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John VK4WX in action at the JM Field Day

From the Editor

Greetings to all Club members, radio enthusiasts, family supporters and friends.

Welcome to the April edition of QRM. To young people today, the first Anzac Day, 25th April 1915, must seem a long time ago. But many young people still share with the older community, the fascination and reverence for this day. Anzac Day is part of our history, our heritage and even our mythology, and it symbolizes the sacrifices made by all who served and are still are serving in the defence of our nation, whether or not we may agree with the politics behind all these conflicts. We know that many radio amateurs were among those who served, and we salute and remember them especially. In this edition we present an article supplied by Lloyd (VK4DOW), on the origins of the Australian Light Horse, to acknowledge Anzac Day and to honour all those who answered the call, and did what they had to do.

The lead article in this edition is a report on the John Moyle Field Day contest, a major event in our Club's annual activities. There can be no doubt that this was a triumphant technical success, reflecting the detailed preparation, skills and time put in by all who participated, and we thank all who contributed in any way. We especially thank Andy (VK4KY), for generously donating so much of his time, equipment/tools/materials, as well as his exceptional knowledge and skills. A special thanks also to Graham (VK4JGH), for the 20 and 15m beams used in the contest. As well as being fun and educational, there is a serious aspect to the JM Field Day. Its principal purpose is to ensure that a pool of amateurs are in a state of training and readiness to play their role in real emergencies, should public communication facilities become disabled – hence the strict field day rules. This is part of our obligation as amateurs, and was cited in our Gaming Commission grant application.

Which brings us to our Gaming Commission grant application. What wonderful news! We are a most fortunate Club indeed, first for being awarded the grant, and secondly for having people with the skills and determination both to prepare the application and lobby for its success. A special thanks to Reg (VK4KMP), Steve (VK4IT) and Ken for a splendid achievement. For all the exciting details, see Peter's article on page 8.

Before closing this chit chat, I must remind everyone of the coming AGM. It's not that long away. The last 2 pages of this QRM is your official written notice of the meeting, as well as a form inviting nominations for the Club Executive. Please give consideration to nominating for one of these positions. It often seems that the same few always do most of the work. Perhaps this is the time for you to step up. But even if you are unable to nominate at this time, if at all possible, please attend the meeting, cast your votes and have your say. You can hardly complain about anything if you don't at least do this. And finally, Club annual subscriptions will soon be due. Remember, belonging to the Club costs you less than a can of coke a week! Please make our Treasurer's job a bit easier by paying on time – ie by the AGM date, or by definitely no later than 30 June. We know we can count on you.

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JOHN MOYLE FIELD DAY REPORT

Compiled by **Peter Richardson** (VK4TAA), with contributions by **Peter** (VK4TGV) and **James** (VK4TJF)

The John Moyle Field Day is a big event on the Redcliffe Radio Club's calendar, with planning starting immediately after the previous year's contest. Every year we think of ways to make the next year's event better than the last. From last year's experience, we knew we liked the location, the radio combinations, antenna's and the power setup. We learnt that we needed HF filters for each band, help with calling CQ for long periods of time, easier setup and increased manning of the bands to maximise our opportunities for contacts; and we liked the idea of spotting ourselves on "clusters" to improve our contacts.

As with previous years, Andy VK4KY was the project leader for this year's John Moyle, ably assisted by Noel VK4HR, Peter VK4TGV & Glenn VK4FZ. We used our newly purchased the HF filters, which worked superbly, by filtering out splatter from other bands. This allowed us to operate from just 2 tents for the 5 bands. The weekend was supported by Wifi Laptop Interface which worked well, and lastly, the biggest thing that worked as planned was the voice recorders which Andy built for each station. These took the voice stress of long sessions "calling CQ" out of the weekend. Some time in the future Andy will present a small session on our Monday night meetings on the workings of one of these time saving devices.

This year we were again ably supported by **Coats Hire** with the provision of a 20kVA generator & toilet. Remember to support companies who support our club – the ad can be seen on the back page of QRM.

Lots of preparation work occurred prior to the start, with the main staging point being at Andy's residence. People and material started assembling at the Murrenbong camp site from 10 am Friday morning and then began setting up for the contest. This year we ran a 4 element mono band Yagi on 20 metres, a 3 element monoband Yagi on 15 metres and 10 metres. 40 & 80 metres was supported by 2 element wire Yagis that were switchable in reverse and at 90 degrees.

