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News from the North
from 23rd August 2026
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- News of a Silent Key
- John Roberts VK4TL

Sad news has in via Tablelands Radio and Electronics Club
Secretary Stu/VK4SDD that long time member John Roberts VK4TL
went Silent Key on Monday 24th August.

John was very active in experimentation in Amateur Radio which
was an extension of his profession as a Broadcast Engineer.

John not only the resident engineer at NQRadio (the former company
that ran 4KZ, 4AM and KoolFM) until his retirement, but during his
former life in the UK was for sometime one of the clandestine
engineers behind famed Pirate Station Radio Caroline. He also did
an engineering stint at Bletchley Park before emigrating to Australia.
Apart from experimenting, John was also very active in Communications
Support and firmly believed that WICEN has a vital role to play
in the community in disaster preparedness.

A more detailed recounting of John's activities and legacy will be
released to the WIA News Service by TREC in the coming days.

John's celebration of life will be held on Friday 4th September
from 10am at Trinity Community Funerals, 35 Mount Milman Drive,
Smithfield Far North Queensland.

- News from Central Queensland

- CHARC AGM Weekend 2026

The summarised version -

Venue : Emerald Pistol Club

Selma Road, Emerald Central Queensland

GPS 23.545363S 148.132862E

Date : From 2pm Friday 25th September
to 10am Sunday 27th September
Note: If you are classified as a
Prohibited Person under the QLD Weapons Act 1990
you will not be allowed on site at the Pistol Club.
Food : Meal Package \$25 per head.
Member Fees: \$20 single \$25 family
Digs : Powered Site at venue \$20 for the weekend
no booking necessary. Includes power.
Self Contained Sites before and after the event
at Model Flying Club Mosquito Creek through Bob/VK4CWL.
Happenings : Saturday 26th Sept GM&AGM, Raffles,
Money Board, Mega Auction
Look : RSVP Deadline to Helen/VK4FHEL
no later than TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026
via CHARC Facebook Page or SMS to 0412038033.
Pay : Direct Deposit Details -
BSB 064704 Account Number 000904743
Reference Callsign or Surname
Send notification via email
[qrm] events [at] charc [dot] org [dot] au [qrm]
[being sure to convert the counter-measures first].
Note that all transactions on site will be in CASH.

The full Monty -
The famous and popular Central Highlands Amateur Radio Club
AGM weekend will be happening from 2pm Friday 25th to
10am Sunday 27th September 2026 at the Emerald Pistol Club,
4km from the Emerald CBD on Selma Road in Central Queensland.
Lock your GPS into 23.545363S 148.132862E for the entry point.
Note: The venue is under the control of the QLD Weapons Act 1990 and
if you are classified as a Prohibited Person under the Act
you will not be allowed on site.

Not only will the Annual General Meeting be held on Saturday
afternoon, there will also be the famous Mega Auction of Treasure,
a Multi Draw Raffle, a Radio Equipment Raffle, the Money Board,
a sumptuous Meal Package gathered by CHARC volunteers and
cooked up by the Iron Faraday Cage Chefs plus a chance to catch
up with fellow hams and support crews at one of the best spots in
Central Queensland.

CHARC Inc. Events Co-ordinator Helen/VK4FHEL needs your
catering numbers NO LATER than TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER!
You can advise Helen either on the CHARC Facebook Page or by
SMS on 0412038033.

Camping and Caravan Site accommodation at the venue is
available on powered sites for \$20 for the weekend,
or if you want a more opulent site with a water view then further
down Selma Road is the Lake Maraboon Holiday Resort with options
ranging from camping to luxury villa (at a much higher price)
or if you are self contained you can contact Bob/VK4CWL to arrange
a campsite before and after the event at the Central Highlands

Model Flying Club facility at nearby Mosquito Creek.
There is also the option to travel out from Emerald to partake in a variety of motel, hotel, caravan or camping services.

The address of the AGM venue is: 686 Selma Road, Emerald.
Travel west from the Capricorn Highway/Gregory Highway Intersection in Emerald for 1.1km and turn left at the Selma Road sign into King Street. Cross the Railway Crossing and veer right into Selma Road. Travel 3.8 km and turn left into the access road to the Pistol Club. Proceed 350metres along the unsealed access road. Stop, get out, have a look around, then choose a camping site (but not on any of the firing ranges).

