

# OXTALES

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ORARC's Forty-fourth Anniversary Year

Club Nets on VK2RPM  
146.700MHz  
(CTCSS 91.5Hz)  
Every Sunday at 0830  
Every Thursday at 1930

## September 2015

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### President's Report

The July general meeting was all go with Craig VK2FBNS, from ORANA Amateur Radio Club based in Dubbo, bringing in their Club's trailer with a 10 metre "Clark Mast" for show. There was great interest in the mast and its mounting/erection, showing a quick deployment by use of a hand pump, and ease of direction change for use with Yagi beams. Stuart VK2FSTU, (involved in the setup during his time at Dubbo) and Craig, were more than happy to answer the questions posed to them by members and it certainly gave us some ideas for portable operation.



Henry VK2ZHE, brought in 3 HF/VHF/UHF all-mode radios for the continued discussion on participation in the VHF/UHF Field Days. With the limitation of the Club not having their own V/UHF all-mode radios, the idea was to purchase one radio at this time for these events.

If interest peaks in the future, we will contemplate further purchases for multi operator/multi radio set-ups.

The decision was made to go with the Yaesu FT-991, (see Pic. Page 3) with its features, winning over the Icom IC-7100 and the Kenwood TS-2000X. Although the

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### ORARC VHF/UHF Repeaters

#### MIDDLE BROTHER

VK2RPM 2 metre (Voice - CTCSS 91.5Hz)  
O/P 146.700MHz - I/P 146.100MHz

VK2RPM 70 cm (Voice - CTCSS 123Hz)  
O/P 438.525MHz - I/P 433.525MHz

VK2RPM-1 (APRS Digipeater)  
SX 145.175MHz 1200bps

#### TELEGRAPH POINT

VK2RCN 2 metre (Voice)  
O/P 147.000 MHz - I/P 146.400 MHz

VK2RCN 70 cm (Voice - CTCSS 123 Hz)  
O/P 438.425MHz - I/P 433.425MHz

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## Down The Coax

Monthly meetings & Friday Nights held in the  
S.E.S. Building Central Road, Port Macquarie.

Monthly General Meeting  
Saturday 5 September 2015 2:00 pm

WESTLAKES FIELD DAY  
Sunday 13 September 2015  
York Street Teralba

Friday Night Get-Together  
Friday 18 September 2015 7.00 pm

Manly Warringah Flag Pole Contest  
Saturday 19 September 2015 – 12:00 pm

Fox Hunt – Postponed to a future date.

Monthly General Meeting  
Saturday 3 October 2015 2:00 pm

Friday Night Get-Together  
Friday 16 October 2015 7.00 pm

Sat & Sun 17 and 18 October 2015  
58th Jamboree On The Air  
Port Macquarie & Wauchope

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Beechwood Billycart Classic  
Sunday 25 October 2015

Monthly General Meeting  
Saturday 7 November 2014 2:00 pm

Friday Night Get-Together  
Friday 20 November 2014 7.00 pm

ORARC Christmas Party  
And Monthly General Meeting  
Saturday 5 December 2015

## Net Controllers' Roster

Nets on Voice Repeater VK2RPM 146.700 MHz

**Sundays**  
(0830 Local)

**Thursdays**  
(1930 Local)

### September 2015

VK2CHC	Sep - 06	VK2ZHE	Sep - 03
VK2TT	Sep - 13	VK2ICQ	Sep - 10
VK2CHC	Sep - 20	VK2EM	Sep - 17
VK2TT	Sep - 27	VK2ZHE	Sep - 24

### October 2015

VK2CHC	Oct - 04	VK2ICQ	Oct - 01
VK2TT	Oct - 11	VK2EM	Oct - 08
VK2CHC	Oct - 18	VK2ZHE	Oct - 15
VK2TT	Oct - 25	VK2ICQ	Oct - 22
		VK2EM	Oct - 29

### November 2015

VK2CHC	Nov - 01	VK2ZHE	Nov - 05
VK2TT	Nov - 08	VK2ICQ	Nov - 12
VK2CHC	Nov - 15	VK2EM	Nov - 19
VK2TT	Nov - 22	VK2ZHE	Nov - 26
VK2CHC	Nov - 29		

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Kenwood had the addition of 23cm, the price, and lack of interest in 23cm at this time, ruled it out of the running.

