

Bunbury Radio Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting July 27, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Secretary John Stephens, VK6AAG

The 2025 AGM of the Bunbury Radio Club Inc was held at the Bunbury Men's Shed on Sunday 27 July 2025.

Attendees

VK6DEV – Phillip Jubb
VK6ARP – Arthur Piraka
VK6TJ – Bob Randall
VK6ZGN – Bob Good
VK6AYT – Branko Hofman
VK6AAG – John Stephens
VK6FAB – Chris Saxton
VK6GOM – Norman Gomm
VK6CRT – Curtis Baune
VK6ASK – John Williams
VK6ABE – George Chalmers
VK6AXB – Anthony Benbow
VK6PZT – Richard Ayre

Apologies

VK6MK – Stuart C
VK6JDW – Neville Green

Minutes

1. Call to Order - Recording started and indicated to the members present.
2. Declare Meeting Open
Meeting Declared Open at 14:02 by President Phillip VK6DEV
3. Previous 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes
 - a. In the absence for the Secretary, the minutes of the last AGM were sent by the President, Phil VK6DEV, via email and it was acknowledged no need to read them aloud.
4. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a. Nil
5. Acceptance of the Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed previously by Bob VK6ZGN
 - b. Seconded by John VK6AAG
 - c. Unanimous show of hands
6. Presidents Annual Report
 - a. Phillip VK6DEV presented a prepared report to the members. The contents of which are available at the end of this document.
7. Treasurers Report the treasures report was presented by Bob VK6TJ
 - a. Finances in a good condition.
Net movement this year was positive \$1,140.05
See below for the submitted report
 - b. Motion to Accept the Treasures report: Richard VK6PZT
 - c. Seconded by: Chris VK6FAB
 - d. Accepted by unanimous show of hands
8. 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 per year. - Phil VK6DEV
 - c. Seconded: Norman Gomm VK6GOM
 - d. Accepted by unanimous show of hands

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

President - Phillip Jubb VK6DEV is elected unopposed as President.

Vice President - Arthur Piraka VK6ARP is elected unopposed as Vice President.

Secretary - John Stephens VK6AAG is elected unopposed as Secretary

Treasurer - Bob Randall VK6TJ is elected unopposed as Treasurer

Members

Branko Hofman – VK6AYT

Bob Good - VK6ZGN

Membership Coordinator - Chris Saxton VK6FAB

Social Event Coordinator Alek Petkovic VK6APK

Training and Assessment Team

Lead - John Williams VK6ASK

Assessor - Norman Gomm VK6GOM

Assessor - Bob Good VK6ZGN

Gopher - Phillip Jubb VK6DEV

10. General Business

Repeater Status

There was some discussion about the current status of our 146.650mhz Repeater. Anthony VK6AXB is still committed to make a trip to the repeater site to see if he can resolve coverage issues. Norman VK6GOM states the coverage of the repeater used to encompass Busselton but now, it doesn't.

Signatories

Signatories will change to the newly elected Board as soon as practical. They are:

President Phil Jubb, VK6DEV

Treasurer Bob Randall VK6TJ

Secretary John Stephens VK6AAG

Motion for changing to the new signatories is proposed by Anthony VK6AXB and seconded by Bob Randall VK6TJ.

Website Host Change

<https://www.bunburyradioclub.com> domain is being transferred to Phil Jubb's VK6DEV hosting business as a donation to the club.

11. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

. The next AGM of the Bunbury Radio Club will be held on the 4th Sunday of July 2026 which makes it 26 July 2026 at a time and venue to be confirmed.

12. Declare the Meeting Closed

13. The meeting was declared closed at 1424 hrs.

President's Report for 2025

Bunbury Radio Club Presidents Report for 2024/25

It has been my honour to lead the club for the past year and the club has seen some significant growth both in Activity and membership.

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2025 saw the continuation of the very popular QSO lunches held on 2nd Friday of the Month. There was an average of 8 members enjoying lunch and some eyeball QSOs. Along with the mid-week lunches a new opportunity was initiated this year. A Saturday morning coffee catch up at the Dome in Bunbury allows those that work during the week a chance to chew the fat with other members. A special thanks to Alek (VK6APK) for being the unofficial social secretary and ensuring the necessary bookings are made. I encourage you to attend both of these as you can fit it into your busy schedule.

