

theTARcinc Events Calendar

September

- Kennedy Region Nighthawk Comms Support
Sat Sept 20 1pm to Sun Sept 21 9am Kelso Area
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Sept 23 starts 7-30pm
- Big Mt Stuart Working Bee – You Must Be There!
Sat 27 and Sun 28 Sept from 8am both days
- Tech On The Air Net
Tuesday Sept 30 starts 7-30pm VK4RAT VHF & Nodes

October

- Cardwell Gathering – Meunga Creek Caravan Park
Friday Oct 3rd to Monday Oct 6th
- NQORA Offroad Racing Comms Support Millchester
Sat Oct 4 to Sun Oct 5
- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Oct 7 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Oct 14 starts 7-30pm
- Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet
Guides & Scouts - Fri Oct 17 to Sun Oct 19
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Oct 21 starts 7-30pm
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Oct 28 starts 7-30pm
- IICA Technology Expo – The 'Ville
Tuesday Oct 29 starts 2pm

November

- Townsville City Council Cyclone Sunday
Sunday Nov 2 9am to 12pm at Riverway
- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Nov 4 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Nov 11 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Nov 18 starts 7-30pm
- theTARcinc Annual General Meeting – Sunday 23 Nov
Rossiter Park Aitkenvale 7am brekkie 8-30am AGM
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Nov 25 starts 7-30pm

December

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Dec 2 starts 7-30pm

more details inside ! - also check out

<http://www.tarc.org.au/>

and listen into the news nets for updates

GLOBAL RADIO EVENTS

CHARC AGM Weekend Emerald – 26 to 28 Sept
Cardwell Gathering – 3 to 6 Oct
Jamboree On The Air – 17 to 19 October
WIA Spring VHF/UHF Field Day - 22 to 23 Nov

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September 2025



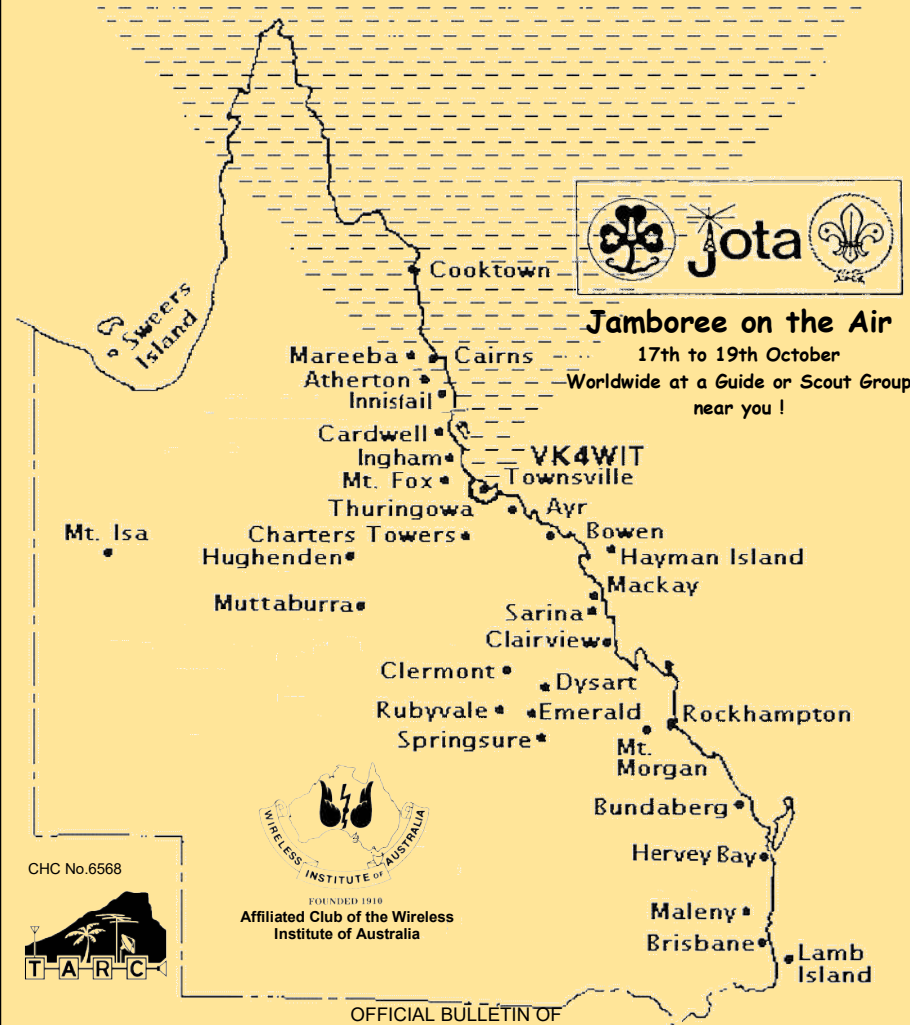
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Cardwell Gathering - Meunga Creek Caravan Park this Oct Long Weekend – September 2025



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Full membership \$45 p.a., Seniors, Student, Pension & Remote Member (more than 200km from Townsville) \$25 p.a.
 Subs were due at 30th June and can be paid in person, via mail with cheque or via Internet Direct Transfer. Details for direct transfer - Account Name – The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc Bank - Bendigo
 BSB 633000 Account Number 230033540 Reference (your surname or callsign)
 - email Treasurer with details as well, otherwise your payment might be missed !

Note that except where stated, the opinions expressed herein may not be the official opinion of the TARCinc.

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Local Nets - some TARCadians participate in these nets

WIA News Net – each Sunday morning on VK4RAT 2m repeater at 9am to transmit WIA National and QNEWS followed by a callback session.

North Queensland Net – Sunday evenings at 7-30pm on 3605.4 kHz and relayed on the VK4RAT 2m repeater from 8pm. VK4WIT net control.

Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net – Fourth Tuesday of the Month from 7-30pm VK4RAT UHF repeater. XYL's and YL's especially welcome.

Tech On The Air Net – Fifth Tuesday of the Month from 7-30pm VK4RAT VHF repeater. NZART-News TX plus Techtalk.

GNARLY Net – All the Morse and Talk you can eat before breakfast – on 3600kHz, Morse starts 5-30am-ish, Voice starts about 6-30am

Ron's YSF Net – Get your Fusion on - every Thursday from 7-30pm on the VK4OO YSF West End Repeater – listen 438.75, send 431.75MHz.



WICEN North Queensland Group

– Co-ordinator 2025 Gavin "og" Reibelt VK4ZZ
 0427 182469 or email vk4zz@outlook.com.au
 Emergency listening frequencies during activation
 7110 kHz and 3600 kHz

VK4RWI Portable Repeater (when active)
 70cm 438.625 MHz OUT, 433.625 MHz IN
 Frequencies to use when Repeaters are down - 146.5 and 439MHz
 WICEN QLD State-wide nets Sunday morning
 at 0800K on 14125 or 10122kHz & 0830K on 7105 kHz.



AMCA Amateur Radio Assessment Service

At least 3 weeks notice required to stage an assessment, longer notice preferred.

Specialist Level in - Brisbane – Laurie/VK4BLE 0411 413588
 General Level in - Townsville – Lyndall/VK4ZM 0427 688014
 Malanda – Stu/VK4SDD 0407 700096 Sarina – Roy/VK4RM 0409 597410
 Rockhampton – Clive/VK4ACC 0429 632815
 Mt Isa – Darrin/VK4GEO 0418 981353



TARC News Transmission Operators

AM – Denis VK4AE, Lyndall VK4ZM, Richard VK4PQV, Peter VK4PQ, Gavin VK4ZZ.

