

theTARCInc Events Calendar

August

- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tsvl UHF Repeater & TubbyNet
Tuesday 25th August starts 7-30pm

September

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday 1st Sept starts 7-30pm
- B2B Spring Shore Horsie Rides Comms Support
Sat 5 to Sun 6 Sept - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday 8th September from 7-30pm
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Sept 15 starts 7-30pm
- NQORA Offroad Racing Comms Support Millchester
Sat Sept 19 to Sun Sept 20
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Sept 22 starts 7-30pm
- Tech On The Air Net
Tuesday Sept 29 starts 7-30pm VK4RAT VHF & Nodes

October

- Cardwell Gathering - Meunga Creek Caravan Park
Friday Oct 2nd to Monday Oct 5th
- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Oct 6 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Oct 13 starts 7-30pm
- Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The internet
Guides & Scouts - Fri Oct 16 to Sun Oct 18
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Oct 20 starts 7-30pm
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Oct 27 starts 7-30pm

November

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Nov 4 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Nov 11 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Social Meeting
Tuesday Nov 17 starts 7-30pm
- theTARCInc Annual General Meeting - Sunday 22 Nov
Rossiter Park Aitkenvale 7am brekkie 8-30am AGM
- Ann Renton Memorial Ladies Net VK4RAT UHF & Nodes
Tuesday Nov 24 starts 7-30pm

December

- TARC Management Meeting
Tuesday Dec 1 starts 7-30pm
- TARC Project Night
Tuesday Dec 8 starts 7-30pm

more details inside ! - also check out

<https://thetownsvilleamateurradioclubinc.org.au>
and listen into the news nets for updates

GLOBAL RADIO EVENTS

45th ALARA Contest - 23 Aug 0600Z to 24 Aug 0559Z
CHARC AGM Weekend Emerald - 25 to 27 Sept
Cardwell Gathering - 2 Oct to 5 Oct
Jamboree On The Air - 16 to 18 October
WIA Spring VHF/UHF Field Day - 21 to 22 Nov

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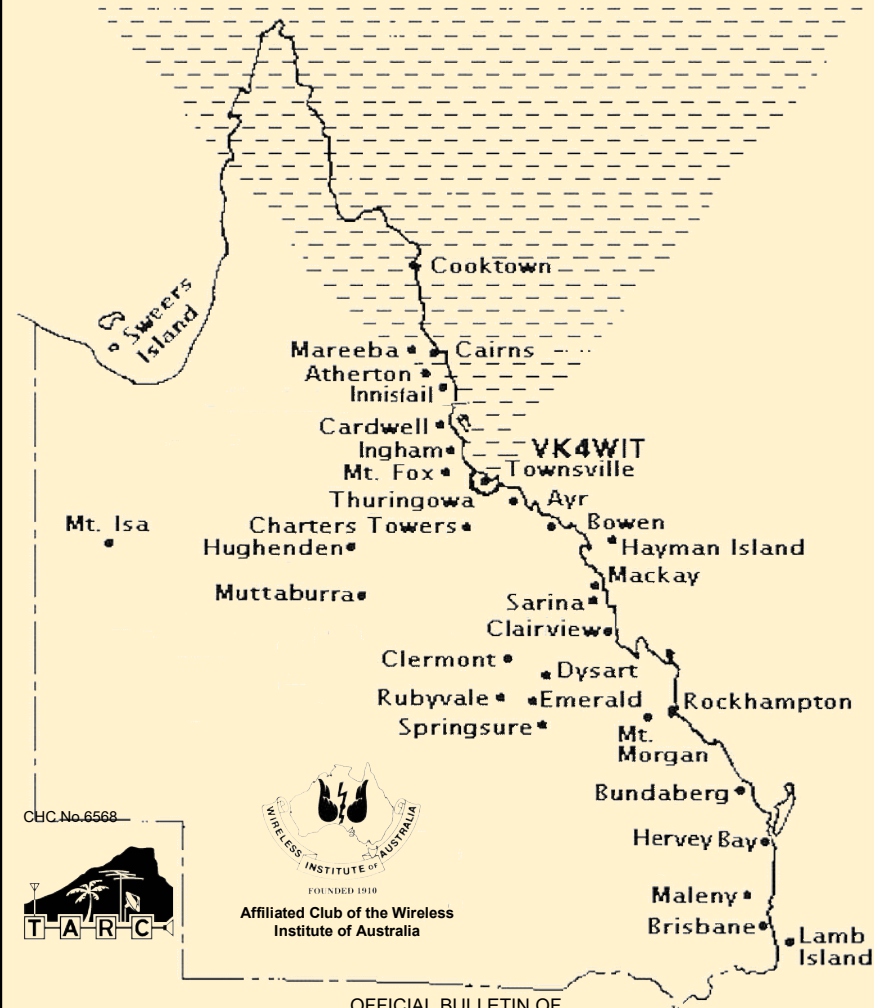
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The TOWNVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of Management Meeting Held on the 4th of August 2026 at the Club Rooms SES HQ, Green Street, West End

ATTENDING: At the Club Rooms
VK4's. WSG, ZZ, ZMB, GWA, IGM, YT, AAH, AEX, FUDO, FUU.

ATTENDING: via Zoom Session ID – 742 7657 2069
VK4's XC, PQV, PQ, OIL, XA.

VISITORS: Nil.

APOLOGIES: VK4's. UCM, JPA, ICA, KMA, EMF, DNF, JWC, LKG, FCRH, FIBW, FBNP, CK, CD, PAL, TJS, HCZ, RO, WDM, KGH, KN, MIK, PA, OT, ZON, ZT, KMD, YMD, FNQ, FRYL, OO, MSS, AE, KDF, PJH, AFW, ZWC, DJC, WJ, KEE, GUN, TUB, CMW, GED, GDN, BDE, HSV, GFR, OIL, ALS, BRM, TSV, DLX, ZM, TEW, CHG, HLS, VK1ZZ, Joan McDonnell, Roslyn Bryant, Rhonda Wilks, Peter Renton, Wendy Schinkel, Derek Goodhew, Toni Goodhew, Jeanette Mann, Noelene Melrose, Kerry Wright, Bill Walker, Kev Chillout, Brad Payn, Vallerie Payn.

