



Next Meeting is WANSARC Christmas Dinner Friday 7th December DAREBIN RSL

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*One BBQ slow roasting up some food while the other is ready for some grilling action.
All with a lazy view of the lake as the sun slowly sets over Melbourne, nice relaxing weather.
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Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS DINNER

WANSARC 2012

TO BE HELD AT THE DAREBIN RSL ON

Friday 7th December

Start time 1800 hrs

402 BELL STREET PRESTON

Guest speaker Luke VK3HJ on DX expedition

ALL MEMBERS AND FAMILY / FRIENDS WELCOME

@ \$30.00 PER HEAD BOOKING ESSENTIAL

CONTACT TREVOR CLOSE

VIA EMAIL vk3atx@gmail.com or phone 0488 969474

Menu below, there will be one of each main and dessert served alternatively.

Soft drinks, wine and beer are available at the Bar.

A tab can be arranged for groups, EFTPOS facilities are available

Main

Beef Wellington- Prime Eye fillet in golden pastry w' sautéed mushrooms pate with port wine sauce.

Chicken Breast Tasmania-

Chicken breast filled with Tasmanian smoked salmon & king Island Camembert cheese topped with caper & white wine cream sauce.

Dessert Selection

Lemon Tart- A lemon curd mix baked to perfection in a golden tasteful shortbread base.

Warm Apple Crumble served with custard and topped with double cream.

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT NEED TO BE IN BY DECEMBER 1st

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE DIRECT TO WANSARC

Cash payment to Rod, VK3FAB, WANSARC Treasurer

Cheque made out to WANSARC sent to PO Box 336 Reservoir, 3073

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)***

BSB Number: 633000

Account Number: 139996052

Account Name: WANSARC

***If paying by EFT please provide a reference for payment. Your name/callsign and "Xmas dinner"

Around the Shack...

LAST CLUB MEETING

Mick VK3CH decided to lash out and upgrade the BBQ devices at home recently. WANSARC got to try out all the new purchases as the first users, so everything was clean. The kit consisted of a mini Weber 'Q' and a Weber Kettle BBQ that had a LPG gas conversion kit installed in it. This was for roasting, but you can still grill off the plate, but you have to watch where you put the meat. The instructions say your not supposed to, but how many hams read the manual before operating a new piece of 'kit'!

54 chicken wings fitted nicely on the wire plate. Mick had marinated them with several different spices and sauces. These were a garlic cream sauce, some sweet chilli, Texas BBQ rub and a bourbon smoked plum sauce. These along with a few lamb chops were available for those that may have been in a rush and not able to bring food. But no problem, everyone seemed to bring more food than they needed to be on the safe side, there was plenty on offer. Everyone made good use of the daylight saving evening.

17 club members enjoyed the day with 2 guests, one all the way from Ireland, EI9CN, Larry Mc Griskin from Knocknacarra, Galway in Ireland, that had found WANSARC on the internet as he was staying in Brunswick for a while during his visit to Melbourne.



So new and clean, on gas ↑
Mick supervising the food ↓



More new mini BBQ's ↑
Craig waiting patiently for a meal ↓



Icy cold drinks ↑
The hands of Dave VK3DTS on the tongs ↓



Carlo and Dave enjoying the treats off the grill →

Photos of past club events were displayed on the wall, showcasing a whole range of portable radio action.

It really was a case of "smoke on the water", as the fires cooked the food.

Plenty of people walking or jogging past down below seemed intrigued by sights and smells of the feast.

A good turn out of members included Mick VK3CH, Dan VK3DWH, Johnno VK3FMPB, Trevor VK3ATX, Alex VK3XLC, John VK3FEZZ, Carlo VK3FGXL, Allen VK3SM, Greg VK3CN, Michelle VK3FAME, Craig VK3FZAA, Rod VK3FAB and last but not least, Christian VK3FYAB, who won't forget the night in a hurry... just ask him.

Without the mess of charcoal or heat beads, it was a simple, quick, clean, yummy BBQ night.

