

P&DARCS Special Club Meeting



Date: 12 March 2025 **Time:** 7.30 pm **Location:** Zoom **Meeting No.** 03/25

Committee 24/25

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| Keith Quigg | KQ – (Pres) | David Law | DL - (Vice Pres) (Field Manager) |
| Peter Harris | PH – (Treasurer) | Melissa Law | ML - (Safety Officer) |
| Norm Morrish | NM - (Facilities Manager) | | |
| Daniel Jenkins | DJ - (Webmaster) | Phillip Singh | PS - (Secretary) |
| Trevor Garey | TG - (Registrar) | David Gibbs | DG - (Ordinary Member) |
| John Van De Waterbeemd | JV - (Ordinary Member) | | |

Meeting to be Chaired by: Keith Quigg

Nature of Business:

The purpose of this Special General Meeting is to seek member approval for committee expenditure outside of the 2024/2025 budget to acquire specialised mowing equipment. This equipment is essential for maintaining the upgraded runway as part of our major runway improvement project. Committee will seek a motion be passed to that effect.

Minutes:

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Club notes

- 37 members
- DJ House keeping
- KQ welcome, we will only discuss the special needs
- As it's a special meeting, no apologies
- KQ further update from report



- KQ and NM witnessed the mower today
- Both extremely impressed
- It's a level above the trial machine
- KQ 2nd had machine is cheaper, (half) and this particular unit has low hours and meets our requirements
- There will be some modifications to the shed for protection
- Machine did fit on the current hoist
- Local agent will provide training and maintenance that we cant do
- KQ- this is to future proof our club and ensure our runways are better for the future
- We shouldn't need to shut down the runways, only a change in mowing schedules
- Questions?
- Frank mac – what about watering?
- KQ we are investigating, it is an issue, but we don't have any answers tonight
- Frank Mac – what about hoists? KQ pass it over to NM
- PVT – its important to understand Graham Sullivans position
- GS was grounds and turf manager for Wesley and been an aeromodeller for 56 years.
- NM
- This is the most exciting thing I have seen at the club for maintaining the field in his time here
- GS was a blessing, his advice is clear and understandable for KQ, NM and DL to achieve
- Lawn will be cut to 10mm high, opposed to the 25-30mm we used
- The cylinder type mower does this
- The runway will only get soil and seeding as per normal maintenance
- The cut today looked fantastic
- When the cooch gets going, it wont require much watering
- The west will need more from reconstruction
- East and main are just maintenance
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- Barry Law – well done norm and the others
- The unit itself, demo was 3 units an this 2nd hand model is better
- Units new are 88k
- 2nd hand unit is 31k
- Hoists are being checked for suitability to adjust hoists
- No new hoists
- Ian Slack
- Time table for the west runway?
- KQ west runway is short on grass
- committee will look at it more when the growing seasons starts
- NM – GS said the west will need more work



- PH
- Club has 106k in cash assets
- This years budget is inline, with a surplus of 17k
- About 8k of general
- And about 4k not spent
- End of year surplus is 5-8k
- Purchase from machine will be from term deposit
- This was cashed in to general account
- Only 2k left in equipment funds account
- The other amounts for works will come out of other surplus (56k taking them to 46k)

- Barry Law
- Impact on insurance?
- PH - will have to add to policy, estimated another 2or 3hundred per year
- NM – we are intending to keep the kobota mower, but in cant cut to 10mm
- This mower will continue to cut the other areas – pits carparks.
- New mower is only for runways
- KQ- we discuss sprinklers with Ivan
- KQ – it is a large amount of money, but a tribute to the early member and PH who had the for site to build a fund for this type of purchase
- Pic of cut

- Frank Mac
- Does it remulch the grass?
- KQ as we cut more and more, its should
- We used the Kubota to blow out the grass off the runway
- NM there has always been a cut left for nutrients, and the new mower is finer and wont be noticed
- Barry Law
- Is the height adjustable?
- KQ- yes, we need to get it to 10mm

Runway upgrade budget motion

KQ moved

Seconded Paul VT

- 94% positive

JVT discussed voting

2 voted no



- Barry Law
- Is there any control to protect use of machine?
- KQ- its covered
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- David Glossop
- When the mower is transported from shed to field, do the blades fold up?
- KQ – yes
- Get on the mowing roster

Meeting close

- 8.23pm