Business commenced at 1933h 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:

Bob/VK4AAH – showed some very nice and high quality pickies from the Antarctic Trip, with the cable management of street mains cabling in Chile a standout.
Ben/VK4YT – passed around his latest acquisition, the Radtel RT950 multi band – enhanced receive handheld. It's green so it is good!

ACCEPTING PREVIOUS MEETING:

Accept the minutes for the July 2026 Management Meeting as printed in Back-scatter.

Motion 202608001 moved to be accepted by Wayne/VK4WSG and seconded by Iain/VK4IGM – CARRIED unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Nil

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Inwards. 15 articles, Outwards. 9 articles, as detailed in the Correspondence Log with the most noteworthy being:

- Ergon Energy – Mt Stuart Electricity July 2026
- Ergon Energy – Notification of Planned Mains Outage at Mt Stuart, Thursday 20th August
- WIA Club Liaison Officer – WIA Membership Hardship Assistance Scheme information
- WIA Club Liaison Officer – WIA Webinar follow-up notes from 13th July 2026
- WIA Club Liaison Officer – WIA Webinar Sunday 20th September at 4pm
- Townsville City Council – Property, Fleet & Emergency Management, future works and renewal of formal arrangements at Green Street Club Rooms.
- WIA – Amateur Radio Magazine Vol94 Number 4 2026
- RSGB – Radcom Magazine July 2026
- Richard Goodhew VK4PQV – Reports for August Management meeting
- Lyndall Reibelt VK4ZM – Report for August Management Meeting
- Peter Harrex VK4PQ – Report for August Management Meeting
- Ray Schinkel VK4OIL – Report for August Management Meeting
- Wayne Giebel VK4WSG – Motions for August Management Meeting
- TARC Financial Members – Notifications for Management Meeting, Project Night and Social Evening
- TARC Financial & Honorary Members & Complementaries – Back-scatter July 2026

- TARC Financial Members – Management Meeting Agenda so far
- Ron Ostrenski VK4JBY – Resignation of Membership effective 1st July 2026

Motion 202608002 Accept the Secretary's Report.

Moved by Gavin/VK4ZZ, Seconded by Ben/VK4YT – 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 202608003 Accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Peter/VK4PQ, Seconded by Jeff/VK4XA – CARRIED unanimously.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

ASSESSMENTS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :

ACMA runs the Amateur Radio Assessors Service.

- Specialist Assessors available for remote or online assessments are

Laurie Pritchard/VK4BLE in Brisbane on 0411413588,
Ron Bertrand/VK2DQ on Gold Coast on 0426771808,
Gail Lidden/VK4ION in Bundaberg on 0410121345,

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

Stuart Dunk/VK4SDD in Malanda on 0407700096,
Bob Ronai/VK4BOB in Cairns on 0438323737,
Howard Small/VK4BS in Cairns on 0425825799,
Darrin Archer/VK4GEO in Mount Isa on 0418981353,
Eric Baker/VK2TRD in Cloncurry 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 –
Sat 18 to Sun 19 July

- Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Paluma Passion 5/20/40/80km Rides- NQ Equestrian Centre Bluewater Park
Operators VK4ZZ, VK4ZM, Doris & VK4WSG, VK4ME, VK4ALS.
Great weekend Tropical Winter Weather greeted everyone involved with the Paluma Passion Rides, with Lyndall/VK4ZM and Gavin/VK4ZZ being the advance party of the operators setting up at Ride Base mid afternoon on Friday – with the Coffee Lady and Snow/VK4ME already set up on-site and open for business. Setting up went well and the VK5AH Lake Eyre Special was easily deployed into a nearby tall tree in time for a HF fix. Dinner done and hopping onto the Central Highlands Club Net allowed for an early night with the night being cool but not cold enough to deploy the 12V electric blankets. An early start at Ride Base on Saturday Morning getting things ready made the time go quick before Les/VK4ALS along with Doris and Wayne/VK4WSG arriving to sign in. A convoy out to the checkpoints delivered Doris and Wayne/VK4WSG to Checkpoint Grid to start setting up in the field for the first time the Pneumatic Mansion, a glorious dome tent supported by compressed air chambers consisting of a main bedroom, a lounge room and a verandah room. Wayne also set up the Radio Trailer near the Grid bypass gates. Meantime the convoy delivered Snow/VK4ME towing the Bambino to Waynes World Checkpoint, with his usual spot taken up by twin drinking tubs he quickly found an alternative spot for

the van and the fireplace. The convoy then delivered Les/VK4ALS to the Rons Gate Checkpoint with Les getting the camper trailer into a comfy spot. It had been some time since Les had operated in the field but you wouldn't think it – he was set up and comfy in no time. With convoy duties completed Gavin/VK4ZZ toddled back to Ride Base to help Lyndall/VK4ZM who was the main base operator for the weekend. A good number of riders for all tracks all had their TPR and Vet checks done and they started out of Ride Base and onto the tracks from 1-30pm. Gavin got to have a computer fix in the field assisting Chief Steward/Ride Secretary Robyn in getting the cantankerous printer to work on the laptop, with success a celebratory drink was had. As the sun went down the checkpoints were home delivered their free pre-ordered dinners and coffees in between calling in rider progress. The 20km riders were in before sunset, the 40km riders were all back in by 8pm and the 80km riders back in on their second leg by 11-30pm. The communications on 146.550MHz were going very well and Lyndall was busy sending out the Strapper Alerts on UHF CB CH26. Sunday came around with the 40km riders out early, followed by the checkpoint operators receiving their delivered to home free pre-ordered cooked brekkies and coffees thanks to the B2B crew. 20km riders started out after sunrise and the 5km riders either rode or walked their horsies around an easy course. With the events completed and presentations done (all horsies and riders completed successfully) some future information on the 2027 B2B Rides was gleaned from Robyn and on the Valley Riders Rides was gleaned from Anita, allowing the 2027 Comms Support calendar to start filling up. Operators were thanked by the organisers and riders and they are looking forward to us being on the ground for the Spring Shore ride in September.