Bring on the Family Day... ~Mick VK3CH



NEW ROAD RULES

VicRoads has announced a raft of new road laws aimed at making Victorian roads safer, all effective from November 9 this year. The changes apply to mobile phone & satellite navigation use, child restraints, motorcycle pillion passengers, U-turns and overtaking, seatbelts, cyclists, wheeled recreation devices, driving with trams and parking.

Mobile Phones & Visual Display Units:

Using a mobile phone to make or receive a phone call while driving is prohibited except if the phone is secured in a commercially designed holder fixed to the vehicle, or can be operated by the driver without touching any part of the phone.

All other functions, including video calls, text and email, are prohibited.

Holding the phone, whether you are engaged in a phone call or not, is also prohibited. Holding includes resting the mobile on the driver's lap. Learner and P1 drivers, are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving.

A satellite navigation device must not be used if it is not an integrated part of the vehicle or is not secured in a commercially designed holder that is fixed to the vehicle.

Television receivers or visual display units must not be used when the car is mobile if any part of the screen is visible to the driver or is likely to distract another driver.

More details on these and other changes at VicRoads website.

Upcoming event...

WANSARC Family Fun Day Bundoora Park, Rotunda 6 Sunday 20th January 2013

Make a note in your diary now...

More details next issue in January

Upcoming event...

ALARA Family Fun Day Bundoora Park, Rotunda 6 Sunday 27th January 2013

Make a note in your diary now...

It's a week after our Family Day

More details next issue in January

FREE BBQ COOKING DEMO

After getting new BBQ's Mick attended a free demo day where you learn new tricks. Some things not known were pizza cooking. The speed of the cooking be it steak or roasts is much faster than the kitchen oven and a great taste. Did not need a feed after the day. A lot of ideas and inspiration for the Family Day...



Basic Pizza ↑

WANSARC NET



VK3AWS

Every Tuesday Night

7.30pm check in



146.450 MHz FM

ATV QSL CARD



This is QSL received from Peter Cossins VK3BFG who writes, "This card is a blast from the past, when it was requirement to get special permission to transmit television. The /T callsign was part of this."

INBOX STRESS

It has come to the editors attention that some of the larger issues of the club magazine are a bit too big in file size for those members using dial-up internet. In future the smaller size version will have more compression, but the trade off will be grainier pictures, but still OK. The maximum page content will be capped at 12 pages. Remember that news from WIA and ARV, as listed with each email send out, are available from their respective websites. Don't forget you can subscribe to WIA to get the Sunday News Broadcast text sent to your inbox each week.

As its just plain text, its a very small size file.

A January issue of WANSARC News will be sent with full details of the WANSARC Family Fun Day. The 2013 day will be the 10th year in a row we have celebrated this at Bundoora Park.

Upcoming event...

Centre Victoria RadioFest
Sunday the 10th February 2013
Kyneton Racecourse
<http://www.amateurradio.com.au/radiofest/>

CHRISTMAS DINNER Friday 7th December

**PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY
1st DECEMBER**

**YOU CAN NOT PAY ON THE NIGHT
SO IF YOU ARE YET TO BOOK,
GO AND LOOK AT PAGE 2 NOW...**



← Ian's WANSARC badge, I never got the chance to hand it to him...

It is with sadness that I inform WANSARC that my father, Ian Ampt, **VK3IV**, (formally **VK3BBA**, formally **VK3CH**) passed away suddenly around midday on November 11th, on Remembrance Day. Whenever I hear the "Last Post" now, its going to hurt... A family funeral was held for Ian, per his wishes.

My father was the starting point in my interest in amateur radio. I remember watching Dad labour away for hours painstakingly building up the Heathkit SB 101 the Linear amp SB 200 plus power supplies and SB 610 monitor scope.

Dad loved HF, his favourite bands were twenty and forty meters. A full article on Ian appears in WANSARC News, April 2011.

