

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.  
News in Brief.  
February 2013**

**Welcome to this new year, we trust it will be a good one.**

**Club meetings.**

**The next general meeting for the club will be held on Saturday the 4th Of May 2013. and the venue will be at Nanango, the exact venue is still to be determined, stay tuned for more details. All members are encouraged to attend, and visitors will be most welcome. Please note that the general meetings will be kept brief to allow more time for technical discussions, and general chit chat and fellowship.**

**The social/Tech/info meetings are put on hold for the moment as we reassess how best to run these meetings.**

**Club Web Site.**

**Our new club web site is currently in the development stage, so stay tuned for further info that should happen in the next few weeks.**

**Foundation Licence Course & exams.**

**We have decided to select three weekends to be set aside for the licence course and exams. these dates are: - March 23rd & 24th. June 22nd & 23rd. September 21st & 22nd So if you know of anyone who is keen to obtain their Foundation licence, please work towards these dates when planning and preparing for obtaining licences.**

**John Moyle Field day.**

**This year the John Moyle Field Day will take place on the weekend of the 16th & 17th March and this year the club is planning to do the 6 hour stint from the Wilga bush camp out near Lake Broadwater about 30klms south west of Dalby. If you would like to be a part of this event and join in, you are most welcome, The options are to come out and join us for a camp oven dinner, then take part in the contest, then either head on home, or camp out for the night. Sounds like fun.**

**Barcfest 2013.**

**Once again the Brisbane Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the Annual Barcfest On Saturday the 11th May At the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. Doors open at 0930hrs and admission is \$7. Stand holders, setup from 0730hrs**

**VK4 to be better represented in AR Magazine  
Over to you Michael. VK4QS.**

Hi There, I'm Mike Charters VK4QS. I have of recent days put my hand up to be the new "Newshound" for the pages of AR Magazine. In particular I will be writing up the new "VK-FOUR-NEWS" pages for good people and clubs like yourselves. I have decided to do this in response to people asking me "Where are the VK4 News pages in AR Magazine. I have been asking that for some time myself. Well done to those clubs who have submitted really good articles in there from time to time. I, like many others would perhaps like to see a little something in there about my State each month. With this in mind I decided to take up the mantle and strike forward in our name "VK4 Queensland". In the coming weeks I would look forward to contacting you from time to time to see what you might have in the way of news.

This can take many forms, and as such I have attached an Introductory VK-FOUR-NEWS article to cover such things. This might well appear in either the March or April edition of AR Mag. As a state we have so much to offer the rest of the country in radio activity, innovation, contesting, Awards and expeditions to Lighthouses etc. Let's show the rest of Australia what we are made of, innovation, adventure and creativity, and Emergency Comms availability and many more things.

As the compiler of such things, my door is always open, as these pages are "YOURS" and I am only the Messenger. I look forward to working with each and every one of you over time to let our voice be heard in the pages of AR Magazine. You might recall, I was that pushy cattle prodding bastard who drove the Queensland Centenary of the WIA with VK100WIO last year.

I offer you no excuses, only that I do try to be a passionate crusader for Amateur Radio, especially our History and the people who made it. As such in the April edition I will present a final appreciation of the Centenary celebrations along with some very interesting statistics of the Centenary I can offer you no excuses, only a commitment to do what I can for Queensland with your help in the pages of VK-FOUR-NEWS. Let's work together to make our State great.

All the very Best for 2013. Let's hope we do not have to endure anymore bloody floods

Yours Sincerely  
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Noel's Van

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*Shivers how does Noel & Jan fit into*

*there ?*

**CALENDAR FOR NOEL'S NUTTY CAMPERS AND INTER CLUB CAMPING EVENTS - 2013**

**FEBRUARY 2013**

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> - Lake Leslie Warwick

**APRIL 2013**

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> -Kirkleigh Somerset Dam see invite below.

**JULY 2013**

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> - Harvey Bay - Harvey Bay Beach Front Park

**OCTOBER 2013**

11th 12th 13th Lake Broadwater 30klms south west of Dalby

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Creek Kilcoy OR Woodgate Beach

Please note that Noely and I (Neil VK4NF) are considering using one of the three options in October, and the dates could be either one of the two options.