Sat 25 to Sun 26 July

- NQORA Charters Towers Short Course Off Road Racing - Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers
Operators VK1ZZ, VK4ZMB, VK4ZM & VK4ZZ, Doris & VK4WSG. Surprisingly mild winter weather helped make the glamping and operating at Millchester a delight. Due to the entry list being small the decision was made to condense the event to Saturday only, with 4 cars on the 15km course all day with the one lap and restart format making for easy operations at the checkpoints. Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB and Gary the One/VK1ZZ operated from Checkpoint 1, Doris and Wayne/VK4WSG operated from Checkpoint 2 Turnaround, Lyndall/VK4ZM and Gavin/VK4ZZ operated from Checkpoint 3 Powerlines and also operated from the temporary Prologue Checkpoint for the 10km track before competition began on the 15km track – modified from the 18km track used for the previous event at Millchester. It was quite windy during the day and the wind sometimes blew the dust the right way. There were heaps of flocks of Black Cockatoos flying low during the weekend, this means something will happen with the weather sometime in the future 😊 Checkpoints were in place by 8am and communicating with Race Control on UHF CB CH15 and also maintaining a liaison radio link on 146.550MHz. Communications went very well during the day as did the cars, with only one mechanical fault during the day happening at Checkpoint 3 with a competitor losing the alternator/water pump drive belt. The co-pilot was transported back to the Pits by Recovery Chief Kevvy Screen and came back with a replacement belt and tools. Belt replaced and they were on their way again – total time 20minutes (not the 5 day wait you get at a dealer). Gavin did some HF while in camp, using the VK5AH Lake Eyre Special in inverted L mode (the trees are still a bit short at the campsite) and was able to communicate ok on the 80metre and 40metre nets. The presentations happened around 5-30pm, a noise communal campfire was lit and Gavin was able to entertain the crowd reheating some pizza on the fire, turning it into yummy woodfired pizza! Doris and Wayne/VK4WSG had the Inflatable Mansion deployed for their camp and were the most comfy campers on-site; The operators were thanked for helping out well for the event and discussion took place regarding the checkpoint requirements for the next event which would be held on the 25km track and the need for checkpoints expanding from 3 to 6.

Sat 1 to Sun 2 August

- Valley Riders Endurance Riding Assoc. (Ops by MARA Inc.) Greg Willoughby Memorial Horse Endurance Rides - Denison Creek near Nebo with Operators VK4CUZ, VK4HAN, VK4ZZ & VK4ZM, Bruce, VK4HRE, VK4AJY, Doris & VK4WSG. Fearless Leader Gary/VK4CUZ thanks everyone for helping out Mackay Amateur Radio Association Inc. with this event, held in sometime cold, sometimes warm, sometimes drizzly, sometimes sunny weather at Our Retreat Station. The Organisers also echo their thanks for the help given by the Valley Riders Endurance Riding Association Inc. and shouted the operators to a fine dinner on Friday Night at the very nearby Retreat Hotel (with George not missing out, he was on-site Saturday so he had home delivered dinner on Saturday Night to his

checkpoint). Sadly Doris and Wayne/VK4WSG had to travel back early before the riding began to seek medical help for Doris who had sustained an ankle injury while beachcombing in Mackay before the ride. Lyndall/VK4ZM and Gavin/VK4ZZ were assigned Ride Base duties, George/VK4HAN was assigned his favourite spot at Cedar Gully, Bruce was assigned the important Four Gates checkpoint, Bob/VK4HRE got the choice Denison Gate checkpoint right beside Denison Creek while Gary/VK4CUZ and Lachlan/VK4AJY finally settled on Gate 8 for their checkpoint. During the ride checkpoint to base comms happened via the nearby Blue Mountain VHF Repeater (except during it's off time between 10pm and 5am when comms happened on 146.5MHz) while Strapper Alert and comms with the organisers happened on CH16 UHF CB.

There were plenty of riders for the 100km Elevator, 40km, 20km and 5km rides on Saturday and the 40km, 20km and 5km rides on Sunday. It was rather cool and drizzly on Saturday Night with the 100km riders deciding to finish at the 80km mark which gave us all an 'early' night for the 6am start on Sunday. There was some HF operations happening at the checkpoints with George/VK4HAN, Lachlan/VK4AJY and Gavin/VK4ZZ busy on the nets (and available for backup comms should things fail on VHF) with Lachlan successful in a QRP contact on the 7100Net using an end fed random wire antenna and unun lent by Bob/VK4HRE. There were no incidents on the tracks and all the horsies and riders vetted through, capping off a great weekend in one of the best comms support spots in the country. Keep an eye out for ride calendar updates as the Valley Riders are hoping to hold at least 3 rides at Denison Creek in 2027.

2026 Comms Support - Notes on events –

Offroad Racing – NQORA are holding a round of the Queensland Off Road Racing Championships at Millchester on the weekend of 19th and 20th September. They will be running a competition course of up to 25km long and the event will run for 450km. The event will need at least 6 checkpoints activated so there is a need for lots of volunteers to be available for comms support and checkpoint duties. Please consider helping out with this event, and thanks to those listed below who have already put up their hands.

2027 Comms Support - Notes on events –

Horse Endurance Rides – Both B2B and Valley Riders have pinned their event dates onto the draft QERA Event Calendar. B2B have the following dates declared – 15-16 May Autumn Escalade, 17-18 July Blue Hills Bash, 31st July – 1st August Paluma Passion, 4-5 September Spring Shore.

