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- News of a Silent Key

Wayne Gooda VK4YWG

Wayne went Silent Key in Townsville University Hospital on Friday 19th June following a protracted battle with spinal cancer. The expert and considerate care he received in the Palliative Care Ward, along with being with family members ensured his peaceful passing.

Wayne was a committee member and past Club Technician with The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc. and was also a member of the Wireless Institute of Australia.

Amongst many activities on Amateur Radio, Wayne was a long time Packet Sysop maintaining a 2400baud FBBS on the 6metre band and also established the first high power DMR Node in Townsville.

He also used his extensive experience in earthing systems to plan and successfully install the Mount Stuart Repeater Site RF Earthing upgrade in the early 2000s and helped with the procurement and installation of upgraded racking systems at the repeater site.

Along with wife Cate he was also very active in supporting the Flinders Region Guides with the Jamboree On The Air activities, regular club communication support activities and social events.

In his working life Wayne hit big goals when as a Telecom Australia (and eventually Telstra) technician maintained telecommunications infrastructure across Central, North and Far North Queensland, before moving into project management with jobs such as the Townsville to Tennant Creek Optical Fibre Project in the 1990s and the Mumbai Optical Fibre Network Upgrade Project in the early 2000s. With Telstra shedding jobs Wayne then worked in many places such as Placer Pacific's Misima Gold Mine, BHP Cannington Mine, Cape Flattery Silica Mine with telecommunications and telemonitoring systems maintenance and upgrades followed by a period working in the Townsville Radio Section of Queensland Railways before retiring.

Wayne's gregarious outlook, expert help and extensive technical knowledge

will be sorely missed by Radio Amateurs and the community he was involved with.

Vale Wayne Gooda VK4YWG, Silent Key.

Published in the Townsville Bulletin  
on Saturday 27th June 2026

Wayne John Gooda

Late of Carlyle Gardens. Wayne passed away peacefully  
on Friday 19th June, 2026. Beloved Wife of Cate.

Loved Father and Father-in-Law of Kevin and Natasha,  
Robert and Kelly, Steven and Stephanie, Veronica and Darren.

Grumps to 13 Grandchildren and one Great Grandchild.

A private family service has been held as per Wayne's wishes.

( Gavin/VK4ZZ )

- News from Central Queensland

- CHARC AGM Weekend 2026

The famous and popular Central Highlands Amateur Radio Club AGM weekend will be happening from 2pm Friday 25th to 10am Sunday 27th September 2025 at the new venue of the Emerald Pistol Club, Selma Road Central Queensland. The venue is a 5 minute drive from the Emerald CBD and features both unpowered and powered camping sites, lots of tall trees for antenna lofting, a very short walk to the lower reaches of the Selma Weir on the Nogoa River and well established venue facilities.

Apart from the Annual General Meeting there will be the famous Mega Auction of Treasure, a Multi Draw Raffle, the Money Board, a sumptuous Meal Package gathered by CHARC volunteers and cooked up by the Iron Faraday Cafe 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 12TH SEPTEMBER!

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

- News from North Queensland

- Amateur Radio Display in the field with the 2026 Dam Fine Rally

The Tropical Coast Wanderers chapter of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Dam Fine Rally is happening in the vicinity of Ross Dam, Townsville from Friday 3rd to Tuesday 7th July and the event includes a Community Open Day on Saturday 4th July which includes markets and entertainment

in nearby Ross Park (familiar to those who participated in the 2026 Snow's Famous Foxhunt).

theTARCinc along with other exhibitors will be at the markets with a display of Amateur Radio live operations and information during the day.

Planned bump-in is 4th July at 6am with all vehicles clear by 7-30am, The bump-in will be chaotic and due to the nature of Ross Park all gear will need to be carried in. The market bounds are the riverside perimeter and between the toilet block and the council dam ancillaries building.

The market times are from 8am to 2-30pm however expect early birds and late goers

to extend that time a bit.

Exhibitors will need to be self sufficient with food and water and remember to bring their own comfy chairs. Og will be providing 2 screwed down pergolas for shade and two portable tables plus pamphlets and information handouts.

Participants in the event at the Amateur Radio stand so far are -

Richard/VK4PQV, Wayne/VK4WSG, Ben/VK4YT, Gavin/VK4ZZ, Lyndall/VK4ZM, Snow/VK4ME,

Iain/VK4IGM, Andrew/VK4CHG, Charlie Jones, Stephen/VK4AEX

with more welcome to join in the display if they can.

#### - TARC Management Meeting in July

The Management Meeting of the Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc happens this Tuesday 7th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms perched atop the SES HQ Green Street West End.

Make sure you bring along something for the Show and Tell session.

The meeting will also be available via Zoom teleconference session.

theTARCinc financial members will receive the meeting details including the Zoom teleconference details during Monday 6th.

