



# P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



## P&DARCS NEWSLETTER MAR/APR 2024



Extreme Flight Extra NG owned and flown by Harrison Ritter. Photo by Harrison Ritter

**Next Club Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
1 pm – 3 pm**

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## Useful Links

P&DARCS [Homepage](#)

P&DARCS [Calendar](#)

CP&DARCS Club Rules and Safety [documents](#)

## Upcoming Events

**20 Mar 2024**

[Committee Meeting](#)

20 Mar (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**14 Apr 2024**

[Club Meeting](#)

14 Apr (Wed) 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**17 Apr 2024**

[Committee Meeting](#)

17 Apr (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**20 Apr 2024**

[ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#)

20 Apr (Sat) - 21 Apr (Sun)

Field Open: No

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all our fellow P&DARCS members.

First up, welcome to the new format and production of our club newsletter. The committee is pleased to welcome aboard our most recent “member”, Liz Ventevogel. Liz has kindly offered to take the role of preparing our newsletter for distribution to members. As most of us know, the work that goes into preparing and compiling a regular newsletter is significant – almost as much time as getting Simons’ new turbine model ready to fly.

From everyone on the committee and our entire membership, thank you very much Liz, we are all very grateful for your generous offer. I understand that Simon has promised to look after all the household meals and drink preparation whilst you are engaged in this most important role.

On the subject of the P&DARCS newsletter, I’d like to acknowledge the tireless effort that our former editor, Mr Frank McPherson put into the publication it over several years and who assisted in facilitating Liz into this role.

## AREA APPROVAL REVISION

We have received a revised area approval instrument from CASA (CASA.MODEL.0027 Revision Number 1), which will supersede the previous interim instrument dated January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This will cover our model operations above 400 ft AGL (above ground level). The revision is now valid from February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, until last light on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. It is envisaged that once the backlog of approval applications has been dealt with, the validity period of instruments will increase, but this is yet to be decided.

Regarding item 7 under the General Conditions, the P&DARCS do not need to have a current NOTAM (Notice to Airman) in place, as our model aircraft operations are indicated on the Melbourne VTC (Visual Terminal Chart) with the relevant model aircraft symbol. This symbol alerts pilots of full-size aircraft of model aircraft activity in the area. It does not, under any circumstances, remove our responsibility to stay well clear of full-size aircraft movements.

The requirement for monitoring of the local area aviation frequency has also been removed.

Operations to a maximum of 1000 metres laterally will keep us well clear of Ballarto Road, and we typically fly out to a maximum of about 450 metres from the pilot box on the main runway. Operations over Wenn Road are to be avoided wherever possible.

A copy of the document can be found here, and I encourage all members to follow this link and read the CASA instrument.

[P&DARCS CASA Area Approval Revision 1 February 2024](#)

If you have any questions or comments about the area approval, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

## CLUB SOFT DRINK MACHINE

With thanks to our hardworking Facility Manager, Mr Norm Morrish, our soft drink machine in the clubhouse is in the process of being converted to use \$2 coins, instead of \$1 coins. We have done this to keep up the increasing costs associated with the machine and keeping it stocked. At \$2 per can, I think we are still the cheapest place in town to quench your thirst during those long, hot summer months that Melbourne is famous for...

## MONTY TYRRELL EVENT 2024

The committee is currently considering some options with regard to the annual Monty event. For several years now, the onus of organising this event has fallen to a very small number of volunteers, mainly committee members. The number of volunteers has been decreasing each year, and it generally relies on the same people to commit the task of running the event.

Keith Quigg | AUS 22897

P&DARCS President 2023/2024

**MONTY TYRRELL**  
*Scale Rally*  
20-21 April 2024

Proudly supported and run by Australian Scale Aeroport

**Prizes for:**

- Best Civilian/Military Aircraft
- The Monty Tyrrell Award
- Best Turbine Aircraft
- Best Junior Pilot
- Best Scale Built Aircraft

\*to be eligible, pilots need to complete two flights

\*Jet Demonstration flight  
\*IMAC Freestyle display  
\*Scale Competition flight

\$20 pre-entry  
\$25 on the day

P&DARCS & ASA Members receive \$5 discount on entry

\*All pre-entries receive a free raffle ticket

Non Powered camping sites available  
No certification flights permitted at the event  
Permits required for models in accordance with MOP's

**SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER**

Logos: ASA, P&DARCS, SCALE, Desert Aircraft, H&L, modelflight RC, AUSTRALIAN MODEL, Balsa & Central

## Registrar Report:

Membership is gradually growing with another application received from Ian Macpherson as a Probational member.

Several new member badges have been ordered and should be delivered to me soon, then will be mailed out, so watch your mailbox.

Current membership is as the table below.