Valley Riders have the following dates declared – 22-23 May Dee Jay Arabians, 19-29 June Greg Willoughby Memorial, plus the following options for an extra ride weekend either on 17-18 April, 29-30 May or 10-11 July.

2026 Comms Support Events so far -

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, 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 - 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 Gold City 450, Millchester MSRC near Charters Towers

Operators so far – VK1ZZ, VK4ZMB, VK4ZM & VK4ZZ, Doris & VK4WSG, 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:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :

- Club Station gear - functioning well – work was done on Saturday 12th July to the tri-band dipole in completing an alternative anchoring point

to replace the tree mount that collapsed after that tree was burnt out by bushfire. New point is fireproof and testing showed the antenna is in good condition and operating well.

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

APRS digipeater good. 23cm Beacon offline being repaired.

- Training for Assessments - Some training sessions for assessments took place during July, hopefully will be assessing candidates in August.
- VK4WIT Operations - Nil portable operations took place during the last month.
- VK4ATV Operations - Nil portable operations took place during the last month.
- VK4ATV WSPR Beacons - Still going well, but have to install the 10m/6m dipole when spare time permits.
- North Queensland Net - All nets going good, participation is great with operators amongst some fading due to solar storms.
- Much more treasure has been donated, much thanks to all.
- Some help will be needed to transport the equipment from the estate of Wayne Gooda/VK4YWG (sk) to the clubrooms with 2 vehicles needed either Tuesday 11th or Wednesday 12th. (Ben/VK4YT volunteered to help on Wednesday 12th August in the morning.)

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

- Ashley/VK4FUU reported all going well with many magazines available for members to peruse or lend. A cull of the magazines has happened, with the culled items put out in the main meeting room for keen operators to snaffle.

FACILITIES CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Phil/VK4HSV was an apology for the meeting.

LADIES GROUP CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Lyndall/VK4ZM, reported via Gavin/VK4ZZ :
The Ann Renton Memorial Net happened on Tuesday 28th July at 0930UTC. The net was held 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 with Gavin/VK4ZZ being the warm-up operator and gathering the net list then handing over to Lyndall/VK4ZM as net control.

Via VOIP modes

Robert/VK2DY, Kellyville Ridge, NSW, Australia via AllStarLink/VK2DY/VK4GDN/VK4TUB

1C during the week, much milder tonight. Latest project is on hold until the right video display component arrives. Trying out the new QSO1 VOIP multi-mode application, trying out the beta version (released for PC and Android).

Lisa/VK4NAN, Cairns, Far North QLD, Australia via AllStarLink/VK4XL/VK4TUB

Calling in via hubby Tony/VK4XL node tonight as the CairnsHUB is not connected to the TubbyNET tonight.

Experienced Parks On The Air (POTA) and Islands On The Air (IOTA) out at Green Island a few weeks back.

Will be going with other Cairns Club Members to Grassy Hill Light near Cooktown for the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) on the 3rd Weekend in August.

Darrin/VK4XC, Mount Isa, North QLD, Australia via AllStarLink/VK4XC/VK4TUB

Helped with regular maintenance at the Repeater Site last weekend and currently working on the donated light tower trailer turning it into the Club Portable Radio Operating Trailer, doing brackets for things to attach to. Trained the new 3D Printer to do the right thing, printing out some useful things. Thanks to Bob/VK4BOB for talking me into getting the rigging and materials for a portable inverted V - hoping to play a bit more on HF when time permits. Tried a bit of HF work from the Repeater Site last Sunday Night with another rig but have to do some adjustments so it gets out better.

Via the Townsville UHF repeater were:

Peter/VK4PQ & Ruth, Kelso, North QLD, Australia

Attended the Redcliffe Club Webinar last night, a very interesting seminar on emerging technologies and AI in Amateur Radio - very well presented. Did a test transmission tonight on the VHF Repeater with the latest edition of the NZART News.

Ben/VK4YT & Jo, Kelso, North QLD, Australia

Doing some irrigation upgrades in the fern house. Did a visit last weekend to Donnington Airpark YDOP for the Military Muster and Markets. Thought Hams hoarded old stuff but the Military collectors hoard much more! Doing varied types of shifts at work. Doing a bike trip to Mackay this weekend with the Kawasaki Z Owners Club.

Remember to work VK4KSS Kiari State School this Thursday from 10AM. Tune around 7120kHz and help the students with their Amateur Radio operating.

Gavin/VK4ZZ, Vincent, North QLD, Australia

Busy with Comms Support weekends, two weeks ago with the B2B Paluma Passion Horse Endurance Rides based out of Bluewater Park, last weekend with the NQORA Millchester Challenge Off Road Racing near Charters Towers and this coming weekend helping the Mackay Club at the Valley Riders Greg Willoughby Memorial Horse Endurance Rides at Our Retreat Station near Nebo. Remember to either help with or operate to the Historic Oonoonba Bomb Crater activation for the 84th Anniversary of the Bombing of Townsville, setting up from 1pm then on the air from 2pm this Wednesday on 7100kHz plus operations on 20metres and 10metres.

Richard/VK4PQV, Cranbrook, North QLD, Australia

All OK for the Oonoonba Bomb Crater operations. Will also call into VK4KSS Kiari State School operation on Thursday. Keeping home at the moment and watching the fuel prices rise.

Ashley/VK4FUU & Brenda, Garbutt, North QLD, Australia

Greetings to all - just remembered the net is on, will put on a visitor.

Paul/ZL1PLG & Linden, visiting Ashley/VK4FUU & Brenda, Garbutt, North QLD, Australia

Greetings, operating VK Portable, and you can't beat a roast lamb dinner.

The net concluded at 1039UTC after the ta ta round was completed and the Net Controller wished everyone a safe return for the net in August.

