

# TREC—NEWS

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The Leading Amateur  
Radio Club in  
Far North Queensland.

## Coming events

### September 2011

#### Saturday 10th.

#### Annual General Meeting — Mareeba

Meeting will start at 1100 hrs. The 2010/2011 committee will stand down and a new committee will be elected for 2011/2012.

Subs are due at the meeting. Please try and bring the exact amount, \$25 Full membership — \$10 Associate membership.

#### 25th/26th/27th.

FNERA communications support at Tepon Equestrian Centre. John VK4TL coordinator.

### October 2011

#### Weekend 15th/16th.

FNERA communications support at Tepon Equestrian Centre, night ride. John VK4TL coordinator.

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#### Saturday 22nd.

Club Social get-together 1000hrs — Show and Tell at clubrooms, followed by a management committee meeting.

## The Editor's Desk

Another club year draws to a close and TREC now moves into it's 24th year. The past club year has been interesting with many activities being pursued. The main activity has centred around field day contests and providing check point manning for the Far North Endurance Riders.

Come along to the AGM and perhaps hold your hand up to play an active role in club activities.

73 & Travel Well - Dale VK4DMC.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

G'day TREC members.

I have had a busy month with work and domestic commitments and have not had much time for radio.

I did have time to help organise the last equestrian ride, John VK4TL was ill and asked if I could stand in for him.

With the help of Gary VK4FD, Chris VK4YCG, Jeff VK4BOF, and Dave VK4DK we had a successful albeit long night!

Thank you gentlemen and thanks for keeping us awake with the trivia questions Gary, I hope you set a trend!

I'm glad to hear John is well again and should be back on deck for the next ride.

We still need more people to volunteer for the rides so come on people pitch in !!!!!

That's all for this month.

Cheers

Stu VK4SDD



Mareeba Heritage Museum  
345 Byrnes St Mareeba—Centenary Park

XQA display

## TREC—Annual General Meeting.

Meeting will be held at the Mareeba Heritage Museum on Saturday 10 September 2011 starting at 1100hrs.

Lunch will be available at the conclusion of the meeting a\$5.00 per person. Tea and Coffee available.

Following lunch a tour of the Heritage Museum including the first amateur radio station in Queensland **XQA** will be held.

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THURSDAY .  
1900 –1930 VK4RTA repeater 146.675 - offset

THURSDAY  
1930 - 2030 Henry Fulford—Tom Debel Memorial net  
3.588MHz

**We're on the web.**

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## SMILE AWHILE



## SEWIN ON A WEE BUTTON

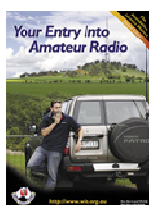
Angus Broon of Glasgow , Scotland ,comes to the little lady of the house exclaiming, "Maggie, cud ya be sewin on a wee button that's come off of me fly? I can't button me pants."

"Oh Angus, I've got me hands in the dishpan, go up the stairs and see if Mrs. MacDonald could be helpin ya with it."

About 5 minutes later, there's a terrible crash, a bang, a bit of yelling and the sound of a body falling down the stairs.

Walking back in the door with a blackened eye and a bloody nose comes Angus. The little lady looks at him and says, "My god, what happened to ya? Did you ask her like I told you?"

"Aye," says Angus. "I asked her to sew on the wee button, an she did, everything was goin' fine but When she bent doon to bite off the wee thread, Mr MacDonald walked in."



### Foundation Manuals.

**TREC has copies of the WIA Foundation Manuals on hand.  
\$20.00 ea.**

**Contact VK4DMC**

WIA News.

[www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au)



## **20th. North Queensland Amateur Radio Convention** September 16, 17, 18 2011.

*Main venue* Charters Towers RSL Club Function room.

8 Prior Street (cnr Hewett and Prior Streets

**Bringing Radio Technology To The World**

The Convention will be hosting such diverse activities as:

- Technical lectures.
- Trade displays by manufacturers, dealers and special interest groups.
- Demonstrations of several facets of the hobby including:
  - Direction finding, computer enhanced communications and long distance communications.
  - Social functions including the famous TARC mystery present auction.
  - Awarding the Ken Robertson VK4KT Memorial award.
  - Display of self made equipment, handicrafts and produce.
  - Future planning talks.
  - Tours to significant local historical features and landmarks.
- Pre-loved equipment car boot sale and monster auction.

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TARC website can be found at: [www.tarc.org.au](http://www.tarc.org.au)

## **Surfin the web**

Ham Radio Resource Guide. Thousands of radio related resources.

<http://www.dxzone.com/>

Interesting gadgets for the Amateur Radio operator

<http://www.hamgadgets.com/>

## **VHF—QUA**

### 6 Metres.

A brief opening was reported by John VK4TL and John VK4FNQ both hearing J stations and beacons also the Barossa Valley beacon.

### 2 Metres/70cms. and 23cms.

2 and 70 still very quiet during the month with mainly NQ stations being worked from the Atherton area.

The usual early morning get together on 144.125 with 4FNQ, 4AFC, 4FLJS, VK4ME, VK4FBLU, VK4FMAG, VK4FRJG, VK44BEG, VK4ARQ, VK4FP and VK4DMC continues, Drop in and say G'day around 2130 UTC. Activity can also be found on 144.115 some mornings around 2000 UTC

# TREC—Photo Gallery



Tom Saunders VK4AOG celebrated his 94th birthday on the 4th August this year. Barrie VK4ALK reports that Tom was joined by many of his friends at Smithfield to celebrate his day.

*Note the one candle on the cake Barrie says next year there will be the full compliment of candles, 95 in all. Ed: It's gunna have to be a big cake Hi Hi !!*



TREC member Nick Wating VK4YT was hard at work at the recent Mareeba Air Show as commentator for the air show. From his lofty perch Nick had a good view of proceedings and kept the crowd well informed.