMPLESTOWE – Probationary Member
Jim Dalianis – BENTLEIGH EAST – Probationary Member

Any objections to a member application may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.

Membership Statistics

	Paid 23-24	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	12	7	18
Full	100	11	109
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	5	0	5
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	3	0	0
Non-flying Pensioner	1	0	1
Pensioner	13	0	14
Probationary	6	3	13
Prospective	3	0	1
Student	3	0	3

Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	150	21	168

Kind Regards,

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From the Webmaster - Attending the AGM

As in the past few years, this AGM will be again held online via Zoom. All members are invited to attend, however only Full Shareholding members can vote. This means before voting begins, we will ask non-shareholders to drop off the meeting. This is because the Zoom tool allows anyone attending to vote, so we must ensure only those eligible remain online.

All our members' opinions are important, and we encourage you to register and attend online. TO BE CLEAR, you only need a computer, tablet or phone with a working internet connection to vote (along with Zoom software). If you wish to ask questions, you will need a microphone, or type your question. It is possible if you don't have a microphone to listen in and ask questions via the phone as well, but you cannot vote via phone. So, if you don't have a microphone, can you use the phone-in option, but remember you'll also need to attend online if you wish to vote.

Everyone who raises their hand via Zoom will be given the opportunity to ask questions. This does require the Zoom host to grant permission electronically. No one will or has ever been denied the right to speak.

If you have any questions on how Zoom works, please feel free to send me an email at webmaster@pdarcs.com.au

As a side note, I run my own IT Support business. I am happy to come out to club members houses (for a fee!) to setup Zoom for them & make sure it works for the AGM.

There are some instructions on our P&DARCS website on [how to attend meetings via Zoom](#)

Daniel Jenkins
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Member News

Our member Geoff Healey has won the Deep Space category in the prestigious 2023 David Malin awards. <https://davidmalinawards.com/>

Geoff has been a member of our club since the early 80's and for the last five years has become very involved in astronomy, especially during covid. A few years ago, he had an observatory built in his Dandenong North backyard. It has a roof that opens and our member Dave Law and his son designed and built it.

To use his telescopes, the roof needs to be open then Geoff has set up a computer program to have the telescope follow the rotation of the earth so it remains around 1/1800 of a degree of its target. Many short exposures are taken over the night and processed into a final image.

He has also set up an accurate rain detector, so as soon as rain is detected, it automatically folds down the telescope and shuts the roof. He regularly operates his backyard observatory remotely while away from home and takes his gear to the dark skies of his astronomy club's property in Laddys Pass near Heathcote.

The club has a very large observatory with an opening roof and well set up with a club house and 8 room accommodation facilities.

Geoff regularly posts fantastic photos with details on Facebook and Flickr. If you have access to Facebook then I suggest you search for Geoff or have a look at his Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/186914021@N03/>

His 2023 winning image of the Doodad Nebula is only 18.9 light years away and it consists of one of the closest dense cloud and dust, star forming regions to us. Some of Geoff's photos are of objects 500 million light years away. One, a Silver Coin, is a mere 10 million light years away.



Geoff uses an 80mm refracting telescope (used in the Malin image) and an Australian designed and built 250mm Newtonian telescope. We can expect to see some incredible images soon.

A huge congratulations to Geoff. The members of P&DARCS are very proud of your dedication and love your photos.

Regards

Norm Morrish

Club Calendar

The P&DARCS Club calendar can be viewed at www.pdarcs.com.au/calendar