The next ARMN will be happening on Tuesday 25th August and then on Tuesday 22nd September at 0930UTC on the Townsville UHF Voice Repeater incorporating the VK4TUB AllStarLink 46740 and Echolink 837219 nodes. Remember too that the Tech on the Air net will be happening on Tuesday 29th September from 0930UTC then on Tuesday 29th December 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/VK4PQV reported:
JOTA JOTI this year will be 3rd full weekend on October 17/18 October 2026. As yet they haven't made contact yet though they will advise in the coming months.
Kennedy Region Scouts, this year should be a Regional JOTA/JOTI camp and should be held at Camp Tamaroo Bluewater. Operators so far are VK4ZZ Gavin VK4ZM Lyndall VK4PQV Richard, more operators will be needed.
Flinders Region Guides will be held at Guides Qld Camp and Training site Toolakea Beach Rd Bluewater, they will need operators.

QSL CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Ashley/VK4FUU reported :
- No new dispatches received.

EDITOR BACKSCATTER REPORT:

- Gavin/VK4ZZ reported :
The August issue will close for articles on Friday afternoon 14th, then with the security clamp down currently in place be sent to the Senator's Office electronically on Monday 17th for

the limited print run publishing. Thanks for those who have submitted items – please keep them rolling in!

TRANSMISSION OFFICER & CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

(our transmission officers are Richard/VK4FRJG, Lyndall/VK4ZM, Denis/VK4AE, Peter/VK4PQ, Gavin/VK4ZZ)

- Richard/VK4PQV reported:

For Month of July the WIA n Q-news transmission and call-backs NQ news retransmissions and call-backs were done by Richard VK4PQV.

For Month of August the WIA n Q-news transmission and call-backs was by Peter VK4PQ. NQ news retransmissions and call-backs was done by Richard VK4PQV. On Sunday 16th August Richard will be out of town so the Sunday Night retransmission will be done by Gavin/VK4ZZ from the Club Rooms and Lyndall/VK4ZM will do the callbacks from Vincent.

PUBLICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR REPORT:

- Iain/VK4IGM reported:

The limited print run of Back-scatter magazine continues. Many thanks to Hon Susan McDonald, Senator for Queensland and the team at the Townsville Office for helping the Club to continue the limited print run of the magazine for our members who lack the means to receive the publication electronically. Noting that Australia Post will be increasing the standard post rate from \$1.70 to \$1.85 per article during the second half of this year.

WIA CONTACT REPORT

Gavin/VK4ZZ reported:

- As part of the last WIA Affiliated Clubs President's Webinar the announcement was made regarding the 2026 Membership Hardship scheme. The initiative is part of the membership retention efforts of the Institute and applies to any current financial members of the WIA who are also members of affiliated clubs who experience financial difficulties in renewing their WIA membership due prior to the end of December 2026. The message and application form has been sent to theTARCinc Financial Members with email facilities.

- Volunteer vacancies in the WIA, as detailed at the last WIA Affiliated Clubs President's Webinar are as follows –

- Assistants to sort QSL cards (based in VK3)
- Technical Advisor (Echolink / IRLP / Allstar)
- Technical Advisor (Satellites)
- IARU Monitoring Service Sub-committee
- Monitoring System Coordinator
- Information Technology Manager
- Social/Electronic Media Moderator(s)
- Complaints Officer
- Grants Officer.

Available? Contact the WIA National Office and let them know.

- The WIA is doing a lot of work behind the scenes getting its new and improved website together and ready to launch. Want to try the new site out? It is still in beta test mode and not all content isn't available but can be accessed on www.wia.au

FACEBOOK MASTER REPORT:

- Paul/VK4ICA had no report for this month.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT:

- Bob/VK4AHH and Phil/VK4HSV will report at the 2026 AGM.

Motion 202608004 moved by Snow/VK4ME to accept tabled Ex-Officio Reports and Seconded by Bob/VK4AAH.

- CARRIED unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ray/VK4OIL – 84th. Anniversary Activation – Historic WW2 Oonoonba Bomb Site report and update

Wednesday the 29th. July 2026, the 84th. Anniversary of the Japanese bombing attack on Townsville.

The weather at Oonoonba was picture perfect and around 20+ Members and friends turned out to enjoy

the afternoon amongst an assortment of antennas and HF sigs. running hot.

Band conditions could have been better, however 20metres and 40metres kept the two portable Stations going all afternoon.

Station VK4TUB had a field day operating via a couple of antennas and also acted as Net Control on the Travellers Net (7.100 MHz from 1700 hrs) and worked just short of 20 stations. Well done Kerry.

I also, VK4OIL, erected a JPC vertical antenna and worked 20 metres whilst undertaking other duties including doing a live on air interview with ABC Radio, which went very well. Quite a deal of PR for our TARC Inc. club included.

What was very noticeable and wonderful to see, was the number of 'second operators' stepping up to the mic. and having a go during the afternoon. Thanks also to Lyndall, VK4ZM for assisting with some of the paperwork duties.

Once again I thank all those who attended, our TARC Inc. Members and all Stations that called in to support us on the day.

There is further good news re the future development of the Bomb Site. It has been an absolute pleasure to receive a notice of support to save our WW11 Bomb Site at Oonoonba from the "Naval Association of Australia" (Queensland Division) –

Townsville & District Sub-Section. Sincere thanks go out to Iain Morrison (VK4IGM) for instigating the support from his

Organisation which will carry additional and needed weight to our 'Save the Site' cause when negotiations resume with the Townsville City Council. Thanks also to Sheila (VK4PAL) for your interest and support. There is yet more good news. Josh Botten, Development Manager

Housing Supply and Delivery with Economic Development Queensland has been in contact advising that the organisation has formally appointed a Heritage Advisor to undertake a Historic Heritage Assessment for the bomb crater site. The advisor will be undertaking a site inspection in around 3-weeks' time and the final report is expected towards the end of September. Josh is going to keep me posted on how this is progressing. Josh adds that on a side note, documents have been uncovered while briefing the Heritage Advisor which includes a chapter from a thesis written by Dr Ray Holyoak regarding the Townsville air raids

and there has been some historical information from when the site was originally investigated for potential unexploded ordnances back in 2009. These documents are available to be emailed on request by me.

