



BARC Newsletter 10th June

2016 Nets & Meetings

Friday Night Social

Was held at the Rochedale Scout Hall starting at 7.30pm

We were lucky enough to have Dave Prince present on some of his radios from the Coast Watchers

Plenty of interest in the radios as he had two of the three models AWA made for the remote islands and plantation specifically

He also gave some insight into how they were used during the war and what a pivotal role they played in the battle of the South Pacific

Great presentation and enjoyed by all please read my article on the presentation

Next Meeting

Project Saturday 25th June starting at 12 Noon

Agenda:

Your project work

Licence training with Jan

BARC Hut preparations

BARC Hut

BARC Hut Progress

This is about to take priority now that BARC Ham Fest is completed for 2016, and jobs to be completed will be:

- Ground work to be selected for antenna and guys
- Interior work to progress for the fitting out of the repeaters
- Door security to be improved
- Windows to have shades fitted to prevent prying eyes
- Gutter work for the roof
- Benches for radio stations

Members assistance required – still looking for

Small Water Tank

- 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

Steel poles for guys

- We need 3 pieces of 3-4 metre long steel posts for guying our tower, it can be pipe, railway lines, or other suitable steel, if you know of any surplus or cheap supplies please let me know directly, as some members have already, I will be chasing this up soon

2M Repeater

2m Repeater Progress

Our 2m repeater is running live again for testing and is putting out about 5watts of power, while waiting for the manufacture of the cavities to be completed before going to 50 watts

The repeater now has a temporary home with Kevin VK4WA, to bed it in and resolve any tuning up and operational issues, 147.925 MHz with 600 minus offset

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 and connected to our new tower

BARCFEST

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BARC Ham Fest is over - Yay!, what a lot of work and a lot of hassle and frustration getting access to the building and the site at Mt Gravatt this year but given the wet weather conditions we still did really well, and still made money Hooray.

This profit will help us decide on how much to increase our annual membership fees this year to cover the annual costs of operating and we will put it up for vote at the next Business meeting in September.

Response this year was slow as always, but we did get a good vendor rate towards the last two weeks, I did a lot of searching for emails and addresses for previous vendors which proved to be the bigger portion, but still a few came directly from the AR magazine insert.

The food catering proved critical this year in obtaining a good result, for without it we would have been way down on profit.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made setting up, operating and closing down a real breeze considering all the water coming our way. We will now have a good think on how we can improve the preparation and delivery for next time.

Radio Licence Training

Foundation and Licence Training

Calling all amateurs, BARC has embarked on Foundation and Standard licence training for 2016, and we have purchased some resources to assist members in furthering their amateur ambitions.

And to gain an understanding of everyone's abilities and knowledge, we will hold practice exams at our Project Saturdays held at Rochedale Scout Hall which are based on the WIA syllabuses for Foundation and Advanced Licences.

This will help us to ascertain where the main training focus should be and also for members to familiarise themselves with taking exams and to know how just much they do and don't know in an exam situation.

Jan VK4EBP has configured a training program that covers all the necessary topics for each student.

This will form some specific homework and 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.

<p><i>Store Rooms</i></p>	<p>Store Rooms</p> <p>Lower store room is powered connected for points and lights to the room in an effort to make it easier to find what we have in there. Wall racks have been installed to hold all the small antennas etc. off the floor</p> <p>Folded dipoles antenna have been stored on a rack under the roof in the breeze way as they were too long for the lower store room</p>
<p><i>Library</i></p>	<p>Library - no change</p> <p>Les VK4FAEB has cleaned out the really old magazines for recycling and we had quite a few raggedy boxes of mags accumulated over the years and they will be sent to a better place via the yellow bin</p>
<p><i>Loanable Assets</i></p>	<p>BARC Assets</p> <p>Please see Kevin VK4ZR to borrow any BARC items, he will know what we have and/or who has it.</p> <p>Does anybody have the MFJ 269 antenna analyser on loan? Please contact the President asap so we can know where it is.</p>
<p><i>Low Loss antenna cable</i></p>	<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.</p> <p>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>