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## Fellow P&DARCS Members

Welcome to NOTAP, the Notice to All P&DARCS members.

NOTAP will serve as a semi-regular intermediary notice to our members when information needs to be passed on prior to our monthly newsletter. Each notice will be sent to members via email, placed on our club Facebook page and the website.

The P&DARCS 2021 AGM is now complete, and I am honoured to represent the members of this great club as President. Thanks to all of you for this opportunity to lead what is the largest aeromodelling club in Victoria into the 2021 2022 financial year.

I also offer congratulations to the outgoing committee for their outstanding work during what has been a tumultuous year over seeing our club operations. Weather events, of course the terrible COVID crisis and a few other factors all contributed to a difficult period of management.

The large number of members that lodged a vote at the AGM shows that an online meeting system can be highly successful and allows easy attendance when face to face meetings are not practical or permitted. Given that more than 50% of all eligible members chose to cast a vote shows that the majority of the club agrees with the direction we are now taking.

As the year moves on, hopefully the worst of the necessary COVID restrictions are behind us and we can continue to utilise our great flying field to its maximum potential including hosting some special events and competitions. As soon as the regulations allow us to do so, we will reintroduce the Saturday BBQ lunches.

So, in looking forward, what can the club members expect? There will be a few tweaks, but there will be no drastic changes to how the P&DARCS is structured nor how it is run.

Safety at the field must continue to be our number one priority and for this to happen, each individual member must take steps to be responsible for that. Refresh yourself with the club rules if need be, ensure your equipment is in top class condition before you fly and make certain that you communicate with other pilots. Such basic steps will help us to ensure that we maintain our high standards of safety.

Committee meetings will at this stage continue to be held via Zoom as this is a most practical way to accomplish what we need to do.

There will soon be a small sub-committee set up to scrutinise and update our club constitution. This is not a small task and will require input and suggestions from members as well as plenty of time spent by a few committee members to get it re-worded, presented to the members and submitted for approval.

A few committee members take on a large workload and have done so for many years. This is of course not news for any club let alone P&DARCS. I hope to enable ways to lessen that load somewhat and begin some succession plans for critical committee positions so that we do not have to rely on just one person to handle specific, crucial roles within the committee framework.

Some of the larger equipment we use to maintain the club facilities needs refurbishment or replacement, so once the committee has reviewed the project plan and budgets are in place to do this, we will take our recommendations to the members for a final decision. Smaller, but vital ongoing maintenance items like cleaning, supply items and general upkeep would benefit with a few more volunteers from the members to help spread the load around a little. Have a think about what you might like to put back into the club and let me know.

The P&DARCS belongs to you, the club members and I encourage members to contact me directly if they have any concerns or items of interest that they would like brought to the attention of the committee. Feel free to call, talk to me at the field, email, or message via Facebook. I'm available most days after 8am through until 5pm except for Wednesday.

If the weather is fine, I'll be at the field doing what we are all a part of – aeromodelling.

Thank you once again for your support.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897