

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.  
News in Brief.  
December 2012.**

**Now it is just over 2 weeks till Christmas. Blimy. Blimy.**

**Club meetings.**

**The next general meeting for the club will be held on Saturday the 2nd of February 2013. and the venue will be the Myall Youth & Community Network Centre. in Dalby We will hold the meeting at about 1000hrs and will be followed with a BBQ lunch. All members are encouraged to attend, and visitors will be most welcome. Please note that this date was to be the Ham & Wine fest, but this event was cancelled at the November meeting. Please note that there will be some changes to the agenda for the general meetings as we make changes that will keep us more in line with the Constitution.**

**The next social/Tech/info meeting will happen on Wednesday evening the 20th February 2013 at 1900hrs.at a venue to be determined.**

**JOTA 2012**

**The annual Jamboree of the air Went off very well on the Jota weekend with 7 members taking part. One major change to the norm, was to give the scouts a run through the practical test for the foundation license exam, and this was much appreciated by the majority of the scouts.**

**another project was to construct some three element 2mt beam antennas out of PVC pipe and retractable tape measure blades. these antennas were then used to do some fox hunting on the Saturday evening. another well received activity. many thanks to all who took part, and thanks to Albert VK4POW and his XYL Kym. For providing the venue, the assistance and best of all, the catering.**

**From Ricky VK4NRL.**

**many thanks for all the help with jota . Thanks to all who made contacts as well. Thank you for patients by all users as we held up the 2 meter repeater as we made contacts with the scouts in New Zealand . We also put the scouts and cubs through the practical exam to give them some ideas on how the radio equipment is operated. This went over very well.**

**Ham & Wine Fest 2012**

**As noted above, this event, that was set down for February 2nd 2013 has been cancelled, mainly due to several of the intending stand holders being unavailable, unable, or unwilling to participate in this event this time around. We will need to give some very long and hard considerations as to whether we run another of these events in the future. We say a big thank you to those who were faithful and keen to be a part of this, but we do have to face reality.**



Young Noely

## Noel's Nutty Campers

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Noel's Van

*Shivers how does Noel & Jan fit into*

*there ?*

### CALENDAR FOR NOEL'S NUTTY CAMPERS AND INTER CLUB CAMPING EVENTS - 2013

#### **FEBRUARY 2013**

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> - Lake Leslie Warwick

#### **APRIL 2013**

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - Kirkleigh

#### **JULY 2013**

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - Harvey Bay - Harvey Bay Beach Front Park

#### **OCTOBER 2013**

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Creek Kilcoy OR Woodgate Beach

Can you please mark off these dates in your dairies; further information will be sent as each event gets closer.  
Regards NN

*Good show Noel. as you can see our April camp will be on next year and we will be going back to Kirkleigh at Somerset Dam. and we will start sorting that early in the new year with notifications going out as details come together.*

*We are also considering holding a camp out at Lake Broadwater, just south of Dalby, and we will have to look at the cooler months, as we will be overrun with water Skiers when the warmer weather comes in.*

#### ***Foundation license courses and exams.***

*It looks like we have a couple of interested candidates, so we will look at planning another course and exam event, sometime in February, so now is the time to start thinking about this. If you know of anyone who has an interest in Radio and may like to try for their foundation amateur license, please contact the club so we can put plans in place.*

#### **Club Netts**

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.**

*Each Sunday evening at 1930hrs we run an 80mt nett on 3.650 MHz.*

*If you have some time to spare on a Sunday evening, please call in and say hi, and join in the different topics of discussion that arise from time to time. It is great to have our regulars on this nett, but there are quite a few missing, So, the question. Where are you all.???*

also a small request. Can I please remind all users of the club's repeaters, That part of the regulations applicable to the use of repeaters,(or any transmissions for that matter) state that call signs are to be used at the beginning, every 10 mins, and at the end of your contact. This includes picking up the mic and pressing the ptt button to see if the repeater is working. please ref to the applicable LCD that can be found on the wia web site. Irlp is available on the 2 meter repeater for everyone to use, but Please remember to use your callsign, and check if the repeater is not in use before dialling a node number. This will ensure that everyone is happy and regulations are followed.

Many thanks to all. Ricky VK4NRL.

## ***Darling Downs Radio Club netts.***

The club conducts two nets on a committed and regular basis.

1. A 2m net is conducted each Sunday morning at 10am after the news broadcast . At 9:00am the WIA News re-broadcast following which a call-back which the node automatically records and sends to the WIA. Then, at 10:00am, Please note: The IRLP and Echolink facilities will be shut down from 9:00am to the end of the WIA news and call-back, after which the IRLP and Echolink will be enabled. However, if you wish to join the 10:00am net, you can call in on IRLP or EchoLink approximately 8 minutes before 10:00am, and join us on the net.
2. Each Saturday evening there is an 80m net on 3.587 MHz (+ or – QRM) commencing at 7:30pm and is hosted by Theo Moller (VK4ESK). This net is also well attended by both local and interstate amateurs.

