



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



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24 May (Sun)

May 24

Gold Wings Training

24 May (Sun)

Jun 3

Club Meeting (Online)

3 Jun (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30pm

Jun 17

Committee Meeting

17 Jun (Wed) 7.30pm – 9.30 pm

President's Report

P&DARCS Come & Try Day May 24th

P&DARCS members are reminded that the club will be hosting a Come & Try Day, proudly supported by the Victorian Model Aeronautical Association, and Model Flight on Sunday, May 24th. Members of the public will be invited to the field to participate in flying our club training aircraft.

This important promotional day is designed to introduce prospective new members to the exciting world of aeromodelling and showcase the outstanding facilities and welcoming atmosphere that P&DARCS is renowned for.

The day will be co-ordinated by Stevie Malcman, with assistance from Chris Eeles and Greg Lepp. These club members have kindly volunteered their time and experience to assist visitors and help ensure that the event runs smoothly.

In addition to introductory flying activities for visitors, the club will also be incorporating a Gold Wings instructional and tuition segment for existing members wishing to upgrade or further develop their wings endorsement qualifications.

Lunch and refreshments will be available from the clubhouse throughout the day.

Importantly, the field will remain open for general flying operations as normal, and all members are warmly encouraged to attend, support the event, enjoy a day at the field, and help promote the future growth of our club.

Events such as these are an important part of continuing to grow and evolve P&DARCS, while introducing new people to the enjoyment, camaraderie and technical side of modern aeromodelling.

We thank all volunteers and participating members in advance for their support.

GOLD WINGS TRAINING DAY

As part of our upcoming P&DARCS Come & Try Day on Sunday, May 24th, we are pleased to advise that a dedicated Gold Wings Training Day will also be conducted at the field by Stevie Malcman.

This is an excellent opportunity for members wishing to further develop their flying skills and work toward upgrading their Bronze or Silver Wings endorsements.

Members already holding Bronze or Silver Wings are strongly encouraged to attend and take advantage of the tuition and mentoring available throughout the day.

The training segment will run in conjunction with the Come & Try Day activities, helping to showcase the high standard of instruction and aeromodelling experience available at P&DARCS.

Whether you are aiming to improve your flying consistency, refine manoeuvres, or progress toward the next level of certification, this will be a valuable and enjoyable day for all involved.

Event Details:

1. Date: Sunday, May 24th, 2026
2. Location: P&DARCS Field, Cardinia
3. Start Time: From 10:00am

Lunch and refreshments will be available from the clubhouse during the day.

Please respond to this email if you intend to be present to allow for catering.

The training document can be found on our website via this link:

P&DARCS GOLD WINGS TRAINING SCHEDULE

We encourage all members to come along, support the event, and help showcase our club to prospective new members attending the Come & Try Day.

We look forward to seeing you there

P&DARCS Committee Appointments:

The Committee of P&DARCS advises members that Trevor Garey has formally stepped down from the role of Club Registrar, and that Simon Ventevogel has kindly accepted the role of Club Registrar. Simon will take over the position effective immediately.

On behalf of the Committee and membership, I would like to sincerely thank Trevor for his service and contribution to the club during his time in the position.

His efforts and support have been greatly appreciated.

Please join us in thanking Trevor for his contribution, and in welcoming Simon to this important role.

60th Anniversary Planning:

I am also very pleased to formally announce the appointment of Mr Don Klein as Chair of the P&DARCS 60th Anniversary Planning Committee.

As the club approaches this significant milestone, it is essential that the planning and delivery of our 60th Anniversary celebrations are guided by experienced and capable leadership. Mr Klein is exceptionally well placed to undertake this responsibility.

As a former President of P&DARCS, Don brings with him a deep understanding of the club's history, culture, and operational framework, along with a proven track record of leadership and commitment to advancing aeromodelling within our community.

In his role, Don will report directly to the P&DARCS Committee with his recommendations from that planning group.

This anniversary represents far more than a commemorative date. It is an opportunity to recognise six decades of contribution to aeromodelling, celebrate the evolution of our club - particularly over the past decade - and reinforce P&DARCS as a progressive, multi-disciplinary organisation that

continues to adapt and thrive in a changing environment.

Delivering an event of this significance will require coordination, creativity, and strong member engagement -areas in which Don's experience will be invaluable.

Members are strongly encouraged to lend their full support to Don in his capacity as Chair. The success of the 60th Anniversary will depend not only on the Planning Committee, but on the collective contribution of the broader membership. Input, ideas, historical materials, and offers of assistance are all welcomed and will play an important role in shaping a celebration befitting the club's legacy.

Members who wish to contribute suggestions, historical insights, or expressions of interest in supporting the event are requested to submit these via the P&DARCS Secretary at:

secretary@pdarcs.com.au

All submissions will be collated and provided to the Planning Committee for consideration.

This is a defining moment in the club's history. With the right leadership and strong member support, the P&DARCS 60th Anniversary will stand as a fitting tribute to our past, and a clear signal of our future direction.

On behalf of the Committee, we congratulate Don on his appointment and look forward to working together to deliver a memorable and meaningful celebration.

