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Dear Members,

P&DARCS – Member Report Water Collection and Storage Upgrade – Burley Field

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Earlier this year, I approached **Andrew Smallridge** (Darcfields Cooperative Secretary) with a proposal for him to form a working group to investigate options for improving our water collection and storage systems at Burley Field. This was an important step in ensuring that our club has a reliable and sustainable water supply, both now and into the future.

I am pleased to advise that the **P&DARCS Committee has approved this proposal to proceed**, and we are now moving forward with the first stage of works.

Stage 1 – Early Works

Andrew will lead the first stage of the upgrade, which will commence as soon as possible. This will involve essential maintenance and upgrades to our **existing water facilities**, with an allocated **budget of around \$5,000**. The aim of this stage is to bring our current systems up to an acceptable operational standard before we move on to more extensive improvements. This work will lead to an estimated 25% improvement to water harvest and retention at the field.

Future Upgrades

Following the completion of these early works, the committee will review and consider options for larger upgrades, as recommended by Andrew and the working group. These future upgrades will be planned and budgeted progressively over the coming year, ensuring the club continues to invest wisely in the long-term sustainability of Burley Field. Funding will be sourced from external sources (state and federal bodies) as well as being allocated within our own upcoming budgets.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the valuable contributions of several members who have assisted in the development of this project so far:

- **Andrew Smallridge (Project Manager)**
- **David Walsh**
- **Ivan Chiselett**
- **Peter Harris**
- **Norm Morish**

Their knowledge, effort, and commitment to P&DARCS have been instrumental in shaping this initiative. On behalf of the committee and club members, I extend our thanks to them for helping to ensure the ongoing success of the club well into the future. This upgrade marks an important step in securing the infrastructure that supports our flying and our community. Updates will be provided to members as the project progresses.

See you at the field.

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