

The Propagator

	<p>Official Newsletter of the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society Issued 1 July 2003 Published Bi-Monthly</p> <p>Editor – Rob Heyer VK2XIC</p> <p>IARS meets at 19:30 Hrs. on the second Tuesday of each month (except January) in the SES LHQ Montague St. North Wollongong. VK2AMW Since 1948</p>
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WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Federal and Interstate News

Here is a brief summary of data gathered from WIA members by the Institute relating to the new Entry Level Licence.

The results of the survey were prepared by VK3's Jim Linton and included in May AR for NSW, Victoria and Tasmania have now been collated.

Thirty three point three nine percent of respondents considered a 100 Watt power level appropriate. Numbers favouring 10 Watts constituted 33.39 % on a 3 state basis.

Sixty five percent of respondents on a 3 state basis favoured a limitation on band access. On this basis entry level licensees will have reasonable access and power, but still have incentives for upgrading.

However, until results are in from all Divisions and the WIA has fully developed its proposals and worked through these with ACA it will not be possible to state how the Entry Level licence will be constituted with certainty.

Reading this interim report with the CQVK.NET survey, we see both surveys favouring a limited band allocation. A major difference is the 3 state WIA survey finding a third each favouring 100w and 10 W power limit whereas CQVK finds a majority favouring 10 W.

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE SECRETARY.

I, Hank, VK2BHL. Hon Secretary of the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society,
Here by give notice of the 42nd Annual general meeting of the above club.
The meeting is to start at 7:30pm in the S.E.S. Building, Montague Street
North Wollongong.

**I request ALL members to attend the meeting.
There will be reports from the OUT going
PRESIDENT,
TREASURER AND REPEATER OFFICER.**

Kindly find attached a nomination form. This form must reach me by the LAST
mail on Friday 8th August 2003. Agenda items are to reach me by that date.

The postal address for all correspondence is
**ILLAWARRA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.
PO BOX 1838.
WOLLONGONG 2500.**

I also remind ALL members that membership fees are NOW due so kindly fill
out the renewal notice and send your membership to the above address.

I call for nominations for the positions listed below.

**President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Committee.
No nominations NO AGM.**

Nomination form.

I..... Being a member of the Illawarra
Amateur Radio Society Inc. Hereby nominate
.....for the position listed below.

In case of my election as a member of the executive, I agree to be bound by
the rules of the association.

.....
Nominated Position

Signature of Nominating member.....

Call sign.....

Date.....

I..... A member of the Association, second
the application

.....
Signature of Seconder

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Date.....

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IARS ART UNION SHOPPING CENTRE TICKET SALES.

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CORRIMAL COURT Saturday 16th August 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 am to 10:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2VZQ	set up
10am to 11:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2VZQ	
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	VK2BHL	VK2UBF	
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	VK2BHL	VK2UBF	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm		VK2UBF	VK2HIC
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm		VK2UBF	VK2HIC
			Close up

CORRIMAL COURT Thursday 21 August 9:00 am to 8:00 pm?

9 am to 10 am	VK2ARA	VK2VZQ	set up
10:00 am to 11:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2VZQ	VK2TNK
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	VK2TNK	VK2BHL	VK2WRJ
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	VK2BHL	VK2WRJ	VK2HIC
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm		VK2BHL	VK2WRJ
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm		VK2BHL	VK2EZD
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm		VK2BHL	VK2EZD
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm		VK2UBF	VK2HIC

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5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	VK2UBF	VK2HIC	VK2KEJ
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	VK2UBF	VK2HIC	VK2KEJ
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm	VK2HIC		VK2XGD

KIAMA Saturday 23 August 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 am to 10:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2UBF	set up
10:00 am to 11:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2UBF	VK2VKA
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	VK2VKA	VK2BES	VK2SX
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	VK2BES	VK2SX	VK2GNV
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm		VK2GNV	VK2EZD
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm		VK2EZD	VK2KEJ
			close up

SHELLHAR SQUARE Saturday 3rd September 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 am to 10:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2UBF	set up
10:00 am to 11:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2UBF	VK2DZJ
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	VK2DZJ	VK2XIC	VK2VKA
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	VK2XIC	VK2VKA	VK2EZD
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm		VK2EZD	VK2JJP
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm		VK2JJP	VK2TPH
			close up

WOLLONGONG MALL Saturday 4th October 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 am to 10:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2HIC	set up
10:00 am to 11:00 am	VK2ARA	VK2HIC	VK2TPH
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	VK2TPH	VK2GNV	VK2SX
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	VK2XIC	VK2SX	VK2GNV
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	VK2XIC	VK2BHO	
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm		VK2BHO	VK2ARA
			close up

ART UNION.

This is a chance for us to raise funds to cover most of the cost of the repeater network in one effort.

The Art Union is sponsored by "ROTARY", first prize is a car and our club receives 80% of the value of all tickets that we can sell.

