



## ADELAIDE HILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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Members Circular 15/4/2016

### **Coming Events !**

#### **The 'Shack'**

The next meeting at the 'shack' will occur on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April commencing at 9am, this will be a technical session by Phil Storr VK5SRP. Phil is going to talk about valves, tubes or bottles and how we use them and how to care and feed them. He has quite a clever display to demonstrate how these devices work, it is a very good visual demo, so if you would like to know more about these devices, especially if you have a hybrid rig, then here is your chance. Please drop Roy VK5NRG a line so we know approximately how many we may need to accommodate.

We have Grahame Dicker to give a series of technical presentations on his microprocessor course later on this year, this will add to his very successful presentation from last year, which was very well attended.

#### **General meeting**

The next General meeting is to be held at the Blackwood Community Centre in Young Street Blackwood, starting at 7:30pm . This will be a members Buy & Sell, these are always good fun, so come along to haggle and swap some of yours for some of theirs, and have a chin wag at the same time !

#### **John Moyle Memorial Field Day**

This year, AHARS had a team in the John Moyle Field day, the venue being held at Womeroo near Swan Reach. The team comprised Kevin VK5AKZ, Robert VK5ZHW, Keith VK5OQ, John VK5EMI, Christina VK5TMC, Patrick, VK5MPJ and Christine VK5CTY and they were operating under the Club call sign of VK5BAR.

They were operating in the section of multi operator portable and using the bands of 80mtrs, 40mtrs, 20mtrs, 15 and 10mtrs from a Kenwood TS-680S on a dipole, an IC706Mk2G on an inverted 'V' and an TS2000 on an off centre dipole.



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They managed to rack up a total of 180 contacts for a score of 360 points, well done to all of you for this effort, and hope you had a good time ! Thanks goes to John VK5EMI for supplying me with this information.

### **Kits**

The kits program is still growing and we are now about to do another batch of 25 kits to complete the second batch of 100 kits - that is now a total of 200 off the production line ! We have now purchased enough components to start producing the next batch of 100 kits already, and we have just sent a bulk order of 10 kits to Canada, and we are still receiving enquiries about bulk batches of kits (10 or more) to local clubs looking to purchase batch lots for club builds of the units.

We are also looking for interested persons to help assemble kits and get them ready for postage, so if you would like to help the Club as well, please contact myself or Jim Tregellas VK5TR and we can organise an introduction to what we do at one of our assembly afternoons or evenings.

My thanks must go to Roy for the magnificent job he has done in keeping up with the postage of the kits, I don't think people realize just how much work that this has involved, well done Roy - now, if only we could clone you.

### **Training**

The next training course will be held at the 'Shack' on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. This will be a foundation course on the Saturday and combined exams (including upgrades) on the Sunday. If you know someone who is contemplating doing their foundation license or wants to do an upgrade exam, then please have them contact Sasi VK5SN ([vk5sn@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5sn@wia.org.au)) so he can enrol them on this course.

Our last course was very productive and resulted in 9 new Foundation calls and 3 upgrades to various levels, a great result. We also managed to gather a couple of new members as well !



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### **Coming Events** - for later this year

The program for this year is still being worked on at this time. If you have some suggestions as to what you would like to hear, see or do, then let us know. I have already received suggestions from some members which are very useful, but more will be gratefully received. As per last year we will probably have a visit to a museum or display somewhere and perhaps an interclub BBQ or gathering may be a worthwhile event worth considering.

We are still looking at suitable venues for the mid year lunch to be held, if you know of a suitable establishment that could cater for 50 to 60 of us, your suggestion would be appreciated. The lunch is scheduled at this time, for Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **ILLW weekend**

Paul VK5PAS will be leading a team to the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse on Kangaroo Island again this year, for the ILLW <http://illw.net/> to be held on 20-21 August 2016, and has asked for 9 or 10 volunteers to help man this **event** (not a contest). We have access to the accommodation at the site and have previously been able to use the lighthouse to support one end of the antennas, this will be a fairly unique and fun weekend for those that attend, and a good exercise in portable operation. Please contact Paul ([vk5pas@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5pas@wia.org.au)) if you would like to participate and help out.

### **Buy and Sell**

The Buy & Sell will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> this year, the venue has already been booked for this years event, thanks to David VK5KC for organising this once again.

Our thanks must also go to Leigh Turner for producing the arm bands for us at no cost to the Club, we now have sufficient for many years to come I should think - thanks Leigh for your contribution.



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### **Web site**

At the committee meeting at the beginning of the month, it was decided to upgrade the website to a much friendlier and appealing format. This involves changing from the blog format we are currently using and going to a more page related format.

Paul VK5PAS has come up with a new format using the Weebly website builder, which vastly simplifies the complexity of our current system. We hope to have the new site ready to go within a couple of weeks, once we sort out the PayPal commerce portal and take the system for a test run before unleashing it !

Wish you all good DX

'73 de

Barry VK5BW