

theTARcinc Events Calendar

November

- theTARcinc Annual General Meeting – Sunday 23 Nov
Rossiter Park Aitkenvale 7am brekkie 8-30am AGM
WIA News Transmission delayed until 1pm
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Nov 25 starts 7-30pm

December

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Dec 2 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Dec 9 starts 7-30pm
- theTARcinc Xmas Party – at the VK4ME Ice Cube
Sunday Dec 14 from 10-00am
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Dec 16 starts 7-30pm
- theTARcinc Monster Xmas Lights Tour
Friday Dec 19 gathering from 7pm
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Dec 23 starts 7-30pm
- Tech On The Air Net and NYE Countdown
Wed Dec 31 net starts 7-30pm & countdown starts
from 1245UTC for Daylight Saving, from 1345UTC for
proper time – VK4RAT VHF Repeater and Nodes
- TARC Meeting Recess until February 2025.

January

- theTARcinc Australia Day Long Week Family Radio
Camp at Bluewater Girl Guides Training Centre
from pm Thurs 22 to pm Mon 26 January.
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Jan 27 starts 7-30pm
- TARC does the Defence Welcome to Townsville Expo
Saturday Jan 31 at Murray Stadium

February

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Feb 3 starts 7-30pm

more details inside ! - also check out
<https://thetarcinc.weebly.com/>
and listen into the news nets for updates

GLOBAL RADIO EVENTS

WIA Ross Hull Memorial VHF-UHF Contest 1-31 Jan
WIA John Moyle Memorial Field Day - 14 to 15 Mar
AM & CW on ANZAC Day – Sat 25 April
RADAR-MARA Clairview Gathering – 8 to 10 May
Remembrance Day Contest - 15 to 16 Aug
Int. Lighthouse Lightship Weekend – 15 to 16 Aug
CHARC AGM Weekend - Emerald 25 to 27 Sept
TARC Cardwell Gathering – 2 Oct to 5 Oct
Jamboree On The Air – 16 to 18 Oct

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BACKSCATTER

November 2025



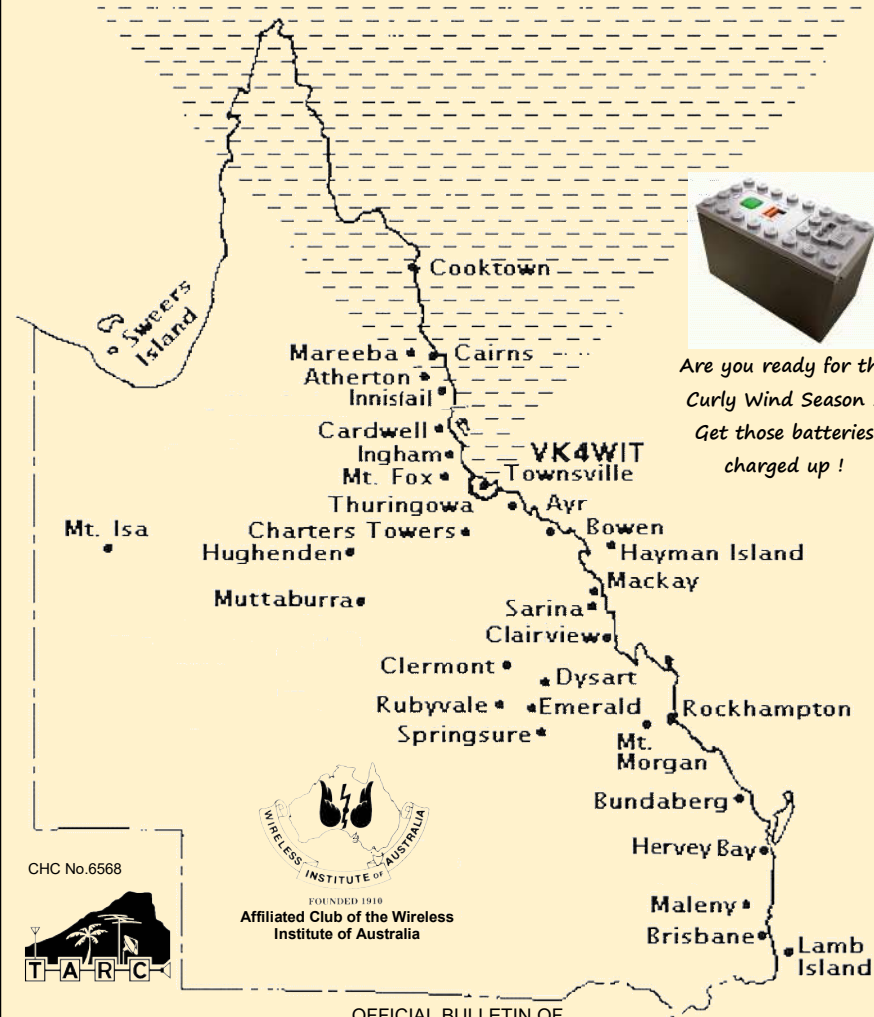
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Are you ready for the
Curly Wind Season ?
Get those batteries
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OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF

THE TOWNSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC.

P.O. Box 333, Garbutt East, QLD. 4814.

VK4WIT-VK4ATV-VK4RAT-VK4RTL

AMATEUR RADIO – The original School Of The Air - November 2025

Stations transmit Marine Weather Warnings on the hour



ATTENDING: At the Club Rooms
VK4's. ME, AAH, BDE, ZZ, FUU, AEX,
PQV, HSV, ZMB.

ATTENDING: via Zoom Session ID – 742 5517 7697
VK4's GFR, YT, PQ, GDN, XA.

VISITORS: Nil

APOLOGIES: VK4's. UCM, JPA, ICA, KMA, EMF, DNF, JWC, LKG, FCRH, FIBW, FBNP, CK, BLE, EI, IGM, PAL, TJS, HCZ, RO, TTW, WDM, KGH, KN, MIK, PA, OT, ZON, ZT, KMD, YMD, FNQ, FRYL, OO, MSS, AE, BRM, LU, GWA, KDF, CD, FVC, PJH, AFW, ZWC, DJC, OIL, FUDO, ALS, WJ, TSV, KEE, YWG, GUN, BVM, TUB, CMW, ZM, PE, TEW, JPA, JBY, GED, MRG, VK1ZZ, ZL1PLG, Joan McDonell, 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, Brad Payn, Vallerie Payn.

