



OXTALES

Newsletter of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc
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President's Report

The end of the financial year is over so that means only one thing THE ELECTIONS for 1999-2000 club year. Who will be the new President? Who will fill the other positions. One way to find out is to attend the AGM on the 7th of August. Nominations for the top jobs will be held at the July meeting. If you feel that you could take on a top position then give me a phone call so that I can nominate you. You realise what happens if the top positions are not filled so think about it

I have enjoyed my time as President and I feel that a lot has been achieved in that time. The VK2RPM program has been completed and the VK2RCN system is just about complete. We assisted with JOTA and entered in the John Moyle Contest but neither were as good as the previous year. The Billy Cart Derby has always been a well attended club exercise which no doubt will keep coming up each year.

Socially we have had BBQ'S, a Christmas

party and outings to restaurants throughout the year which are well attended and enjoyed.

Congratulations to those that sat for and passed exams for the first time and those that upgraded. To those that missed out-keep trying as it is a great hobby.

I would like to see an annual dinner organised for members and partners next year to a restaurant. The new Social Director can keep this in mind.

I would like to thank those who assisted me during my time in the hot seat especially VK2AYD and VK2VY who kept me on the straight and narrow. I have

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made lots of phone calls to the Club stirrer (VK2DAL) during the year for his help and guidance and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks Dave.

The new committee will have my support 100 % in the 1999-2000 year. I'm not sure what position I will take on but no doubt somebody will nominate me for something apart from President and Field Day co-ordinator.

Cheers VK2HOT Bruce
President ORARC Inc

DOWN THE COAX

7th August

**A.G.M at the S.E.S Building-
Gordon St at 1.00pm
followed by a general meet-
ing & a steak & snag sizzle.**

**4th September
General Meeting
(possible speaker)**

**2nd October
General Meeting
(possible speaker)**

**16-17th October
Jota-Joti Weekend.
2 sites in Port
&
1 in Wauchope???**

Field Day Co-ordinator's Report

Well the Field Day is over for another year(well I hope it will be on next year) and what a weekend it was.

I would like to thank all the club members who assisted on the weekend and a big thankyou to the ladies in the kitchen for a job well done.

Saturday saw the gathering of the troops and jobs were allocated. The team on the door were kept busy with registrations etc., while the rest were kept busy setting up the hall and kitchen.

Two practice fox hunts were held during the afternoon but the top guns failed to show up for the weekend.

The arrival of VK2MAZ with sausage rolls and cakes was greatly appreciated by the work crew as it was close to lunch time .

The evening fox hunt went well with VK2ZHE locating himself in a usual hard to find location. One entrant tried to get the jump on the rest by staying in the hall until he worked out the location then took off only to be the 4th one to find the fox. You might have to rethink your plans next year Larry.

The evening sizzle was well organised and good fellowship was had by all.

Sunday was a 7am start so as to get the final bits and pieces sorted out including the marque. The Club sold bits and pieces which returned good dollars. The traders appeared to be selling lots of equipment with our club members the biggest purchasers.

The fox hunts went well with a close finish(see results elsewhere) by the small number that were in the events.

The midday lunch was terrific which was cooked and served to the usual high standard and was greatly appreciated as seen by the line up.

The clean up seemed to take no time at all and we were out by 4pm.

A special thanks must go to Wendy and Arthur Monck for the beautiful prizes etc. The winners of the raffles and door prizes praised the quality of them when they were presented.

Thanks to the event and program sponsors which helped offset the cost of the program and medallions.

Overall we did a bit better in the dollar department than in 1998.

With good team leaders and club members the field day will continue. It is not as hard as some might think to run the field day but it does need a co-ordinator and who ever it is in the year 2000 will have full club support and mine.

Cheers VK2HOT Bruce
1999 Field Day Co-odrinator

Field Day Weekend Results.

Prize Winners.

2-Metre Talk-in (Mobile)

- 1st VK2YMW (Chris)
- 2nd VK2WO (Rob)
- 3rd VK2ZTM- (Tim)

2-Metre 2 Transmitters (Mobile)

- 1st VK2HJJ (Jonathan)
- 2nd VK2YMW (Chris)
- 3rd VK2WO (Rob)

2-Metre 3 Transmitters (Pedestrian)

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- 2nd VK2WO (Rob)
- 3rd VK2YMW (Chris)

Overall

Fox Hunt Champion:

VK2YMW (CHRIS)

30 Points

(Sponsored by Bob Todd Motors
Pty Ltd)

Runner-up: VK2WO (Rob)

27 Points

(Sponsored by Monck Radio &
Electrical Services)

3rd: VK2HJJ (Jonathan)

24 Points

Major Raffle

1st VK2UPR (Paul) from
Port Macquarie.

(\$100 Big W Open Order)

2nd VK2KCE (John) from
Port Macquarie.

