

# P&DARCS

*Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Control Society*

## THE NEWS, DECEMBER 2014



From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November, the Campervan club, Westernport Drifters visited our Flying Field. This is a video grab from footage taken from Andrew's Quad Copter, looking North West



Andrew Mysliborski

### Annual Twi-fly & Christmas Dinner



This year the P&DARCS Twi-Fly & Christmas Dinner will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Book by 3<sup>rd</sup> December, For all the details, look at the Social Officer's report on page 6

**NEXT CLUB MEETING,  
SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER AT THE  
BURLEY FIELD, 1-00pm START**

**SEE NEW IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PAGE 3**

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## Editor's Bit

The last Twi-Fly went off with a crash, and bang, I called it **Black Saturday**

Nasty gremlins seemed to creep into nearly every flight and launch

During the day a model went through a barbed wire fence and was shredded

Another model, banged into our limbo poles, twice

A rocket launch went with a bang instead of a whoosh, removing the blast nozzle

My nite' flyer decided to get serious gremlins in it, flying very erratically, and finally the right side wing collapsed, the model spiraled down, impacting onto Wenn road, the passenger, Iron man was jettisoned in time and survived, the model did not

The Westernport Drifters Campervan Club members had a lovely time witnessing all the model happenings, enjoying our hospitality, having a good laugh, while sitting around the Sommerville burner keeping warm after dark, they were saying they would like to come again to P&DARCS  
See also [the Ferret Report](#)



**Frank McPherson** Editor

## WHAT'S ON

### At P&DARCS 2014

Look in the Club Calendar on page 6

### From the VMAA Events Calendar 2014

#### December

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7	VPA Pakenham	P&DARCS

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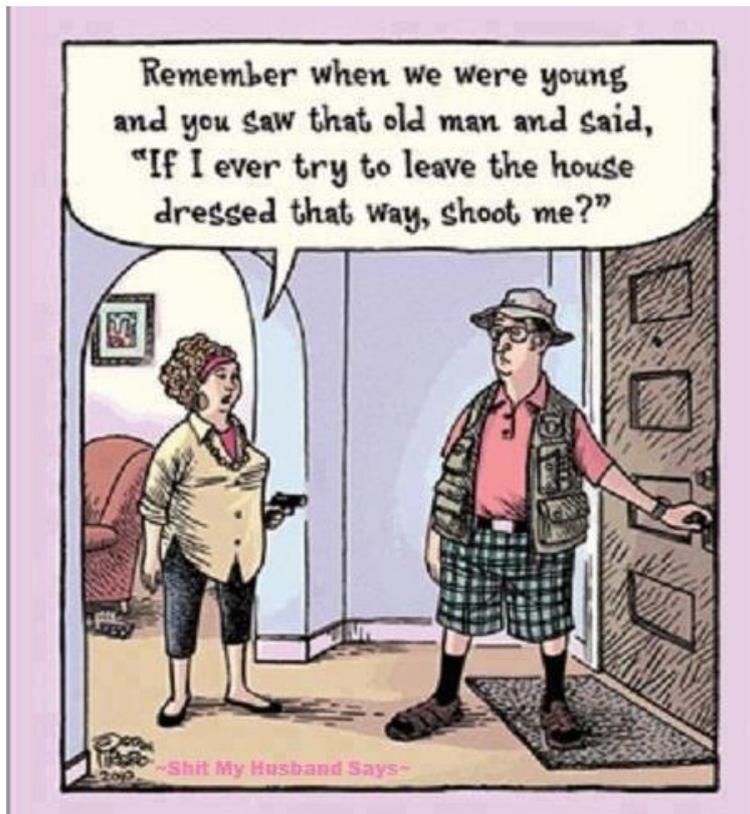
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# IMPORTANT NOTICES

- # 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 Club Committee is forming a Sub-Committee to solve the problem of Club Membership and shares**  
**The Sub-Committee need help from recent new members to assist in this task**  
**Any recent new members who can participate, please contact Frank McPherson**

## ON A LIGHTER NOTE



## PRESIDENT

Not a lot to report this month I'm afraid, apart from telling you Joan and I just had a most interesting and enjoyable 10 day break in Tasmania.

