



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024



**Congratulations to Cameron Sexton for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advanced at the Tucson Shootout. Everyone is so very proud of your huge achievement.**

**Next Club Meeting On-Line 4<sup>th</sup> December Wed 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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20 Nov (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

### [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

04 Dec (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

### [VPA Pattern Event](#)

09 Dec (Sun) 9.00am – 4 pm

### [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)

11 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

### [ASA Monty Tyrell Scale Rally](#)

12 Apr (Sat) – 13 Apr (Sun)

# **The Annual General Meeting of the Darcsfield Cooperative 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The Cooperative has served the club well over the past 47 years providing a high level of security for our assets and has seen an increase in the level of complexity for its administration. Over the last few years there has been significant increase in operating costs, particularly in Insurance and rates. It's been a rather busy year together with our usual business plus the continuing presentation to the VPA Planning Panel and changeover of tenant taking effect on the 1 ST November.

## **Planning Submission"**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April the Darcsfield Cooperative submitted their summary and final submission to the VPA Planning Panel relating to our objection to the rezoning of the Officer South Employment PSP rezoning application. It has been a massive effort over the past 5 years gathering information and making presentations to get to this stage.

More than 6 months since submissions have been finalised there has still been no definitive response from the panel but there have been several positives come out of the presentation. For the first time we have actually been listened to and our concerns have struck an accord with panel members and their experts who had no idea of the impact the developments to our north have had on the properties downstream. A number of our neighbours also submitted effective submissions supporting our objections. We gained a lot of support, most significant being that from the Cardinia Council whose final presentation backed up all our major points.

## **Victorian Planning Authority /Flood Issues presented by Norm Morrish:**

It's been a big and frustrating battle over the last two years with Melbourne Water. When the VPA announce a public enquiry in relation to a proposed new housing development it provided us and our neighbours the opportunity to put our case across to an independent body.

The Enquiry board were quite shocked at the issues we were having and were disappointed at the lack of planning by Melbourne water. They congratulated us on the quality of our presentation. A sign of our impact is that the

Developers were hoping to commence by July this year yet here we are in November and still no permits issued.

We had stressed that no permits should be issued until Melbourne Water improve the areas drainage significantly.

The benefits of attending the enquiry are:

- Made great contacts withing the Cardinia Shire Planning Dept who are now looking to bring a team to our field to discuss the problems. The planning dept are very involved I any permit approvals and are now well aware of problems downstream that need to be fixed before any further development takes place.
- Melbourne Water Engineering are doing studies of the creek capacities and water flow. At the enquiry I emphatically pointed out that no development of the Officer South area can go ahead until the capacities of Cardinia Creek, Gum Scrub Creek and Toomuc Creek are drastically increased.

Recently the Victorian Premier announced that they want more housing to be built in the Officer Pakenham Corridor so this may open our plight to higher levels of Government. I am planning to contact local MPs in the area again to bring them up to speed on the problems they need to solve first.

The Chairman Pointed out the high regard that the Enquiry board had for Norm and the quality of his presentations.

### **Insurance Claim:**

We had a break into the clubhouse this year and as it was mostly structural damage to the building, David Walsh organised the claims process.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Andrew Smallridge present the Audited Annual Accounts for 2023/24 to the meeting including the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet.

### **Question from Don Klein re property value in the balance sheet:**

Don Asked for an updated Freehold Land valuation of the property to generate an additional “Positive Spirit” 5our GREAT Club.

The Treasurer noted the validity of the question and explained that whilst the Council rates note that the value is around \$2.6 million the auditor is happy with us noting the older valuation of \$1.2 mill in the balance sheet.

### **Directors Election:**

Two Directors Peter Harris and Frank McPherson were up for election this year. Both submitted nominations and as there were no other nominations received then Messrs Peter Harris and Frank McPherson were declared elected.

