

Bunbury Radio Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2024

The 2024 AGM of the Bunbury Radio Club Inc was held at the Bunbury Men's Shed on 28th July 2024

Attendees

VK6DEV - Phillip
VK6ARP - Arthur
VK6TJ - Bob
SWL - Ian
VK6ZGN - Bob
VK6HBS - Brian
VK6AYT - Branko
VK6TGQ - Brian
VK6AAG - John
VK6FAB - Chris
VK6GOM - Norman

Apologies

VK6AXB - Anthony
VK6ABE - George
VK6PZT - Richard
VK6MIB - Ian
VK6MK - Stuart
VK6MMB -
VK6JDW - Neville

Minutes

1. Call to Order - Recording started and indicated to the members present.
2. Declare Meeting Open
Meeting Declared Open at 14:06 by President Phillip VK6DEV
3. Secretary to Read the previous AGM Meeting Minutes
 - a. In the absence for the Secretary, the minutes of the last AGM were read by the President, Phil VK6DEV
4. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a. Nil
5. Acceptance of the Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed previously by Norman
 - b. Seconded by Arthur
 - c. Unanimous show of hands
6. Presidents Annual Report
 - a. Phillip VK6DEV read a prepared report to the members. The contents of which are available at the end of the minutes.
7. Acceptance of the Annual Report
 - a. Motion to accept the President Annual Report - Brian 6HBS
 - b. Seconded by Arthur 6ARP
8. Treasurers Report the treasures report was presented by Bob VK6TJ
 - a. Finances in a good condition.
Net movement this year was negative mainly caused by work done at the repeater site.
See below for the submitted documentation
 - b. Motion to Accept the Treasures report: Bob 6ZGN
 - c. Seconded by: Brank 6AYT
 - d. Accepted by unanimous show of hands
 - e. Bob indicated that our account does not earn interest as the bank does not pay interest on chequing accounts. There was also discussion about term deposits and Bob indicated that a decision was made in the past to stop using a term deposit as the timing of the notification for renewal for the term deposit was so short, it was impossible to manage the

service. Bob indicated we would look at another bank if someone came up with a proposal.

9. Setting the Annual Subscription

- a. After a short discussion the consensus was to leave subs as they are currently.
- b. Motion to leave subs at \$50 - Phil 6DEV
- c. Seconded: Norman 6GOM
- d. Accepted by unanimous show of hands

10. Election of Club Officers - The president declared all executive positions vacated and up for re-election as required by the clubs Rules of Association.

a. President

- i. Phillip Jubb VK6DEV nominated by Norman VK6GOM, Seconded by Brian, Phillip accepted the nomination
- ii. There being no other nominations, Phillip Jubb VK6DEV is elected unopposed as President.

b. Vice President

- i. Arthur Piraka VK6ARP nominated by Phillip VK6DEV Second Brian,, Arthur accepted the nomination.
- ii. There being no other nominations, Arthur Piraka VK6ARP is elected unopposed as Vice President.

c. Secretary

- i. Phillip explained that Richard has indicated his willingness to continue as Secretary but as his work life is becoming busy he would welcome another member taking over the role. Phillip nominated Richard and accepted the nomination in his absence. Seconded by Brian 6TGQ
- ii. There was some discussion and a request for a member to take over the role.
- iii. There being no other nomination, Richard Ayre VK6PZT is elected unopposed as Secretary.

d. Treasurer

- i. Bob Randall VK6TJ was nominated and indicated his willingness to continue in the role.
- ii. There being no other nominations, Bob Randall VK6TJ is elected unopposed as Treasurer.

e. Office Bearers

- i. Stuart VK6MK was nominated by Phillip VK6DEV and indicated Stuart had accepted the nomination via email prior to the meeting.
- ii. John 6AAG Nominated himself.
- iii. Bob 6ZGN Nominated by Norman
- iv. Bob and John appointed as committee members

11. General Business

a. Repeater Status

- i. There was some discussion about the current status of the 2m Repeater
- ii. The 2m repeater is functional, all be it with a slightly reduced coverage as reported by Norman VK6GOM. There were comments by Bob VK6TJ of an intermittent crackle that had appeared recently. The allstar node is connected and working well.
- iii. The 70cm repeater is working well if underused.

b. Non-executive positions (Membership Coordinator, Assessment Coordinator)

- i. Assessment Coordinator - Norman 6GOM and Bob 6ZGN
- ii. Membership Coordinator - Phillip VK6DEV requested we create a new position "Membership Coordinator whos task it is to encourage all visitors/assessment candidates and other hams in general to join and become involved with the club. The exact requirements of the role will be determined over time.
- iii. Phillip nominated Chris 6FAB Seconded by Norman 6GOM Accepted by Chris

c. Club Radio - There was some discussion about club radio, the possibility of a club radio at the men's shed and also a remote at the repeater site. It was decided to put off any decision until there has been more discussion.