(Hand Scanner for a computer)

3rd VK2JB (John) from
Lake Cathie.

(\$25 BBC Hardware Open Order)

4th VK2MAZ (Bruce) from
Port Macquarie.

("Silicon Chip" Subscription)

Ladies Raffle

June XYL of VK2MAM from
Port Macquarie.

Ladies Lucky Door

XYL of VK2AML from
Croydon Park.

Men's Lucky Door

VK2BPO from Abbotsford..

Best Presented Amateur Vehicle

VK2ADA (Arnold) from
Woolgoolga.

(Sponsored by Bob Todd Motors
Pty Ltd)

Some Field Day Trivia.

(Observations by
der Küche Oberbefehlshaber, VK2JJ)

At the Field Day, my trusty P.A. Amp died, so Henry (VK2ZHE) stepped in with his Amp. followed by much testing "Testing testing 123 - 123 - 123". At this, several of us out at the BBQ went into an Old Time Waltz!

A hard working club member purchased a new 2-metre transceiver at the field day. When news of this delinquency was revealed, the ultra smooth working of the kitchen was disrupted for at least 5 minutes. According to a reliable source (CNN), this member's slippers are in the fridge.

Jota is Coming Up

Members who are community oriented, should take note that plans are already being put in place for the 1999 Jota... the last one for this millennium. Our President received this following e-mail call for assistance, so members who would wish to help the ORARC participate in this annual event should take note, and if desirous of lending a helping hand in October (usually in the early part of the latter half of the month), please make it known as soon as possible. Tell the "Presso"... and it will be conveyed to the club's co-ordinator of this event.

From: "c072" <c072@tsn.cc>

To: <orarc@yahoo.com>

Subject: Jota

Date: Fri, 11 Jun 1999 20:59:11 +1000

Hi, I am one of the local Guide leaders in Port. We are hoping to run a Jota/Joti at Rakali this October. Would you be interested in helping us with the radio side of things. As I have never done this before I'm not exactly sure who to

approach. We have the computer side of things organised. As it stands at the moment Jota/Joti will involve Port Macquarie Guides & Camden Haven 5-18 & Camden Haven & some Port Macquarie Scouts Thanks

The message was not signed, but no doubt e-mail to c072@tsn.cc will get to the right person.

Proverbs, Daffy-definitions, & Gems of Wisdom.

(From:the private collection of John (VK2JJ))

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.

Smith & Wesson: The original point and click interface.

Advert.: DCE seeks DTE for mutual exchange data.

There are three kinds of people:

Those who can count; and those who can't.

If you can't convince them, confuse them.

I have an open mind but my brains keep falling out.

If all is not lost, where is it?

Kids in the back seat cause accidents. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

Classic Court transcripts:-

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: Which year?

A: Every year.

Better Than Acid Paper?

From Computer Choice, Feb., '99 on R-CD's
"CD's are too recent an invention to know exactly how long they retain data. Disc media manufacturers have done accelerated ageing tests, using heat and chemicals, but it's hard to know how accurate these tests are. However, there are three types of CD-R disc on the market, which use different chemical dyes and have different claimed life expectancies. You can use these figures as a guide to how long your data is likely to last.

The 'green' discs use a cyanine dye and are claimed to last 75 years.

The 'gold' discs, which use a phthalocyanine dye, should last 100 years.

The 'platinum' discs use an advanced phthalocyanine dye and are said to last

200 years. These estimates are for data.....

(cross my palm with silver, and I'll tell you more JJ) didn't copy the next page.

Gobless - 73, John VK2JJ.

Repeater Committee June Report.

Middle Brother. The 2 metre voice repeater is going OK. The UHF voice repeater seems to be going OK. The UHF "Backbone" transmitter seems to be over deviating and as a result is not working into VK2RGL although it is working into Coffs Harbour OK. Trevor

(VK2TT) is going to the Middle Brother in order to decrease the level of deviation to a level which is OK for both Coffs and RGL. He will be aided in this endeavour by John VK2VY)

Telegraph Point: The VK2RCN repeater has been tested over the past week or so and the results are not good. It would appear that there is still a deafness on the part of the receiver, and that one of the antennae may not be performing as it should. This coming weekend a complete check will be made on the antennae, the receiver and the cavities and then we shall see what we shall see. It is sure not going to lie down without a fight. It will be better to find what is wrong before going to the mountain, rather than trying to do it up there.

When the repeater is working OK, there is still work to be done at the site before the repeater can be commissioned. We need to straighten up the tower and wind it up to it's full height, we need to check and tighten the guys and check the anchorages, we need to check the top (Receiving) antenna for damage and if necessary connect it to the heliax, we may need to acquire an antenna for the transmitter, we have to run the heliax for the transmit antenna down the tower and into the shack, we have to terminate the 2 runs of heliax in the shack and then we have to make up 2 fly leads to connect the heliax to the receiver and transmitter respectively.

