

P&DARCS General Meeting Minutes



Date: 01 Oct, 2025 **Time:** 7.30 pm **Loc:** Zoom **Meeting:** #02-2025

Committee 25/26

Keith Quigg	President CFI	KQ
David Law	Vice President Field Manager	DL
Trevor Garey	Registrar	TG
David Gibbs	Secretary	DG
Peter Harris	Treasurer	PH
Daniel Jenkins	IT Manager	DJ
Melissa Law	Ordinary Member	ML
Norm Morrish	Facilities Manager	NM
Phillip Singh	Ordinary Member	PS
John van de Waterbeemd	SIG Coordinator	JV
Liz Ventevogel	Editor	LV
Alex Williams	Safety Officer	AW

Meeting Chair: KQ

Minutes:

Topic no.	Notes:
1	<p>Welcome from Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened: 7:35 pm • Attendance: 20 • Apologies: Paul van Tongeren, John van de Waterbeemd, Chris Eeles, Norm Morrish, David Law
2	<p>Acceptance of Previous Club Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held on 6 August 2025 (immediately prior to AGM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved: Hugh Gurney - Seconded: David Walsh



Secretarial Update

- AGM related action complete (Annual CAV Return etc.)
- Correspondence
 - Mainly internal; items of note covered in Committee Reports and General Business

Committee Reports

- President's Report
 - Ongoing updates as per NOTAMs and Newsletter
 - 2 Committee changes since the AGM
 - JV taking on the role of Special Interest Group (SIG) Coordinator;
 - ML moving into the Ordinary Member vacancy created by the JC move
 - SIG Coordinator role objectives of creating a single point of contact for other Clubs and SIGs wishing to make use of our field, and a pathway to ensure they are aware of our requirements in regard to our operational requirements and Area Approval.
 - All Committee Roles now have Position Descriptions, so future candidates understand the scope of the roles they are taking on. These will be added to the web site **[DJ / KQ Action]**
- Treasurer's Report
 - PH outlined the trading receipts and expenses for the year-to-date, and the resulting surplus.
 - We are tracking close to budget
- Registrar Report
 - Apology to members who waited to receive their cards while TG was out of the country.
 - Membership of 145, plus one prospective
- Field Manager - in DL absence, KQ noted:
 - Mowing won't happen this Friday given power outage, but runways in good condition
 - DL working on getting all the mower crew together out at the field
- Facilities Manager – in NM absence, KQ noted:
 - Ongoing work in the machinery shed on hoist
- Webmaster
 - Outlined activity around use of the member List resulting from the Privacy Policy work.
 - Don Klein noted it functioned well for him and thanked the team for their efforts.
 - DJ also noted Daryl Slade attendance, and Don Klein noted Gordon

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Trotter attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW noted one of our members had picked up a parasitic bug, likely from exposure to contaminated water in Gum Scrub Creek while recovering a model. - The affected member has fully recovered. - Discussion to be had on broader warning of risk to all Club Members from standing water around the Club area [KQ / AW Action] • SIG Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See President's report. - Multiple field use applications going through new process • Newsletter Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KQ noted Liz doing an excellent job, and that there is a good flow of content.
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resource Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew Smallridge provided update on short term water retention improvement actions - Working on more direct methods of getting water from roofs into tanks – bypassing the current pits and pumps where possible and removing losses. - AS and PH replaced removed and replaced the submersible pump, and repaired the power wiring, for the pit near Wenn Rd. - KQ noted this is a sizeable project and will require significant funds to complete. Contributions from Andrew, Norm Morrish, David Walsh, Ivan Chisellet and Peter Harris acknowledged. • Annual Working Bee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date still to be determined. Original schedule clashes with Nationals - PH looking for help from some younger, fitter members to put up the skylight on the invalid toilet [Volunteer to PH please] • Scratch Built Rally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivan Chisellet provided an update - Waiting to hear back from MAAA and VMAA on sponsorship requests - My Tool Store in in Qld have donated a heap of stuff, including a Proxon drill press - Moving away from trophies and towards equipment style prizes that scratch builders can use.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost will be \$10 per pilot registration – but expect to get more than that back in prizes! Bring along any scratch-built model. - Will also be an ASA Chew ‘n Chat session to share modelling building tips / experiences. - To be promoted through our social media platforms as the date gets closer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Scale Aerosport (ASA) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alex Butler (ASA President) provided an update on recently formed SIG - Really excited about Scale Nationals in Bairnsdale on 24 to 26 October – plenty of entries across 4 classes - Next Chew ‘n Chat at P&DARCS Scratch Built Rally - Planning Xmas event, and working towards Monty Tyrell next year • Member Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KQ highlighted two significant achievements for our 2 World Champions! - David Law was inducted into the MAAA Hall of Fame with the award presented at Shepparton. A just reward for the years of repeated effort to win the Worlds Championships - Seth Huntingford winning the World Junior F3A Championships in Muncie, US - Noted strong presence in other disciplines, including IMAC. • Freehold Value of Coop Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don Klein raised a question about updating / recognising the actual capital value of the Freehold Land on the Coop Balance Sheet – noting he has raised the question before. - Multiple views were shared, with the summary opinion being not to take the question any further: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It would make no material difference to what the Coop or the Club would do ○ It would likely cost ~\$1,000 – a significant sum in the Coop finances ○ Given it is in a designated flood retarding basin it was extremely unlikely there any risk of development / value to developers
5	<p>Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Committee Meeting: 22 Oct 2025 • Next General Meeting: 3 December 2025
6	<p>Meeting Closed: 8:20pm</p>