As a result of the decision to purchase a new radio, it was also decided to sell-off the Club's little used Kenwood TS-43X. This was listed in the last Oxtales and sold on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, making the total cash outlay less for the new radio.

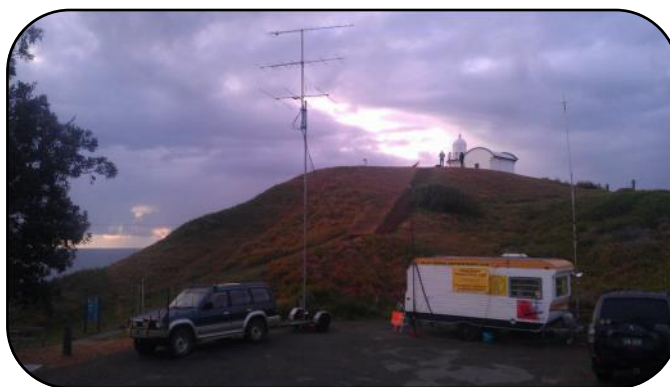
The meeting also discussed the options as recommended by Amateur Radio New South Wales (ARNSW), for either a V/UHF beacon or for rebroadcasting the Sunday VK2WI broadcast. It was decided to look into the rebroadcast option, so a committee was formed with Henry VK2ZHE, Paul VK2ICQ and Lyle VK2SMI, to work out the technical side of this endeavour and report back to the members at the next meeting.

At the August meeting it was recommended to request ARNSW to offer an internet stream in order to fulfil the rebroadcast option, as a live HF signal is fraught with potential problems due to propagation issues and the requirement of members to manually go on-air for the broadcast with potential conflicts with other activities. A live stream could be automated into the repeater linking system. We have requested an update from ARNSW as to when this live stream would be available.

We now have the generator covered...



No! not by insurance, but with a wet-weather cover for times of adverse weather. It was built by Lyle VK2SMI, and well presented with its reflective tape and safety warning notice, of which even Work Cover



would be proud. We now just need some rain to test it, but, hopefully, that won't happen on our activities.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend and the Remembrance Day Contest was held over the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of August at the lower car park of the Tacking Point Lighthouse.

Setup started at 8am with the arrival of the Club's Communications Caravan towed by Barry VK2LBG. This year we opted to park the van rear onto the potential bad weather we experienced last year, fortunately it did not arrive this year.

Setup proceeded well with the awning, BBQ, and HF vertical antenna and I setup my "new" tower with assistance of some members fitted with a 2 metre and 70 cm yagi supplied by Bill VK2ZCV and my "new" second hand 3 element 6 metre beam.

The weekend of contacts started at 10am with the ILLW and we were making contact with other lighthouses and regular amateurs wishing to add us to their logs.

This activity continued until the start of the RD Contest at 1pm and then we started with other RD stations some of which were also ILLW participants.

Lunch was hot dogs and was a welcomed break to the day and after a bit of chin wagging we were back into the contest.

We operated for the full 24 hours of the RD contest and the night session between 1am and 6am resulted in bonus points.

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Sunday morning was bacon and egg sandwiches and then back to the contest by 1pm. We were worn out and it was time to pack up and return home.

Thanks to Stuart VK2FSTU, who covered most of the night shift alone, gaining us those valuable bonus points.

It was with disappointment that we made 0 contacts with VHF or UHF but we did give it a try and the new FT-991 was on air the whole time.

