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BURLEY FIELD FLOODING UPDATE

As all P&DARCS members are aware, our flying field has once again become a victim of higher-than-normal rainfall in both local and outlying districts.

As of today (Sunday 16th) the level of water has subsided a little, but our entire grounds remain inundated. It appears to have peaked at around 300 or 400mm below the level of the clubhouse, but unfortunately a lot of water has entered the sheds and other buildings on ground level.



It is likely that these levels will slowly ease over the next day or so, provided of course we don't get any further downfalls.

Our main point of drainage is Lower Gum Scrub Creek just to the west of the field. It is a very narrow creek and is hardly flowing at the moment. This is due to a lot of factors which are out of our control. Many of the drains surrounding the field and farmlands are blocked and Norm Morrish has been involved in countless conversations with Melbourne Water to try and mitigate the problems that we face. These discussions will continue including a meeting tonight.

Whilst this situation is unfortunate for us as a club and will result in substantial repair work to our field, let's not forget that many thousands of fellow Victorians have been displaced from their own homes over the past week. They face personal loss and hardship for many months to come. Our club is strong, and we will see the waters recede, the sun will shine and do its job to dry out our facilities. We will once again be able to fly our models in the not-too-distant future.

Thanks to our club member Andrew Mysliborski for the images and videos taken from his drone over the past few days. These will make for some compelling evidence in our case to Melbourne Water.

FIELD OPERATIONS

We will keep everyone updated as we have more information to pass on but at this point the field remains closed. A full site inspection and safety audit will need to be completed prior to any members accessing the field. Additionally, the working bee scheduled for October 22nd is also cancelled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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