



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019



Alan Foley's "Jaguar" Gyrocopter, ready for its maiden flight, March this year

**Next Club Meeting, Saturday 1st June 2019  
At Burley Field, 1pm start**

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## EDITOR'S BIT

Last Month I said I was assembling an ARF Stuka

Well, I have put it together, mostly as per the Phoenix instruction manual that comes with it, apart from a couple of mods',

\* Support struts for the long undercarriage legs, apparently they have a habit of ripping out of the wing mount on a rough surface

\* A start – up panel of plugs, switches and leds inside, to switch on the receiver, and the LiPO power

Some details are;

Wingspan 1910mm, 75.2 inches  
Flying weight 6.3 Kg,  
Motor Eflite Power 90, 6Kg static thrust  
Battery Turnigy graphene, 8s 5000 mAHR  
Prop' 16 x 8 APC  
Receiver Spektrum AR6210

Maiden flight soon, wish me luck



Stuka in the back yard, it does look ugly, hope it flies good

**Frank McPherson** Editor

## WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS 2018

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# NOTICES

## Visitors Book

We have mentioned a number of times the importance of filling in the visitors book correctly. It is a requirement of MAAA that this be done to ensure compliance and insurance. All areas need to be filled in including the visitors address. A new book was printed with these rules. A big thanks to Mel Norton in building a stand for the book which allows the rules page to be clearly seen. It is the responsibility of the club member who signs in the visitor to ensure this is complied with.

## Using Fire extinguishers

If you use a Club Fire Extinguisher, let a Club Committee Member know, so that it can be recharged

Recently an extinguisher from the transmitter pound was required in the pits, it was found that it had been used, fortunately it was not empty

**IF YOU USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER, TELL A COMMITTEE MEMBER, SO THAT THE EXTINGUISHER CAN BE RECHARGED PROMPTLY, DON'T JUST PUT IT BACK, AND SAY NOTHING**

## Membership Fees

Membership fees for the year 2019 / 20 have now been set.

The P&DARCS Club fees and the VMAA fees have not changed.

The MAAA fees have increased for the first time in ten years, the increase is \$ 30 for senior Members, and \$ 15 for Juniors

The MAAA has been absorbing increases in costs for the past 10 years, the MAAA insurance has increased by \$ 50K this year

The MAAA is also increasing their budget on advertising and promoting our sport

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As most of you would know our Registrar Rob Till was admitted to hospital on May 1<sup>st</sup> for double bypass heart surgery. I am very pleased to say how well he is recovering. The first few days were not the best but 5 days later he was off IV medication and taking short walks around the ward.

It gets better, he was released after a little over a week and flew to Canberra last Saturday May 11.

Rob's Wife, Georgie tells me his recovery is steady but he is under very strict rules for the next 6 weeks.

Rob wrote a great piece about what it means to be a member of P&DARCS:

### **From Rob' Till**

*Belonging to a club like PDARCS is more than runways, charging stations, club fees, and a clubhouse; if that is all that you are looking for then you are missing the point.*

*A good club encompasses far more than the purely practical aspects of getting your plane off the ground and back again. A club provides the opportunity to make friends with others having similar interests. Those with different experiences both of life and flying. Those with expertise to share.*

*Those for whom the visit to the field is an opportunity to relax in a very busy world, or those who are retired and whose club friendships fill the gaps left by the loss of others.*

*Club membership can be more than the practical, and include the pleasure of sharing time with others.*

*Like all friendships you need to contribute a bit to the group but this is often just being around, chatting to the youngsters and saying well done to those who tend to put in that extra effort - for the club and for you.*

*You know that you are enjoying the 'real' club experience when you drive home with a smile in the realization that you have enjoyed the afternoon - and you never took the plane out of the car!*



Rob' at the Club

**See also, report by Rob' from the " Epworth Hotel " on page 7 ( after the Registrar's Report )**

Many thanks to Darryl Slade for once again conducting the Anzac Day commemoration with assistance from David Glossop and Peter Harrison. The club gets a lot of positive comments about these celebrations.

See photos of the Service on page 9

After the event we were buzzed by a low flying aircraft. Thanks to Evan Bellamy for his photos, we had the registration and the club secretary wrote to the offending flying school.