All welcome !

#### - 84th Anniversary activation of the Historic Oonoonba Bomb Site

Ray/VK40IL has received permission to run a multiple HF field station at the WW2 Heritage Oonoonba Bomb Site on Wednesday 29th July 2026.

The operation will commemorate the early morning explosion of a 250 pound bomb at the Oonoonba site which left a crater and the destruction of a palm tree.

Ray plans for the operation to bump in from 1pm to 1-30pm and for on-air operations

to start around 2pm local (0400UTC) and start completing

around 5pm local (0700UTC) and invites as many local hams and support crew that can come along

set up their portable stations on the site with working centred around 7100kHz LSB, with the possibility of operations on USB 20metres and 10metres as well.

Ray also asks that DX stations in Australia and overseas actively operate to contact

the commemorative stations operating from the WW2 Heritage Oonoonba Bomb Site to help

support maintaining the site as an important community resource.

If you wish to find out more, please contact Ray/VK40IL on mobile 0409 888 875

#### - TARC Communications Support

There is a full programme of Communications Support events that you can get involved with

and have some radio fun !

If you can help out please contact og/VK4ZZ on 0427182469 or on the radio

Sat 18 to Sun 19 July - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Paluma Passion  
5/10/20/40/80km

Horse Endurance Rides 5/10/20/40/80 - NQ Equestrian

Centre Bluewater Park

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

Sat 25 to Sun 26 July - NQORA Charters Towers Short Course Off Road Racing  
Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers

Operators so far - VK1ZZ, VK4ZMB, VK4ZM & VK4ZZ, Doris & VK4WSG, more  
operators needed.

Sat 1 to Sun 2 August - Valley Riders Endurance Riding Assoc. 2x20/2x40/100E  
(Ops by MARA Inc.)

Greg Willoughby Memorial Horse Endurance Rides - Denison

Creek near Nebo

Operators so far VK4CUZ, VK4HAN, VK4ZZ & VK4ZM, Bruce, Doris & VK4WSG,  
more operators needed.

Fri 14 to Sun 16 August - Whitsunday Regional Endurance Riding Assoc. 20/40/80km  
Bowen River Horse Endurance Rides - Bowen River Hotel  
near Collinsville

Operators so far - many more operators needed.

Sat 15 August - Townsville Open Water Swimming Assoc.  
2026 Magnetic Island to Townsville Open Water Swim  
assemble from 5-30am Strand Park, Picnic Bay, Cleveland

Bay

Operators so far - VK4FUU, VK4AAH, VK4IGM, VK4ZM, VK4ZZ, more operators  
needed.

Sat 5 to Sun 6 September - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Spring Shore  
5/10/20/40/80km

Horse Endurance Rides 5/10/20/40/80 - NQ Equestrian

Centre Bluewater Park

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

Sat 19 to Sun 20 September - NQORA QLD Off-Road Racing Round 1 (from April)  
Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers

Operators so far - VK1ZZ, VK4ZMB, VK4ZM & VK4ZZ, Doris & VK4WSG, more  
operators needed.

Some more details of these events -

Whitsunday Region Endurance Riders Association Inc Euri Gold Farm Endurance  
Rides.

All the rides happen on the verdant slopes of Euri Gold Farm, just out of  
Merinda

north of Bowen North Queensland.

You are able to camp out early at Ride Base or the checkpoint from Wednesday  
onwards.

The ride starts up on Friday morning and will run right through Monday  
afternoon.

Your chance to get out into some lovely countryside, set up camp with a portable  
station

or three and communicate in a relaxing fashion as the horsies and riders go by,

day and night.

Hey Mackay and Bowen horsie operators - you can join in the fun too !

#### Denison Creek Horse Endurance Rides

Mackay Amateur Radio Association members provide Communications Support and Checkpoint services

for the Horse Endurance Rides that happen at Denison Creek Station near Epsom Central Queensland.

Their volunteer numbers are dwindling and they need a hand to provide a safety net for the events.

The rides happen on the ramparts of Mount Seaview approx 60km southwest of Mackay and is accessed

via the Peak Downs Highway at 21.482444S 148.810030E. Camping available at Ride Base and the

event is made up of a number of stationary and mobile checkpoints.

Rides start from 1pm Saturday and finish around 11am Sunday.

Let Mackay Comms Support Co-ordinator Gary/VK4CUZ know if you can help on mobile 0410462892

#### NQORA Offroad Racing Events - Millchester Motorsport and Recreation Facility Charters Towers

The North Queensland Offroad Racing Association Inc. runs a series of offroad racing

events at the Millchester Motorsport Facility Charters Towers . They need Autosport and

Radio savvy people to run checkpoints for the events.

Operate at Checkpoints throughout the day with a ringside seat to see up close the offroad racing action whilst doing useful things with radios.

