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# Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society Inc Christmas 2022 Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The outgoing President's notes for December 2022:

*G'day folks, here is another Christmas New Year message from Phil VK5SRP.*

*I have been having a lot of trouble with my emails but now that I have reloaded/updated my Thunderbird Mail I am hoping that all is now fixed. The old version has not been letting me reply to emails and has been losing composed and received emails.*

AHARS news for the 1 st of January 2023

*AHARS calendar version 2022/2023 – corrected and updated today  
Good day folks wishing you best wishes for 2023, good health and safety.*

January the 15th – The AHARS picnic at the Marion RSL starting time 11.00 AM.

*BBQ Sausages Steak and chicken with salads at \$15.00 per person. Children 10 free. All beverages must be purchased from the RSL but tea and coffee will be supplied by our club. For catering purpose please register with Pat Storr @ [patstorr@adam.com.au](mailto:patstorr@adam.com.au) no later than Sunday 8/1/2023.*

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## EDITOR'S BLURB

*I've finally managed to find time to produce a newsletter!  
I no longer have time to do a quarterly one, so this is it for the year.  
Note, if you feel that you could take over this little job, and have the necessary skills, then please contact me:  
Skills required include: a good grip of English grammar, document creation, and image editing.*

*ATM, we have quite a few estate items coming up for sale—see pages 6 and 7 for starters: there'll be more information via email, from either Barry (VK5BW), or me, in the near future, relating to other items and estates.*

*Anyone who wants to help with estates is welcome; I'd like to retire, but would continue with current estates in hand until they are completed.*

*VK5EMI, Editor. (---... ---!!)*

*PS: Thanks to Hans and Lesley for proof-reading this newsletter. (ed.)*

## *PRESIDENT'S NOTES (Cont).*

*The next AHARS General Meeting will be the AGM on the 16th of February 2023 at the Blackwood Uniting Church, starting time 7.30 PM. We will be calling for volunteers to stand for positions on the committee. Barry and I will be retiring from our positions so we will need a President and a Vice president. I will send out a document outlining what each position on the committee is expected to do and you should have received copy of the Nomination form by now.*

*We are planning to have Friday lunches at the Blackwood RSL starting on January, Friday the 13th and then Friday the 27th. As a courtesy to the RSL it is good to book your attendance. Lately very few of those attending have booked before hand. You can email me and I will book for you.*

*[philstorr@adam.com.au](mailto:philstorr@adam.com.au) .*

*March 16th – will be a Members Buy and Sell so rummage through the stuff you have not used for a long time and see what you can pass on to other members.*

*Your subs for 2023 are due on the first of January 2023. The subs are still \$20.00 if you are a member of the WIA and \$25.00 for non WIA members.*

*Please deposit into AHARS account, BSB 105 186 Account Number 036 248 940 with your call sign or Surname to identify your payment.*

*Also there will be a \$5.00 late fee if not paid by the end of March 2023.*

*Stay away from Covid, wear a mask when in public places.*

**FOOTNOTE:** Please make sure we have your current, valid email address.

*Phil Storr, VK5SRP. President AHARS.*



### **73 or 73's ?**

The person speaking to Jeeves is quite correct!  
(If in doubt, please look up 73 on the Internet,  
and also note the Morse on page 1.)

*Use of this cartoon by Gil, who produced many such cartoons for QST Magazine, is by kind permission of the ARRL—Ed.*

## 2023 CLUB PROGRAM

DATE & TIME		EVENT	LOCATION
Regular gatherings	<i>Fortnightly luncheons at the Blackwood RSL See President's Column, page 1, and below .</i>		
JANUARY	13	RSL luncheon	Blackwood RSL. Please pre-book with the RSL, or Phil Storr
	27	RSL luncheon	Blackwood RSL. Please pre-book with the RSL, or Phil Storr
	15	<b>AHARS picnic.</b> To book in, please see page 1 of the President's Column.	Marion RSL
FEBRUARY	16	<b>AGM</b>	Blackwood Uniting Church, 7:30
March	16	<b>Members' Buy and Sell</b> Bring plenty of money, and any unwanted gear.	Blackwood Uniting Church, 7:30
Also see the AHARS website : <a href="http://www.ahars.com.au/upcoming-events.html">http://www.ahars.com.au/upcoming-events.html</a>			