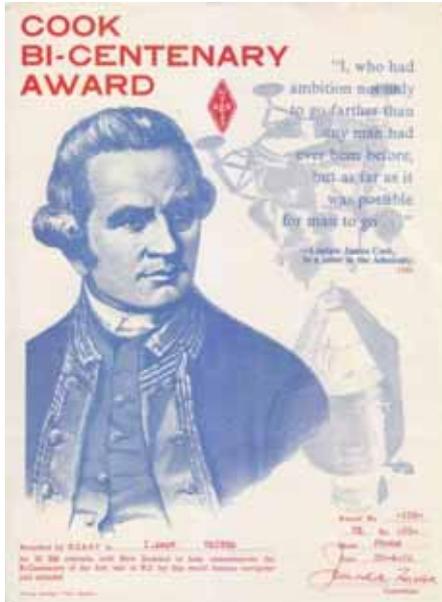
Dads interest in amateur radio peaked in the late 60's and early 70's. He was quite quick to earn several awards, just a few seen here. Most of his activity was when he lived in Stanhope, near Shepparton, where a full size beam was used in a clear back yard. When Ian moved to Melbourne ham radio took a bit of a back foot, but modest contacts could still be made with compact HF verticals.



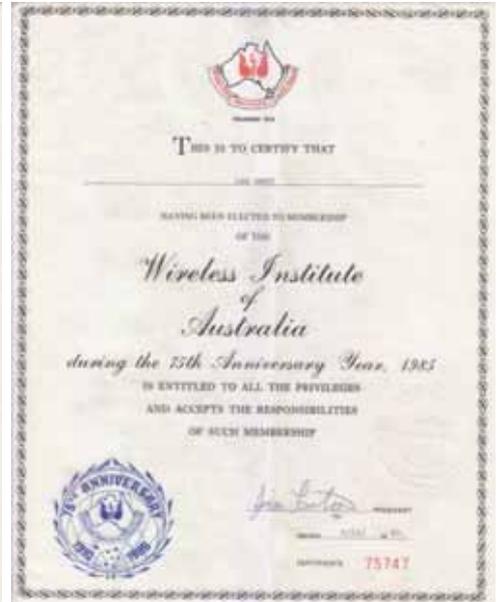
Ian on the couch with his beloved dog 'Emma' ↑



I remember Dad hosting JOTA many years at our house in Stanhope. He was a great friend of George Downing, (SK), **VK3GD**, back in 1969, who lived just five doors down from our house.



It was George that got my Dad hooked on amateur radio.



Ian's DXCC Certificate, after building the Heathkit TX, 100 countries in 90 days ↓



I still own one of Dads first mobile radios, the Icom IC-22A "rock box" and it still works just fine, totally pager proof.

If not for the ill health of Dad and his sore legs, he would have loved to have joined in more WANSARC meetings and outings, but his legs just were too weak.

He took great delight in keeping up with all the action of the club in the newsletter.

I would like to thank all those in the club that spoke to Dad on air on the rare times he spoke on 2 meters, he much preferred HF and chasing rare DX stations.

It is a privilege to use his former call of **VK3CH**, a call sign sentimentally valued.

They say you will always remember what you were doing when you hear really bad news. When Ian passed away, I was walking "Dads dog" in the park.

Guess she is "my dog" now...

Eulogy of Ian Ampt

Ian was the youngest of three children.

He was born during the difficult time of the Great Depression years; Dad said that his family had suffered financial ruin and had lost their original farm through the poor decisions of a business partner.

For a while his family lived in a tin shed then when Dad was a toddler, they managed to buy a 52 acre block at Quantong.

His Dad built a two-room home made of pug (a kneaded clay and grass mixture) and established an orchard.

Dad said the family was poor; they had no electricity, no hot water and laundry was done in a copper washtub.

His stories of those times have always stayed with us; how if you turned on too many of the battery-powered lights in the home they would go dim, how in Winter he had to break the ice on top of the water to wash in the morning, how he had a three and half mile bicycle ride to school and when it was too wet he had to stay home and mend packing cases in the shed and how his only toy was a spoon that he used to dig with.

Dad recalled having kittens; they lived six months and always died and he had a kitten graveyard.

He vividly remembered his 11th birthday; he received 18 pennies in an envelope with a picture of one of his kittens.

Dad completed secondary school with high marks.

At the age of 19 he did National Service in the Air Force and lived at the RAAF Laverton base for six months.