Business commenced at 1932h 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: Nil

SHOW AND TELL:

Steve/VK4GFR Getting a new tower to add to the antenna farm, meantime trying to reduce the amount of noise on the lower bands for the KiwiSDR.

Peter/VK4PQ showed the QTECH Lightning Scatter Display on the Blitzortung.org website, used to predict lightning scatter propagation between Tasmania and Victoria.

Stephen/VK4AEX showed a home brewed 1.7GHz dish antenna for chasing weather sats – included 3D printed mounting parts and a hand wound circular polarised element.

Gavin/VK4ZZ passed around the replacement for the classic Baofeng UV5R hand held transceiver – the Baofeng UV5R Mini dual band 1W/5W 999 channel hand held transceiver complete with Bluetooth programming, USB-C charging port and easy to access FM broadcast receiver.

ACCEPTING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Motion 202511001 Accept the minutes for the October 2025 Management Meeting as printed in Back-scatter.
Moved by Phil/VK4HSV, Seconded by Ben/VK4YT
– CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Nil

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

Inwards. 18 articles, Outwards. 6 articles, as detailed in the Correspondence Log with the most noteworthy being:

- QLD Office of Fair Trading – Annual Return Documents for 2025 AGM
- Ergon Energy – Mount Stuart Electricity Accounts 2 October to 2 November 2025
- Richard Goodhew VK4PQV – Nomination for Vice President 2025-2026
- Richard Goodhew VK4PQV – Reports for November Management meeting
- Lyndall Reibelt VK4ZM – Report for November Management meeting
- Peter Harrex VK4PQ – Report for November Management meeting
- TARC Financial Members – Notifications for Management Meeting, Project Night and Social Evening
- TARC Financial & Honorary Members & Complementaries – Back-scatter October 2025

**Minutes of
Management
Meeting
Held on
the 4th of
November 2025
at the Club
Rooms SES HQ,
Green Street,
West End**

The TOWNVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

- TARC Financial Members – WIA Revision of Band Plan Recommendations
- RSGB Radcom Magazine November 2025
- TARC Financial Members – Management Meeting Agenda so far
- AGM 2025 Proxies/Apologies VK4GED, VK4XA, VK4FCRH, VK4FIBW, VK4PQV, VK4GUN, Wendy Schinkel, VK4OIL, Valerie Payn, Brad Payn, VK4TUB, VK4CD, VK4JWC, VK4JBY, VK4YT.
- AGM 2025 Attendance VK4ZZ & VK4ZM, VK4ME, VK4HSV, VK4PQ, Doris & VK4WSG, Marion & VK4AM, VK4PAL & VK4IGM, Jeanette & VK4WJ, VK4AAH, VK4TEW, VK4AEX, VK4YWG, VK4FUU,
- Subs from VK4PJH, VK4JWC, VK4HAI, VK4KGH.

Motion 202511002 Accept the Secretary's Report.

Moved by Gavin/VK4ZZ, Seconded by Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB
– CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM SECRETARY REPORT:

- Nil

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 202511003 Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Peter/VK4PQ, Seconded by Jeff/VK4XA

– CARRIED unanimously.

Peter also advised that the books for preparation of the 2025 Finance Report for the AGM have had the examinations completed by the Finance Officer.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Gavin VK4ZZ reported :

Callouts – Nil

Communications Support – nil events.

2025 Comms Support – Notes on events –

No more planned comms support events for 2025, however be ready in case the Curly Wind Season causes some disaster activations! Some of the horsie tracks at Euri Gold are being modified to cover more variety of landscapes. More horsie tracks are being expanded for the B2B rides. Nighthawk 2026 will be happening sometime in July, Panda is currently trying to pin the date to avoid clashes. The Easter Horsie Rides are in a state of flux regarding venue – more next month.

Meantime I would like to thank all these operators for helping out with the comms support events in 2025.

Lyndall/VK4ZM, Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB, Mal/VK4MSS, Gary/VK1ZZ, Zac/VK4ZWC, Iain/VK4IGM, Snow/VK4ME, Jo & Ben/VK4YT, Phil/VK4HSV, Sammi & Peter/VK4PJH, Gary/VK4CUZ, Ashley/VK4FUU, Doris & Wayne/VK4WSG, Mike/VK4MRG, Gary from B2B & Wayne from B2B, Sonia from WRERA.

We supported 5 Horsie Rides, 1 Nighthawk, 3 Off-Road Races and the Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim. We had cancellation of some events due to the extended Wet Season and also some organisational machinations.

Next Events -

Thu 2 April to Mon 6 April 2026 – Easter Horse Endurance Rides.

Operators so far - VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, VK4CUZ, VK4ME, VK4HSV, Doris & VK4WSG, many more operators needed.

Sat 16 to Sun 17 May - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Autumn Escalade Horse Endurance Rides 5/20/4/80 - NQ Equestrian Centre Bluewater Park.

Operators so far VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, many more operators needed.

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

TECHNICIAN REPORT:

- Kerry/VK4TUB was an apology for the meeting.

STATION MANAGERS REPORT:

- 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 - No training sessions this month.

- VK4WIT Operations - No portable operations this month.

- VK4ATV Operations - No portable operations this month.

- VK4ATV WSPR Beacons - 6metres is cooking! JH1GYE & JM7NBS have spotted us. Spotted on 10m by VK6QS & VK6PVL and VK7OO.

Most distant spots on 15m by BM2KKV, JA5NVN & ZL2005SWL plus VK2, VK3, VK6 & VK7. Most distant spots on 20m by EA1FAQ, KD7EFG, ZL2BCI plus VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5, VK6 & VK7. Most distant spots on 40m by KFS/SW, ZL2BCI plus VK2, VK3, VK4, VK5 & VK7. Most distant spots on 80m by VK7DIK, VK2EFM plus VK4TMH & VK4DL

- North Queensland Net - All nets going good, participation variable with both short range and long range fading experienced.

