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President's Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope a Merry Christmas was had by all and that Santa was kind to you and your families.

Let's all hope that 2006 is a safe and rewarding year.

We, as a club, have a few important items to discuss. The location for the combined services complex has been re-zoned to allow the work to be planned etc. This means that this year we might have to move to a new location.

We also have to start planning for the 2006 Field Day, and a date for a committee meeting will be set at the January meeting.

We have a few foundation licence candidates progressing and they should be licensed early in January. We, as a club, appeared to be behind the eight ball when compared to other clubs in starting the licence assessment of candidates - how did these other clubs obtain the info so quickly. Can someone answer this or were we just slack?

Either way we will gain some new members.

On membership - I went through the 2006 call book and noted all the VK2 names

in this area and it is over sixty. Some I have never heard of and some are former members. If you know one of them, then have a chat and invite them to a meeting or the Friday night get-togethers.

Still not sure if I will go to the Wyong Field Day - seem to have enough trouble with antennas etc with out adding to the shack.

Well that's the report for this edition of Oxtales.

Once again-have a HAPPY NEW YEAR
Cheers from VK2HOT Bruce Walker
President ORARC Inc.



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Down The Coax

Coffs Harbour Field Day
January 8th 2006

Friday Night Get-togethers
Jan. 13th & 27th
7.00pm

February 2006 Monthly Meeting
Saturday 4th Feb 2006
2.00pm

Wyong Field Day
19th February, 2006

Friday Night Get-togethers
Feb. 10th & 24th
7.00pm

March 2006 Monthly Meeting
Saturday 4th May. 2006
2.00pm

E-mail directory.

*Reflects ALL changes notified up to
31st December, 2005.*

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Welcome New Members

Two new members have joined our ranks. They are Steve Hadfield of Pappinbarra and Benton Patterson of Port Macquarie. Welcome aboard gents!

Net Controllers' Roster

Nets on Voice Repeater VK2RPM 146.700 Mhz

Sundays (0830 Local)		Wednesdays (1900 Local)	
January 2006			
VK2AIF	Jan-01	VK2GD	Jan-04
VK2BZD	Jan-08	VK2ZCM	Jan-11
VK2TT	Jan-15	VK2ATM	Jan-18
VK2OA	Jan-22	VK2ZHE	Jan-25
VK2AIF	Jan-29		
February 2006			
VK2BZD	Feb-05	VK2AYD	Feb-01
VK2TT	Feb-12	VK2EI	Feb-08
VK2OA	Feb-19	VK2GD	Feb-15
VK2AIF	Feb-26	VK2ZCM	Feb-22
March 2006			
VK2BZD	Mar-05	VK2ATM	Mar-01
VK2TT	Mar-12	VK2ZHE	Mar-08
VK2OA	Mar-19	VK2AYD	Mar-15
VK2AIF	Mar-26	VK2EI	Mar-22
		VK2GD	Mar-29
April 2006			
VK2BZD	Apr-02	VK2ZCM	Apr-05
VK2TT	Apr-09	VK2ATM	Apr-12
VK2OA	Apr-16	VK2ZHE	Apr-19
VK2AIF	Apr-23	VK2AYD	Apr-26
VK2BZD	Apr-30		
May 2006			
VK2AIF	May-07	VK2EI	May-03
VK2BZD	May-14	VK2GD	May-10
VK2TT	May-21	VK2ZCM	May-17
VK2OA	May-28	VK2ATM	May-24
		VK2ZHE	May-31
June 2006			
VK2AIF	Jun-04	VK2AYD	Jun-07
VK2BZD	Jun-11	VK2EI	Jun-14
VK2TT	Jun-18	VK2GD	Jun-21
VK2OA	Jun-25	VK2ZCM	Jun-28

Coffs Harbour Field Day 2006

The Coffs Harbour and District Amateur Club will be holding its annual field day on the 8th of January at the Radio Club. For directions call Dom VK2YDD on (02)66525 6987 or on our local VHF repeater on 146.850Mhz.

WICEN INTEREST

The ORARC has recently been approached by WICEN seeking the level of interest in our club becoming active in this volunteer organization. Our Secretary would be interested in hearing expressions of interest from the membership to enable a response to be prepared for WICEN. Let's hear your comments and level of interest in joining this worthy group of dedicated volunteers.



Vale "Wilbur" VK2XXU

ORARC members, and the wider Amateur Radio community were saddened by the passing of our popular member William Hunter Jamieson on Monday 28th November, 2005. To our membership, and many of Bill's friends and relatives, he was known as "Wilbur".