Camping overnight Wednesday to Monday Night is available at the NQMS Radio Precinct,

or if you prefer your creature comforts motels and pubs are available to stay in less

than 10 minutes away from the venue.

#### Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim.

A great day out on the water playing with radios to the sound of Migaloo and a hundred plus marathon swimmers thrashing across Cleveland Bay.

Main comms on VHF, with some UHF comms with clubbies and aircraft.

Operating positions at sea and on land with operational endurance 4 to 5 hours.

#### Kennedy Region Scouts Nighthawk activity.

Your chance to make a real difference and show the youth of today how useful Amateur Radio can be. Teams tracking and a chance to set up portable at a spot you would not normally go to. Arrive at Nighthawk HQ at 2pm on Saturday, then go to your checkpoint for a night of easy operating in the field tracking the progress

of Nighthawk teams, with some in-flight entertainment as you observe youth members try to impress

the Scout Leader judges with finesse in their activity.

#### Bush to Beach Horse Endurance Rides.

The rides are based out of the North Queensland Equestrian Centre at Bluewater Park

approx 30mins northwest of Townsville. Some checkpoints are camp-outs, others

a temporarily activated during the rides with operators glamping at Ride Base. Ride tracks vary from rugged river crossings and slightly undulating land through the properties near Bluewater Park. VHF with high mounted verticals or Field Yagis needed to get through the topography and the occasional inversion blocking. There is excellent and ample camping facilities at the Equestrian Centre and on checkpoints.

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#### - Townsville Nets Callbacks

VHF Net Callbacks - VK4WIT 146.700MHz Repeater  
by Peter/VK4PQ at Kelso North Queensland  
following the WIA News and QNEWS transmissions 20260628 0900-0942K  
Callbacks by Peter/VK4PQ  
at Cranbrook North Queensland - 20260628 0942-1011K

VK4XC Darrin mobile in Charters Towers via AllStarLink>VK4XC>VK4PQ  
VK4GDN Glen and Linda in Charters Towers via AllStarLink>VK4GDN>VK4PQ  
VK4OT Jason and Jennyvi at Heatley  
VK4WJ Wallaby Bob and Jeanette at Cranbrook  
VK4ALS Les and Leslie at Kelso  
VK4FNQ John and Cheryl/VK4FRYL at Majestic Towers  
VK4ME Snow and Sharon at Kirwan  
VK4BKA Brad at Vincent  
VK4TJS Tony at Kelso

VHF Net Callbacks - VK4WIT 146.700MHz Repeater  
following the North Queensland Net retransmission  
by Richard/VK4PQV at Cranbrook North Queensland  
- 20260628 08-00pm  
Callbacks by Richard/VK4PQV at Cranbrook North Queensland  
- 20260628 08-38pm to 09-02pm

VK4XC Darrin mobile between Cloncurry and Mount Isa via AllStarLink>VK4XC>VK4PQ  
VK4PQ Peter and Ruth at Kelso  
VK4AAH Bob and Kaye at Mount Louisa  
VK4ZM Lyndall at Vincent

and fyi - North Queensland Net participants  
on 3605.4kHz from 20260628 07-30pm to 08-56pm  
Net control by Gavin/VK4ZZ operating VK4WIT  
from theTARCinc Club Rooms, West End via Townsville North Queensland

VK4KDB Kerry and Sharon/VK4SDB portable at Theodore  
VK4CAU Gerrard at Rockhampton  
VK4ME Snow and Sharon at Kirwan  
VK4CMR Chad and Nora at Pink Lily near Rockhampton  
VK4WSG Wayne and Doris at Mount Low

VK4PQV Richard at Cranbrook  
VK4FNQ John and Cheryl/VK4FRYL at Majestic Towers  
VK4CMW Mick and Kerry at Collinsville  
VK4YT Ben and Jo at Kelso  
VK4MCC Colin at Alligator Creek near Mackay  
VK4AER Tony at Millstream near Ravenshoe  
VK4EKA Dougal near Toowoomba  
VK4CWL Bob and Cherie at Emerald

## Regional Events -

### July

- TARC displays Amateur Radio at the Dam Fine Rally, Kelso - Sat 4th 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
- NQORA Charters Towers Short Circuit Off Road Racing - Sat 25th to Sun 26th July - Millchester MSRC
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 28th July from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Bombing of Townsville 84th Anniversary HF Activation - Wed July 29th - Historic WW2 Wulguru Bombing Site

### August

- MARA Valley Riders Greg Willoughby Memorial Denison Creek Horsie Rides - Sat 1 to Sun 2 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 Bowen River Horsie Rides Comms Support - Fri arvo 14th to Sun 16th August - Bowen River Hotel near Collinsville
- 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 Tsv1 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