PM – Gavin VK4ZZ, Lyndall VK4ZM, Richard VK4PQV, Peter VK4PQ.



TARC Ladies Group

an informal gathering of YLs and XYLs interested in Amateur Radio and allied activities. Established January 1989 by Ann Renton VK4MUM (sk). The group have a natter during the Ladies Net on the Townsville UHF Voice Repeater and VK4TUB 46740 AllStarLink or VK4TUB 837230 Echolink Nodes 4th Tuesday of the month.

Co-ordinator Lyndall Reibelt 0427 688014



TARC Meetings :

Management Meeting – First Tuesday of the month,

Project Nights – Second Tuesday of the month,

Social / Backscatter Meeting – Third Tuesday of the month,

all start from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms, 27 Green Street West End.

For meeting dates please consult the events calendar on the cover of this magazine .

Last month's secret word was **wobulator**

This month's secret word is **... ■ ... ■ ... ■ ... ■ ...**

Electronic Back-scatter is best read in Adobe Acrobat Reader available for your ops on <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> remember to untick the optional offers before downloading.

This months' fortune cookie:-

" Drive defensively, buy a tank. "

Regional Voice Repeaters and Gateways (all frequencies in MHz)

Locale	Callsign	Input	Output
Hann Tableland	VK4RHT	146.075	146.675 123Hz Tone
Cairns (Mt Haren)	VK4RCA	145.4125	147.0125 123Hz Tone
Cairns (AllStarLink 599730)	VK4RSB	145.625	147.225 110.9Hz Tone
(Trinity Beach)	VK4RSB	431.100	438.100 131.8Hz Tone
Cairns Rydges City Centre	VK4RCA	434.850	439.850 91.5Hz Tone
Tolga (Bones Knob)	VK4RBK	434.900	439.900
Malanda FM/C4FM/WIRES-X	VK4RSD	146.250	146.850
Millaa Millaa (McHugh Lookout)	VK4RPH	145.4625	147.0625
Townsville Region	VK4RAT	146.100	146.700
(Mt Stuart)	VK4RAT	433.225	438.225 91.5Hz Tone
West End FM/C4FM/WIRES-X	VK4OO	431.750	438.750 91.5Hz Tone
Bowen Region	VK4RAB	431.375	438.375 91.5Hz Tone
(Reservoir Hill)	VK4RAB	146.125	146.725 91.5Hz Tone
Collinsville (Town Site)	VK4RAC	147.125	147.725 91.5Hz Tone
Mt Isa (Four Mile Hill)	VK4RMI	146.100	146.700 91.5Hz Tone
Midge Point (Conder Hills)	VK4RMP	146.200	146.800 IRLP 6037
Mackay 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RBY	146.050	146.650 Multimode
(Black Mountain) 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RBY	433.600	438.600 Multimode
Sarina 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RSA	146.075	146.675 12.5kHz BW
(Jordan Creek)	VK4RSA	434.625	439.625 IRLP 6037
	VK4RSA	52.800	53.800
St Lawrence (Mt Edward)	VK4RDL	147.775	147.175 91.5Hz Tone
Nebo 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RBM	146.175	146.775 IRLP 6741
(Blue Mountain) 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RBM	434.300	439.300 Multimode
(Mount Seaview)	VK4RRR	146.375	146.975 91.5Hz Tone
Moranbah	VK4RAS	146.275	146.875 91.5Hz Tone
(Carborough Range)	VK4RAS	434.950	439.950 91.5Hz Tone
Clermont	VK4RHR	146.325	146.925 IRLP 6037
(Hodgson Range)	VK4RHR	433.500	438.500
Emerald	VK4CWL	146.550	146.550 91.5Hz Tone
Rockhampton Region	VK4RAR	146.100	146.700 IRLP 6973
(Mt Archer) 91.5Hz Tone	VK4RAR	433.225	438.225 IRLP 6037
Blackdown Tableland	VK4RBD	146.350	146.950 IRLP 6037
Springsure (Roddas Lookout)	VK4RSP	146.225	146.825 IRLP 6037

Regional APRS Digipeaters and Gateways on 145.175MHz

located near Atherton, Cairns, Mount Isa, Townsville, Midge Point, Sarina, St Lawrence, Nebo, Moranbah, Clermont, Emerald, Middlemount, Blackwater, Springsure, Rockhampton.

Regional and Portable All Access Analogue Gateways

Cairns Echolink/IRLP	VK4JKL	146.550MHz 123Hz Tone
Kirwan AllStarLink/Echolink	VK4TUB	VK4RAT UHF Repeater
Kelso AllStarLink/Echolink	VK4PQ	VK4RAT VHF Repeater
Condon AllStarLink	VK4BDE	145.145MHz 91.5Hz Tone
Heatley AllStarLink	VK4OT	439.325MHz HH Interface
Charters Towers AllStarLink VHF	VK4GDN	145.145MHz 91.5Hz Tone
Charters Towers AllStarLink UHF	VK4GDN	439.125MHz 91.5Hz Tone
Portable AllStarLink ShariPi	VK4HSV	439.125MHz 91.5Hz Tone
Mount Isa Echolink/IRLP	VK4MIC	VK4RMI VHF Repeater
Mackay AllStarLink/Echolink	VK4DW	145.350MHz 91.5Hz Tone

Regional and Portable Digital Gateways

Rangewood WIRES-X Fusion	VK4JPA	145.350MHz
Rasmussen MultiMode	VK4BDE	145.145MHz

Regional Packet FBBS :

	Callsign	
Townsville Region	VK4OT-3	145.175MHz 1200bd

(Telnet with p/w access also available vk4ot.ddns.net port 6300)

Regional Beacons

		Output
10m Mt Stuart (Townsville)	VK4RTL	28.270 CW id
6m Hann Tableland (Atherton Tlands)	VK4RHT	50.281 CW id
Mt Stuart (Townsville)	VK4RTL	50.282 CW id
2m Hann Tableland (Atherton Tlands)	VK4RHT	144.446 CW id
Mt Stuart (Townsville)	VK4RTL	144.445
70cm Mt Stuart (Townsville)	VK4RTL	432.445 CW id
23cm Mt Stuart (Townsville)	VK4RTL	1296.444 CW id

Weather Information on HF

VMC Charleville 2201, 4426, 6507, 8176kHz USB

NT, QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA areas

VMW Wiluna 2056, 4149, 6230, 8113kHz USB

NT, WA, SA areas

Stations transmit Marine Weather Warnings on the hour



ATTENDING: At the Club Rooms
VK4's. ZZ, YT, WSG, PQV, ME, HSV,
IGM, FUDO, ZMB, ALS, Brad Payn.

ATTENDING: via Zoom Session ID – 745 4818 5039
VK4's OIL, ZM, PQ, JBY, XA, FUU, GDN.

VISITORS: Nil

APOLOGIES: VK4's. AEX, UCM, JPA, ICA, KMA, EMF, DNF, JWC, LKG, FCRH, FIBW, FBNP, CK, BLE, EI, PAL, TJS, HZC, RO, TTW, WDM, KGH, KN, MIK, PA, OT, ZON, ZT, KMD, FNQ, FRYL, OO, MSS, AE, BRM, LU, GWA, KDF, CD, FVC, PJH, AFW, ZWC, DJC, PE, WJ, KEE, YWG, GUN, BVM, TUB, GFR, CMW, TSV, TEW, JPA, GED, AAH, VK1ZZ, ZL1PLG, Joan McDonnell, Roslyn Bryant, Rhonda Wilks, Peter Renton, Wendy Schinkel, Derek Goodhew, Toni Goodhew, Susan Hinks, Jeanette Mann, Noelene Melrose, Nell Crabb, Kerry Wright, Cate Gooda, Bill Walker, Kev Chillout, Vallerie Payn.