In addition, this year a couple of members, George VK4XY & Bevan VK4BCM ran a small CW setup which was entered separately in the contest. George & Bevan gave many members an insight into the world of CW over the weekend. (The club only entered in the phone HF part.)

The weekend was judged a huge success with over 30 members attending over the period of the contest. We made over 700 contacts on all the bands which was a little down on expectations, due to the not so helpful propagation situation. However, it can be said with confidence that "if the contact was possible, it was worked!"

A couple of our new Foundation licence operators excelled on the weekend and were seen hard at it working different bands for contacts. Graham VK4JGH has made a small movie of this year's John Moyle which we will post up on the web site, along with photos as soon as time permits. Be warned that the movie is 10 meg and will need broadband to be downloaded. Other photos appear on page 13.

Peter VK4TGV continues with a description of the 40 / 80 metre beam antenna setup, which was designed and modelled by Andy.

Noel (VK4HR) and myself assigned ourselves to fishing in the bush. Noel was obviously experienced with erecting wire antennas at field days. His equipment is very simple, a surf rod with Alvey reel, fitted with heavy line and a bottom bashing sinker. The objective was to string 8 pieces of wire, 4 for the 40, and 4 for the 80 m wire beams. To get the wires at a sufficient height trees were selected, with consideration given to wire orientation and spacing. It was quite incongruous to hear the Alvey go off in the middle of

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2004/05 COMMITTEE MEMBERS & CLUB DIRECTORY

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Meetings: EVERY MONDAY with regular guest speakers and ongoing projects
Time: 1930hrs (local)

WHERE: Redcliffe and Districts Radio Club clubhouse - Cnr Klinger Rd & Macfarlae St, Kippa Ring

Clubhouse: Open every Monday evening 1930hrs (local) INCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

2nd Monday of each month : General Members Discussion Meeting

CLUB NETS: Sunday evenings at 1900K 2m on 146.925MHz Redcliffe repeater VK4RRC and 1945K 80m 3.618 MHz ± QRM VK4RC Net control : 27 MHz, channel 20, 27.205 MHz LSB, Thursday at 8pm

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Forthcoming Events

- General business meeting, 2nd Monday of month
- Foxhunts, 4th Monday of each month
- Wednesday activities – mornings 8.30am each fortnight
- Trivia Nights every Wednesday evening on 70 cm repeater, 7.15pm for check-ins
- Annual General Meeting of the Club – 7.30pm, Monday 19 June 2006

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the bush and certainly brought back memories of chasing tailor on Fraser Is. With the heavy sinker having made it over the target limb it was brought back to earth by gravity where a heavier line was attached and drawn back from a hand reel over the limb by Noel. To this, poly-filament washing line was attached and drawn back over the limb using the hand-reel. Attached to each piece of poly-filament, the dipoles were hauled up to height. Each dipole was connected to the magic switch box via a calibrated length of RG58. The length of the feedline, in conjunction with the tuning stub governed the length of each element, thereby the directivity of the wire beam. A MFJ-269 analyser was used to check the impedance at the target frequency, and also to check that the switch box worked as expected.

The 40m beam took about 3-4 hours to get up, which occupied most of Friday afternoon. However once it was up it did not take long for Andy to be setup and operating on 40. The directivity of the beam was astonishing. By flicking a couple of switches we were able to work Europe long and short path, then swing the beam 90 degrees towards the US, again both long and short path. Within a couple of hours you couldn't wipe the smile off Andy's face, the model worked, and worked very well. The 40 m array gave the club the most number of points over the 24 hours.

The 80 m array was erected some distance away from the campsite, considering that the array has to be twice as big as the 40 m array. Saturday morning after breakfast Noel and I again traipsed into the bush to do some more tree fishing. Needless to say I think I walked the 80 m dipole length 50 or so times trying to get this array high enough. After 4 hours of effort Noel and I had the poly-filament up and ready to haul the dipoles up. But first we had to make it! Again Andy's ingenuity comes to the fore and we use a couple of neat gadgets to manufacture the dipoles over a cup of coffee. 4 x baluns fabricated with blank PCB material, a toroid and SO-239 socket, plus some simple strain relief's and a quantity of building wire saw us have 4 x 80 dipoles made up in an hour. With the 4 x RG58 feedlines cut and terminated we were ready to haul this big sucker up. After some more testing and trimming Andy fired up the amplifier and Icom 746Pro2. The model suggested excellent directivity as per the 40 m array, however it turned out that it needed to be higher to meet the model's predictions, no matter though. Once the contest started the points started to accumulate, while we worked most of the evening into Europe and the US.