The final tally was 40 ILLW contacts and 222 points with 136 contacts for the RD Contest.

Another successful activity by ORARC with the general public looking in with interest on our activity. My thanks to all the members that were involved in the organisation and participation.

Sixteen members attended. They were Henry VK2ZHE, Barry VK2LBG, Paul VK2UPR, John VK2KHB, Mark VK2FMGM, Arthur VK2ATM, Bill VK2ZCV, Ray VK2JU, Bob VK2ZRE, Hans VK2MRK, John VK2AYQ, Richard VK2CHC, Stuart VK2FSTU, Paul VK2ICQ, Craig VK2ZCM, Lyle VK2SMI, and visitors Roy VK3GB and Duncan VK4BNE/VK6GHZ.

Next year, these two events fall on consecutive weekends in August, so we will be looking for a location for the Remembrance Day Contest. It has been suggested that, due to its origins, a location near a significant WWII monument, would be appropriate. It will be a busy month in August next year.

The ORARC AGM was held in August and the positions have been filled as listed later in this edition. Thanks go to the members standing down from positions, and welcome to the new members occupying them. I must thank David, VK2FRAB, in particular, for his efforts over the last several years as Secretary and the assistance he has given me in my first year of Office.

2015-2016 will be a busy year, with the expected completion of several projects including:

- VK2RPM 70cm upgrade
- VK2RPM and VK2RCN linking
- Finally sorting out the VK2RPM 2 metre gremlins (thinking positively)
- A complete revamp of the

- ORARC.org website

The website upgrade has already been started by Paul VK2ICQ, with many pages of information already online with a new system of distributing it to the Club's members. Thanks Paul and we are looking forward to many more updates. If members have not checked it out, now is a good time to get online and look for yourself..

To wrap up the last twelve months, ORARC has been involved in the usual events like ILLW, Remembrance Day & John Moyle contests, Beechwood Billy Cart Derby (speaking of which it is just around the corner for the 2015 event), JO-TA (also just around the corner) and the list goes on.

We also started being involved in more activities, like fox-hunting days and the VHF/UHF field days. If you feel there is an event/activity, or a contest, or even a social thing that we have not covered, please raise it at the next meeting.

The new wheel-chocks and caravan levellers, discussed at the July monthly meeting, have been purchased and now live in the caravan. This purchase makes the Club look professional in the eyes of the public, and offers Club members and the public, a higher degree of safety when the Club's Communications Caravan is in operation.

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The Sunday morning and Thursday night Club nets are still running, attracting up to 12 members regularly coming online for these sessions. These nets discuss varied subjects, ranging from Polish aircraft to Club meetings/BBQ's. If you feel your days lack participation, please join in.

The Jamboree on the Air with the Scouts will be held over the weekend of the 17/18 October. I understand this is early notice but this year we **WILL** be required to have "working with children" clearance and this process can take up to 6 weeks. So it is time to mark it on your calendars and get the clearance NOW. The clearance process is relatively easy by filling out the form [here](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check) at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check> and then you will receive an email letter. Take that letter, and identification, to the Roads and Maritime Service for formal identification-check and then wait for clearance. As a volunteer, this check is **FREE** and therefore we have no reason not to have it done. The clearance lasts for 5 years.

