

# OXTALES

# NEWSLETTER

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OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MAY 1993

## THE BIG B.B.Q.

SATURDAY MAY 22

We have been invited to have our MAY B.B.Q. at the home of Peter Alexander, VK2PA at Rollands Plains and we hope every one will be able to attend.

Its planned to commence at 11.30 and the plates are planned to be hot and ready for cooking by 12.00. All you have to bring is your best B.B.Q. beef and bangers and whatever you eat with this fine Ozzie tucker. If you have a portable chair please bring it, just in case there isn't enough seats for everyone.

To get to Rollands Plains you turn off the Pacific Highway at Telegraph Point and head down Pembroke Road to Reeds Rd. Rollands Plains is sign-posted. Then keep on travelling until you see Peters Antenna's on the left hand side of Rolland Plains Road. Alternatively you may see smoke signals from the BBQ.

## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Make a note in your diary - the Quarterly General Meeting will be held at 1300 hrs (1 pm) Saturday, June 5.

As this is one week before the Annual Field Day (June 12/13) everyone's attendance would be appreciated. A lot of help and organisation is necessary to make this the event of the year and your input and help will greatly appreciated. The event is only as good as we make it.

Other than our famous Fox Hunts we will have our usual Saturday evening dinner, Surplus gear sales (bring all your old junk that you want to dispose of - if you can't

transport it yourself, call our Prisedent, Tracy Dignum VK2GTM and he will organise transport for you).

A complete programme will be sent to you during the next two weeks with all the information. We urgently need SPONSORS for our prizes. If you have any ideas please contact our co-ordinator.

Incidentally, we are short of tressle tables. If you have any available, please call Tracy. The Field Day co-ordinator is Mark Austin, VK2JMA, who can be contacted on 83 2345.

## NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to Neil Trotter, VK1NTT, and Colin Bellenger, VK2GMD who recently joined the club. Neil lives at Lake Cathie and Colin is out at Emerald Downs. Our membership now stands at 46 which means that a few locals didn't re-new their membership.

We kept it at \$10 especially for those that found times hard, so how about it guys, get your renewals in to Treasurer Kevin, VK2MAM, as soon as possible and help keep our club strong.

A list of members is included in this OXTALE. If there are any changes or omissions, please let David, VK2AYD, know and he will make the changes.

## NEWS AROUND THE TRAPS

Congratulations to Richard, VK2VHC, for up-grading from Novice to full licence. He has also moved from Port Macquarie to Wauchope or should it be from East Wauchope to Central Wauchope.

Bill, VK2WST, not content with his excellent effort down-loading weather satellites, has now gone packet mobile using his lap-top computer and a new micro modem he has just built. Wrist-watch packet radio will soon be here !

Arthur, VK2ATM, says the 2m voice Repeater is being up-graded with more power. Its a pity we can't get the receiver to function better in the Wauchope area.

Our warm congratulations to Bill, VK2ZCV, who recently married. There has been a lot of talk about a BBQ at Bills place where everyone has to leave with a piece of junk from the garage. (If you've never seen Bills garage then you have missed a most interesting part of Amateur Radio - your XYL will never complain again if your shack gets overcrowded).

David Smith, VK2DAL, has just returned from a heart bypass operation. He had only just got over his hip replacement. Lets hope he will be on the air soon.

The Mountain Bike Trails held in April went off well and our thanks to all those that took part. It was said that David, VK2AYD, was attacked by Leeches in the Cowarra Forest, but his blood was so alcoholic that the Leeches couldn't survive.

## NEW EQUIPMENT

### Kenwood TS50

Peter Alexander, VK2PA, has just had the opportunity of testing this new HF Transceiver designed specifically for Mobile and/or Fixed operation. The transceiver was loaned to him by Ian, VK2XU of DX Engineering who represents Kenwood here in Port Macquarie.

This HF transceiver, which is no larger than a 2 metre mobile set, delivers up to 100 watts of power on all bands 1.8 thru 28 MHz. The receiver has full general coverage from 500 KHz to 30 MHz. All modes, CW, SSB, AM and FM. Some of the features that Peter high-lighted in his evaluation were:

- \* Two VFO's
- \* Digital mode capability including Packet, RTTY and Amtor.
- \* 100 memories with memory protect.
- \* Scanning facilities.

- \* Full QSK on CW plus programmable delay.
- \* Easy to read large back lit display with brilliance adjustment.
- \* Stability excellent.

As most of you know, Peter has a preference for CW, so much of his evaluation was conducted in this mode. To quote..."I have had experience with Ten Tec Equipment and the Kenwood TS 930 and TS 440 which have excellent full break in (QSK) and the desire deying shape on CW. I found the TS 50 keying and QSK and the keying shape, rise and decay time, excellent. analysed on the CRO and from on air reports, no key clicks or thumps at the three power levels." (10, 50 or 100 watts)....."I have been working through to Europe on 14 MHz CW with 10 watts and no problem on 7 MHz with 50 watts. Reducing power from 100 or 50 watts to 10 watts for VK contacts, the difference is hardly noticed."

"For a transceiver that measures 180 by 69 by 270 mm and weighs only 2.9 Kg if it ever went wrong you could send it for repair in a jiffy bag almost.....I am very impressed."