Dad returned to work on the farm. Dad's niece Helen recalls visiting the farm with her sister Barbara and Dad thrilling them with rides on his grey motor scooter. At the age of 21, Dad and two friends set off on road trip around Australia. This was quite a feat for the time and Dad provided regular correspondence to the local Horsham paper, which published the stories of their adventures.

Not long after his return the farm crops were ruined by frost. Dad started work doing photographic processing in a Chemist shop in Horsham where he met my Mother. Dad did his first year of a Pharmacy Degree by correspondence and achieved the best results in the state. After he and Mum were married, they moved to Melbourne where he completed his qualification.

Dad and Mum worked very hard; Dad drove buses while he was studying and Mum ran a Chemist shop while looking after me.

Of course his stories of hardship from these times continued; how his motor scooter wheels got stuck in the tram tracks that took him round a corner. This led to an eventual fall that ripped a hole in the knee of the first new pair of trousers that he had been able to afford for ages.

Around 1960 Dad and Mum bought a Chemist shop in country Victoria.

Again they worked hard to build a successful business.

Michael and Mary joined the family.

An event from that period stands out in my memory; I was at the shop with Michael when hysterical parents rushed in cradling a dripping, weed-covered child who had been pulled unconscious from a farm dam; Dad quickly resuscitated the little boy.

In a small country town visited by a doctor once a week, Dad was the only person with medical skills.

He was well respected in the local community; I recall meeting a visitor to the shop who would later become the Australian prime minister, Sir John "Black Jack" McEwen. He was the local member and had a farm near Stanhope and temporarily replaced Prime Minister Harold Holt when he disappeared while swimming off Portsea in 1967.

Dad enjoyed a variety of pursuits around this time including model railways, sailing, flying, go-karting, fishing, ham radio and operating a hobby farm.

I remember him as someone that could turn his hand to anything; he did all the tiling, cabinetry and fit-out for their new Chemist shop. I think this all came from growing up on the farm and developing a self-reliance although he said he had to do it all because he couldn't afford to pay someone.

I tried to build things like Dad but he was not happy to find the tools that I'd borrowed by running over them with the lawnmower.

In 1971 Dad and Mum moved to Melbourne. Following Mum's tragic death Dad was fortunate to again find happiness in marriage to Helen.

Rachel and Ben joined the family. Dad continued to work as a Chemist and also operated other businesses.

His last job, which he held for over 20 years, was at the Poisons Information Centre, a telephone advice service based at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Dad had a truly wonderful memory, which served him well in this role.

He made many dear friends here and was again well respected for his good work.

Following his well-earned retirement Dad settled in Horsham.

He was an avid volunteer working in the Citizens Advice Bureau and helping out in the Lutheran Church.

After a few years, he relocated to Melbourne again to be closer to his family.

Health issues led to him entering residential aged care in Whittlesea where he lived for the final year of his life.

Dad had been happy and in good health and his sudden passing at 79 was completely unexpected and a terrible shock to us all.

Dad was not a perfect man; of course he had his failings and weaknesses as we all do but he had many good qualities.

He never held a grudge.

Dad wanted the best for others; he told me that he didn't about care what job I had, he cared only that I was happy.

Dad was a very hard worker; he did shiftwork, long hours and rarely took holidays.

While he would sometimes turn out his pocket to show that he was "stony broke", Dad was very generous to his family and others; he often gave money to those who asked for help.

He had a collection of sayings that no doubt came from his impoverished childhood – "don't waste the battery", "put a jumper on if you're cold", and so on.

Dad had a great intellect and enthusiasm for those things that captured his interest.

He loved cars, motorbikes and gadgets. He loved to watch cricket.

Unfortunately, he was a Collingwood supporter, still I remember with great fondness the Saturday nights watching the footy replay in front of the fire with dinner plates piled with sausages, mashed potato and broad beans balanced on our knees.

Dad could be embarrassing; he really loved trains and played recordings of them very loud.

Dad always kept dogs, Dachshunds and Australian Terriers; these were his dear companions through many years.

Dad had strong moral principles that he instilled in us all that came from a great lifetime passion for his God, the Bible and the Church.

