

WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA

TASMANIAN DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

1972 - 1973

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1972/73

The year under review has in my opinion, been one of the most successful from a technical angle in the history of Amateur Radio. The functioning of the A06 Satellite, and the subsequent success of that progressive band of operators who have taken the opportunity of working through it, is probably the ultimate attainment in our hobby. Hearty congratulations to all those who are participating.

Some of our members are experimenting with slow scan TV and Teletype. These are by no means ordinary and our congratulations go to them.

Early in the year saw a definite slump in the apparent activity in the Hobart Area. However, I am pleased to report that there is a definite trend towards bigger and better attendances at meetings and I hope that this trend will continue in 1973.

We have had a financial set back in that the rent for our "Home" at 147 Liverpool Street has been increased to the point where it is no longer economical for us to stay. I am pleased to report that two of our old stalwarts in Tom Allen and Ted Beard are being successful in negotiating at least a temporary home, which is on the ground floor. This is very good as a lot of us are getting too old to climb those three flights of stairs.

The Northern and Northwestern Zones continue to be extremely active and have good attendances at their meetings and again congratulations are in order to the willing bands of organisers who work so hard to make them a success.

After being on Council or holding some executive position since about 1947, I am reluctant to have to report that owing to pressure of business, I will not be able to nominate for Council this year. In any case, I think it is about time some of our younger members were given a chance to run our Institute.

I cannot let this opportunity go by without publicly thanking Mike and Jenny Knott who until recently, organised and printed our monthly Bulletin. Thank you Mike and Jenny for a fine job well done.

Thank you to the members of Council and the other Office Bearers of the Tasmanian Division, and thank you to all those people who have helped during the year by doing something to make our Institute go. I wish the incoming Council every success in 1973.

(Signed) E. J. Cruise VK7EJ
President, W.I.A. Tas. Division

The northern Zone has again had a very successful year. The meetings have been well attended by an average of twenty nine members. A trial programme of lectures, both by members and visitors on subjects of general interest, rather than specialised technical aspects of amateur radio, has been well received.

Other activities of the Zone have been to operate VK7NZ at a YMCA hobbies exhibition, to originate the Divisional Sunday broadcast by a new technique of using the repeater and taking relays from this for other HF and VHF bands. A number of FM yes-no fox hunts were held in the evenings.

The FM repeater has had its first full year of operation and continues to provide an easy means to tie together members in the State, as Stations in Hobart and on the NW coast can now regularly be heard. DX working also adds interest during abnormal propagation conditions. A peak in activity resulted when a clearance to use it during the RD contest was obtained. A change will shortly be made to a new transmitter frequency based on recommendations resulting from a conference in Albury last July. I was fortunate to be able to represent the State at this conference and made many useful contacts.

The Zone for the first time has had two of its members as divisional councillors, they have been able to attend most council meetings especially since the venue was changed to Oatlands. It is because of the greater interest in divisional affairs that the Zone's A.G.M. has been postponed to April so as the outcome of Council elections will be known before our own office bearers are elected.

In May, a clubroom fund raising venture was started with 7JV in charge. Progress has been good, the latest means of extracting money from the public is to be a raffle which should be in operation by the time you read this. Possible sites for clubrooms were investigated and with a little more in the bank, we will be in a position to press the matter further.

The Zone's general funds have shown a very healthy increase due mainly to new and disposal equipment sales and an agreement with an Insurance Company, where by members can receive discounts on most policies, brings in a regular commission.

For the future, I believe the Zone will continue to prosper, but this next year will possibly see changes as a result of the A.G.M. and a lightening of the meeting room situation.

I wish to thank my fellow office bearers and the members for making the year such a success.

(Signed) P. Frith VK7PF
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 1972-73

This year as the division changed to EDP, the books were closed on 31st December 1972. That means there were only nine months trading which explains why all amounts are down on previous years.

Equipment Account

This account is straight forward. The equipment store account now concentrates on the new component line, no second hand equipment being purchased during the latter part of the year. Although the profit margin is small, I'm sure all Southern members appreciate the fine work done by the equipment store committee.

Club House Account

This account has continued to grow due to generous donations. No interest was credited to the account due to a bank error which will be rectified this year.

General Account

There are several items on this account which need explaining. The large difference between the cost of the annual dinner and subscriptions to the dinner is being investigated. The dinner was held during the time of the previous Treasurer who was in charge of collecting the subscriptions. We are awaiting his report on this matter.

The large payments to Amateur Radio were incurred due to four months payments to AR being missed during 1971-72 which certainly made a large hole in this years expenditure and necessitated borrowing \$140 from the equipment store account.