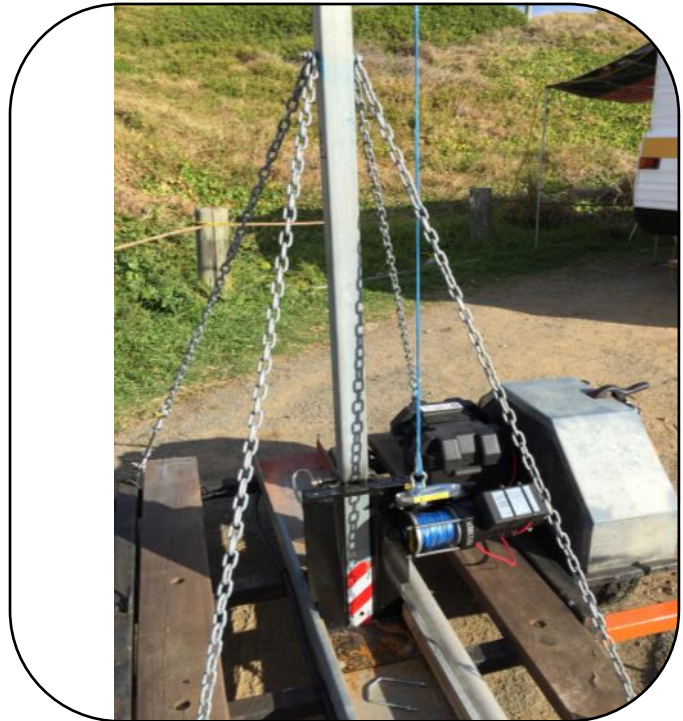
Lyle Smith (VK2SMI)  
President ORARC

### **International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend and the Remembrance Day Contest Photographs**

*Tacking Point Lighthouse Location*



*Communications Caravan in position*



*Mounting and winch for Lyle's VK2SMI portable antenna installation.*



*Mast fully erected with antenna installed*



*The team assembles Lyle VK2SMI, Bill VK2ZCV, Hans, VK2MRK, Roy VK3GB, Ray VK2JU and Mark VK2FMGM prepare*



*Lyle VK2SMI operating VK2BOR*



*The Cavalry arrive! Arthur VK2ATM and Mark VK2FMGM steeds ride into town!*



*Richard VK2CHC and Stuart VK2STU ready to*



*start.*

*Operators Arthur VK2ATM and Bob VK2ZRE hard at work with Ray VK2JU ready to assist. Roy VK3GB drops in.*



*VK2BOR station set up*



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*Henry VK2ZHE and Bob VK2ZRE take a break*



*The mobile antenna packed down for travelling. Lyle VK2SMI explains the finer points of the set up to Barry VK2LBG and Craig VK2ZCM*

Over the contest weekend VK2BOR made 40 ILLW contacts.

Australia states worked were:  
VK1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.

Light House stations worked included  
Two New Zealand lighthouse stations:  
ZL1MHLH (special event callsign for Manuku Heads Lighthouse) & ZL6LM at Piha Lighthouse.

*Evening falls on the Operating Site*



## **International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend Story from the WIA Website**

Author : Jim Linton - VK3PC

Registrations in the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend were higher this year from the major seafaring nations of Australia, England and Germany, adding to growth from Bulgaria"

The ILLW on August 15-16 had 506 registrations, from 32 countries, down on 2014, but seemingly reflecting the prevailing political and economic trends. The magic number 500 registration was from Michael Sealfon WA2OCG at Alki Point Lighthouse, which provided both a light and fog horns at the southern entrance to Seattle's Elliott Bay in Washington USA. An outstanding result came from Cuba that had 13 registrations, and may be due to the normalisation of its relationship with the USA.

A lot of good fun was had, with some having heightened public interest in the history of old navigation structures and Amateur Radio. More reports and photos are welcome on both the ILLW Facebook page and the website. Typical of the DX that can be worked was

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Cape Wickham Lighthouse on King Island and Glenn Alford VK3ILW portable VK7, with an ICOM 775 transceiver into a Cushcraft R5 vertical. Although acknowledging he had a good location, there were at times dogpiles with notable contacts being to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Baltic Islands, Guatemala, Europe, USA, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand.

The many media mentions included ABC radio that told listeners at Geraldton in West Australia that it achieved a world first record for the most people hugging a lighthouse. The red and white candy-striped Point Moore Lighthouse north of Perth built in 1878, had more than 1,000 turn out for the world-record ranking embrace. As part of ILLW made possible by Ron Fisher VK6MP, the doors were open to allow a unique glimpse inside. Also in West Australia emerged the newly formed Capes Lighthouse Radio Group. Now Cape Leeuwin Light VK6CLL and Cape Naturaliste Light VK6CNL are the club callsigns, following a long tradition of activating those lighthouses.

