



NEWSLETTER BULLETIN

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**DON'T FORGET – THE AGM WILL BE
HELD VIA ZOOM ON AUGUST 9TH AT
7.30 pm**

**You will receive an email with the link to register from Daniel
the week before the meeting.**

From the President

Thanks to all the P&DARCS members who have renewed their membership for 2023/2024. We are currently sitting at 142 members, which is excellent for this time of year. The online renewal process that the club introduced this year has been a great success and I appreciate the feedback from those members that contacted me.

The success for this new system lies with Daniel Jenkins, Stevie Malcman and Peter Harris who gave up many hours behind the scenes to get it up and running.

From the Secretary

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&DARCS will be held via ZOOM on August 9th at 7.30 pm. A detailed notice has been sent via email to all members.

All committee positions will be declared vacant, and the election will take place using electronic voting. Only full members (shareholding) are entitled to cast a vote.

[Nomination forms](#) for committee positions are available from the P&DARCS website.

Minutes for the last Club meeting can be available on the Club website at www.pdarcs.com.au/minutes

From the Registrar

Under our club rules, a prospective and returning members of P&DARCS must first be presented to our entire membership. Full members have a right to object to new or returning membership applications. Any objections must be made by a full member and in writing to the P&DARCS Secretary.

The following are listed as returning members:

- Ray Chivers - returning associate member.
- Chris Dalianis - returning full member.

We welcome Ray back to the club and well as Chris who was a past member from 2015.

Our club membership cards for the 2023/2024 year have been designed, with most members already receiving theirs. The model aircraft featured is the Heinkel HE-219 Eagle-Owl.

This model was designed and built by Brian Johnston in the mid 1990's. The model was completed over a two-year period

and was flown by Brian at scale events such as the Shepparton Mammoth.

In 2018, club member Glenn Orchard acquired the model from Brian and has provided the aircraft with a complete re-fit of electrical components. More details of this great model subject will be provided with your membership card in the mail.

Club Member Statistics to Date

	Paid 23-24	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	10	8	18
Full	97	13	109
Honorary	0	0	0
Junior	5	0	5
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	3	0	0
Non-flying Pensioner	1	0	1
Pensioner	11	2	14
Probationary	6	3	13
Prospective	2	0	1
Student	3	0	3
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	142	26	168

From the Field Manager

- Weed spraying has recently been carried out across the field and will need a follow up in the next week or two.
- Spraying of the runways will take place once weather conditions are more suitable – a notice will be sent out when that is taking place.
- A lot of rain recently has seen the grass taking hold again nicely and the runways are in excellent condition following cutting and rolling, although they are very soft underfoot at the moment.
- An increasing amount of litter is being left at the field. Please ensure that you take your rubbish with you or place it in the bins. Our field guys are not rubbish collectors.
- Crashed models can also be taken home with you. It doesn't take much for an airframe to fill up our bins, so

please take your models back home with you, no matter what condition.

General Maintenance

It is only through the willing support of members that do our regular maintenance at the field that our facility is maintained to such an excellent standard.

In addition to this there has been additional work carried out through ten working bees organised to assist with the following projects.

- Clean up after the flood
- Painting inside the Clubhouse
- Painting Verandah and decking
- Runway Repairs
 - Firstly - Repairs to Main and Eastern Runways
 - Secondly - Repairs to West Runways Pit Area and touch up to the Eastern Runway

At the last Runway repair project on the 10TH June, 16 members rolled up their sleeves to help.

We managed to fill all the crevasses in the Western Runway. It's been some time since repair work has been carried out on this runway. We also managed to do additional repairs to the other runways and some of the worst affected areas of the pits and pilot areas.

Another 6 cubic metres of top soil was used making a total of 13 cubic meters used to fill the crevasses and cracks in the runways following the floods last October and a hot summer resulting in lots of cracks and movement in the soil.

The work was completed by midday followed by some lunch and camaraderie. Some of us pulled up a little sore on Sunday but it was worth the effort.

There have been over 50 members participating in these works, their support and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Peter Harris

Upcoming Events Around Our State

The annual Shepparton Mammoth Scale Event will take place this year on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of this great scale event, so make certain that your models are ready to go. Camping is available at the Valley Radio Flyers field.

The IMAC National Special Interest Group (NSIG) will be holding their annual national championships at the P&DARCS facility over 3 days commencing October 27th. The field will be closed for general flying from Friday morning at 7am until Sunday afternoon at 5pm. Many visiting flyers will be camping at the grounds and arriving from Tuesday.