One final feature, if you don't operate the transceiver for 180 minutes it will switch it self off. A great battery saver if used mobile and you can also disable the microphone press-to-talk switch and store in memory and stop the kids from going on the air when your back is turned."

For more information contact Ian, VK2XU.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB

A few of the old faithfuls are on air every Wednesday at 8 pm on 3597.5 KHz. How about a few more call signs? Being in a valley is no excuse and the Sex programme is on Thursday nights, so callin and say hello.

## WANTED AND FOR SALE

It was suggested that we include a section in Oxtales for people that wanted to buy or sell equipment. If you are interested we will include a section in the September edition.

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MEMBERSHIP AT 7/5/93

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CALL SIGN	ADDRESS	TOWN		
PETER	ALEXANDER	VK2PA	ROLLANDS PLAINS ROAD	ROLLANDS PLAINS	065 85.8254	1
PETER	ALLAN	VK2GLJ	15 61/65 SWIFT ST	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.9150	2
MARK	AUSTIN	VK2JMA	14 FARRAN PARADE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.2345	3
COLIN	BELLENGER	VK2GMD	LOT 78 OPAL CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.8717	4
BOB	BRODIE	VK2EJK	12 VENDUL CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0562	5
KEN	BROWN	VK2AJJ	UNIT 75 LOCHINVAR PL	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.1738	6
MAX	BRADBURN	-	4 ARAMA CLOSE	PORT MACQUARIE		7
BILL	CAVANAGH	VK2WC	3 HASTINGS STREET	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2130	8
HILLARY	CHAPMAN	VK2BHC	9 BAUDOUL ST	CHESTER HILL		9
KEVIN	COULTER	VK2MAM	8 RECENT STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.8325	10
RICHARD	COURT	VK2VHC	RMB 32 OLD KING CREEK RD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2379	11
PETER	COX	-	7 LINDFIELD PARK RD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81.1236	12
IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2XU	158 GRANITE STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.9922	13
JIM	DANIELS	-	42 WAUGH STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.1933	14
MAX	DATSON	VK2GE	17 CATHIE CIRCUIT	LAKE CATHIE	065 85.5732	15
TRACY	DIGNUM	VK2GTM	TRASSINDALE OLD SCHOOL RD	HERONS CREEK	065 85.7061	16
CHARLES	EDMONSON	VK2FSH	RMB 7 WILLOW CRESCENT	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.0495	17
BADEN	GLEESON	-	1 NULLA CLOSE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.1246	18
LEWIS	GREEN	VK2AG	27 LANGUNA PLACE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 84.9162	19
WARWICK	HALL	VK2WGH	5 THE BEAM	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.7182	20
KEITH	HANLOW	-	14 FLORIDA STREET	PORT MACQUARIE		21
WILL	HODDER	VK2DV	14 TREEVIEW MAY	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.1301	22
DAVID	JAMIESON	VK2XU	47 THE BOULEVARDE	DUNBOGAN	065 59.8622	23
LARRY	JOHNSTON	VK2UDJ	33 HAMLIN DRIVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.7970	24
HENRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	PO BOX 161	WAUCHOPE	065 87.1155	25
KEITH	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	PO BOX 134	PORT MACQUARIE		26
DOUG	MCDONALD	VK2KDL	LOT 2 FARRAWELLS ROAD	TELEGRAPH POINT	065 85.0321	27
JIM	MCINTYRE	VK2EUM	29 THE SPINNAKER	PORT MACQUARIE	065 85.6157	28
TERRY	MEEHAM	VK2CJM	15 KALINDA DRIVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.5696	29
ARTHUR	MONCK	VK2KX	51 HUDSON AVENUE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.2737	30
RAY	MULLINS	VK2ATM	27 PARK STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.1311	31
LAURIE	NEHAM	VK2PPY	8 LAKE INES ROAD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 81.0685	32
LESTER	O'CONNELL	VK2ELN	111 LORD STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.3981	33
ARTHUR	PERRY	VK2BFP	14 REGENT STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.4274	34
DAVID	PILLEY	-	83 YARRANABBE ROAD	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.3960	35
PAUL	ROMAINE	VK2AYD	CAIN CLOSE	VIA WAUCHOPE	065 85.2647	36
BILL	SINCLAIR	VK2UPR	31 WYANDRA GROVE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.5736	37
LEWIS	SMITH	VK2ZCV	8 ASTRONOMERS TERRACE	PORT MACQUARIE	065 83.0329	38
DAVID	SMITH	VK2LS	30 CUNNING STREET	PORT MACQUARIE	065 82.0424	39
GEOFF	STEVENSON	VK2DAL	RMB 33 OLD KING CREEK RD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.1004	40
WILLIAM	STOFMEEL	VK2BTU	-			41
RODNEY	TAYLOR	VK2RST	LOT 20 KING CREEK RD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.3971	42
NEIL	TROTTER	-	KHANDANI ROSEWOOD ROAD	WAUCHOPE	065 85.2278	44
ANDREW	WHALEN	VK2MAC	1498 OCEAN DRIVE	LAKE CATHIE	065 85.4430	45
			50 OUTER ROAD AUSTRAL EDEN	VIA GLADSTONE	065 65.4519	46

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