



Ragchew Lite

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club inc

Monthly Newsletter

September 2004.

Firstly, let me thank those who submitted suggestions for a new name for this Newsletter. From the title, you can see I have chosen a name. 'Ragchew Lite' Has a nice 'ring' to it. Thanks John.

Trash-n Treasure

This turned out to be a real 'hoot' we did not honestly expect the volume of people who came along and set up stalls, both inside and outside. The 'caterers' Terry, Dave, and others who just 'bucked in' and did it, you have my thanks for a job very well done. I did not get a chance to move around the area until late so I do apologise if I did not catch up to you. (ED)

The original idea was to just have a sale to dispose of equipment from a deceased estate, but to have a turnout like that, was tremendous to say the least. It could well be, we will do it again soon, or at least the same time next year.

I have had some emails requesting a return event, but we have not planned one for the immediate future.

Presidents Report

The September meeting was a really excellent evening.

The business was dealt with very quickly, as it should be. The main interest from the members was to have a cuppa and then settle back to hear 'Big Kev' talk on 'Trunk Scanning'. An excellent Power Point presentation was shown, and this proved to be an enthralling talk, and no one dozed off! (Most PowerPoint presentations send me off into zzzzz land!)

Over the weekend of 21st, 22nd August, Kevin, VK2KEV, Neil VK2XNF, Ken VK2CWI, and Justin VK2HAK activated the Montague Island Lighthouse. This was part of a worldwide 'Lighthouse' weekend. Montague Island is located of the East Coast of Australia near Narooma.

Kevin gave us an outline into the logistics of the organisation for the trip, along with the dog piles on 20 metres! And, again had the members and visitors on the edge of their seats. Congratulations Kevin, Neil, Ken and Justin.

Webmaster

The club webpage now has a 'members area'. By logging in from the main page, members can access various administrative areas within the site. Currently, this allows members to update their own contact details in the membership database, view the minutes of both General and Committee meetings, and download membership renewal forms, change password and more. Additional member services will be added over time.

Every member listed in the database has had a random password generated.

To retrieve your password, click on the "Forgot your password" link, then follow the directions.

Enter your username (your callsign) and the Email address that you registered on your membership application/renewal. The system will email your password to the address listed in the database. (If you've changed email and can't remember the old address, drop me a note and I can retrieve your password manually)

If you have any thoughts on other services that you would like to have access to as a member, please let the committee know.

Geoff VK2XJG

Radiosports

Gunter, VK2JAP has plans in place for some activities in the next few months, they include:

- Pedestrian Foxhunt with the Scouts
- Weekend camping and playing radio up near Scone in the Hunter Valley. (October)?
- Mt Kosciusko (probably in the new year)

Check the events calendar on the BMARC Website for the dates of most of these events.

www.bmarc.org will get you there.

Repeater Relocation

Over the last few weeks the relocation of our club repeaters has been happening, some members having put in a lot of time and groundwork for this.

Both 70cm, 2 and 6 metres will eventually be located at the Leura site. Now, we know the 70cm signals are down a bit, and some of us cannot access 70cm yet, but please bear with us for just a little longer. We will get there!

Follow the progress by checking out the pictures on the website.

For Sale

We still have some goodies left over from the Trash - n - treasure sale.

These are some of the deceased estate items

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| -FT707HF Transceiver | \$550.00 ONO |
| -FC700 ATU | \$160.00 ONO |
| -AO40 Satellite Antennae | \$200.00 ONO (see pic)
(This unit has an amplifier and controllers.) |



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Just a note to advise that this publication, 'Ragchew Lite', will be available on the club website, as will Ragchew. These publications will be emailed to all current members. For those members who do not have email, they will be posted.

J.O.T.A.

Roger is looking for Volunteers for the Jamboree of the Air, in October. If you can help, then contact Roger via email or on the air. The venue is the clubrooms in Reading St Glenbrook.

Did You Know....

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. (Hardly seems worth it!)

*Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
(Do not try this at home. Maybe at work.)*



73's, Daniel VK2DC
Ragchew Editor