## 2015 Winter VHF-UHF Field Day

On Saturday, the 20th of June, ORARC was on location at John Downes Park Pacific Drive Port Macquarie for the Winter VHF/UHF Field Day. As a result of our hard work we achieved "First Place in Division 2, Section B2, Four-bands (Portable Station, Multi-operator, 8 Hours) Achieving 3409 points". (See Certificate below)



Well done to those participants and we look forward to the Spring VHF/UHF Field Day held on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of November.

Lyle Smith (VK2SMI)  
President ORARC)

## Communications Caravan Maintenance

Various maintenance tasks have been carried out on the club's communications caravan in the past few weeks working bees including:



Caravan washers top photo Mark VK2FMGM, Keith VK2FPTL and Ray VK2JU, middle Photo Craig VK2ZCM steps up to the task.

Maintenance on the caravans HF antenna being carried out by Craig VK2ZCM and Henry VK2ZHE



## Silent Key: Ross Boyd VK2RR



Ross passed away peacefully in the early hours of Friday morning, the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2015, in the Palliative Care Unit of Wauchope Hospital after a long illness. He was aged 69 years.

Ross and his wife Sue retired to Lake Cathie on the north coast of NSW in 2011 after he had a long and interesting career in electronics in Sydney.

In his earlier years Ross worked for AWA where he met and married Sue over 50 years ago. One of the well-known products that Ross was an expert on was the AWA 25M VHF FM mobile radios. Ross went on to take up a marketing role in the company. In later years Ross was a TAFE teacher of electronics. He carried this expertise through to his retirement and was a WIA Assessor for Amateur Radio licensing. He did this as part of his active involvement in the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club.

Ross was first licenced in Sydney as VK2ZQU and was very active on 6 and 2 metres FM. In retirement he took out the 2 letter call VK2RR which hinted at his lifelong interest in exotic and performance cars.

Ross had raced a Mini Cooper and owned restored an enviable wide range of cars from prestige manufacturers such as Jensen, Triumph and Lamborghini, amongst others.

Not content with travelling swiftly on land, Ross also enjoyed speed on the water with his V8 inboard boat and mastered barefoot water ski-ing.

Ross had also been a very active model aeroplane enthusiast over a great many years. His passion was control line models which he built and flew with great enthusiasm. One of his most memorable experiences in recent years was his flight in the Aero L-39 high performance jet fighter trainer in the sky over Port Macquarie. This often recounted adrenalin experience fulfilled one of his lifelong ambitions for speed in the air.

Ross also trained and showed dogs.

Club members will well remember Ross taking out the first Antenna Shoot Out that the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club ran on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2012. He arrived at the Greenmeadows Drive test range with his trailer so that he could demonstrate the day's unbeatable performance of his stacked 2 metre yagi directional antennas. His Diamond VHF/UHF dual band vertical was also the clear winner of the omni directional antenna category on both 2 metres and 70 centimetres.

Sadly, despite an epic trip with a car trailer to bring a tower to his Lake Cathie location, advancing ill health robbed Ross of his ambition to establish a high performance all band station for his retirement.

The well attended funeral service at the St Thomas Anglican Church in Port Macquarie on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 saw a large number of representatives from each

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of Ross's spheres of passion. Many people had travelled a great distance to share their grief with Ross's family. Amateur Radio was well represented.

The Amateur Radio fraternity extends its deepest sympathy to Ross's wife Sue, and their children Evan and Penelope and their families.

