

Bunya Mts & District AmCom Inc.
News in Brief.
Autumn 2017

From the Editor.
Hi again folks,

Shivers we are well and truly into 2017, and the nice part of the year, Autumn April and May, what a relief from all that hot weather we had earlier in the year. Now what can we dig up 4 this round.

Club meetings.

The next general meeting will be held on Saturday the 13th of May 2017. This meeting will be held in Dalby, at the usual venue, the MYCNC centre, Cnr of Drayton & Nicholson Streets.

The usual format will apply, 0900hrs for smoko and a chat. 1000hrs sharp for the meeting, then we will enjoy the famous BBQ lunch and further chat. We had to move to the second Saturday of the month for this round due to other commitments, so please be aware of this as you plan to attend, and remember that Visitors are always welcome.

Club Web Site.

Our Web Address is bunyaamcom.org.au lots of interesting info on there, Jump on there and check it out, Yes do jump on the web site and check out the changes that have been made, making it much easier to navigate and find the info that you need or find interesting information many thanks to our webmaster Andy Kellner VK4TH who is doing a great job setting out and updating our site.

Foundation licence course and Exams.

Well folks, there will be no more foundation licence courses run by the club, but we now have a different approach for those who are keen to obtain their Amateur (Ham) radio licence. for more information, please make contact with the club, or send an Email to John VK4TJ (vk4tj@hotmail.com)

And congratulations to all those who have recently upgraded their licences recently.

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your examiner team, comprised of Jamie, VK4JY, Dave, VK4UQ, Phil, VK4AWP and John, VK4TJ, have not been bone idle. It is all about the upgrades these days, it seems:

OLD CALL SIGN	OLD LEVEL	NAME	NEW CALL SIGN	NEW LEVEL
VK4FAME	FOUNDATION	MIKE	VK4HS	ADVANCED
VK4NUM	STANDARD	ROD	VK4LV	ADVANCED
VK4FDDC	FOUNDATION	TESS	VK4TES	ADVANCED
VK4FLYT	FOUNDATION	ROD	VK4ITT	ADVANCED
VK4FJCE	FOUNDATION	JOHN	VK4AGA	ADVANCED
VK4NDX	STANDARD	DAVE	VK4UC	ADVANCED
VK4FRRW	FOUNDATION	RAY	VK4TDX	ADVANCED
VK4HPW	STANDARD	PHIL	VK4AWP	ADVANCED
VK4FSRD	FOUNDATION	STEVE	VK4FI	ADVANCED
VK4FMBR	FOUNDATION	BRYCE	VK4BRD	ADVANCED

If you hear any of these ladies or gentlemen on the air, enthusiastically exercising their new-found privileges, I hope that you will join me in congratulating them on their recent successes. John VK4TJ.

Some church signs.

Aspire to Inspire before you expire.

Adam blamed Eve, Eve Blamed the snake, and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on.

What is missing from CH .. CH.

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Some more exam questions

I am disappointed that I did not get any comments from the Summer edition questions. you will have to refer back to this newsletter to check what I am talking about. Hi.

1. I have a 100watt transmitter and I add an amplifier that will turn 100watts into 400watts. how much gain will I achieve by doing this ????
A. 10DB. B. 6DB C. 40DB D. 4DB.
2. What is the equivalent measure of 1500milliwatts.
A. 15watts. B 1.5watts. C. 150watts. D. .15 watts.

Answers later in the news. but U won't need to check, U will know these.

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CALENDAR FOR NOEL'S NUTTY

OK the next nutty campers camp is on in June 8 9 10 11 2017 at Kilkivan bush camp time to book is now so you don't miss out camping sites are limited, yes we had a week at this camp spot a few years ago and it was great, take your winter woollies', as it will be cool. tell you what, the Saturday night meal, (a Camp Kitchen cook up) sounds good. check this out <http://www.bushcamping.com.au/> for more info.