Ray. VK4OIL.

Co-ordinator - Save the

WW11 Bomb Site.

Amateur Radio Display opportunity at 2026 Get Ready Townsville

Wayne/VK4WSG reported that, after a lot of mind swotting and consulting the crystal ball to figure out the right things to say, the application for the Club to be involved with this years Get Ready Townsville event has been sent in before the closure date. Wayne also advised that if the Club is successful and displaying at the event the pergola, display table and – if required – mains power will be supplied and installed by the Townsville City Council.

Club Website Upgrades and the rebirth of theTARCinc Webmaster Ex-Officio position

For some time now the Club's website has been in a holding pattern, since the demise of the Ozmotion site the Club has survived online with a site based on the Weebly system maintained by the Secretary. One of our newer members, Wayne/VK4WSG has had extensive experience with websites and online systems and has established an experimental website running in tandem with the Weebly site to gain experience in crafting amateur radio based information systems.

The time has come to re-establish the ex-officio position within the club of Webmaster so that the Club's online presence can be greatly enhanced.

Motion 202608005 propose that Wayne Giebel/VK4WSG be nominated to hold the ex-officio position of Webmaster and be asked to expand and maintain the Club's online web presence and to assist the Secretary in the mothballing of the Club's Weebly based website. Moved by Gavin/VK4ZZ and Seconded by Hairy Richard/VK4ZMB - CARRIED unanimously.

To improve the exposure of the Club's newer website, a choice of a more precise and descriptive Universal Resource Locator (URL) needs approval. The newer website is hosted on an Australian datacentre located within continental Australia with the establishment costs kindly donated by Wayne/VK4WSG. The new Club URL needs to reflect that the site is Australian and belongs to a not for profit organisation. The final URL will be chosen from the following –
<https://thetarcinc.org.au> or
<https://thetownsvilleamateurradioclub.org.au>
 Some discussion took place and the following motion was raised –

Motion 202608006 that both suggested URLs be accepted and applied to the newer website.
 Moved by Wayne/VK4WSG and Seconded by Gavin/VK4ZZ - CARRIED unanimously.

Green Street Clubrooms, proposed maintenance works by Townsville City Council

On Wednesday 29th July your Secretary met with Kayla Higginson, Property Leasing Officer and Helene James, Senior Community Development Officer with the Townsville City Council Property, Fleet and Emergency Management Division at the Green Street Club Rooms. Kayla detailed some planned maintenance to be done at the site with quotations underway for arborists to trim the trees about the buildings and for replacement of all guttering on the top building where the club rooms reside. Kayla advised that while work is underway doing the actual gutter replacement there would be access restrictions to the top building and that the SES Travelling Wave Dipole Antenna would have to be lowered to allow crane access across to the back of the building as part of the gutter replacement. Kayla would be keeping the Club in the loop regarding timings for the gutter replacement work (keeping in mind counter-disaster requirements) and if any restrictions are needed when the arborists are active with their tree trimming. Gavin pointed out a tree that badly needed trimming to allow the SES Travelling Wave Dipole Antenna to be usable again and offered to help with the lowering of that antenna when needed. Gavin also pointed out the non-functioning bollard luminaire at the top of the steps which Kayla noted.

Kayla and Helene also provided information regarding the updating of the documentation regarding the Club's occupation of the top building and were impressed on how the Club had helped maintain the heritage status of the building. At a later time the Club and the TCC will be drafting an updated occupancy agreement, either sharing with the SES still or as sole occupant of the top building which will require a site survey and a negotiation on yearly cost, with the agreement lasting 5 years. The agreement will protect the Club's occupancy as the land on which the Green Street Bunker is located is State Government Special Leased by the Council and without an upgraded agreement the State Government could ask the Club to end occupancy without any notice. Helene also provided information regarding council run community information website and council grant website that would be handy for the club to be registered on.

FURTHER GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil.

There being no further business, President Snow/VK4ME closed the meeting at 2054h local time and wished everyone goodnight and a safe return to the next Monthly Management Meeting on the 1st August 2026.

Minutes Transcribed 5th August 2026 by Gavin Reibelt VK4ZZ - Secretary 2026, The Townsville Amateur Radio Club (Inc).



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AI/VK4ALT reports that the 4KZ Broadcast on 5055kHz Amplitude Modulation is back on-air. Tune in and send reports to vk4alt@wia.org.au



Remember !
Membership Subs
Needed to be Paid
By 30th June 2026.

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

phone - 0407 177841 email - peter.harrex@bigpond.com

Subs can be paid in person or via Internet Direct Transfer.

Details for direct transfer -

Account Name – The Townsville Amateur Radio Club In

Bank - Bendigo BSB 633000 Account Number 230033540

Reference (your surname or callsign).

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

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 rnsstone@gmail.com

HF Station for Sale

Ken/VK4HAL 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.

Another tower and bits need a good home

...and all you need to do is dismantle the tower and take it away. Yes, Wallaby Bob/VK4WJ is no longer using his self supporting windmill tower so it is up for grabs, along with some rotators and antennas. The tower tilts over and can be broken down into a number of sections for easy cartage. Keen to get your antennas up and working properly? Contact Wallaby Bob now by phone on 0447 797 869

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.

Packet Radio Update

VK4OT FBBS now VK4OT BPQ-BBS

Jason has recently upgraded (with some help from Tony/VK7AX) the VK4OT Heatley FBBS onto the BPQ Platform (which is currently supported while the FBB system support ended in 2015). If you have a login with Jason's system it will still work on the new system, however the Telnet port has a changed port number. You can either utilise Telnet on vk4ot.ddns.net port 8010 or utilise the BPQ Web portal on <http://vk4ot.ddns.net:8008/> clicking on the terminal button and entering your callsign and password.