*Ross VK2RR supervises the erection of his*



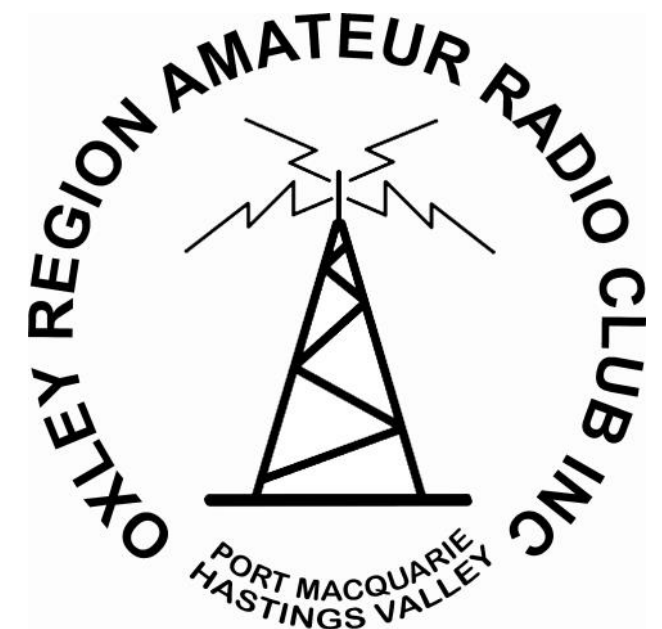
*Diamond VHF/UHF dual band vertical. The winner of the omni directional antenna category on both 2 metres and 70 centimetres. October 2012.*



*Ross VK2RR putting the finishing touches to his stacked 2 metre yagi directional antennas at the antenna shoot out October 2012.*

**Vale : Ross Boyd VK2RR**

*Submitted by Henry Lundell, VK2ZHE on behalf of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc.*



## Blast from the Past

Looking back through the files I found these photographs of the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend at Tacking Point of 2007.



VK2BOR was set up on the site of the former lighthouse cottages in the famous Green Tent. Which wasn't wind or rain proof!

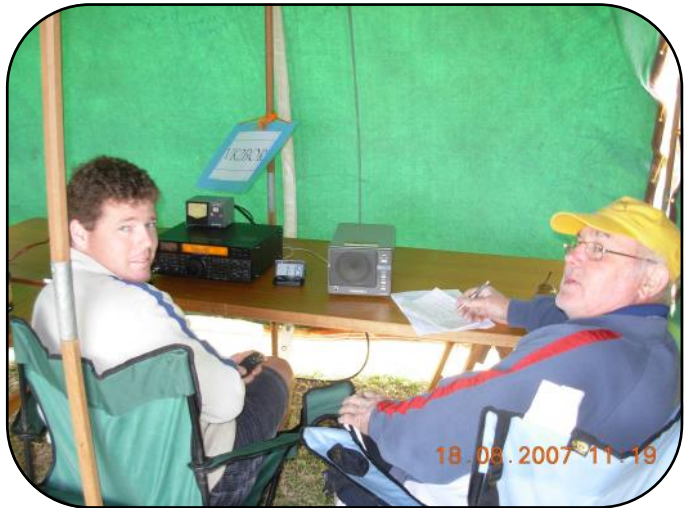
Note that the generator is still our current generator for portable operation.



The view was outstanding and many sightings of wales and dolphins were usually made during the weekend.



Some aspects of our portable operation never change Barry now VK2LBG prepares for the sausage sizzle.



VK2BOR operating conditions were far more primitive than today with the Communications Caravan. Compare the austere operation with the photographs on page 6 of the current Oxtales.

The challenge is to try and identify the members in these photographs.

## Radio Equipment from the Past

### BC221 Frequency Meter



The BC 221 T Frequency meter was first manufactured for use in 1943 and was completely portable in a protective metal case and used extensively during World War Two. The unit was produced over many years in different models and was still being used to service equipment in Vietnam in the 1960's.