This once again solicited a positive response from the school CFI so hopefully these incursions will reduce. It's important to get the registration for any of these infringements so that the club can follow up.

**Alan Foley** President

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

General Meeting Held Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

At Burley Field Cardinia.

**Meeting Opened:** 1:00 pm

Minutes taken by I. Chiselett due to Secretary's absence.

**Chair for this meeting:** President Alan Foley

**Members Present:** 20

**Apologies:** D. Glossop, W. Reynolds, M. Smith, D. Walsh, N Morrish, A. Smallridge & R. Till

**Minutes of previous Meeting:** Motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted

Moved B. Law, Seconded D. Slade Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

**President:**

- Congratulated the P&DARCS Team for winning the VMAA Trophy for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row.
- Informed the meeting that Rob Till had undergone surgery and was recovering well and was up and about in hospital. Scheduled to leave on Monday.
- Advised that Colin Nichols had injured his hand due to prop strike. He needed surgery. Colin was at the meeting and advised that the injury was progressing well.
- Reported & extended his congratulations to Glen Orchard & Norm Morrish who placed first & second in F3A at the MAAA Nations.
- Reported that there was a low flying full size aircraft incident on ANZAC day. A letter had been sent by the Club Secretary to the Royal Vic Aero Club.

**Secretary:** Absent.

**Correspondence In.**

- None to report.

**Correspondence Out**

- None to report.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer provided report on club finances. He reported that the Club was operating within budget and it appeared that there would be a surplus at the year's end.

Treasurer moved his report be accepted. A. Coleman Seconded B. Law. **Carried**

- 2019/20 Budget. The Treasurer presented a draft budget and spoke to the document. He highlighted that the items in the new budget reflected the current year and appeared to be reasonable and did not require modification.

The Treasurer proposed **"the tabled budget be adopted for the 2019/20 year and that the club fees remain unchanged."** This was seconded by Don White. **Carried.**

The Treasurer advised the meeting that the VMAA & MAAA had not yet set their 2019/20 fees and he noted that as soon as they did the Club Registrar would prepare to send out renewals for the 2019/20 year.

**Registrar:**

- Absent.
- The Treasurer reported that the club had had a good year with a good number of new members joining. He noted that some 25 members would be offered the opportunity to purchase a share in the club and become "full members". As per the Constitution their names have been published in the Club Newsletter.
- The Treasurer responding to questions from the floor gave a brief session and the options and repercussions of purchasing the share parcels in the club for those being offered the opportunity to purchase a parcel of shares.

**Facilities Manager:**

- Paul Somerville reported that he was constructing a 'fire cart' with the assistance of other members which was about 2/3 complete
- They are also planning to construct a garden tools cart to ensure that there is a good supply of tools when required at working bees.
- Paul advised that he was working on the table in the pit area.

**Field Manager:** Apology

**Safety Officer:**

- Reported on the finger strike injury to Colin Nichols. He reported that the prognosis for Colin's finger was good. He reminded everyone to be ever vigilant around propellers.
- He also noted the low flying incident on ANZAC day which had been covered in detail in the President's report.
- Flying etiquette; He noted that members need to be mindful of club rules particularly with respect to where you stand when flying. He noted that there were several incidents of members standing in front of the "pilot barrier" line. They must stand behind the barrier or the "barrier line". This is to ensure safety and not impede the view of other pilots. It was agreed that the Committee clarify where pilots should stand and publish results in the Newsletter.
- Discussion then followed about the perception that some aerobatic pilots seemed to demand that they fly on their own. It was noted that there is no rule that allows pilots to have clear airspace but those that wish to have clear air must fit in with others and not demand it. It was emphasised that everyone be aware and establish an etiquette that will be good for all.
- Insects on the flight line; Concern was raised about the swarming biting insects on the flight line. Daniel reported that he had sprayed the bushes but it appeared to do nothing. He further reported that he had a look at the long grass safety barrier and thought that the build up of "mulch" in the barrier may be the reason for the insects, ie a breeding medium. He proposed that the barrier and the mulch be removed which will hopefully remove the insects. It was agreed that the Committee would look into the matter.

