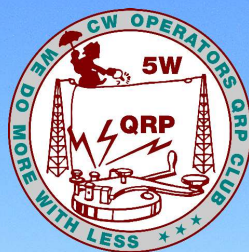


THE VK QRP CLUB

All About Us

Promoting the use of all modes of low power communication and homebrewing in the Amateur radio service for 39 years 1983 to 2022



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TNX John VK5ET #554, pictured operating in Eyre Peninsula, Australia

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THE VK QRP CLUB

CW OPERATORS' QRP CLUB Inc.

Our Club was founded by **Len O'Donnell VK5ZF (Member #1, sk)** of Richmond, South Australia in December 1983. Three months later the first issue of the Club's quarterly journal 'Lo-Key' was published.

Previously, the VK CW QRP Club, a club promoting CW and low power levels and founded by **Jack Swiney VK6JS (sk)**, had existed in Australia. The CW Ops club became an incorporated association in 1993.

We honour five Life Members:

Kevin Zietz VK5AKZ # 43,
Ian Godsil VK3JS #112,
Drew Diamond VK3XU #49,
Don Callow VK5AIL & Malcolm Haskard VK5BA #8.

Despite our name we are and have always been an 'all modes' QRP club.

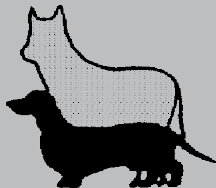
For our purposes (CW) QRP power level normally means no more than 5 watts output power to the antenna. The limit for QRPp is 1 watt.

QRP calling frequencies include (kHz):

1815 3530 7028
10106 14060 21060
28060 & try 7.050

In Amateur Radio/QRP as in many other endeavours:

IT'S NOT THE AMOUNT OF DOG IN THE FIGHT THAT COUNTS,



IT'S THE AMOUNT OF FIGHT IN THE DOG !

You will find membership a 'plus' if you are interested in **QRP using any available mode, not just CW, or homebrewing.** You don't have to be an 'expert' - beginners and SWL's are welcome and are well catered for.

Although most of us are VK calls or SWLs, we have had many DX members, including G's, K's, W's and ZL's. Our numbers have grown and we now have about 240 currently on our list. Our policy varies from some other similar clubs in that we only count current financial members.

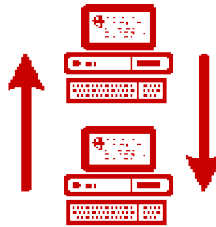
We have friendly links with other clubs in the worldwide community of QRP and CW, including the G-QRP Club and The First Class C.W. Operators' Club (both UK based), QRP ARCI, the Michigan QRP Club and the St. Louis QRP Society (USA based) and the OK QRP Club (Czech Republic).

You can enjoy the Club in any way that suits you. If you wish to do no more than read each issue of Lo-Key, that's fine by us. And you may be active 'on air' or with the soldering iron, or both.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

IT'S SIMPLE ! Just fill out the form on the back of this brochure or download another from the Internet (see web address URL below) and send one year's subscription - there is no additional joining fee. Overseas members can email us for Paypal details.

Your details will then be added to our Membership Register and you will be on the list for Lo-Key. You will be sent a New Member's Pack including a membership list (callsigns with general location only), so you can easily tell if the operator at the other end of a QSO is also a CW Ops Club Member.



Find our home page on the Web:
<http://www.vkqrpclub.org>
Our webmaster is **Terry Dawson VK2KTJ**
(contact details in Lo-Key)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

AU\$15 VK
AU\$16 Asia-Pacific DX
AU\$18 Rest-of-World DX
(Based on postal zones.
See application form)

High amount of dedication from our volunteers gives low cost to you!

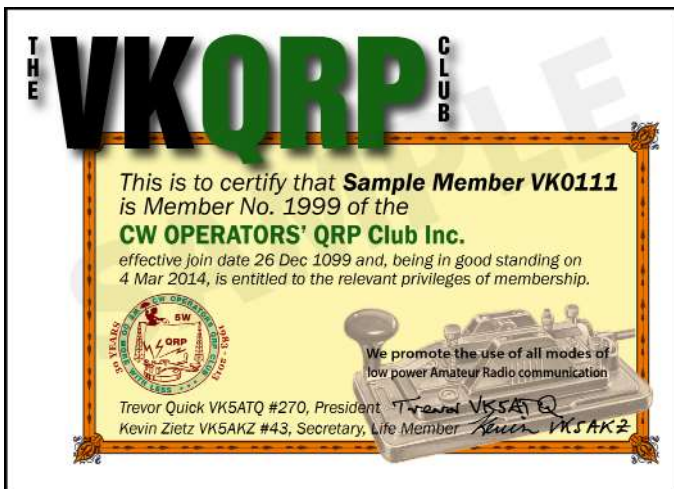
You can pay more than one year in advance if you wish and so protect yourself from any future increases, which are rare.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Council Members are able to take part in the formal business of the club (such as voting), in accordance with our rules.