We also ran a fox hunt again this year. We had 7 hams from the club brave the inclement weather and join in the fun. We invited the other clubs again, but despite some interest, we had no visitors this year. Congratulations to Anthony (VK6AXB) and Harry (VK6AHW) on taking out the "trophy" by visiting both foxes in just under 2 hours. I'm sure we will continue to run the fox hunts and build interest over time.

The Thursday evening net has continued over the last year with a good turn out on the 2m repeater each week. The 2m repeater is normally connected to the VK6 Allstar hub but disconnects and connects to the club Hub Node 60505 (VK6BRC). This allows for members not in range of the repeater to participate in the net.

This year we only managed one license assessment day back in November. We successfully minted 4 new hams. I would like to extend my thanks to Norman (VK6GOM) for his many years of service to the club as our Assessment Coordinator. Providing an opportunity for new people to get into amateur radio locally is an important part of growing and sustaining the club. Its with this in mind that I initiated the establishment of the Training and Assessment Team within the club. The aim of the team is to not only provide assessments but to build our skills and capabilities to provide training before the exam. The Team consists of John (VK6ASK) as our team leader, Norman (VK6GOM) and Bob (VK6ZGN) as our accredited assessors and myself as webmaster and content creator. I look forward to leveraging Johns many years of training experience to supercharge our training and assessing with the ultimate aim of introducing many more muggles into Amateur Radio.

In this vein, one problem identified recently is the location and accessibility of our repeaters. A few new hams have had trouble accessing the repeaters to participate in nets and communicate while in their QTH. Most new hams usually only have a low power HT with the provided "rubber duckie" antenna and accessing the repeaters is almost impossible from inside their homes. So, it was put forward that we establish a repeater in the Bunbury CBD or surrounding areas to provide HT access. Discussions are underway and planning and costing a solution will be presented soon. The plan so far is to establish a 70 cm repeater, link it via Allstar to the 2m Repeater in Harvey so those wandering Bunbury can get easy access. This may necessitate the removal of the permanent connection to the VK6 Allstar hub but this can be discussed in the future.

Another new project is a proposed remote HF station for use by members, especially those with limited access to install antennas or suffer from a high residential noise floor. We have been investigating the possibilities and the hardware/software requirements for such a station. Work continues and will probably put a proposal with costings to the club members shortly. I would like to acknowledge the donation pledge from Peter VK6RZ. Peter has offered the club a \$500 donation towards the costs of establishing the remote station.

Speaking of DX, the Club again won the WIA Club DX competition for 2024. The team, consisting of John (VK6AAG), Alek (VK6APK), Phil (VK6DEV), Ian (VK6DW), Chris (VK6FAB), Norman (VK6GOM), Steve (VK6IR), Steve (VK6OZ), and Peter (VK6RZ) smashed the competition from the east with a score of 7481 slots, almost 1900 slots in front of second place North East Radio group from VK3. The DX group regularly chats on discord sharing spots and keeping up spirits. The group is growing steadily with more members joining the team. Being part of the team is a great way to share our love of DX and making contacts. To be a winner in the DX competitions, you really need to be an all-rounder, taking part in all aspects of DXing. If you'd like to take part and build you DX skills and station, get in touch with Alek or myself.

Finally, I would like to thank and couple of groups.

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I would like to thank those members who have nominated for a committee position within the club for the coming year. My dream of an active and thriving club is slowly coming together and with your help we will drive the Bunbury Radio Club into the future.

And a huge thank you to those that are actively participating in the club. Activity breeds activity and without active members who regularly attend events and get on the air, there is little to encourage new members in the club.

Looking forward to another great year as President and great things for the club.

VK6DEV

Treasurers Report

Financial Report AGM 2025.

June 2024 to June 2025

Total June 2024	\$11,775.54
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Total June 2025	\$12,915.59
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Net Gain	\$1,140.05
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Major Payments

WIA Insurance \$330.00