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## VPA JANUARY MID WEEK PATTERN COMPETITION & FIELD UPDATES

Dear Members,

A very Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope that 2025 is off to a great start for you.

The VPA (Victorian Precision Aerobatics) will be holding their first F3A event for 2025 on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The field will be closed for general flying on this day, but members are welcome to attend and take in some precision flying. There will be members from other clubs attending, so please make them feel welcome. P&DARCS has a very healthy representation within the APA (Australian Precision Aerobatics), and you can obtain more information from this Facebook link:

[Australian Precision Aerobatics Facebook Group](#)

Combinations will be changed shortly for both the front gate and the club house entry. Keep an eye out for a text message with the changes and please ensure you save these details (preferably on your phone). Remember, the numbers on the gate lock must line up along the top row of the lock, not the centre.



Ongoing improvement and maintenance work to the club facility will continue throughout the first quarter of 2025. One significant project will be some upgrades to the toilet block. If any members can recommend a good painting contractor that the club could engage, please contact me with details.

Under the current lease arrangement, the farmer has also completed his hay baling for the area surrounding the runways. These bales have been placed as close to the outer fence as possible (thank you Norm) and the farmer will have these removed in the near future.

Some great flying conditions to be had at the moment, but please be aware of the hotter days when they are upon us, and make sure you have a suitable hat, apply a good layer of sunscreen before you go flying, and during the day as well. Whilst Melbourne does not get many really hot days, the sun can still cause permanent skin damage very quickly, so please take care when coming to the field.

All the best, see you at the field.

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