Normally it is an option available after 1 year of Ordinary membership. A slightly higher subscription may apply.

Refer to Treasurer/Secretary for additional information.



Club membership certificate (sample illustrated) 5" x 7" or 127 x 178 mm

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ACTIVITIES

LO-KEY

The main communication between members - other than on air - is our quarterly technical journal Lo-Key, edited by **Terry Dawson VK2KTJ #811**. This contains articles - circuits - projects - operating experiences & tips from members, along with items on other Club activities. It has now been published since March 1984 and is a wonderful resource, especially for home brewers.

CONTESTS

Our major contest event is a **QRP Day** held in August or September each year, with sections for various modes of operation including SSB, CW & PSK31.

A new short contest **QRP Hours** has replaced the previous short CW/QRP contests called **Scrambles**. Details are published in Lo-Key.

Details of current contests are available from Contests Manager **Andrew Davis VK1DA/VK2UH #818** (contact details in Lo-Key). Placegetters receive specially printed Club Achievement certificates.

We also encourage members to participate in on-air events run by W.I.A. and Amateur Radio clubs.

AWARDS

Milliwatts Per Kilometre Award (MPK Award) certificates are awarded to those who '**do more with less**' by using low power to work long distances.

The **10 Day QSO Award** has recently been introduced to promote QRP CW operation.

Details of current awards are available from Awards Manager **Doug Jackson VK1DJ/ZDJ** (contact details in Lo-Key) and are also posted on our Club website.

The **Max Brunger Awards for Best Technical Articles** are annual awards for articles published in Lo-Key, with Open and Test Equipment sections.


These are presented in memory of **Max VK5OS** (Member #2) who became a Silent Key in 1991 while occupying the position of Club Organiser (now entitled President). Max particularly loved building and experimenting with test gear and spending time on our Club nets.

MILLIWATTS PER KILOMETER AWARD

~~ Certificate # 123 ~~


The VK QRP Club


(CW Operators' QRP Club)





First/Last Name Call
CW Mode - Section A QSO
On the 80 M Band 3.050 MHZ
With: other Station - Call
At: Other Station Location
City, Country
Power 999 mW Distance 9,999 KM
9.99 Mw Per KM 9.999 KM/mW

QSO Date: 20th March, 2011
UTC Time: 2345 Hrs





75. Jarry Cottle
VK2YA #121
Awards Manager



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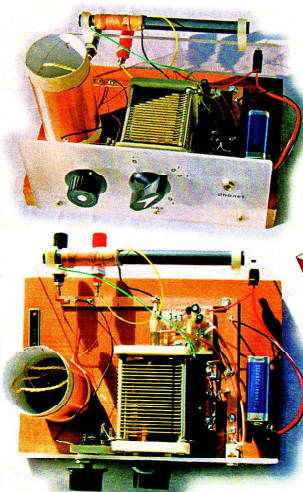
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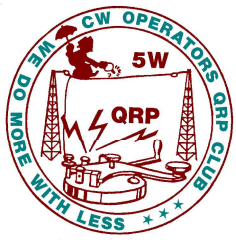
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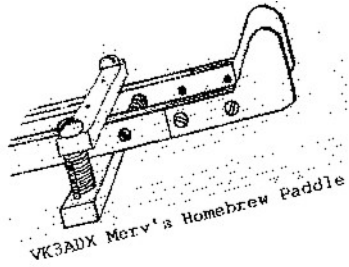
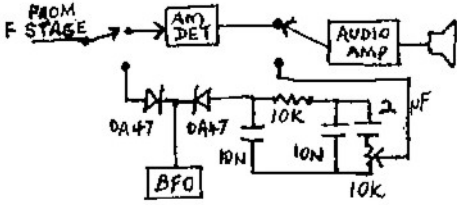
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BITS-N-KITS SERVICE
Don VK5AIL operates a components supply service (no kits at present) for Club Members only. It comprises a range of components of use to the 'Home Brewer'. You can also obtain at low cost past issues of Lo-Key which is a very useful source of information and circuits for home brewers. Go to the Club website and browse the index of Lo-Key articles in the general information document. Download from our website a catalogue/price list which also gives the ordering procedure.

