



Dear Members,

Field Manager Appointment

As our members would be aware, Craig Fitzsimons had decided to step aside from his role as Field Manager for a few months in February. Craig has now advised the committee that he wishes to stand down officially as Field Manager and take some time to enjoy flying his models.

I speak on behalf of the P&DARCS Committee and the entire membership in extending our sincere gratitude to Craig for his dedication and hard work over the last 5 years as our Field Manager.

David Law will now take up the role as Field Manager. Thank you Dave for stepping in for us.

We have also had a couple of extra members put their hand up now to be added to the mowing roster as well. Many thanks to those members.

Miscellaneous Contract Works

Our contractor has continued with various small projects around the club, with the new table/bench now in place around the old BBQ, and a new wall/door installed in the storage shed on the western pavilion. We can now make use of both these new facilities.



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New John Deere Fairway Mower

As I write this NOTAP, we are on track to take delivery of the John Deere Fairway Mower on Thursday of next week. This is an exciting step forward for our club, paving the way to ensure we can maintain our runways in the future to the highest possible standard as we work through the upgrade program.

Members on the mowing roster will be trained up (as time permits) to use the new equipment, following a dedicated handover and training session from Michael Whelan at Brandt.

A couple of members have apparently made mention in the background that the club "paid too much" for the new mower or it was "not suitable for the tasks at hand". As there were no such comments made at the Special General Meeting, I can only assume that this has been a simple miscommunication among members. It's understandable, and this type of thing can happen sometimes when facts are scarce among a minority.

Members can be rest assured, we made certain that we involved suitably qualified people who were in a position to make such decisions. We did so with the best interests of all club members and the future of our great club at the top of our list.

Furthermore, I would also like to extend my gratitude to the overwhelming member support for this phase of the club's upgrade.

Norm is moving forward with alterations to the machinery shed hoists to make certain the new equipment is housed as it should. Top marks once again Norm.

Monty Tyrell Working Bee

We will soon announce registrations for a club working bee to prepare the field for the upcoming Monty Tyrell Scale Event, in conjunction with the ASA (Australian Scale Aerosport). This working bee will take place on Saturday, April 5th, one week prior to the Monty. The field will be closed for flying while the work is completed, and a BBQ lunch will be supplied as usual.

Unwanted Club Visitors

I've been advised of some unfortunate activity around our premises in the past week or so, with one of our tenants' cows being injured with a bow from hunters trespassing on our grounds. This type of activity obviously occurs well out of our normal hours of operation, but if anyone spots anything (or anyone) out of the ordinary, please let a committee member know as soon as possible.

Hunting of any sort is not permitted within our boundaries, and the tenant is certainly not wanting any of his valuable stock harmed. Please keep us informed if you have any helpful information.

That's it for now, hope everyone is taking advantage of some of the beautiful flying conditions we have at the moment.

See you at the field.

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P&DARCS President 2024/2025