For those of you who have been there but have not been across the Tasman to New Zealand, or vice versa, I can tell you, a lot of the countryside has a very similar look and feel.

OK, it seems a while since I gave you any workshop hints, so here's one for newer builders who may have made an awful mess applying decals for the first time. When the model is all covered, finished and looking absolutely pristine, trim and layout your designs ready for application. Now slosh a goodly amount of water/dishwashing detergent mixture over the area, wipe it gently to remove dust etc, and re-wet if necessary.

Carefully place your decal in position you will be able to maneuver the decal about easily on the soapy surface. Cover it with a piece of paper towel, hold the towel in place with the fingers of one hand while you gently squeeze the water mix out from under, working from the center out.

Now, blot dry with a fresh piece of towel and leave it to set Easy---ay.

### Co-op Thank you.

I would just like to say thank you to the Darcsfield Co-Op Committee members for their recent work on shares.

There was also delay in sending a letter to the Co-op, which caused the Co-op some angst, for that I apologize.

Maybe more newsy stuff in the next newsletter, if you can stand the excitement

**Bill' Reynolds**, President

## SECRETARY

### General Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2104 at the Burley field Wenn Rd. Cardinia.

Meeting opened at 1300hrs 24 members

**Apologies.** P Webber, I Chiselett, N Parker, A Foley, M Smith.

**Guest.** B Swift

**Minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.**

Moved M Norton, Seconded A Coleman. Carried

**Business arising from previous minutes.** Nil

**President.** Nil to report.

**Secretary.** Nil to report.

**Treasurer.** Running to budget. Financial statement read to members present.

**Field.** Mower men doing a good job keeping the field in good order. New pipes to be put in place when weather improves.

**Machinery.** Working B went well. The Kubota now has a portable vice attached and the slasher has been repaired.

**C.D.** Last week's fun-fly was disappointing in attendance. Next week end the field will be closed for the Scale competition (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November) will need assistance on both days to help with catering.

Will require an enthusiastic person to C.D for the VMAA Trophy April 2015, will get help from the committee.

**Social.** A good week end was had for the caravan club at our field end of October.

### General Business.

**Motion.** Moved, A Coleman, Seconded W Schubach

"The club purchase a 4Kw portable generator for general and emergency power in the general area of the field at a cost of \$600", Carried  
Discussion that the club Committee commence negotiation with the scale car club for the use of our field for their activities, racing, etc."

### Future of the flying field.

A prolonged Discussion on the future of P&DARCS flying field. New membership is not at the moment forthcoming, the cost of the Co-op share fee seems to be the problem for new members. More discussion on this subject to try and resolve the problem.

Meeting closed at 1430hrs.

### Next general meeting

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the Burley field 1300hrs

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February **2015** at the Burley field 1300hrs

**Don White**, Secretary

## New Shed Status

Safety Steel Products have produced the shed and are holding it in storage waiting for a suitable time to start construction on site, possibly before Christmas



The shed site as at 23<sup>rd</sup> October

## SAFETY OFFICER

No Report for this Month

**Alan Foley** Safety Officer

## FACILITIES MANAGER

The 135 fergie now has a draw bar fitted to it including a hydraulic PTO system.  
Now the tripper trailer can be towed behind it along with being able to hydraulically tip the trailer.  
Whilst these items were been done we had a small clean out of the tractor shed.  
The slasher has had its gear box packet with grease as the gear oil continually leaked out.  
Daniel has organised a major service to the tractors and mowers, many thanks to Daniel for organising it and going to the field and opening up for the tractor mechanic.