Can you please mark off these dates in your dairies; further information will be sent as each event gets closer.  
Regards NN

***Good show Noel. as you can see our April camp will be on the 19th 20th 21st April, and we will be going back to Kirkleigh at Somerset Dam. See invitation below.***

***Please stay tuned for more info re the October camp options.***

# *Invitation*

*April Camp @ Somerset Dam.  
Hi to all fellow amateurs and friends.*

***Bunya Mts & District Amcom.Inc.**  
Formerly the "Dalby & District Amateur Radio Club"  
**And the Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club***

*Invite you to a weekend get together at Somerset Dam at the kirkleigh camping grounds. This year is set down for the weekend of the 19th 20th 21st April , with some proposing to arrive on the Friday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> and leave on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> to make a good weekend of it.*

*Your club members and friends are cordially invited to join in the fun and fellowship and enjoy a time of playing around with various aspects of our great hobby Amateur Radio.*

*There is plenty of space for activities and camping, so mark your dairies now.  
At this stage we are looking at having the pot luck camp oven cook up on the Friday night,  
This is optional and no charges apply, if you wish to take part, simply cook up your favourite camp oven dish and bring it along to share with the crew. bring your own poison and nibbles for pre dinner snacks, tea and coffee will be available at all times.  
and we will hold our famous BBQ fund raising dinner on Saturday night.*

*We also have decided to hold the famous and popular car boot sale on the Saturday arvo around 3pm, so this is a great opportunity to move some of that pre loved gear, or perhaps pick up a bargain. Sunday breakfast will be optional so feel free to join in this meal.*

*Camping fees.*

*Powered sites, caravan sites: - \$33 per night for two people .Tent site: - \$30 per night  
Caravan sites include power, water and Drain. Tent site Power & water only  
Unpowered sites: - \$26 per night for two people.*

*Discounts are available, there are two options.*

*! we can do a bulk booking for \$20 a night for two people, unpowered only. .  
to do this, everyone must arrive and depart on the same days, and we have to do the bookings and collect the money ourselves, then we need to forwarding all the details & money to them prior to the weekend.  
(a Nightmare)*

*The other option is, If you ring up and book your site for the weekend under the club name, and pay you money prior to the weekend, they will give a 10% discount. this applies for all sites Powered, unpowered etc. and you can arrive and leave on any days. We feel that this is the best option to take.  
This would be. Powered caravan sites: - \$29.70 per night. Unpowered: - \$23.40 per night.*

*For more information please contact.*

*Neil VK4NF. On 4662 4950 or 0488 687 649 Email. holmzie@bigpond.com  
Ricky VK4NRL. On 4662 6651. or 0429 726 833 Email ricketanne@bigpond.com*

## **Club Netts**

**Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.**

*Each Sunday evening at 1930hrs we run an 80mt nett on 3.650 MHz.*

*If you have some time to spare on a Sunday evening, please call in and say hi, and join in the different topics of discussion that arise from time to time. It is great to have our regulars on this nett, but there are quite a few missing, So, the question. Where are you all.???*

Also a small request. Can I please remind all users of the club's repeaters, That part of the regulations applicable to the use of repeaters,(or any transmissions for that matter) state that call signs are to be used at the beginning, every 10 mins, and at the end of your contact. This includes picking up the mic and pressing the ptt button to see if the repeater is working. please ref to the applicable LCD that can be found on the via web site. Irlp is available on the 2 meter repeater for everyone to use, but Please remember to use your callsign, and check if the repeater is not in use before dialling a node number. This will ensure that everyone is happy and regulations are followed.

Many thanks to all. Ricky VK4NRL.

### *Darling Downs Radio Club netts.*

The club conducts two nets on a committed and regular basis.

1. A 2m net is conducted each Sunday morning at 10am after the news broadcast . At 9:00am the WIA News re-broadcast following which a call-back which the node automatically records and sends to the WIA. Then, at 10:00am, Please note: The IRLP and Echolink facilities will be shut down from 9:00am to the end of the WIA news and call-back, after which the IRLP and Echolink will be enabled. However, if you wish to join the 10:00am net, you can call in on IRLP or EchoLink approximately 8 minutes before 10:00am, and join us on the net.

