

DDRCi 261009 Club update - Monday meeting, JOTA and more!



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It's Club Update time.

We've put together some news of stuff that's happening **in the next week**, so could you please read, or skim, or whatever is comfortable. It's been a while since we sent a decent newsletter and there is a lot going on, so of course there's additional news. If there's any topic below for which you'd like more info (or, indeed, any topic related to the club), please drop a line to secretary@ddrci.org.au and I'll try to help out.

Rather than send you a reminder email every week, we put information that's important directly on the homepage in the form of our QNEWS contribution. QNEWS is broadcast at 0930 each Sunday following National News on your favourite repeater (note: not VK4RDD at the moment... but let us know if you think that should be a relay too).

You can find our QNEWS contribution (audio and transcript) on our home page, updated each week. Or save the direct links to get to the news faster:

- [The QNEWS DDRCi text is here](#)
- [The QNEWS DDRCi audio is here](#)

And the links are already updated with our contribution for Sunday 11th, so jump in and be early with the news! And with that...

What's the near-future news with DDRCi?

Merch Order: closes Monday 12 October

We're taking orders for club shirts and caps, and **the order will close after the meeting on Monday 12 October**. If you would like to get some (more) club clobber, check the [information that is here](#). Tip: we don't have online ordering yet, so you will have to pay us by transfer (email notification please!) or we can take credit card or cash at the meeting.

Monday Meeting: happens on Monday 12 October

This month our focus is on Mesh, and particularly MeshCore. But seriously, if you've never touched LoRa, Mesh, MeshTastic, or MeshCore and you've no idea what we are talking about: come along and join the fun. We already have a club repeater running at Memory Street, and we're going to both demo the tech and show you how easy it is to get involved. Even more: you'll see why it's worth bothering. This is heaps exciting stuff, trust us. [Full details of location and topic are here](#) and you can attend in person at 18A Memory Street or via telepresence - the link is on the website.

As always: great company, tea/coffee/timtams and maybe other beverages.

JOTA: 16/17/18 October

Plans are now well advanced for the Club's hosting of Scouts and Guides in one of the most important community events of the calendar: Jamboree On The Air or JOTA, and the accompanying parallel internet instance JOTI. Jamboree on the Air goes back to 1957, and it's been a significant introduction to amateur radio for young people in the scouting movement. JOTI originated in 1995 when a group of Rovers in Queanbeyan (yes, Australia) created a connection with an Australian Rover in the Netherlands. JOTI became an official Scouting event the following year.

The Club is setting up a JOTA bunker at the Memory Street hut - highly appropriate! To make JOTA work well, we need your help in two ways: (1) it would be really good to have people on-site to encourage the scouts and guides make contact with people who aren't in the building. We'll have two HF rigs running, and at least five JOTI workstations, so plenty of assistance and coaching needed. Then (2) we need people who might answer CQ calls.

[There's a VK JOTA website](#) which has been partly updated for this year, and has a list of [Worldwide Calling Frequencies](#) under the [Resources](#) tab. That's probably where you'll find us.

Also: there are other clubs supporting JOTA/JOTI, and it's always helpful for us to support them. [Ipswich is doing a great job](#).

Clubhouse

We're running more and more events at Kanyana, including some Trash-and-Treasure and workbench activities. It's a bit early to do some of the things that we have in our vision, but negotiations progress.

Bunnings December

Can you let us know if you're available to help on Saturday 19 December, when we do our final Bunnings Sizzle for this year. Given that this effort goes directly to supporting the clubhouse negotiations, your help would be a valuable contribution to the future of the club. Given also that it's the Saturday before Christmas you can kill two birds: the last minute shopping for the left-handed twoddle-strut lubrication-fuser that you want to find under the tree, and helping us to cope with the onslaught that we hope will happen.

If you can help with a few hours, drop a note to education@ddrci.org.au so that we can start to build a roster. That would be huge.

Other info

We're always available to you help **gain or upgrade your amateur radio licence**. The club has four fully accredited licence assessors and we love passing on knowledge. Once we have a permanent home we'll schedule regular training and licence testing, but meanwhile we're happy to discuss an on-demand date to fit around mutual availability. In other words: just ask and we can agree dates and times! :-)) Send an email to education@ddrci.org.au to trigger the process.

And **in governance news**: the Department of Fair Trading has approved the constitution updates that were passed at the AGM, so we're on track to obtain Charity status for the club.

Membership

A quick word. If you haven't renewed your membership this year, then could you take this as a friendly reminder to renew now (it will take less than five minutes) or send an email if you'd like to discuss what we can do to help convince you? More members means that our discussions with potential government and corporate supporters are more convincing. And we're about to chase some grants. Please give us your support.

Club VK4WID nets

80m net every Saturday at 1930 AEST on 3.650 ± QRM

2m net every Sunday at 1000 AEST on VK4RDD 146.750 91.5Hz CTCSS or [Echolink](#)

Stay in touch

That's the roundup of what's in the near future. Remember that we try to keep the website homepage as our real source of truth and activity, so go there if you want to know what's happening. And let's catch up at the meeting on Monday.

All the best.

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