



Ragchew Lite

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club inc

Monthly Newsletter

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G'Day,

This issue is late, but I have been swanning it off in VK6 for 2 weeks. Flew over, toured the South Western areas, and took the Indian Pacific train home. Did not get back until Saturday the 26th. Tough life, but someone has to do it!

Mt Kosciusko

The Club will be operating from the Snowy Mountains this year and the dates are March 19th and 20th. A team of keen members will make the trek to the summit.

In February, Daniel VK2DC, Gunter VK2JAP, Paul VK2JLX and Pascal VK2IHL, journeyed to Cooma on the 4th February where they spent the night resting and then Gunter, Pascal and Paul were dropped off at Charlottes Pass to make the trek to Seamans Hut.

Middle of Summer, and guess what! SNOW! An average of 1 metre of the white stuff.

While spending a cold night, contact with the base at Cooma, manned by Daniel VK2DC, and Robert, one of Gunter's harmonics, was maintained both on VHF and HF.

A point here is that for those who are going to Mt K for the John Moyle is that you MUST be self-sufficient! Take everything you need for yourself, and do NOT expect anyone else to provide for you.

Contact Gunter VK2JAP or Paul VK2JLX for any assistance and or advice.

Anyway, I am jealous as all buggery, as I will unfortunately not be able to make it this year. (going under the knife on the 18th).

Kevin, VK2KEV and Sue will be operating from Mt Bindo, and another party possibly from Mt Ovens.

A full report will be in the next issue of Ragchew, due in April, which will have a report on the John Moyle as well.

Website

There have been a few changes to the back-end processing of the BMARC web site that you should be aware of, regarding the BMARC Members Mailing List.

An automated process is now in place to synchronise the mailing list with the email addresses provided in your member profile on the web site.

Any email addresses NOT LISTED in the membership database have been REMOVED from the mailing list, since we have no way of verifying they are still members.

If you are receiving this email, you are still on the mailing list (obviously). PLEASE make sure that if you change your email address, you update your profile on the club site, in order to update the mailing list addresses.

In the future there will be an option to define an ALTERNATE email address in your profile if you need to receive BMARC mail at two addresses, however this feature will be a few weeks away.

This change does not affect the Ragchew mailing list (yet)

Apologies to those that got inadvertently deleted from the list and then re-added (mainly our life members)

These changes have caused some members to be inadvertently dropped from the email database, (myself included). Still not on there Geoff!

However the situation is in hand, and all should be rectified soon.

Computer Day

This was a very successful event, Thanks to the help from those knowledgeable members who put a lot of time into the day. Unfortunately the train was late getting into Sydney and I was unable to attend.

During this activity, some members also took time to have a bit of a clean up around the grounds, as well as repairing the HF antenna.

It only remains to dispose of the excess PC's that were left. This Fridays meeting will allow you to 'pick at some of the goodies, but it MUST be disposed of.

I am currently trying to arrange to dump the excess stuff, but if it happens, we will be on a very strict time frame to do so, and one trailer load is all we can do.

Ragchew

Again, could I ask that those who have promised an article for Ragchew, please get it to me before March 15th.

Unfortunately it is difficult to 'pluck' articles from out of the air. This is why we have to rely on input from the members!

Anything of general interest, construction, assembly, home brew, we will look at anything at all.

Please email in word format where possible, and leave the layout to me.

If Digital photographs are included, please use a high resolution. This will make them easier to enlarge if required.

73's