Membership Fees are Due !

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

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

- and what a menu ! -

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

Saturday Night Feast - a sumptuous selection of Rib Fillet Steak, Gluten Free Sausages, Onion, Lettuce, Beetroot, Tomato, Pineapple, Cheese plus Coleslaw, Pasta Salad & Potato Bake.

Dessert either Homemade Lemon Cheesecake, Homemade Caramel Tart, Pavlova, Apple Pie with Custard.

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

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

MONEY BOARD:

It's \$2 per number - winning number gets \$100 Prize

RAFFLES:

There is a Multi-Draw Prize Bonanza and also a Radio Equipment Raffle.

It would be very appreciated if you can support the Multi-Draw Raffle by kindly donate a prize or two.

MEGA AUCTION:

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

PROGRAMME

Friday Sept 25th from 2pm

- Arrivals and set up - walkies, check out the new venue.
- Take a walk down to the Selma Weir which is onsite.
- Meet and Greet.

Saturday Sept 26th

9am - 12pm

- More Arrivals and Meet and Greet.
- Start putting your treasure and mystery items into the Mega

Auction.

- Start putting in any Raffle Prizes you are donating.

12pm

- Sizzling Sausage Lunch at the Eatery.

2.30 - 3.50pm

- If you haven't already paid by internet transfer see the Treasurer to pay your membership fees and catering costs.

(This will be the last time you will be able to pay and this will allow the Treasurer to finalise the moneys before AGM & Meeting).

2.30 - 4pm

- Raffle Tickets & Money Board sales.

4 - 5pm

- General Meeting & Annual General Meeting at the Shelter.

6pm

- Saturday Night Feast

6.30 - 7pm

- Last chance to purchase Raffle Tickets & Money Board Numbers.

- Raffle Draws.

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

Sunday Sept 27th

7 - 9am

- Recovery Breakfast then Farewells.

Direct Deposit Details -

BSB 064704 Account Number 000904743

Reference Callsign or Surname

Send notification via email

[qrm] events [at] charc [dot] org [dot] au [qrm]

[being sure to convert the counter-measures first]

NOTES: all transactions at the AGM Site will be in CASH
no ATM onsite and no card services - nearest cash outlet is
multiple sites in Emerald.

If you are staying at the venue campsites payment
will be cash.

Remember, if you are self-contained and want to stay before or after
the event contact Bob/VK4CWL to find out about the accommodation
option at the Model Flying Club venue at Mosquito Creek.

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

- News from North Queensland

- TARC Management Meeting

The Management Meeting of the Townsville Amateur Radio Club
Inc happens this Tuesday 1st September 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 31st August.

All welcome !

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

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

Centre Bluewater Park

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

Sat 15 to Sun 16 May 2027 - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Autumn Escalade

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

Bluewater Park

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

Sat 22 to Sun 23 May 2027 - Valley Riders Endurance Riding Assoc.

2x20/2x40/1x80k (Ops by MARA Inc.)

Dee Jay Arabians Horse Endurance Rides - Denison Creek

near Nebo

Operators so far VK4CUZ, VK4HAN, VK4HRE, Bruce, VK4AJY, many more operators needed.

Sat 19 to Sun 20 June 2027 - 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, VK4HRE, Bruce, VK4AJY, more operators needed.

Sat 17 to Sun 18 July 2027 - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Blue Hills
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Horse Endurance Rides 5/20/40/80 - NQ Equestrian Centre

Bluewater Park

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

Sat 31 July to Sun 1 Aug 2027 - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Paluma
Passion

