

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1999

1999 was a good year for the club, the key items of which were probably an increase in membership, the club visit to the Dayton Hamvention and the donation of a good quantity of gear.

As far as our premises here are concerned, the main improvement has been the acquisition and ultimately successful installation of the new projector which is capable of displaying both computer and video output.

A number of new members joined us and have continued to do so since the end of the year. In part this may have been due to the mail out that we did in the middle of last year which also resulted in the donation of a substantial quantity of gear from Milton Moore and a beam antenna from Michel Kostevic.

Some of the gear from Milton was kept by the club but the bulk was disposed of at an auction conducted by Eddie, VK2BEH, at the August meeting. This raised over \$300 to augment our funds.

Relatively few meetings had formal speakers again in part due to low attendance, but this should improve with the increasing number of members. Project days continued to be patronised and our thanks must go to Eric, VK2KUR, and Mark, VK2YZA, for their contribution on the technical side. Success in examinations, especially Morse, eluded a few members but we are proud to report that after prolonged study, our secretary got his licence at the first attempt - congratulations Michael, VK2HMR.

One of the most successful activities was the club's attendance at the Dayton Hamvention in May. Four members and two wives went and the opportunity was taken to enjoy three weeks of travelling round the eastern USA following the event.

The club again provided the control centre for WICEN's involvement in the City to Surf race and a number of our members took part. The other WICEN event to which we contributed a good number of people was the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, though this year the very heavy rain caused the race to be cancelled at the halfway stage.

Waverley contributes to WIA activities with regular attendance at the affiliated clubs' conference and having one of our members, Eric VK2KUR, as Treasurer of the NSW Branch.

Our Internet Web pages are regularly updated and have resulted in contacts from visitors as well as the sale of members and club gear. We have recorded over 1000 hits in 1999.

Our finances continue to be adequate to our modest needs, largely due to the reasonable cost of the club premises.

Maintaining the necessary records in an organisation such as ours is not a popular job, so our thanks must go Eric, VK2KUR, Raffy, VK2RF and Michael, VK2HMR for their work as Public Officer, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

After 81 years of existence as a club, we are still going strong and with additional

members this year, we hope to expand our activities to better cater to everyone's needs. Those who are new to the club may not be aware that one of our original members from 1919, Gordon Thompson, VK2AVT, is an honorary member and is still fully licensed.

The current year is well under way and looks to be one where both our activities and membership expands.

Simon, VK2UA
President