Born in Taree in 1924, "Wilbur" spent much of his early life in the mid North Coast region following completion of secondary school at Taree.

His entry into the work-a-day world began in the metal trades as an apprentice, and after completion of that apprenticeship, he became a fitter/turner, working in various areas of the specialised metal trades industry. This included marine engineering with Story & Kears at Garden Island, de Havilland aviation at Bankstown, and through various other diverse fields such as a Poker Machine Mechanic, a Sewing Machine Mechanic, and as often claimed (but we sometimes doubt the veracity of the claim) a Short-order Cook!

"Wilbur's" great interest in, and love of, all things scientific led him to un-

dertake tertiary studies as a mature student. He first gained a Diploma at Sydney Technical College, followed by a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, which he obtained at the University of New South Wales. In following a professional career thereafter, he was involved in various industries, which included air conditioning with Carrier Air Conditioning, his own consultancy, and various posts within the NSW State Government departments (Works and Housing, the Water Board and the Department of Health).

His working life was long, and covered a wide spectrum of industrial and scientific activities. He, and XYL Carol, retired to Dunbogan in 1985.

Joining the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc., in the mid 90's, "Wilbur" studied within our club's training scheme. He was successful

in his examinations, qualifying for his amateur licence, with call sign VK2XXU. Shortly thereafter, Wilbur agreed to accept nomination for the position of club Secretary, was elected unopposed, and served twelve months in that position. He later took on the role of Equipment Officer of the club, and held that position until his passing.

"Wilbur" is survived by wife, Carol, and their son William, of Wauchope, their daughters Julie ("Jaya"), of Melbourne, Sandra of Sydney, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

On Friday 2nd December, at the Innes Gardens Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Macquarie, we paid our last respects to Wilbur with a very pleasing representation from our membership joining loved-ones, and friends, to celebrate Wilbur's full and fruitful life.

The members of the ORARC convey their sincere sympathy to Carol and the extended family on their sad loss. Our club lost a valued, colourful, and highly respected member whom we all knew as a gentleman. Vale "Wilbur".

- Trevor (VK2TT)

Beechwood Billy Cart Classic Day

The day started with ominous looking clouds scudding across the sky on the day of the Beechwood Billy Cart Races. Intrepid members of the club made their various ways over to Beechwood to provide communications links. Trevor VK2TT was in full swing connecting the PA system to the transceiver in the truck whilst we waited around for the pre-race briefing.

It must be a "bloke" type thing, a mutual bonding experience standing around a truck outside a pub waiting for a briefing to start. One can stand around a truck for ages, seems to satisfy some primeval urge!

Out with the magnifying glasses to set up the frequencies in use for the event! The screens on the equipment must be getting smaller each year! Fortunately, John AYQ, was spared this as Henry kindly supplied the club's 2 meter handheld and had set it up with charged batteries, thank you Henry.

Roll Call. A fine crew of club members ready for action. (L to R: VK2TT, VK2FSH, VK2YOR, VK2ATM, VK2BZD, VK2ZCW, VK2ZCV & VK2AIF ... busy elsewhere were VK2VIV, VK2ZCM and VK2CHC. VK2AYQ took the photographs)



Armed with rule sheets and extensive copies of radio logs we made our way up to the church for the briefing. Club members staffed the base radio at Richard Courts house, the truck's public address system and paired up with flag marshals. A pleasant drive up the course and we were soon in position for the "off". With some of the flag marshal and radio points almost in sight of each other and an operator with the emergency services team communications were established from all points of the course.



Radio reports were given on the movements of vehicles passing up and down to course to ensure the track was clear for the start. Suddenly a start and the camera radio car with Roy VK2ROY roared past keeping just ahead of the carts.

Out of the blue with hardly a sound.

Quite an eerie sort of feeling watching the billy carts careering down the mountain hurtling through the corners. The only sound being the screeching rattling of tyres skidding and sliding around the corners. In what seemed like a few seconds the carts had passed just leaving rubber skid marks on the road with a smell of burning break blocks and rubber in the air.

Skidding across the road. Note the check point in the background.



Craig VK2ZCM was sure that one of the carts he had built and raced more than 11 years ago was in the event. Sure enough he found the previous owners as Craig's old cart was being loaded onto the trailer.

All in all, even though the event was quite short, it showed what a valuable service the club can provide a safety net for the smooth running of these types of events.

- John (VK2AYQ)

O.R.A.R.C.'s Christmas meeting and BBQ



Superb Venue

What a perfect day for the December meeting of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club. The sky was summer blue, not a sign of rain. The venue at Sensors proved to be an excellent choice as we had large BBQ area to ourselves, and shelter from the summer's sun, with plenty of room to spread out.

