

P&DARCS General Meeting Minutes



Date: 03 Dec, 2025 **Time:** 7.30 pm **Loc:** Zoom **Meeting:** #03-2025

Committee 25/26

Keith Quigg	President CFI Field Manager (Int)	KQ
David Law	Vice President	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

Topic no.	Notes:
1	<p>Welcome from Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting opened: 7:35 pm • Attendance: 19 • Apologies: Paul Van Tongeren, Andrew Smallridge; Daniel Jenkins; John van de Waterbeemd
2	<p>Acceptance of Previous Club Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held on 22 October 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved: Simon Ventevogel - Seconded: Hugh Gurney <p>Secretarial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainly internal; items of note covered in Committee Reports and General Business - VMAA request for input on Federalisation



Committee Reports

- President Report
 - Ongoing updates per NOTAMs and Newsletter
- Treasurers Report
 - PH outlined trading receipts and expenses for the year to date, and the resulting surplus.
 - Significant portion of expense is the hoist upgrades allocated from reserve funds
 - Overall well within budget
- Registrar Report
 - 146 members; Typically see a few more join post-Christmas
 - Overall looking good and hoping for some growth
- Field Manager
 - KQ interim Field Manager. Committee will review the way forward for the role in the new year.
 - Continuing the mowing program based around the new mower as the weather improves
 - A few new volunteers wish to come onto the mowing roster – inductions to be scheduled
 - Next phase of improvement works will be top dressing of at least the main runway. Weather dependent as always.
- Facilities Manager
 - Upgraded and widened hoist now in place for new mower; also accommodates the little John Deere tow tractor
 - Fuel storage awaiting cladding as final part of repairs post break ins. Needs a low wind day
 - Husqvarna ride on mower undergoing drive system repairs. Should be back within next couple of days.
- Webmaster (DJ absent)
 - Minor camera glitch only matter reported – now fixed
- Safety Officer
 - Alex reiterated his current focus on correct use of pilot barriers as follow-up to his latest Newsletter article. He noted the importance of **courtesy** and **common-sense** amongst pilots, and the imperative to stay behind active pilots and not risk impeding their view of their model or the full strip.
- SIG Coordinator (JvdW absent)
 - KQ noted some new field applications under review for next year – including ASAA (IMAC) Nationals in November

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- Newsletter Editor (LV absent)
 - Last Newsletter for the year has been circulated
- Calendar Updates
 - Christmas BBQ scheduled for December 13th. Daniel has circulated sign-up form
 - BBQ event will include the Wally Schubach Memorial Trophy. It will be a simple timed flight event, landing closest to 5 minutes flight time.
 - Ian Slack has also donated a model that will be used for the Christmas BBQ raffle draw. Details to be circulated via NOTAP. KQ thanked Ian for the donation.

General Business:

- **Wally and Pearl Schubach Ashes and Memorial**
 - Peter Harris talked the group through the Wally and Pearl Schubach celebration and ashes spreading event at the field on November 30th. It was a great success with 33 people attending – including two daughters of Wally and Pearl, their husbands, and one of the grandchildren.
 - The family and club members spread the ashes down the Avenue of trees.
 - Peter then took the group through the key people who contributed to the event, and highlights from a Powerpoint presentation he had created – touching on Wally and Pearl’s activities within and outside the club.
 - The event concluded with catering for guests.
 - Norm Morrish congratulated Peter on organising such an excellent celebration.
 - Peter raised the question of putting the Powerpoint presentation on our website for others to access. **KQ to raise with DJ.**
- **Mystery table**
 - Frank McPherson asked who donated the white painted, wheeled model stand that appeared at the field. Many thought it was Frank himself, but he denied that. It remains a mystery.
- **Federalisation**
 - The Club received an email from the VMAA seeking our views on Federalisation, in essence a structural shift to do away with the state associations like the VMAA. This email went to all Victorian clubs.
 - The club Committee discussed the email in a separate meeting and took the view that while there are important structural and financial issues to discuss around Federalisation, some of which the VMAA email touched on, with no plan of attack, roadmap or clear purpose there is nothing really to discuss. Purpose comes before structure.
 - KQ went on to note this view was consistent with that of other Victorian clubs.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term flooding outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norm Morrish shared some exciting numbers on the rain fall / water level issue that has challenged the club. The key message was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The October 2022 rainfall levels filled the drainage channels and caused flooding of the field to 700mm above ground level ○ The same rainfall levels in November 2025 only filled the drainage channels to 600mm below ground level - The biggest change has been repair of a damaged levee bank about 1.5km north of the field by Melbourne Water. This was allowing run-off from the developments to our north to flow down Wenn Road and across our field, rather than through the designated drainage channels. - This result has come through persistent efforts by Norm and Peter Harris over the past 3 years to get Melbourne Water to investigate the root cause of our flooding and remedy it. The club thanks Norm and Peter for their untiring efforts. • Best Wishes for the Festive Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don Klein joined the meeting from Israel and apologised for being late as the local internet had crashed. He thanked Daniel for helping get the time zones right. - Don wished all club members and families a happy Christmas and asked us not to land reindeer noisily on his roof on Christmas Eve - Keith Quigg wished all members a merry Christmas and happy New Year.
5	<p>Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Committee Meeting: 21 Jan 2026 • Next General Meeting: 4 Feb 2026
6	<p>Meeting closed: 8.15pm</p>

