



P&DARCS

Pakenham and District Aircraft Radio Control Society



P&DARCS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



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Next Club Meeting Dec 3 (Wed) 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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Upcoming Events

November, 2025

30 (Sun) 12 pm – 3 pm

[Spreading of Ashes and Celebrations of Life](#)

[Walter and Pearl Schubach](#)

See newsletter for more info on how to RSVP

December 2025

03 (Wed) 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

[Club Meeting](#)

06 (Sat) 9 am – 07 (Sun)

[VPA Precision Aerobatics Competition](#)

10 (Wed) 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

[Pre-Christmas Committee Wrap Up Meeting](#)

Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

This month's edition has some fascinating features and thanks again to Alex Williams for sending in another terrific article.

Congratulations to Melissa Law for the Ian Watts Pilot choice award at the 2025 Shepparton Mammoth.

Don't forget to register for the P&DARCS Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13th 2025.

As always, please send me anything you think members might be interested in.

Cheers

Liz



Facilities Manager's Report

Frankie and Andrew replacing the pump in the Wenn Rd Pit as part of their water harvesting project which is to increase the water collection for the sprinklers.

Not in the picture is Ivan, Peter Harris and David Walsh also working on replacing the faulty pump with a larger capacity pump so that it will pump more water back to the large water tanks, rather than it escaping to the creek on the east side of the Wenn Rd levy bank.

This pit collects water from some of our farming paddocks. Well done guy. Impressive work.



P&DARCS CHRISTMAS PARTY

P&DARCS Christmas Gathering – December 13th

Our annual P&DARCS Christmas gathering will be held on Saturday, December 13th, with a club-provided lunchtime BBQ starting at approximately 12:30pm.

To assist with catering, all members are asked to register their attendance via this link on our webpage.

Your registration ensures we can plan food and seating appropriately.

Members are also encouraged to bring along some models for a relaxed morning of flying before lunch—an ideal way to round out the year with friends and fellow flyers.

We look forward to seeing you there!
R.S.V.P. by Sunday 7TH December 2025

Members must use the link below to book in for this event to assist with catering numbers

<https://www.pdarcs.com.au/christmas>

At this event we will be conducting a special event in Honour of Wal Schubach for a suitable Memorial Trophy.

This will be an event that requires an estimated time of flight of five minutes without any outside assistance. Members may have up to 2 attempts depending on the number of entrants.

P&DARCS Committee



MONTY TYRRELL
Scale Rally
2026

ASA
AUSTRALIAN SCALE AEROSPORT

P&DARCS CLUB

Bigger than Ever
17-19 APRIL '26

30 Fowler Road, Cardinia

**Save the Date! ✨ Big things are on the horizon for 2026 🚀
17–19 April 2026 – lock it into your calendars now, friends!
The ASA contest calendar is about to drop soon... and you
won't want to miss what's coming.
Stay tuned for all the details, and get ready to fly with us 🛩️**

Shepparton Mammoth 2025

A few of the P&DARCS members attended the Shepp Mammoth early September.

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*Spreading of Ashes **Wal Schubach**
and Celebrations of Life
Walter and Pearl Schubach*

Venue: P&DARCS Burley Field
Cnr. Wenn and Fowler Rds, Cardinia

Date: 30th November 2025

Start Time: 12 Noon

Schedule: Spreading of Ashes of Walter Schubach
along the Avenue of Trees

Welcome and Introductions in Clubrooms

Power Point collage of Photographs

Memories and Tributes

Followed by finger food in the Clubrooms

RSVP for catering by Wednesday 26th November to:

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Know Your Electronic Components



Resistor

Resistor is an electrical component that reduces the electric current. The resistor's ability to reduce the current is called resistance and is measured in units of ohms



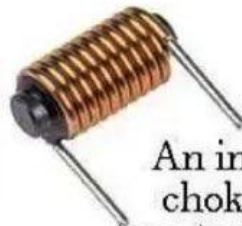
Capacitor

A capacitor is a device that stores electrical energy in an electric field. It is a passive electronic component with two terminals.



Diode

A diode is a two-terminal electronic component that conducts current primarily in one direction; it has low resistance in one direction, and high resistance in the other.



Inductor

An inductor, also called a coil, choke, or reactor, is a passive two-terminal electrical component that stores energy in a magnetic field when electric current flows through it.



Transistor

A transistor is a semiconductor device used to amplify or switch electronic signals and electrical power.



Transformer

A transformer is a device that is used to either raise or lower voltages and currents in an electrical circuit.

Alex's Corner

G'day folks,

I won't talk about the recent windy weather if you don't. Keep in mind I'm typing this up mid November and it just seems as if for the last 4 months the default has been blowing a gale, with a few minutes where it's quiet.

It simply wasn't like this last year.

Horrible.

