



ADELAIDE HILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.



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Coming Events ! - UPDATE

General meeting

The next general meeting scheduled for the third Thursday of August on the 18th, was to have been a visit to the Military Vehicles Museum at Edinburgh. After extensive canvassing for attendees we have come up well short of the number of persons to make this viable, so **we have had to cancel this event**. I am very disappointed in this result, so we will have to reschedule the program and try to get a speaker at short notice for Thursday week.

The 'Shack'

The next technical meeting at the 'shack' will occur on Saturday the 27th of August commencing at 9am, this will be a technical session by Graham Dicker VK5ZFZ. He will be giving part two of his presentation on Arduino micros, the first session being very well attended, so if you want to come along to this one then I suggest you send an email to Roy VK5NRG or to myself VK5BW to reserve a place.

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 if you would like to participate and help out.



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Kits

We are still 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.

Training

The next training course is likely to be held at the 'Shack' on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of October. 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](#)) so he can enrol them on this course.

Other Events

The October general meeting will be a little different ! We are going to have one of our younger members and Committee member Patrick VK5MPJ speak to us on his ideas of generating more interest by the younger generation in Amateur radio. It will be interesting to hear his ideas, as we need to attract many more younger persons to our hobby, or the Club and also Amateur radio will slowly die.

This will be followed by presentation by Brendon VK5FBFB on DMR radio communication, what it is and what you need to do to work the mode. **Digital mobile radio** (DMR) is an open digital mobile radio standard is defined in the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) Standard TS 102 361 parts 1-4 and used in commercial products around the world.

Xmas lunch bookings have commenced for **Sunday the 18th of December** and will be held be at the Belair Hotel, we were able to confirm a booking for that date. The function last year was excellent, and was held in the private dining room of the hotel, with raffles and good prizes for all. If you want to come to that



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event, please advise Roy [VK5NRG](#) or Barry [VK5BW](#) as soon as possible so that we can give firm numbers to the venue. We are awaiting a menu from the Belair Hotel and that will be forwarded to you when we are happy with it.

Buy and Sell

The Buy & Sell is still on track for November 6th this year and the venue has already been booked for this years event. If you would like to have a table (or 2) then please contact Roy [VK5NRG](#) or David [VK5KC](#) to reserve a table.

Web site

At the committee meeting this month, Paul vk5pas demonstrated the new web site program that will replace our current one. This involves changing from the blog format we are currently using and going to a more page related format which is far more appealing and pleasant to the eye.

Paul VK5PAS has generated the new format using the Weebly website builder, which vastly simplifies the complexity of our current system. There is still some work to be done on the PayPal commercial gateway area for our kit sales, but we hope to have the new site ready to go within a couple of weeks.

Bits & Pieces

I have received a request from Robert Clogg to make known the following information to our members :-

I have a quantity (72) of commercial Dexion 600 x 900mm shelving which I would like to sell. I am not sure of their replacement cost but I am certain that it is way more than the \$5 each that I am offering these for.

Please call Robert VK5ZHW on 83707411



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Auctions coming up

I have been assembling lists of equipment for another of our blind auctions coming up shortly. I had anticipated having this out earlier, but unfortunately I have been snowed under with other work. I hope to have the list available by the end of the month.

We will also hold a bits and pieces auction at the 'Shack', probably on the 5th Saturday in October, if not before. I will advise via the broadcast and circular if it will be before then.

Wish you all good DX

'73 de
Barry VK5BW