Business commenced at 1934h with the meeting chaired by the President Snow/VK4ME. Snow welcomed all attending, greeting members and called for any apologies.

SILENT KEYS: Nil

NEW MEMBERS: Mike Grigg VK4MRG

Mike has spent a long career in Radio Communications, his specialty when serving with the Royal Navy in years gone by. His serving time included a stint at Bletchley Park plus a heap of time at sea doing communications and electronic warfare. Amongst his roles he enjoyed Telegraphy immensely, and now having successfully attained his Foundation Licence (with a view to upgrade) he is looking forward to obtaining a Morse Key and getting the ham gear he has (the classic ICOM 720A and a ICOM 751) operating in the morse part of the HF bands. Mike is also involved with Birdlife Australia and hasn't quite swallowed the anchor, living onboard a yacht at sea. Mike would like to become a member of the Club and expand his knowledge of the Amateur Radio Universe, especially within the realm of Morse.

Motion 202509001 That Mike Grigg VK4MRG be accepted as an Ordinary Member of the Club.

Moved by Gavin/VK4ZZ, Seconded by Snow/VK4ME
– CARRIED unanimously with applause.

SHOW AND TELL:

Les/VK4ALS told of efforts still underway at the home QTH to repair damage to some of the household electrics and irrigation system caused by the lightning strikes in March 2025.

Wayne/VK4WSG told of his progress so far as a student in the Advanced Training Course with Ron Betrand's radioelectronicschool and how the course is structured.

Gavin/VK4ZZ passed around a copy of the first edition of the Welcome to Townsville booklet put together by David/VK4OF for handing out to new people stationed at RAAF Garbutt. The booklet contains local information and contact details for defence friendly businesses and organisations.

ACCEPTING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion 202509002 Accept the minutes for the August 2025 Management Meeting as printed in Back-scatter.

Moved by Snow/VK4ME, Seconded by Ben/VK4YT
– CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Nil

**Minutes of
Management
Meeting
Held on
the 2nd of
September 2025
at the Club
Rooms SES HQ,
Green Street,
West End**

The TOWNSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary, Gavin/VK4ZZ detailed the following correspondence...

Inwards. 11 articles, Outwards. 7 articles, as detailed in the Correspondence Log with the most noteworthy being:

- WIA Secretary – Presidents Online Meeting Sun 14th September 2025
- Townsville City Council – Rates Notice Mt Stuart Repeater Site
- Peter Harrex/VK4PQ to SES Townsville – obtaining bank account details
- Richard Goodhew VK4PQV – Reports for September Management meeting
- Lyndall Reibelt VK4ZM – Report for September Management meeting
- Peter Harrex VK4PQ – Report for September Management meeting
- Ray Schinkel VK4OIL – Report for September Management Meeting
- Phil Strom VK4HSV – Report for September Management Meeting
- Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY – Motion to open access to theTARCinc Facebook Page
- TARC Financial Members – QTECH 2025 1st & 2nd November Brisbane VHF Group – sent to members
- TARC Financial Members – Notifications for Management Meeting, Project Night and Social Evening
- TARC Financial & Honorary Members & Complementaries – Backscatter August 2025
- Mike Grigg VK4MRG, membership application and subs
- TARC Financial Members – Management Meeting Agenda so far
- John Barrett/TOWSA – Thanks for theTARCinc members support for the 2025 Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim & donation

Motion 202509003 Accept the Secretary's Report.

Moved by Gavin/VK4ZZ, Seconded by Phil/VK4HSV
– CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM SECRETARY REPORT:

- Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY – Motion to open access to theTARCinc Facebook Page – Dealt with in General Business.
- John Barrett/TOWSA – Thanks for theTARCinc members support for the 2025 Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim & donation.

Good morning Gavin. Thanks for the write up in Back Scatter. Thanks also for your support for the 2025 Salt 66 Magnetic Island Swim. It turned out to be a successful day after a trying start. This was due, in part, to the enthusiastic support provided by you and your Club members. As always the support of TARC was first class and professional. On behalf of the organizing Committee, please pass on my thanks and appreciation to your participating Club members for their interest and help in making the Race such a success. Thank you and your Club's for your participation and support. We have made a direct transfer to the TARC Bendigo Bank Account for \$250.00 as a donation to your Club in appreciation for your help in our Event.

Once again, thank you for supporting the 2025 Swim.

Yours in swimming

JB

John Barrett

President and Race Director, Townsville Open Water Swimming Association Inc.

Gavin advised the meeting that the 72nd Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim has been pencilled in for Saturday 27th June and this was already fixed in the Club's Comms Support calendar.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Peter/VK4PQ presented the Treasurers Report to the meeting and asked for questions before asking the meeting to accept the report.

Motion 202509004 Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Peter/VK4PQ, Seconded by Ray/VK4OIL
– CARRIED unanimously.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS;**ASSESSMENTS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:**

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported:

ACMA runs the Amateur Radio Assessors Service.

- Specialist Assessors available for remote or online assessments are

Laurie Pritchard/VK4BLE in Brisbane on 0411413588,

Ron Bertrand/VK2DQ on Gold Coast on 0426771808,

Gail Lidden/VK4ION in Bundaberg on 0410121345,

- General Assessors available for face to face assessments in the regions

Stuart Dunk/VK4SDD in Malanda on 0407700096,

Bob Ronai/VK4BOB in Cairns on 0438323737,

Howard Small/VK4BS in Cairns on 0425825799,

Darrin Archer/VK4GEO in Mount Isa on 0418981353,

Eric Baker/VK2TRD in Mount Isa on 0427703693,

Lyndall Reibelt/VK4ZM in Townsville on 0427688014,

Roy Moore/VK4RM in Sarina on 0409597410,

Clive Sait/VK4ACC in Rockhampton on 0429632815,

Ray Dobinson/VK4XXX in Rockhampton on 07 49281219

Lawrie Ellis/VK4LE in Gladstone on 0477166712

If you do not get an answer on these numbers, be sure to leave a message otherwise, you will be treated as a bogus caller and possibly blocked.

For a full list of assessors, information on the Exam Service and the Amateur Radio service in Australia, surf to the ACMA website and search for Amateur Radio Accredited Assessors. An assessment session was held by Lyndall/VK4ZM on Thursday 21st August at the TARCinc Clubrooms.

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Gavin VK4ZZ reported :

Callouts – Nil

Communications Support – 1 event.

Sat 16 to Sun 17 August - NQORA QLD Championship Round Off Road Racing Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers.

The event was cancelled due to administrative difficulties. Many Thanks to Lyndall/VK4ZM, Gary/VK1ZZ and Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB for being available anyway.

Next Events -

Sat 6 to Sun 7 September - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Spring Push Horse Endurance Rides 5/20/40 - NQ Equestrian Centre Bluewater Park. Operators so far VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, VK4IGM, VK4YT, VK4MSG.

Sat 20 to Sun 21 September - Kennedy Region Scouts Nighthawk activity, Kelso area. Operators so far - VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, VK4ZMB, VK4ME, VK4IGM, VK4WSG, VK4HSV, VK4YT, VK4MRG, more operators would be good.

Sat 4 to Sun 5 October - NQORA Gold City 450 Off Road Racing Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers. Operators so far - VK1ZZ, VK4ZMB, VK4WSG, VK4ZWC, more operators needed.

Thu 2 April to Mon 6 April 2026 - Whitsunday Regional Endurance Riding Assoc. 5/10/20/40/80/Harness & Mini Marathon Easter Carnival of Horse Endurance Rides - Euri Gold Farms near Bowen. Operators so far - VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, VK4CUZ, VK4ME, VK4HSV, many more operators needed.

