

P&DARCS General Meeting Minutes



Date: 01 April 2026 **Time:** 7.30 pm **Loc:** Zoom **Meeting:** #05-2025/26

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: 28 Apologies: Ant Sisley, Hugh Gurney
2	<p>Acceptance of Previous Club Meeting Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held on 4 February 2026 Moved: Keith Quigg Seconded: Simon Ventevogel <p>Secretarial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email - Lifting turbine restrictions Email - Sam Addicott member upgrade Newsletter – Heavy Model operations Email – Rubbish removal



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email – Newsletter Profile requests ○ Email – Monty Tyrrell ● Committee correspondence / discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covered under portfolio reports where relevant
3	<p>Issue and Action Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prior Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any outstanding tasks and status summarised in Attachment 1 ● New this Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted through minutes and summarised in Attachment 1
4	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing updates per Emails, NOTAMs, and Newsletter advice to members ● Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PH outlined the trading receipts and expenses for the year to date and noted we are tracking to budget. - PH noted the \$6,300 paid to the Co-op to buy shares on behalf of all our current financial full members (Co-op member decision from 2024 Co-op AGM). In return the Co-op will wend the same amount back to the Club for purchase of assets, structures or other facilities that have been built at the Club. - There was also \$2,442 on servicing our mowers. - KQ also noted the Committee had approved a \$1,500 support payment to the P&DARCs Members representing Australia at the Upcoming Scale World Championships in the UK (see General Business) ● Registrar Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trevor has been out of action with medical issues and Daniel looking after daily membership tasks. - The Club has 146 members. - KQ noted we have just received 2 new member applications as part of discussions with Swinburne University. ● Field Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mowing is dependent on prevailing weather, but we are looking at returning to weekly (currently fortnightly). - There will be Working Bee prior to the Monty Tyrrell Rally. This will likely be Saturday April 11th (PH Action) - DL requested the Mowing Team mow access taxiways from the pits area to the start boxes as the longer grass was making it hard to push models



	<p>through without damaging spats / undercarriage (KQ Action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NM noted a new spray unit has been acquired to replace the old 55 litre one with a broken pump. Carpark and driveway have been sprayed - NM also noted thieves had broken in on 20th March and stolen ~200 litres of diesel fuel but thankfully did little damage. Balance of fuel is either small amounts in equipment tanks, or in Jerry cans stored elsewhere. - The big boom gate that is across the front of our old shed has been freed up so one person can now open it. • IT Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heavy Model Inspector link has been added to website – points to VMAA master list • Safety Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW noted the continued importance of flying from behind the pilot barriers. • SIG Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JV noted upcoming competitions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monty Tyrrell – 16th to 18th April – Public Event ○ Scale Competition – 17th May (Sun) - KQ noted discussions with Swinburne University as another Special Interest Group we are working with on access to our field • Newsletter Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LV noted an email questionnaire had been sent out inviting Members to provide their Profile for the Newsletter – so please respond! (Members Action) - KQ thanked LV for her ongoing efforts in assembling and publishing our monthly Newsletter. • Calendar Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monty Tyrrell – 16th to 18th April – Public Event, ASA partnership - Scale Competition – 17th May (Sun) - Scratch and Kit Rally – 8th November (Sun) - ASAA / IMAC Nationals – 13th to 15th November - F3A Aerobatics – 5th and 6th December - ASA Comp and P&DARCS Christmas Party – 19th December (Sat)
5	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KQ raised the removal of litter bins policy covered in an email to all



members. Discussion followed on the issues driving this – from rotting food, through broken models to straight household waste being dumped in the main skip bin.

