

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2000

I would remind you that although it is now April, this report refers to calendar year 2000 and does not cover more recent items.

During the year the club enjoyed its usual range of varied activities at meetings and project days. In my opinion the six main speakers at monthly meetings were extremely good and covered a number of very topical subjects including the Internet, mobile phones, a local satellite, digital TV, radio at the Olympics and digital cameras. Informal presentations were given by local members at other meetings.

Project days continued to be well attended and on one Saturday a major effort was made to clean up the outside grounds with much pruning of plants and other horticultural activities. Many members took part, but our thanks must go especially to Grant, Bruce and Jim who did sterling work on the trees. Radio related activities are more relevant to us and in that area Eric and Mark both provided their usual enormous amount of help and expertise.

Donations of gear were less than in prior years as were applicants for exams. One success was Herbie who made his novice limited call and has plans to extend in the near future.

Other activities of note included

- Attendance at the affiliated clubs conference
- Assistance at the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
- Use of the AX2000 call sign by a number of members
- Commencement of a club email group at Yahoo thanks to Binu
- Irregular but frequent morse classes run by Grant

Our help at the annual City to Surf was not called on this year.

During the year the Paddington repeaters suffered worsening interference from pagers with the result that tone input had to be fitted. Thanks to Laurie for his continuing assistance with the repeater and to Eric for designing a tone board kit for older transceivers.

Our Web pages were active and a number of sales and wants were satisfied through the flea market section. The number of hits doubled to over 2000 in comparison with the two previous years.

The low running costs of our premises have allowed us to avoid raising subs in the absence of major donations and our bank account remains healthy. Even a small club such as ours needs to perform a reasonable amount of clerical chores, including the keeping of membership records, accounts, correspondence, meeting minutes and lodging public records. These tasks have ably been performed by Eric, Michael and Raffy in their roles of public officer, secretary and treasurer.

The current year has started well with the planning of a number of new activities including the John Moyle Field Day and our first major auction.

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President