

# P&DARCS

*Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society*

## THE NEWS, AUGUST 2015



As if it's not cold enough, now we have Jack Frost, our cold and frosty flying field a few days ago, looking West,  
The sun later thawed it out for a perfect flying day



Goeff Healey

**Next Club Meeting, and AGM, Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**at the Burley Field, 1-00 pm start**

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## Editor's Bit

What woeful weather we have been having lately, the forecasters called it an Arctic Blast, it sure was Well it just has to get better, Spring is just around the Corner !



Brrrrrrr

Our **New Shed** is now officially finished, all the mechanical locking, and security systems, are installed and working, thanks to the efforts of Paul Somerville and Daniel Jenkins, plus other helpers We can now move all our valuable equipment in to the shed over the coming weeks, and we will be able to raise the tractor hoist to full height, for really good flood protection

See page 9 for the full shed report plus photos

The AGM is on next Month and I will stand for re election if nominated



**Frank McPherson** Editor

## WHAT'S ON

### At P&DARCS 2015

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# IMPORTANT NOTICES

- # IF YOU SEE LOCAL FARMER'S COWS ON EITHER WENN OR FOWLER ROADS, CALL THE LOCAL POLICE
- # NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, *NO BADGE, NO FLY.* (TO STOP FREELoadERS USING YOUR FLYING FIELD )
- # VISITORS MUST BE SIGNED IN, AND WEAR A "STICK ON" NAME BADGE
- # WHEN STARTING AN I.C POWERED MODEL, OR ARMING AN ELECTRIC POWERED MODEL IN THE PITS, THE MODELS MUST BE RESTRAINED
- # ELECTRIC POWERED MODELS SHOULD BE ARMED AT THE FLYING STRIP AND DISARMED AFTER LANDING

**Your Committee needs some volunteers to arrange a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our first Club Meeting, if you can help, please contact Frank McPherson**

## HEAVY MODEL PERMITS

If you are flying a model weighing more than 7 kg, you **MUST** have that model and the pilot of that model certified by a Heavy Model Inspector. This applies to each model over 7kg AND each pilot

You must carry the Permit with you and have it available for inspection at any time at all MAAA affiliated venues

The Heavy Model Permit is **VERY IMPORTANT** for Insurance Cover. In the event that a uncertified Heavy Model, is involved in creating damage to persons or property MAAA Insurance will not cover P&DARCS or yourself

Do not be tempted to test fly a heavy model prior to it being certified, if it creates damage to persons or property **YOU WILL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE**

**The P&DARCS Committee members will now be policing this**, so be prepared to show your permit. If you don't have it, you will be asked not to fly that model.

## PRESIDENT

So, here we are at the end of the Club's 49th year, and of course that makes it the beginning of our 50th Club year ,--our Golden Jubilee Celebration year.



Your G.J.C. subcommittee have been working up a full and exciting year for 2016 with many and varied activities in addition to the normal Club calendar, including something to interest just about everybody.

If you feel there is nothing planned for your particular field of interest, contact a member of the subcommittee and offer your services to assist in this area.

I think you all know how I feel about people who do nothing to assist in the running of the Club, but enjoy all the facilities that the "working" members supply for them, and can only sit back and criticize when they feel things are not quite right for them.

I hope by now you have all given considerable thought to the composition of the Club Committee for the coming year and have approached your choice of candidate(s) for any or all of the positions.

Remember, these are to be the elected officers for the next 12 months and you are placing the immediate future of YOUR CLUB in their hands, so have a good look around and make careful choices.

**The Committee position of Building Officer is vacant, any nominees are most welcome**

At this point I would like to give my thanks to all committee members for their willing and able execution of their various portfolios, and for their joint support of the Club, and of each other, with great camaraderie, born of working toward a mutual goal.

