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— This year has, in some respects been rather a stormy one for the Tasmanian Division. Total membership of 217 is a slight increase on that of the previous year although this has only been possible through the recruitment of over 30 new members. Council meetings have been held in each region of the state and it is pleasing to see the attendance of a variety of visitors at these meetings. With the resignation of Mike Jenner, VK7FB in July, Ian Ellings, VK7ZIE joined Council making it again representative of all Branches. I must commend the lone members from Branches for the effort they make in attending Council meetings and hope that their home Branches make their efforts feel appreciated. Four special and twelve monthly meetings were held, attendance at the latter being; 7KK 12, 7PF 11, 7ZBY 11, 7FT 10, 7AK 8, 7ZIE 7/7, 7FB 4/4.

A number of local matters have given concern during the year. In last year's report the uncertainty of Branches financial status was mentioned. In two instances this year Council felt it was necessary to become involved with Branches financial operations. In each case Council was more than satisfied with these operations and wish to thank the Branch officers for their patience and co-operation at these times. Members can be assured that Council has every confidence in these Branch office-bearers.

Communication with members has always been of prime concern. Broadcasts have continued to be the main avenue and these now also include the 11 metre band. Federal tapes and Amateur Radio magazine have covered most Federal news and the Bulletin as an insert in 'A.R.' the local scene. Thanks to Andrew Dixon, VK7ZAJ, for taking over the Bulletin Editorship during the year.

Education activities are on the increase with the resumption of classes in Hobart and the continuation of Launceston classes. The ready availability of educational material from interstate groups has been an outstanding assistance to those bent on self-instruction.

An offer from the Australian-American association to sponsor a contest in conjunction with the American sesquicentenary celebrations was accepted with pleasure and congratulations go to Norm Richardson, VK7NR for winning this VK7-w contest. Our dissatisfaction with the present RD Contest rules have been made known and it is hoped that a set of rules which will allow us a chance to win will be forthcoming. Increased participation by our members in the National Field Day was pleasing. Maybe the Division should concern itself with encouraging greater participation in these Australian sponsored contests.

Branch reports show continual high levels of activity in both social and amateur radio orientated activities. The latter of these, perhaps could be increased somewhat. Thanks to the North-west Branch for organising the Annual Dinner and to the North for the Annual Convention. Both were well attended and most successful. The Hobart repeater has been brought into operation as have beacons on 6 metres and 70 cm. work on the Lonah repeater is progressing. Thanks to all those who have provided these services. Increased use of TV teletype has become apparent.

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Liason with the P. & T. Department has again been very effective with Brian Morgan, VK7RR, acting as liason officer. The Amateur Advisory Committee is functioning well and discussions are currently being held to review the position of Official Observers in the North and North-west. Council regards as very important a good working relationship with the Department.

There are some things causing concern. It is unfortunate when the lack of thought by a few create unpleasant conditions for many. Selfishness in the use of Institute sponsored repeaters and the effect of petty grievances between members have both created friction. In any organisation there are bound to be clashes of personality however these have, at times, got out of proportion. It is hoped that the good of the majority can be considered under these conditions. It is most discouraging to note the number of members who have been deeply involved in Institute affairs who have now faded from major activity.

Finally the matter of publicity seems to be an area in which we are missing out entirely. Both in and out of Tasmania our activities receive scant attention in the media. However we should take every opportunity to build our image in the eyes of the general public.

Thanks to all for their co-operation and assistance during the year, Council members and Branch office bearers in particular. Broadcast officers and others who have assisted in any way I hope that the membership has joined with me to say thanks. To the membership at large, we can only improve your conditions and solve your problems if we know about them and the best way of passing this on is to get involved.