The formal meeting did not take long and was chaired by our President Bruce who gave new meaning to the expression 'being in the hot seat'.

The BBQ was fired up and soon the air filled with the mouth-watering smells of cooked meat. Due to the skills of the cooks, we missed the often-associated BBQ smell of burnt meat! Well done intrepid cooks!



The catering was really well done with plenty to eat. Sausages, steakettes, salad and of course fruit salad and ice cream with soft drink. All supplemented by the addition items such as the delicious mince pies from Neil's VK2EI family.

**President Bruce
VK2HOT
in the Hot Seat
"chairing" the
meeting.**



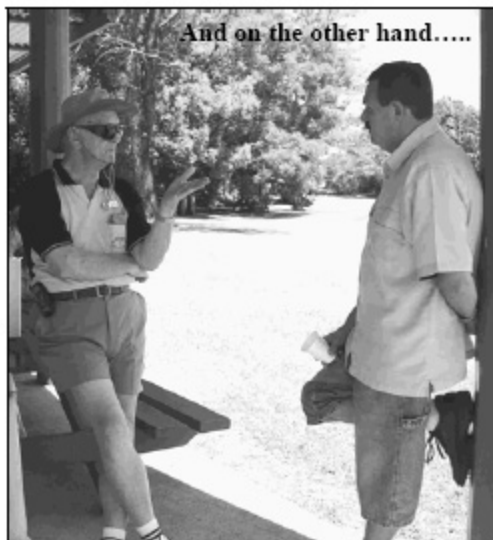
**One two three fourHow
many times should I turn
them?**



**The quality control
team hard at work**

After lunch, before the ceremony of the passing of the hat, we relaxed with good conversation and even had a cricket match put on for us. I thought it was only 'mad dogs and Englishmen who went out in the Mid-Day Sun'. Very relaxing, sitting convivially in the shade, watching people frying out in the hot sun.

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And on the other hand.....



Now listen to me....Are u sure
you have control?

Henry (as proxy for VK2EKJ) did the honours in the passing on The Stirrer's Helmet. How fitting that the recipient Bruce VK2HOT, was the originator of the helmet award for stirring services to the club. We were treated to a short history of the various added features that adorned The Helmet.

All in all a very pleasant get together, good weather, food and good fellowship!

- John (VK2AYQ)

Guess what is in the hamper and you get a Sausage! (VK2AG & Barry Gilson)



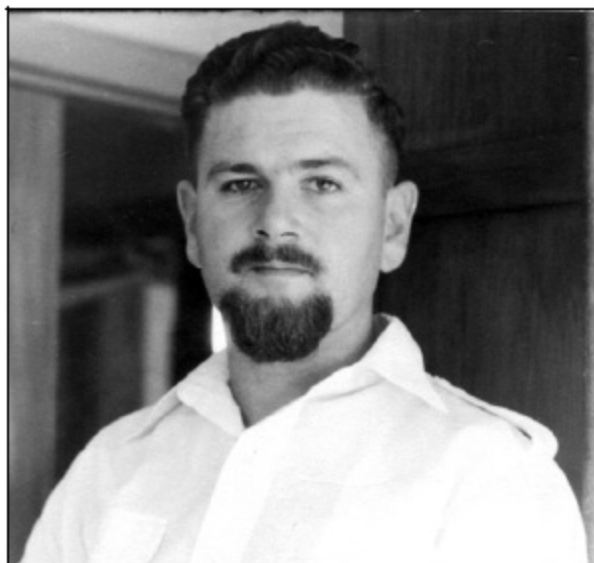
Henry VK2ZHE recording
the evidence



A watched steakette is never done!.... Well, not until given the Supreme Uncction by VK2CIS !



Poignant Pix From the Past



Here is another picture from the past. (Left)! A current member of ORARC, pictured wayback down the dim, dusty corridors of time. He will be identified in March 2006 **OXTALES**.

The ORARC mystery Personality in November **OXTALES** was Bruce Walker (VK2HOT) The picture was taken way back in 1959.

Anybody out there pick him?



Now.



Then

Foundation Licences Imminent in The ORARC

Be on the lookout for new call signs and On-Air stations in the Oxley region and environs. ORARC Education Officer Larry (VK2CLL) along with fellow accredited Assessor Alan (VK2GD) have started the ball rolling with an initial Foundation Licence workshop held recently at the Wauchope High School. Five prospective candidates participated, and they will be fronting up for examination and assessment at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 7th January. Best of luck Gents! Hope to hear you on-air very soon. Who dared to ask whether or not we were slack?