There are plans to run a raffle during 1973 to raise funds to repay this amount. The Sundry amount of \$30 paid to VK6 raffle shows no corresponding deposit. This deposit was made after December 31st due to late arrival of some monies and will be shown on next years balance. In fact, we made a profit of \$4-00 on this raffle.

Headquarters improvements show an expenditure of \$26-00. There was corresponding donations of over \$30-00 for these improvements exclusively, so we shared a profit there also.

There has been some discussion during the year about the money paid by country members and used exclusively by the Southern members for their Clubrooms. The money is that used to pay rent, insurance and HEC bills.

From subscriptions, the 75 full and 22 associate country members would pay 20 cents each to these accounts, if you didn't take into account the \$110-00 paid into the general account in the form of donations, bearing in mind not one cent of these donations came from anyone but a Southern member.

I wish the incoming Treasurer every success. I will provide any assistance he may require and I sincerely hope that the Treasurer's Report next year is a little more on the brighter side.

All the accounts are subject to audit - the books are at present in the hands of the Auditors.

(Signed) Brian Rieusset
VK7VK

ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET

General Account 1972 - 1973

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance ANZ 1/5/'72	\$111-26	Rent	\$99-00
Subscriptions	\$409-61	A.R. (back payments)	\$177-32
Donations	\$110-66	Stationery	\$108-12
Annual Dinner	\$108-00	P.O. Box	\$7-00
Bank Interest	\$78-00	Dinner	\$266-50
Sundry (inc. loan ex equip. acc.)	\$166-25	Ham Festival	\$7-42
		Fed. Conv.	\$92-40
		H.E.C.	\$32-16
		Sundries	\$182-44
	<u>\$983-78</u>		<u>\$972-36</u>
		Balance ANZ at 31/12/'72	\$44-91
			<u>\$1,017-27</u>
		Less unrepresented cheques	<u>\$33-49</u>

\$983-78

<u>Sundries as above</u>	
Cheque books	\$12-50
Wreath	\$5-00
Advertising	\$33-44
Licences	\$16-00
Insurance	\$16-71
Repeater Conference	\$29-00
Bulletin despatch	\$3-00
Raffle (VK6)	\$30-78
Hdqtrs. improvements	\$26-91
Books	\$5-50
Bank Fees	\$3-60
	<u>\$182-44</u>

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CLUB HOUSE FUND

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Fixed Deposit ANZ	\$1,600-00	Nil Expenditure	
Current Acct. ANZ 12/1/'72	\$503-48	Fixed Deposit	\$1,600-00
Interest current acct.	\$17-68	Current Acct. ANZ 31/12/'72	\$570-56
Donations	\$49-40		
	<u>\$2,170-56</u>		<u>\$2,170-56</u>

EQUIPMENT STORE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1972/73

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

Opening Stock	\$1,622-84	Stock in Hand	\$1,474-07
Purchases	\$480-67	Sales	\$763-09
	<u>\$2,103-51</u>		<u>\$2,237-16</u>
		Less Opening Stock & Purchases	<u>\$2,103-51</u>
			\$133-65
		Less Bank Fees	<u>\$3-00</u>
		Net Profit	<u>\$130-65</u>

Store Activities 1972.

During the year, trading was limited to VK3 Div components and Neosid parts only. No worthwhile disposals were tendered for. The practise of groups of members tendering for equipment was popular during 1972 so the Store did not enter the competition. Components such as Transistors were very popular and sales high. The W.I.A. Ties, Tie Bars and Badge sales were virtually nil, obviously nobody likes to advertise that they belong to the Institute any more.

There are several items being "stored" at the moment, these will be disposed of during 1973.

On behalf of the Equipment Store Committee, I would like to thank all those people who patronised the Store during 1972 and we hope you will continue to this year.

I would like to advise members that due to personal commitments, I will not be able to continue on the Committee during 1973. My thanks go to the other members of the Committee, Leicester Hibbert, VK7ZLH and Graham West for their help and assistance.

(Signed) Michael J. Knott VK7ZMK
For Equipment Store Committee

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Equipment Account

Balance at ANZ 1/3/'72	\$188-62
Equip. Store sales	\$763-09
	<u>\$951-71</u>

<u>Purchases for 7WI</u>	
Xtals for 80MHz equip	\$19-49
Repeater	\$20-00
	<u>\$39-49</u>

<u>Purchases for Resale</u>	
VK3 Div (components)	\$335-13
VK3 Div (Log Books)	\$30-00
QSL Stickers	\$32-50
Homecrafts Neosids	\$43-50
	<u>\$441-18</u>

TOTAL	\$623-67
Less unrepresented cheques	<u>\$63-55</u>
	\$560-12
Balance at ANZ 31/12/'72	\$391-59
	<u>\$951-71</u>

<u>Sundry</u>	
Bank Fees	\$3-00
Loan to Gen.Account	\$140-00
	<u>\$143-00</u>
← TOTAL	\$623-67

QSL Bureau Activities - Year Ending January 31st 1973

As was noted in the previous report, the decline in sunspot activity appears to be responsible for a smaller number of QSL cards going through the Bureau. The trend has continued into the current year and a total handling of 12,135 cards is some 5,500 down on the total of 17,712 for 1971/72. The comparison between the past two years and the all time record high year 1970/71 when 22,391 cards were handled, seems to clinch the supposition.

