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Fellow P&DARCS Members

Good afternoon everyone. Just after 1230 today, Peter Harris, Norm Morrish and myself inspected our field. The news is not what I had hoped for. Whilst the water levels at the field and surrounding areas have dropped, the ground remains very soft. We were sinking into the ground just by simply walking on the grass as soon as we left the hayshed.

Many parts of the runways are too muddy to even walk on. There is no chance of getting mowers onto the surfaces until we have a few more days of sunshine. The damage that they would do now would mean more repairs and groundwork to the runways. Some very light rain started to fall when we were there, but nothing that will cause any further problems today.

One of the large wooden posts from the western carpark has floated across the entire pits area and lodged itself beside the eastern runway. Several metres of the post are blocking part of the main runway.

Fortunately, no water has entered the clubhouse. The other outlying buildings have had some water through them, but no obvious damage. The water has been relatively clean and free of mud, so the residual left behind from the receding water is minimal.

As disappointing as this is, we have no choice but to leave the field closed for at least the next few days. This will be of no comfort to anyone, and I apologise for the inconvenience. We will of course keep members up to date once we have more to report.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

The condition of our field and the time we now need to bring it back to an acceptable standard means that the annual Scratch Built Scale Day along with the Sell Swap & Buy Day (scheduled for the same date) have been cancelled. It is feasible that we can reschedule the Sell Swap & Buy event to another day once we are open.

The Melbourne Cup Aero Tow could continue, but the field will be open to all to fly (weather providing) and regarded as a "normal" flying day. A significant cleanup and mowing of all areas will be needed before this.

The date for the Christmas function has been set for December 10th, at the clubhouse so please mark your calendars for this event. We are presently discussing options for catering.

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

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