P&DARCS Area Approval Renewed for 2026/2027

The P&DARCS Committee is pleased to advise all members that our CASA Area Approval for the P&DARCS field has been successfully renewed for the 2026/2027 period.

The previous approval formally expired on 14 May 2026, with the new approval having been issued on 6 May 2026, ensuring continuity of our approved operational status and ongoing flying activities at the field.

Maintaining our Area Approval remains one of the most important responsibilities of the club, as it underpins our ability to operate safely and legally within the current CASA regulatory framework. The renewal process requires significant administrative work, liaison with relevant aviation stakeholders, and ongoing demonstration of the club's commitment to safe aeromodelling operations.

This successful outcome reflects the continued efforts of the P&DARCS Committee and the cooperation of our members in maintaining high operational and safety standards across all flying activities.

Members are reminded that compliance with all field rules, pilot barrier requirements, operational procedures, and MAAA regulations remains essential to protecting our approval status into the future.

P&DARCS continues to strengthen its position as one of Victoria's leading aeromodelling venues, with our unique 1500 ft CASA-approved operating ceiling remaining a major advantage for members and visiting pilots alike.

The new Area Approval certificate will be displayed in the clubhouse.

Further operational information relating to the renewed approval will be communicated to members as required.

Keith Quigg
P&DARCS President 2025/2026

KEEP OUR CLUBHOUSE CLEAN

- **YOU USE IT.**

- **YOU CLEAN IT.**

- **YOU PUT IT AWAY.**

**Nothing is to be left on the tables,
in the sink or on
the benches. Chairs to be stacked
up once you have
finished.**

Editor's Report

Alex Williams has left us for sunnier days in Queensland and it was lovely to catch up at Club Officer on May 6th to say farewell. Some lovely words were spoken and lots of laughs were enjoyed. Alex will be missed and will continue to contribute when he can.



There is also a small article on an unexpected visitor.

Cheers

Liz

WANTED - Articles for Newsletter

How to, event reports, product reviews, what's on your bench, photos from your flying

Please send content to Liz at editor@pdarcs.com.au

CLASSIFIEDS

Is there any RC related gear you'd like to buy, swap or sell?

Contact Liz at editor@pdarcs.com.au for inclusion in Newsletter

Webmaster's Report

Club Webcams

It's been brought to my attention recently that users of iPhone's and iPad's had trouble accessing the club webcams. There was a known problem using the Safari web browser on iOS and the work around was to install the Chrome browser instead and that would work.

Turns out Apple have now changed security privacy settings again that stops Chrome working as well, which I was not aware of. Issue relates to the webcams being embedded into the website & Apple not allowing a website embedding another link to an external source within it.

There is no way I can fix this issue using our current setup. Therefore I have been researching new webserver software to host the webcams that works on Apple as well. I have found software that will remedy this issue. The Committee have approved the purchase of this new software & I will install and configure that over the next few weeks.

So, the Apple users amongst you, my apologies for this issue & I will resolve it soon. Please keep checking the webcams for an update. I'll place a notice once its resolved.

Regards,

Daniel Jenkins
P&DARCS IT Manager

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WD 40 **ITS GOOD STUFF**

Event report - Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally 2026 (Taken from Wingover)

The Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally is a premier annual radio-controlled (RC) aircraft event held in Melbourne, Australia. It celebrates the legacy of Monty Tyrrell, a pioneer in the Australian aeromodelling community and co-founder of the host club, P&DARCS.

The ASA runs this on behalf of the host club and profits are being directed towards the WC team members to assist in the costs of competing internationally – around \$20K per competitor!

This year's running of the Monty Tyrrell Scale rally saw 34 registered pilots coming from as far as NSW, the ACT and a couple of non-flying modellers dropped in from Queensland.

Saturday night saw the annual communal dinner prepared by our President Alex and two of his mates. We feasted on lamb & chicken from the spit, roast chicken & salads. Then there was cake & ice-cream for dessert. A great dinner with fantastic company. No one left hungry and there was plenty of food left over.

The format for the event was very laid back; free flying with the occasional demonstrations including Peter Goff doing the scale routine with the dh Tiger Moth he will be competing with in F4H class at the World Championships this year.



We had helicopter demonstrations, jets; both local and guys from the VJAA including Anton Koller.

There is no need for many words, hopefully these photos will give you a good idea of the variety and quality of models present.







Know Your Couplings



Gear Coupling



Rigid Coupling



Flange Coupling



Bellow Coupling



Jaw Coupling



Oldham Coupling



Fluid Coupling



Constant Speed coupling



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Diaphragm Coupling



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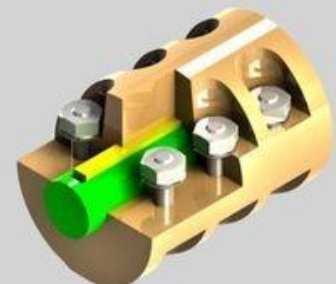
Flexible Coupling



Sleeve Coupling



Universal Coupling



Split Muff Coupling

An Unexpected Guest:

Husband comes home from field last month and utters a statement I never thought I would ever hear:

Getting out of his car, he hears “Simon, don’t go into the disabled toilets. There is a goat in there and he has huge horns”

Introducing Pendlebury – currently a probationary member of P&DARCS until the council can locate the owner.

