



WIRELESS INSTITUTE CIVIL EMERGENCY NETWORK,
South Australia
(WICEN SA)



NEWSLETTER – August 2016

Lightforce Rally SA = September 9th, 10th and 11th.

The Lightforce Rally SA is just over 32 days away, so if you can help please register as soon as you can to assist with the planning of WICEN's role.

This year WICEN's main involvement is on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of September when we will be providing a safety net by tracking the cars through each stage, as well as sending the competitor's times back to Rally Control.

These tasks will be carried out with the assistance of a voice net on each stage, linking each control point on a stage as well as to WICEN's Rally Control Centre. Computers will also be used to assist in these tasks.

If you are a registered official by **13th August**, you will be entered into a draw to win one of the following 29 prizes provided by the sponsors of Lightforce Rally SA.

- 1 x HEMA Satellite Navigation unit 7 inch – (\$699)
- 10 x HEMA Australia Road + 4WD Atlas spiral bound – (\$75)
- 10 x HEMA Australia Road and Terrain Map – (\$50)
- 2 X Hot lap in a pace car (money can't buy) at the Clipsal 500
- 2 x 4-day Grandstand Pass – (\$600) at the Clipsal 500
- 4 x WRC 3 day Super Passes – (\$150) at the KENNARD RALLY AUSTRALIA

All prizes will be distributed at the thank you BBQ held after the event on Sunday Sept 11th.

In addition, **each official will receive a "goody" bag** which includes caps, torches, stickers and more.

If you can assist WICEN at the Lightforce Rally SA, please register as soon as you can so that we can complete the roster and you can be in the draw for these prizes.

Registration is via <http://lightforcerallysa.com.au/register-as-a-volunteer/>

If you are going to have partners, children or friends with you they must also be registered to be able to be with you in the course areas. If they are not registered they can only be in spectator zones.

For more information about the role of WICEN at the Lightforce Rally SA contact Charlie VK5KDK on 0417808900 or on rally@sa.wicen.org.au

DISPLAY at KANGARILLA, Sunday 4 September

Uniting Church at Kangarilla has 'Information on Emergencies' day on Sunday 4th September (Father's Day). This will be "Zombie attack, what would you do !!!"

Thanks to the referral from AHARS, WICENSA have the opportunity to display and provide information on amateur radio.

Idea is that general public (expected 200) will move from the church to the CFS station, visiting information booths on the way.

WICEN will conduct an exercise where the people within the group are separated and then given a 'lost person form'. Could you describe what your friend was wearing, eye colour, height, weight, etc ? We will then ask them to transmit a message via UHF Commercial handheld to their friend.

Three or more volunteers required to assist for a few hours on Sunday afternoon. If you can assist, please contact Andrew Macmichael (VK5FMAC) 0403 791488 or secretary@sa.wicen.org.au

SAERA 2016 State Championship horse ride

Thank you to Andrew Macmichael (VK5FMAC), Allen Harley (VK5FTAZ), Alan Raftery (VK5AR), Jane Morphett (VK5FATE), David Law (VK5AAH), Nic McLean (VK5ZAT), Miranda McLean, Louis Coleshill (VK5FLY), David Wilson (VK5LSB) & Peter Reichelt (VK5APR) who attended.

The adaptability and resilience to get the messages through was outstanding. Especially Alan and Jane who became a relay station when base could not hear a checkpoint, as well as their own busy checkpoint.

Base was setup in a brick building with the other SAERA organisers.

SAERA noted the ability of radio over mobile telephones when batteries failed and at places they could not connect.



I also had riders approach on Sunday morning during pack-up, to say thanks. Comments made "...if you did not volunteer with radios we could not ride, so please pass on thanks..."

More planning will be done for the Tom Quilty event in 2017, because some of the checkpoints will move and lessons learnt from this year's event.