Summer conditions with thunderstorm static starting to affect stations with weaker signal strengths.

- Heaps more treasure has been donated – Much Thanks to all – a bumper Monster Auction is assured!

- More work has been done to the Repeater Hut at Mount Stuart with the Fence Mending Project.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Ashley/VK4FUU reported: All going well. More magazines to view and share.

FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

Phil/VK4HSV reported: Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Fence Fixing Working Bee at Mount Stuart on Wednesday 15th October.

Special thanks to Snow/VK4ME who did an outstanding job with the gate post welding, sometime welding whilst horizontal and upside down. Apart from Phil and Snow, Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ, Les/VK4ALS and Gavin/VK4ZZ made up the volunteer team, with Wallaby and Les tackling the repair on some of the fence posts, Phil, Les and Wallaby affixing the new fence stanchions to the repeater hut, Gavin attacking any exposed metal with lots of Cold Gal and everyone getting the fence back into shape. There was also a little bit of work completed on the repeater hut to complete the work done on previous working bees. A lot of work got completed from 8am to 2pm so there was no need to continue the working bee into Thursday. Next projects are the completion of the Pole Ladder led by Snow VK4ME, and under Tubby VK4TUB's supervision replacement of some of the rusted equipment racks, tidying of interior cabling & replacement of the DC breakers and tidying of the exterior co-ax cabling plus replacement of rusted antenna fittings.

Phil then advised that the Fence Fixing Working Bee had gone slightly over budget by \$38.28 and asked that a motion be raised to approve this extra expenditure.

Motion 202511004 Approve the extra expenditure of \$36.28 for materials used for the Fence Fixing Working Bee.

Moved by Brett/VK4BDE, Seconded by Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB – CARRIED unanimously.

Storm Door Seal – Phil advised that he had taken a sample of the seal material that needs replacing to 5 suppliers and drew a blank with all. One supplier suggested that the seal shape was similar to a cold room seal and suggested contacting either Van Erdes or Air Cool Industries to see if they could help. Gavin advised that TARCadian Kev Ballment worked for Van Erdes and has had extensive experience in cold room construction and gave Phil Kev's mobile number.

LADIES GROUP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

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

The Ann Renton Memorial Net happened on Tuesday 28th October 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 was conducted by Gavin/VK4ZZ.

Via VOIP modes

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

12C this evening with 1mm rain so far for October. The Pi11 (Digital PDP11 Front Panel Emulator) is finished and is working well. Just like the original except it does not take up a whole room and consumes way less energy than the original equipment. Tried a few different operational systems on it with success. The Garden is going well after the transplant from greenhouse to garden bed. The nearby Sydney West Airport is starting to receive test flights – the air traffic control is done a little differently, no on-site control towers – just a tall pole covered with cameras. The actual Air Traffic Control bunker is a few kilometres away at Mount Druitt.

Ben/VK4YT, Kelso, North QLD, Australia on AllStarLink/VK4YT/VK4TUB

Been busy with things both at home and work. Starting to pack things into boxes for the move to the new QTH

in a few weeks. Planning the Antenna Farm already 😊 Work has been interesting, first week on the regional high voltage control console, the storms on the Atherton Tablelands were fairly electrically violent and some adjustments needed to be made on the fly. Looking forward to QTECH this weekend and catching up again with Ron/VK4JBY.

Peter/VK4PQ, Kelso, North QLD, Australia via VK4CK DMR Bridge/AllStarLink/VK4PQ/VK4TUB

Going via the AllStarLink to DMR Bridge run by Paul/VK4CK with the bridge located at Rowes Bay.

Good Luck with the move Ben and Jo! The 6metre DX propagation is still going well, have been able to add a few more new countries to the contact tally. Will be attending QTECH via the remote feed on the weekend.

Via the Townsville UHF repeater were

Stephen/VK4AEX, Douglas, North QLD, Australia

Been away for work in Ingham for a few weeks – good to be back chasing some more satellites doing SSTV work. Dipped the toe into HF FT8 with a temporary vertical and surprised at the success in getting DX contacts.

Lyndall/VK4ZM, Vincent, North QLD, Australia

Was wished Happy Birthday for Monday from those on the net. Taking it easy in the heat – it's currently around 30C and there has been a couple of light showers to bring up the humidity.

Richard/VK4PQV, Cranbrook, North QLD, Australia

1.8mm on Monday, 1.5mm so far today. Trying to keep the yards watered with sprinklers on watering days. Heading to the Tablelands with Derek towards the end of the month to attend a sisters birthday – sorting out where to sleep.

The net concluded at 1012UTC after the ta ta round was completed and the Net Controller wished everyone a safe Month and to return for the October Net.

The next ARMN will be happening on Tuesday 25th November 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 Wednesday 31st December from 0930UTC then on Tuesday 31st March 2026 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 2025 was held on Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th October – which is the third full weekend.

Flinders Region Guides their JOTA at the Bluewater Girl Guides Training Centre was cancelled by their leaders as they only got back from a Guide Jamboree the week before, and hadn't had time to organise. Thus Phil VK4HSV and VK4ZMB Hairy Richard were spare but not needed. Scouts this year were to be groups JOTA stations.

Pimlico Mundingburra cancelled as only 2 wanted JOTA and they were invited by Kirwan to their camp along with a parent whom was the hot water supplier. Richard VK4PQV went to Kirwan Group to run the HF base. Thus Iain VK4IGM wasn't needed.

Kirwan Scout Group went to Camp Tamaroo Bluewater and they had 70 youth and many leaders and parent helpers. Kirwan was as usual a well run and organised camp group. Radio Operators and Scouts and a few Leaders arrived Friday arvo. Kooka VK4PQV ran the HF base, Lyndall VK4ZM ran the ARDF base and Gavin VK4ZZ ran a base where they could tune in with a couple of HF receivers which they enjoyed, along with the popular Morse keys and a base where they assembled circuits. We were well fed. HF conditions were very poor.