Because of the wind and lack of recent flying field fun, from now on known as FFF, I threw the question out to random club members about potential topics for this month's newsletter. I mean, how many times can I make cute sideways glancing reference to jets, turbines, the noise, the adrenalin and gold wings before you lose patience and shout at me to get a grip?

Not too many more I suspect.

So it appears, and I don't find this surprising, that a common cause of teeth grinding is something that has already been mentioned in a previous story, being correct use of the pilot barriers.

I was relieved when this topic was mentioned because I was prepared to take almost any topic and wrap words around it to turn it into a story, no matter what it was. But correct use of the pilot barriers is a topic that I have personal passion about.

Now let me do a Pauline Hanson and explain in simple words why correct use is so important.

Picture, if you will, a wanna be jet jockey / jockette, flying his / her beloved red Avanti 80mm EDF jet. There he / she is, nervously vibrating as he / she keeps his / her beloved as straight and true as he / she can as it tears down the main strip, before he / she expertly puts it into a gentle climb, flips it over, gains further height, then brings it down and under and tears back down the strip. He / she performs this nervous manoeuvre twice more, while there are approving grunts emanating from behind, before deciding that now is the time to go through the various steps involved in landing the beloved Avanti in one piece.

Wheels down – check.

Correct hight – check.

Flaps required? There's a slight breeze, so shouldn't need flaps – check.

Middle of the runway on approach – check.

Slowly drop the height. HEY GET OUTTA THE WAY!! I CAN'T SEE MY PLANE!!

That last bit was made up for the story because the reality is that in his / her heightened state of anxiety, with fingers trembling and guts churning, he / she hasn't got the time, or the life force required to yell out that message.

The only ducks that are ever seen at the P&DARCS field are those on the flight line as someone is desperately trying to see their plane.

When a pilot has the joy of being the only one flying on a strip, happy daze.

Standing behind the pilot barrier is still the best place to be, but whatever that saying is about no foul applies. The pilot is the only one there, so nobody else is affected.

Also, there are times, and a certain time with an F16 and a brand-new red Avanti 80mm EDF come to mind, when the pilot is granted the privilege by common nodding agreement of having the strip to themselves. Everybody understands that situation and accepts it.

Then there are the times when the strip is being used by various types of planes. Everybody understands and accepts that the pattern guys need to stand on the centre line. It's part and parcel of flying their planes.

The summary of all of this, which would require a rule book as thick as the Oxford dictionary if it was all written down, and an act of Parliament if it was a law, is that courtesy and common sense is the basis for the very real need to stand behind the pilot barrier when flying.

So please folks, some courtesy and common sense and please stand behind the pilot barriers.

I can tell you with hand-on-heart who will be mighty miffed and won't be feeling much FFF if he has to do the duck'n'dive when he eventually gets to fly his new screaming jet, which was recently called "cute" by a seasoned jet jockey. The unsaid words above will be said, at quite a raised volume and punctuated liberally with words of extreme emphasis.

Tomorrow looks like a good day at last so, I'm taking my lunch.

B'deh B'deh, that's all folks.

Over and out Roger.

Alex Williams

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Honey and Soy Chicken Chipolatas

These tasty little morsels are so versatile. I managed to finally get some chicken chipolatas at the supermarket and decided to go down the sweet, soy sauce path. Enjoy.

Tips:

These packs of chipolatas from the supermarket are very budget friendly and big or little kids love them. I used chicken for this batch, but you can also use pork or beef.

The sausages come 16 in a pack.

These are delicious hot or cold so are terrific for a picnic.



Ingredients:

1 pack of chicken chipolata sausages

2 tablespoons sesame oil

1/2 cup of honey

2 tablespoons of soy sauce

Method:

Preheat the oven to 220°C

Line a shallow-sided roasting tray with foil

Separate the sausages if they are linked, and tip in the sausages

Whisk together the oil, honey and soy sauce and pour over the sausages, then use your hands — or a couple of spatulas — to move everything about in the pan so that all the sausages are slicked

Roast for 25-30 minutes and flip them over about halfway through cooking

They should be lovely and charred from the honey and soy sauce

Serve hot or cold as an appetiser



P&DARCS Calendar

November, 2025

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

30 (Sun) 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Spreading of Ashes and Celebrations of Life Walter and Pearl Schubach](#)

December, 2025

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

06 (Sat) 9:00 am - 07 (Sun) [VPA Precision Aerobatics Competition](#) Field Open: No

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

13 (Sat) 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [Club Christmas BBQ](#)

January, 2026

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

29 (Thu) [VPA Mid-Week Competition](#) Field Open: Partial

February, 2026

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

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

March, 2026

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

April, 2026

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

17 (Fri) - 19 (Sun) [ASA Monty Tyrrell Scale Rally](#) Field Open: No

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

May, 2026

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

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](#)

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 \(Online\)](#)

06 (Sun) 9:00 am - 07 (Mon) [VPA Precision Aerobatics Competition](#) Field Open: No

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