### **Tenancy:**

The tenancy of the property has been tenuous for some time particularly after some of the flooding we have experienced. He has been a good tenant for the best part of 20 years and has finally given notice.

David Walsh through Elders has arranged a new tenant. The Lease is now signed, and our new Tenant will officially take over grazing and hay cutting rights as of 1st November. This is a good result for us as it will give us an increased income from the property and the tenancy management can be done at an arm’s length from the Co-op and Club.

### **Motions presented and carried at the 2024 Darcsfield Co-operative AGM:**

There has been a significant increase this year to the building insurance, and we have also in the past few years taken out a director’s indemnity policy to protect the liability of the directors of Darcsfield Co-operative. We have also seen a continuing increase in council rates. In previous years we have also had large costs replacing bore water supply to enable leasing of the grazing rights.

For these reasons we need to rebuild Darcsfield Co-operatives reserves in order to ensure we have a better ability to meet future expenses.

1. The Share package required to be full Members of the club has been increased to 1500 \$1.00 shares as at the commencement of the 2025/2026 financial year. This will not create any

additional cost to current full members of the club provided they maintain their membership.

2. This year the Annual rent/lease payment for our Tenant (the P&DARCS club) has been set at \$2,000.

3. The Coop will be charging a fee for processing Co-operative Share package transactions at the rate of 2% of the share value to the seller of the share package.

### **General Questions/ Business:**

Don Klein asked: When an Associate Member purchases a parcel of shares does he purchase the quantity of shares required at the beginning of his Associate Membership or the number of shares required at the end of his Associate Membership to become a full Member of the Club?

**The short answer: - the number of shares required at the end of his Associate Membership**

**Chairman Peter:** - Many thanks to all the Darcsfield Directors for their dedication over the past many years of service to the club. It hasn't been an easy year by any means. Also, a special mention for the 5 years of work that Norm Morrish has put in investigating, gathering knowledge, preparing submissions and making presentations on behalf of the Club and Cooperative.

Andrew Smallridge. Peter Harris and Norm Morrish represented the Darcsfield at the Planning Panels submission. Just the drainage section alone was held over five days. Norm went to every session of that part of the submission. It was very interesting listening to the high-quality presentation of some of our neighbours.

## Editor's Report:

Hi all,

A big thank you to all the contributions this month.

With Christmas fast approaching, the recipe this month is for Cosmopolitan Cocktail Sausages. These tasty little morsels are ideal for your Christmas entertaining.

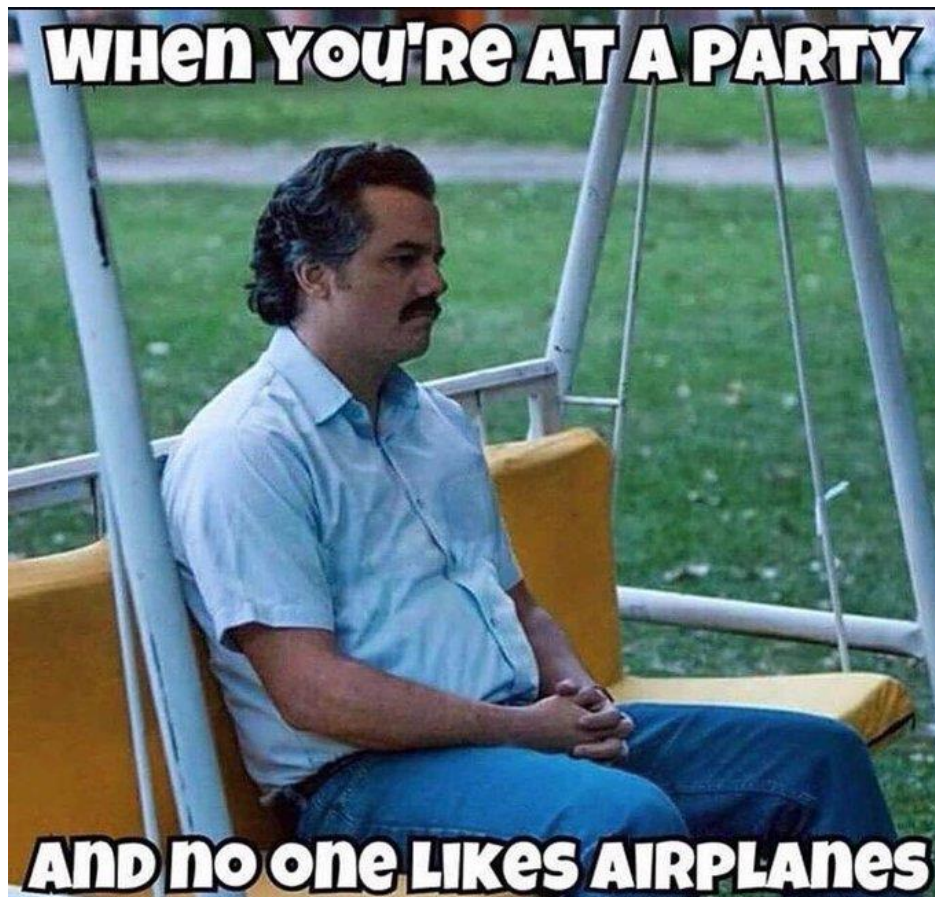
Ivan Chislett has supplied some terrific copy and photos from the Scratch and Kit Built Rally.