I found on FB Loam Island Group on the Saturday of JOTA had a ceremony as 3 Loam Island Venturers were presented with their King Scout awards on the Saturday night.

So next year Guides will need operators and Scouts will also need operators as it is a Region camp.

QSL CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Ashley/VK4FUU reported:

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

EDITOR BACKSCATTER REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :

The November 2025 issue will close for articles on Friday afternoon 14th, be with Iain/VK4IGM by Monday 17th for the limited print run publishing at the Senator's office. Thanks for those who have submitted items – the series of 4 special articles by Peter/VK4PQ finishes with this issue with the final instalment, in time for all of you to get your DMR/YSF bridging projects done over the Christmas break!

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 October 2025 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.

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PUBLICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Iain/VK4IGM reported via Gavin/VK4ZZ

The limited print run of Back-scatter magazine continues well with much thanks to Hon Susan McDonald, Senator for Queensland and the team at the Townsville Office. Without the Senator's and Staff's support the production of the limited run printed version of Back-scatter would be problematic at best.

WIA CONTACT REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported:

- The WIA have started a review of the Australian Amateur Radio Band Plan Recommendations and is asking all Australian Radioamateurs to look at the review and submit input to assist the review. Already there are submissions regarding WICEN allocations that are out of step with Region 3 recommendations plus the preservation of the 7125kHz AM operating frequency for modified military equipment, current nets with crystal locked equipment participation and events such as AM and CW on ANZAC Day. Information available now on the WIA website.

- The WIA National Office is closed on November 3 and 4 due to the VK3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

- In a recent WIA National News transmission we were advised that TARCadian Denis/VK4AE has retired as the Manager of the WIA John Moyle Memorial Field Day Contest. Denis has held the contest together for many years now when it was at risk of riding off into the sunset. There are bound to be many changes happen and there is a possibility that the unique character of the JMMFD Contest will be lost and it just becomes one of those other Contests, however we are deeply grateful here at the TARCinc for all the effort Denis has put into the JMMFD Contest over the years. Bravo Denis!

- The ACMA has just released the Five Year Spectrum Outlook (FYSO) for 2025 to 2030. This document guides planning of efforts made by the Authority to plan and manage the Radiofrequency Spectrum in Australia. Details available on the ACMA Website.

- A reminder that there is a good support article on the WIA Website regarding Electro Magnetic Radiation Safety complete with video.

- 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 202511005 moved by Peter/VK4PQ to accept tabled Ex-Officio Reports and Seconded by Bob/VK4AAH.

- CARRIED unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:**theTARCinc AGM –**

Gavin/VK4ZZ thanked everyone who have indicated their attendance or apologies plus a special thanks to those who have submitted proxies. He advised that the Accuweather outlook for Sunday 23rd November is for lightly overcast conditions and a 11kph NE breeze in the morning. Gavin finished saying that he hoped to see everyone at the Pergola in the Park for the Pancake Breakfast and the nuts and bolts of the AGM plus a good yarn or two.

Tubby's Erected Antenna Lab –

Gavin/VK4ZZ provided a quick report on the Vertical Antenna Erection afternoon run by Tubby/VK4TUB on Sunday Afternoon November 2nd at Mount View Park. Tubby was assisted by some others in the supply of tripod mounted HF Vertical Antennas and a presentation on the flexibility of the antenna systems to cope with a large variety on environmental situations and transmission requirements. Along with Tubby there was also Wayne/VK4WSG, Wayne/VK4YWG, Rowan/VK4TEW, Clyde/VK4FCRH, Chub/VK4FIBW, Ray/VK4OIL, Richard/VK4PQV, Peter/VK4PQ, Gavin/VK4ZZ and a late arrival from Jan and Phil/VK4HSV. Tubby is planning more lab afternoons, keep an eye out for the next one.

Public Facing Facebook Page - Motion 202509008 follow up –

Following up on the motion passed at the September 2025 Management Meeting - 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. The current facebook page is continuing without any alterations as a closed user group. Status on the creation of a public facing club facebook page as a read only page. Paul, Snow and Gavin are yet to get together to map out the structure and security of the public facing page (a busy time for all) but will have a couple of sessions soon to nut things out.

QTECH Conference Roundup – Ben/VK4YT

Attended in person and it was a good conference. A bit more local and hosted by the Brisbane VHF Group. 1.2 to 12GHz operations were covered plus some sessions on the future of Amateur Radio in Australia with presentations by young Hams. All in all a good weekend, and thanks to Ron/VK4JBY who also attended and billeted me over the weekend. Peter/VK4PQ attended by remote session and found it all to be worthwhile, currently has a 10GHz link across a metre in the radio shack.

VK400 YSF Repeater Update – Peter/VK4PQ

The VK400 Yaesu Fusion Repeater at the Townsville suburb of West End is now permanently linked to the AUS Repeater Reflector, so that now makes it really easy to participate in the Thursday 0930UTC YSF Australia Net run by Ron/VK4JBY. Frequencies to access are provided on the inside front cover of Back-scatter each month and are also given here – you transmit on 431.750MHz and listen on 438.750MHz.

FURTHER GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil.

There being no further business, the President Snow/VK4ME closed the meeting at 2111h local time and wished everyone goodnight and a safe return to the next Monthly Management Meeting on the 2nd of December 2025.

Minutes Transcribed 15th November 2025 by Gavin Reibelt VK4ZZ - Secretary 2025, The Townsville Amateur Radio Club (Inc).



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HF Station for Sale

Ken/VK4HAI is reluctantly selling his seldom used HF Station which consists of -
 ICOM IC-718 HF Transceiver with Microphone & DC Lead plus Regulated Linear 13.8V 30A Power Supply and Extension Speaker,
 Everything is in near new order - as stated seldom used and kept well packed.
 Ken is asking \$2000 with pick-up available at the home QTH in Atherton Far North Queensland.
 Ring Ken now on 0407 502838 to seal the deal.

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 m^2 = 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].

Winlink Radio Message Servers Operational

VK4DJC - 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.

