

IARS CLUB SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGN **VI2AMW60**.

This Special event Callsign has been issued by the ACMA to the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society for use from the 10th of June 2008 until the 30th of June 2008. The special event Callsign is to commemorate 60 Years of Amateur Radio in the Illawarra via the Wollongong Radio Club which later evolved into the present day Illawarra Amateur Radio Society and the 60th birthday of the IARS Callsign VK2AMW.

This IARS special event Callsign can be used by any qualified financial IARS inc. Club member who has been made part of the official roster and has agreed to abide by the club rules. The only restriction is that all special event operators must use the license conditions suitable to their own personal license grade. In other words a Foundation Licensee, Standard Licensee or Advanced Licensee must only use the modes, frequencies and power levels they themselves are licensed to use.

The excerpt below was taken from the ACMA web page.

'This Amateur station is a club station and must be operated in accordance with the *Radio communications License Conditions (Amateur License) Determination No. 1 of 1997* that equates to the qualifications held by the operator of the station.'

'The licensee of a club station must keep a mandatory log book in which the following must be entered:

- Chronological record of all transmissions including date and time in UTC.
UTC is the time at Greenwich England and is Ten hours behind Australian Eastern Standard time.
- Frequency and type of emission used;
- The Station(s) communicated with;
- The Name and Callsign of the qualified person operating the station. This will assist if an error occurs.

Of course we also need logs for QSLing. Logs can be kept electronically or on paper, A written example will be posted in the near future to facilitate entering into a electronic master log for the purpose of recording and QSLing. If an electronic log is utilized please ensure the program can export the details in ADIF format (Most do these days).

Logs must be returned to Tony VK2TS before the JULY 2008 meeting. No later ---Please!

QSL INFORMATION:

- Postal address: PO Box 1838 Wollongong, New South Wales. Australia 2500.
- All inward QSL'S are to be received by 31/12/08.
- QSL'S will not be accepted via the Bureau or eQSL.
- IARS Club members can work VI2AMW60 on air and receive their QSL card at a club meeting.
- VK's - A Stamped Self Addressed Envelope must be received for a card to be dispatched within Australia.
- Overseas stations - Overseas stations must provide a self addressed envelope along with One (1) IRC or Two (\$2) US for a card to be returned.
- It has been decided that QSL confirmed contacts will only be made via Simplex or via Satellite. QSL confirmation will not be available on Repeaters, IRLP or Echolink.
- Please suggest to stations worked to look up the station details on www.qrz.com or www.iars.org.au and also state on air after approximately every 5 contacts.

OPERATORS ROSTER.

The roster must be adhered to so that the special event call is not heard on the same mode, on the same band at the same time. I.e.: The special event call can be on the same band at the same time but not in the same mode. This would logically allow a phone and a cw or data station to be on the same band.

145. 425MHZ FM will be the general liaison frequency so that those operating can keep in touch with each other. This liaison will also facilitate fast roster changes to ensure maximum exposure for the Special event callsign. In the event that someone is out of simplex range an alternate repeater will be chosen by the Control station.

EXAMPLE OF CALLING PROCEDURE. - Voice

CQ,CQ CQ VI2AMW60, special event station of the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society, celebrating 60 years of Amateur Radio and of club callsign VK2AMW in the Illawarra.

NB: Of course this exact format is not mandatory but it would be good to let all know what the special event call is about.

CONTROL STATION.

Club President, Tony VK2TS, is the licence caretaker and control station for the special event callsign. If you cannot operate your rostered time please contact Tony VK2TS on air or by calling 0404 839465. If he misses your call please leave a voicemail so he can call back.

Thanks must go to Brian VK2AH for his very important input with the writing up of the rules for engagement so the two of us could come up with the final version.... Thanks Brian!

Also thanks to John VK2BHO, Ted VK2ARA, Mike VK2ZQ and Brian VK2AH for the recent think tank to get things organized – Thanks guys!

Note: THE SPECIAL EVENT CALL IS NOT A CONTEST STATION.

Club members using the special event call sign have their reputations as well as the fine reputation of the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society in their hands. Remember HF spans the world. Please make us all proud of your on air operating etiquette.

OK now we can go and have some fun!

Keep this sheet with you so you can refer to when you need to and fold below so you can have the call sign in front of you to remind you of it during the event.

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