We also congratulate Cam Sexton on his fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout.

Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to [editor@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:editor@pdarcs.com.au)

Cheers,

Liz





# SCRATCH AND KIT BUILT RALLY

## Sunday November 10th 2024

After several years of weather not conducive model flying, the BOM did a good job with the forecast. It was pretty much perfect model flying weather.

For reasons unbeknown it did not bring out the models. Only about 15 modellers registered. However, there were quite a few projects on display that were not "registered". None the less the numbers were a bit disappointing when considering the great weather. Particularly this year where the entry was opened up to any scratch or kit-built model, it did not have to be a scale model.

Craig and his boys had the field looking a picture. It was just fantastic, a super "well done" team. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated field team.

Fortunately, those that did enter brought lots of models with a really good turnout of on scale models and hence there was lots of flying. The day is really about encouraging modellers to build their models and get extra enjoyment.

There were some very interesting models on display and some of those that caught my eye were, Rolly Gauman's Viscount, maybe a flight next year; Andrew Smallridge's F-86D coming along very nicely and will no doubt be a flying model very soon. Mark Collins's Storch is really coming on and looking great.

HOLK had his shop there again this year and a good number took advantage of the big range of product available. I really liked the super scale pilots and all the really good modelling tools. It is not often to be able to handle the gear" anymore. It was pleasing to see covering available, it is getting hard to find that now days.

It was great to see David Law bring out and fly his world championship winning aircraft, the Pitts Special.



Congratulations must go to David for the fantastic achievement of winning the world scale championship.

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, Dragon RC ; HOLK RC ; TTT Insurance ; My Tool Store and Balsa Central, all modellers received goodies during the day.

We thank the sponsors for the generosity. Please do business with our sponsors and thank them in your order for sponsoring P&DARCS.

Prize winners for the event were;

President's Award – David Law - Pitts Special – P&DARCS

Best Civilian – Rolly Gauman – Fairchild 24 - Wangaratta Club – formally P&DARCS

Best Warbird – Alex Butler – CAC Wirraway – P&DARCS

Best Project – Mark Colins – Fieschler Storch – P&DARCS

Best Non-Scale – Peter Harris – P&DARCS

A big “thank you” to the Club Members that assisted in running the event; Daniel Jenkins ; Don Klein ; John Teather ; Andrew Mysliborski ; Greg Neild ; Mark Smith ; Trevor Carey ; Peter Harris ;Andrew Smallridge.