Sat 27 June 2026 - Townsville Open Water Swimming Assoc. Magnetic Island to Townsville Open Water Swim. Assemble from 5-30am Strand Park, Picnic Bay, Cleveland Bay. Operators so far - VK4FUU, VK4AAH, VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, VK4IGM, VK4HSV, more operators would be good.

If you can help out with any of these events please contact Gavin/VK4ZZ on 0427182469 or on the wireless

TECHNICIAN REPORT:

- Kerry/VK4TUB was an apology for the meeting.

STATION MANAGERS REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :

- Club Station gear - functioning well.

- Club Mt Stuart gear - functioning well. 2m voice repeater good, 70cm voice repeater online, UHF CB repeater online, APRS digipeater good. 23cm Beacon good.

- Training for Assessments - One training sessions this month.

- VK4WIT Operations - No portable operations this month.

- VK4ATV Operations – Portable operation on the VP80 Activation of the Historic Oonoonba Bomb Crater on Sunday 17th August 2025.

- VK4ATV WSPR Beacons – Propagation improving on the higher bands,

again thanks to Lloyd spotting 6m with VK4TVL – Canary Islands is spotting 21MHz transmissions, good results 21 and 14MHz to Japan, Canada, United States, New Zealand and most VK states.

40 and 80metres seen regularly in VK and ZL with a couple of 40m spots seen in USA.

- North Queensland Net - All nets going good, participation good.

A little bit of fading happening from time to time and static starting to build as we get closer to summer.

- Heaps more treasure has been donated – Much Thanks to all !

- Vern/VK4FVC has had a bit of a life change and has deposited some goodies at the Borg Cube that you can pick through at your leisure.

- More work has been done to the Repeater Hut at Mount Stuart – see Phil/VK4HSV report further on.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Ashley/VK4FUU reported: All going well. More magazines to view and share. Some maintenance to the collection due soon.

FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

Phil/VK4HSV reported: The initial maintenance works required on the Mt Stuart Repeater Site Hut prior to the necessary painting works being undertaken on the building have finally been completed. Snow VK4ME, Gavin VK4ZZ and myself attended the site on a number of occasions and probably did a bit more work than was initially envisaged and approved at earlier Management Meetings. Works undertaken included:-

- Replace rusted metal door frame with new timber door frame and rehang existing door and install new weather seal and passage set.

- Provide locking tabs to existing storm door (required to provide additional security to Repeater Hut when existing door frame was to be removed).

- Reinstall existing air conditioner and seal 75mm gap around A/C cabinet where rainwater was entering Repeater Hut.

- Rekey all necessary locks to Restricted Key System including purchase of 2 new restricted key deadbolts, rekeying of 4 padlocks supplied by myself and provision of 6 Restricted Keys. Costs were as follows:-

Replace rusted door frame	\$261.75
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Provide locking tabs to Storm Door	\$ 51.14
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Weatherproof and Reinstall A/C	\$ 85.13
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Restricted Key System	\$432.00 (cost including over-run approved at the last meeting and paid)
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Re-imbursement applied for at this meeting \$398.02 (which is \$148.02 over approved budget)

I believe I had financial approval of \$250 to undertake the replacement of the rusted metal door frame – I have exceeded this approval as well as incurring additional costs for other remedial works which I intend to seek approval for at this meeting.

Motion 202509005 Approve the budget over-run of \$148.02 on the Mount Stuart Repeater Hut Maintenance Project.

Moved by Iain/VK4IGM, Seconded by Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB – CARRIED unanimously.

Motion 202509006 Approve reimbursement of \$398.02 to Phil Strom VK4HSV on the Mount Stuart Repeater Hut Maintenance Project.

Moved by Wayne/VK4WSG, Seconded by Jeff/VK4XA – CARRIED unanimously.

Next stage of the project, Clean and Paint the exterior of the Repeater Hut. Discussion took place to find a suitable weekend for this activity to take place, with the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September for the Big Working Bee. Phil/VK4HSV will liaise with Coates Hire to book the water & pump trailer for pick-up on Friday afternoon 26th September and drop-off early Monday morning 29th September.

Udo/VK4FUDO volunteered to tow the trailer with his Range Rover and Gavin/VK4ZZ volunteered to donate the 1000litres of water to fill the trailer. Phil also suggested an 8am start each day on the weekend for activities to start at the Repeater Site and suggested everyone park in the lower car park to allow room to move at the Repeater Site entrance for the trailer and utilities.

LADIES GROUP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- on behalf of Lyndall/VK4ZM, Gavin/VK4ZZ presented the following report:

The Ann Renton Memorial Net happened on Tuesday 26th August at 0930UTC on the Townsville UHF repeater incorporating the VK4TUB AllStarLink 46740 and Echolink 837219 nodes.

The net consisted of 2 rounds followed by a Ta Ta round and conducted by Lyndall/VK4ZM as Gavin/VK4ZZ was at a meeting of the Kirwan Scout Group discussing plans for this years JOTA/JOTI activities.

Via VOIP modes

Robert/VK2DY, Kellyville Ridge, NSW, Australia via Echolink/VK2DY/VK4TUB

Finally stopped raining, temp got to 24deg. Mowed and cleaned up yard, was a bit soggy. Got out the fancy whizzbang telescope and took it to a local astronomy group in the blue mountains and now know how to work it.

Ben/VK4YT, Kelso, QLD, Australia via AllStarLink/Redcliffe Repeater/VK4TCA/VK4TUB

Been a bit active on the radio with the Remembrance Day contest and the Lighthouse contest. Surprised nights are still a bit cool but days are nice. Thinking of going to Brisbane in November for the QTEC

Alan/VK4AVN, Redcliffe, QLD, Australia via AllStarLink/Redcliffe Repeater/VK4TCA/VK4TUB

First time on net, been using radio for 12 – 14 months since getting licence and is good to talk on the radio. Have some meetings to attend tomorrow (NDIS and others), hoping supporter can come but will be taking VK9DOG (hi hi) along on the bus if supporter cannot come.

Ron/VK4JBY, Enoggera, QLD, Australia via Echolink/VK4JBY/VK4TUB

Downsizing was terrible task with lots of boxes left for the TARC auction. Mandy doing very well after knee replacement. Have been busy putting furniture together in readiness for when Townsville gear arrives.

Scott/VK4NUT, Sapphire, QLD, Australia via AllStarLink/Redcliffe Repeater/VK4TCA/VK4TUB

Unaware that a net was happening and but heard Alan and came up on air. Will lookout for the net next month.

Via the Townsville UHF repeater were

Peter/VK4PQ, Kelso, North QLD, Australia

Due to not reading an email, missed out on the tech talk that looked very interesting. Only staying for 2 rounds so can join in on the tech talk happening tonight.

Snow/VK4ME, Kirwan, North QLD, Australia

Working on power supply to take away in the field and also put a matching coil on dipole recently so worked on improving it today. It works quite well now and is ready to take out in the field. Tubby might be going to Mt Fox this coming Friday so might tag along in the 'Bambino' too. Going to Melbourne in October.

Steve/VK4AEX, Douglas, North QLD, Australia

Have been concentrating on satellite and SSTV and recently bought an interface to use between radio and phone with some good results. Informed the net about his current issue with YouTube and a copyright claim.

The net concluded at 1045UTC after the ta ta round was completed and Net Controller wished everyone a safe Month and to return for the September Net.

