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Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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Melissa Law's Super Decathlon, looking good

The model is much modified by Melissa to more closely resemble the full size.
Melissa will compete with this model in the Worlds Scale Championships at Norway

More details and photos of the model later in this Newsletter

Photo: Keith Quigg

Next Club Meeting, Wednesday July 6th 7:30pm (online)

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EDITOR'S BIT

PROP' WRAPPED !

On Saturday 18th June, the weather at our Flying Field was superb, a good number of flyers turned up at the Flying Field Some to sit around and solve the World's problems, others to get into some serious flying

Yours truly decided to do the serious bit, SO, I got my old foamy Skywalker ready, and decided to tow a crepe streamer, as the grass was wet, and crepe is not wet strength, I sat the roll of streamer on top of the horiz' stabiliser, hoping that would stop it getting too wet !



Sky Walker foamy hack, with streamer on horiz' stab, ready to go

So, during the take – off run, the streamer roll slid off the horiz stab' onto the wet grass and eventually snapped off, leaving a long length of streamer on the runway

Peter Mack was also flying his model, Peter decided to land, that went well, whilst taxiing back to his position, his model passed over the streamer, he opened the throttle to keep moving and the prop suction picked up the streamer with the result as shown in the photo below, got a goodly amount of laughs from the peanut gallery.



Peter Mack's model **PROP WRAPPED**, + shredded streamer

Frank McPherson Editor.

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Some of the Other

Despite his parents' reassurances, Bill couldn't shake the nagging suspicion he might be adopted.



For Cat Lovers ?

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, in theory winter is past the halfway point now, so things will only get warmer.....winter greetings to all our members.

Firstly, thanks to club vice-president Neil Addicott for the comprehensive update to the runway redevelopment program in the last newsletter. As Neil detailed, there are still lots of points to be covered and confirmed. A couple of site meetings have been curtailed due to the wet conditions, but information is still being gathered. Final costings are still not completed and will not be presented until we are confident that we have the right solution.

The end of financial year is once again upon us, and many businesses (including the P&DARCS) find themselves in the middle of one of the busiest times of the year. Big thanks to our club registrar Stevie Malcman for processing renewals and getting new cards out in a very timely manner under a sizeable workload. One or two renewals went astray in our illustrious Australia Post mailing system, but those have been dealt with.

Remember, if you have not completed your renewal by June 30th, your insurance is not valid and you can no longer fly your model at our club facility, or any other clubs until your renewal has been processed.

We have had several new members taking up the option of full membership this year by purchasing their share parcel outright. This enables you (as a full member) to have voting rights with the club and a run for a position on the committee if you wish.

Should you leave the club at some time, you can either keep your share parcel (in case you return to the club) or you can take the option of disposal. Shares can only be sold to other club members that are offered full membership with the P&DARCS and the process is handled by the DARCS Co Operative. You must apply for the shares to be sold and your name is placed on a selling list. Once your shares have been sold to a new member, your money will be returned. The return of your funds is dependent on the sale to an incoming full member which means disposal of your share (or shares) may take some time. Should you leave the club for a period and (for whatever reason) the cost of the share parcel is increased during your absence, you will need to pay the difference if you wish to return to the club as a full member.

By the time this newsletter is circulated, the changes to the club constitution should be passed and formalized. A few committee members are currently working on updating the general flying rules as well, and these changes will be published shortly.

Lastly, I would like to convey the good wishes of the committee and the entire P&DARCS membership to our members of the World Scale Championship Team. Melissa and David Law, Noel Whitehead and Greg Lepp will be soon heading to Norway to compete and represent Australia once again.

There is a great article in this month's Newsletter, on the development of Melissa's Decathlon model based on the full-size aircraft at Tyabb. As you read this, their models will already be enroute and waiting for them when they arrive. Best of luck guys, we wish you all the best.

Don't forget, if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, feel free to send me an email or give me a call.