ALL this work has to be done before the repeater can be put on the air.

VK2DAL Dave.

Errata

Human error was present again in the last issue of "OXTALES". One of our distant members, Alan (VK2BEL) was omitted from the member-

ship list on page 8. Although this list is compiled by a software function in a database application, a human is required to enter some details about receipt numbers. Guess what! The human failed! But it is all fixed now thanks to the Presidential eagle eye, and Alan *did* get his "OXTALES" well, it was posted a few days late.

RECIPROCAL WEBSITE VISIT.

While surfing the net recently, VK2JJ dropped in on the homepage of the German Amateur Radio Club, Section P37 at Waiblingen near Stuttgart. Dutifully, John signed the Guestbook and left a reference to the URL of the ORARC's Homepage. A few days later he received the following, by e-mail:-

Subject: *DJ0WQ-Guestbook*

Date: *Mon, 26 Apr 1999 15:35:56 +0200*

From: *"Fuhrpark d. NWS AG"*
<fuhrpark@nws-ag.de>

To: <jjones@felglow.com.au>

Hi John, I saw your vote on the Guestbook from DJ0WQ and the Address from your Club's homepage. I visited it and saw, that the Australian HAM's are just like the Germans. Nice to see! Greetings from Germany around the world to you and your Club Members from Stefan DL4SEW, President from German Amateur Radio Club, Section P37, Waiblingen near Stuttgart, Southwest Germany, Club Station DL0ML.

Directory of Members on e-mail.
(This is an updated list of members who

are known to be e-mail users. This list will appear in OXTALES whenever there is a variation recorded.

VK2FT (Jason)	jasonm@tsn.cc
VK2GD (Allan)	anut@ozemail.com.au
VK2GJ (Graeme)	virtue@mullum.com.au
VK2JB (John)	jebaylis@midcoast.com.au
VK2JJ (John)	jjones@felglow.com.au
VK2TT (Trevor)	gramps@felglow.com.au
VK2VY (John)	vk2vy@bigpond.com
VK2ATM (Arthur)	afamo@midcoast.com.au
VK2AYD (David)	davpil@midcoast.com.au
VK2CHC (Richard)	farmsale@felglow.com.au
VK2CLL (Larry)	lindsay@midcoast.com.au
VK2DAL (David)	davsmith@felglow.com.au
VK2DDL (Stan)	svellis@midcoast.com.au
VK2HOT (Bruce)	brucew@tsn.cc
VK2KCE (John)	hastbrak@nor.com.au
VK2UPR (Paul)	dapto@midcoast.com.au
VK2ZCV (Bill)	lts1@nor.com.au
VK2ZHE (Henry)	henry.lundell@airservices.gov.au

Membership Subscriptions Important Reminder.

On the last stroke of Midnight, on 30th June, we will commence the new financial year 1999-2000. Members who have not paid their annual membership fees by that time will be unfinancial. It would be a grave pity for any member to remain unfinancial in this important year, particularly if it just happened to be the result of absentmindedness. Some people believe that being financial in their chosen clubs will, perhaps, provide some level of immunity from the Y2K Bug! So don't take risks. Immunise yourself against this insidious creature. Pay up your membership fees now, and preserve continuity of your financial status within ORARC. You will also be eligible to vote, if you are financial at the time of the AGM.

Notice of 1999 Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club Inc., is scheduled to be held on

Saturday 7th August 1999.

The venue will be in the club rooms at the S.E.S. Headquarters in Gordon Street, Port Macquarie, NSW.

The Meeting will open at 1.00pm.

Agenda

1. To receive apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the 1998 AGM
3. To receive and confirm the financial report for 1998/9
4. To receive reports from the following officers:
President
Secretary
Education Officer
Repeater Committee Chairman.
5. To appoint a Returning Officer to preside over the election of officers for the ensuing year.
6. To elect officers for the year 1999/2000
Executive - President
Executive - Vice President
Executive - Secretary
Executive - Treasurer
Committee Members comprising:-
Education Officer
Repeater Chairman
Equipment & Librarian Custodian
Publicity Officer
"Oxtales" editor
7. To appoint an Auditor
8. To ratify that membership subscription will be \$20 per annum and for Distant members \$10 per annum.
9. To vote on a motion moved by Bruce Walker (VK2HOT), seconded by David Smith VK2DAL, that the ORARC Inc., promulgate a set of by-laws which includes the following:-
The maximum term of office that can be served by the President, Secretary or Treasurer, is three (3) consecutive years.
10. To consider and record any other business that has been tabled in writing prior to the meeting.
11. Close meeting.