The next ARMN will be happening on Tuesday 23rd September at 0930UTC on the Townsville UHF Voice Repeater incorporating the VK4TUB AllStarLink 46740 and Echolink 837219 nodes. Remember too that the Tech on the Air net will be happening on Tuesday 30th September, then on Tuesday 30th December from 0930UTC on the Townsville VHF repeater

incorporating the VK4PQ AllStarLink 49806 and Echolink 956580 nodes along with the VK4GDN AllStarLink 54043 145.145MHz Node.

73's Lyndall/VK4ZM

JOTA CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Richard/VK4FRJG reported:

JOTA/JOTI 2025 will be held on Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th October – which is the third full weekend.

Flinders Region Guides have booked for operators of their JOTA at the Bluewater Girl Guides Training Centre. We need more operators. (Phil/VK4HSV & Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB put up their hands to help the Guides at Bluewater.)

Scouts this year will be group JOTA stations. Kirwan Scout Group are going to Ignatius Park College Camp Gedling on top of Hervey Range, Lyndall/VK4ZM & Gavin/VK4ZZ will be their operators.

Pimlico Mundingburra will be home at their den, Richard/VK4PQV will be with them, but need an extra operator so we came use extra bands. We will need more operators if other groups come looking for an operator.,

QSL CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Ashley/VK4FUU reported:

- No cards received from the inwards bureau for this month.

EDITOR BACKSCATTER REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :

The September 2025 issue will close for articles on Friday afternoon 12th, be with Iain/VK4IGM by Monday 15th for limited print run publishing. Thanks for those who have submitted items – the series of special articles will continue with the next issues !

TRANSMISSION OFFICER & CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

(our transmission officers are Richard/VK4PQV, Lyndall/VK4ZM, Denis/VK4AE, Peter/VK4PQ, Gavin/VK4ZZ)

- Richard/VK4PQV reported:

For the month of August the WIA and Q-NEWS transmissions and call-backs were done by Peter VK4PQ and the NQ news retransmissions and call-backs were by done by Richard VK4PQV. For September the WIA and Q-NEWS transmissions and call-backs plus the NQ news retransmissions and call-backs will be done by Richard VK4PQV.

PUBLICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Iain/VK4IGM reported that all was going well.

WIA CONTACT REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported:

- A reminder that the next WIA Affiliated Club Online briefing will be happening on Sunday 14th September at 0600UTC (4pm) and an invitation to register and attend will be sent by email to all WIA affiliated Club Presidents towards the end of August 2025.

- The 2026 WIA AGM Weekend will be happening in conjunction with the Albury-Wodonga Radio Club VK-SUMMIT on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May.

FACEBOOK MASTER REPORT:

- Paul/VK4ICA had no report for this month.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT:

- Bob/VK4AAH and Phil/VK4HSV will report at the 2025 AGM.

Motion 202509007 moved by Peter/VK4PQ to accept tabled Ex-Officio Reports and Seconded by Ron/VK4JBY.

- CARRIED unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Make Club facebook page fully accessible to the public**

Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY raised the following motion:

'That the TARC Facebook page be made public to allow anyone to comment and interact with the club.'

Thanks to Ron for sending in this by email.

Some discussion had already taken place on the Club Closed User Group facebook page, however since everything posted

to facebook is copywrite Meta Corporation, those comments cannot be used or published here without Meta's permission. Discussion for and against the motion was sought from the meeting.

Ron/VK4JBY – A lot of Brisbane Clubs are allowing public access to their facebook pages 1) to show what fun they are having, 2) showcase activities, 3) attract younger members.

Snow/VK4ME – going public, maybe have a public page and still have the Closed User Group we currently have. Adminstrating the public page would require more moderators so more volunteers from the Club would be needed to make it work.

Richard/VK4PQV – keep it private, seen problems in other groups that go public.

Phil/VK4HSV – not really into facebook but feel current setup is good.

Ben/VK4YT – keep the members group private but searchable and have a facebook page where only approved people can post. The page would need a great more work to have content posted to it and to keep it up to date.

Wayne/VK4WSG – keep the current group the way it is, it is good. A read only page would cover the requirement for the public to see what is going on with the club.

Jeff/VK4XA – extra moderators would be needed to help Paul with running the page (Jeff and Wayne put up their hands).

Gavin/VK4ZZ – when the closed user group was created, only those who had signed a membership form (to comply with the constitution and bylaws of the Club) and approved to be a member of the Club were allowed access to the group. The Club has a duty of care under federal and state legislation to ensure the cyber-safety of any online services it provides.

A page that is viewable by the public with content which is vetted but is read only would comply with the duty of care the Club must comply with. Additionally, access to the closed user group on facebook can be one of the benefits of membership in the Club.

Motion 202509008 that the Club keep the current facebook group in its current form and settings and create a public facing facebook page which is read only.

Moved by Wayne/VK4WSG and Seconded by Ron/VK4JBY.

- CARRIED unanimously.

- VP80 Anniversary Activation of the Historic Oonoonba Bomb Crater

Ray Schinkel VK4OIL Reporting – Sunday 17th August 2025.

What a wonderful day it was. Great weather, great companions and a great result. Thanks to theTARCinc. Management Committee and Members for allowing a Special Event activity to happen including the use of club callsign VK4ATV. This celebration was activated in conjunction with the VP80 weekend, marking the 80th. Anniversary of the ending of the War in the Pacific.

A total of five Stations set up around the Bomb crater, commencing from around 8.00am and continuing through to approx. 5.00pm. What a wonderful array of antennas all pointing hopefully to the DX.

– Participating Stations were : Kerry-VK4TUB, Snow-VK4ME, Wayne-VK4WSG, Chub-VK4FIBW and Wendy & Ray VK4OIL.

It is also very pleasing to welcome visitors to the event: Richard – VK4PQV, Wallaby Bob – VK4WJ, Jo & Ben – VK4YT (with the well behaved dogs), Martin – VK4FMJW, Mike Grigg (awaiting his Callsign allocation) and Les – VK4ALS.

Contacts came from all directions during the day, mostly VK plus some USA and other distant Stations.

The collective result of contacts numbered 64 as conditions fluctuated during the day.

Many thanks to all of the Portable Stations and visitors who took the time and effort to maintain the rhythm of keeping the WW2 Historic Site in front of the Governments and other interested parties.

I have reported and forwarded photos of the success of this occasion to the QLD Government Dept of Development and

have received a "well done" reply. Cheers and a big Thank You to all at TARC Inc. for your support.

Ray Schinkel. VK4OIL

Co-ordinator 'Save the WW2 Historic Oonoonba Bomb Site'.

Advanced planning date claimers

Gavin/VK4ZZ introduced discussion to the meeting about the following future club events with the following results,

- Annual General Meeting - Sun 23rd Nov Rossiter Park

Aitkenvale - 7am Brekkie - 8-30am AGM

- Xmas Party - Sun 14th December – VK4ME Ice Cube

- Xmas Lights Tour - Fri 19th December from 7pm

- Tech On The Air Net Wed 31st Dec from 7-30pm then New Years Day Countdown from 1245UTC for Daylight Saving, from 1345UTC for proper time

- Australia Day Week Radio Camp Out – Thur morn 22nd to Mon arvo 26th January – Girl Guides Training Centre Bluewater (Richard/VK4PQV noted that the booking for this venue has been confirmed.)

- Defence Welcome to Townsville Expo - Townsville Stadium Murray – tentative date Sat 7th Feb from 7-30am

John Moyle Field Day stand-by venue

Richard/VK4PQV advised that a tentative booking for the Girl Guides Training Centre is still current for the John Moyle Field Day weekend and wanted to know if he should cancel the booking. Discussion took place as to whether to keep the booking running in case access to the Mt Fox Camp Ground was limited due to the planned roadworks on Mt Fox Road or if information gleaned from the Mayor of Mt Fox allows for cancelling the booking for the stand-by venue. Snow/VK4ME undertook to talk to the Mayor of Mt Fox about the state of road works and the consensus was to revisit the stand-by venue booking at the November Management Meeting.