Clear skies to all

Keith Quigg President
AUS 22897

REGISTRAR'S REPORT JUNE 2022

Membership Renewals

The renewals went into the mail on the 24th May, so you should have received yours by now. If not then email me directly and I will email you a copy of your renewal form in PDF.

A reminder that your MAAA insurance for this year expires on 30 June therefore you will NOT be insured unless you have paid your fees.

Membership cards have been delivered and I will send these out once Peter has processed your payment.

Please remember to send the forms back to the club **even** if you pay by EFT **and** include your name on EFT payments so that we can actually trace who sent us money. You can also email these back to both myself and Peter (Treasurer) to have them processed.

New Member Applications

Ihab Salah, Pakenham – Probationary member
Ashley Morrow, Cranbourne – Full member
Jayden Boyde, Frankston – Probationary member

Any objections to these member applications 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 statistics

84 renewals processed to date and your membership cards are in the mail.

	Paid 22-23	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	6	11	17
Full	76	39	108
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	1	4	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	7	9	16
Probationary	1	19	26
Prospective	3	0	3
Student	1	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	99	84	180

Kind Regards,

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the P&DARCS General Meeting

The June meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather forecast for the date. A note advising of the cancelation of this meeting was sent to all members.

2022 Committee Meeting Summary

June 23rd 2022 Committee Meeting Summary

The Club's committee met on Thursday night June 23rd via Zoom.

Some of the items considered are noted below;

- VMAA Trophy was cancelled by the VMAA. A note was sent to members advising them that the field is now open over the weekend of June 25 & 26th.
- Revised Club Constitution was approved by the members at the Special General meeting.
- Rodent eradication program has been started with a pest controller placing traps around the site. Cleaning of the area to be done to remove the urine trails of the rats to assist with the control.
- Bench seat to remove the trip hazard at the Hay shed has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is delivered.
- 3 new member applications received.
- Web site storage capacity has been increased.
- Meeting day of the committee has been changed to Wednesday nights to reduce clashes of other model associations.
- Planning Committee gathering information.
- Club to make a donation of \$500 to our 4 members who are members of the World Scale Team.
- Club flying rules being revised.
- Purchase road repair material for the entrance road.
- Approved field use on August 14 by the Scale group.
- Change the next General meetings to Zoom on the July 6th at 7:30pm.
- Investigate the possibility of "non flying members" for those senior members who are unable to fly models.
- Investigating a turbine start up site.

Ivan Chiselett
Secretary

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Minutes of P&DARCS the Special General Meeting held on Thursday June 23rd via Zoom.

Meeting opened at: 7:30pm

Chair of meeting: President, Keith Quigg

Members Present; 31

Apologies: Nil

Visitors; Nil

Reason for Meeting;

This meeting is to consider, and vote on the approval of changes to Club's Constitution.

Background.

The amendments to the Constitution were advised and published on the Club's web site for the Members.

Notice of this meeting was given on the Club's web site, email, SMS, Facebook and Newsletter.

It was noted that only Full Members of the Club are eligible to vote.

The members were taken through the proposed amendments of the Constitution.

Approval of the revised Club's Constitution.

The motion; "That the document entitled 'The Constitution of the Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society Inc., dated June 2022, be adopted as the Association Rules and Purposes"

Motion moved by; John Van De Waterbeemd

Seconded by; Bill Reynolds **CARRIED Unanimously**

The Members were advised that the amended Constitution would now be submitted to the appropriate Government Department.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

IMAC Competition at P&DARCS Held on weekend 28th and 29th May

Report by Stevie Malcman and Gavan Sexton

After having previously being cancelled two years in a row at our club, finally Stevie Malcman was able to host this event for the last weekend of May.

The weather leading up to the weekend wasn't looking good, with potentially rain forecast on both days. Thankfully the weather Gods smiled upon us with the weather clearing on the Friday, in time for competitors arriving early to set up and get some practice in.