The Club has two repeaters, VHF and UHF, co-sited, and both employing the call sign vk4rdd.

The 2m repeater transmits on 146.750 MHz with standard 600 kHz offset.

IRLP is available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 6958. Connect: Use DTMF for the node number you require. Disconnect: Use DTMF "73" EchoLink is also available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 69580 Connect: Use DTMF "star" and then the node number required. Disconnect: Use DTMF "73" only. [NB: No "star" required

### ***IRLP & ECHOLINK Nodes. Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc***

irlp node 6983 operating on vk4ret 2m repeater, as long as the repeater behaves itself. The echolink node is running on the node on the side .This is VK4RET on the echolink side .It is working nicely.

The WIA news is been broadcast on Sunday mornings and evenings. Auto call backs are coming, still have a little bit of work to do on setting this up. Thanks to David VK4LED for his valued assistance.

Please stay off reflectors until we sort out keeping the repeater ident off the internet.

This Sunday morning the repeater VK4RET will be connected to the Toowoomba repeater at 9.55 am to allow club members to join the Toowoomba 2 m nett, please join in the nett. To disconnect from the net, DTMF 73. this is if the repeater is needed for local traffic. Thanks to all. Rick Lammas VK4NRL.

***A good way to support any of your radio clubs and its assets activities and projects is to become a financial member. To find out how to do this, and obtain an application form. Please make contact with your club via any of the avenues below.***

### ***Club Contacts. Darling downs Radio Club***

#### ***Executive Committee***

President Norm Fiori (VK4LD)  
Vice President David Curry (VK4SP)  
Secretary Jeff Ryan (VK4VJR)  
Treasurer Unfilled at present.

#### ***Steering Committee***

1. Bill Main (VK4ZD)
2. John Mondientz (VK4ZJE)
3. Terry Walters (VK4KTP)
4. Rod Webb (VK4ZJ)

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The club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Club Room, which is located in the new SES headquarters, old TAFE building, Hume Street, Toowoomba.

All meetings start at 7:00pm sharp.

The second Monday is always a Management committee meeting, and is held each month.

The fourth Monday is usually a social and technical evening, with 2 exceptions:

1. In July this Monday is the Annual General Meeting of the club
2. In December there is no meeting on the fourth Monday.

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.**

**Meets on the first Saturday in February, May, August & November.**

**@ the MYCNC complex in Dalby, or at other venues decided @ previous meetings.**

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**[holmzie@bigpond.com](mailto:holmzie@bigpond.com)** --- **Repeaters; - VHF 146.675. UHF 438.7 Co sited on the Bunya Mts.**  
**VHF 147/850mhz. @ 107 Drayton Street Dalby. UHF CH 7 CB Repeater to be relocated soon.**

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**Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club.**

**Contact: Secretary Warwick Marshall. VK4MW SCARC, PO Box 7551, Sippy Downs, Qld. 4556.**

**You may also contact Noel, VK4NL, who is the voice of SCARC to us on the Darling Downs, on [vk4nl@iprimus.com.au](mailto:vk4nl@iprimus.com.au)**

**80m net: Each Thursday evening, 7:30pm 3.660 MHz call-sign VK4WIS.**

**2m net: Each Sunday evening, 7:30pm via VK4WIS on 144.300 MHz, USB.**

**6m net: Each Friday evening, 7:30pm at VK4RSN on 53.700 MHz.**

**10m net: Each Wednesday evening, 7:30pm 28.70 MHz.**

**EchoLink Internet station is VK4WIS-R, and Node number is 306184. Available on 146.850 MHz and 146.825 MHz (linked**

**) IRLP Available o 438.075 MHz, with Node number 6564.**

**For sale, give away or wanted.**

**Give away: - CRT computer monitors new still in box, contact Ricky VK4NRL. Phone 0429 726 833**

**For sale 80watt soldering iron with point and chisel tips brand new never used.  
\$20 + p&p if required. Call Neil VK4NF Phone 0488 687 649.**

**For Sale: Realistic DX 100 General Coverage SSB Receiver.  
Good Working Condition. \$ 75.- Call Andy VK4HHH Phone. 07 4162 7775.**

## **Wanted.**

**A new newsletter editor to replace the old Rigidy one...**

### **Club supporters.**

**Please be encouraged to support our sponsors as they very generously support your club.**

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Hmmmm VK4NF has officially gained Granddad status with the new sub harmonic arriving on Wednesday the 21/11/12, HMMMM that date is the same backwards.  
A baby boy Reginald James Holmes 9lbs 8ozs, all well.



*If you would like to add some copy for publication in the next issue of News In Brief, please Email same to – [holmzie@bigpond.com](mailto:holmzie@bigpond.com)*

Until next time, enjoy your hobby and stay safe. Neil Holmes VK4NF.---- Editor.

Merry Christmas.

***From the executive committee. we would like to wish all our members, Friends and fellow amateurs.***

***A Happy and Blessed Christmas, and we look forward to a very Successful and safe 2013.***