**Editor**

- Requested articles for the next Newsletter.

**Webmaster:** Nil to report.

**Social:** Don White reported that he had booked a tour of the Tyabb airport for May 26, starting at 11am. Those wanting to attend should advise him or use the "App" in the Newsletter. A BBQ would be held after the tour.

**Club Captain:**

Peter Harris thanked all the Team Members and supporters that helped the Club secure another victory. He paid special thanks to those that acted as helpers to the pilots which was a huge assistance and helped the pilots gain great results. He advised that the 2020 VMAA Trophy will be held at our field.

**General Business**

**Monty Tyrrell. Date 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

- Club member Brian Evans was presented with the Trophy for "Best Warbird" for the 2019 Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally. This was due to the incorrect trophies being supplied by the shop.
- P.A. System – Angelo Favaloro advised that the Club's PA system needs to be updated. It was agreed that the Committee take this matter up.

**Meeting Closed 1.54 pm**

Next Club meeting Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

**David Walsh Secretary**

# REGISTRAR

## Registrars Report – June 2019

### New Member Applications

New members this month

**Hugh Gurney,** Carrum Downs Probationary Member  
**Andrej Puc,** Pakenham Probationary Member

*Any objections to this member application may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only FULL members have the right to raise an objection.*

### Membership Renewals

The cards have been ordered and renewal forms will be printed and distributed in late June, after the club fees have been set by the June General Meeting.

It is **too late** to change any of your details – your dog will just have to get used to being called Phydeaux!

### Awards

Congratulations to **Stephen Greig** on being awarded his **Gold Wings (P)**

### Membership Status

	Paid 2018-19	Unpaid	New 18-19
Associate	14	0	1
Full	91	9	2
Honorary	1	0	1
Junior	3	1	0
Life	3	0	0
Pensioner	24	0	0
Probationary	25	4	5
Prospective	2	2	9
Student	0	1	0
Spouse	0	1	0
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

Resigned – 5

**Rob Till** Registrar

## FIELD MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi members, I am back from 2 months caravanning in Queensland and NSW, mainly competing in Aerobatics in Canberra, then the Trans Tasman and Masters in Queensland's Sunshine coast, then back to Richmond NSW and finally the National Championships in West Wyalong, NSW. Was no sooner back then went to our state championships in Bendigo mid May. I will do a separate report for next newsletter re the aircraft in the War Memorial in Canberra and the museum in Temora. A fantastic trip, and a highlight was meeting our foundation member Peter Cousins at the Nationals. It is the first Nats that he has ever attended and he did it in style, flying up with John Riley in a small aircraft. I will be heading to Italy for the World championships early August as a Team member and reserve pilot.

As stated in my last report in February, I have not used the sprinklers and I am very happy to see how flat the runways are. They do not have the raised mounds where the sprinklers are, because when used, the sprinkled water expands the peat clay while all the other areas not saturated shrink, creating uneven runways. The shrinkage for this very dry weather was at least 40mm as can be seen beside the concrete at the hay shed and the western charging area. The ground at the western charging area was levelled 2years ago.

I am not happy to see so many cracks in the East runway and thank you everyone who helped fill them in for the Monty Tyrell day. I am very happy to see how good the west runway and main runways are, they only have a few cracks, in comparison to last year, and after such a long hot summer and autumn. Last spring I used our spreader to top dress the bad areas on the far side of the main runway, the west and the east runways and these areas have very few cracks. I will now apply a larger quantity of lime with our spreader on the east runway in winter and then look forward to less cracks. The original soil expert said 3 years ago that the cracking problem will be easy to fix, it is only a matter of getting the ph levels correct and will be solved totally as the couch becomes the predominant grass. I believe we are definitely on the right course of treatment.

The new areas of soil and seed, that we did last spring have survived the hot spell, unfortunately the horrible thick Kikuyu that I killed off has started to spread again. I plan to get the grass experts in to seek their advice as to how best eliminate it from the runways.

I plan to smooth off all the cracks in the next few weeks so that they become smoother for the models and the mower men.