- NQORA QLD Off-Road Racing Round 1 (from April) - Sat 19th to Sun 20th
- September - Millchester MSRC
- 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 - Emerald Pistol Club
  - 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
- TCC Get Ready Townsville (Cyclone Saturday) - Sat 10th Oct 3p-6p Riverway
  - 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
- theTARCIcinc Annual General Meeting - Sun 22nd Nov Rossiter Park Aitkenvale - 7am Brekkie - 8-30am AGM
  - Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 24th Nov - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

## December

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 1st Dec from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green
- Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 8th Dec from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green
- Street West End
- TARC Xmas Party - Sun 13th December
  - TARC Social Evening - Tue 15th December from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green
- Street West End
- TARC MXLT - Friday 18th December somewhere in Townsville
  - Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 22nd December - from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
  - Tech On The Air Net Tue 29th Dec from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
  - New Years Day Countdown - Thur 31st December - from 1245UTC for Daylight Saving, from 1345UTC for proper time

## January 2027

- Tech On The Air Net Bonus Tue 19th January from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Australia Day Long Week Family Radio Camp - Sat morn 23rd to Wed lunch 27th

Jan - Girl Guides Training Centre Bluewater

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 26th January - from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

February 2027

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 2nd February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Project Night - Tue 9th February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Social Evening - Tue 16th February from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 23rd February - from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

March 2027

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 2nd March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Project Night - Tue 9th March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Social Evening - Tue 16th March from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC does the John Moyle Memorial Field Day March 19 20 21 - Mount Fox Camp Ground

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 23rd March from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

- Tech On The Air Net Tue 30th March from 7-30pm on Tsv1 VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

April

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 6th April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Project Night - Tue 13th April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Social Evening - Tue 20th April from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- AM & CW on ANZAC Day - Sun 25th April

- Australian Military Radio Operators Weekend - Day 1 - Sat 24th April

- Australian Military Radio Operators Weekend - Day 2 - Mon 26th April

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 27th April from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

May

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 4th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- MARA Clairview Gathering - Fri 7 May to Mon 10 May - BarraCrab Clairview

- TARC Project Night - Tue 11th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- TARC Social Evening - Tue 18th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 25th May from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

June

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 1st June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green

Street West End

- Snow 4's Famous Foxhunt - Sat 5th June from 1pm at Ross Park Kelso
- Queensland Day - Sun 6th June - QUEENSLANDER!
- TARC Project Night - Tue 8th June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 22nd June from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 29th June from 7-30pm on Tsv1 VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

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- Buy Swap and Sell and Wanted

- HF Station for Sale

Ken/VK4HAI is reluctantly selling his seldom used HF Station which consists of -

ICOM IC-718 HF Transceiver

Regulated Linear 13.8V 30A Power Supply

Microphone

DC Lead

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.

- 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.

- A tower and rotator need a good home

and all you need to do is dismantle the tower and take it away.

Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ would like to offer his self-supporting tilt-over

tower PLUS rotator to someone who will take it all away and give

it all a good home. The items are in excellent condition but are

no longer used. Crack the deal of the decade and contact

Wallaby Bob now on 0478 575 455

- 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 release the countermeasures first)

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- Regional Communications Support Events 2025-2026  
so far.....

Atherton Tablelands Region  
Tablelands Radio and Electronics Club Inc.  
- Co-ordinator David Falls VK4DNF 0419206498

Sat 8 to Sun 9 August - Mt Baldy 20/40/60eliv/80km Endurance Rides Tepon  
Sat 29 to Sun 30 August - Wetherby 20/40/60eliv/80km Endurance Rides Tepon  
Fri 25 to Mon 28 Sept - Cordillera Trail 3x20/3x40/3x60eliv/3x80/60/120  
Endurance Rides Tepon

Townsville Region  
The Townsville Amateur Radio Club Inc.  
- Co-ordinator Gavin "Og" Reibelt VK4ZZ 0427182469

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 18 to Sun 19 July<br>Bluewater Park            | - B2B Paluma Passion Horse Endurance Rides -     |
| Sat 25 to Sun 26 July<br>Racing - Millchester MSRC | - NQORA Charters Towers Short Circuit Off Road   |
| Fri 14 to Sun 16 August<br>Collinsville Region     | - WRERA Bowen River Horse Endurance Rides -      |
| Sat 15 August<br>Park                              | - TOWSA Maggie Island Swim from 5-30am Strand    |
| Sat 5 to Sun 6 September<br>Bluewater Park         | - B2B Spring Shore Horse Endurance Rides -       |
| Sat 19 to Sun 20 September<br>- Millchester MSRC   | - NQORA QLD Off Road Champs Round 1 (from April) |

Mackay Region  
Mackay Amateur Radio Association Inc  
- Co-ordinator Gary Crothers VK4CUZ 0410462892  
Sat 1 to Sun 2 August - Greg Willoughby Memorial 2x20/2x40/1x100eliv  
Endurance Rides Denison Creek

Want to help out ? Contact the co-ordinator in your region and join in the fun !