He seems like a very pleasant chap and has obviously been someone’s pet as he is used to being hand fed.

By the way – Pendlebury was named by Keith Quigg after the GOAT!





Spotlight

Gavan Sexton

Age: 64 years young.

Disciplines:

I love them all.

Foamies, Gliders, Helis, Scale, iMac and pattern and Jets.

Preferred disciplines:

I love my iMac and jets, Helis a close third

Arf or kit build:

Arf has served me well, but now I'm retired, it's time to finish some projects off, then I want to build something no one else has done .

Favourite Aircraft:

My long-time favourite was my Skywing 104-inch extra NG.

The big Extreme Flight 125 Laser is right up there, but after Wang Jets this year, my EA Havoc is the new favourite.

Flies like a giant iMac/ pattern ship, goes exactly where it's pointed.

Preferred motive power:

I don't care whether I'm flying electric, nitro, petrol, or turbine, but it's hard to beat the smell of burnt Jet A1.

Years ago I went entirely electric for 3 years bar some nitro Helis, totally enjoyed it.

What radio gear do you fly:

I started on JR 30 years ago till the 2.4ghz revolution, where I went to Spektrum.

Never lost a plane or had a hit on it.

Cam's now sponsored by JR thanks to Steve Richardson, so we are also both using JR Elite radios, as well as Spektrum.

What do you do for a job:

I retired exactly one year ago after working for BHP, then Blue scope Steel for 39 years.

All I can say is retired Life is bloody awesome.

I get to any event I want now.

To quote Phil Spence, " Life's Good".

When/how did you get into the Hobby:

I started off as teenager with the good old Cox PT 19, in the late 70's.

There used to be a group who flew at the bottom oval at Dallas Brooks Park in Mornington in the early 80's, and I went down every Saturday afternoon religiously.

That was my introduction to radio control.

Unfortunately, that group had to find a new place to fly after intentionally being shot down on 27meg by people with CB radios on the same band.

Surfing came along and RC was forgotten for 20 years till a chance meeting with a Guy at work and I've been at it ever since.

Do you fly in Competition:

Yes.

Stevie Malcman introduced Cam and me to iMac 4 years ago and we haven't looked back.

An amazing discipline which improves your flying skills and we have been privileged to fly with an amazing bunch of people.

I've only moved up to Sportsman class, being an old bugger, but I've been lucky enough to win a class aggregate and come 2nd at the Nationals, held at P&DARC's and was Vic State Champ last year.

Other Hobbies:

I've always loved Fishing and Golf.

Hobby Highlight:

Having a supportive wife in Sandra, plus flying with my son, Cam.

I've been very lucky.

Best Unknown caller for me, Simon Ventevogel.

Gavan Sexton





RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sticky Oven Baked Lamb Chops

These delicious lamb chops are on rotation at our place. Throw everything into a casserole dish , marinate then cover and put in oven. So simple and so tasty. Enjoy.

Tips:

Try to marinate the lamb chops for as long as you are able. If you are short on time you can decrease the marinading time, the longer the better though, so overnight would be great if you have the time.

Feel free to experiment with the flavours. You could go down the curry path, or middle eastern – the possibilities are endless.



Ingredients:

4 forequarter lamb chops

2 tablespoons of brown sugar

2 tablespoons of soy sauce

1/2 cup of tomato ketchup

1 teaspoon of ground ginger

1 teaspoon of salt

2 Tablespoons vinegar of choice

Method:

Lay the chops in a large baking dish

Mix all the remaining ingredients together in a small bowl or jug

Pour the marinade over the chops, chill in the fridge for two hours, turning the chops over after one hour

Heat your oven to 160C

Cover the baking dish with foil and bake in the oven for 45 minutes

Remove the foil from the baking dish, increase the temperature to 200C

Turn the chops over

At this stage the chops should be tender, the sauce will be quite thin but this will thicken up

Return the chops to the oven and bake for a further 15 minutes

Serve the lamb chops with mashed potatoes and green vegetables, be sure to spoon the beautiful sauce over the chops.

P & DARCS Calendar

June, 2026

03 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

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

July, 2026

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

August, 2026

05 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [General Club Meeting & P&DARCS AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

31 (Mon) [P&DARCS 60th Anniversary](#)

September, 2026

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

October, 2026

07 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting & Coop AGM \(Online\)](#)

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

November, 2026

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

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

December, 2026

02 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm [Club Meeting \(Online\)](#)

05 (Sat) - 06 (Sun) [VPA F3A Precision Aerobatics](#) Field Open: **No**

09 (Wed) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Pre Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)

19 (Sat) [ASA & P&DARCS - Xmas Break Up and General Flying](#) Field
Open: **Partial**

19 (Sat) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [P&DARCS Christmas BBQ](#)

