



Western Suburbs Radio Club Inc.

December 2003 Newsletter

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SEASONS GREETING

The Committee of the Western Suburbs Radio Club

Wishes to Extend to all Club Members

The Compliments of the Season

Club Calendar

Saturday	6 th	December	North Shore Radio Club Jumble Sale Albany Hall (Details later)
Saturday	6 th	December	VHF Field Day
Sunday	7 th		
Monday	8 th	December	Club BBQ and Social Gathering.
2004			
Monday	19 th	January	Committee Meeting
Monday	9 th	February	General Club Meeting
Monday	16 th	February	Committee Meeting
Saturday	28 th	February	National Field Day
Sunday	29 th		
Monday	8 th	March	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Monday	15 th	March	Committee Meeting
Monday	12 th	April	General Club Meeting

Club Evening 8 December 2003

The Club evening on Monday 8 December 2003 will be a Social and BBQ to round off a very successful year. Details are as follows.

FOOD: All members please bring a plate AND your partners. Club will supply Pizzas.

DRINKS: Alcohol BYO: Soft drinks \$1.00: Tea and coffee supplied free.

RAFFLES: TWO only. Prize 1 special bottle of wine, Prize 2. Christmas box of chocolates.

TIME: Arrive any time after 18-30 hours, actual start 19-00 hrs to a maximum time of 22-00 hrs.

SPECIAL DRAW: Will be held to provide FREE membership subscription for 2004 so be there to be in with a chance and to make our last meeting for the year one of good fellowship and to celebrate the clubs growth and sustainability over 2003. Total paid up membership for the year 43. A great result in difficult times for Ham radio. Your attendance will help to ensure that Amateur radio will continue to be an important and lively part of your chosen hobby activities.

Last Club Evening

Following on from the formal part of the meeting, a most interesting and comprehensive talk was given by Keen Aw ZL1KCA of "Navman" describing in detail frequencies, operating methods, distances from earth, types of coding and its role in the decoding of location data, the difference between 2D and 3D positioning, the role of the satellites atomic clocks, the weight of, the age of, the owners and operators of, and the control of from the ground of the Global Positioning System. At the conclusion Keen was kept busy with questions and even with a demonstration in his vehicle of a unit he had brought with him. The secretary thanked Keen for his most informative talk which he had meticulously prepared, and Keen was further acknowledged by the members with a well deserved round of acclamation. All agreed that it was a very good meeting and that it was a very interesting talk. The good social atmosphere continued through to supper.

Used Equipment Sale

The WSRC Used Equipment Sale was held on Saturday 1st November at the Rosebank Road Primary School. This was back at the old venue, but in the new Hall of Rosebank Primary School. And what an asset the school now has with this new hall as you will see in Merv's photos below. The sale was very successful in that many of the vendors reported good sales and the club managed to make a few dollars as well. The new hall is a lot larger than the old and this allowed us to spread out nicely. Buyers were about the same numbers as usual but in the bigger premises it may have seemed less. The larger venue also allowed us to set up a few tables to enjoy the fine cuisine produced in the kitchen. These were occupied most of the morning and provided a very pleasant spot to have a break and a yarn.



The Cub managed to sell a bit of this equipment.



That's a fine looking TS120V, Irving.



Some Valve Radios that were on sale.



Kitchen Hands Hard at it.

ACA Makes Morse Code Decision

The ACA has announced that from 1 January, 2004, holders of the Limited Licence and Novice-Limited Licence will be permitted to operate on amateur HF bands. Limited licensees will be able to operate on all amateur bands, while Novice-Limited will gain the Novice segments on the 80, 15 and 10 metre bands. ACA deputy chairman, Dr Bob Horton explained in the media release that the changes on 1 January 2004 flow from the ACA inquiry into the Amateur Service.

Dr Horton said, "There was widespread support for the removal of the Morse code proficiency requirement at the meetings and throughout the submissions. "The ACA has therefore decided to make interim changes to legislative instruments which, from the date of effect, will immediately allow access to privileges previously available only to those who satisfied Morse code proficiency requirements.

While the Licence Condition Determinations of the Limited and Novice-Limited licences will change to expand their bands of operation, callsigns and licences will remain unchanged. It means that the five grades of amateur licence - Unrestricted, Intermediate, Limited, Novice and Novice-Limited - will remain while the ACA continues with its review.