- ACMA Exams Services for Amateur Radio

The Australian Communications and Media Authority runs services for Amateur Radio Assessment and Certification.

- 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.

- Holiday planning

State Public Holidays in North Queensland

2026

Mon 5th Oct - Kings Birthday Holiday  
Fri 25th Dec - Christmas Day  
Sat 26th Dec - Boxing Day  
Mon 28th Dec - Boxing Day Holiday

2027

Fri 1st Jan - New Years Day Holiday  
Tue 26th Jan - Australia Day Holiday  
Fri 26th Mar - Good Friday Holiday  
Sat 27th Mar - Easter Saturday Holiday  
Sun 28th Mar - Easter Sunday Holiday  
Mon 29th Mar - Easter Monday Holiday  
Sun 25th Apr - ANZAC Day  
Mon 26th Apr - ANZAC Day Holiday  
Mon 3rd May - Labour Day Holiday

Mon 4th Oct - Kings Birthday Holiday  
Sat 25th Dec - Christmas Day  
Sun 26th Dec - Boxing Day  
Mon 27th Dec - Christmas Day Holiday  
Tue 28th Dec - Boxing Day Holiday

#### 2028

Mon 3rd Jan - New Years Day Holiday  
Wed 26th Jan - Australia Day Holiday  
Fri 14th Apr - Good Friday Holiday  
Sat 15th Apr - Easter Saturday Holiday  
Sun 16th Apr - Easter Sunday Holiday  
Mon 17th Apr - Easter Monday Holiday  
Tue 25th Apr - ANZAC Day Holiday  
Mon 1st May - Labour Day Holiday  
Mon 2nd Oct - Kings Birthday Holiday  
Mon 25th Dec - Christmas Day Holiday  
Tue 26th Dec - Boxing Day Holiday

#### 2029

Mon 1st Jan - New Years Day Holiday  
Fri 26th Jan - Australia Day Holiday  
Fri 30th Mar - Good Friday Holiday  
Sat 31st Mar - Easter Saturday Holiday  
Sun 1st Apr - Easter Sunday Holiday  
Mon 2nd Apr - Easter Monday Holiday  
Wed 25th Apr - ANZAC Day Holiday  
Mon 7th May - Labour Day Holiday  
Mon 1st Oct - Kings Birthday Holiday  
Tue 25th Dec - Christmas Day Holiday  
Wed 26th Dec - Boxing Day Holiday

Source - QLD Government Department of Justice and Attorney-General

- Holiday planning  
Queensland School Terms

#### 2026

Term 3 - Mon 13th July to Fri 18th Sept  
Term 4 - Tue 6th Oct to Fri 11th Dec

#### 2027

Term 1 - Wed 27th Jan to Thur 25th March  
Term 2 - Mon 12th Apr to Fri 25th June  
Term 3 - Mon 12th July to Fri 17th Sept  
Term 4 - Tue 5th Oct to Fri 10th Dec

#### 2028

Term 1 - Mon 24th Jan to Fri 31st March  
Term 2 - Tue 18th Apr to Fri 23rd June  
Term 3 - Mon 10th July to Fri 15th Sept  
Term 4 - Tue 3rd Oct to Fri 8th Dec

2029

Term 1 - Mon 22nd Jan to Thur 29th March

Term 2 - Tue 16th Apr to Fri 22nd June

Term 3 - Mon 9th July to Fri 14th Sept

Term 4 - Tue 2nd Oct to Fri 7th Dec

Source - QLD Government Department of Education and Training

Wireless Institute of Australia Civil Emergency Network

- WICEN >> since 1946 << -

- WICEN NQ >> since 1971 << -

- Curly Wind Season is happening now. Be prepared.

Have you checked your shack and your antenna to see how they will go during the wet season ?

Have you stocked up, charged batteries and are ready for action !

Get on air - scare the spiders and lizards out of the rig and make sure your transceiver works.

- WICEN VK4 NET

Operators interested in maintaining reliable contact in case of infrastructure failures in Queensland hold a net every Sunday.

The net happens on

14125kHz from 8-00am (2200UTC)

10122kHz from 8-00am (2200UTC)

7105kHz +/- QRM from 8-30am (2230UTC)

The net control station calls in regular stations and then invites new stations to call in.

If conditions are poor other relay stations will attempt to assist contacts. If conditions are very poor Net Control might move the net another frequency (including 3600kHz) depending on how responsive the net participants are.

Mix it with other operators, be ready to assist and call in on the net !!