Beechwood 2005

Stretch
Human
Records



OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.
MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.
 (As at 31st December, 2005)

Cat.	Surname	Given	Spouse Name	Call	Location	Tph
1	O	BAILEY	JOHN (FLORENCE)	VK2KHB	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2192
2	A	BAYLIS	SAM	-	LAKE CATHIE	-
3	L	BAYLIS	JOHN (MARY)	VK2JB	LAKE CATHIE	02 6585.5703
4	D	BELL	ALAN	VK2BEL	COOLONGLOOK	02 6554.1689
5	O	BIVONA	GUISEPPE (JOE) (ROSE)	VK2IEV	PORT MACQUARIE	Mob 0405040953
6	L	BLYTH	BOB	VK2XJQ	PORT MACQUARIE	-
7	O	BRODIE	BOB (JO)	VK2EIK	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0592
8	O	BROOKE	BILL (AILSA)	VK2ZCW	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6581.0547
9	O	BURGES	ROY W (JUNE)	VK2YOR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9349
10	O	COULTER	KEVIN (JUNE)	VK2MAM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8325
11	O	COURT	RICHARD (LINDA)	VK2CHC	BEECHWOOD	02 6585.6866
12	A	DANIEL	JIM	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1933
13	O	EDMONDSON	CHARLES (PAT)	VK2F5H	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.0495
14	D	ELLIS	STAN (BETTY)	VK2DDL	TUNCURRY	02 6554.7996
15	A	GILSON	BARRY (FAY)	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8814
16	O	GLEESON	BADEN (VALERY)	VK2MOQ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2018
17	A	GRAHAM	PAUL RODNEY (JANE)	-	WAUCHOPE	02 6586.4720
18	O	GREEN	LEWIS (PAMELA)	VK2AG	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.9162
19	O	GREENWOOD	GRAEME	VK2ZIS	MIDDLE BROTHER	02 6559.4836
20	A	HADFIELD	STEVE	-	PAPPINBARRA	02 6587.6160
21	L	HANLON	KEITH	-	PORT MACQUARIE	-
22	O	HANSEN	JOHN	VK2AYQ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.7932
23	O	HARDING	DAVID (ISABELLA)	VK2AIF	WAUCHOPE	02 6586.4980
24	L	LINDSAY	LARRY	VK2CLL	WAUCHOPE	02 6587.1155
25	L	LUNDELL	HENRY	VK2ZHE	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0534
26	O	LUTTON	KEITH (GWEN)	VK2KDL	TELEGRAPH POINT	02 6585.0321
27	O	MADIGAN	ALLAN (DAWN)	VK2OA	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2043
28	O	MARRIOTT	JOHN C (ROSE)	VK2CIF	NORTH HAVEN	02 6559.9245
29	O	MARTIN	CRAIG	VK2ZCM	SANCROX	02 6585.3452
30	O	MCLEAN	JOHN	VK2KCE	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.7400
31	O	MEEHAN	TERRY	VK2KL	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.2997
32	H	MINAHAN	CHRIS	VK2EJ	HALLIDAYS POINT	02 6559.3516
33	H	MONCK	WENDY (ARTHUR)	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1311
34	L	MONCK	ARTHUR (WENDY)	VK2ATM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1311
35	O	NEIL	JAMES (JIM) (CAROL)	VK2VIV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6588.0016
36	O	NEWHAM	LAURIE (ROBIN)	VK2ELN	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5387
37	O	NUTT	ALLAN (ELAINE)	VK2GD	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.3557
38	O	PALMER	GRAHAM (LINDA)	VK2TRM	KENDALL	02 6559.4554
39	A	PATTERSON	BRENTON	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0155
40	O	PILLEY	DAVID A (DEE)	VK2AYD	KING CREEK	02 6585.2647
41	O	ROTH	BILL	VK2CWR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6581.1776
42	O	SANDFORD	NEIL (VERENA)	VK2EI	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5830
43	O	SINCLAIR	BILL	VK2ZCV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9302
44	D	TARRANT	DAVID (AILEEN)	VK2TBC	ILUKA	-
45	O	THATCHER	TREVOR (PHYLLIS)	VK2TT	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2278
46	D	WALKE	GARY	VK2UHF	ROCKDALE	-
47	O	WALKER	BRUCE (GWEN)	VK2HOT	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8360
48	O	WEBSTER	JIM (MARY)	VK2BZD	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.4037

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