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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. As you can see I am editor for this QRM issue. Next issue Yern 2KJJ will be the editor and if you have any articles please send them on to him. I should be back to produce the September issue but if someone would like to step forward and volunteer to produce QRM then please contact me. I suggested a roster of members to act as Editor for a month at the Exec meeting – are there any takers?

The last meeting was our AGM. The meeting had enough confidence to again elect me as your President and I thank you for that. (Either that or no-one else was silly enough to put up their hand. ☺.) As I said at the meeting, I would like this to be my last term as President as I believe you need other blood and new eyes to direct the Club into the future. Other members of the new Executive are James VK2NKJ (Vice Pres), Yern VK2KJJ (Sec), Mike 2DAI (Treas). Alan VK2KAW, Russ VK2FDPI and Matt VK2FAJE and Rod VK2TRB (Repeater Manager). I hope you will give the Exec all your support and we look forward to another good year.

It was a great surprise to See Rod Pym at the meeting. Rod was a very active member of the Club back in the 1980's when he was stationed here with the RAAF. The Club instigated a farewell gathering for him at the RSL Club some 21 years ago but he didn't show. We batted on anyway and had a good night and toasted him in his absence. It was nice to be able to ask him to chair the AGM for the election of office bearers which he did. He tells me he is going to re-apply for his licence again so maybe we will get to work him again in the future.

Last Saturday night we activated VK2WG for the Trans Tasman Low Band contest. Yern VK2KJJ, Bob VK2VKV, Russ VK2FDPI and myself made up the team. Brian VK2FBKT dropped in for moral support at the beginning of the night. I have put a brief report with some stats elsewhere in this issue. It would have been great to see some more of our newer members but it was a cold night and I am sure a nice warm fire and the TV may have swayed some members to stay at home. In August there is the Remembrance Day contest. Maybe the Club can again mount a strong station.

The Wagga Car Club will be running the Mundarlo Rally Sprint on Saturday August 27th. A number of members have already volunteered. Mike 2DAI is organizing the event on our side and needs some more volunteers. This is a fun day and we usually receive a sizeable donation for our trouble. We will be running a portable repeater for the day and consequently a well charged hand held should suffice. See Mike for details.

The Club usually runs its Annual Dinner at about this time of year. It's often held at a restaurant but these days getting an intimate venue is proving more and more difficult.

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We discussed this at the Exec the other night and have decided to run the dinner 'in house' and so on Sept 10th we will be holding the Annual Dinner and the venue will be the Clubrooms. It will take the form of a casserole night so start giving some thought to what dishes you might bring along. Either a main or a dessert or both will be quite acceptable. So put the date in your respective diaries as we are claiming the date!

Well that will probably do me for my comments this month. I will be away for the next two meetings so please turn up and support the exec who will run it in my absence. I am again going to Milparinka and will be there for a fortnight from 29th. Keep an ear out for me on 7090Khz. Don't forget the July meeting – it is on Friday 29th at 8pm.

Club Fees Now Due Please note that Club fees are due at the end of July. \$40 Member. \$50 Family and Associate \$10. Payment can be made to the Treasurer by cash or cheque or by EFT to Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 A/C 112895883.

What's on!!

29th July Club Meeting

August

RD contest – 13th & 14th August

Wagga Car Club Mundarlo Rally Sprint – 7.30am on Sat 27th Aug. Mike 2DAI in charge

36th ALARA Contest, Aug 27-28

September

Lake to Lake Fun Run – 11th September – needs min of 5 - contact Greg VK2KGO for details.

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Mike and I (VK2YW) again headed off – this being our 3rd year. Around 80 amateurs turned up from most states to listen to around 16 presentations including VHF SDR, High Altitude Balloon payload, Near effects of ground on your Field Day setup, QRP EME on 10Ghz and quite a few more. All papers were well presented and interesting to hear about some of the more cutting edge stuff that goes on in our hobby. Then on top of that there are plenty of opportunities to meet people you have only ever worked or make new friends, both of which I have done. In fact this trip I came away with a couple of skeds for 2m by aircraft enhancement into Ballarat which have now been successfully completed.

So if you are interested in learning more about the hobby, why don't you pencil it in for next year when it will be held a week earlier over the weekend of July 2..

Trans Tasman Low Band contest

As mentioned elsewhere the Club ran up the club callsign and made a very serious entry into this great contest. It only goes for 6 hours so it's one for everyone to do from their shack or as we did at the clubrooms. Why not think about coming down next time and joining in the fun.

Some statistics:

- We claimed 2128 points for some 185 contacts across three bands.
- We made 16 CW contacts.
- We worked ALL states with the exception of VK0, 9 and 8
- 16 contacts into ZL.

- There were 5 Foundation licenses worked.

Closer scrutiny of the log (but now after the event) shows maybe 2 contacts that were logged incorrectly but time will tell. Judging from the other numbers we heard we think we are in with a fair chance of winning our section. We certainly weren't the only club station out there as I recognised VK3ER, the Eastern and Mountains District Club having a fair go as well. These contests run from the clubrooms give our members good practice at both logging stations especially to people who have never computer logged as well as practice at calling which in turn gives them experience to try it for themselves or making better operators for other club contests. All in all a good fun night and thanks to Yern, Bob and Russ for having a go. Now, who is going to line up for the RD contest next month?

Facebook

Don't forget that the Club also has a Facebook page. Search for Wagga Amateur Radio Club or go here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/312392565526055/> . Yern has posted a short video up there of the Trans Tasman contest.

Photos below – Rod Pym and with John VK2YW at the AGM.



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