Associate	14
Full	107
Honorary	0
Junior	6
Life	3
Non-Flying Full	3
Non-Flying Pensioner	1
Pensioner	12
Probationary	11
Prospective	1
Student	3
Spouse	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>

## Weather Station Update

If you look at the P&DARCS weather station I'm sure you've noticed it's been rather under the weather of late. The rain gauge stopped working 6+ months ago & in the past few months the temperature has not changed at all, so that is dead as well. The current weather station was installed by me in around 2007-08, in that time I've repaired it twice, installing new anemometer (wind) sensors and once to fix the rain gauge, but the time has come to retire that unit.

So I have purchased a new weather station for P&DARCS, made by Ambient Weather a WS-5000. If you want, you can have a look the details [here](#).

This new station does allow me to embed the weather data into the P&DARCS website as we have done in the past, the interface will however look quite different, but I hope will provide the info we need.

Frank MacPherson has kindly agreed to help me install the new weather station, but I'm rather over committed as present, so it might take a while to get some free time to get down the club & install it, but hopefully within the next month or so should be up and running.

On another front, I'd like to thank Liz Ventevogel (Simon Ventevogel's wife) for agreeing to take on the role of Editor for the P&DARCS Newsletter, so hopefully we can get that back operating & keeping the members informed about what's going on at P&DARCS.

Daniel Jenkins  
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## Darcsfield Cooperative Report

Four years of considerable effort gathering information, consulting with Melbourne Water, Victoria Planning Authority, Cardinia Council our local Politicians, in collaboration with our neighbours has led us to our current position where we submitted our official objection to the re-zoning of another 1,000 ha for another development precinct.

We are going through the process of presenting our concerns and issues to the Victorian Planning Panel relating to the increasing frequency of flooding that is occurring from runoff from the new development precincts. For the first time we are receiving a sympathetic hearing.

Our submission is being complimented by additional objections being made by our neighbours. Objections are being made along the lines of the hardship that is occurring from continual flooding, contamination that is occurring to commercial food growing businesses, the danger of continued flooding to roads and the total lack of consideration of the disastrous effect on properties downstream of the development precincts. This is the first time there have been so many property owners making official objections. The long-time liaison with our neighbours has had a positive outcome.

The members of the panning panel had been totally unaware of the issues we have been facing and are rather surprised at the amount and quantity of evidence that has been presented in support of our claim that the downstream properties have been overlooked when approving the new precincts.

The presented videos of last January's flood showed clearly a river of water over Wenn Road, overflowing levee from the Cardinia Road Drain and the Flood water causing Gum Scrub Creek to flow upstream. All this is caused by the water runoff from the development of current precincts feeding into the Cardinia Road Drain which was never designed to carry the quantity of water it is now receiving. This seemed to strike a nerve of the developers as it could also cause flooding in the Kaduna Park and new precinct. The submission from Melbourne Water supports a proposal they also referred to at the meeting with them last October that Cardinia Road Drain be diverted into Toomuc Creek. This is very important to us as the water volume in this drain is a major cause of flooding to our field. We will be continuing in our endeavours to ensure that this happens. The presentation of photographs showing the overgrowth in the creeks adjacent Wenn Road had a major impact on the panel showing the long period of neglect that has occurred in the maintenance program by Melbourne Water. We are asking "How can the water flow be diverted from Cardinia Road Drain to Toomuc Creek when this has not been cleared in over 40 years?"

One of the most important documents we presented was a table showing the floods which have occurred at our field over the past 45 years. This is documented proof of the impact the new precincts have had on our property and our neighbours. In the first 40 years we owned our property, we were flooded on average about every 8 years, while in the past 4 years the flooding is occurring about every 8 months. It also shows that floods occur with less rain fall. The reason this is important is that it is part of Melbourne Waters mandate is that that the new precincts do not adversely affect the downstream properties.

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After a new precinct has been rezoned it is then the responsibility of Melbourne Water to come up with a plan to deal with the downstream flow. What we have managed to do is illustrate to the Planning Panel that this has not been carried out effectively. After continually requesting Melbourne Water to show the planning that is to be implemented to cope with the increase in water flow downstream, is still not forthcoming.

According to the Planning Panel Chair they have no power over what happens downstream as it is outside their frame of reference. Still, we believe they have a responsibility to ensure that Melbourne Water abides by their mandate to insure they do not adversely affect the properties downstream.

The process is by no means completed with many presentations still to be made. There are another four days of discussion just on Drainage issues starting on Monday 25 March. Melbourne Water will be making their presentation on that Monday and we will be there to hear their proposal. After all the presentations have been submitted and presented final concluding submissions will be presented in the middle of April. We are currently working on our submission.