Jason now has the upgraded radio port working on 145.175MHz with faster response times and updated SSID - VK4OT-7. When you connect you will see the familiar BBS response. There are other functions available on the BPQ Web portal such as routing information, a node list, active ports, list of links, a users list, a chat window and the APRS maps pages. Need a password to get in? Drop Jason a line on [qrm] vk4ot [at] outlook [dot] com [dot] au [qrm] making sure to release 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.

VK4UI - Located at Rockhampton in Central Queensland operating 24 hours per day 7 days a week using VARA and VARA2750 Hybrid modes and Public Access enabled on 7058.5kHz, 10146.8kHz, 14111.0kHz (subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency) using USB.

VK2HL - Located at Yeppoon in Central Queensland operating 24 hours per day 7 days a week using VARA and VARA270 Hybrid modes and Public Access enabled on 3625.0kHz, 7040.0kHz, 10132.0kHz, 14090.0kHz, 18098.0kHz (subtract 1.5kHz for the dial frequency) using USB.

WinLink RMS also feature online login through the WinLink application

- Some hi-spec equipment and accessories for sale

Glen Watkins, son of Wally/VK4DO (SK) is offering the following items for sale, including some things owned in the past by Wally.

- Icom IC-R7100 Receiver, Icom TV-7100, Accessories to suit,
- JIM M-75 Low noise wide band gas fet pre amp,
- AOR AR 8200 Scanner,
- Alinco DJ-X2000E scanner and accessories,
- Mobile One SCBASE Antenna,
- Revex FC2000 RF Freq Counter,
- 1977 Radio Amateurs handbook,
- 19th edition ARRL Antenna handbook,
- 2001 ARRL Handbook.

Glenn is open to reasonable offers,

Phone him now on 0427786622 to stich up a deal.

PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Aug John 4DFZ, the Distinguished Flying Zebra
20 Lyn 4SWE/4EI, board of control of Tex
23 Noel 4AF, the Sinker Man of El Arish
28 Catherine, harmonic of Lucia and Barry 4XPR
31 Shinako 4YMD, board of control of Ian 4KMD
31 Aug Alex, harmonic of Lucia and Barry 4XPR



- 1 Sept Ron 4JBY, OM of Mandy
5 Daryl 4MIC
5 Mark 4TSV, OM of Mary
6 John 4KN
9 Joel, Harmonic of Lynda & Rob 4RB
9 Laura, board of control of Gregg 4ZON
18 MATMAN himself 4GUN
24 Denis 4AE YM of Robyn
24 Ron 2DQ radioelectronicschool master
25 Paul 'Jimmy' 4CK
27 Teri 4HYL, board of control of Don 4MC
27 Rob 4RB, OM of Lynda
30 Sept Charlotte & Gillian, twin harmonics of Steve 4SGW & Heather
1 Oct Markus 4TMZ, OM of Rosemary
3 Lynda, board of control of Rob 4RB
3 Jenny 2JMP, board of control of Bob 2YQ
5 Ken 4KF, OM of Pat
6 Lorne 4TLB, OM of Debbie
7 Mark 4FMAR
10 Bev, board of control of Rossco 4AQ
18 Rob 4CRM/1RM the master of Extreme Loafing
21 Lincoln, harmonic of Wendy & Leigh 4HLW
21 Shorty 4FABT, OM of Mary
23 Katrina 4KMA, board of control of Paul 4ICA
26 Amelia, board of control of John 4DFZ
27 Lyndall 4ZM, board of control of Gavin 4ZZ
27 Carole, board of control of Trevor 4WTC
29 Gary 4OO, OM of Beth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Aug Mandy & Ron 4JBY
30 Aug Shinako 4YMD & Ian 4KMD
30 Aug Lyndall 4ZM & Gavin 4ZZ
2 Sept Jeanette & Wallaby Bob 4WJ
22 Oct Luiz & Geoff 4JDW
8 Nov Sharon & Jeff 4XA

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

August 1972 - Mackay Amateur Radio Club formed as announced by then Mackay Club Secretary Bernard Johnston VK4ZJH

SILICON ANNIVERSARY

12 Sept Invention of the Integrated Circuit in 1958

VISUAL BACKSCATTER

**Activating the Historic WW2 Oonoonba Bomb Crater Site
for the 82nd Anniversary of the Bombing of Townsville**



Ray/VK4OIL operating portable 20metres to USA and Canada



Tubby/VK4TUB operating portable 40metres to VK and ZL



Charlie & Harrison get into some on-air action while Bosun just wants to play



some 'helpers' – Iain/VK4IGM, Mal/VK4MSS, Richard/VK4PQV



Portable Stations setup near the Bomb Crater



Paul/ZL1PLG checks out the site with Ashley/VK4FUU and Charlie



Ray/VK4OIL asks Robert/VK4HLS 'What's This?' while Gavin/VK4ZZ checks tuning while Ashley/VK4FUU and Paul/ZL1PLG watch on



The Tubby 40m vertical and 40m loaded dipole antennas deployed near the Bomb Crater

Cardwell Gathering

October Long Weekend



See if you can spot the 6pm croc or the 5-30pm goanna!

The Cardwell Gathering will be taking place from Friday afternoon October 2nd to Monday morning October 5th at the Meunga Creek Caravan Park near Cardwell FNQ.

