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January 2024 Newsletter Next Meeting Saturday February 3rd.

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power to co-opt.

To contact any member of the committee above, email committee@sadarc.org and specify who you wish to communicate with and the subject. Items for the newsletter newsletter@sadarc.org

Communications Manager (External Events): Darren Glasson (VK3HEN) - subject to confirmation.

Meetings the first Saturday of the month from **10 am** for Arduino training, plus informal chats and technical talks. A BBQ follows (a gold coin donation). Main meeting 1 pm (except January when no meeting occurs) at 360 Health Centre, 18 Channel Road (250 metres from Archer Street), Shepparton.

Variations in these times, days and location are normally notified in the preceding newsletter.

DISCLAIMER: - No guarantee is given as to the accuracy of information in this newsletter. E. & O.E.

WARNING: - There is a danger of electrocution or injury when working on electrical/radio gear or working **at** heights doing antenna work. You do so at your own risk.

25/08/2022

VK3RGV repeaters and transmitter operating frequencies Mt Wombat

53.725MHz (-1 MHz), **In Service**

146.65MHz (-600 kHz), **In Service**

438.2MHz (-7 MHz -D-Star), **In Service** 438.650MHz (-7 MHz 91.5 Hz tone), **In Service**

438.9MHz (-7 MHz - DMR), **In Service** 439.775MHz (-5 MHz), Now back in service, IRLP
(node #6990)

476.475 MHz (+750 kHz) CB Repeater WBT03 Channels 3- 33, **In Service**

VK3RDS, 438.7625 MHz (-7 MHz DMR) Shepparton on test @ VK3YNV QTH

The three following repeaters are not the clubs but are allied to the club in one way or another.

Mt Major VK3RDU, 146.850 MHz, 439.875MHz. Mt Bruno VK3RWC 147.325 MHz **(-1.6 MHz 123Hz)**

Access to most analogue repeaters is by sub-audible 123 Hz tone or noise/carrier mute (less sensitive).

Your TX offset is shown in brackets

Club informal on air get togethers, all welcome. Club call sign VK3SOL: -

Wednesday- 2mx repeater 146.65 MHz 8.00pm, 3.63 MHz SSB ± interference 8.30pm,

Sunday – 2 mx repeater 146.65 MHz 2 pm & 8 pm & The Vintage Radio Club – 2 mx repeater 11 am

A number of semi-private HF skeds take place either daily or weekly, locally or further afield.

Website – www.sadarc.org or www.sadarc.org.au Face book Page – Shepparton and District Amateur

Radio Club Direct Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/481867453084459>

Note: Want to get your licence? SADARC has examination assessors, contact the secretary for details.

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The next SADARC meeting will be held on Saturday February 3rd 2024, at our regular clubrooms, 18-22 Channel Road. Note this is no longer Flexible Learning, the property is soon to be signed as 360 Health.

This is our AGM and it is important that as many members as possible attend.

All members will be asked to vote on the following;

- Acceptance of all reports from the previous AGM
- Elect a new committee for 2024
- Vote on the acceptance of the model rules, already distributed
- Vote on the acceptance to change the club's financial year to January 1 to December 31.
- Any other general business

Remember, your annual subs of \$30.00 are due at the February meeting and can be paid on the day, or via EFT.

The format for the next meeting is as follows;

- 10am Arduino course with Denys VK3ZYZ, Ray VK3YNV and Josh.
- 12.00 Pizza Lunch
- 1pm Club AGM.

Diary Dates

February 3rd 2024 Club meeting, plus AGM

March 2ND Regular club meeting.

Presidents Report – January 2024

Thanks to all those who attended our Christmas Meeting at the Royal Mail – Mooroopna. Attendance was well up on last year and again it was a great atmosphere with good Pub Grub and a chinwag.

I hope everybody had a great Christmas and New Year and Santa was good to you. Karen and I had our usual visits from family which was great to catch up and I have played a little bit of radio. After being on 199 Counties confirmed with QSLs for about 4 months I finally cracked the 200 mark with a confirmed contact to Iraq. Now only go about 147 identities to go!

We are back on deck on the 3rd February for our usual meeting and the AGM. Our February Meeting will be a normal meeting at our regular venue followed by the AGM. All positions will be declared vacant at that meeting so, if you feel you have something to offer the Club, please let us know.

Also, at the AGM we will be handling the Club Constitution. Our current constitution is out of date and the Government on the 18th November 2023 released a standard constitution as a basis for us to abide by. The Committee have all got a copy of this and are reviewing it. When the Committee is happy, we will circulate the draft copy to everybody prior to the AGM for your perusal. This has now been done with a cover note explaining the processes behind what has occurred. Everybody should have a copy now of the Model Rules and by-laws to read at your leisure and we will at the AGM take a vote on the acceptance of these.

Please also note that your Subs of \$30.00 are due at the February Meeting.

Keep on the Radio and keep the bands alive, the DX is happening, 15 and 10 are firing up, particularly 10.

Cheers,

Peter Rentsch
VK3AXI
President

Editor's Comments

Hi everyone and happy New Year to you all.

Well, as our president has just stated, our Xmas breakup meeting at the Royal Mail Hotel was certainly a great success. Not sure of the exact numbers, but there must have been at least 40 people in attendance and it was great to see so many partners along.

The food was simple, but good, the company great and Peter handed out 4 well deserved awards.

The 1st went to Stevo for his great efforts in organising and rallying the troops for our demonstration day at Jaycar.

