

VK7 REGIONAL NEWS BROADCAST

FOR SUNDAY 18 December 2011

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vk7regionalnews/>

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<Following the WIA National Broadcast after short break>

0930 IT IS THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2011 AND SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL LISTENERS, THIS IS THE VK7 REGIONAL NEWS BROADCAST AND IT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY VK7WI AND READ TODAY BY PETER, VK7PD.

THIS BROADCAST UTILISES REPEATERS AROUND VK7 THANKS TO MIKE VK7MH, TONY VK7AX, TONY VK7YBG, AND THE FOLLOWING HF REBROADCAST STATIONS:

ON 3.570 MHZ BY BILL, VK7ZK

ON 7.140 MHZ BY RICHARD, VK7RO

ON 14.130 MHZ BY JACK, VK7IL

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JACK AND HARRY VK7AR

AND ON 28.525 MHZ BY GRAHAM, VK7ZGK

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## BROADCAST News

Thank You

A milestone is about to be reached with both Harry VK7AR and Jack VK7IL having a well earned rest from rebroadcasting on 14.130MHz in 2012.

Harry mentioned he has been doing it for well over 15 years!

A great big thank you to both Harry and Jack for their dedication and time to rebroadcast on 20m each Sunday. We will miss you guys!

A thank you to Garry VK7JGD who has come forward to fill a 20m broadcast slot when he is not rebroadcasting on 80 or 40m!

If you listen to the broadcast on a repeater and have HF re-broadcasting capability on 14.130MHz and would be prepared to undertake a rebroadcast once a month then Justin VK7TW would like to hear from you. We even have designs for patch boxes between VHF Rx and HF Tx.

You can contact Justin at email vk7tw@... or call him on 0439 016 622.

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## Christmas Broadcasts

There will certainly be a Christmas day VK7 Regional News broadcast thanks to Mike VK7FB and the repeater operators around the state.

We are giving the HF re-broadcast stations a break so the WIA and VK7 Regional News broadcasts will only be heard on the usual 2m repeaters in the South, North and North West. In the NW the broadcast will be heard on VK7RMD only.

This year we are doing something a little different and calling on radio amateurs around the state to email through their Christmas greeting to vk7tw@... for playing next week on the Christmas Day broadcast.

Look forward to hearing from you with your Christmas greeting for next week's broadcast.

(73, Justin, VK7TW, VK7 Regional News Broadcast Coordinator)

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#### VK7 EVENTS CALENDAR

A summary of the events across VK7 over the coming months:

REAST – December 21 & 28 – DATV Experimenter's Group – DATV Studio Queen's Domain from 7:30pm.

<http://reast.asn.au/atv/>

NORTH POLE – December 25 – The big boned guy in the red suit gets stuck in the chimney with his bag of nice new radio equipment and you have to call the Tasmania Fire Service to get him down...HIHI.

<http://www.noradsanta.org/en/>

REAST – January 4, 11, 18 & 25 – DATV Experimenter's Group – DATV Studio Queen's Domain from 7:30pm.

<http://reast.asn.au/atv/>

WICEN Tasmania (Sth) – January 15 – Meeting/Muster

<http://tas.wicen.org.au/>

CCARC – January 28 – Meeting – Penquin Lions Club Rooms.

<http://www.my-x15.net/ccarc>

WICEN Tasmania (Sth) – January 28 & 29 – Targa Wrest Point Communications.

<http://tas.wicen.org.au/>

NWTATVG – February 4 – Annual General Meeting and general meeting.

<http://www.vk7ax.id.au/atvgroup/>

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Non-Commercial For Sales and Wanted

For Sale

1 only Quansheng 2M Hand Held Transceiver Model TG-25AT in good condition including 'In car' charger. \$50.00

Contact Ron VK7RN on 64246366.

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Northern News

Northern Tasmanian Amateur Radio Club

[www.ntarc.net](http://www.ntarc.net)

### 2012 Membership fees

A reminder, or if you were not listening over recent weeks, your first advice to the effect that our membership subscriptions have increased. The fees for 2012 will see a single membership increase to \$25.00.

