

## BRC Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 1st 2015

### Meeting

The August 2015 monthly meeting of the Bunbury Radio Club (BRC) was held at the Masonic Hall, 60 West Street Busselton WA 6280. The meeting was called to order at 14:07.

### Member Roll Call

*Present in Person:*

Nicholas Evans (BR671)	Norman Gomm (BR658)
Robert (Bob) Randall (BR557)	Shaun Palmer (BR659)
Richard Ayre (BR665)	Phil Bussanich (BR662)
Brian Andrews (BR652)	

*Present via Skype:*

None

*Apologies: Thank you to those who did so.*

Brian Von Bibra (BR19)	Michael Beall (BR667)
Ann Von Bibra (BR18)	Michael Mackay-Blair (BR664)
Brian Sayer (BR649)	Doug Wells (BR612)
Richard Oxley (BR619)	Neville Green (BR559)
Steve Boak (BR666)	Ian Bailey (BR669)

*Visitors:*

**Mark Worth**- A long time CB operator in Busselton, Mark has indicated doing what many do and finally coming over to the dark side and obtaining his F call

**Kate** – Has been following an online study course in order to obtain her licence but has expressed an interest in getting assistance with the practical component of the exam. Phil kindly offered to assist Kate in her journey ☺

### Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were read by the Secretary Nick Evans (BR671).

A motion that the minutes be accepted was proposed by Shaun (BR659) and seconded by Phil (BR662). There being no dissenting voices, the minutes were accepted.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

- A determination of who can authorise what amounts for club purchases
- Nick Evans (BR671) to find out what if any member subsidies exist from the WIA

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### Treasurers Report

Robert Randall (BR557) presented the Treasurers report for August 2015.

#### Cheque Account

Cheque Account Balance (1 <sup>st</sup> August 2015)	\$2444.06
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#### Investment Accounts

Investment #1 – Matures 10 Sept 2015. Rate 2.6%	\$3,548.38
Investment #2 - Matures 30 Mar 2016. Rate 2.5%	\$6,824.88
Current Investment Total	\$10,373.26

#### Expenditure (Cheques Used)

Date	Cheque	Amount	Description
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Nil

Total	\$0.00
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#### Income (Deposits)

Date	Amount	Description
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13 July 2015	\$25.00	Subs VK6FNKS
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16 July 2015	\$75.00	Subs VK6PZT / VK6PAL / VK6HBS
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16 July 2015	\$35.00	Raffle Money
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29 July 2015	\$25.00	Subs VK6APK
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Total	\$160.00
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#### Licences Held By the Club

VK6RBY Licence expires 21/05/2016

VK6BRC Licence expires 20/07/2017

VK6RKB Licence expires 30/01/2019

A motion that the treasurers report be accepted was proposed by Shaun (BR659) and seconded by Phil (BR662) There being no dissenting voice, the report were accepted.

### **Matters Arising from the Treasurers Report**

- Phil (BR662) asked about the reinvestments of club funds with regards to where they were going. There will be further discussions on this issue at the September meeting.
- Signatories to be confirmed between cheque and investment accounts

### **Correspondence In**

- Bank statement

### **Correspondence Out**

- Nil

### **General Business**

#### License Training and Assessment Update

Norman Gomm (BR658) provided an update on License Training and Assessment.

- An assessment day of the 26<sup>th</sup> of September has been confirmed
- Two people have been indicated an intent to sit

#### News Items for AR Magazine

Norman Gomm (BR658) asked for news items to submit to AR Magazine. The following items were suggested;

- Visitors to the Meeting
- ILLW weekend
- New club meeting rooms
- The next round of assessments

#### Other

Norman (BR658) proposed the purchase of laptop and larger monitor for training / presentation purposes. In the absence of a larger group representation it was agreed that quotes were to be sourced and then presented at the September meeting as an agenda item for further discussion. In the interim Brian (BR652) offered the temporary use of his personal equipment for a short period of time. It was also suggested that there may be a round of grants available from the WIA or Lotterywest.

**Action:** Shaun Palmer (BR659)

**Action:** Nick (BR671)

#### Club Activities Update

**Experimenters' Net:** Brian Andrews (BR652) reported that the Experimenters' Net had successfully received SSTV pictures from the ISS over the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of

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July. It was good that three geographical separated members [Steve Boak (BR666), Ian Bailey (BR669), and Brian Andrews (BR652)], had been able to collaborate via the BRC Google Group and the Experimenters' Net IRC channel to achieve this success.

Currently Brian and Richard Ayre (BR665) are building Packet Radio stations based on Raspberry Pi computers. These will form the basis of some of the future Experimenters' Net activities.

Brian also wants to hear from other members who have a desire to experiment with some aspect of Amateur Radio.

**ILLW:** Discussion required regarding format and requirements for weekend

**Action: Neil Simmonds (BR653)**

### Of Interest to Members

I, Nick (BR671) will be getting a quote for plastic name badges from my manager at work that, in recent months has purchased with his wife, Eaton Trophies. I am looking at the WIA logo, name, call sign and Bunbury Radio club to be emblazoned on it with call sign being prominent. I would at this point be keen to gauge interest from members if this something that would be taken up.

### **Meeting Close**

There being no more General Business, the meeting closed at 15:10

### Raffle Draw

Due to a small attendance by members the raffle draw was postponed notwithstanding the fact that Alek was unavailable.

### Technical Talk

A round table discussion was chaired by Norm covered each members current antenna setups and what their aspirations vs. their realities were given their particular QTH's. It was good to get down to the fundamentals of what we all love and certainly gave me some food for thought regarding options, thank you Norm, well done.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The details of the next meeting are:-

Date: Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 @ 14:00.

Location: 21 Halsey Street, Bunbury  
(Note: The standard license study group will commence @ 1300)

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Richard Oxley (VK6FSDU)

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Nick Evans (VK6FSEA)

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*President, Bunbury Radio Club Inc.*

*Secretary, Bunbury Radio Club Inc.*

### **Informal / Social Gathering**

1. Raffle
2. Technical Talk – Subject To Be Confirmed

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