**Paul Somerville** Facilities Manager

## THE FERRET REPORT



**Diggin' Up Dirt**

**BLACK SATUREDAY**  
**November 25<sup>th</sup> the Twi-Fly day / nite**

### Saturday daylight' time

1. Andrew S, landing gear collapsed during take – off
2. Adrian Abrahams, his new pattern foamy crashed into barbed wire fence on take – off completely destroyed, + while playing Limbo his Cub hit the limbo poles twice
3. Peter Harrison, doing full throttle stuff at zero feet, was encouraged to " go lower " he did, clipped the long grass and cartwheeled, serious damage
4. Rick (rockets) Talman, demo' rocket went bang, should have gone whooosh, just cleared the launch pad, blew the bottom off it, serious, damage
5. Frank McPherson, doing a test fly, his nite flyer got seriously out of control, then the right side wing collapsed, the model spiralled down onto Wenn Road, totalled, Iron man jettisoned prior to impact, and survived

### Saturday nite time

Bill Renolds, Lazy Ace nite flyer, landed in the rough, minor damage

The Westernport Drifters certainly got their money's worth, an eye full of aerial carnage

## FIELD MANAGER

The new tipper trailer was used this week, and proved to be easy to use, strong, and has a large capacity  
Daniel and I moved a large quantity of stockpiled soil to fill over the drain near the driveway, the pictures below show the tipper trailer in action



**Full of fill, Daniel getting ready to drop the tailgate, getting ready to be tipped**



**Tipping, about 5 loader bucket fulls**



**Done, it's that easy**

**Norm Morrish** Field Manager

## WEBMASTER & SOCIAL OFFICER

See the Social director's report on page 6

**Daniel Jenkins**, Social Director & Webmaster

## REGISTRAR

No Report for this Month

**Paul Webber**, Registrar

# P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2014/2015

Date	Day	Confirmed?	Location	Details	Comments
<b>December 2014</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	APA Pattern	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	
<b>January 2015</b>					
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Roy Rob Event	
<b>February</b>					
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>March</b>					
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Yes	Burley Field	Labour Day Aero Tow	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
21-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sat-Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Monty Tyrell Giant Model & Scale Weekend	
<b>April</b>					
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	Moved due to Easter
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	Anzac Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Model Engines Day	
<b>May</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sun	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting	
<b>June</b>					
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Club Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Yes	Dingley	Committee Meeting (Winter)	7:30PM Start
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yes	Burley Field	Fun Fly & Bi-Monthly Twi-Fly	
<b>July</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	No	Dingley	Annual Club Auction	Dingley needs booking
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	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thu	Yes	Burley Field	Committee Meeting(Summer)	8PM Start
31 <sup>st</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	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yes	Burley Field	Annual Dinner & Twi-Fly	

## Annual Christmas Dinner.



This year the P&DARCS Twi-Fly & Christmas dinner will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, as always at the field. This is a popular event with P&DARCS members & booking is essential to ensure the catering is sufficient. On the day it will be a no booking, no dining policy, so if you wish to attend, book in.

There are three ways to book:

- See me at the next Club meeting
- Print & cutout the booking slip below & send it to us & we will send you your tickets.
- Print & cutout the booking slip below & place in envelope drop in the Club letterbox (by the kitchen door)

All bookings must be received by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

<b>P&amp;DARCS Christmas Dinner 2014</b>		
Name:		
Address:		
No of tickets required:		
Amount enclosed (\$5 each):		
<b>Mail to: P&amp;DARCS Christmas Dinner P.O Box 131 MDC, Cranbourne 3977</b>		

### Other Items

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December the APA pattern event will be at P&DARCS & therefore the field will be closed to general flying.

As there will be no newsletter in January I remind you that on the 25<sup>th</sup> Jan will be the Roy Rob.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of November the VMAA Scale State Championships (ran by the VSFAA) at P&DARCS. Below is an excerpt of an email from them thanking P&DARCS for the use of our facilities.

*"Hi Daniel*

*Passing on our thanks for the weekend and allowing us to use your field for our State Championships. It was a pity the weather was not as good as yesterday, but the pilots and visitors that did attend had a good time. There was some good flying and scores.*

*Appreciate the canteen was made available over the two days and the hospitality shown to all of us. We hope you will have us back again in 2015.*

*From the VFSAA Committee and Members, thank you for your supporting us and allowing us to use your fantastic facilities.*

*Regards*

*Joe Finocchiaro*

*VFSAA Secretary"*

Yet another year draws to a close, so I'd like to wish you all a Happy Christmas, regards Daniel

**Daniel Jenkins**, Social Officer



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