(All "other business" subjects must be submitted to the Hon Sec by 4th August. No other matters will be considered from the floor unless pre registered, or at the discretion of the President.)

A form for the nomination of candidates for the Executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer has been included in the envelope carrying this newsletter. Completed nomination forms are required to reach the Secretary, ORARC Inc., PO Box 712, PORT MACQUARIE 2444 prior to the commencement of the meeting.



OXLEY REGION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc. MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

(As at 30th June 1999)

1	F	JOHN (FLORENCE)	BAILEY	VK2KHB	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2192
2	F	JOHN (MARY)	BAYLIS	VK2JB	LAKE CATHIE	
3	D	ALAN	BELL	VK2BEL	WOOTON NSW	02 6554.1689
4	F	COLIN (IAN)	BELLENGER	VK2AF	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.3803
5	F	BOB	BRODIE	VK2EJK	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0592
6	F	ROY W (JUNE)	BURGESS	VK2YOR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9349
7	F	PETER (COLLEEN)	BURLS		PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5161
8	F	BRUCE	CLARK	VK2MAZ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5245
9	F	KEVIN (JUNE)	COULTER	VK2MAM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8325
10	F	RICHARD (LINDA)	COURT	VK2CHC	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2379
11	F	IAN	DALRYMPLE	VK2XU	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.9922
12	F	JIM	DANIELS	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1933
13	F	CHARLES (PAT)	EDMONDSON	VK2FSH	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.0495
14	D	STAN (BETTY)	ELLIS	VK2DDL	TUNCURRY	02 6554.7996
15	F	BADEN (VALERY)	GLEESON	VK2MOQ	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.2018
16	F	LEWIS (PAMELA)	GREEN	VK2AG	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.9162
17	F	GRAEME	GREENWOOD	VK2ZIS	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.4684
18	L	KEITH	HANLON	-	PORT MACQUARIE	-
19	D	BARRY (JOAN)	HARWOOD	VK2BAZ	GUNNEDAH	
20	L	PETER	HILL	VK2BZA	LAKE CATHIE	02 6585.5349
21	F	SNOW	HODDER	VK2DV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.7095
22	F	WILL (CAROL)	JAMIESON	VK2XXU	DUNBOGAN	02 6559.8622
23	F	DON	JONES	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5084
24	F	JOHN (THEA)	JONES	VK2JJ	LAKE CATHIE	02 6585.4522
25	D	BRIAN	KELLY	VK2WBK	TAMWORTH	02 6776.2004
26	F	GARRY (LINDA)	LAWER	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0597
27	F	GARY	LEEDS	VK2NOV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.3978
28	F	JACK	LEEDS	VK2KN	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5991
29	L	LARRY	LINDSAY	VK2CLL	WAUCHOPE	02 6587.1155
30	L	HENRY	LUNDELL	VK2ZHE	PORT MACQUARIE	-
31	F	KEITH (GWEN)	LUTTON	VK2KDL	TELEGRAPH POINT	02 6585.0321
32	F	ALLAN (DAWN)	MADIGAN	VK2MAJ	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2043
33	F	JASON	MARIS	VK2FT	TELEGRAPH POINT	02 6585.0426
34	F	JOHN (KARIN)	MCDONAGH	VK2VY	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.0020
35	F	DOUG	MCDONALD	VK2EUM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.6157
36	F	JIM	MCINTYRE	VK2CJM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.5696
37	F	JOHN	MCLEAN	VK2KCE	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.7400
38	L	ARTHUR (WENDY)	MONCK	VK2ATM	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.1311
39	F	ALLAN	NUTT	VK2GD	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.3557
40	F	DAVID A (DEE)	PILLEY	VK2AYD	KING CREEK	02 6585.2647
41	F	PAUL (BARBARA)	ROMAINE	VK2UPR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6584.1830
42	F	BILL	ROTH	VK2CWR	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6581.1776
43	F	NEIL (VERENA)	SANDFORD	VK2EI	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6582.5830
44	F	BILL (RUTH)	SINCLAIR	VK2ZCV	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9302
45	F	DAVID (ROMA)	SMITH	VK2DAL	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.1004
46	D	DARYL	ST. JOHN	VK2MZ	FORSTER	
47	F	DAVID (AILEEN)	TARRANT	VK2HBC	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.6381
48	F	TREVOR (PHYLLIS)	THATCHER	VK2TT	WAUCHOPE	02 6585.2278
49	D	GRAEME (JOYCE)	VIRTUE	VK2GJ	BRUNSWICK HEADS	02 6685.1336
50	F	BRUCE (GWEN)	WALKER	VK2HOT	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.8360
51	F	JIM	WEBSTER	VK2BZD	PORT MACQUARIE	-
52	F	RONALD W	WYLES	-	PORT MACQUARIE	02 6583.9742

F = Full Member

D = Distant Member

L = Life Member