Thanks guys.  
See you all at the AGM

**Bill' Reynolds, President**

## SECRETARY

There are no minutes to Record, for this Month as the Auction was Held on that date



**Don White, Secretary**

## SAFETY OFFICER

No Report for this Month

**Alan Foley Safety Officer**



## Notice of Annual General Meeting Darcfield Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the **Club Field at 1pm on Saturday 3 October 2015.**

Ordinary business of the meeting will be:

1. To confirm the minutes of the last AGM
2. To receive from the Board, Auditor or any officer of the Society reports upon the transactions of the Co-operative during the financial year including balance sheet, trading account, profit and loss account, statement of cash flows, and the state of affairs at the end of the financial year.
3. To elect and confirm the remuneration (if any) of the Directors. Mr F Connolly and Mr M. Norton are retiring as directors and are not standing for re-election.  
  
Nominations for election as Director to fill two vacancies are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing on the attached form at least 21 days prior to the meeting. (*Rule 41 (3)*) No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.
4. To appoint an Auditor
5. To transact any special business of which notice has been given to members in accordance with the rules.

The rules provide that any member having a resolution to submit to a general meeting "*shall give written notice thereof to the Society not less than twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting*". Any such notice must be sent to:

The Secretary  
Darcfield Co-operative Limited  
58 Baker Road  
HARKAWAY VIC 3806



**Darcsfield Co operative Limited**  
**ABN 71 156 273 136**

### Nomination for election as a Director

I nominate ..... for election as a Director of  
Darcsfield Cooperative Ltd.

Nominated by :.....  
Signed

Seconded by :.....  
Signed

### Acceptance of nomination

I agree to this nomination:

candidate :.....  
Signed

### Eligibility for Nomination

A Director must be a natural person and not less than 18 years of age. (*Rule 38*)

A Director must be a member of the Cooperative, is required to attend at least four board meetings each year and to ensure the Cooperative operates in accordance with the rules. (*Rule 41 (1) (b).*)

This nomination form is to be lodged with the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM (*Rule 41 (4)*)

Secretary  
Darcsfield Cooperative Ltd  
58 Baker Road  
HARKAWAY 3806

## FACILITIES MANAGER

No Report for this Month



**Paul Somerville** Facilities Manager

## FIELD MANAGER

Hi guys, the cracks in the main areas of the 3 runways and the pits are now filled. I am organizing truck loads of screened sandy loam to be delivered in mid August so that we can fill in the cracks



on the outer sections of all runways and fill in the low areas of the West runway. This is necessary for both the models and our mower men. We are ageing. The cracks shake the proverbial out of you.

Have also organized 8 truck loads of cheap crushed rock ( recycled asphalt ) to do the Vee section on the North side of new shed and to do the low sections of the west carpark, beside the Western charging station and the light pole barriers near the swings. Have asked for it to be delivered on my return from the World Championships. I will be at the Worlds when our AGM is on. I will stand for re election.

Sincere thank you to all our mower men for their great work over the past year. They are a great group of dedicated volunteers for our club.

I am looking for additional mower men who are available during the week. We try to avoid mowing on weekends and only do this when too wet during the week. Please give me a call on 0418 586 406 if you can help, or email me, normmorrish@gmail.com.

**I take this opportunity to personally thank all the members and committee who supported the hosting of the Aerobatic Masters in March next year and to also thank everybody for supporting the Australian Team as they have used our field to prepare for this year's Worlds in Switzerland.**

**I cannot believe the amount of money and practice time these team members have spent preparing. I have spent heaps and I am not spending money on competitive models. This is the 3rd Worlds for Glenn Orchard, the 4th for Bill Bloodworth and 2nd for Dennis Travasoris. The first for me. In the past 2 months we have met at Bendigo, Mildura and the last two weekends at the Echuca State Field. We did this not to overuse our field. Again thank you guys.**

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## WEBMASTER & SOCIAL OFFICER

### Webmaster

For some reason the past month or two has seen the P&DARCS website the target of lots of hacking attempts, this has calmed down in the past few weeks & the site has not suffered.



I have a piece of software on the site that protects it & this has done a good job.

A few weeks ago I decided to change the software used to manage the calendar on the website. This took a fair bit of time, but the new software provides more details about events, which gives me the ability to include more pertinent information & looks nicer. Click on an event & you'll see what I mean.