Reg Emmett VK7KK

Divisional President 11 March 1977

COUNCIL ELECTION

Only sufficient nominations were received for the vacancies available. As no nomination was received from the Southern Branch, one position is left vacant for the Southern Branch President or his nominee. Nominations were received from:

Mr A Carter	VK7Ak
Mr I Ellings	Vk7ZIE
Mr R Emmett	VK7KK
Mr P Frith	VK7PF
Mr E Hewans	VK7HE
Mr B Yeoman	VK7ZBY

CITIZENS BAND RADIO

A submission was sent to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication on your behalf. A copy of this is attached to your Bulletin.

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organising, again, many thanks on a fine effort, from the membership.

Repeater VK7RAA has done a mighty job again this year, with, if my memory serves me correctly, only one major breakdown. The repeater is still the prime channel of communication in the Branch, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have helped to keep this device on the air.

The Branch has done its fair share toward the presentation of the Sunday morning Divisional broadcast, and it is pleasing to see some new stations on the roster list, especially for the 80 metre re-broadcast. We also saw a 27.125 Mhz re-broadcast started in this Branch this year.

On the educational side of things, the Y.R.C.S. and A.O.C.P. classes have, I think, adequately filled a need, and again, my thanks to those people who have contributed to these activities.

"Q R M" has continued to be the voice of the Branch, with the standard being at its usual high level. John van Staveren VK7JV, has diligently applied himself to the job of Editor, even though he could have done with more support from the members as far as articles were concerned. Thanks again John.

A 6 metre beacon was established in the Branch, mainly due to the efforts of Joe Gelston VK7JG. This beacon, together with the more active VHF operators, is doing its bit in keeping the Northern Branch in touch with other VHF operators interstate.

As last year, regular meetings have been held throughout the year by the executive members, and I would like to thank them all at this stage, for their support and enthusiasm throughout the year. Finally, I would like to conclude this report by thanking you all for supporting the Branch and the W.I.A. by taking part in activities held throughout the year, which has made the Branch what it is today. But at the same time, be prepared to pitch in and help whenever there is a need and not just sit back and watch others do the work.

73 Brian Yeoman

Branch President 11/1/77

VK7 NEWS ROSTER : APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 1977

This broadcast takes place each Sunday morning at 0930 hours local. Originating stations should listen on Repeater 8 and/or 3570 khz from 0915 hours for any late news. Originating frequencies are 3570 khz SSB and Repeater 8FM. Originating stations please note: there is no time limit for the duration of the broadcast. You are allowed to exceed thirty minutes if you have sufficient news.

Where substitutes are required for those listed, it is highly desirable that this be arranged early enough to give notice via the previous week's broadcast.

To facilitate the smooth running of the VK7 Divisional broadcast, the originating station should come up on broadcast frequencies at 0915 hours local, to allow re-broadcast stations to set up equipment and test for system faults, to ensure system is operational for the broadcast.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH-WEST BRANCH

Our Annual Branch meeting was held on the 8th March at Lakins Hall Ulverstone at 8 p.m.

The President VK7ZIE presented his annual report, and the Treasurer presented a balance sheet.

The election of office bearers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:-

President	Brian VK7ZBL
Vice President	Max VK7MX
Secretary	Kirby VK7ZAC
Treasurer	Max VK7MX
Activities Officer	Jim VK7NOW
Y.R.C.S. Co-ordinator	Graham VK7ZaQ
Broadcast Co-ordinator	Terry VK7TT
Branch Correspondent	Wayne Gibson
Bulletin Correspondent	Max VK7MX
W.L.C.E.N. Co-ordinator	Bob VK7ZJS
Q.S.L. Officer	Harold VK7MZ
Repeater and Beacon Committee	Ian VK7ZIE, Tony VK7AX, Graham VK7ZaQ, Ivan VK7ZaO, Adrian VK7ZaT and Wayne Gibson.

