

DDRCi Ink

The official journal of the Darling Downs Radio Club

NOTICES

Next meeting:

25th June, 2018 : **Tech/Social**

9th July, 2018: **Management**

23rd July, 2018: **AGM**

Please note that Nominations for Office must be received two weeks prior to the AGM, these must be in writing proposed and seconded. Please ensure that the nominee accepts the nomination.

4th August, 2018: Club Lunch

Office Bearers

President:

Mark Brandwood VK4IL

Vice-President:

David Curry VK4SP

Secretary:

Sheryl Erdmann SWL

Treasurer:

Kevin Crandell VK4VKX

Contact the club

All contact should be made to the secretary of the DDRCi via email secretary@ddrci.org.au
Or by phoning the secretary on 07 46961045.

Club Luncheon



This month lunch event

This month lunch at the Blue Mountain hotel was attended by: Kevin Crandell-VK4VKX, Dougal Johnston-VK4EKA, Len Christensen-VK-4BLZ, Mrs Christensen, Leo Moller-VK4ESK, Mrs Moller, Rod Webb-VK4ZJ, Mrs Webb, David Erdmann-VK4DAV, Sheryl Erdmann-SWL. A large tasty meal was enjoyed by all in great company with lots of stories and anecdotes. Looking forward to seeing you all next time.

Annual General Meeting 23rd July 2018

The annual general meeting is approaching soon, please be aware of the following:

Cut off dates for nominations will be the 9th July, 2018

There are some important aspects to the AGM which require to be noted by all.

- Anyone may attend the AGM, including non members and members who are or are not financial.
- ONLY financial members may nominate for a position, and move a motion.
- ONLY financial members may second a nomination or a motion.
- ONLY financial members may vote on any motion.



All our best wishes go out to Kevin Crandell (VK4VKX) as some of you would be aware of Kevin's back surgery. St Vincent's hospital had the pleasure of Kevin's company for around about 5 weeks. Kevin is home now recuperating wonderfully well. His recovery has been remarkably successful and we wish him a continued speedy recovery.



MFJ 949E tuner, \$200.

MFJ 948 tuner, \$150.

Yaesu FT 707, \$250.

Power supply MP 3098 20 amps, \$100

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HOT NEWS

Darling Downs
Amateur Satellite Group

The first 100 contacts award for the amateur satellite group has been awarded to Merv Morrison (VK4EM) for his 113 contacts over the last 4 weeks. Congratulations Merv for your dedication and determination to promote radio communication via the satellite fun cubes.

There is also a new award for those amateurs that wish to receive or send SSTV, for details or a copy of a sample award contact David VK4DAV.

Repeater News

The 2 meter repeater has been replaced and is now working fine, a few teething problems were fixed early in the month, however all is working well once again. A big "thank you" goes out to Bruce and his merry men that have worked tirelessly on this repeater.

2 Meter Net Every Sunday

Good attendance has been heard over the 2mtr net, well done to all those participating on a regular basis. Thank you to Kevin for running the net and to those who stepped in during Kevin's stint in hospital. It would be great to see more people joining in the conversations on Sunday morning, as most of you are aware, the net starts at 10 am just after the WIA news broadcast.

For those people that are not sure of the net, this is run on the Preston repeater VK4RDD on 146.750 negative offset.

80 Meter Net Every Monday

There has been a well attended get together on the 80 meter net on Saturday nights. All newcomers are welcome to join in the conversations. Please note the 80 meter net is held on Saturday Night between 7:30 PM until around 8:30 PM on 3.650 MHz +/- QRM.

Scrub Turkey net 2 meters Thursdays

Another get together net happens on Thursday night at around 7 PM, this net has been very well attended. Many topics are discussed and many opinions shared. For those not sure of the net, this is run on the Preston repeater VK4RDD on 146.750 negative offset. A big hello to all the SWL listening on the side.

Member Profile

Our chief editor will be looking for interesting individuals to profile for publication in the newsletter. Everyone has a story to tell how they became involved in radio, and what are their aspirations and dreams. So if you know of anyone that has a story to tell, please contact David VK4DAV via the club or send a short resume to the secretary via the DDRCi web-page. Many new members would like to know what us oldies have been up to during the many years of operating ham radio especially back in the time of learning morse code as part of obtaining a license. Lets join together to inform the younger group.

Social/Technical group

The social/technical meetings have been well attended, with interesting speakers talking about life experiences with Ham Radio. Many varying topics are on the upcoming agendas. Public speaking is not a requirement for anyone wishing to share their information, it is an easy crowd eager to listen and participate in any topic put forward.

By Monthly Luncheon

Luncheons are well attended by members and family. Its a very reasonably priced lunch in a relaxing atmosphere, and the conversation is stimulating to say the least. The next luncheon will be on the 11th of August, starting at 11.30am at the Blue Mountain Hotel. Look forward to seeing you.



MEETING NOTICE!

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and nominations for office bearers must be in by or before the 9th of July. For a copy of the available positions, obtain a copy from our acting secretary Sheryl.

Please note that for a nomination to be entered, the nominee must be aware of and accept the nomination.

John Moyle Field Day

The John Moyle field day was held earlier this year at the Ellangowan reserve near Felton South, good participation from several members of the club. Below are some snaps of the field day.



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