- Frank McPherson raised possible locking of the bin; DJ noted that was already being actioned.
 - Paul Van Tongeren, Chris Eeles and Don Klein stated their strong support and highlighted how unacceptable they thought the behaviours leading to the bin removal were and supported with their own anecdotes and experience elsewhere.
 - NM also raised the issue of broken plastic chairs being put in the skip bin and asked that they be left beside it so they could be cut up before being assigned to the bin.
- **Gold Wings Instructional Day**
 - KQ noted Steve Malcman will be running a Gold Wings Instructional day for those seeking their Gold Wings, or simply to nudge their skills up a level.
 - Date to be advised once scheduled **(Action: KQ)**
 - **Monty Tyrrell**
 - KQ reminded us that the Monty Tyrrell was rapidly approaching, and that pre-registrations were down from last year – likely driven by the local impacts of global uncertainty. In turn we want to push to get all our own members involved – whether as participants or volunteers.
 - The ASA crew (Scale) have been working hard behind the scenes on preparation, including catering which they will be providing.
 - The intent is to broaden the appeal to wider range of genres beyond scale.
 - The F3A group have already been approached for a display **(Action: JV)**
 - Bruce Smlth, as Secretary of the ASAA (IMAC), will follow through with their group to also put on a display **(Action: Bruce Smlth)**
 - **Water Retention Project**
 - KQ noted the first stage of the water retention project that is now complete increased our water catchment by 25 to 30%.
 - Estimates for the next stage, including an additional water tank, are around the \$50,000 dollar mark. DG and KQ are working on submissions to the MAAA and VMAA for financial support for the project.
 - **F4 World Championship Team**
 - The F4 World Championships are in the UK in July, with 4 P&DARCS members on the team. DL will be defending his World Champion title.
 - KQ and others have been collaborating with the ASA on quotes and logistics for getting models safely to the UK given the global disruptions



and impact on availability and pricing.

- The P&DARCS Committee approved the allocation of a \$1,500 support payment to the P&DARCS members of the F4 Team going to the UK
- ML, on behalf of the Team Members thanked the P&DARCS Committee and members for their support.

- **60th Anniversary**

- KQ introduced the discussion and outlined the aim of establishing a Steering Committee to guide our efforts (**KQ Action**). This will build on the work leading up to the 50th, and extend that given the rapidly changing nature of our sport overall and our Club's role in it. We have an extensive history and lots of people with input to give. We have come a long way from all arriving at the field on Saturday with similar models, to the diversity of genres and skills we see at the Club today – both inhouse and through our relationships – including the Monash University UAV team and recent Swinburne University discussions.
- NM drew members' attention to the 50th Presentation and Monty Tyrrell's first 25 years written history of the Club that are on our website.
- Discussion continued around the three core elements of our celebration:
 - A 'formal' dinner on a set date (close to August 31st, once the Scale Team is back from the World Championships)
 - An update too our Logo and refresh of memorabilia and merchandise – again driven by the interests of members.
 - A flying event / showcase, likely later in the year as the weather warms up. While nothing is locked the idea is to combine a rally style showcase of models and acclaimed pilots with some fun events – actively involving as many members as possible and appealing to spectators.
- Anyone with ideas or inputs is asked to put their hands up to the Committee – please!!

- **Vehicle Access**

- ML reminded the group of the Dec 2025 NOTAM reserving spaces in the East and West car park for emergency access and those with mobility challenges.
- ML requested we keep the traffic cones marking the spaces in place and always keep the spaces clear.
- KQ reinforced the importance and asked all to obey.

- **Alex Williams**

- Frank McPherson noted a rumour that AW may be leaving town. AW confirmed that the rumour is true. He is retiring to Queensland, leaving in early May.
- AW complimented the Club on being a magnificent group of people who had made his three years of membership marvelous. KQ thanked AW for being a great club member and wished him the best on the Sunshine



	Coast.
6	Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Committee Meeting: 22 Apr 2026• Next General Meeting: 3 Jun 2026
7	Meeting close: 8.40pm



Attachment 1 – Action Summary

Note:

- Beginning of Subject typically refers to the meeting when it was raised (e.g., GM-202602 was the February 2026 General Meeting). Some items, however, may appear outside Meeting months if they were started before the meeting.

ID	Tag	Period	Subject	Who	Status
193	GL	202604	Taxiways from pits to start-up boxes	KQ	New
195	GL	202604	ASAA display for Monty Tyrell	ML	New
192	GL	202604	Working Bee - 11th April	PH	Work In Progress
194	GL	202604	F3A Display at Monty Tyrell	JVDW	Work In Progress
178	GL	202603	Gold Wings Day - Date	KQ	Work In Progress
183	GL	202603	Club 60: form Working Group	KQ	Work In Progress
116	GL	202602	Club 60: Anniversary Newsletter content program	LV	Work In Progress
117	GL	202602	Club 60: Anniversary Merchandise	KQ	Work In Progress
118	GL	202602	Monty Tyrell - Call for Member Assistance	KQ	Work In Progress
112	GL	202602	SMS Alert on Events - formalise ongoing process	DJ: JVDW	On Hold