FURTHER GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil.

There being no further business, the President Snow/VK4ME closed the meeting at 2136h local time and wished everyone goodnight and a safe return to the next Monthly Management Meeting on the 7th of October 2025.

Minutes Transcribed 12th September 2025 by Gavin Reibelt VK4ZZ - Secretary 2025, The Townsville Amateur Radio Club (Inc).



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**Remember !
Membership Subs
Needed to be Paid
By 30th June 2025.**

**Not sure if you paid ahead when you were going away ?
Think you missed a year or three ? Want to just say hi to
one of the original good guys ? Check your membership
status with Treasurer Peter/VK4PQ soonest !**

phone - 0407 177841 email - peter.harrex@bigpond.com
Subs can be paid in person, via mail with cheque or via Internet
Direct Transfer. Details for direct transfer -

Account Name – The Townsville Amateur Radio Club In
Bank - Bendigo BSB 633000 Account Number 230033540
Reference (your surname or callsign).

- email Treasurer with details as well, otherwise your payment
might be missed !

Done the deed and paid already? Thank You!

**This is the final reminder before the yearly membership
list purge takes place.**

Solar Panels !

Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB has these gorgeous Solar Panels ready to fly into your shack power system.

Local pickup in Townsville only.

12 by 1650 x 994 x 36 Pmax 250W Trini
TSM-250PC05A bare aluminium
1.6401 m² = 15% Voc 38.0V Vmpp 30.3V
Isc 8.8 A Imp 8.3 A

All \$20 each. Contact Hairy on

[qrm] rnsstone [at] gmail [dot] com [qrm]

[making sure to decode the countermeasures first]

Packet Radio Lives!

Longed for the AX25 modulation sounds in your radio shack?
Need a fix of a bulletin list? Well you can still have a Packet fix either by radio or via telnet.

The VK4OT-3 FBBS Heatley NQLD is accessible 24 hours a day either via the radio port on 145.175MHz or via Telnet on vk4ot.ddns.net port 6300.

You can connect in the Townsville area via the radio port and set up access with password, or email the sysop Jason on [qrm] vk4ot [at] outlook [dot] com [dot] au [qrm] to set up Telnet access or find out more, [ensuring to disengage and translate the countermeasures first].

VK4DJC Winlink Radio Message Server Operational

Located in Mount Morgan in Central Queensland operating 24 hours per day 7 days a week using VARA mode and Public Access enabled on the following spot frequencies (subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency), using USB on HF, FM on VHF. 7061.5kHz, 10146.5kHz, 14112.5kHz 28101.5kHz 144675kHz



Make an offer for this Tower and Antenna combo

The following is offered from a deceased estate and is being administered by John/VK4FNQ. Approx 40foot 4 post tower with rotator and the following antennas -
- 5 element 6metre yagi

- 10 element 2metre yagi
- 17 element 70centimetre yagi
- 5 element 2metre vertical yagi
- 80metre inverted V dipole

The successful purchaser will remove the tower and equipment which is located in the Charters Towers area. The combination will not be split - it is a package deal. A very good local Franna crane operator is available and is reasonably priced.

Contact John/VK4FNQ on 0409 631624 to make the deal or find out more.

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PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS : BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Sep MATMAN himself 4GUN
24 Denis 4AE your friendly JMMFD National Manager
24 Ron 2DQ radioelectronicschool master
25 Paul 'Jimmy' 4CK
27 Teri 4HYL, board of control of Don 4MC
27 Rob 4RB, OM of Lynda
28 Bob 4CWL, OM of Cherie
29 Wayne 4YWG, OM of Cate
30 Sept Charlotte & Gillian,
Twin Harmonics of Steve 4SGW & Heather
1 Oct Markus 4TMZ XYM of Rosemary
3 Lynda, board of control of Rob 4RB
3 Jenny 2JMP, board of control of Bob 2ADF
5 Ken 4KF XYM of Pat
6 Lorne 4TLB XYM of Debbie
7 Mark 4FMAR
10 Bev, board of control of Rossco 4AQ
18 Rob 4CRM/1RM the master of Extreme Loafing
21 Lincoln, Harmonic of Wendy & Leigh 4HLW
21 Shorty 4FABT XYM of Mary
23 Katrina 4KMA, board of control of Paul 4ICA
26 Amelia, board of control of John 4DFZ
27 Lyndall 4ZM, board of control of Gavin 4ZZ
27 Carole, board of control of Trevor 4WTC
28 Steve 4SJB, Digital Maestro
29 Gary 4OO XYM of Beth
4 Nov Snow 4ME, XYM of Sharon
9 David 4FDDT
10 Fiona, granddaughter of Peter Renton
13 Robert, Harmonic of Steve 4SGW and Heather.
13 Bazz 4XPR, from NAVCOM
14 David 4FDJG
14 Dave 4ZDP
18 Wayne 4FEET
19 Trisha, 2 I/C of the flight crew of 4ZM & 4ZZ
26 Steve 4SGW, XYM of Heather
28 Nov Paul and Mark, twin grandsons of Peter Renton
1 Dec Bronwyn, harmonic of Peter 4PVH
2 Leigh 4HLW, XYM of Wendy
4 Joan, board of control of Colin 4UCM
9 Mike 4MSA, your friendly aero-paramedic
11 John the 5th -1st Harmonic of Amelia & John 4DFZ
11 Kristina, youngest of the flight Crew of Lyndall 4ZM & Og 4ZZ
14 Tubby 4TUB
15 Bill 4FW, XYM of Cheryl
20 Chris Drew
21 Sally Grattidge, renown watercolour artist and designer of the TARC logo
22 Dr Lloyd 4FP
25 John 4JPA, XYM of Rhonda
27 Vern 4FVC, XYM of Nell
28 Philippa, harmonic of Eleanor & Ian 4ZT
29 Judy Robertson
29 David 4KDH
31 Rob 4ARQ
31 Dec Iain 4IGM, XYM of Sheila 4PAI

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Oct Luz & Geoff 4JDW
26 Oct Amelia & John VK4DFZ
8 Nov Sharon & Jeff VK4XA
28 Nov Veen & Clyde VK4FCRH
1 Dec Marion & Joe VK4AM
19 Dec Leslie & Phil VK2JOK
21 Dec Janet & Cedric VK7CL
9 Jan Roslyn and Don VK4GUN
(that's Matman and Roslyn)

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CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AGM WEEKEND



A sunset view of Lake Maraboon from the venue

The nittie gritties -

Venue : Maraboon Power & Ski Club 86 Fairbairn Dam Road Gindie

Date : From 2pm Friday 26th September to 10am Sunday 28th September

Food : Meal Package \$25 per head.

Member Fees: \$20 single \$25 family

Digs : Powered Site at venue \$30 per night no booking necessary. Self Contained Sites at Model Flying Club through Bob/VK4CWL

Happenings : Saturday 27th Sept AGM, Raffles, Money Board, Mega Auction, Feast.

Look : RSVP Deadline to Helen/VK4FHEL

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

via CHARC Facebook Page or SMS to 0412038033.