### ALARA NEWS

Net	Day	Time	Frequency
Official ALARA Net	First & Third Mondays. Second, Fourth, (& Fifth when it occurs) Mondays.	1030 UTC (1000 UTC during daylight saving)  1030 UTC (1000 UTC during daylight saving)	Echolink  3.625
Birthday Net	4th Saturday in July	1000-1200 UTC	3.625
ANZA DX Net	Daily, with Thursdays currently being 'Ladies Day'	0515 UTC. List Operation, give your call to Net Control and stand by for your turn on the list.	14.183

Our usual home currently is the Goodwood Hotel, on the 2nd Fridays of the month at 12 noon  
February lunch will be at the Victoria Hotel this year.

(Thanks to Shirley, VK5YL for this—Ed.)

## 2023 Annual Picnic, 16th January 2023

To be held at the Marion RSL.

Start time at 10.00 a.m.

Cost \$10.00—contact Pat Storr/pay direct via AHARS account (see page 1)

Enter via Norfolk Road, off Marion Road



### LEIGH TURNER, VK5LT/KLT, SK

Leigh, a leading member of the AR community in this state, died at home, on 16/10/2022, after a long illness, in the care of his wife, Glenda.

Leigh was influential in many AR and related matters: he had patents in several devices, including RFID, and often appeared at patent infringement hearings.

From <https://www.linkedin.com/in/leighturner/?originalSubdomain=au> Leigh was an “RFID technology development pioneer / visionary of 25+ years experience in the RF identification industry, well known by everyone of significance in the industry. Recognised RF and RFID expert of international repute in the conception, application, development, and successful commercialization of disruptive wireless technologies. “

With Professor Mike Underhill, (G3LHZ) he worked, inter alia, on the early development of Magnetic loop antennas. In 2008, Mike co-hosted a symposium on Magnetic Loop antennas with Leigh.

*The photo at right shows (R to L), Mike (G3LHZ), Leigh (VK5KLT), Barry (VK5BW), Hans (VK5YX), Lesley (VK5LOL), and Shirley (VK5YL), at the dinner following the symposium.*



Leigh was Principal Scientist / Adviser to UPM Raflatac / RFID Division Tampere, Finland, and through Leigh, I had the great pleasure of becoming friends with one of the Finnish AR community, Pekka, OH3GDO (ed.)

Leigh will be long-remembered as a modest and gracious member of AHARS, and for his great contributions to AR and Radio Science. (ed.)



# Events



**Meeting of APRIL 21 2022.** At the Blackwood Uniting Church Hall. Chris Southby receiving her well-earned award for years of service to AHARS as Chief Cook and Bottle-Washer (ie, Super Supper Lady). Christine (centre) with Phil (President), and Pat Storr (Treasurer).

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**Christmas Luncheon, November 27, 2022. Belair Hotel.**



Master of Ceremonies, Alan (VK5MAK) waxing lyrical (about the one that got away?)



And an excellent meal was enjoyed by all.  
(Note Alan still waxing lyrical in the background!)

# ESTATE REPORT

AHARS has currently about 15 estates in the books, dating from about 2015. About four of those are complete, two nearly complete, and about nine in progress.

*Because of the backlog, amateurs are encouraged to sell their own gear privately.*

Thanks to those who have helped me with this time-demanding task; Barry (storage, testing and advice), Phil (pickup and storage, etc), Norm (sales), and Geoff (VK5JB) and Hans (VK5YX).

The value of many estate items is reducing year by year, so it's not unusual for an estate beneficiary to be disappointed with financial returns, or just how long it takes to wind up an estate, (but so are we workers!)

*John, VK5EMI, Estate Manager.*

## Items FOR SALE



Two excellent items from a current estate:

For sale as one item.

