

RAGCHEW

Lite



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Ragchew Lite is the monthly publication of the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club Inc.

Education

The weekend of 31st May - 1st June saw 8 people attempt and successfully pass their Foundation Licence examination under Daniel's (VK2DC) tutelage, and BMARC member Richard (VK2FREK) passed his Standard theory.

A date for the next Foundation Course weekend has not yet been set, as Daniel is busy.

The price will be increasing to cover the costs, but the new price is not set yet.

Fees Reminder

For most people membership fees will become due and payable on the 1st of July.

Fees can be paid in person at the July meeting - cash is preferred, and personal cheques from new members may be refused.

It is hoped that direct deposit of fees into the club bank account will become available as an alternative payment method. Instructions detailing how to make use of this payment option will be appearing on the BMARC website (<http://www.bmarc.org/>) at a future date. Use your callsign wherever you are required to enter a description or identifier for your payment, so we know who it's from.

To check if your membership is already paid up beyond July 1, login to the website and access the membership page.

Trans Tasman Contest – 80 metres and 160 metres

Eight club members got together for an evening of fun and excitement in the Trans Tasman 80 metre Phone Contest on the 10th of May. On arrival at the clubhouse it was discovered that the antenna was lying on the ground. With

moments to spare before the contest started in earnest, Daniel (VK2DC) and Erik (VK2MAN) returned the antenna to it's more usual home.

The provisional scores are:

Hour	Points	Bonus	Total
1	55	20	75
2	129	90	219
3	108	50	158
4	142	142	284
5	67	54	121
6	74	24	98

The 160 metre leg of the contest is on the night of Saturday 5th July, so come join in!

A full wrap-up of both halves of the contest will appear in the July Ragchew Quarterly.

Raffle Reintroduction

The ever popular fund-raising raffle was reintroduced at the June meeting. Ross (VK2VVV) won a digital multimeter. Tickets are \$1.00 for 1, or \$2.00 for 3.

Ragchew Articles

Ragchew is always seeking ideas for our Quarterly issues, whether it's articles, partially written articles, a sketch on the back of a napkin or a subject you'd like to find out more about.

Send email submissions to vk2facv@bmarc.org or give handwritten submissions to Felicity (VK2FACW) at the July meeting.

Coming Events

21 - 22 June - Inaugural Winter VHF-UHF Field Day

4 July - July Club Meeting

5 July - Trans Tasman Contest
160 metres Phone

TBA - Winterfest