The meter was very sensitive and accurate for its day. The set was extensively used by amateurs in the 1950's and early 60's as they were relatively cheap and plentiful in the disposal market.

The BC-221 was a three tube, heterodyne type frequency meter with an integral crystal calibrator. It was used to set the frequency of both transmitters and receivers over a frequency range of 125 KHz to 20 MHz

The instrument has two ranges - "low" and "high". On the "low" range it operates between 125 and 250 KHz on fundamentals while the "high" range covers 2 to 4 MHz

All other frequencies were determined by using higher order harmonics. The manual for this instrument indicates that the maximum error would occur when

measuring a 4 MHz signal at minus 30 degrees C where an error of 1.355 KHz (0.034%) could occur. In practice, only half of this error was usually observed.



Each meter initially was individually calibrated and had its all important calibration book mounted on the front cover. The meter was designed to be taken into the field for use in wartime and was built accordingly. The unit with relevant spares and headphones and manual weight in excess of 20 kg.

BC221 can still be found today and good examples have become quite a collectors item with prices between \$100 and \$1,000 on ebay. Some sets have been modified by replacing the valves with transistors and the internet provides a valuable source of information on operation and modifications.

Acknowledgement to [www.radiomuseum.org](http://www.radiomuseum.org) for the pictures and much information.



## Yaesu FT991



A Yaesu FT991 has been purchased by the club, as mentioned in the President's report in this issue. The following is a list of the unit's very impressive specifications. It is interesting to compare these specifications with amateur radio equipment from the past that has been featured in previous editions of Oxtales.

### **FT-991 ALL-BAND, MULTIMODE PORTABLE TRANSCIEVER**

The FT-991 is an all mode, all band MF/HF/VHF/UHF transceiver with C4FM (System Fusion) Digital capability.

The FT-991 includes multi-mode operation on CW, AM, FM, SSB, and Digital Modes (Packet, PSK31, RTTY and C4FM), with 100 Watts of HF/50mhz Capability (50 Watts VHF/UHF).

The New FT-991 now includes a high-resolution full colour 3.5" TFT Touch panel for superior operability and visibility, incorporating a High Speed Spectrum scope with ASC (Automatic Spectrum-scope control) built right in.

The FT-991 is designed for the most competitive operating situations, with a suite of new features to enhance the experience. Whether primarily operate at home, mobile or in the field, the FT-991 provide easy access to the full range of modes available on the ham bands today.

## Digital Signal Processing

The FT 991 features balanced receiver circuit configuration with a high-speed floating point TMS320C6746 DSP chip (3000 MIPS / 2250 MFLOPS) ..

### **Selectable 3 and 15khz roofing filters**

The 1st IF frequency incorporates selectable 3 kHz and 15 kHz roofing filters that attenuate interfering signals. Triple conversion circuit structure allows highly flexible gain distribution at each stage. This receiver design architecture enables elimination of unwanted signals through filters at each stage as well as optimized gain distribution.

### **Automatic Spectrum-Scope (ASC)**

Advanced Spectrum Scope with ASC (Automatic Spectrum-Scope Control) located just below the LCD display gives the operator all the information for QSOs.

### **USB Capable**

The FT-991 can be connected to a computer using a USB cable for CAT control and firmware updates, or the use of an optional SCU-17 Interface Unit to support USB Audio In/Out, TX Control (PTT, Key, Shift).

### **100 Watts of Solid Performance**

The RF Amplifier in the FT-991 provides 100 Watts of Operating Power (50 Watts VHF/UHF) and is combined with a large heat-sink and forced air automatic cooling fan to increase operating time and prevent overheating.

### **Compact, Lightweight & Portable**

The FT-991 Comes in a compact, lightweight package suitable for portable, mobile and base installations. Measuring 8.8"(W) x 3" (H) x 9.9" (L) weight approx. 4.5 Kg

### Internal Automatic Antenna Tuner

Internal High Speed Automatic Antenna Tuner. The antenna tuner uses a LC switching network that has a 100 channel memory. The tuning data is automatically memorized.

