

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.
News in Brief.
April 2013**

**Well we are into the second quarter of the year.
Time for another news in brief,
A couple of items received for articles, but I know I want more !!!**

Club meetings.

The next general meeting for the club will be held on Saturday the 4th Of May 2013. and it will be at Nanango, The Venue will be the Nanango Energy Centre 41 Henry Street Nanango. We will meet from 0900 to 0930hrs, Hold the brief meeting at 1000hrs. Then at 1100hrs we will have a demonstration of one of the historic power generators. After this we will proceed across the road to the Nanango RSL where we will enjoy a quiet lunch together, you may order your choice of lunch at the bistro. After lunch we may return to the energy centre to consider some other proposals in the club pipeline. All members are encouraged to attend, and visitors will be most welcome.

The social/Tech/info meetings are put on hold for the moment as we reassess how best to run these meetings.

Club Web Site.

Our new club web site is currently in the development stage, so stay tuned for further info that should happen in the next few weeks. we should have more info on this, and a demonstration at the May meeting.

Foundation Licence Course & exams.

June 22nd & 23rd. will be the weekend for the next Course & exams, so please consider any possible candidates. At this stage we have two Candidates who are studying for this weekend, so guys please be encouraged to stick with it. The other date set aside this year is September 21st & 22nd. If anyone requires a foundation licence manual, (Your entry into Amateur Radio) give me a call or Email and I will organize that.

Don't forget that exams for upgrades to Standard and advanced licences can be arranged.

John Moyle Field day.

The John Moyle Field Day Took place on the weekend of the 16th & 17th March, Three members, Ricky VK4NRL. Peter VK4POP, & Rick VK4FRLJ. operated for the 6 hour stint from the paddock at the back of Peter VK4POP's home QTH. I believe the mosquitoes and insect made a lot of contacts, but so did the operators, not sure how they went, but I believe it was an interesting night.

Barcfest 2013.

Once again the Brisbane Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the Annual Barcfest On Saturday the 11th May At the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. Doors open at 0930hrs and admission is \$7. Stand holders, setup from 0730hrs

VK4 to be better represented in AR Magazine

And it was good to see VK4 written up in April's AR Mag, well done Michael, and don't forget Michael as you come across some interesting articles, events etc that you may be involved with, that would be suitable for publication in the magazine.



Young Noely

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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
Well it looks like around thirty have booked in for the Camp at Somerset dam. Should be a good show. Looking forward to catching up with some of the crew. Neil VK4NF.

APRIL 2013 19th, 20th 21st
JULY 2013 19th, 20th, 21st -
OCTOBER 2013 25th, 26th, 27th

Kirkleigh Somerset Dam coming up fast.
Harvey Bay - Harvey Bay Beach Front Park
Rainbow Waters Carlo Point – Dog friendly - Yes
<http://www.rainbowwaters.com.au/>

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

Regards NN

Good show Noely.

HMMMMM this is something to keep in mind.

04/05/2012 - IMPORTANT GUIDELINE MODIFICATIONS - as below - Please read carefully!

Supply of Non-Compliant radios - (As advised by the ACMA)

Supply of non standard radio communications devices is an offence under Section 160 of the Radio Communications Act 1992, and can attract substantial penalties of 120 penalty units for an individual, or otherwise 1500 penalty units (currently 1 penalty unit = \$110). Operation and possession of non-standard

radio communications devices are also offences under sections 157 and 158 of the Act. Non standard

devices have the potential to cause harmful interference to licensed radio communications services.

Amateur Radios that are designed and limited to cover amateur radio bands only do not have to meet Australian standards, however, if the radio covers frequencies, or has been modified to cover frequencies outside of internationally recognised amateur bands, then it must meet the standards for equipment operating in those bands, as well as carry the appropriate regulatory compliance marking. As such, equipment which does not meet these standards is defined as non-standard equipment.

- Suppliers also have an obligation under section 301 of the Act to ensure that equipment is not supplied to anyone who is not appropriately licensed to operate or possess the device.

***Important Note - It was advised by the ACMA that they may take action directly with the individual advertisers that are in breach of the Communications' Act in their advertisements!**

Update on the club's repeaters.

The VHF repeater has recently been replaced with a temporary unit, (A Motorola MXD1500) This unit will be used while a replacement repeater can be built up and tuned ready for installation. This unit will be put on test in Dalby at the local repeater site and will operate on 147.850mhz for a time, so any bugs can be sorted. The IRLP and echo link nodes are operating on the temporary repeater on Mt Kiangarow.

Club Netts

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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.

Club Fundraiser.

On Saturday Morning the 6th of April Some of our members from the Dalby area held a sausage sizzle outside the local Home hardware Store here in Dalby. An interesting morning was had by all who attended, and the club benefitted be around the 100 Roubles, so we will look at doing this again down the track, possibly sometime in May.



IT is a bit of a worry.

IRLP & ECHOLINK Nodes.

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irlp node 6983 operating on VK4RET 2mt repeater, The echo link node is running on the node on the 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.

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

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.

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 --- 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.

Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club.

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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Secretary: Jeff Ph. (07) 4630 8133 or vkjeff@hotmail.com
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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.

Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club.

Contact: Secretary Warwick Marshall VK4NW SCARC, PO Box 7551, Sippy Downs, Qld. 4556. Email warwickmar@hotmail.com

You may also contact Noel, VK4NL, who is the voice of SCARC to us on the Darling Downs, on 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 on 438.075 MHz, with Node number 6564.

For sale, give away or wanted.

For sale.

For Sale: Honda EU10 generator done about 25hrs good nic. \$750 ph Neil VK4NF 0488 687 649

.. .. Invacare electric scooter in as new condition, has seat belt, rear view mirrors, carry bag on the rear, basket on the front, and sun shade. batteries are very good.
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Until next time, enjoy your hobby and stay safe. Neil Holmes VK4NF.----- Editor.