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

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

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

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

Look for more on the wikicamps app or on these sites -

Meunga Creek Caravan Park Facebook Page:

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

Meunga Creek Caravan Park CamperMate Page:

<https://campermate.com/en/location/australia/qld/tropical-north-queensland/paid-campsites/meunga-creek-caravan-park/0096a5c1-0c81-40ac-bbfb-3b14fa762da3>



in the electronic version, click here for Google directions from Cardwell CBD to Meunga Creek Caravan Park

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

The proprietors of the Caravan Park value that same laid back lifestyle they offer during your stay, so for direct contact on the phone please call at the optimal time between 4pm and 5pm daily. Otherwise text the contact number with a message with these details – Your Name, Your best Contact Number, Number of People you are booking in with, Date and Time you are arriving, Date and Time you are leaving, Site Requirements (unpowered, powered, powered and water). The contact number is – **0429 728913**

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



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

Cardwell Beachcomber Motel and Tourist Park –

43A Marine Parade Cardwell. Bookings phone – 07 40668550

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

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

215 Victoria Street (Bruce Highway) Cardwell. Bookings

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

Kookaburra Holiday Park –

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

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

Cardwell Beachfront Motel –

1 Scott Street Cardwell. Bookings phone – 07 40668776

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



onboard Cardwell Jetty heading into the Seafest

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

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

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

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



Goanna Time at Meunga Creek.

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Radio happenings August 2026 to July 2027 ... so far**August**

- 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
- 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
- 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
- theTARCinc 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

- 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 Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

February

- 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 Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

March

- 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 Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 30th March from 7-30pm on Tsvl 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 Tsvl 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
- B2B Autumn Escalade Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 15 to Sun 16 May - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 18th May from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- MARA Valley Riders Dee Jay Arabians Denison Creek Horsie Rides - Sat 22 to Sun 23 May
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 25th May from 7-30pm on Tsvl 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 Townsville area
- Queensland Day - Sun 6th June - QUEENSLANDER!
- TARC Project Night - Tue 8th June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- MARA Valley Riders Greg Willoughby Memorial Denison Creek Horsie Rides - Sat 19 to Sun 20 June
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 15th June from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 22nd June from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Tech On The Air Net Tue 29th June from 7-30pm on Tsvl VHF Repeater and VK4PQ AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

July

- TARC Management Meeting - Tue 6th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- TARC Project Night - Tue 13th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- B2B Blue Hills Bash Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 17 to Sun 18 July - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- TARC Social Evening - Tue 20th July from 7-30pm at the Club Rooms Green Street West End
- B2B Paluma Passion Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 31 July to Sun 1 Aug - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre
- Ann Renton Memorial Net - Tue 27th July from 7-30pm on Tsvl UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes
- Bombing of Townsville 85th Anniversary HF Activation - Thur July 29th Historic WW2 Wulguru Bombing Site

August

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



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CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC. AGM WEEKEND 2026



**FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER (FROM 2PM)
TO SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER (10AM)**



**EMERALD PISTOL CLUB
SELMA ROAD, EMERALD**

Join us for a fantastic weekend of friendship, great food, plenty of laughs and all things amateur radio! Along with our Annual General Meeting, enjoy:



**MEGA AUCTION
OF TREASURE**



**MULTI-DRAW
RAFFLE**



**MONEY
BOARD**



**DELICIOUS
MEAL PACKAGE**



**CATCH UP WITH
FELLOW HAMS**

The cost will be **\$20** for the weekend for those wanting to camp. From Friday night until Sunday.



There are some camping spots and also a room to put some swags in.

**CATERING NUMBERS
REQUIRED!
NO LATER THAN
TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

PLEASE ADVISE HELEN (VK4FHEL) BY:



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**SMS
0412 038 033**

Great company, good times and one of the best spots in Central Queensland!



MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE!

Fees must be paid prior to the General Meeting/AGM

**SINGLE
\$20 PA**

**FAMILY
\$25 PA**



**ANY MEMBERS ARE REMINDED
THAT ANYONE WHO IS ON THE
BANNED GUN LIST IS NOT
PERMITTED TO ATTEND.**

MEAL PACKAGE: \$25 PER HEAD

(FOR ATTENDEES OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE)
INCLUDES LUNCH, DINNER, DESSERT,
SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND A FREE SOFT DRINK -
WHAT A MENU!



SATURDAY SIZZLING LUNCH

A snag and onion with sauce
cooked to perfection by the
Iron Faraday Cage Chefs
served on fresh bread.



SATURDAY NIGHT FEAST

- Rib Fillet Steak
- Gluten Free Sausages
- Onion • Lettuce • Beetroot
- Tomato • Pineapple • Cheese
- Coleslaw • Pasta Salad
- Potato Bake



DESSERT (CHOOSE FROM)

- Homemade Cheesecake
- Homemade Caramel Tart
- Pavlova
- Apple Pie with Custard



SUNDAY RECOVERY BREAKFAST

Bacon and/or Egg cooked to perfection
by the Iron Faraday Cage Chefs on
bread, toast or plate.



**! IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS
PLEASE LET HELEN KNOW.**

MONEY BOARD

\$2 PER NUMBER



**WINNING NUMBER
GETS \$100 PRIZE!**

RAFFLE MULTI-DRAW \$2 PER TICKET



IT WOULD BE VERY
APPRECIATED IF YOU
SUPPORT THE RAFFLE.
PLEASE DONATE A
PRIZE OR TWO!

MEGA AUCTION



CLEAR YOUR RADIO
SHACK OR HOMEWARES
TREASURE TROVE AND
BRING ALONG YOUR ITEMS!

**\$5 PRIZES WRAPPED
WOULD ALSO BE
APPRECIATED.**

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

From 2pm

- Arrivals and set up – walkies
- Meet and Greet



SATURDAY

9am – 12pm

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

12pm – Sizzling Sausage Lunch in the Camp Kitchen
2.30 – 3.50pm

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

2.30 – 4pm – Raffle Tickets & Money Board

4 – 5pm – General Meeting & Annual General Meeting

6pm – Saturday Night Feast

6.30 – 7pm – Last chance to purchase

Raffle Tickets & Money Board Numbers

****** MEGA AUCTION WILL NOT START
UNTIL DINNER IS FINISHED ******

SUNDAY

7 – 9am

- Recovery Breakfast then Farewells



DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00904743
REFERENCE: Callsign or Surname



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(BEING SURE TO RELEASE THE COUNTER-MEASURES FIRST!)