7052kHz, 10146.5kHz, 14112.5kHz 28101.5kHz 144675kHz

VK4GED - Located at Laguna Quays in Central Queensland operating 24 hours per day 7 days a week using VARA mode and Public Access enabled on 7052kHz (subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency) using USB.

Both WinLink RMS also feature online login – arrange your password through the sysops.

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 Nov 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
 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 'Panda' 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 David 4KDH
 31 Rob 4ARQ
 31 Dec Iain 4IGM, XYM of Sheila 4PAL
 1 Jan GraHam 4BB
 5 Mick, 4ANZ
 9 Robyn, board of control of Denis 4AE
 9 Kristyl, board of control of Ken 4HAI
 10 Katherine, harmonic of Denis 4AE and Robyn
 13 Debbie, board of control of Lorne 4TLB
 16 Jeanette, board of control of Bob 4WJ.
 17 Colin 4UCM, XYM of Joan
 17 Jeff 4XA, XYM of Sharon
 18 Bill VKforexZ
 20 Zoe, Harmonic of Lynda & Rob 4RB
 21 Mike 4CMW, XYM of Kerry
 23 Ian 'Chubb' 4FIBW
 26 Jan Heather, XYL of Steve 4SGW
 2 Feb Roy 4RM, YM of Natalie
 4 Gregg 4ZON, YM of Laura
 4 Gary 4KGK, YM of Tina
 7 Sharon, Board of Control of Snow 4ME
 10 Wallaby Bob 4WJ, YM of Jeanette
 11 Alan Cassidy
 12 Erica, Harmonic of Denis 4AE and Robyn
 13 Tex, YM of Lyn 4EI
 15 Gary 4CUZ
 16 Sandra, Harmonic of Susan & Ray 4LU
 18 Tom 4KS
 22 Feb Rob 4TW, YM of Tracey
 3 Mar Philip 4HSV, YM of Jan
 4 Lawrie 4LE
 5 Peter Renton
 5 Clive 4ACC, YM of Kay
 9 Mar Peter 4PQ, YM of Ruth



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 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)
 12 Jan Robyn and Denis 4AE,
 15 Jan Kaye and Bob 4AAH,
 14 Mar Wendy and Ray 4OIL,
 30 Mar Nell & Vernon 4FVC

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VISUAL BACKSLATTER

This month's effort saving device – the Wind Powered Drill – be boring anytime you want!

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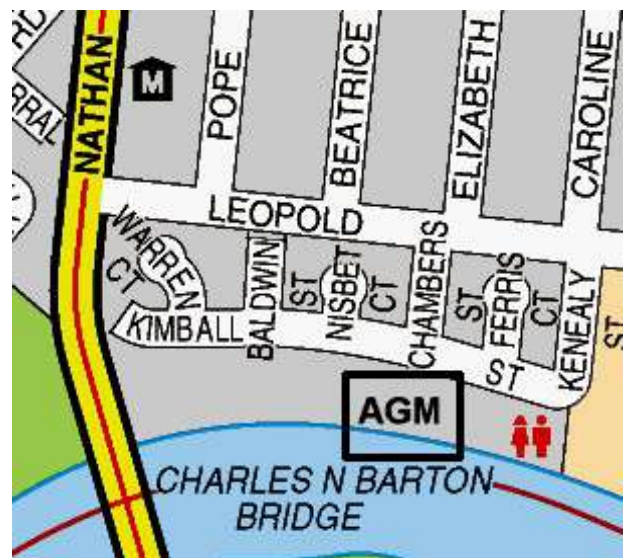
TARC AGM

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of the TARCinc happens on Sunday November 24th from 7am at Area 2 - Rossiter Park Aitkenvale. (Plan B if weather very inclement – Club Rooms Green Street West End – listen to the 2m repeater for update.)

The AGM will start off with a scrumptious Pancake Breakfast from 7am followed by the Annual General Meeting starting 8-30am.

Thanks to those who have already tendered their apologies and proxies – if you cannot attend, please send apologies and proxies soonest.

Collection of catering numbers are currently underway – Catering numbers finalised by Tuesday Night Social Meeting November 18th. Eating so far – VK4ZZ & VK4ZM, VK4ME, VK4HSV, VK4PQ, Doris & VK4WSG, Marion & VK4AM, VK4PAL & VK4IGM, VK4AAH, VK4TEW, VK4AEX, VK4YWG, VK4FUU, Jeanette & VK4WJ, VK4TUB.



..access the AGM carpark via Chambers or Kenealy Street then Kimball Street.

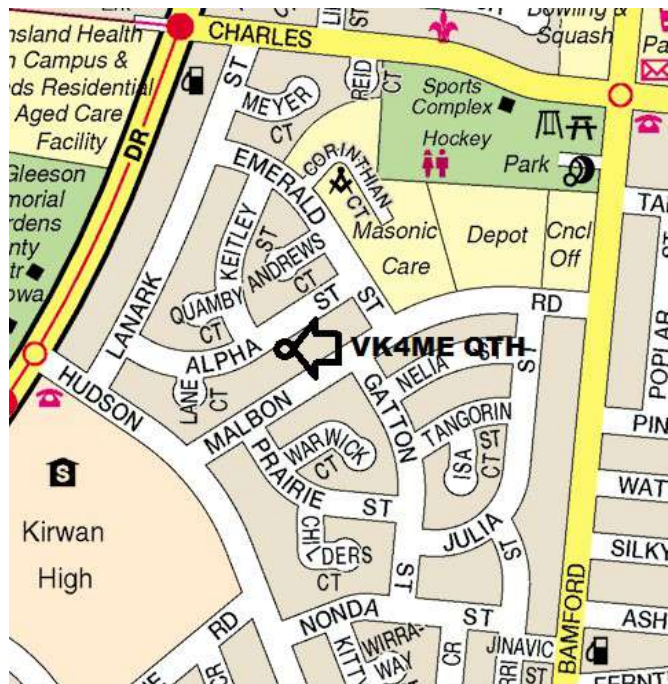
theTARCinc XMAS Party

theTARCinc 2025 Christmas Party and Monster Auction happens on Sunday December 14th from 10am at the VK4ME Ice Cube & Antenna Farm, 14 Alpha Street Kirwan. Ensure when you are parking in Alpha Street you keep the driveways clear.