What did it feel like to be part of the contest? Here are some words from James (VK4TJF).

“I like the 20 metre band because I think of it as the ham radio operator's all season, versatile DX band. Even during the current bottom of the 11 year solar cycle one can still manage to squeeze in a few hours of good DX work. I find that the 20 metre band is also very quiet compared to other bands. 20 metres is very popular among the international amateur radio community. I have found on my 20 metre dipole that I was working many stations in Europe from Brisbane Australia from around 1600 to 2100 and then again at 2230 to around 0100 in the morning. I believe that the W6EL propagation program is useful. I also discovered that the best way to check the band conditions is to go on air and listen. During the John Moyle Memorial Field Day contest I operated on 20 metres using a beam pointed towards Europe. I was fortunate enough to have the Russian DX contest operating during the same weekend. Normally the thing to do is sit on one frequency and call CQ. I on the contrary just moved up and down the band and contacted the stations calling CQ for the Russian contest. The beam and the 400 watts helped to bust through any pile-ups.”



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The special thanks of all Club members go to COATES HIRE for their sponsorship and support in donating the use of a 20kVA generator and portable toilet for the 2006 John Moyle Field day.

Origins of the Light Horse

supplied by Lloyd Dow (VK4DOW)

The following are extracts reproduced from the book,

“Goodbye Cobber, God Bless You”

originally written by John Hamilton

The origins of the Australian light horse go back well before Federation. In the early 1800s the number of British forces stationed in the Australian colonies began to decline, and the colonies were told to raise volunteers to fill the gaps. The Crimean War of 1853-56 proved to be a catalyst and in 1854 saw the formation of the Victorian Volunteer Yeomanry Corps, the Adelaide Mounted Rifles and the New South Wales Cavalry Troop. Five years later there were other volunteer mounted detachments in New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria.

In Victoria by 1861 there were a number of independent mounted troops who wore extravagant uniforms of their own devising and took their names from local towns – such as the Castlemaine Dragoons and the Kynenton Mounted Rifles. Eventually the Victorian independents amalgamated under the title of the “Royal Victorian Cavalry Regiment”, with each troop being distinguished by the name of the town from which it was raised. They were also granted the prefix “Prince of Wales” in honour of the marriage of the heir apparent to the British throne.

In 1876 General Sir William Jervois was appointed as governor of South Australia – and commissioner of defences of all colonies except West Australia. He recommended that the best way of ensuring a volunteer force was to introduce partial pay for militia units. As Australia was a country of vast distances where horses and horse drawn vehicles were essential, it was natural that the numbers and importance of mounted troops would continue to grow. The Darling Downs Mounted Infantry in Queensland, The Victorian Mounted Rifles, and the Tasmanian First Light Cavalry Corps, were all birth places of the Australian light horse and there were many more. By 1900 Australia could muster 18 mounted regiments and 28 infantry regiments. Three months before the Boer War broke out in 1899, Queensland offered 250 mounted troops to the British Government, an offer that was soon followed by bushmen on horse from other states. The recruiting standards were advertised in the press and state gazettes: “Men to be good shots and proficient swordsmen, of superior physique, not under 5 ft 6 inches¹ or 34 inch² in chest, good riders, and bushmen, accustomed to find their way about in strange country.

The Australian bushmen had grown up in the saddle and were used to living rough in tough conditions and extremes of climate. By the end of the Boer War in June 1902, Australia had sent 16,175 mounted men and 16,314 horses. The reputation of the Australian light horse had been made and the experience of these men, many of whom would later join the light horse again and serve as veterans on Gallipoli, would be invaluable. By 1914 there were 23 light horse regiments throughout the country, made up of 456 officers and 6508 men of other ranks. Most owned or bred the horses on which they did a few weeks of compulsory training.