Pay : Direct Deposit Details - BSB 064 704

Account Number 000904743 Reference Callsign or Surname
Send notification via email vk4wch@wia.org.au

The full Monty -

The famous and popular Central Highlands Amateur Radio Club AGM weekend will be happening from 2pm Friday 26th to 10am Sunday 28th September 2025 at the Maraboon Powerboat & Ski Club near Emerald Central Queensland. Not only will the Annual General Meeting be held on Saturday afternoon, there will also be the famous Mega Auction of Treasure, a Multi Draw Raffle, a Radio Equipment Raffle, the Money Board, a sumptuous Meal Package gathered by CHARC volunteers and cooked up by the Iron Faraday Cage Chefs plus a chance to catch up with fellow hams and support crews at one of the best spots in Central Queensland. CHARC Inc. Events Co-ordinator Helen/VK4FHEL needs your catering numbers NO LATER than **FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER!** You can advise Helen either on the CHARC Facebook Page or by SMS on 0412038033.

Camping and Caravan Site accommodation at the venue is available on powered and watered sites for \$30 per night, paid on site via card to the caretaker, around the corner at the Lake Maraboon Holiday Resort with options ranging from camping to luxury villa (at a bigger price) or if you are self contained you can contact Bob/VK4CWL to arrange a campsite at the Central Highlands Model Flying Club facility at nearby Mosquito Creek. There is also the option to travel out from Emerald to partake in a variety of motel, hotel, caravan or camping services.

Membership Fees are Due! Fees must be paid prior to the General Meeting/Annual General Meeting - Single \$20 PA Family \$25 PA

MEAL PACKAGE: \$25 per head (for attendees over 16years of age) will get you Lunch, Dinner, Dessert, Sunday Breakfast and a free Soft Drink.- and what a menu !

Saturday Sizzling Lunch Sausage - a snag and onion with sauce cooked to perfection by the Iron Faraday Cage Chefs served on fresh bread.

Saturday Night Feast - a sumptuous selection of Rib Fillet Steak, Gluten Free Sausages, Onion, Lettuce, Beetroot, Tomato, Pineapple, Cheese plus Coleslaw, Pasta Salad & Potato Bake. Dessert either Homemade lemon Cheesecake, Homemade Caramel Tart, Pavlova, Apple Pie with Custard.

Sunday Morning Recovery Breakfast - Bacon and/or Egg cooked to perfection by the Iron Faraday Cage Chefs on bread or toast or plate.

If there are any special dietary needs please let Helen know.

MONEY BOARD: It's \$2 per number - winning number gets \$100 Prize.

RAFFLES: There is a Multi-Draw Prize Bonanza and also a Radio Equipment Raffle. It would be very appreciated if you can support the Multi-Draw Raffle by kindly donate a prize or two.

MEGA AUCTION:

Clear your radio shack or homewares treasure trove out now and put it all in the Mega Auction - you will need to make room for all the treasure you will score and take back home ! \$5 items mysteriously wrapped would also be appreciated.

PROGRAMME

Friday Sept 26th from 2pm - Arrivals and set up - walkies, check out the venue. Take in the wonderful sunset views across Lake Maraboon. Meet and Greet.

Saturday Sept 27th

9am - 12pm - More Arrivals and Meet and Greet.

- Start putting your treasure and mystery items into the Mega Auction. Start putting in any Raffle Prizes you are donating.

12pm - Sizzling Sausage Lunch at the Club House.

2.30 - 3.50pm - If you haven't already paid by internet transfer see the Treasurer to pay your membership fees and catering costs. (This will be the last time you will be able to pay and this will allow the Treasurer to finalise the moneys before AGM & Meeting).

2.30 - 4pm - Raffle Tickets & Money Board sales.

4 - 5pm - General Meeting & Annual General Meeting at the Air Conditioned Club House.

6pm - Saturday Night Feast

6.30 - 7pm - Last chance to purchase Raffle Tickets & Money Board Numbers. - Raffle Draws.

MEGA AUCTION WILL NOT START UNTIL DINNER IS FINISHED

Sunday Sept 28th

7 - 9am - Recovery Breakfast then Farewells.

Direct Deposit Details -

BSB 064 704 Account Number 000904743

Reference Callsign or Surname

Send notification via email vk4wch@wia.org.au

Hope to see you at the CHARC AGM Weekend in Central Queensland!



Let Bob/VK4CWL sell you some Mega Treasure



how to get there - if you get to the Dam or the Department of Education Camp you have gone too far.

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NOTES: all transactions at the AGM Site will be in CASH no ATM onsite and no card services - nearest cash outlet is multiple sites in Emerald. If you are staying at the venue campsites payment to the Caretaker will be via card on the Square system. Remember, if you are self-contained contact Bob/VK4CWL to find out about the accommodation option at the Model Flying Club venue at nearby Mosquito Creek.

Cardwell Gathering

October Long Weekend



Meunga Creek – see if you can spot the croc!

The Cardwell Gathering will be taking place from Friday afternoon October 3rd to Monday morning October 6th at the Meunga Creek Caravan Park near Cardwell FNQ.

This is a call to all Hams and support crews and anyone interested in taking up the hobby of Amateur Radio to spend a long weekend (or longer) in paradise.

Meunga Creek Caravan Park is located 4km north of Cardwell along the Bruce Highway at 12 Ellerbeck Road, Ellerbeck, Far North Queensland. The Park is nestled between the banks of Meunga Creek, the Great Northern Railway Line and luscious rainforest, offers a laid back retreat for bush camping with spacious sites that are great for self sufficient campers, or with power and water if you want to seriously glamp. The park is pet friendly and has a modern ablutions block with 4 hot showers complete with laundry with 2 washing machines and a dryer.

Campfires are welcome (with fire pots supplied – BYO wood) and each site features nice tall trees with varying degrees of sun and shade. It is only a 10 minute drive back into the Cardwell CBD, 5 minutes drive to the famous Cardwell Spa Pools and Forest Drive Creek Circuit. You get a choice of camp spot and required facilities upon arrival. Since the Rainforest is very close it is recommended that you bring a good supply of insect repellent, however that close proximity means there are great opportunities for bird & possum watching, native reptile spotting and if you are lucky you might get to spot the local croc in the creek.

Mobile phone service is excellent from both Telstra and Optus Sites on nearby Mulleys Hill and TV services also transmit out of Mulleys Hill.

Meunga Creek Caravan Park Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Meunga-Creek-Caravan-Park/100057476648585/>

Meunga Creek Caravan Park WikiCamps Page

<https://wikicamps.com.au/site/Queensland/Caravan+Park/Meunga+Creek+Caravan+Park/77654>



[in the electronic version, click here for Google directions from Cardwell CBD to Meunga Creek Caravan Park](#)

Make sure you bring your own Comfy Chairs, standing whilst watching others engage in the lost art of Extreme Loafing could be very uncomfortable for you.

The proprietors of the Caravan Park value that same laid back lifestyle they offer during your stay, so for direct contact on the phone please call at the optimal time between 4pm and 5pm daily. Otherwise text the contact number with a message with these details – Your Name, Your best Contact Number, Number of People you are booking in with, Date and Time you are arriving, Date and Time you are leaving, Site Requirements (unpowered, powered, powered and water).

The contact number is – **0429 728913**

If you require more sumptuous accommodation there is plenty available nearby –



in the electronic edition – [click here](#) to see an expanded view.

Cardwell Beachcomber Motel and Tourist Park –

43A Marine Parade Cardwell. Bookings phone – 07 40668550

Website – <https://www.cardwellbeachcomber.com.au/>

Cardwell @ The Beach (Lyndoch Motel and Bottle Shop) –

215 Victoria Street (Bruce Highway) Cardwell. Bookings

phone – 07 40668500 Website – <https://cardwellatthebeach.com.au/>

Kookaburra Holiday Park –

175 Victoria Street (Bruce Highway) Cardwell, Bookings phone –

07 40668648 Website – <https://kookaburraholidaypark.com.au/>

Cardwell Beachfront Motel –

1 Scott Street Cardwell. Bookings phone – 07 40668776

Website – <https://cardwellbeachfrontmotel.com.au/>



onboard Cardwell Jetty heading into the Seafest

Things to do – Lots of nice tall trees at the park to put your antennas into, a chance to make more. Some HF nets participated in over the weekend plus the North Queensland Net live from Meunga Creek, plus heaps of techie stuff happening, some cookups and of course some extreme loafing.