Your hosts Sharon and Snow/VK4ME hope that TARC Club Members and Families will come along and celebrate responsibly and with fun.

Timetable of events

From 10am assemble the Monster Auction, Mystery Pressie Auction, ready the Lunch thingies, find a comfy spot.
From 11am the Monster Auction will get underway.
From 12-30pm the BBQ Lunch (funded by TARC) will light up.
From 1pm the Mystery Pressie Auction will get underway, then the drawing of the BRAG Raffle will take place.



Here is a how get there –

- put your GPS-navigator in the stuff for the Monster Auction – it will only lead you astray anyway - and trundle to the intersection of Alpha Street and Emerald Street Kirwan.
- Turn into Alpha Street and proceed for a few revolutions and find somewhere to park near Number 14 – making sure not to block driveways or dig up the footpath.

What do you need to bring ?

- At least one mysteriously wrapped present for the Mystery Pressie Auction. Make sure it is not too expensive or not too volatile ! Consider doing a couple of pressies – one for the little kids and one for the big kids.
- A box or ten of treasure for the Monster Auction – you have to make room for the stuff you are going to take home ! There is not just techie stuff, homewares and produce are popular too.

> A comfy chair for each person in your party <

- You don't want to have to sit on the concrete ground all day -
- Your favorite drinkies in an esky – but don't bring glass.
- Lots of spare change – those who want to change a 20 or 50 will end up taking much more treasure home than they bargained for !
- Your swimmers and towel if ye are taking a dip in. Lake Herodes.
- Your appetite and propensity to have fun.

It's a catered event so Gavin/VK4ZZ needs your attendance numbers no later than the December Management Meeting Tuesday 2nd!

Sharon & ME, ZZ & ZM, PQV, PAL & IGM, FIBW & FCRH, Doris & WSG, Marion & AM, Kaye & AAH, Nell & FVC, Brenda & FUU, Kerry & CMW, Jeanette & WJ, Teddy & TUB,

Minutes of the Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc Annual General Meeting held Sunday 24th November 2024 at Area 2, Rossiter Park, Aitkenvale QLD 4814 QLD.

Attending: [22] Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ, Roslyn Bryant, Philip Strom/VK4HSV, Iain Morrison/VK4IGM, Eldon Bryant/VK4GUN, Wallaby Bob Mann/VK4WJ, Guido Herodes/VK4ME, Bob Hinds/VK4AAH, Brett Eldridge/VK4BDE, Les Steel/VK4ALS, Kerry McKenzie/VK4TUB, Ron Ostrenski/VK4JBY, Peter Harrex/VK4PQ, Ashley Russell/VK4FUU, Lorraine Fraser, Phil Fraser/VK4BVM, Marion Barlow, Hugh Barlow/VK4AM, Lyndall Reibelt/VK4ZM, Richard Goodhew/VK4PQV, Wayne Gooda/VK4YWG, Hairy Richard Stone/VK4ZMB.

Attending By Proxy with Apology: [20]

Clyde Hebbard/VK4FCRH, Ian Hebbard/VK4FIBW, Tony Sutton/VK4TJS, Roger Cordukes/VK4CD, Keldon Fletcher/VK4KDF, Gary Gregory/VK1ZZ, Glen Nielsen/VK4GDN, Kevin Ballment, Ross Ramm/VK4RO, Jeff Cochrane/VK4XA, Michael Wright/VK4CMW, Udo Wiebelskircher/VK4FUDO, Jens Grigull/VK4PE, Cheryl Goldfinch/VK4FRYL, John Goldfinch/VK4FNQ, John Grott/VK4KN, Ben Pearce/VK4YT, Ray Hinks/VK4LU, Peter Renton, Gareth Davey/VK4GED

Apologies: [16] Bill Walker, Tony Clarke/VK4PA, Beth Lane, Gary Lane/VK4OO, Mark Louez/VK4TSV, Mike Patterson/VK4MIK, Ken Holdsworth/VK4HAI, Lyn Battle/VK4EI, Toni Goodhew, Derek Goodhew, Sheila Morrison/VK4PAL, Jeanette Mann, Brad Payn, Valerie Payn, Nell Crabb, Vern Crabb/VK4FVC.

Visitors: Nil.

Meeting commenced: at 08:39hrs Townsville time
– Chaired by 2024 President Guido Herodes/VK4ME.

Proxy Votes: 2024 Secretary Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ advised that twenty proxy votes had been received, two held by Meeting Chair, two held by Guido Herodes/VK4ME, four held by Richard Goodhew/VK4PQV, one held by Iain Morrison/VK4IGM, one held by Lyndall Reibelt/VK4ZM, ten held by Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ.

Quorum: 2024 Secretary Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ advised the meeting that the total attendance number of 42 exceeded the minimum attendance requirement of 23, and that a quorum existed for the meeting.

Silent Keys: The Chair advised that the following members and former members had passed away during the 2024 Club year.

Thea Welch – past member, Marion Seal – past member, Alan Stephenson – past life member, Eleanor Sutton – past member, Joe Sebastiani/VK4SWR – past member, Jennine Greentree – past member. One Minutes Silence Held was held in Respect for those who had passed on.

New Members: Nil

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion 2024AGM001 Moved by Iain Morrison/VK4IGM and Seconded by Brett Eldridge/VK4BDE that Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting, as printed in December 2023 edition of Back-scatter and reprinted in November 2024 edition of Backscatter be accepted as a true and accurate record of business and events that took place at the 2023 AGM. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Business arising from the previous AGM Minutes: Nil.

President's Report: 2024 President's Report was read to the meeting by Guido Herodes/VK4ME. Snow detailed the activities of the Club during the 2024 Club year and thanked members for their efforts and support during the year and wished the incoming committee all the best for the 2025 Club year.

Motion 2024AGM002 Moved by Guido Herodes/VK4ME and Seconded by Brett Eldridge/VK4BDE that the 2024 President's Report be accepted.