Apologies for those I missed.

Without their assistance the “show” would not go on. Thanks guys it is greatly appreciated.

Also, a big thank you to our great sponsors;

Dragon RC ; HOLK RC ; TTT Insurance ; Balsa Centra ; My Tool Store Please support these businesses as they support us.

Ivan Chiselett

A list of the pictures attached below:

2641 Viscount - Rolly Gauman

2643 Faichild 23 – Rolly Gauman

2644 Collection of Non-Scale – Peter Harris

2645 Astro Star – Best Non-Scale – Peter Harris

2647 1/3 Scale Fly Baby – Ivan Chiselett

2648 F-86 D Sabre – Andrew Smallridge

2649 F-86 D Sabre – Andrew Smallridge

2650 Turbinator (Swept Wings) Ivan Chiselett

2652 Fieschler Storch – Best Project – Mark Collins  
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2655 HOLK Shop  
2657 HOLK Shop  
2660 HOLK Shop  
2662 Pitts Special – President’s Choice Winner – David Law  
2664 Decathlon – Melisa Law  
2672 Mark Collins – Winner Best Project  
2673 David Law – Presidents Award  
2674 Rolly Gauman – Best Civilian  
2675 Peter Harris – Best Non-Scale































# TUCSON AEROBATIC SHOOTOUT



Huge Congratulations to Cameron Sexton for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in Advanced at the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout 2024.

Cam flew in the Advanced Class. Here is a little about his setup and his bio:

Aircraft: Dalton Extra 300ML

Radio: JR PROPO Elite

Engine: Desert Aircraft DA200 Magnesium

Servos: JR 8955SS on wings, JR 8911BL on Tail

Sponsors: JR PROPO/DEEFORCE AVIATION

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Bio: Hi, my name is Cam Sexton, from Melbourne, Australia. I am 21 years old. Been flying for 10+ years. Started IMAC at the end of 2021 and gone from basic to Advanced in 3 years. To have been selected to compete in the pinnacle of aerobatic competitions is a dream come true. Back home in Australia, I fly an Extreme Flight Laser 104" and an Extreme Flight Laser 125". TAS has always been a goal of mine, so I've been practising very hard and have the best mentors (Aaron Garle and Stephen Greig) to guide me. Can't wait to meet everyone and begin TAS 2024

Accomplishments:

- 2023 Australian National Intermediate Champion
- 2023 Victorian State Champion Intermediate
- 2023 Tin Can Bay Cup Winner Intermediate
- 2023 Season: 6 wins, 1 second place
- 2024 Queensland State Champion Advanced
- Accepted in to my first Tucson Aerobatic Shootout 2024

Taken from Cam's FB page:

3rd in the world..... I'm speechless right now.

I can happily announce that I've placed 3rd today in Advanced at the conclusion of the 2024 Tucson Aerobatic Shootout!!!!

This trip has had so many highs and lows, but at the end of it, I've pulled off what I thought was impossible. After all the practice we put in before the Australian Nationals, to flying 14 hours to Los Angeles, then driving 9 hours to Tucson, 2 weeks of practice, and to have the plane blow up on the last flight, it's been a rollercoaster of emotions.....

But at the end of the day, my 2 unknown wins are what kept me in it.

I have so many thanks to give to people , so here goes:

First to Stephen Greig, Steve Richardson, Stephen Godbold , who has done so much for me this trip, looking after me, driving me everywhere, repairing models, etc. I couldn't have imagined any better guys to travel with and compete with. You guys really are the best and I'm so lucky to have been able to experience TAS with you all!!!

Stevie Marie and Jacob Campbell - you guys are simply the best!!! I've been so lucky and honoured to have met you 2, and you guys have been like family to me, looking after all of us and so much more. This trip has been so memorable with you guys involved in it, and I would love to come back again and see you guys, because you are truly remarkable people.