As we gather here today to remember and celebrate Dad's life, we say a final farewell as we mourn the loss of a decent, loving man.

A man that brought happiness and fulfilment to many, and whose legacy will live on through his family and those who knew him.

An abridged version of the Eulogy, written and read by Peter Ampt at the funeral service, reprinted with his kind permission



Ian working DX on a Yaesu FT-990 transceiver at his house in North Melbourne, around 1995 ↑
 Ian's Certificate issued by the PMG back in 1969 ↓

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
 Wireless Telegraphy Regulations Certificate No. 734

**Amateur Operator's
 Certificate of Proficiency**

This is to Certify that Ian Ralph AMPF
 satisfied the Postmaster-General on the 10th day of February 19 69
 that he possessed the knowledge and qualifications specified hereunder. He has made a
 Declaration that he will preserve the secrecy of wireless communications.

QUALIFICATIONS

(a) A knowledge of wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony and electrical principles.
 (b) A knowledge of such of the Radiocommunication Regulations annexed to the Telecommunication
 Convention and the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations as relate to the operation of amateur stations.
 (c) Ability to send correctly, and to receive correctly by ear, in Morse Code, a message in plain language
 at a speed of 10 words per minute.

Dated this 25th day of June 19 69

Issued by Authority of the Postmaster-General,
R. Black
 Director, Posts and Telegraphs

Signature of Holder *Ian Ralph*

Date of Birth 26th July, 1933 Place of Birth Meraban, Victoria

N.B.—This Certificate may be examined or requested, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, in case of suspected
 non-compliance or breach of the Regulations on the part of the holder. Unless so examined or requested, it will continue to be valid
 so long as the Regulations governing its issue under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1951-1967 remain in force.

(P.T.O.)

**PHOTOGRAPH
 OF HOLDER**

DESCRIPTION OF HOLDER

Height 5 ft 11 in

Colour of:
 (a) Eyes Grey
 (b) Hair Black (greying)

Complexion Light Tan

Any visible peculiarities None

When I first got on HF, I rang Dad and said someone was calling him on HF, not telling him I was licenced. When he realised it was me with my new HF call he was thrilled, I still remember the excitement in his voice. Its hard to believe he is gone, I'll miss him.

~Mick VK3CH

Hello... I have a question!

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea... does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them?

Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

WANSARC VK3AWS

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WANSARC CLUB PROFILE

History

The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (**WANSARC**) was first formed in 1969 and since then has served the needs and interests of amateur radio operators, short wave listeners and those interested in hobby radio and electronics. The club is not gender specific, having both female and male members. Members come from all walks of life with a mix of experience, young and mature, novice and technical. The most important aspect of the club is the willingness of all members to share their knowledge for the benefit of others. Members mainly reside in the west and north of Melbourne; however membership is encouraged from all interested. **WANSARC** is an affiliated club of **The Wireless Institute of Australia**.

Meetings

Meetings held at the **Ern Rose Memorial Pavilion, SEAVER GROVE, RESERVOIR** (Melway Map 18 D5) on the **1st Friday of each month** (excluding January) commencing at **7.30pm local time**. Talk in on **146.450MHz FM**—call club station **VK3AWS**.

Benefits

Free technology and related presentations, sponsored construction activities, discounted (and sometimes free) equipment, network of likeminded radio and electronics enthusiasts, excellent club facilities and environment plus an informative monthly newsletter for members to post articles, news, classifieds for all radio, test equipment, etc, featuring Amateur Radio news from WANSARC, ARV, WIA, ACMA, Melbourne Clubs, VK and Worldwide.

Club Nets

146.450MHz FM each Tuesday evening commencing 7.30pm local time. Net Control Station - **VK3AWS**

Website: www.wansarc.org.au

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Any dates, times and locations given for upcoming events should always be checked with a reliable source closer to the event – coming up on the **WANSARC Tuesday evening NET** on **146.450 MHz** starting at **07:30 pm Local** is recommended to discuss and confirm information and any dates.

The club website has current information on planned events and scheduled meeting dates. **WANSARC News** written with Word™ 2007, published with Adobe Acrobat™ 10.