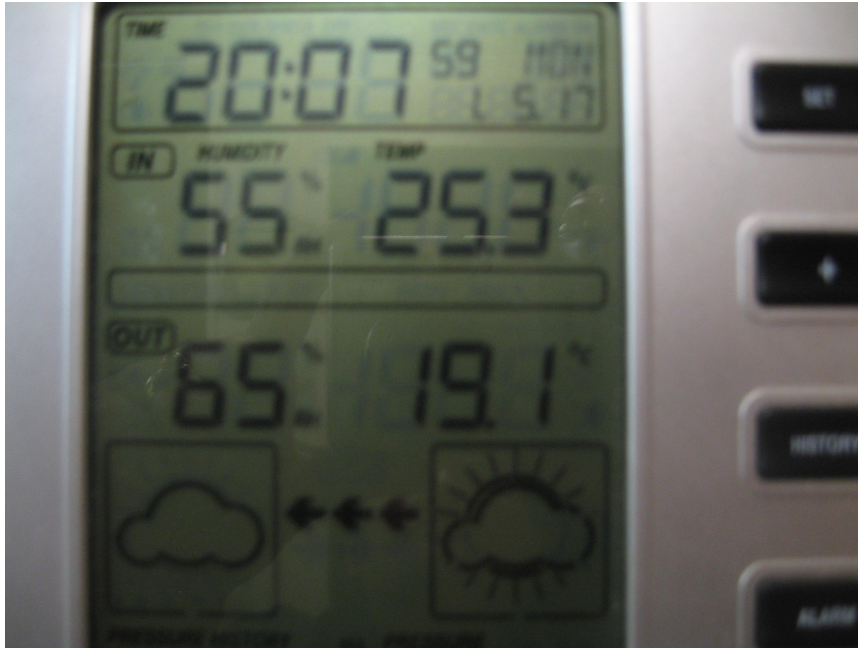
Repeater update.

OK, since we last wrote, we have visited the repeater site on Mt K, twice. the second time we were accompanied by a QPWS rep, and their Radio tech Marty. with a view to seeking out our interference problem with the 2mt repeater. and we spent a few hours going over everything on the site, Marty put the spec an, (spectrum analyzer) over everything, and considerable time was spent, just looking at the spectrum watching for something that would come up at the time our problem was evident. nothing was able to be pin pointed, it seems we have a mixing problem involving at least three signals, one of the solar regulators, our transmitter and another source which we cannot detect. we know that it is solar related, as we have no problems at night time, and we sometimes have no problems on the weekend during the day, very interesting, remember that we have been having these problems on and off for the last 9 years, Marty also put the spec an over our gear, repeater, duplexer, filters antennas etc, no obvious problems found. There is an obvious problem on the tower by way of loose antennas, so the riggers are being organized to attend to these problems and possibly some alterations to our antennas, so at least that should sort out our crackles that we get on VHF when it is windy. more info forthcoming as we learn more, please be assured that we are trying.

Don't forget the local 2mt repeater is on air in Dalby, so if you are travelling through any time, give it a try, 147.250 with a + offset. and the UHF repeater is operating Ok, so please give it a try as well. OH the other visit, we went up and gave the repeater hit a badly needed coat or tow of paint, pics should be available for the Winter edition of the rag.

Fundraising.

We continue our fundraising sausage sizzles on a Saturday morning at Home Hardware here in Dalby, when the Indians are available but the recent long weekends have made this difficult. We did do one this last Saturday the 29th April, and we did clear just over \$200, so the public are genuinely supporting us.



**WOOOW look at this, top one is inside temp, the other is outside, Don't U love Autumn. !!!
We will see what winter brings us.**

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Club Netts.

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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.???

The 2mt nett is on each Wednesday evenings at 1930 hrs on the Bunya Mts 2mt repeater. 146.675 megs please call in if you can, and join the conversation. yes the repeater is working fine after dark, unless it is windy, we will get a few crackles then.

There is another nett that is happening on a Thursday evening at 1930hrs on the new Wicen repeater set up on Mt Perseverance near Toowoomba, on 147.100mhz with a plus offset and a 91.5hz tone to gain access. This nett has a good following by some very upstanding amateurs who would be glad of your company and input.

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]

To contact the DDRC.

The secretary, PO Box 3257 Village Fair Toowoomba 4350

Web page: <http://www.ddrci.webs.com> has all the details.

The club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month

The Club meets at the Drayton Bowling Club, 44 Gipps street, Drayton.

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.

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. Some folks do not wish to be members of a club, and that is quite understandable. Given this, the best way to support you club is to make a financial donation. many thanks..

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Meets on the first Saturday in February, May, August & November. These dates may vary slightly due to circumstances, but watch these newsletters, and check the website for details.

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

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vk4bad@wia.org.au	Repeaters; -	VHF 146.675.	UHF 438.7	Co sited on the Bunya Mts.
Website. bunyaamcom.org.au		VHF repeater located in Dalby	147/250mhz.	positive offset.

Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club.

Contact: Secretary Warwick Marshallsea VK4NW SCARC, PO Box 7551, Sippy Downs, Qld. 4556. Email warwickmar@hotmail.com

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

WANTED, DETAILS OF PRELOVED GEAR THAT NEEDS A NEW HOME

YES we have had requests for second hand gear, so if you have any such gear stashed in cupboards anywhere, bring them along to the Club meeting Saturday week and see what happens. Or if you can't make it to the meeting, send me the details, and a pic or two, and we will bung them in the rag.

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

Many thanks to all those who have contributed

Answers to the exam questions.

1. (B)
2. (B)

Until Next time, enjoy your hobby. Neil Holmes VK4NF.--- Editor.

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