Our target is to sell at least 50 books of 20 tickets. Ticket price is \$2-00

That is worth at least \$800 to us, the more we can sell, the more we get!

We urgently need support of all members to make this a success. Here is how you can help.

You can take a book of tickets, buy some yourself and sell some to neighbours, friends and relatives. Contact any Committee member and we can send a book to you. *(If every member took and sold one book, we would sell over 70 books)*

You will be able to buy tickets at any club meeting from July to November.

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If you can't come to meetings and want to buy a few tickets, contact the committee and we will send them to you.

If you really want to help in a big way, you could volunteer a few hours, as those above have, by selling tickets in shopping centres. We have access to four (4) venues and remember the more sales the more commission for the IARS to maintain the services to the membership and wider amateur radio community.

For more information about the Art Union, contact Brian VK2UBF, Geoff VK2HIC, Peter VK2HPR or Ted VK2ARA.

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WINNERS



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CQ ALL XYL AND XYM'S

I don't know about others but for me having an amateur radio partner (HAM, Husband, Annoying, Motivated) has been quite different. I have been an XYL for about 10 years now and here are a few of my observations. I wonder how many others can agree?

1 I object to being called an XYL! Am I Divorced, Old and a Tart? I must also include XYF, are they Divorced, Old Farts? (Just to be politically correct, I feel that all partners of hams should be included, as I have heard some female operators on the radio.) I think I should call myself the DOT! (Apologies to Rod McCosker in Gosford, whose call sign is actually VK2DOT)

2 I am not allowed to have a sewing/hobby room as the house is not big enough, but the HAM takes over a bedroom/study by stealth or actually gets Motivated and changes the layout of the garage, house or goes to the trouble of building a Radio Shack! So much for equality! Never let a HAM take a radio into the house – pretty soon the whole room is taken over and the kids have to share!

3 When we have overnight guests, they believe our house is haunted! Do any HAM's actually turn radios off? My HAM forgets to turn them off and now with the IRLP's there are conversations (I use this term politely) all night! I am sure he sleeps like the dead, but if he hears his call sign, he's awake in a flash. BUT, he can sleep through the kids, in our case the 4 grandkids, the dog barking her head off, alarms (he left the dog in the garage), my calls to get up as we have to go out early etc. This I call Annoying!

4 They are motivated to the extreme. Where will he put his aerials? We currently have a G5RV, the fancy name for a piece of wire draped along the fence. BUT, he has offered to redesign the front courtyard, so he can put up a proper aerial, right near the front door! Don't worry, he did offer to plant a creeper up it so it wouldn't be so noticeable. I don't think so and so far this is one where the DOT is winning! Motivated and Annoying!

5 It's my car BUT it has an aerial and a radio in it which I don't even know how to turn on much less off! It's amazing how fast a HAM can fit an aerial and a radio. So much for that lovely little space where the button for the garage door used to sit in, now I have to look for it every time I drive into the garage! The audio system in the car sounds good, but the squelch doesn't but we listen anyway, just in case someone calls him, but who gets to listen to their favorite music – not me! Motivated and Annoying!

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6 We went on a holiday to Norfolk Island with another couple – big mistake, another HAM. What's the first thing they pack you ask? Yes, the radios! Unfortunately for us it was just after Sept 11th, and within a few hours of arriving had we had a look around? No, of course not. The radios had been set up with a squid pole as the aerial complete with ropes etc so it wouldn't fall down and they had found contacts to talk to! I thought we would be arrested as suspected terrorists! Could the DOT's buy what they really wanted? NO, with the radio gear, power packs etc we were already out of space and overweight! Motivated and Annoying!

7 Ever tried to get sense out of a Ham while they are talking on the radio? I am sure I could ask for anything and the answer would be nothing or yes, just so they could talk more with out being disturbed. A great time to ask for something they had previously said No to. Another example of selective deafness. Annoying but it does have possibilities.....

8 I thought my HAM was a great cook – all those very well thumbed cookbooks on the bookshelf. Don't kid yourself – I don't think I would like dinner out of the TTS or the CMOS editions!

BUT there are a few bright spots.

1 When traveling, encourage them to talk on the radio. The DOT's are encouraged to go shopping so they can work the radio. In New Zealand and Norfolk, I was told to go shopping quite often so he could look for contacts. I even got told I was back too soon and would I like to spend some more time looking – not actually buying I should add, but looking around. Yes, you guessed it, we were overweight again!

2 We bought a new car and on its first long trip, we went to Rylestone to visit VK2YOS and his DOT, Tom and Doreen Burt. We had a lovely time, the DOT's did our own thing and the HAM'S talked on the radio and did some work on the Rylestone repeater. On the way back the car broke down – it's a FORD (Fix Or Repair Daily). We had 2 mobile phones on different networks, but you guessed it, not in the right area, but the radio was used, VK2YOS was contacted and the NRMA summoned. For once I was happy to be married to a HAM.