It is really good to see how our new driveway is smoothing out. Please keep to 30kph. I will spray weed killer on the edges to keep them as the wider drive.

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## WANTED

A 4 string tenor banjo for sale please  
contact Derek Trusler

Email: [derektrusler@gmail.com](mailto:derektrusler@gmail.com)  
Phone/SMS/WhatsApp: (+61) 0414 252  
819

## Visiting Rob' Till in Hospital

There I was clinging to life in the Epworth when suddenly the room went dark, there were familiar voices and the odor of methanol!

Alan, Daniel and Andrew had come in to check up on the Registrar and perhaps ensure future supplies of Egg & Bacon rolls.

It was totally unexpected and a great boost to morale.

It was a real lift to be taken out of the hospital mindset and out to the PDARCS freshness.

Thank you guys for taking the time and trouble.

Also for the messages and phone calls that I have received from you all - it really makes one appreciate friends.

I have been out of hospital for 3 days and hope to fly to Canberra on Saturday. Georgie has about 200 boxes to unpack / sort.

Also it is clear that there is a fair amount of work ahead on the road to a full recovery.

BUT the renewals will be out on time.

Again, many thanks to you all - my PDARCS friends

### Rob' Till



Rob' in his comfortable bed at " Epworth Hotel " with compulsory reading material

# ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT OUR FIELD

Service conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Darryl Slade Retired



Darryl Slade and David Glossop



Club Members attending the Service



Darryl Slade conducting the Service, model warbirds in the background

# FROM OUR FLYING FIELD



Greg Lepp starting his Bristol



Andrew Smallridge with his Ultimate Bipe



A gaggle of Skyflexes



Hong Tran and his Heli'



Roly Gauman with his Wilga

# GLIDERS AND FUN AT CAMPERDOWN

## From Alan Coleman

This year a few of us made our annual trip to Camperdown, to fly gliders. The guy with the white hair, next to Roly' G is Don Kennedy from Ballarat, who has come with us for some years.

The first shot is while having a BBQ at the Manifold Motel, and the second is while resting and waiting for a wind change.

The shot of the group seated on the hill, is overlooking our launch site, just behind the Camperdown Botanical Gardens.

The resident eagles won 2-0, as they attacked and damaged Roly's glider, and shot down Don Kennedy's flying wing. They have got me twice other years, but not this time.



While having a BBQ at the Manifold Motel, some familiar faces



Seated on the hill, overlooking our launch site, just behind the Camperdown Botanical Gardens, waiting for a wind change



Looks like Colin Nichols, launching his glider over the Lake



A local eagle in attack mode, talons extended



Alan's glider, showing eagle attack damage, on a previous occasion



One of the amphibious models flown off the lake-



Flying and relaxing on the rise above the lake, Barry Law, Peter Harris, and Colin Nichols  
They must be flying gliders to be that laid back !

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2019

## May

26 (Sun) 11:00 am - 4:00 pm [Visit to Old Aeroplane Company, Tyabb](#)

## June

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

20 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

22 (Sat) - 23 (Sun) [IMAC Competition](#) Field Open: **Partial**

## July

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## August

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & AGM](#)

22 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## September

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

19 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## October

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

24 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

26 (Sat) [Spring Clean & Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

## November

02 (Sat) [Twi-Fly](#)

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

05 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#) Field Open: **Partial**

09 (Sat) 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Mini Working Bee for Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

10 (Sun) [P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally](#) Field Open: **No**

21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

## December

01 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **No**

07 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm [Club Meeting](#)

14 (Sat) [P&DARCS Christmas Dinner & Twi-Fly](#)



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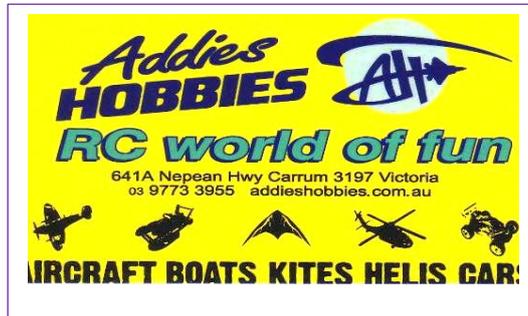
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