WIA Victoria welcomes the ACA decision as an interim measure ahead of the proposed restructuring of the licensing system.

President Jim Linton VK3PC said, "It will occur some 15 months earlier than the ACA had originally proposed. "This is only six months after the end of mandatory Morse code tests for amateur licensing became law on 5 July 2003 after the World Radiocommunications Conference in Geneva." Jim VK3PC said the changes officially take place at Midnight, Australian Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, 31 December 2003. He said, "I urge all Limited and Novice-Limited licensees planning to get on the HF bands to not do so before 2400

hours AEDT on New Year's Eve. "Most importantly those new to HF operation need to take care that they don't cause interference to the television and radio reception of neighbours.

"The ACA will be watching for any increase in interference complaints arising from the influx of new radio amateurs to HF, and if there are complaints this could adversely impact on other aspects of the ACA's current review of the Amateur Service." Jim VK3PC said care must be taken and help sought, if required, from fellow radio amateurs experienced with HF operation if any potential interference or other issue arises. Limited and Novice-Limited licensees planning to use their new privileges can check the frequencies of the HF bands in recent editions of the WIA Australia Radio Amateur Callbook, or within the band plans on the WIA Victoria website.

WIA Victoria news - wiavic.org.au

Western Suburbs Radio Club Branch 03, NZART Inc
Minutes of the 9th: and final meeting for 2003 of the elected Committee.
Monday 17 November 2003. (Abridged version by Ed)

Attendance: Merv Thomas ZL1SK, Secretary, Vice President, (Chair) John Turnwald ZL1JT, Treasurer; Brian Huggard ZL1MW, A.R.E.C; Ross Reddell ZL1VRR; Barry Williams ZL1ACZ, Bob Hight ZL1GD.

Meeting commenced at 1926 hours.

Apologies: James Moore ZL1JYM by radio

Radio check-ins: ZL1VRR; ZL1JYM

Minutes: as circulated by email by the secretary were taken as a true and correct record. Moved: Brian Huggard ZL1MW.
Seconded: Barry Williams ZL1ACZ. Carried.

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence: Inwards 2 Branch newsletters.

A.R.E.C

Section Leader Brian Huggard ZL1MW reported that:

6 WSRC AREC members attended the AREC training weekend at Br: 66 12 & 13 October.

4 WSRC AREC members attended the Section Leaders meeting at Bledisloe Bldg CD Headquarters on Thursday 13 November.

Friday 14 Nov: ZL1MW and ZL1SK set up radio base for Woodhill horse trials at Fletchers Rd: Sat: 15 & Sun 16 Nov: horse trial comms provided by: ZL1MW, ZL1SK, Z1BBZ, ZL1JYM, ZL1CCJ, ZL1JAQ, ZL1GD, ZL1VRR, ZL1NE, ZL1JC. Comms were very successful and horse club was very appreciative of our assistance. 2 club F3's were used successfully and Brian supplied 2 PRS radios of his own for officials to use. Brian's white board system for logging horse movements through check points again proved very reliable and sustainable.

Brian ZL1MW reported that Marlborough branch had still not received the filters from USA for our clubs STSP repeater and that delays seem to be out of our control. Brian has copies of all correspondence with regard to the ordering, delays etc; of the repeater filters.

There will be an exercise to test the newly appointed 46 (previously 5) CD Welfare Centres on a date set at the next WSRC AREC meeting. (Our new repeater has some bearing when the exercise will take place.)

AREC report accepted. Moved John ZL1JT; 2nd: Ross ZL1VRR

General Business:

- (1) All agreed the equipment sale on 1 November 2003 was very successful and profitable for the club. The organizing of the various responsibilities by the club volunteers went very smoothly and sufficient tables were available with help of club members who brought privately owned tables.
- (2) Financial account handling procedures were discussed and all agreed that the system could be improved to enable the treasurer to keep more up to date financial reports e.g. members who had paid for club purchases privately have agreed to discreetly hand over dockets and receipts at general club meetings to the treasurer to assist in the presentation of an up to date and more complete financial report at the next committee meeting
- (3) Christmas Social Break-up meeting, Monday 8th: December 2003.
- (4) The club can report some financial growth over the previous year 2002. Audits have been done as required and the necessary return to the Incorporated Society's department has been done.
- (5) The first meetings of the club for 2004 are as follows:
Committee: Monday 19th January
General: Monday 9th February. Speaker already planned
Committee: Monday 16th February.
A. G. M.: Monday 8th March
Committee: Monday 15th March
General: Monday 12th: April. Speaker already planned

Members please mark your diaries for a hopefully further progressive year for our club.