I have also made changes that control how the website looks when viewed via mobiles or tablets. Most users won't know the difference, but the changes are important as Google now give websites with Mobile access higher ranking in their search engines. Our site has always been mobile friendly, this just improves things.

Another activity that has been consuming a lot of my time has of course been the new shed. We have finally finished all building & wiring work. The security system for the shed is up & recording & has been setup to send alerts to myself if anything suspicious is detected & I can login via my phone & check what's happening. All very high tech!

A big thank you to Paul Somerville & Frank McPherson for their help installing the security. As it's the AGM next month, this will be my final report for this Committee year. If nominated, I am willing to continue as the P&DARCS Webmaster.

### Social

It's a quiet time of year for events at P&DARCS, but none the less, a number of people have been busy in the background making plans for next year. As you know 2016 will be P&DARCS 50<sup>th</sup> year so a number of big events are being organized to celebrate this. It's going to take a lot to organize & manage these events, so we will need to call on you, our club members to assist.

It takes a lot of effort to run big events & help on the day is always welcome.

A lot more planning needs to be done, but we now have a draft calendar of events which is great. Thank you to those involved, keep up the good work.

**Daniel Jenkins,**  
Social Director & Webmaster

## CONTEST DIRECTOR

No Report for this Month



**Roly' Gaumann** Contest Director

## REGISTRAR

### Membership Renewals

I have been processing your renewal as quickly as I can. Please remember to send the paperwork back for if you pay by EFT to put you payment detail: in the transaction. It is hard to process mystery members and this delay you getting your new badge, and holds up the MAAA / VMAA renewal.



You may notice small flicks in the picture of the new membership badges. This was due to a print issue, and to avoid delays in delivery as they wanted to print them again, we accepted them at a reduced cost. Also, the company were we get then badges from is a run a family business, and there was a death in the family just before the major printing for the new finical year. We did not want to put any more pressure on them and due to the circumstances; they did well to get the badges to us in time. I appreciated their efforts in their time of grief.

### New Member Applications

No new members for this month

### Member Upgrades

Seven Members have renewed and taken up the share offer

### Inductions / Orientation

Please give me a call or email to arrange a time. I now have Frank to give me a hand if you wish to make a time during the week. Please note that I will not chase you to make an appointment.

### Changes to your contact information

Let me know of any changes of your details by email [registrar@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:registrar@pdarcs.com.au) (preferred) snail mail (Club mail address) or least preferred by phone (my mobile). *This became very important last month as the Committee wished to contact a member who became ill, and all the registrar details we had for the member were incorrect.*

### Next Year

If nominated at the AGM, I would be willing to accept the Registrar role for 2015/16. I have my process pretty much under control now and the new MAAA/VMAA online register makes it much simpler.

Happy Flying

Cheers,

**Paul Webber**, Registrar

Phone 0417 558 779

Email: [Registrar@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:Registrar@pdarcs.com.au)

## Membership to date

Paid 2014-15    Unpaid    New 14-15

Associate	4	0	0
Full	80	26	0
Junior	0	0	0
Life	3		
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	26	4	0
Probationary	2	8	0
Student	0	1	0
Spouse	1	0	0
Honorary Member	1	0	0

Probationary - Associate	1
Probationary - Full	0
Associate - Full	7

Re Joined - Full	0
Re Joined - Probationary	0
<b>Total Re Joined</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Passed Away</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Resigned</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>	<b>35</b>

Sub Total

<b>117</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>
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# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2015

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Comments
<b>July</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Dingley	Annual Club Auction	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>August</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & AGM	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>September</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting	
<b>October</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting & Co-Op AGM	
11-12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	State Field	VMAA Trophy	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Roy Rob Trophy (rescheduled)	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting (Summer)	8PM Start
22-25 <sup>th</sup>	Thu-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Western Port Drifters camping at P&DARCS	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>November</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	Yes	Burley Field	Melbourne Cup Aero Tow	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	No	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>December</b>					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	No	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	

## New Zealand Air Show War Birds Over Wanaka – Easter 2016

From David Glossop

Grand Pacific Tours are offering a variety of trips to New Zealand to incorporate the Wanaka Air Show (one 8 day and two different 13 day tours (varying from approx. \$3,300 to \$4,900)

My wife Heather, and I went on the 13 day tour in 2012 and had a great time.