The magnitude of the process has been mind boggling with submissions still being posted as presenters continually update their submissions depending on what has been presented the previous day. There are four people working full time in the Victorian Planning Panel just to keep up with the submissions.

We owe a massive debt of gratitude to Norm Morrish for the significant amount of work he has undertaken including:

- Liaising with the Neighbours over the past four years.
- Dealing with and coordinating the Melbourne Water maintenance team.
- Together with Coop Directors representing the club at important meetings with officials.
- The gathering of documentation including, photographs, videos, charts etc. (some of this carried out in flood conditions and with considerable assistance from Andrew Mysliborski)
- Preparing submissions.
- Representing the submission together with Peter Harris and Andrew Smallridge at the Victorian Planning Panel
- Continually assessing the relevance of submission details as we became more aware of the direction required

The reality is we can't stop the development that is occurring, however the aim of our submission, and that of our neighbours, is to ensure that the Victorian Planning Panel recommend that the developers and Melbourne Water implement strict controls over the management of the run-off water from the new development to ensure that the downstream properties are not adversely affected by the development. We believe this is a reasonable aim as the downstream property owners have been commended for the quality of their submissions and the arguments put forward.

Darcsfield Chairman  
Peter Harris

## Editor Report:

Hi all,

I'm Liz Ventevogel and I am excited to be editing the P&DARCS Newsletter. Please feel free to submit any stories or photos to share with fellow members to [editor@pdarcs.com.au](mailto:editor@pdarcs.com.au)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Liz

## Monty Tyrrell News

For a limited time, we have "Monty Tyrrell" supporter shirts available. **The cut off is 27 March 2024** to ensure delivery to the event!... get in quick before they disappear OR you can order on the day and wait 3 weeks for delivery.

Don't forget to pre-register for the ASA P&DARCS Monty Event. Each early registration will receive one free entry into the draw for the new Sky Wing Yak 54 70e, the ideal entry point for the new IMAC "E" class, thanks to Steve from [AUSTARS MODEL AUSTRALIA](#)

Australian Scale Aerosport (ASA) is pleased to extend our enthusiastic support for the forthcoming annual "Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally" at the [Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Controlled Society](#) field. Save the dates of April 20th and 21st to immerse yourself in a weekend brimming with thrilling flying activities tailored in the distinctive "Monty Tyrrell" style.

The event promises an array of attractions including IMAC freestyle displays, food truck offerings, on-site camping amenities, and captivating jet performances.

\*Static registration open for your chance to go into the running for the ASA best scale static model\*

To secure your tickets for 2 days flying and dinner at the field on the Saturday night, please complete the registration through the following link: <https://australianscaleaerosprt.teamapp.com/.../24200200...>

For the dinner event, please RSVP a week in advance to aid in the organisation of catering services.

Discounted tickets for pre-entry, P&DARCS and ASA members.

Should you have any queries, do not hesitate to reach out to any committee member.

The ASA expresses gratitude to the Pakenham & District Aircraft Radio Controlled Society for the opportunity to facilitate this historic rally.

\*pre-registrations closes 5 days prior to the event\*

Regards

Melissa

# IMAC Bairnsdale Competition

Our club was very well represented at the annual IMAC Competition held at Bairnsdale over the first weekend of March. Congratulations to all the participants and winners. Bairnsdale is a favourite as the weather was pretty good and the food and company are always the best. Thanks to all the organisers of this terrific event. Thanks to Harrison Ritter for the use of his fantastic photos.



Bruce Smith - 2nd Basic



Stevie Malcman - 2nd Advanced



Simon Ventevogel 3rd Intermediate



Balint Banko 2nd Intermediate



Harrison Ritter 1st Advanced



Harrison Ritter's Extra NG



Darcy Wilson's Krill Extra 330 lx



Balint Banko's Extra 300



Simon Ventevogel's Extra 330 sc

# P&DARCS Calendar

## March, 2024

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## April, 2024

13 (Wed) 1 pm - 3 pm **Club Meeting**

17 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

20 (Sat) - 21 (Sun) **ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally** Field Open: **No**

## May, 2024

22 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## June, 2024

05 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Club Meeting (Online)**

19 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## July, 2024

24 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## August, 2024

07 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **P&DARCS AGM (Online)**

21 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

31 (Sat) - 01 (Sun) **ASAA Victorian States Titles** Field Open: **No**

## September, 2024

18 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## October, 2024

02 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Club Meeting & Coop AGM (Online)**

23 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

26 (Sat) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm **Spring Clean Working Bee** Field Open: **No**

## November, 2024

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**

20 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Committee Meeting**

## December, 2024

01 (Sun) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm **VPA Pattern Event** Field Open: **Partial**

04 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Club Meeting (Online)**



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