Emergency Frequencies per IARU region - active during disasters

IARU Region 1 3760 7110 14300 18160 21360 kHz

IARU Region 2 3750 3985 7060 7240 7275 14300 18160 21360

IARU Region 3 3600 7110 14300 18160 21360

VK is in Region 3.

Frequencies noted are centre of emergency activity which could extend +/- 20kHz.

Other frequencies could be activated on a per country basis - stay tuned to the WIA News for activations.

(Gavin VK4ZZ)

- Some Regional Nets

Monday Afternoon - YL 222 DX Net - 14222kHz from 0530Z

Monday Evening - Mackay ARA Net - VK4WIM Net Control - 3597kHz from 0930Z

Monday Evening - 160Metre Net - Gary/VK4BE Net Control from Beachmere QLD - 1848kHz from 0930Z

Monday Evening - Brisbane ARC 80m Net - VK4BA Net Control - 3630kHz from 1000Z

Monday Evening - Gympie CEG 80m Net - VK4GYM Net Control - 3647kHz from 1000Z

Tuesday Evening - Rockhampton and District ARC Net - VK4WIR Net Control - 3613kHz from 0930Z

Tuesday Evening - Bayside ARC Fusion Digital UHF Net - 438.450 MHz  
(VK4RDB Repeater Mt Cotton Room 59002) from 0930Z

Tuesday Evening - Ipswich ARC 80m Net - VK4WIP with VK4GRA or VK4EK Net Control - 3585kHz from 1000Z

Wednesday Evening - Gold Coast ARS Net - VK4WIG Net Control - 3605kHz from 0930Z

Wednesday Evening - Cairns ARC Net - VK4RCA Cairns City UHF Repeater output 439.850 input 434.850  
with 91.5Hz input tone from 0930Z also on AllStarLink

CairnsHub node 533335

Wednesday Evening - Central Queensland ARA Net - VK4CQR Net Control - 3612kHz from 0930Z

Wednesday Evening - Bayside ARC 80m Net - VK4BAR Net Control - 3570kHz from 0930Z

Wednesday Evening - Sunshine Coast ARC 80m Net - VK4WIS Net Control - 3665kHz from 0930Z

Wednesday Evening - Sunshine Coast ARC 10m Net - VK4WIS Net Control - 28475kHz after 80m Net

Wednesday Evening - Ipswich ARC 40m Net - VK4WIP Net Control - 7150kHz from 0930Z

Wednesday Evening - Hervey Bay ARC 160metre Net - VK4CHB Net Control - 1848kHz from 1000Z

Thursday Evening - The Tablelands REC Memorial Net - VK4WAT Net Control - 3605kHz from 0930Z

Thursday Evening - Australian Fusion C4FM Net  
438.750MHz VK400 Repeater & Room 24160 AUS-REPEATER-NET from 0930Z

Thursday Evening - Redcliffe ARC Net - VK4RC or VK4IZ Net Control - 3636kHz from 0930Z

Thursday Evening - Hervey Bay ARC 80metre Net - VK4CHB Net Control - 3615kHz from 1000Z

Thursday Evening - Bayside ARC FreeDMR Net - 438.825 MHz - Timeslot 2 Talk Group 50500  
(VK4RDB Repeater Mt Cotton) from 1000Z  
also accessible via DROID-Star app FreeDMR\_Australia-3 TGID 50500

Friday Afternoon - Border Ranges ARC 6m Net - 52.100MHz USB 0500Z

Friday Evening - Sunshine Coast ARC 6m Net - VK4WIS Net Control - 53700kHz FM from 0930Z

Friday Evening - Caboolture ARC Net - VK4QD Net Control - 3610kHz from 0930Z

Friday Evening - Central Highlands ARC Club Net - VK4WCH Net Control - 3618kHz from 0930Z

Friday Evening - Darling Downs ARC Friendship Net - 3587kHz from 0930Z

Saturday Evening - Darling Downs ARC Net - VK4WID Net Control - 3650kHz from 0930Z

Sunday Morning - WICEN VK4 Net 20metres - 14125kHz from 2200Z

Sunday Morning - WICEN VK4 Net 30metres - 10122kHz from 2200Z

Sunday Morning - WICEN VK4 Net Winlink - email check-in from 2200Z

Sunday Morning - WICEN VK4 Net 40metres - 7105kHz from 2230Z

Sunday Morning - Border Ranges ARC - local VHF repeaters, IRLP9558, echolink VK3JED, from 2230Z

Sunday Morning - Townsville ARC WIANews Net - VK4WIT Net Control - VK4RAT

146.700MHz Repeater

and connected AllStarLink and Echolink Nodes - 2300Z followed

by callbacks

Sunday Morning - Central Queensland ARA - VK4RLM VHF repeater & echolink  
VK4RLM-R, from 0001Z

Sunday Evening - North Queensland Net - VK4WIT Net Control - 3605.4kHz from  
0930Z