For those who are not already aware, we report that our Beacons are operative from the Lonah location on a hill west of Ulverstone as follows:-

On 432.475 Mhz with FSK ident Call Sign VK7RTW

On 144.9 Mhz Keyed Carrier Call Sign VK7RTX

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Meetings this past year have improved from last year with an average of 34 members in attendance. Lectures also have been varied, with possibly the best being by Professor R.H. Thorpe, Chairman of the Australian Consumers Council, as well as two auctions this year and the usual equipment display by members. We saw seven associate members join the Branch this year, with at least three of these members becoming "A" Grade as well as two limited licensees throwing away that "Z". Congratulations to you all.

The equipment store this year has had a very successful turnover, mainly due to the efforts of people like Daniel Apted, Graeme Reardon and others, and of course to you the members who supported it. However, it must be discouraging to those people running the store to find members buying interstate merely to save a few cents. Remember, the larger our purchases, the better deal we will be able to obtain for you. Again thanks to all concerned.

On the social scene, functions were well supported by members, with the two main functions being, the progressive dinner in September and the Divisional Hamfest in November. For the progressive dinner, my thanks go to those people who made their homes available for this function. As far as the Hamfest is concerned, this year was the best yet. To all those who had anything to do with the

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Originating stations using VK7WI/P are to keep a Log Sheet for the Sunday morning news broadcast. This Log Sheet is to be filled in each time the station is originating the broadcast, and must show call-back stations, and is to be forwarded to the Divisional Secretary at the close of each broadcast roster period.

CO-ORDINATORS:

North-west	VK7TT	Telephone	Work 302221	Home 252073
North	VK7ZBY	"	" 918288	" 918218
South	VK7 KH HK	"	" 344836	" 436337

OTHER RE-BROADCAST FREQUENCIES

North-west	52.525 and 146 Mhz FM.
North	7.130 or 27.125 Mhz AM.
South	52.525, 146, 435 Mhz FM, and 27.125, 144.1 Mhz AM.

OTHER RE-BROADCASTING STATIONS:

North -west	VK7AX, VK7TT, VK7ZIE.
North	VK7PF, VK7JV, VK7KK
South	VK7PS, VK7FB, VK7ZJG, VK7TM, VK7HK

HOME PHONE NUMBERS OF ALL ORIGINATING STATIONS:

North-west	Terry Tongs	VK7TT	252073	Sid Medford	VK7SF	313943
	Ken Hancock	VK7KH	312164	Max Ives	VK7MX	278946
North	Brian Yeoman	VK7ZBY	918218	Ed Hewens	VK7HE	391863
	Robin Harwood	VK7RH	442324			
South	Harvey Skegg	VK7HK	436337	Tom Allen	VK7AL	439192
	Greg Noble	VK7FT	444321	Peter Hall	VK7ZPH	--

ROSTER

DATE		ORIGINATING STATION AND BRANCH		REP 8 TO 80 METRES 80 METRES TO REP8 NORTHERN BRANCH ONLY	
Apr	3	VK7HK	S	VK7HE	VK7ZWX
	10	VK7HE	N		
	17	VK7TT	NW		VK7ZBY
	24	VK7Hk	S		VK7ZMM
May	1	VK7RH	N	VK7RH	
	8	VK7KH	NW		VK7ZWX
	15	VK7FT	S		VK7ZBY
	22	VK7ZBY	N		
	29	VK7MX	NW		VK7ZMM
Jun	5	VK7ZPH	S	VK7HE	VK7ZWX
	12	VK7HE	N		
	19	VK7SF	NW		VK7ZBY
	26	VK7AL	S		VK7ZMM
Jul	3	VK7RH	N	VK7RH	
	10	VK7TT	NW		VK7ZWX
	17	VK7HK	S		VK7ZBY
	24	VK7ZBY	N		
	31	VK7KH	NW		VK7ZMM
Aug	7	VK7FT	S	VK7HE	VK7ZWX
	14	VK7HE	N		
	21	VK7MX	NW		VK7ZBY
	28	VK7HK	S		VK7ZMM
Sep	4	VK7RH	N	VK7RH	
	11	VK7SF	NW		VK7ZWX
	18	VK7HK	S		VK7ZBY
	25	VK7ZBY	N		