The cost structure appears to have stabilised for outward despatch at or near 0.46 cents per card and it is pleasing to report that the accumulated funds of the Bureau at the end of the year of report stood at \$60.29 which will allow the purchase, long overdue, of a set of letter scales. (Since inheriting the QSL Bureau the firms coarse chemical balance has been used).

Thanks are very gratefully tendered to Snow, VK7CH, who did such a fine job as Bureau custodian during my absence Overseas in May and June of the year of report. He certainly kept things moving.

In common with most other honorary office holders in the Division, I have been the recipient of various grouches from members outside the Hobart area. In response to these grumbles, I have on several occasions, tried to explain that I am employed as a senior Research Scientist involved with a comprehensive programme of research, that the responsibilities of the position are increasing rather than the reverse, and that my work on QSL Bureau matters must take second place to my job and of course a modicum of leisure time, not enough of which is spent 'on air'. I can only reiterate that I devote as much time to the Bureau work as is possible and this will always be a variable governed by my work load at a given time. Under the circumstances hence obtaining, whilst I am willing to continue as QSL Manager, I would be more than happy to relinquish the position and make more work for my successor by being able to get 'on air' far more. However, should no successor be forthcoming, then I would ask for a little understanding in approach of the grumblers of the past year.

A summary of inward/outward cards for the past three years appears below:

1972/73	Inward:	7,011	Outward:	5,124
1971/72	Inward:	10,778	Outward:	6,934
1970/71	Inward:	12,871	Outward:	9,520

Pre sorting of batches of cards for outward transmission has, in the main, been good with few notable exceptions. As has been indicated previously pre sorting keeps things moving along much more smoothly and with much less expenditure of time. The current trend of some Overseas Bureaus to split up into smaller units is not a welcome one from our point of view - the latest to do this is the PY Bureau which is now split into TEN according to call area; PY1, PY2 etc.. A spread of this tendency will cause costs of outward transmission of cards to these areas to increase probably by a factor of two.

Finally I tender my apologies for my non attendance at the Annual General Meeting due to other commitments. I hope that the petty bickering sometimes near hysterical level, that has been all too evident of late, will be superseded by sound and non emotional thought prior to the taking of what could be most detrimental decisions. A deep perusal of the Amateur Code prior to jumping in 'boots and all' to twist the Division out of shape, is thoroughly recommended. We are ALL Amateurs.

Respectfully tendered,

(Signed) Greg Johnston, VK7KJ
QSL Manager

REPORT ON YOUTH RADIO SCHEME 1972

As in the previous year, the main activity of the W.I.A. Y.R.C.S. has centred on Institute sponsored groups. This has avoided the problems associated with change of staff in school groups.

Groups continue to function on Saturday mornings in Hobart, at the W.I.A. clubrooms and in Launceston at Kings Meadows High School. These groups cater for about 50-60 young people.

In addition, a school group operates at Kings Meadows High.

As an adjunct to group activities, we are able to offer assistance to individuals in schools and other organisations requiring extra help. Teaching aids and ideas for projects were supplied to inquirers from Launceston, Scottsdale, Georgetown and Queenstown.

Sixteen Junior and Elementary Certificates were awarded to Club members and one member of the Correspondence section of the scheme was awarded the Senior Certificate.

Once again, the support and liaison interstate has been discouraging. A conference was held in Melbourne during the year, however, our State was not able to be represented. Feedback from this Conference has been minimal. Updated notes and project ideas have to be compiled by local workers and publicity materials and suitable test material is non-existent nationally.

Despite these problems, the Y.R.C.S. in Hobart and Launceston is contributing to the Institute's responsibility for Education and assistance amongst young people and, whilst Institute membership is not a goal, the increase in student membership noted should be good insurance for the future.

Thanks to all those who have helped - either by direct participation or 'morally'. Particularly Lee, VK7RG and his offsidiers and Wally VK7ZWX. I'm sure that they will agree that this is one avenue of Institute service where you can see a result for your efforts!

