



BARC Newsletter Mar 16

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2016 Nets & Meetings

Social Meeting

was held Friday 11th March from 7.30pm

Next Project Saturday is 27 March 2016 and is on the Easter Weekend

Hi Everyone we had a good roll up with:

Rod VK4RA, Errol, Noel, Norm VK4ANB, Kevin VK4ZR, Jan VK4EBP, Gary VKAFGZA, Jim VK4HJK, Bill VK4TWS, Les VK4SO, Les VK4FAEB and Erik VK4FAEC, Rob VKFABN, and Doug VK4DMB attending

Next Meeting

Project Saturday

Saturday 26th March 2013 starting at 12noon

BARC Hut

BARC Hut Progress

Plenty of discussion about the BARC Hut and its progress, as the main power has been laid with only a connection at the sub board to be completed

Guttering has arrived and waiting to be fitted

Further connection to the lower storeroom will be completed at this time too

Tower base construction is next on the list and breaking ground will begin soon

Looking for a small Water Tank to attach to hut

If any members know of a small water tank that can be donated or at low cost please let us know as we would like to have it attached to the down pipes for a water supply

Club Repeater news

Repeater proposal update for January 16

This is very pleasing News

2m repeater progress is moving ahead with further refinements of the cavities in hand performance, which are to be fully tested before we go live,

I know a lot of members are excited to use the repeater, so we plan to have it operational as soon as practical. The repeater will have a temporary home with Kevin VK4WA, to bed it in and resolve any tuning up/operational issues,

There will be a separate announcement once this occurs and we will then plan to have a regular 2M Net to use and test it out from members locations and personal equipment

Permanent Home Once the tower is completed and operational, the 2m repeater will be permanently housed beside the 70cm repeater inside the new BARC Hut



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BARCFest 2016

2016 BARC Fest

BARC flyer has been sent to retailers and clubs and now to WIA for insertion into AR Magazine today

We have booked in the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds for the 4th June 2016 We are in the Upper Community Hall and have the run of the outside area as well.

We plan to do the catering ourselves, to maximize the profits available for the club. We are planning Hot Tea and Coffee, sandwiches, cakes, cold cans of drink, Bacon and egg burgers, fried onions and hot dogs cooked fresh while you wait

We will need BARC volunteers on the day for the Entry, Kitchen, BARC radio table, and Sausage sizzle etc; The plan is to have a roster so that we rotate our crews to give them a break. More detail will be discussed during May to finalise our preparations

Plans have be drawn up for the layout, and purchasing of non-perishables has started to obtain the best price and maximize profits

*Standard
Licence training*

Foundation & Standard Licence Training

Calling all amateurs, BARC is about to embark on Foundation and Standard licence training for 2016

To gain an understanding of everyone's abilities and knowledge, we propose to hold practice exams at our next Project Saturday held on 26 March 2016 (Easter Saturday) at Rochedale Scout Hall

Jan VK4EBP will be running the exams to ascertain where your main training focus should be and also for members to familiarise themselves with taking exams and to know how just much they do know in an exam situation

Once this has been done Jan will be able to configure a training program that will cover all the necessary topics for each student

This will form some specific homework given to each member based on the outcome of their exams to ensure that any gaps in knowledge can be addressed and everyone can successfully pass the exam with more confidence than studying alone.

Please contact Jan directly via email vk4ebp@msn.com and let him know your interest

And if you cannot make our next Project Day please arrange an alternative with Jan However in the meantime check out BARC website for practice exams and the WIA syllabus at <http://www.qsl.net/vk4ba/resources/>



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<i>Store Rooms</i>	<p>Thanks must go to JanVK4EBP has acquired a lot of precious Tait radio accessories and this has been stored downstairs at the club hall for future projects etc what a find and well done</p> <p>Our new store rooms till needs the floor repaired to stop the bowing on entry And a roof mount has been installed to take the long 70cm folded dipole antennas</p>
<i>14 May 2016 Annual General Meeting</i>	<p>Wow how fast did this meeting seem to roll around again? Les Neilson has announced he will stand again for President.</p> <p>Please consider standing up for the roles of Treasurer and Vice President etc. On a happy note we are also inducting Kevin Dibble into a life membership of the club at this time, and you are requested to send Les Parker your recommendations of Kevin service to the club so that we can reflect the club member's perception of Kevin's achievements for the club at the meeting please see the attachment form</p>
<i>Magazine subscriptions for Library</i>	<p>Robert Hassell has cleaned up the current Library stocks and removed old and out of date magazines</p> <p>Please respond - What magazines would you like BARC to subscribe to, so far it is only AR magazine but in the past we have had, QST, Silicon Chip, Practical wireless, etc.</p> <p>Please let us know via return email, weekly nets or at our social meetings what you think you would read if it was in our Library – so far received two requests for “Silicon Chip”</p>
<i>Low Loss antenna cable</i>	<p>This is now available @\$3.50 per metre</p> <p>Kevin VK4ZR has obtained a roll of low loss antenna cable and is now at club locked up in the Tait Store room and ready to dispense when required Les VK4FAEB has constructed a rack to dispense the roll into desired lengths and put metre marks on the floor to assist accuracy when dispensing</p>
<i>BARC Assets</i>	<p>BARC loan assets are to assist members enjoy our hobby with equipment you normally wouldn't buy but would like to use.</p> <p>If you have any BARC assets currently in your possession please let us know so we can account for them, and then make them available for other members</p> <p>No change - Not completed as yet BARC asset register will be compiled and all registered club equipment will be available for member loans</p>



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Tait Radios

We have at least 30 Tait radios we can refurbish into working 70cm units into the near future, but they need refurbishment such as, remote heads fitted onto the main unit, small face cables sourced and sets tested and programmed with Ham frequencies, this will be an ongoing project into 2016

Please see Kevin VK4ZR for allocation of Tait radios

Proposal: We also have a number of Tait Repeaters installed in travel boxes that after some investigation to their suitability for 70cm could be refurbished for BARC field days and any surplus units to our need donated to other outback clubs without a repeater or to support radio communications for the annual Horse Endurance circuit etc.