### High Accuracy TCXO

+/-0.5PPM High Resolution DDS/PLL local Oscillator included as part of the standard package.

### Specifications

Frequency Ranges:

RX 30 kHz - 56 MHz, 118 MHz - 164 MHz, 420 MHz - 470 MHz (specified performance, amateur bands only) TX 1.8 MHz - 54 MHz, 144 MHz - 148 MHz, 430 MHz - 450 MHz (amateur bands only)

Circuit Type:

Triple-Conversion Superheterodyne: SSB/CW/AM

Double-Conversion Superheterodyne: FM/C4FM

Modulation Type:

A1A(CW), A3E(AM), J3E(LSB, USB), F7W(C4FM), F3E(FM), F1D(PACKET), F2D(PACKET)

Power Output: SSB/CW/FM AM Carrier  
160- 6 Meters: 100 W 25 W

Power Output:

SSB/CW/FM AM Carrier

160- 6 Meters: 100 W 25 W

2 Meters/70 Centimeters: 50 W 12.5 W

Case Size(W x H x D): 9.0" x 3.2" x

9.3" (w/o knob and connector)

The set was used as the BOR HF station during the International Lighthouse/Lightship and Memorial Day Contest without any problems.

As mentioned in the Presidents report. Members are reminded that to take part in any event that involves children that we are required to have "working with children" clearance and this process can take up to 6 weeks. The web link is:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check> and then you will receive an email letter. Take that letter, and identification, to the Roads and Maritime Service for formal identification-check and then wait for clearance. As a volunteer, this check is **FREE** and therefore we have no reason not to have it done. The clearance lasts for 5 years and is valid for any other organisations that members may be part of that involves working with children.

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From the editors. We are always looking for articles and photographs for Oxtales. Please send any material to Trevor VK2TT or John VK2AYQ at their email address listed in the email directory on page 2 of Oxtales.

I'm sure that members have some interesting photographs about amateur radio, or the club or electronics in general please send them in preferably with a few notes. That old boat anchor in the shed or garage is sure to be of some interest to someone too!!

Thanking everyone in anticipation; The Oxtale Editors.

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## **Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Office Bearers**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club which was held yesterday, Saturday the 1st of August 2015, the following office bearers were elected:

President: Lyle Smith VK2SMI  
Vice President: Richard Court VK2CHC  
Secretary: Henry Lundell VK2ZHE  
Treasurer: Larry Lindsay VK2CLL  
Committee Member 1: Stuart Walsh  
VK2FSTU  
Committee Member 2: Paul Colledge  
VK2ICQ  
Committee Member 3: Bill Sinclair  
VK2ZCV  
Public Officer: Henry Lundell VK2ZHE  
Repeater Chairman: Henry Lundell VK2ZHE  
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VK2ZHE  
Welfare Officer: Barry Gilson  
VK2LBG  
Publicity Officer: Lyle Smith  
VK2SMI  
Webmaster: Paul Colledge VK2ICQ  
Education Officer: Larry Lindsay VK2CLL  
Club Historian: John Bailey VK2KHB  
Social Director: Barry Gilson VK2LBG  
WIA Liaison Delegate: Henry Lundell  
VK2ZHE

Member Liaison Officer: Bill Sinclair  
VK2ZCV

The outgoing Secretary David, VK2FRAB, was thanked for his service as Club Secretary and his commitment to club activities during the past few year.

David Pilley VK2AYD was awarded Life Membership of the Club and Barry Gilson VK2LBG received The Clubman of the Year Award for services to the Club.



*David Pilley VK2AYD being presented Life Membership by President Lyle VK2SMI*



*Barry Gilson receiving The Clubman of the Year Award by Lyle VK2SMI*

*Submitted by Henry Lundell, VK2ZHE on behalf of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc.*