The 2nd award went to Geoff Russell, also for his efforts with the Jaycar day and his contributions to the club.

The 3rd award went to Jack and Rosanna for all their hard work in providing catering for the Hamfest.

The 4th award was an Honorary membership of our club, presented to Lyn Champness. Her deceased husband Rodney did so much for this club and has always been 100% supported by Lyn, so it certainly was fitting to offer Lyn this well-deserved award.

Lyn has contacted the club with a lovely letter expressing her appreciation for the award and also her gratitude to all our club members who have assisted Lyn in disposing of Rods sheds full of radio gear and documentation.

Congratulations to all recipients, certainly well deserved.

Below are some photos of the day thanks to Marc from the Vintage club.

See you all at the AGM on February 3rd.

73's and best regards

Peter Simpson VK3ASK



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Elite Communications, A new Electronics Store specialising in Ham Equipment

Sean Brennan from Elite Communications forwarded to our club the following information.

I realise that his store is not exactly around the corner, but he does have plenty of items of interest

Good morning,

My name is Sean Brennan from Elite Communications and Electronics located in Jimboomba Queensland. My wife and I opened up a small communications store about three years ago and have built on it and supplying ham radio equipment, Antennas and just about any other bibs and bobs for the communications industry. I attended my first Hamfest on Sunday at Narang and the customers that came up and were introduced to us by the event organisers were taken back to find out who we were and or putting a face to the name after speaking on the phone.

After speaking to my fellow ham operators listening to what they want and would like to see, how we can get the hobby out there bring some new blood into the hobby and looking after the older members.

I'm one of those people who hit the pavement full bore and nothing can stop me attitude a bit like now take the time to reach out and put us out there. With the soon closing of strictly ham in Victoria we have had many people get behind us and wish and support that we may fill the gap and with the positive attitude and enthusiasm both Lisa and I have towards the business that it's not just a job but we love to give the best we can and then some.

We would like to see if there is anything we can do for your club and be active with you, we could give your members a straight up 10% discount off all RRP pricing just to come to us and being a member of your club or if there is anything we could discuss that might work more than happy to have a chat we also freight products anywhere in Australia or even if you need international postage, we handle that as well.

Feel free to give the store a call and speak to Lisa or myself 07 5605 2000 or my mobile 0412 698 670 or you can have a look through our website and see our ever-expanding range of products and services. If you have time and close by pop into store and have a look around

We hope to speak to you soon

Kind Regards.

Sean Brennan.

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Free Ham Licence Training

Jules Perrin JP, VK3JFP, forwarded to the club some details about a website he has set up to encourage prospective Hams to study and gain an amateur license. The details are below.

Education is a very important part of our hobby. Without education and encouragement, we would not attract new members to the hobby.

Sadly, our member numbers are falling as we age, so I feel we need to be offering education and training to anyone interested.

To this end, I have developed a fee free and advertisement free web site for anyone to help them prepare for their examinations.

The site is <https://www.julesworkshop.net/Amateur%20Radio.html>

The Advanced material is based on the syllabus and the Foundation material is based on the Foundation manual.

I was requested to include audio and video sessions in the preparation material and this is under development.

I encourage feedback and tell me how to improve the site and expand on any critical information I missed.

Let me know if you have members or anyone interested who may use the site.

Thank you.

Jules Perrin JP

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Support our veterans.

2024 WIA Convention

Below is an email we received from David VK4DN regarding the 2024 WIA Convention, which is being held in Bundaberg QLD. Some members may be interested in attending.

I'm David VK4DN from the Bundaberg Amateur Radio Club – We are hosting the WIA Convention and Expo/Hamfest here in Bundaberg on May 4th / 5th in 2024.

It is the biggest event in the calendar year for Amateur Radio in Australia! Our members are thrilled to be hosting the event and we would like to extend a warm welcome to your club and members to attend the event.

The weekend includes the WIA AGM, several keynote presentations by guest speakers / a Commercial Expo and Hamfest / Field Day. A gala dinner and lots of other activities! We have even managed to secure a contact with the ISS on Saturday evening with a local high school – (The kids will be able to talk with an astronaut on the space station!)

We are also seeking guest speakers for the event with several slots available – If any member of your club would be interested in doing a talk about something they are passionate about (preferably related to Amateur Radio!)

It should be a very interesting weekend and an opportunity for amateurs from all over Australia to gather and network with other people interested in the hobby.

If you could please forward this email to your members, and discuss at the next meeting, it would be much appreciated!

If you guys have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to make contact with me!

Should any of your members like to book a table for the HamFest or give a talk, please ask them to make contact as well.

Kind regards,
David VK4DN
Secretary – Bundaberg Amateur Radio Club
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Email from Janine Buckingham regarding David McCormack

Below and email from Janine Buckingham regarding her dad David who sadly passed away recently. He worked here at Radio Australia for a number of Years.

My name is Janine and I hail from Perth, Western Australia.

From 1984 to 1998, my Dad, Mr David McCormack, worked at Radio Australia (Shepparton) situated on Verney Road.

He has recently passed and I'm interested to know if there perhaps could be any members of your committee that may have known and worked alongside my Dad?

He loved his job and ultimately his career came to an end when Radio Australia was eventually privatised.

If there is anyone that would like to contact me and share their thoughts and contact me, I would appreciate that.

Many thanks ..

& Merry Christmas!

Janine Buckingham
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