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Newsletter of the Wagga Amateur Radio Club (WARC Inc.)
Meetings held last Friday of the month at Small Street Club Rooms

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Presidents Words

Hello again. Don't forget – Meeting this coming Friday night starting at 8pm. We will have a short report from the Executive then a cuppa and then sit back and listen to Ken Taylor VK2GAA. He is doing a presentation on spectrum analysis and SDR. Look forward to seeing you all there – it should be a great night.

Did you use the AX prefix on ANZAC Day? The prefix can be used on three occasions during the year – Australia Day, ANZAC Day and ITU Day (May 17th). So, my callsign becomes AX2YW. Because I use an electronic logging program I usually don't operate with the AX prefix as it always seemed just too difficult to manage, not to mention setting up a special QSL card in case someone asks for it or even setting up E-QSL. Anyway, this ANZAC Day I decided to have a play and set up another profile on LOG4OM (my logging software). And after a bit of fiddling around, managed to get it to work and made a few contacts on 40m. I chickened out though when it came to DX on 20m and reverted to VK. Maybe I will look into it further for ITU Day.

During the past couple of weeks we have made a little more progress on the Comms Hut. Graham VK2HI constructed a great welded aluminium cable entry box, Jeff 2SW fitted the sockets and cable entry point and Mike VK2DAI and I fitted it to the back wall of the hut. I have made a frame for it on the inside and it looks quite neat. Next task is to build the solar frame and hopefully we will make a start on that shortly.

Following a phone call with a Ray King from the Omni groups I again looked into replacing the toilet block. Alan VK2KAW managed to find the right people for me to talk to (he has had some experience now with WWCC ☺) and Mike 2DAI and myself will meet with representatives from Council, the Lapidary Club and the Art Society to find a way forward. That meeting is set down for Wednesday afternoon. Hopefully, I will have something to report at the meeting.

Geoff VK2XJG (VK8GG) dropped into town last weekend. Geoff and family are now settled into Bungendore and Geoff has taken a position with Red Hat a software and Linux OS company in Canberra. Geoff is a long-time friend of the Club and hosts our webserver and I took the opportunity to get a few more tips with managing our side of things while he was down. He has his pilot's licence and will drop in from time to time by air and we might even hear him up on air soon. I am contemplating another Foundation course in May. If you know of anyone wishing to do the course or do an upgrade then please get in touch with me.

Speaking of licensing, it is pleasing to note that as of 7th April, licence renewals will be \$51 and new licences will remain at \$75. Apparently the new fee structure reflects actual costs since the ACMA introduced its new licensing system. I wonder if we can get a few other Government departments to follow suit.

That's enough from me this month so73 for now de VK2YW.

Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association

ALARA's mission is to encourage women's interest and active participation in amateur radio.

ALARA was formed in 1975 by a small group of Australian ladies interested in amateur radio. Membership is now over 200, with Australian members sponsoring overseas YL's to join ALARA. The term "YL" stands for "young lady" – regardless of age.

ALARA has several nets Monday night there is an 80m on 3.750+- at 1030 UTC OR 1000 UTC during daylight savings, there is also a 20m net on 14.222 at 0530 UTC.

On the 6th of each month there is the YL activity day, listening on the hour and calling CQ YL on 14.288, 21.188 or 28.588.

Finally there is also the birthday net on the 4th Saturday in July between 1000 and 1200 UTC on 3.588

The ALARA contest occurs on the last weekend of August and is a two day contest which is very ladylike and only runs for about 12 hours six hours a day, it is a fun contest, I won a years membership on year and also top ALARA member for VK2 I miss the contest last year as Doug had the radio with him.

ALARAmeeet is a wonderful way to meet other YL's and their OM's it has been held at many diverse locations over the years and plays host to international YL's as well, the event is well like and attended.

By Sally Couper 2FBND

What's on!!

April

29th Club Meeting

March

27th Club Meeting

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