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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 members and welcome to a new Club year. Thank you for your continued confidence in again voting me back to the position of President. Whilst I am fine with this now the time is coming when members of the present Executive will want to stand down and that's why it is important that some of our younger members begin getting the experience of running the Club so they can take over the reins in the coming years.

I won't be at the next two meetings as I will be on the road in NSW's outback. I do hope to occasionally come up on the radio and will make some noises on IRLP perhaps from time to time when I gain access. In the meantime the Vice President will run meetings and I am sure someone will buy the necessary bun for Saturday morning Smoko ☺

Well done to those who were able to take part in the moving of the 814's and 815s down to the Clubrooms. I note they are now stacked neatly in there. Over the coming months we will either commence selling them or scrapping them.

On the Saturday of 29th August there is a Car Rally sprint that we have been asked to provide comms for. At this coming meeting we need to firm up numbers and liaise with the organisers.

Mike VK2DAI, Marcus VK3TST and myself attended Gippstech. Numbers were about the same as last year with around 130 in attendance. I think I took something away from every paper presented. They were wide and varied and it never ceases to amaze me about the technical wizardry that's going on in our hobby. Keep an eye on the digital voice frontier and Software Defined Radio as I am sure there will be a lot of movement on both these fronts in the next few years.

I still haven't had anyone put up their hands to organise this year's Annual Dinner. Disappointing as that is, I am sure we will have something in September and so while I am away, perhaps the Club can again discuss it.

Great to see the Club participating in the Trans Tasman contest and achieved a good score to boot! I operated from home just using the FT-817. QRP never ceases to amaze me as to how far one can get using 5 watts or less. Coming up is the RD on 15th August. This is a very friendly affair and a great one to dip your toes in the water if operating from home – otherwise the Club may again run a station.

VK2RWG was off air last week. Many thanks to Rod for getting it back on air. We are currently purchasing a PA Kit to evaluate to see whether this might be a more stable way of keeping our repeaters on air. Watch this space as we do some experimenting. The Executive is also investigating the possibility of connecting the clubrooms to the Internet through a naked DSL connection. This has various advantages for the Club with the main one being we would move the IRLP node to here. There are of course other advantages including showing the various uses the Internet has in the shack. Come along and have your say.

That's enough for this month – don't forget the meeting this Friday night - John VK2YW

Trans-Tasman Low Band Contest

On the Saturday night of third full weekend of July each year this contest is held, and this year the club entered and during the course of the evening made 137 QSO's which equated to 1907 points and had a great time and freshly baked muffins courtesy of K2FAJE to help the night along.

Here are some pics from the night of the contest

From VK2WG, VK2VKV Bob, VK2TH John (supervisor), VK2FAJE Matt, VK3TST Marcus, VK2FBKT Brian, VK2KJJ Yern.



VK3TST Marcus and VK2FAJE Matt scanning the bands for the next points/multiplier.



VK2VKV Bob, just got off the operator chair...



Now VK2VKV Bob realised how many contacts he just made, thumbs up!!!!



Back to the hard work, and time for a cup of tea...

What's on!!

July

31st Club Meeting

August

15 & 16th Remembrance Day Contest "Any takers??"

28th Club Meeting

29th Car Rally Sprint

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