- (6) Field Day at Craw homestead, Anawhata Road, 28 and 29 February 2004.
The club has each year had a good representation in this contest and we would like to continue that tradition. If you can help in any way, 1 day or 2 days or just a couple of hours, C.W. (particularly) or Phone operating, Station setup (Saturday noon onwards) and pack down (Sunday 15-00 hours) or in any other way you can be assured of a good (radio and social wise) time. Members who have offered some time at the weekend are: Bob Highet ZL1GD; Ross ZL1VRR; James Moore ZL1JYM; Kean Aw ZL1KCA; Merv Thomas ZL1SK; Please ring Ross ZL1VRR if you would like to be part of a good radio event in portable conditions under canvas. The Field Day arrangements will be further discussed on January's general meeting and February's committee meeting.
- (7) The clubs computer has been updated and another more modern one has also been obtained and got going thanks to Michael ZL1ABS and Doug ZL1AVY. The later one is being prepared for APRS and other activities and they are both there for the members to make use of or experiment with.
- (8) A working bee is planned for Saturday 29th November starting at 9-00 a.m. Jobs to do:
(A) finish setting up the HF vertical. (B) Have some coffee or tea and a chat. (C) Install the radials for the vertical. (D) More tea and coffee and share some laughs. (E) Repair the counterweight on the HF long wire antenna across the Whau stream. (F) Tidy up the grounds and the border trees. (G) Have the lunch you brought along and tea or coffee and compare tall DX stories. (H) Check out the Discone VHF antenna and install the Dual Bander on the pole. (I) Have a look around to see what else would improve the clubs attraction to members. (J) Have a cup of tea or coffee and then go home well satisfied with a pleasant day spent at the WSRC clubrooms with good mates. Come along and enjoy the day.
- (9) Moved Barry ZL1ACZ and 2nd: Ross ZL1VRR that a plumbers estimate for guttering repairs to the clubrooms be accepted and actioned. Carried:
- (10) The President / Chairman James Moore ZL1JYM to further follow up on the legal standing of the grounds occupied by the club perhaps by fronting up to the Official concerned on a personal basis.
- (11) Would all committee members please send your nomination for the Monty Miller Trophy (presently held by Bob Highet ZL1GD) to James Moore ZL1JYM (President). The award is made to the member deemed by the committee to be the most energetic, helpful, hard working, a club promoter, enthusiastic, good meeting attendee, etc; etc; or whatever.

General enquiry to all club members: Would anyone have a modern working printer that they would care to donate to the club to augment our new computer facilities. Please contact Ross ZL1VRR if you have one.

Meeting concluded at 21-12 hours.
Merv Thomas, Secretary / Vice-President / Scribe
18th: November 2003.

Working Bee

On Saturday 29th November there was a working bee at the clubrooms. Work was carried out on the antennae, trees were trimmed and the lawns mown ready for the BBQ on the 8th December. A big thanks to all who gave time to this necessary project.

Club Nets

VHF Net 146.525 MHz 7:30pm every Wednesday HF Net 3622 KHz +/- QRM/QRN 7:30pm every Friday
HF Net Roster, Branch 03 The full roster is on: <http://www.qsl.net/zl1ac/wsrc-hf-roster.html>

5 December 2003	ZL1ACZ	Barry
12 December 2003	ZL1WI	Roy
19 December 2003	ZL1VRR	Ross
26 December 2003	ZL1MW	Brian
2 January 2004	ZL1JL	John
9 January 2004	ZL1NE	John
16 January 2004	ZL1ACZ	Barry
23 January 2004	ZL1WI	Roy
30 January 2004	ZL1VRR	Ross
6 February 2004	ZL1MW	Brian