Around the area though are some great attractions, such as the Cardwell Seafest happening over the weekend, with Saturday morning Hot Rod Classic Car and Bike Show with live music and food displays on the Foreshore, plus tropical plant and flower Expo at the Coastguard, Saturday Night Country Club rock and roll with live entertainment, The Saturday Night Foreshore Fireworks Display, Sunday Markets and Fishing & Boating Expo with food stalls and kiddies activities plus the acclaimed RSL BBQ Lunch.

There is also the famous Cardwell Op-Shop in Richards Street open 9am to 12pm Fri and Sat. Og regularly tidies the cable bin for those who need to grab a superseded cable or two.

The Cardwell Sea Pools is a short drive from the Park and a trip up the Kirrama Range Road to Blencoe Falls is in easy striking distance. Keen to get a sea monster or three? Fishing in Rockingham Bay or off Cardwell Jetty is prolific. Got a yearning for culture – check out the Girringun Art Centre or the crafts stores in town. You can also take in some telecommunications history at the Visitor and Heritage Centre with a tour through the Bush Telegraph Museum.



plenty of walkies tracks near Meunga Creek.

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Mount Stuart Big Working Bee, Sat 27 and Sun 28 September All Hands On Deck!

That's right, the Working Bee to pressure clean the outside of the Mount Stuart Repeater Hut and the repainting of the exterior of the Repeater Hut happens on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September and ALL TARCadians and support crews are needed to help with the working bee.

Facilities Co-ordinator Phil/VK4HSV has booked the pressure cleaner trailer and bought the paint and accessories but needs you to pitch in to make the job successful.

Turn up at the site on Saturday and Sunday Morning from 8am and be self sufficient with food and drink for two days of worthwhile work at the Repeater Site. Bring your comfy chairs to help with fatigue management.

Those who have self-levelling ladders please bring them! Paint roller trays also needed and those with brush cutters need to bring those too (to cut down the overgrowth along the fence line so a decent firebreak can be made).

So, many hands make light work of big jobs - get in and help make the Repeater Hut look like new again.



Snow/VK4ME replaced an unused access panel on the Repeater Hut on 13th September with this artisan fashioned and installed concrete block that you can have a hand in cleaning and painting during the Big Working Bee!

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Save the Date ! Get Ready Townsville is back for 2025. Head to this *Free Event* and learn how to plan, prepare and act to keep your families and homes safer in our tropical environment and during high-risk weather events. Check out the latest beaut gear the SES get to play with. Track down Wally's Weather to get the latest on the wet season. Grab a Mozzie Repellent Tree from the Townsville City Council Stand - plus lots more! Riverway Oval, Sunday 2nd November, 9a to 12p

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VISUAL BACKSLATTER



This month's effort saving device – the Petrol Powered Tape Measure – for quick retrievals!

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**Jamboree On The Air
October 17 to 19 - 2025
Groups & Operators listing plus
Operators Needed to Help with
Guide and Scout Groups**



Scout and Guide Groups in our region are now contacting their regular Radio Amateur Operator to line up sites and personnel to participate in this year's world-wide event, the largest event on the Scout, Guide and Amateur Radio Calendar. If you can help out with a group that needs operators then please contact our JOTA Co-ordinator Richard VK4PQV on 0400339543 and he will match you up to a group.

Known JOTA Activations in FNQ, NQ, CQ

Cairns Amateur Radio Club at Smithfield Scout Den with Scout Groups from the Cairns and Atherton Tablelands regions.

theTARCinc members with Scout Groups in the Townsville Region.

theTARCinc members with Flinders Region Guides at Bluewater Training Centre.

Mackay Amateur Radio Association at Rowellan Park near Mackay with Scout Groups from the Mackay region.

RADAR Club with Scout & Guide Groups from the Rockhampton region.

Gladstone Club with Scout Groups from the Gladstone region.

Bundaberg Amateur Radio Club at Wyper Park with Scout Groups from the Bundaberg region.

Australian voice calling frequencies:

3.650, 7.090, 14.190, 21.190, 28.590, 52.160MHz

World CW calling frequencies:

3.570, 7.030, 14.060, 18.080, 21.140, 24.910, 28.180, 50.160MHz

World voice calling frequencies:

3.690 & 3.940, 7.090 & 7.190, 14.290, 18.140, 21.360, 24.960, 28.390, 50.160MHz

Calling frequencies for Slow Scan TV (SSTV):

3.630, 7.033, 14.227MHz

Calling Frequencies for PSK31

14.070MHz

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Notification of 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Pursuant to clauses in the Club Constitution and sections of the Queensland Associations Incorporations Act, Notice is hereby given that The Townsville Amateur Radio Club (Inc) will be holding the Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday Morning, November 23rd 2025

**VENUE : Area 2 - Rossiter Park, from 7 am till 11am – (Plan B if weather inclement .. Club Rooms West End.)
(The AGM area can be accessed from the carpark near the corner of Kimball and Chambers streets in Aitkenvale.)**

Breakfast to be held from 7am. AGM will start from around 8-30 am. BYO if you have any special dietary requirements. Bring a comfy chair and a comfy hat !

At the AGM, all club executive, committee and ex-officio positions will be declared vacant and nominations of financial members tendered prior to the meeting will be considered for the following positions...

Executive:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Committee:

Seven other members.

Executive and Committee making up the Management Committee of the Club.

Financial Members interested in serving in the Management Committee are required to lodge their interest in writing to the 2025 Secretary, either in person, in writing to the Clubs post office box at PO BOX 333, Garbutt East, QLD 4814

or via e-mail to the Clubs email address at thetarcinc@gmail.com with nominations to reach the Secretary no later than 4 pm, Thursday October 23rd 2025. If necessary, nominations will also be taken at the meeting.

Proxy forms covering business to be transacted at the 2025 AGM are required to be lodged with the Secretary by 8am Sunday November 23rd (see below for sample of proxy form).

Deadline for catering numbers for the AGM Pancake Breakfast is the Friday November 21st 2025.

The agenda for the 2025 AGM consists of:

Gather Proxy Forms

Open Meeting

Apologies

List of Silent Keys

Minutes of 2024 AGM read

(as reprinted in November 2025 Back-scatter)

Presidents Report

Treasurers Report

2025 Management Committee stand down

Chairman for Election appointed

Election of 2026 Management Committee

2026 President assumes chair

Statement of Annual Return Small Association and elect Finance Officers.

Review and set Membership Fees.

Confirm continued affiliations

WIA, SES,

Confirm continued memberships

QRP CW OPS Assoc, RSGB

Acknowledge Life Members

VK4LU, VK4ZZ

Recommend continuance of Honorary Members

Prof. Mal Heron, Judy Robertson, Peter Lindsay VK4TO

General Business.

Further General Business.

Close Meeting.

Signed, Gavin Reibelt, VK4ZZ, Secretary 2025
The Townsville Amateur Radio Club (Inc.)

PROXY FORM : The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc

I, _____

of _____

being a member of the above named association hereby appoint _____

of _____

or failing him _____ of _____
as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of

The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc to be held on the _____ day of _____ 20____, and at
any adjournment thereof

Signed this _____ day of _____ 20____. (Signature) _____.

This form to be used * in favour of
* against the resolution

* strike out whichever is not desired (unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as they think fit).