Aaron Bones Garle, Brianna Leigh Garle, David Garle, Gemma Garle - Thank you so much for being a part of this journey!!! From calling my sequences, to trying to calm me down when I was getting a bit overwhelmed, and taking me out to Pima for the day, you guys are incredible, and I'm honoured to be an Australian team member with you guys!!

Thanks to Gavan Sexton and Sandra Sexton for all of your love and support back home!! Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!!!

This is a Shootout I'll never forget and will always cherish the memories and friendships I've made!!!!

Huge thanks to my sponsors as well for keeping me in the air!!!

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# Spotlight

Hi,

My name is Trevor Garey almost 69 years old an Englishman by birth but an Australian citizen. Came to Oz in 1988, joined PDARCS in about '91 ish, no wings required then and shares were \$750, Left to pursue other interests but came back to the fold around 6 years ago.

Slow and scale like is my preference, too old to go too fast, jets would be nice, but I know my limitations both in skills and financial.

Preferred model has to be easy to fly. I like warbirds but need to get skills up to do that, but a general sport flyer is fine. I do like to have a dabble into Helicopters and right now need some help with an SAB RAW 420.


I used to like building but the mess I created caused some words to be said but the good lady, basically no more indoors building so ARF is the preference these days.

I think my favourite plane is my Flex RV8, but I have a garage full that I need to get out to fly more.

Radio gear is Jeti, I originally started with Futaba, it was second hand from Mick Reeves and was a digimax 5. Moved onto JR (3810) when I started back up, I again tried Futaba of various models 10j 14sg 18mz, had a Spektrum DX9 for a while but then went to Jeti and have not looked back.

As for work. I am now retired but used to be in Network communications, worked for British Telecom International in the UK in Australia worked for ANZ, and Coles in the Networks area.



My brother in law in the UK  got me interested, I also think the movie Battle of Britain had an influence in my love of aircraft I started my aeromodelling journey with Kiel Kraft dope and tissue rubber band models. Progressed to control line with 1.5cc DC Sabre engine, the model lasted about 5 seconds looped into a brown paper bag, but I persisted. Eventually joined the West Essex model club where I learnt to fly.

I have never flown in competition, just not good enough in my opinion, so never placed.

My other time is taken up with grandkids and home DIY, frustrated tradie I reckon as I will do most things was an owner builder at one time.



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Cosmo Cocktail Sausages

This awesome recipe is from Nigella Lawson and is a perfect dish to bring to a Christmas get together. Enjoy.

Tips:

The inspiration comes from a Cosmopolitan cocktail: in place of the triple sec the recipe used fine-shred marmalade; to stand in for the cranberry juice, a dollop of some shop-bought cranberry sauce; the lime juice remains the same. The shot of vodka is an optional extra.

I used pork chipolatas, but any sort will be successful.

You can also make additional marinade and toss the sausage through for a stickier finish.

These sausages are also excellent eaten cold.



## **Ingredients:**

3 tablespoons of fine cut on or shredless orange marmalade

2 tablespoons of cranberry sauce (from a jar)

2 tablespoons of fresh lime juice#

1 splash of vodka (optional)

50 cocktail sausages (uncooked)

## **Method:**

Preheat oven to 180c fan forced

Line a shallow roasting tin with foil

Put all of the ingredients (apart from the sausages) together in a bowl or jug and whisk to combine

Unlink the little sausages and drop into the lined roasting tin

Pour over the mixture and smoosh about a bit so that all the sausages are covered with the marinade, then bake for 50 minutes to an hour, giving the pan a shake after 25 minutes

The marinade will seem alarmingly liquidy but this liquid will thicken to a sausage-burnishing syrup by the time they are cooked through

Serve immediately, with little cocktail sticks for easy eating

Bon Appetit 😊

# P&DARCS Calendar

## November, 2024

### Committee Meeting

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### VPA Pattern Event

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## April, 2025

### ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally

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