Sunday Evening - Brisbane ARC 6m Net - VK4BA Net Control - VK4RBX 6m Repeater  
from 1000Z

RX 53.925MHz TX 52.925MHz no tone required to access VK4RBX

Every Morning - The Gnarly Net - All the Morse and Voice you can have for  
breakfast

3599kHz CW 6am or earlier for the Morse (2000Z),

3600kHz LSB Voice happens after the Morse

Every Morning - Coral Coast Early Birds Net - 7093kHz starting 6am (2000Z)

Every Morning - Coral Coast Net - 7093kHz starting 7am (2100Z), 6-45AM (2145Z)  
during Summer, right after the Early Birds Net

Every Afternoon - WIA Travellers Net - 14116kHz Check Ins from 0200Z - Callbacks  
from 0300Z

National Co-ordinator 0421043009 - more information on WIA

Website.

Every Afternoon - Ron's Net - in memory of Ron/VK4BRG SK - 7100kHz from 0700Z

Every Afternoon - The Kandos Net - check your gear and let everyone know you are  
still active !

On 7093kHz from 1630local (0630Z normal, 0530Z DST) -

Tom/VK2KF net control

alternate net controllers Peter/VK2QF or Tom/VK4ATH

- ANZA DX Net

Australia, New Zealand and Africa DX Net

20m, 14.183 MHz, 0515 UTC, daily

15m, 21.205 MHz, 0415 UTC, Saturday

The net works on a list operation, say your sign, stand by

The net runs for about 1 hour, all operators are welcome

A QSO is brief exchange of call sign and signal report

Please do not spot the net on clusters or skimmers !

Net Leader - Col/VK4CC

The ANZA Net needs your skill as net controller

We offer an opportunity to put something back into ham radio

Give it a try.

Message Col on [qrm] seahawk55 [at] optusnet [dot] com [dot] au [qrm]

(making sure to release the countermeasures first)

- North Queensland Internet Gateways

H24 = 24 Hour Ops unless offline for maintenance or updates

H8 = 8 Hour Ops - hours of ops defined by operator

Hx = indeterminate hours of ops - normally when operator in radio shack or out  
and about

Yaesu Fusion Gateways

- VK4JPA YSF Node Rangewood NQLD 145.350MHz Digital Access H24 Room 24105

>> back on the air <<

- VK400 YSF/FM Repeater West End NQLD Input 431.750MHz Output 438.750MHz no tone needed H24 Room 69571

#### AllStarLink Gateways

- VK4TUB AllStarLink Gateway Kirwan NQLD interfaces with VK4RAT UHF Repeater H24 Node 46740 Echolink VK4TUB-R 837219

- VK4PQ AllStarLink Gateway Kelso NQLD interfaces with VK4RAT VHF Repeater H24 Node 49806 Echolink VK4PQ-R 956580

- VK4GDN AllStarLink Gateway Charters Towers NQLD linked with VK4TUB 46740 H24 Node 56808 439.150MHz 91.5Hz Tone H24

- VK4GDN AllStarLink Gateway Charters Towers NQLD linked with VK4PQ 49806 H24 Node 54043 145.145MHz 91.5Hz Tone H24

- VK4WII AllStarLink Gateway Mount Isa NQLD interfaces with VK4RMI VHF Repeater H24

Node 44752 Echolink VK4WII-R 529661

- VK4HSV AllStarLink Portable Gateway Douglas NQLD Hx 439.125MHz 81.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 54607

- VK4BDE AllStarLink Gateway Condon NQLD H24 145.390MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 40381

- VK4TAZ AllStarLink Gateway Heatley NQLD H24 439.325MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 54729

- VK4DRH AllStarLink Gateway Heatley NQLD H24 145.075MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 58556

- VK4WSG AllStarLink Gateway Mount Low NQLD H24 441.250MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 65219

- VK4YT AllStarLink Portable Gateway NQLD Hx 441.000MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 600150

- VK4GEO AllStarLink Gateway Mount Isa NQLD H24 441.000MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 62387

- VK2TRD AllStarLink Gateway Cloncurry NQLD H24 441.250MHz 91.5Hz CTCSS Access Tone Node 512582

#### AX-25 APRS 1200Bd Gateways

- VK4ZZ APRS Vincent NQLD 145.175MHz H24

#### AX-25 Packet 1200Bd Wormholes

- VK40T-3 BPQ-BBS Heatley NQLD 145.175MHz H24 or Telnet vk4ot.ddns.net port 8010 Echolink Gateways

- VK4PQ-R Echolink Kelso NQLD Node 956580 interfaces with VK4RAT VHF Repeater H24

- VK4WII-R Echolink Mount Isa NQLD Node 529661 interfaces with VK4RMI VHF Repeater H24

- VK4TUB-R Echolink Kirwan NQLD Node 837219 interfaces with VK4RAT UHF Repeater H24