(Signed) Reg Emmett, VK7KK
Supervisor, WIA YRCS Tas. Division

Notice of Motion to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting of the W.I.A. Tas. Division, March 1973

Motion

That the following amendments to the Tasmanian Division Constitution be made in order to allow the Division to operate as three Branches under Council jurisdiction.

Amendments

- Para 3 Interpretation, add
"General Meeting" means Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.
- Para 33 Election for membership to any grade of the Institute shall be subject to the approval of Council who shall vote by ballot if necessary three negative votes to exclude. All applications for membership shall be notified to a DELETE general ADD branch, meeting prior to consideration by Council.
- Para 55 Delete.
- Para 63 To read "At any General or Branch Meeting, eight members shall constitute a quorum. If within thirty minutes of the time appointed for a meeting, a quorum be not present, the meeting if convened upon requisition shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall

stand adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place. If at such adjourned meeting, a quorum be not present, it shall stand adjourned sine die.

Para 65 The Chairman may with the consent of any General ADD "or Branch" meeting adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

Para 71 At every General ADD "or Branch" Meeting a resolution put to the vote.....

CONTINUING AS AT PRESENT

Para 74 The Council shall cause banking accounts to be opened and kept in the Name of the Institute with such banks in the state of Tasmania as it may think proper. ADD "Council shall retain a portion of each members' subscription to cover general expenses of the Institute. The subscription remaining shall be passed onto the respective Branch for their operation".

Para 79 The accounts shall be closed annually on such a date as may be prescribed by the DELETE "Institute in General Meeting" ADD "Council" or, if no other time be fixed on the last day of December in each year, and a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Institute on that day, together with a statement of receipts and expenditure for the preceeding twelve months shall be made out and submitted duly audited to the next Annual General Meeting.

Para 82 Every account of the Council when audited and approved by DELETE "a General Meeting" ADD "Council" shall be conclusive except.....

CONTINUING AS AT PRESENT

Para 88 The Council shall have power to provide a common seal.....kept under such custody and control as the Council DELETE "or members in General Meeting" shall from time to time prescribe. In.....

CONTINUING AS AT PRESENT

Para 95 DELETE and replace by
"There shall be within the Tasmanian Division, three Branches which shall be located in the South, North and North West.

Para 97 DELETE and replace by
"A Branch meeting shall be used as a means of announcing any matter of general interest or importance which shall have received the approval of the Council, and to pass membership applications prior to their submission to Council. The Branch Chairman may allow any other business of a local nature to be discussed and adjudicated which is not inconsistent with Council's overall control of the Institute's affairs".

Para 98 Each Branch shall elect from amongst its members, a Branch President and a Branch Vice President, a Branch Treasurer and a Branch Secretary who shall constitute a Committee to govern the Branch. ADD "The Branch President shall also be a Vice-President of the Institute".

Para 99 The Council of the Institute may approve the granting to an Institute Branch for its establishment and operation, such funds as shall be determined by the Council from time to time. ADD "With Council's approval each Branch shall manage their own finances".

(Signed)

7JV - J. van Staveran
7KK - R. Emmett
7AK - S. Carter
7PD - P. Dowde
7ZWX - W. Morphett
7ZBY - B. Yeoman

"The Secretary,
W.I.A. Tas. Div.,
Box 851J, G.P.O.,
HOBART.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned members of the Tasmanian Division, wish to give notice to move the undermentioned Special Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting to be held at Devonport on March 17th 1973.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Constitution of the Tasmanian Division of the W.I.A. be amended by the addition of the following clauses:-

- 110 The Tasmanian Division of the Wireless Institute of Australia be organised on the basis of an administrative divisional headquarters in one area and branches in other areas.
- 111 The location of the headquarters shall be determined by a two thirds majority at a Special General Meeting provided that not less than four months notice of motion to change the location of the headquarters is given.
- 112 At least four members of Council shall be resident in the Headquarters area. In the event of less than four Council members being resident in that area, Council shall have the power to appoint extra members to make up the deficiency. These members shall have full voting powers.

2. The Constitution of the Tasmanian Division be amended as follows:-

Clause 5 After the word "provided", add the following:-
"excepting that Council may elect additional members as "provided in clause 112"".

Clause 9 Delete the words "outside the metropolitan area"

Signed:-

T. A. Allen	-	VK7AL
J. Brown	-	VK7BJ
L. R. Jensen	-	VK7LJ
R. D. O'May	-	VK7OM
I.A. Nichols	-	VK7ZZ "

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 1973 TASMANIAN DIVISIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 17TH MARCH, COMMENCING AT 5 P.M. AT THE GATEWAY MOTOR INN, FENTON STREET, DEVONPORT.

Nominations for Council:-

Instructions - place seven (7) marks beside the candidate of your choice, detach and submit.
