

NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST RADIO GROUP. "TAS"

The West Coast Repeater is situated on Mt. READ. Mt READ is situated to the South of ROSEBERRY APPROX 9 Kms as the crow flies. The Height is 1,175 Mtrs or 3700.75 Ft. The tower is 30 Ft. and the base is about 10 Ft. below the top of the Mountain, (The tower was standing at 1950 Hrs on the 22/2/90.) This will give the repeater good coverage of the West Coast and hopefully a large slice of TASMANIA not covered by the other repeaters in the State.

The Members of the West Coast Radio Group are as follows:- VK7 NBU BOB, VK7 KVB DICK, VK7 NDH DALE, BEVERLY, DALE'S BETTER HALF, VK7 PL PETER, VK7 ZMR MAURICE, VK7 ADC DARBY, VK7 ZBT GREG, DAVID SPICER, and VK7 BV TERRY.

The repeater freq. is 147.075 Mhz WITH A + OFFSET OF 600 KHz. The repeater was converted by Dick VK7 KVB from a PLESSSEY MPR 43 and the final line-up was performed by Noel VK7 KNS of VK ELECTRONICS in BURNIE. The help given by Noel is very much appreciated by the group.

The Group has also installed a UHF CB on the site, this was also converted from a commercial Rig By Dick, (PHILLIPS 828) This has given a few headaches due to a fault in the original set-up of the radio. This Repeater will add to the coverage of the CB Repeater in Tasmania and to the Safety of motorists and bush-walkers in the State. Work will continue on the site by the members on the West Coast and I am sure Dale will continue to time out with his usual short overs, he was the first and that happened at 1646 on the 19/7/90. The antenna at present is not complete and it is hoped that at some future date if funds are available a set of cavities will be installed, but at present that is not possible as the separation required from the filters is greater than the normal 85 db and will cost over \$3000, which is not available at present, but we may strike it lucky in the future. Several stations from across the water have made contact with members and other Amateurs during the openings over the last few weeks, others have triggered it but have not had a reply, as there are not many AMATEURS on the West Coast, we are aware that this has happened due to the comments on other Bands and Repeaters so don't give up you will make contact in due time. If anyone requires more information please contact one of the members of the GROUP and if it is about the conversion Dick is the best one for that. We wish one and all the Compliments of the Season and may 1991 bring you all peace of mind and good health.