Despite the fact that Australian Military Forces (as the home service was called) had some 45,000 militia at their disposal by August 1914, Australia had decided to send an entirely new force to the service of the empire. The majority of this militia were aged between 19 and 21, and Australia could not send away an army of boys, however willing. As large numbers were required for what was generally accepted as a short term engagement, it was decided to raise a separate army, which would have its own commander,

¹ “ft” means feet, plural of foot – there are 12 inches in one foot; 5 ft 6 inches = about 167.5 cms

² one inch equals about 25.4 mm, so that 34 inches is about 86.5cms

headquarters and staff. As a name for this new force, its recently appointed commander, general William Thorsby Bridges, had firm views. "I want a name that will sound well when they call us by our initials. That's how they will speak of us." And so he decided on "the Australian Imperial Force". And sure enough, the initials "AIF" would never be forgotten in history.

The scheme for the new army went ahead with breakneck speed. The proposed date for embarkation was 10 September 1914. By August General Bridges had decided that the force would be drawn largely from men who had undergone some training. Half would be those serving in the citizen army, mainly youngsters; the other half was to be made up of men not then in the forces but who had once been in the militia or had served in the Boer or other wars. The units would be connected to the different states and were to be definitely local and territorial. The infantry and light horse regiments would continue to be recruited from their own states throughout the war. Pay was decided. A private would get 5 shillings a day active pay and 1 shilling a day deferred (to be paid on discharge). The "six bob a day" soldiers were getting more than a private in any other army: the New Zealanders got 5 shillings, the Americans 4 shillings and 7 pence³, the British "Tommy" only 1 shilling a day at the beginning of the war. The Australian officers, though, were not to be particularly well paid. A lieutenant would get 1 pound 1 shilling a day while abroad: a captain 1 pound⁴ 6 shillings. Even a brigadier general only 2 pound 12 shillings and 6 pence. There was enormous enthusiasm to join the light horse across the nation and soon the original plans were expanded to admit more volunteers. They became part of a well organised mobile army. The Australian Light Horse Training Manual of 1910 had set out plans for wartime establishment and elaborate training procedures. Specifically, the light horse mounted forces were to be organised into brigades and then broken down progressively into smaller flexible groups as follows.

- At the outbreak of war, each regiment had an establishment figure of some 25 officers and 497 troopers.
- The regiment was broken down into 3 squadrons – A,B and C – often with a four man machine gun section attached.
- Each squadron was then divided into 6 troops, each consisting of approximately 32 men and their horses.
- Each troop was then broken down further into sections, 4 men to a section.

The first light horse brigade to be raised was made up of the 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment, (drawn from NSW) the 2nd (from Queensland) and the 3rd (jointly from South Australia and Tasmania). A further regiment, the 4th was raised from Victoria to go with the infantry initially as its "divisional Cavalry".

So many men from the bush, the towns and the cities were coming forward that a second light horse brigade was offered. It was made up of the 5th Regiment (from Queensland) and the 6th and 7th (both from New South Wales). But still the rush continued, and before the end of September it was found that many experienced horsemen were being forced to enlist in the infantry – because the mounted corps was full. So the decision was made to raise a 3rd light horse brigade. This would comprise: the 8th light horse regiment (from Victoria) the 9th (made up of 2 squadrons from South Australia and 1 squadron from Victoria) and the 10th from West Australia. Like the other 2 light horse brigades, it also had its own attached signal troops, light horse field ambulances and brigade trains, but no horse artillery or field engineers.

They all headed for training at "The Broadmeadows Army Camp", opened on the 14th of August 1914.

Men who had been medically examined, many of whom had signed up at other places, assembled at Victoria Barracks in St Kilda Road Melbourne on the 19th of August 1914. At 09:30, 2,500 men set out to march to Broadmeadows. Some were in Citizens Military Forces uniforms: the majority were in civilian clothes. After a number of rest stops en-route the men reached the Broadmeadows camp in Camp Road Broadmeadows at 17:00 and went under canvas.

³ One shilling is equivalent to 10 cents; 12 pence = one shilling or 10 cents

⁴ One pound is the same as 2 dollars – there are 20 shillings in a pound

In part of Philip Schuler's article in The Age newspaper he wrote of the event,

There were men in good boots and bad boots, in brown and tan shoes, in hardly any boots at all: in sack suits and old clothes and smart cut suits from the well lined draws of a fashionable home; there were workers and loafers, students and idlers, men of professions and men just workers, who formed that force. But they were all fighters, stickers, men with some grit (they got more as they went on) and men with a love of adventure.

