



Ragchew Lite

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club inc

Monthly Newsletter

June 2005

G' Day,

Running late this month, but better late than never.

Trans Tasman

BMARC participated in the 80 metre section of the Trans Tasman competition again this year. While we did not rack up a huge points total, we did enjoy ourselves.

Both Carl, VK2HRC, and Erik, VK2MAN operated for the first time in a competition, and while a little hesitant, they soon got into the swing.

Club Station

Progress is under way to obtain a cabinet to house the clubs Radio station. The committee has been working toward this for some time. Peter, VK2JBP has submitted a design for a very secure steel cabinet.

It is nice to see things happening. A progress report will be outlined to members at the July meeting.

Winterfest

Winterfest will be on again this year. August 27th is the date.

This will become a premier event for BMARC. This year will see Traders hawking their wares, and the usual 'flea' market will be in operation. We will need members to be present for helping with any inquiries and a bit of security duties etc.

A BBQ will be available with the usual sausage sizzle, drinks, and for those who wish, a good old fashioned cuppa!

For those who want to sell any items, bring it along, put a price on it and see what happens.

Entry will be by Gold coin. (The little one!)

Cattai

In June, some members enjoyed another Cattai Camp, or should it be 'Camp Cattai' (some connotations there!)

The night was great with the National Parks organising a Bush Dance, along with some activities for the harmonics.

These are fun and allows everyone to get out, play Radio, and have fun!

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Friday July 1st.

Activities for the evening will include a BBQ, and a talk from Brad VK2QQ on his recent excursion to the Dayton Hamfest in the US.

Also, Paul, VK2JLX will be leaving us for the Antarctic for a period of 18 Months. I am sure you will all want to be at the meeting to give him a resounding send-off, along with some essential equipment! As members are aware, we had to fill a vacancy on the Committee at the last meeting.

This was filled with a close ballot between 3 candidates. Brad, VK2QQ was elected to the position. Congratulations Brad.

Repeaters

During Paul's absence, a team led by Dave VK2JDC will look after the repeaters.

Hopefully the 6-metre repeater will shortly find a permanent home.

With the inevitable move of the Lawson RFS, we need to ensure our equipment moves with them. Hopefully, the move will be in the next 12 to 18 months.

In the meantime, we do need to do some work on the repeater antenna mast at Lawson. The guys need to be replaced and re terminated to make them more secure.

The committee will advise a date we can do this, as we will need the expertise of the 'bucket' again from Phil, VK2FPR. Dave will liaise.

Ragchew

The next issue of Ragchew is a bumper issue. This was done because it will be the last issue I can print.

For the past few years I have been able to print with the cooperation of my company.

The mag will still be sent via email, and it will be available on the Club Website at www.bmarc.org

As this issue has 28 pages, it will be sent as a 'Zipped' file due to its large size. (11MBS!)

Annual Fees

Just a reminder, that the annual fees of \$25.00, are due in July.

A renewal form is available on the website, but they will also be available at the next meeting.

Talk to Roger VK2TEA.

That's all from me, and that's all from him!

Editor

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