We are seriously thinking of going again on the 8 day tour.

I am aware that other members of our club have been to this air show previously. If anybody is considering going to a world class air show I suggest you look at Grand Pacific Tours at [www.grandpacifictours.com](http://www.grandpacifictours.com) for options, costs, and other details.

If enough people show an interest perhaps we could do a "bulk" deal with the organisers ?

If interested please get in touch with me at e-mail [davidandheather@richfieldvillage.com.au](mailto:davidandheather@richfieldvillage.com.au) or telephone 8588 1549

## LATEST ON OUR NEW SHED

Over the last few weekends, our small team of professionals have been quietly working on finishing our new shed

The finishing work carried out recently includes;

- \* Reinforcing the side pedestrian access door making it more robust, fitting security key locking, and a hold back hook and eye
- \* Fitting of four security cameras, one inside and three outside, including special mounting brackets
- \* Installing, and fitting out a security system cabinet, including uninterruptible power supply, 4 camera Ethernet interface, and associated cabling and connections
- \* A Locking system for the Rolla' door, using a horizontal drop bolt arrangement, and security key padlocks
- \* A locking system for the three main sliding access doors, including security padlocks
- \* Physical barriers are also installed in front of both the Rolla' door and main sliding doors, in the form of Locked down robust bollards



## MAAA Grant Application Result

As reported earlier in the year, the MAAA announced a funding grant scheme for field improvements. As advised earlier we applied for a grant of \$13,834 for the purchase and installation of three vehicle hoists, the same units as the one we currently have in the old shed, plus transportation and installation costs.

The club was advised recently that our application was unsuccessful. Apparently our application was not considered as I forgot to include a copy of our audited financial statements.

To say that I am a little annoyed would be an understatement, particularly when the MAAA already had the documents they required as they were sent to them as part of our application for the loan for the shed, which we declined due to them requiring a mortgage on our field. I would have thought a phone call requesting the required documents would have been prudent, but then I was wrong.

I apologize to the club for my error in not completing the application correctly and hope that we do not get another flood before we have the funds to purchase the vehicle lifts.

**Ivan Chiselett**  
**Vice President**

### **New Shed – Now Complete.**

It is great to be able to report that the new shed is now completed. Daniel Jenkins, Paul Somerville, Peter Harris, Frank McPherson and a good number of other members have done an absolutely outstanding job in completing the shed. It is all now connected to power and all the security systems are in place and connected to our very comprehensive security system.

I was told that the system had detected two mice, one with white feet, wandering through the shed one night checking it out. They were given a warning and informed that their images were being sent to the authorities. Pretty good system eh? Seriously though, it is a very good system and will protect our assets.

I am sure that the vast majority of club members would not know of just how much work these individuals have put into the shed. Our club is truly blessed to have such a great bunch of people who will give their all to better the club.

All that is to be done now is to purchase the additional vehicle lifts and install them. Paul and the team will be no doubt starting to move the equipment into the new shed in the very near future. You may be asked to lend a hand if you are at the field when this is happening. I am sure they will have no problems getting assistance.

Once again, on behalf of the club a big thank you to the guys who really put in to get the shed done.



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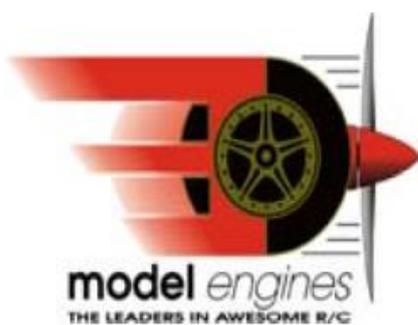


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