So they marched out to their camp at Broadmeadows – a good 10 mile tramp.

Web sites for The Light Horse

Australian Light Horse Association	www.lighthorse.org.au/
Australian War Memorial	www.awm.gov.au
Digger History	www.diggerhistory.info/
National Archives Australia	www.naa.gov.au
Service Personnel Australia	www.coraweb.com.au/service.htm
Ships list	www.theshipslist.com
The Anzac Landing	www.anzacsite.gov.au
The Gallipoli Association	www.gallipoli-association.org/
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	www.cwgc.org/



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Gamming Commission Grant

by **Peter Richardson** (VK4TAA)

Well, the great news which I reported to all members in an email a few weeks ago is that we were successful in the 2nd round of the gamming commission funding reviews. Note: If you are not on my email address please let me know, also if you change any of your personal details, i.e. phone number, address or Email address when you go to broadband then please write to me P.Richardson@bigpond.com.

The club was awarded the full amount as requested in our application. A total of \$18,343.60 was awarded to the club for the following activities:

- Upgrade of the kitchen facilities
- Upgrade of the electrical power & lighting at the club & fitting of RCD's
- The lining of the roof with insulation material
- 2 computers & a projector for training purposes
- Upgrading of the VHF repeater equipment

The executive is extremely pleased with the advice of winning this grant which was coordinated by Reg VK4KMP, Steve VK4IT & Ken. The team lead by Reg did a huge amount of work in the written submission, followed up with attending several meetings on the grant process. On behalf of the executive I would again like to thank Reg and his team for their efforts and the success in getting our application approved.

At the time of writing this article, several meetings have already occurred regarding the Grant and Phase 1 of our project. It must be noted that we must have the project completed by 31/11/06 with an audited financial report and supporting written report to the gaming commission by this date. For this to occur we have a number of project leads nominated that will manage each element of the project as listed above. There are strict rules pertaining to the way we spend the money, which basically is that it can only be spent on the items approved in the grant.

The executive have decided that with the approval of the funding, that we will roll on Phase 2 of the Redcliffe Radio club upgrade which is to expand the radio room. Designs have been discussed and drawings are occurring to ensure we optimise the room we have and link it into the electrical upgrade.

The club will be holding a number of working bees over the coming months which will build walls and help with the preparation of the building prior to the contractors starting their work. Please keep a watch out for the advice on these working bees and help us to build a better club for our members.

Regards

Peter VK4TAA

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AMATEUR RADIO THEORY COURSES AT RECLIFFE

If you would like to get your amateur license, or do a refresher course, you can study for the theory, regulations and practical for Foundation, Standard or Advanced at Redcliffe Radio Club. See Alan VK4KZ, Laurie VK4BLE, Kerrod VK4TWI, or anyone from the Executive. You don't have to be a Club member to participate. Special courses will also be arranged to prepare people for the Foundation License. Please let one of the above know if you wish to attend one of these. There may be limits to class sizes.

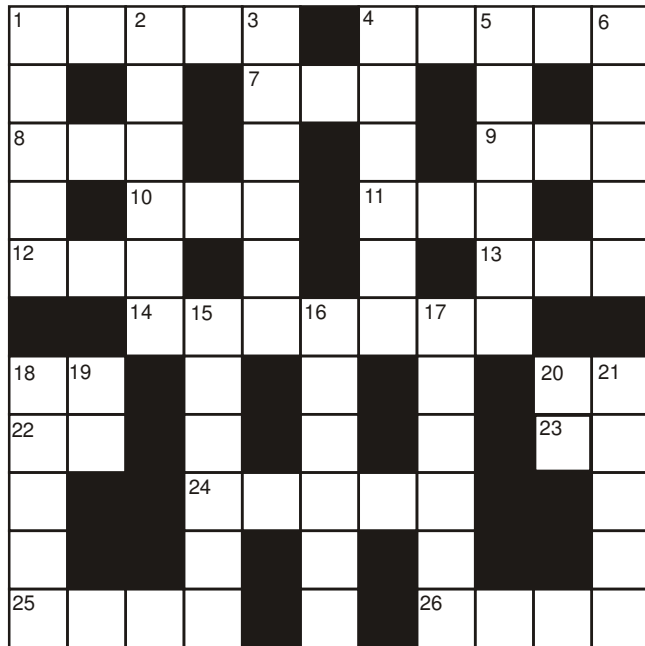
----- Club second hand market -----

Do you have any radio gear, components, bits and pieces you would like to sell or swap. You can advertise in QRM for free. Please call, email or send details to the QRM Editor, Alan (VK4KZ). Similarly if you want something you think someone might have, you can also advertise in QRM. Your Club is there working for you.