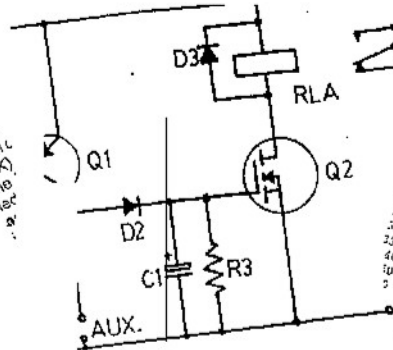
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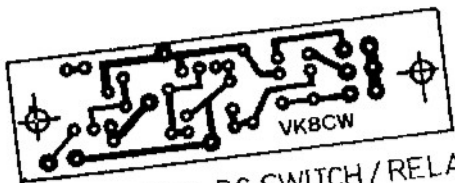
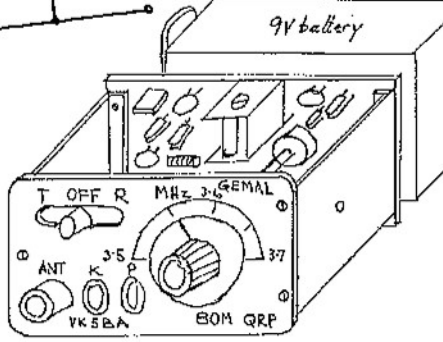
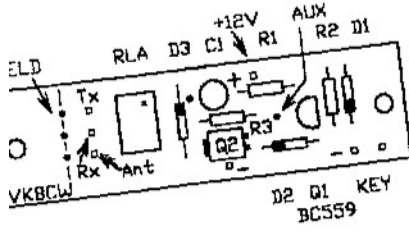


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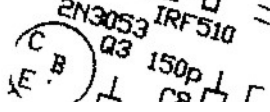
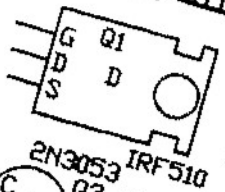
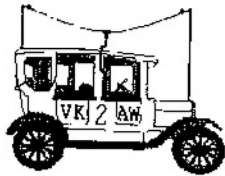
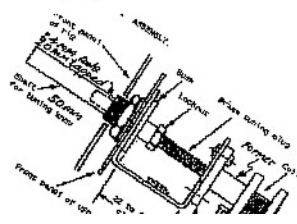
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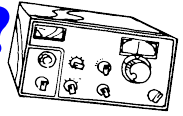
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INTERESTED IN JOINING US ?



We hope you now have an appreciation of the scope of activities of the VK QRP CLUB (**CW Operators' QRP Club Inc.**).

In each issue of our journal **Lo-Key** we include technical items on QRP and related equipment and we encourage members to make their own gear. Many articles are written with the inexperienced builder in mind - as are the instructions with the Club's kits.

We promote the use of all modes of Amateur Radio communication at low powers. Over 30 years ago our club started mainly as a CW QRP club and to this day many members still enjoy some combination of QRP, homebrewing and CW, a combination of skills that have been part of Amateur Radio since its inception.

Using low power and homebrewing our own equipment gives QRP'ers a great feeling of achievement. And it gives us a direction and purpose in holding an Amateur Licence and enjoying our hobby.

We are saying to Amateurs that you can enjoy your hobby just as much as at present - in fact more - without having to spend thousands of dollars.

Would you like to join us in putting the AMATEUR back into Amateur Radio?

Would you like to use more of the Amateur skills you have acquired?

Would you like to become enthusiastic about your hobby again?

If so, why don't you join us ?

Please post this application to:

Kevin Zietz VK5AKZ
Treasurer, CW Ops QRP Club
P.O. Box 1018
PASADENA SA 5042
Australia (Please print data)

I apply for Ordinary Membership of the CW Operators' QRP Club Inc.

Enclosed is the annual membership fee of VK AU\$15, Asia-Pacific AU\$16 or Rest-of-World (incl. USA & Europe) DX AU\$18. (Council Membership - See p.3.)

I agree to these details being held on the Club's data base and name, callsign & city or general location being published. (We do not publish details: house number or street name.)

I DO want CW Ops occasional emails of interest. *If not, insert the word 'NOT'.*

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

CALLSIGN

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

SPONSOR

You will receive a New Member's Pack and a Membership number. Subs are due on 1st Jan each year. If you joined on a different date we will adjust the amount on your next annual subs account. A receipt will be given only if you ask when making a payment.

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