All up there 25 pilots registered to compete in the event, of which included our strong Victorian contingent, along with some interstate competitors from NSW, such as Scott Bardney from Yenda (9 hour drive) and John Manwarring from Cootamundra (7 hour drive). Jon York also made the drive down from Wangaratta and also provided John Manwarring with a lift down. Junior pilot Brad Worm made the trip by Bus/Train from Echuca and was able to compete with a Yak 55 plane loaned by Stephanie Ball. There were also a healthy number of 1st time pilots such as Darcy Wilson and his father Tony, and are from the Bairnsdale club. Craig Brister of the Keilor club also debuted in the basic class along with two of our very own P&DARCS members, San Hoong and Cooper Keller (whom is twelve years of age) all battling it out with the big boys – It was great to see!

This is a great turnaround for IMAC in Victoria, as only 5 years ago was in decline - that is until Michael Andrysik (President of IMAC Australia) began running "come and try" days. This situation has turned around to the point we are the envy of the other states and are picking up new competitor pilots regularly.

The bulk of Victorian IMAC pilots competing in IMAC are made up from our club and Northern Flying Group, with the balance from a small handful of other clubs.

The pilots were invited to dinner on the Friday night at Club Officer, which is a short distance from our club. All enjoyed a good feed and a few laughs in preparation for the first day of the competition. Saturday began with very light cloud and dew on the ground, with a number of people up early around the camp fires to get warm and to have some brekkie. The morning breakfast menu included Egg and Bacon muffins which were accompanied by tea and coffee - cooked by our resident chefs Stevie Malcman and Sonia Ritter.

All models were set up in time for the Pilots briefing which was held at 8:00am.

The flying was underway at 8:45am, starting off with the Basic (beginners) class, with six pilots competing - which is a great sign for the future. The next class up was Sportsman and has been the most contested class with nine pilots – being the largest class. There were six pilots in Intermediate and three in Advanced, one pilot in the top unlimited class.

With the large numbers of pilots, the idea was for the next pilot up to have their aircraft taking off immediately after the competitor who was flying had completed his last manoeuvre. This saved as much time as possible and avoided further delays to enable more rounds to be flown. This system worked well, provided the pilots did not have difficulties starting their motors in the colder conditions. We were able to get through a double, a single and an unknown which concluded the competition for day 1. A beautiful sunny afternoon with barely a breath of wind ensued and made it a pleasure to be out at the field in the warmth of the Sun.

Last up was free style, which is normally a shootout between Brad Worm and Riley Sills, who unfortunately couldn't make it due to work commitments. Brad kicked off with some great freestyle flying which is only getting better and better and was a treat to witness. With a lot of these models being up around between 5 and 7 thousand dollars plus, he was putting it all on the line.

At the end of the day, the camp fires were raging as the clear skies meant low temps. Competitors relaxed around the fires, whilst enjoying appetizers with few drinks.

A BBQ dinner was put on for all pilots inside the clubhouse, so it was all hands on deck in the kitchen with Stevie, Sonia, Gavan and Rob, all cooking and preparing the delicious meal.

A large cake was brought out from the kitchen for dessert, to celebrate Ricardo and Pieter's birthdays, as we all sung and wished them a Happy Birthday

A late night around the campfires concluded the days' activities and involved roasting marshmallows and some banter amongst the pilots.

Sunday, began in much the same way as the Saturday, although with a 9am start and with only a double round to allow competitors to travel back home. We were once again fortunate with the weather, as the Sun was out early to assist in lifting the fog and little wind with blue skies. The competition finished at around 1.30pm.

Luck was on our side as the weather turned ugly Monday morning, as the colder winter weather set in.

A big thank you to all involved in running the event, including Peter Harris, Sonia Ritter and the other club members who assisted with doing an amazing job with the catering throughout the weekend. The event would not have been a success without the assistance of these volunteers that helped make another memorable event hosted by the P&DARCS club.