CARRIED unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 2024 Treasurer Peter Harrex/VK4PQ presented the Treasurer's report, as checked by 2024 Finance Officer Phil Strom/VK4HSV and 2024 Finance Officer Bob Hinds/VK4AAH, to the meeting.

Motion 2024AGM003 Moved by Peter Harrex/VK4PQ and Seconded by Kerry McKenzie/VK4TUB that the 2024 Treasurer's Report be accepted. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Statement of Renumeration and other Benefits to Members

read by the Treasurer: As required by the QLD Associations Incorporations Act 1986 with Amendment 2023, Members are informed that the Club has not provided paid remuneration or given other benefits to members, apart from receipted reimbursement of expenses on behalf of the Club which are specified in the Club's Financial Statements.

Statement of Public Risk Insurance Cover to Members read by the Secretary: As required by the QLD Associations Incorporations Act 1986 with Amendment 2023, The Club informs Members that the Club has current Public Risk Insurance to the value of Ten Million Dollars with participation in the Wireless Institute of Australia Public Risk Insurance Scheme for affiliated Clubs.

Election of 2025 Management Committee:

The Chair declared all Management Committee and ex-officio positions vacant and recommended that Hugh Barlow/VK4AM be invited to conduct the election of Management Committee for 2025. Members agreed unanimously and Hugh accepted the task. There were no written nominations received for positions on the Management Committee so nominations sought from members attending the meeting.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED / DECLINED	Results of Ballot
President	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Richard Goodhew VK4PQV	Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY	Elected Unopposed
Vice President	Richard Goodhew VK4FRJG	Peter Harrex VK4PQ	Brett Eldridge VK4BDE	Elected Unopposed
Secretary	Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Wallaby Bob Mann VK4WJ	Elected Unopposed
Treasurer	Peter Harrex VK4PQ	Hugh Barlow VK4AM	Bob Hinds VK4AAH	Elected unopposed
Committee 1	Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Philip Strom VK4HSV	Elected unopposed
Committee 2	Kerry McKenzie VK4TUB	Iain Morrison VK4IGM	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Elected unopposed
Committee 3	Hairy Richard Stone VK4ZMB	Richard Goodhew VK4PQV	Kerry McKenzie VK4TUB	Elected unopposed
Committee 4	Lyndall Reibelt VK4ZM	Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY	Bob Hinds VK4AAH	Elected unopposed
Committee 5	Ashely Russell VK4FUU	Peter Harrex VK4PQ	Brett Eldridge VK4BDE	Elected unopposed
Committee 6	Philip Strom VK4HSV	Richard Goodhew VK4PQV	Peter Harrex VK4PQ	Elected unopposed
Committee 7	Brett Eldridge VK4BDE	Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Elected unopposed

Motion 2024AGM004 Moved by Richard Goodhew/VK4PQV and Seconded by Bob Hinds/VK4AAH that further nominations be closed and the nominees be declared as duly elected. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion 2024AGM005 Moved by Brett Eldridge/VK4BDE and Seconded by Les Steel/VK4ALS that a vote of thanks be extended to the outgoing committee for a job well done in 2024. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Continue AGM :

2025 President Guido Herodes/VK4ME assumed the role of Chair and thanked the previous years Management Committee and Ex-officio members and wished the incoming Management Committee well for the year to come.

The Chairman then thanked Hugh Barlow/VK4AM for conducting the election of the Management Committee and members accorded a round of acclamation for those duties.

Membership Fees:

After discussion amongst the meeting, taking into account the Treasurer's Report and recommendations that fees could remain the same as in 2024,

Motion 2024AGM006 Moved by Peter Harrex/VK4PQ and Seconded by Richard Goodhew/VK4PQV that the 2025 Membership Fees be set as follows. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Ordinary Member -	\$45.00	Ordinary Family Member -	\$45.00
Ordinary Student Member -	\$25.00	Ordinary Pensioner Member -	\$25.00
Backscatter Subscription -	\$25.00	Country Member -	\$25.00

2025 Finance Officers: Finance Officers help provide the necessary review services for the Club to comply with the requirements of the QLD Associations Incorporation Act, Part 1 Details of Annual Return of Association as a Small Association where assets are less than \$300000 and total revenue is less than \$150000. These officers should have the necessary background to qualify them for this most important task. As these Officers provide part of the Governance function of the Club, they should be nominated and accepted at the AGM. Nominations for two Finance Officers were sought from members attending the meeting.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED / DECLINED	Results of Ballot
Finance Officer	Philip Strom VK4HSV	Iain Morrison VK4IGM	Brett Eldridge VK4BDE	Elected Unopposed
Finance Officer	Bob Hinds VK4AAH	Guido Herodes VK4ME	Wallaby Bob Mann VK4WJ	Elected Unopposed

Group Affiliations:

Members duly authorised the Club to continue its affiliation with the following groups.

Motion 2024AGM007 Moved by Les Steel/VK4ALS and Seconded by Iain Morrison/VK4IGM that the Club maintain affiliation with the Wireless Institute of Australia. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion 2024AGM008 Moved by Wallaby Bob Mann/VK4WJ and Seconded by Eldon Bryant/VK4GUN that the Club maintain affiliation with the Radio Society of Great Britain. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion 2024AGM009 Moved by Brett Eldridge/VK4BDE and Seconded by Wallaby Bob Mann/VK4WJ that the Club maintain affiliation with the Queensland State Emergency Service, Townsville Division. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion 2024AGM010 Moved Guido Herodes/VK4ME and Seconded by Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ that the Club maintain affiliation with the CW Operators' QRP Club Inc. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Appreciation to SES Townsville Division for use of Club Room facilities:

Motion 2024AGM011 Moved by Guido Herodes/VK4ME and Seconded by Wallaby Bob Mann/VK4WJ that the club submit a donation of \$250 to the SES QLD Townsville Division in appreciation of the use of club room facilities at the SES Headquarters, Green Street, West End.

CARRIED unanimously.