2. Each Saturday evening there is an 80m net on 3.587 MHz (+ or – QRM) commencing at 7:30pm and is hosted by Theo Moller (VK4ESK). This net is also well attended by both local and interstate amateurs.

The Club has two repeaters, VHF and UHF, co-sited, and both employing the call sign vk4rdd.

The 2m repeater transmits on 146.750 MHz with standard 600 kHz offset.

IRLP is available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 6958. Connect: Use DTMF for the node number you require. Disconnect: Use DTMF “73” EchoLink is also available on the 2m repeater. Node number is 69580 Connect: Use DTMF “star” and then the node number required. Disconnect: Use DTMF “73” only. [NB: No “star” required

### *IRLP & ECHOLINK Nodes.*

#### *Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc*

irlp node 6983 operating on vk4ret 2m repeater, as long as the repeater behaves itself.

The echolink node is running on the node on the side .This is VK4RET on the echolink side .It is working nicely.

The WIA news is been broadcast on Sunday mornings and evenings. Auto call backs are coming, still have a little bit of work to do on setting this up. Thanks to David VK4LED tor his valued assistance.

Please stay off reflectors until we sort out keeping the repeater ident off the internet.

This Sunday morning the repeater VK4RET will be connected to the Toowoomba repeater at 9.55 am to allow club members to join the Toowoomba 2 m nett, please join in the nett.

To disconnect from the net, DTMF 73. this is if the repeater is needed for local traffic.

Thanks to all. Rick Lammass VK4NRL.

*A good way to support any of your radio clubs and its assets activities and projects is to become a financial member. To find out how to do this, and obtain an application form. Please make contact with your club via any of the avenues below.*

### *Club Contacts.*

#### *Darling downs Radio Club*

#### *Executive Committee*

President Norm Fiori (VK4LD)

Vice President David Curry (VK4SP)

Secretary Jeff Ryan (VK4VJR)

Treasurer Unfilled at present.

#### *Steering Committee*

1. Bill Main (VK4ZD)

2. John Mondientz (VK4ZJE)

3. Terry Walters (VK4KTP)

4. Rod Webb (VK4ZJ)

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Web page: <http://www.ddrci.webs.com>

The club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Club Room, which is located in the new SES headquarters, old TAFE building, Hume Street, Toowoomba.

All meetings start at 7:00pm sharp.

The second Monday is always a Management committee meeting, and is held each month.

The fourth Monday is usually a social and technical evening, with 2 exceptions:

1. In July this Monday is the Annual General Meeting of the club
2. In December there is no meeting on the fourth Monday.

### Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.

Meets on the first Saturday in February, May, August & November.

@ the MYCNC complex in Dalby, or at other venues decided @ previous meetings.

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VHF 147/850mhz. @ 107 Drayton Street Dalby. UHF CH 7 CB Repeater to be relocated soon.

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### Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club.

Contact: Secretary Warwick Marshall. VK4MW SCARC, PO Box 7551, Sippy Downs, Qld. 4556.

You may also contact Noel, VK4NL, who is the voice of SCARC to us on the Darling Downs, on [vk4nl@iprimus.com.au](mailto:vk4nl@iprimus.com.au)

80m net: Each Thursday evening, 7:30pm 3.660 MHz call-sign VK4WIS.

2m net: Each Sunday evening, 7:30pm via VK4WIS on 144.300 MHz, USB.

6m net: Each Friday evening, 7:30pm at VK4RSN on 53.700 MHz.

10m net: Each Wednesday evening, 7:30pm 28.70 MHz.

EchoLink Internet station is VK4WIS-R, and Node number is 306184. Available on 146.850 MHz and 146.825 MHz (linked

) IRLP Available o 438.075 MHz, with Node number 6564.

For sale, give away or wanted.

Give away: - CRT computer monitors new still in box, contact Ricky VK4NRL. Phone 0429 726 833  
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Well the VK4NF has been at it again.

Vera Morgan Holmes born on Friday the 8th of February 2013. -- 8lbs 1oz.all well.



would you believe this little beauty is 15hours old....



Nannie recons she is cute tooooo.

*If you would like to add some copy for publication in the next issue of News In Brief, please Email same to – [holmzie@bigpond.com](mailto:holmzie@bigpond.com)*

Until next time, enjoy your hobby and stay safe. Neil Holmes VK4NF.---- Editor.