3 We always know where they are, under our feet! The most used room in the house is where the radio is, and, if you are looking for your HAM, look in there first! Secondly, look for the car – if reception is bad, you will find them on a hill talking.

4 It's also good because its one room I don't have to clean – I just might touch something I am not supposed to or throw out a very important piece of paper with a contact on it.

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5 A HAM will travel, he might meet up with new contacts. If you tell your HAM he can pack a radio, he will always go, local or further. They might just sit in the parking lot but at least it is out of the house.

6 Until it goes digital, the police radio is good fun. I really like listening to it to find out a little local history.

7 A HAM encourages their DOT to have a hobby, as long as it doesn't interfere with their radios. Try to pick a hobby that doesn't require a room like sewing. I have now lost 3 rooms in my house to hobbies, the study is one radio room, a bedroom to a computer/radio room and the dining room to my sewing. I will never be able to have a dinner again, as I have too much stuff to move and I forget what my dining room table actually looks like!

8 We get 1 night a month to watch the TV shows we want to in peace. There is no picture or sound interference, background talking or the HAM practicing keying the IRLP with the remote control. Another bonus, our HAM could win the raffle!

9 You always know what to buy them for Birthdays/Christmas etc, a new edition of the call sign book. Little changes but they will still read it from cover to cover and they have probably had the old copy for years. It's like reading the Bible of the comings and goings.

10 I have made some wonderful friends in the HAM radio community. It's really been great to meet other DOT's and the HAMS. We all have something in common, the HAM's talk radio and the DOT's can do what they like, talking, shopping sightseeing etc.

Believe it or not, I am very happy married to a HAM, my Heavenly and Adorable Mate. Without him, my life would be boring to the extreme. I wouldn't have made some wonderful friends and learnt to be a good Trivial Pursuit partner.

On the other hand.....

Maeva Bennett

DOT of John Bennett VK2AAL

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NOTE OF EDITOR

Well this is the last edition of the Propagator I will be doing for a time, I look forward to just reading the next edition, which will feel a little strange no doubt.

Rob Heyer. VK2XIC

Our HomePage

Illawarra Amateur Radio Society Homepage can be found at:

<http://www.iars.learth.net/>

Work is still to be done, small step improvements VK2GNV...

Mick Eckardt

ERM Regulations - Amateur Service

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COMING EVENTS

IRAS Experimental SSTV Group

Monday evenings 19:30 Hrs and Saturday afternoons *as arranged* 13:30 hrs local times.

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IARS Weekly Net - VK2AMW

Each Tuesday, starting at 19:30 Hrs local time.
Maddens Plains 146.850 MHz – then various simplex frequencies as applicable.

IARS Meeting

15 July 2003 at Wollongong SES LHQ meeting room, starts at 19:30 Hrs.

IARS Annual General Meeting

12 August 2003 at Wollongong SES LHQ meeting room, starts at 19:30 Hrs.

Art Union

Volunteers needed for the following dates and places to sell tickets to raise funds for IARS Inc.

Corrimal Court

Saturday 16th August and Thursday 21st August.

Shellharbour Square

13th September

Wollongong Mall

Saturday 4th October

Check for your callsign on Page 3 & 4

SOME HUMOUR



THE IARS REPEATERS

The Illawarra Amateur Radio Society operates several repeaters on the Illawarra & South Coast.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Rob - email vk2xic@yahoo.com.au

– July 2003 / August 2003



Below is the listing of frequencies in use.

Access tones are not required.

Their status is also displayed along with the type of repeater.

The listing below also includes the Satellite Gateway and BBS run by John Simon VK2XGJ.

Repeater Site

Call sign	Freq In/Out	Type	Location	Linked To
VK2RUW	29.520/29.620	10m Voice	Knights Hill	Off Air
VK2RMP	52.650/53.650	6m Voice	Maddens Plains	<i>Linked to 146.850 for Broadcasts</i>
VK2RBT	146.075/146.675	2m Voice	Mt Boyne	RMP/RIS
VK2RMP	146.250/146.850	2m Voice	Maddens Plains	RIS/RBT
VK2RIS	146.375/146.975	2m Voice	Saddleback Mtn	RBT/RMP
VK2RUW	433.225/438.225	70cm Voice	Knights Hill	RGN/RHR RGI/RTW
VK2RMP	433.725/438.725	70cm Voice	Maddens Plains	
VK2AMW	144.625	Morse Beacon	Sublime Point	10 wpm
VK2AMW-1	145.175	APRS Digi	Knights Hill	APRS "Wide"
VK2AMW-2	145.175	APRS Digi	Mt Boyne	APRS "Wide"
VK2AMW-7	147.575	Packet Digi	Mt Murray	
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VK2XGJ	147.575	BBS/Satgate	Dapto	
VK2XGJ	440.050	BBS/Satgate	Dapto	

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Club meetings are held 7:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, (except January) at the SES Building Montague Street North Wollongong

Committee meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Wednesday.

Membership:

Full - \$25 Concession - \$20. Membership expires after the AGM in August.

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