Acknowledgment of Life Membership: The meeting acknowledged with applause, the status of Life Membership currently held by Ray Hinks/VK4LU and Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ.

Confirmation of Honorary Membership Status:

Motion 2024AGM012 Moved by Hugh Barlow/VK4AM and Seconded by Kerry McKenzie/VK4TUB that Honorary Membership Status be re-confirmed for Professor Mal Heron, Judy Robertson and Peter Lindsay/VK4TO.

CARRIED Unanimously.

General Business: Nil

Further General Business: Nil

Meeting Concluded:

The Chair thanked members for attending the 2024 Annual General Meeting and proposed that the next year would be mysterious. The Chair also reminded all club members to be involved in as many club activities that they possibly could during 2025.

Meeting closed on 24th November 2024 at 0929hrs.

Minutes transcribed 3rd December 2024 by Gavin Reibelt/VK4ZZ Secretary 2024/2025, The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc.

VISUAL BACKSLATTER



Iain/VK4IGM recently was accorded Life Senior Membership of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers,

VISUAL BACKSLATTER



Seen out and about recently, Liz & Ian/VK4ZT, Jeanette, Sheila/VK4PAL and Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ

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- TARC does the 2026 Defence Welcome to Townsville Expo
theTARCinc will yet again be involved with the Defence Welcome and Information Expo run by the Townsville office of the Defence Member and Family Support Section. It will be happening on Saturday 31st January at Murray Stadium from 9-30am to 12pm. The Club will be drawing on expertise gained from participation in previous Expos to show Defence members and their families currently residing or new to the region some of the aspects of the wonderful world of Amateur Radio. It is hoped to demonstrate the hobby through a mixture of static, dynamic and interactive displays, with members experienced in many facets of the hobby able to provide meaningful answers and guidance for those attending the Expo. The display will be put in place from 7-30am to 8-45am and packed away from 12pm to 1pm. If you want to be part of the TARC team on display then please contact The Master - Iain/VK4IGM on telephone 07-47214083 or on the air.



Come and help out with the TARC display at the Expo – you might get to meet Sallyman Nigel/VK4NAR or even Hon Phillip Thomson OAM, Federal MP for Herbert.



Snow/VK4ME might make another new friend too!

VISUAL BACKSLATTER

Mount Stuart Big Working Bees – Fence Mending



Snow/VK4ME does some horizontal welding on the gate post



Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ and Les/VK4ALS fix a fence post



Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ and Phil/VK4HSV get the fence set right



Ta Da! Snow/VK4ME & Les/VK4ALS show the completed project



The Fencing Crew – Snow/VK4ME, Les/VK4ALS, Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ, Phil/VK4HSV, half of Gavin/VK4ZZ

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Radio happenings ... so far**November**

- theTARCinc Annual General Meeting - Sun 23rd Nov Rossiter Park Aitkenvale - 7am Brekkie - 8-30am AGM
- Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 25th Nov - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

December

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 2nd Dec from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 9th Dec from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Xmas Party - Sun 14th December at the VK4ME Ice Cube
- TARC Does the Xmas Lights Tour - Fri 19th December around Townsville
- Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 23rd December - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Wed 31st Dec from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- New Years Day Countdown - Wed 31st December - from 1245UTC for Daylight Saving, from 1345UTC for proper time

January 2026

- Australia Day Long Week Family Radio Camp - Thur 22nd to Mon arvo 26th Jan - Girl Guides Training Centre Bluewater
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 27th January - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Defence Welcome to Townsville Expo - Sat 31st January bump in 7-30am expo 9am to 12pm - Townsville Stadium

February

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 3rd February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 10th February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 17th February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 24th January - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

March

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 3rd March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 10th March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC does the John Moyle Memorial Field Day March 20 21 22 - Mount Fox Camp Ground
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 17th March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 24th March from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 31st March from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

April

- Easter Horse Endurance Rides - Thur 2 April to Mon 6 April
- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 7th April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 14th April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 21st April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- AM & CW on ANZAC Day - Sat 25th April
- MARA Valley Riders Dee Jay Arabians Denison Creek Horsie Rides - Sat 25th to Sun 26th April
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 28th April from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

May

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 5th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- MARA/RADAR Clairview Gathering - Fri 8 May to Mon 11 May - BarraCrab Clairview
- TARC Project Night - Tue 12th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- B2B Autumn Escalade Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 16 to Sun 17 May - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 19th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 26th May from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- WRERA Euri Gold Tropical Winter Horsie Rides Comms Support - Fri arvo 29th to Sun 31st May - Euri Gold Farms near Bowen

June

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 2nd June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Snow 4's Famous Foxhunt - Sat 6th June somewhere in the Townsville area
- Queensland Day - Sat 6th June - QUEENSLANDER!
- TARC Project Night - Tue 9th June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- MARA Valley Riders Greg Willoughby Memorial Denison Creek Horsie Rides - Sat 13 to Sun 14 June
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 16th June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 23rd June from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 30th June from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

July

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 7th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 14th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- B2B Paluma Push Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 18 to Sun 19 July - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 21st July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 28th July from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

August

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 4th August from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 11th August from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- WRERA Euri Gold Winter Harvest Horsie Rides Comms Support - Fri arvo 14th to Sun 16th August - Euri Gold Farms near Bowen
- TOWSA Maggie Island Swim Comms Support - Sat 15th August from 5-30am Strand Park
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 18th August from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 25th August from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

September

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 1st September from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- B2B Spring Shore Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 5 to Sun 6 September at Bluewater Park
- TARC Project Night - Tue 8th September from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 15th September from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 22nd September from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- CHARC AGM Weekend - Fri arvo 25 to Sun morn 27 Sept - Venue TBA
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 29th September - from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

October

- Cardwell Gathering - Fri 2nd Oct to Mon 5th Oct at Meunga Creek Caravan Park
- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 6th Oct from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 13th October from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet - Fri 16 to Sun 18 Oct
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 20th Oct from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 27th Oct from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

November

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 3rd Nov from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 10th Nov from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 17th Nov from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

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 committee 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 presented to the meeting
(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, Peter Lindsay VK4TO CDEC PHF OAM

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).