Results as follows:

Basic	Sportsman	Intermediate	Advanced	Unlimited
1 st Craig Brister	1 st Ben Ristic	1 st Brad Worm	1 st Michael Andrysik	1 st Scott Bardney
2 nd Ricardo Bertuna	2 nd Cameron Sexton	2 nd Jonathon Greaves	2 nd Stevie Malcman	
3 rd Cooper Keller	3 rd Harrison Ritter	3 rd Robert Barbuto	3 rd Darren Mecklem	
4 th San Hoong	4 th Balint Banko	4 th Simon Ventevogel		
5 th Darcy Wilson	5 th Anthony Sisley	5 th Jon York		
6 th Gavan Sexton	6 th Pieter Jacobs	6 th Stephanie Ball		
	7 th Durwin Dharmaraj			
	8 th Mark Sills			
	9 th John Manwarring			

Check out the photos following, a fantastic fun time, at the best Flying Field, **P&DARCS**

Stevie Malcman and Gavan Sexton





Melissa Law's Championship Super Decathlon

How I decided to go the worlds....

Well, Norway decided that it would be good to have a female section at the World Champs... so I was asked if I could fly there.

After that decision was made, I bought it a kit, after doing some research to see which kit was the most akin to the full size.

Started by completely stripping back the model to bare balsa.

I found the full-size aircraft online just via google.

I was lucky enough that Anthony Ogle who worked from Luskintyre Aircraft Restoration at the time was the aircraft mechanic who worked on it and was able to send me a ton load of pictures of the airplane.

It was during this time in lockdown that I was only able to work off photos (and the aircraft was based in Inverell NSW) so I wasn't able to go and look at the aircraft for myself. Everything that I changed on the model, was completed off photos.

Some mods I made to the frame were:

- Modified the shape at the top of the cowl
- Modified the shape at the rear of the fuselage where the tail plane mounts
- Modified the aileron shape and hinging
- Modified tail plane shape
- Modified the size of the undercarriage
- Made spinner from scratch

Painting was all done under the watchful eye of my husband David Law to make sure I was not making any mistakes.

This was my first scale model I had built.

I had flown aircraft when I was younger, but I flew F3A, hence why I picked the Super Decathlon so I could still do some aerobatic manoeuvres, however very sketchy when I got back into full time flying again.

I have been seriously practicing for only 6 months once my model was finished. It flies sweet! It's a great aircraft to fly.

Melissa Law

Some photos on the following page



Melissa beside a full size Decathlon at Tyabb, with her Championship Model

P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2022

July

06 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(online\)](#)

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

August

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting & P&DARCS AGM](#)

14 (Sun) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm [VFSAAA Scale Comp](#) Field Open: **Partial**

17 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

September

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

October

01 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM](#)

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

22 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm [Spring Clean Working Bee](#) Field Open: **No**

November

01 (Tue) [Melbourne Cup Aero Tow](#)

05 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

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

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

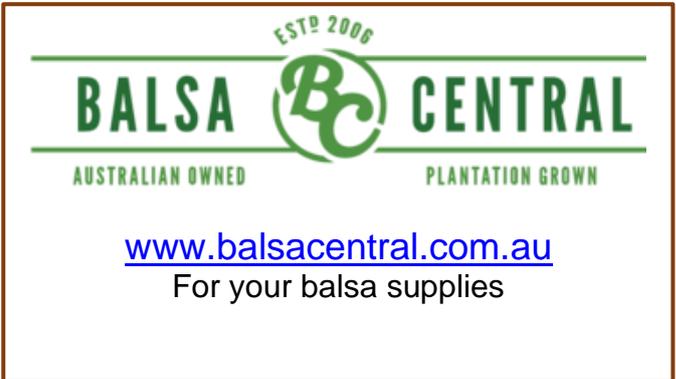
16 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Committee Meeting](#)

December

03 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Club Meeting](#)

04 (Sun) [VPA Pattern](#) Field Open: **Partial**

10 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Christmas BBQ](#)



**Next Club Meeting, Wednesday July 6th 7:30pm
(online)**