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

Bluewater Park

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

Sat 4 to Sun 5 Sept 2027 - Bush to Beach Endurance Ride Assoc. Spring Shore

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

Bluewater Park

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

- Townsville Nets Callbacks

VHF Net Callbacks - VK4WIT 146.700MHz Repeater

by Peter/VK4PQ at Kelso North Queensland

following the WIA News and QNEWS transmissions 20260823 0900-0941K

Callbacks by Peter/VK4PQ

at Kelso North Queensland - 20260823 0941-1033K

VK4SDD Stu and Liz at Mudlanda via AllStarLink/VK4SD/VK4PQ

ZL1PLG Paul and Lynden at North Island New Zealand via AllStarLink/ZL1PLG/VK4PQ

VK4XC Darrin at Mount Isa via AllStarLink/VK4XC/VK4PQ

VK4FN Rick portable at Emron Mine Site near Weipa via AllStarLink/VK4FN/VK4PQ

VK4YT Ben and Jo at Kelso

VK4IGM Iain and Sheila/VK4PAL at West End

VK4ALS Les and Leslie at Kelso

VK4PQV Richard at Cranbrook

VK4BKA Brad at Vincent

VK4ZZ Gavin and Lyndall at Vincent

VK4TJS Tony at Kelso

VK4ME Snow and Sharon at Kirwan

VK4WJ Wallaby Bob and Jeanette at Cranbrook

VK4FNQ John and Cheryl/VK4FRYL at Majestic Towers

VK4AAH Bob and Kaye at Mount Louisa

VK4TUB Kerry and Teddy at Kirwan

VHF Net Callbacks - VK4WIT 146.700MHz Repeater

following the North Queensland Net retransmission
by Gavin/VK4ZZ at West End North Queensland
- 20260823 08-00pm
Callbacks by Lyndall/VK4ZM at Vincent North Queensland
- 20260823 08-33pm to 08-46pm

VK4AAH Bob and Kaye at Mount Louisa
VK4PQ Peter and Ruth at Kelso

and fyi - North Queensland Net participants
on 3605.4kHz from 20260823 07-30pm to 08-52pm
Net control by Gavin/VK4ZZ operating VK4WIT
from theTARCinc Club Rooms, West End via Townsville North Queensland

VK4KDB Kerry and Sharon at Toowoomba
VK4CAU Gerrard at Rockhampton
VK4ME Snow and Sharon at Kirwan
VK4CWL Bob and Cherie at Emerald
VK4AJY Lachlan at Mackay
VK4CMW Mick and Kerry at Collinsville
VK4YT Ben and Jo at Kelso
VK4MCC Colin at Alligator Creek near Mackay
VK4FNQ John and Cheryl/VK4FRYL at Majestic Towers
VK4CHG Andrew at Mount Louisa

Regional Events -

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 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
- #### 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
- #### 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 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 in 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 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

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 Tsv1 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
- Ann Renton Memorial Net Tue 24th August from 7-30pm on Tsv1 UHF Repeater and VK4TUB AllStarLink & Echolink Nodes

September

- B2B Spring Shore Horsie Rides Comms Support - Sat 4 to Sun 5 Sept - Bluewater Park Equestrian Centre

----- - 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- Some hi-spec equipment and accessories for sale

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.

Glen Watkins, son of Wally/VK4D0 (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.

- 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)

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

Atherton Tablelands Region

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

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

Sat 5 to Sun 6 September Bluewater Park	- B2B Spring Shore Horse Endurance Rides -
Sat 19 to Sun 20 September - Millchester MSRC	- NQORA QLD Off Road Champs Round 1 (from April)
Sat 15 to Sun 16 May Support - Bluewater Park	- B2B Autumn Escalade Horse Endurance Ride Comms
Sat 17 to Sun 18 July Bluewater Park	- B2B Blue Hills Bash Horse Endurance Rides -
Sat 31 July to Sun 1 Aug Bluewater Park	- B2B Paluma Passion Horse Endurance Rides -
Sat 4 to Sun 5 September Bluewater Park	- B2B Spring Shore Horse Endurance Rides -

Mackay Region
Mackay Amateur Radio Association Inc
- Co-ordinator Gary Crothers VK4CUZ 0410462892
Sat 22 to Sun 23 May - Dee Jay Arabians 2x20/2x40/1x80 Endurance
Rides Denison Creek
Sat 19 to Sun 20 June - Greg Willoughby Memorial 2x20/2x40/1x100eliv
Endurance Rides Denison Creek
Also extra possible ride dates - 17-18 April, 29-30 May, 10-11 July?

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 transciever 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 Afternoon - ALARA YL Net 7133kHz from 0700Z

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 - Dougal's 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 to HFwnetQLD@winlink.org from 2200Z

Sunday Morning - WICEN VK4 Net 40metres - VK4BWI Net Control - 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-7 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 B2B Spring Shore Horsie Ride Comms Support
and cheers from Gavin/VK4ZZ

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