Enquiries to John, VK5EMI. [dellio243@gmail.com](mailto:dellio243@gmail.com) or [vk5emi@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5emi@wia.org.au)

### **ACOM 1200S solid state linear:**

1000 W continuous PEP or continuous

Full protection

Hard and soft copy user manuals

Excellent condition

1.8 MHz to 54 MHz

Output into SWR  $\leq 3.0$

### **YAESU FT DX3000 HF & 6m transceiver**

100 W

Inbuilt tuner

Fully tested. Excellent condition.

Good audio and Rx, etc.

Hard copy user manual, with schematics.

Remote control

**The next general Estate Sale Day will be March 16th 2023.**

VK5EMI, AHARS Estate Manager

Ph 8278 1269 / 0411 610 106



# ESTATE MATTERS - Continued

## FOR SALE

**EDIROL V-4 VISION VIDEO MIXER** by Roland

With carry case.

Analogue.

With PSU and User Manual.

If interested, please make an offer/enquiry to John, VK5EMI

[dellio243@gmail.com](mailto:dellio243@gmail.com)



**EX-  
ESTATE  
ITEMS,  
NOW  
SOLD**



*An early Russian CRO, from the estate of VK5VLAD. It's said that some are still in use in the Russian armed forces.*



*John with a Tektronix 545B (CRO and TDR). From the estate of VK5DWC. A fine and expensive unit in its day.*

# Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society Inc

## **Club Projects**

Saturday morning technical talks.  
Details from Roy Gabriel, VK5NRG. Ph 8278 2522.

## **Amateur Radio Licence Study Courses and Examinations Foundation, Standard and Advanced Licences.**

Please See Club Program For Dates

### **Location:**

Contact Sasi Nayar VK5SN  
0417 858 547 or email [vk5sn@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5sn@wia.org.au)

## **CLUB CONTACTS**

**Club President** Phil Storr (Retiring)  
VK5SRP 0428 835 621

**Vice President** Greg Weaver  
VK5ZBD

**Secretary** Vacant

**Treasurer** Pat Storr  
[patstorr@adam.com.au](mailto:patstorr@adam.com.au)

**Licence Training** Sasi Nayar  
VK5SN See Opposite

## **Club Weekly Net on VK5RAD**

Listen to or join in on Monday nights  
from 8 pm to about 9:30 pm local time.

Receive frequency is 147.00 MHz, with -600 KHz offset.

Net Controllers: VK5's Jim (TR); Dean (5LB); Barry (BW); Roy  
(NRG); David (LSB); Lyle (WL), Steve (AIM).

All licensed amateurs are welcome.

VK5RAD

### **(Crafers Repeater)**

The Repeater Controller is Barry Williams.

**All enquiries**, including requests for access, etc,  
are to be made through him.

Phone 8339 5683 or email [vk5bw@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5bw@wia.org.au)

## **Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (ALARA)**

<http://www.alara.org.au/>

**State Representative: Jean VK5TSX**  
**Phone: 08 8322 0066**

### ***Encouraging women's interest and active participation in Amateur Radio.***

ALARA was formed in 1975 by a small group of  
Australian ladies interested in Amateur Radio.  
Membership has now grown to over 200, with  
many Australian members sponsoring  
overseas YLs into ALARA.

The term "YL" stands for "Young Lady"  
regardless of age.

See page 3 for current details

## **Meetings & Venue**

AHARS meets on the third Thursday of  
each month, commencing at 7:30 pm.,  
at the Blackwood Uniting Church Black-  
wood (by the roundabout).

**A.G.M.** February, each year.

### **Postal Address**

A.H.A.R.S P.O. Box 401, Blackwood, 5051.

## **Website Address & On-Line Newsletter**

The address for our website is:

[www.ahars.com.au](http://www.ahars.com.au)

Thanks to Paul Simmonds, our  
web-master.

## **Articles For The Club Newsletter**

Projects, anecdotes, experiences, ideas, advice,  
etc, all make interesting and useful reading, and  
will be much appreciated.

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