



# BARC Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> August

*2016 Nets & Meetings*

## **Saturday Project Day starting at 12 noon**

Was held 27<sup>th</sup> August at the Rochedale Scout Hall starting at 12 Noon  
We looked at the Antenna 2m/70cm construction project

*Next Meeting*

## **Friday Business Meeting**

Will start at 7.30 pm and will try to save some time for the rest of the year plans

*BARC Shack*

## **BARC Shack Progress**

I have fitted a new venetian blinds to the windows of the Shack for privacy and cooling

We are designing the door end of the Shack to house the repeaters in a repeater rack with the ability to house the Cavities and future cavities, plus a work project desk etc. utilising the old big desk.

We will also construct some additional side tables on each side of the hut and some shelving all round to take equipment and books etc. still leaving plenty of room for people

I have now installed a removable desk on the air conditioner end of the Shack which can be used for radio stations and work table etc. and will install a shelf above

Dave Prince has kindly donated an air conditioner for the Shack to help us survive the summer months after our original one ceased to cool us down

With the allocation of money by the BCC community grants we will be looking at getting the Base and guy poles holes dug asap

Keith Mackenzie has agreed in principle to erecting the mast and the guy poles so plans are under way. And hoping for assistance from the Scout site Bob Cat operator to dig our holes too

2M Repeater

## 2m Repeater Progress

**Plans** are to raise the antenna another 4 meters at least to see if that can improve the triggering of the repeater for those members who are having issues. This will probably be done at the next project Saturday afternoon in September now working on the pole clamps

**2M Nets**, the plan at this stage is to run the Wednesday Night Net, starting at 8pm on 70cm and then convert to 2M at 8.30pm. We will run this program each week to ensure we get as many members on this band as possible. and at the 12<sup>th</sup> of August Social Night we should know how well this repeater is working for members by your feedback

Once this is completed and if we understand the real improvement of coverage for members, we can then plan as a club to make this our main repeater

**Official recognition** While we have the WIA's blessing to use the frequency we will still be waiting for the ACMA approval before we can advertise the frequency on ours and other Ham websites officially more information at the business meeting

**The Permanent Home** will be once the tower is completed and operational it will reside with the 70cm repeater inside the new BARC Shack. I do hope this is done by the end of this year

BARCFEST

## Mini BARCFEST

Hi everyone we are planning for a buy swap and sell biased towards our members for 22<sup>nd</sup> October where we will have an auction of Keith Adams radio gear that has been collated by Norm VK4ANB, and set up some tables in the hall to put all the gear onto so that members can browse through and we can supply some food for you too

We will discuss at the next business meeting in August for your input. But the main idea is to get rid of yours and the club's excess gear

So what you can do?

- you can donate it to the club to sell for money
- you can give it away
- and you can sell it yourself for fun and profit

Also I will be putting in our future newsletters when provided by our members an opportunity to offer radio gear for members as well, with the details and costs as well, some of this stuff will be for the club and some just for members as it comes to hand

BARC Constitution

## Constitution changes

Norm VK4ANB is currently working on improving our constitution to include changes to how we operate etc, and once we settle on the necessary changes we plan to let you know what changes are proposed and will allow enough time to vote on them at the August or November Business meeting when they are ready to go

Radio Licence Training

## Foundation and Licence Training

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Let's get going! - Plans are underway to start Standard Training sessions on Project Saturdays starting in September on Saturdays, but we can also do some catch up on Fridays meetings as well if required

So let us know your interest and we can discuss this on the Business meeting night and make some firm plans to start and finish this

**However** if you are keen to go just contact Jan directly vk4ebp@msn.com and he can set up an exam on short notice just for you. This is probably the best way to go for the moment, so that we can assist anyone to obtain a licence

Don't forget that BARC has purchased some resources to assist members in furthering their amateur ambitions

BARC Web page

Our new web page is located at or just click on the following link [BARC Website](#)

Please check out the home page and see if it has what you want to be there, as we can add content and or links to take you there directly, saving time and remembering where what you want is (a link is highlighted in blue and will block out under your mouse then take you to the page directly when you left click on it

Brad Cuthbert is currently working on the content and hopefully making it tick and tock towards full functionality for us

Store Rooms

## Store Rooms

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

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

Library

## Library

No Change to Library, but in the future we will post the contents of books etc. onto our new website so you can see what is in there

Loanable Assets

## BARC Assets

Please see Kevin VK4ZR to borrow any BARC items, he will know what we have and/or who has it

Does anybody have the MFJ 269 antenna analyser on loan? Please contact the President asap so we can know where it is as we are still looking for it

Low Loss antenna cable

**This is now available @\$3.50 per metre**

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

WIA Reform Group

Hi guys this is the latest from the reform group please feel free to peruse and discuss as we all want better service from our peak body

<http://wiarg.org/03-september-2016-board-report-from-wia-director-vk6as/>