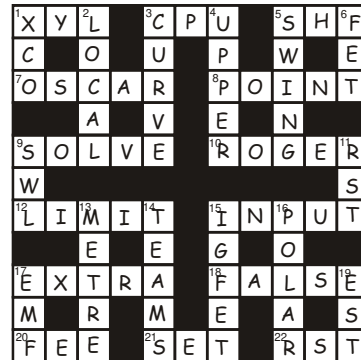
MAINTAINING REPEATER RADIO EQUIPMENT

The Recliffe and Districts Radio Club's VHF and UHF repeaters are available for all amateurs to use, and all are welcome to use them, however, the radio equipment must be maintained and upgraded from time to time. If you would like to make a donation towards this upkeep, it may be forwarded to: The Secretary, Redcliffe and District Radio Club Inc, PO Box 20, Woody Point, QLD, 4019.

R & DRC Crossword No. 11 (Solution next QRM)



R & DRC Crossword No. 10 solution



ACROSS

- 1 Logical arrangement
- 4 Letter "A"
- 7 Farthest point
- 8 Threefold (prefix)
- 9 Specific interval of time
- 10 Variable oscillator (abbrev)
- 11 Band above 300MHz (abbrev)
- 12 To rest in position
- 13 Moon bounce (abbrev)
- 14 Orientates beams
- 18 Commence movement or operation
- 20 Morse code transmission (abbrev)
- 22 Indefinite article
- 23 "I am" is part of the verb "to --)
- 24 Movement or operation in progress
- 25 Sweep through frequencies
- 26 Arranged group skeds

DOWN

- 1 Numbers with base 8
- 2 Stage preceding main RF power amplifier
- 3 Formal summary of actions or event
- 4 Regulate
- 5 Wanted above alternatives
- 6 Conscious of
- 15 Element of water
- 16 Antenna
- 17 Beginning
- 18 FET control electrodes
- 19 In operation
- 20 Citizens' band radio (abbrev)
- 21 Intervals of time

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----- WIA Membership -----

Please let the Secretary, Peter know if you have recently become a member of WIA. WIA membership of our Club members is important because we are able to derive insurance benefits. If you are not in WIA, please consider this seriously – it is our representative body.

Many thanks to Andy Wood (VK4KY) for items donated for our Club raffles

Notes from the Executive/Club Meetings

NOTE: February General Meeting reported in February QRM

General Meeting, 13/3/06

- **Reminder the membership fees are due.**
- Foundation Handbooks (\$16.50) and WIA Callbooks are available. Get your copy from Glenn.
- Phil Greenshaw – has written to ask whether we would like a presentation on antennas & books that he writes. The meeting agreed to invite Phil to present his material on a Monday night.
- Barcfest 13th May 2006 10 am at Mt Gravatt Bowls club.
- Membership for Noel Ming – (Welcome.)

General Business.

- Alan Jenner proposed a mentor role for new licensees who may have questions pertaining to station setups etc. The meeting like the idea & a show of hands of members who would be happy to mentor / assist other members was taken. The secretary will collate a list & send it to the membership.
- **The Fox hunt equipment project.** Peter VK4TGV reported that the new board is available for testing. We need to get a couple of chips from Doug VK4 KET to test the artwork.
- **Publicity** Allan Nye – visitor advised that he found it very hard to find the club rooms as the web site listed an address that wasn't on the UBD. Action: Steve & Reg to load a map of the club rooms site location relative to Klinger Rd.
- The president welcomed the 4 new Foundation members – Chris (VK4FURY, Brad (VK4FAAF, David (VK4FDRC, Les (VK4FLWO). Great work guys. 2 more licences (Peter and Bruce) will be forthcoming in a couple of weeks.