d. Club Property - Hand over from Brian VK6TGQ - Brian will hand over the archives to Phil 6DEV

- e. Hamfest Table - Discussion of attendance at the upcoming hamfest
 - f. Ham Radio identification - Branko asked if we have some identification in relation to our license to operate. A short discussion about the paperwork you have provided by ACMA with a few trips down rabbit holes. Phil 6DEV will investigate a membership card for the club
12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting
- a. The next AGM of the Bunbury Radio Club will be held on the 4th Sunday in July 2025 at a time and venue to be confirmed.
13. Declare the Meeting Closed
- a. The meeting was declared closed at 15:09

President's Report for 2024

2023/2024 has been a good year for the Bunbury Radio Club.

Our membership has increased slightly from the previous year. The reintroduction of Assessments has seen 10+ new licensed Amateur operators in the South West Region.

Assessments and Licensing

Led by Norman (VK6GOM) and Bob VK6ZGN, our club has returned to minting new hams. In the last 12 months we have run 2 assessment days at the Mens Shed. Both Norman and Bob have worked to understand the new processes and both have become accredited under the new ACMA volunteer assessors programme. I thank Norman for his years of dedication and service and Bob for joining Norman in this important work. Our club needs new operators to grow and thrive.

Events and Functions

23/24 saw the continuation of our Friday Lunches. Attendance at the lunches has been good and possibly increasing over the last year with an average of 8-10 members in attendance. It is important for our club to share time together to build a sense of community.

The Great Bunbury Fox Hunt 2024 was run in April this year. With 11 attendees, two from as far away as Mandurah, we sent out the hounds on a pedestrian hunt. It was set close by to allow us to get everyone accustomed to the fox and tune in the equipment and skills. The second fox, cunningly set by Anthony was a little further away. Most teams quickly narrowed in on it just in time for the battery to run flat. The situation was quickly rectified by Anthony and the hunt was back on. Most of the teams converged on the final location about the same time. The consensus is that everyone had fun (even those that had the Yagi backwards and ended up in Picton :)) We'll do this again, maybe twice a year when the weather is nicer.

Our Thursday on-air net has been gathering momentum over the last year. With the return of the 2m repeater there has been an uptick in the number of members checking in. I feel the net is an important starting point for new comers as it gives an easily accessible and "safe" place to get their feet wet on the air. I would encourage all members to check into the net regularly and interact on-air with our new club members.

Contesting and Achievements

BRC took out the WIA DX Club Award for 2023. Congratulation to the members of the team (Alek VK6APK, Steve VK6IR, Steve VK6OZ, Phil VK6DEV, Norman VK6GOM, Ian VK6DW, Peter VK6RZ) who took out the competition with a total of 8535 slots. Second was the North East Radio Club on 6326 slots. 2024 is looking promising with the team currently holding a handy lead. I would encourage all club members who are also members of the WIA to register and participate. Every little bit helps and we never know how close the competition might end up being. Join in now.

Individual achievements included, Ian Cook took out the prize Open Grid Prize, Phil Jubb won the Top Score award for Foundation Level.

WIA Affiliation

Members of the club should be aware that as a WIA Affiliated club, we are required to maintain a minimum 20% of our members are financial members of the WIA. I would like to encourage those that aren't members to consider the value that WIA affiliation brings to our club and possible become a member of the Wireless Institute of Australia. The WIA has offered to present to the club and discuss the benefits of WIA membership. I think we should take them up of their offer in the next 12 months.

I would like to express my thanks to Bob VK6TJ and Richard VK6PZT for their work in keeping the club working and complying the with legal requirements of the association. Richard in particular spent significant time this year preparing submissions to catch up on overlooked required reporting for the past several years. To my knowledge we are currently in compliance with the law in this regard.

I would like to thank Alek, VK6APK for his leadership of the repeater upgrades and modifications. There has been many other assisting Alek but I would like to specifically thank Anthony VK6AXB for providing climbing and rigging services. And finally, would like to thank our host Nick VK6NA for providing the location for our repeaters on his tower.

Over all it has been a great year for the Bunbury Radio Club. Let's make the 24/25 year an even greater success.

Phillip Jubb

President, Bunbury Radio Club

Treasurers Report

Financial Report AGM 2024.

June 2023 to June 2024

Total June 2022	\$12733.59
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Total June 2023	\$11775.54
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Net Loss	\$958.05
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Major Payments

NV Engineering for tower Work \$1714.03

WIA Insurance \$294.25