- VK4TAZ-L Echolink Heatley NQLD Node 715822 439.330MHz Simplex

- VK4BDE-L Echolink Condon NQLD Node 607952 145.390MHz Simplex

#### DMR Gateways in Townsville

- VK4BDE Brandmeister DMR Kelso 5050640 145.450MHz

- VK4CK Brandmeister DMR Majors Creek 505062501 434.175MHz

- VK4TUB Brandmeister DMR Kirwan 5054022 145.145MHz

- VK4YT Brandmeister DMR Kelso 505265801 441.5875MHz

Radio Beacons in Central, North and Far North Queensland (O = Operational, N = Non Operational)

VK4DJC Mount Morgan 28.285 MHz (O)

VK4RAR Rockhampton 432.540 MHz (N) 1296.448 MHz (N)

VK4RTL Townsville 28.270 MHz (N) 50.282 MHz (N) 144.444 MHz (N)  
432.444 MHz (N)  
VK4RTL Townsville 1296.444 MHz (O) 2403.444 MHz (N) 5760.444 MHz (N)  
10368.444 MHz (N) 24048.444 MHz (N)  
VK4RHT Mareeba 28.274 MHz (N) 50.281 MHz (O) 144.446 MHz (N)

WSPR Beacons in Central and North Queensland

VK4WCH Mosquito Creek QH46bi 50294 28126 24926 21096 18106 14097 10140 7040kHz

VK4ATV Vincent QH30jr 3570 7040 14097 21096 28126 50294kHz

Central Queensland Winlink Remote Message Systems - centre frequencies in kHz  
(subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency)

VK4DJC Mount Morgan QG56ei H24 scan 7052.0 10146.5 14112.5 28101.5 mode VARA  
VARA2750

VK4DJC Mount Morgan QG56ei H24 main 144075 mode VARA-FM

VK4AGD Laguna Quays QG49ij H24 main 7052.0 and on request 3569.5 10146.5 14112.5  
28101.5 mode VARA VARA2750

also peer-to-peer mode is available on request.

VK4UI Rockhampton QG56gp H24 scan 7058.5 10146.8 14111.0 mode VARA VARA2750  
Hybrid

(subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency) using USB.

- News sources :

Tune North Queensland Net throughout Queensland and PNG

from 7-30pm Sundays on -

HF: 3605.4kHz

and in Townsville/Thuringowa 8pm Sundays on

VHF: 146.100 / 146.700 MHz

(the VK4RAT 2m repeater)

Tune WIANEWS in North Queensland on Sundays -

HF : from VK2 0001Z 1845 / 3595 / 5425 / 7146 / 10125 / 14170.2 / 28320kHz

HF : from VK3 0030Z 3615 / 7158 / 10132.8kHz

HF : from VK4 2300Z 1843 / 7070 / 7130kHz

HF : from VK5 2330Z 1843 / 3550 / 7135 / 28515kHz

HF : from VK6 0100Z 3583 / 7088 / 7140 / 10125 / 14130 / 29680kHz

HF : from VK7 2300Z 3570 / 7140 / 14130 / 28525kHz

HF : from VK8 2330Z 3555 / 7193 / 10127 / 14337kHz

6m: from VK7 2300Z 53775, 53825kHz FM

6m: from VK5 2330Z 53100kHz AM

6m: from VK2 0001Z 52525, 53650, 53725kHz FM

6m: from VK6 0100Z 53800kHz FM

2m: from Cairns 2300Z 146950kHz FM

2m: from Townsville 2300Z 146700kHz FM

2m: from Mackay 2300Z 147000kHz FM

2m: from Rockhampton 2300Z 146700kHz FM

Timeline for monitoring.

2300Z 1843 AM, 3570, 7070, 7130, 7140, 14130, 28525, 53825kHz

2330Z 1843, 3550, 7135, 7193, 10127, 14337, 53100kHz

0001Z 1845 AM, 3595 AM, 5425, 7146 AM, 10125, 14170.2, 28320, 52525, 53650,

53725kHz

0030Z 3615, 7158, 10132.8kHz

0100Z 3583, 7088, 14130, 29680, 53800kHz

Frequency List for transceiver memory

1843, 1845,

3550, 3555, 3570, 3583, 3595, 3605, 3615,

5425,

7070, 7088, 7130, 7135, 7140, 7146, 7158, 7193

10125, 10132.8, 10127,

14130, 14170.4, 14337,

28320, 28525, 28537, 29680

52525, 53100, 53650, 53725, 53725, 53800, 53825kHz

Daylight Saving for NSW VIC ACT SA TAS

ends 20260404-1600UTC - begins 20261003-1600UTC

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See you at the Dam Fine Rally

and cheers from Gavin/VK4ZZ

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