If you are interested in doing ANY amateur licence please let Alan VK4KZ know. 07 5497 4634 – see other contact details in QRM page 4 under “QRM editor”

- Charlie advised on prices for Tarps. The meeting resolved to have Charlie buy a Tarp for the John Moyle.
- **Coming dates:** John Moyle – 18th & 19th March. Contest starts at 11 am Saturday & finishes 11 am Sunday. We will again be sited at camp no 6 at the scouts Murenbong campsite Scout Rd Petrie. We will be setting up the site with tents radios & antennas from Midday Friday. We will be able to camp over night on site on both Friday & Saturday nights.
- Andy & Glenn advised that after the John Moyle we will run some small sessions on station setups / Hardware, etc. over the coming months... A small session on a wide range of topics is planed, so come along on Monday night & put your ideas on what you would like to hear.
- VK4WX – John advised that he had caught up with an old member Gerry Koble VK4XRA over the weekend.

- **QSL bureau** – The secretary will get some details on the Inwards & outwards QSL bureau & advise the membership. He will also advise the I/c Manager of Club members.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, followed by a light supper

CELEBRATIONS *(March/April)*

Birthdays: Stewart Bondarenko (VK4TSB), 13th March
 Jason Morris (VK4YOL), 14th March
 Amy, Joel, Jared and Paul Wood (quadruple harmonics of Andy (VK4KY) & Donna Wood, 28th March
 Alan Jenner (VK4KZ), 2nd April
 Sally McAleer (XYL, VK4BCM), 5th April
 Reg (VK4KMP) & Pat Page, 14th April

Celebrations: Jason (VK4YOL) & Vanessa Morris, 4th March
 Peter (VK4PB) & Sandra Breed, 27th March

The Editor ☹ sincerely apologises for the omissions in the last QRM and especially to Peter Breed (VK4PB, 6th Jan), Mark Hufnagle (VK4DGG, 16th Jan), Sandra Ford (YL, VK4VZK, 2nd Feb), George Down (VK4XY, 6th Feb), Vicky Bonderenko (18th Feb), and anniversary Brian and Margaret Bartlett (19th Jan).

Congratulations and best wishes to all above.

Apologies to anyone who has been left out. If you are not on Alison's Anniversary List, please give her the details as soon as possible. Alison and Peter are currently updating the list.

----- Contest Calendar -----

Harry Angel Sprint (CW/SSB)	22 April	CQ-M Intl. DX (CW/SSB/RTTY)	6-7 May
VK/trans Tasman 80m phone	13 May	Baltic contest (CW/SSB)	20-21 May
CQ WW WPX (CW)	27-28 May	VK/trans Tasman 80m CW	27 May

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NEW LICENCES

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All Club members and friends congratulate and welcome into the amateur fraternity, new Foundation Licence holders trained and examined at our Redcliffe Club, namely Brad Francis (VK4FAAF), Chris Wood (VK4FURY), David Close (VK4FDRC), Les Oldroyd (VK4FLWO, Peter Doncaster (VK4FRQU) and Bruce Milwain (VK4FBJM). Well done all.

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2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY

19TH JUNE 2006

AT THE

REDCLIFFE AND DISTRICTS RADIO CLUBHOUSE

KLINGER ROAD, KIPPA-RING

THE MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30PM SHARP

Dear Club Members,

Please find attached on the next page, a nomination form for the election of the new Executive Committee and its supporting officers for the 2006-07 year. Nominations need to be received by the Secretary by 6th June 2006, and can be handed to the Secretary or any member of the Executive, or posted to:

**The Secretary,
PO Box 20,
Woody Point Qld 4019**

Perhaps you have never thought of yourself as a Committee member. Well, why not? A good Committee member does not necessarily have to have professional skills or to be especially gifted. We are an amateur radio club after all. You also do not have to hold an amateur license to be on the Committee. But you should be honest, reliable, conscientious and dedicated, as well as being patient and a good team player. If you have these qualities, fair minded club members will always respect your efforts. So, please consider very seriously the possibility that you can nominate for the Committee. Our Club is very strong in terms of membership, but it could disintegrate very quickly without the leadership of a strong executive.

**Peter Richardson (VK4TAA)
Secretary**

REDCLIFFE & DISTRICTS RADIO CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

NOMINATION FORM

Position	Nominator	Proposer/Secunder
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Vice President (1 st)
Vice President (2 nd)
Secretary
Treasurer

Other Positions (including floor committee members)

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