Family membership remains an additional \$5 for each additional member of the family that the primary member wishes to add to his or her \$25 membership.

This is the first increase in membership fees since the club was formed in 2004 and reflects the fact that our costs have increased since those days. We have also incurred new costs, including our largest single budget item, the Mt Barrow site fee, which was \$1022.44 in 2011.

The new fee is also in line with that charged by the other VK7 clubs.

Members can expect to receive a renewal notice in the mail within coming days. Could we please ask that members pay their renewal subscription as soon as possible as this will enable the incoming Committee to finalise the annual budget soon after the AGM in February. Our thanks to those who have already paid in advance of receiving their notification.

For any listener not currently a member of NTARC but wishing to join, especially to assist in maintaining what is surely the most outstanding repeater network in VK, a membership application can be found on the club's website [www.ntarc.net](http://www.ntarc.net)

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#### Welcome to new members

NTARC welcomes its two new members, Lewis Legarto VK3FLPL who has relocated to Launceston and Brendan Smith. We also congratulate Brendan on passing his Foundation Licence assessment last week. We understand that Brendan has requested VK7FESQ as his call, so we look forward to hearing him on air soon, hopefully before the WIA and ACMA close for the Christmas break.

Please make Lewis and Brendan welcome by coming back to them if you hear them on air and introduce yourself.

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#### Birthday Wishes

NTARC extends its best wishes to long time member Ian VK7IH, who reached his 50th birthday on Friday, 16 December 2011. Happy Birthday Ian and no, we don't know how you managed to make the milestone either.

For those that don't know him, Ian is our resident paramedic and frequent crew member of the Flying Doctor air ambulance service operating out of Launceston Airport.

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#### Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting for NTARC will take place on 8 February 2012 at the Skills Institute Alanvale, commencing at 7.30pm. As usual, we expect that the AGM will be followed by a general meeting. More details on that meeting's topic will be given on future broadcasts.

All office holder and committee positions fall vacant at the AGM. We will therefore be looking for nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee member. We will also need a member to serve as Public Officer.

We ask that all members give some serious thought to who they would like to see running Club affairs in the coming 12 months, including the possibility that they might themselves step forward in 2012.

Members are reminded that they will need to have paid their 2012 subscription before being able to vote at the Annual General meeting.

We will also be holding a raffle at the meeting so once again we ask for your support by renewing your membership and bringing along your small change to buy raffle tickets. These are our major fund raising sources and go to keeping your club running, including keeping our repeaters in first class working order for the benefit of all amateurs.

The raffle prize for the AGM has been donated by Geoff Wells and it is a bottle of red wine from his St Helens vineyard. Having enjoyed some samples at the recent Myrtle Park Christmas BBQ, I can assure you it is very nice.

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#### Callbooks

Our supply of 25 Callbooks has arrived and is currently with our Treasurer, Idris VK7ZIR for distribution.

As in the past, preference is given to NTARC members and payment is strictly COD. We expect that our stock will soon be sold out. Once gone we will not be ordering more, so the suggestion is to get in early.

We suggest that you let Idris VK7ZIR know of your interest in getting a 2012 Callbook as soon as possible. This can be done via the NTARC website.

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## Myrtle Park Report

Our yearly pilgrimage to Myrtle Park on 14 December for the open fire and barbeque was another great night. A total of 20 members attended and a number of those brought along their partners. Three couples, two individuals and two dogs camped overnight, after the event.

Early arrivals were able to enjoy a warm and sunny afternoon but by the time the bulk of the gang had arrived, it had clouded over and rain again looked likely. The fire was quickly lit and we all huddled around it to warm up. To our surprise though, only a few isolated spots of rain were felt before the skies cleared considerably and the evening became quite mild.

Barry VK7BE arrived early and immediately began fishing, no doubt hoping to steal an early break on Joe VK7JG, who had earlier that day been climbing mountains with Al VK7AN. That proved a forlorn hope. Soon after his arrival and with his usual speed, Joe soon worked his way through his fly gear and a soft plastic lure, before switching to a worm. He was rapidly rewarded with the first and only catch of the evening, a nice brook trout. Unlike some hooked in previous years, this one was of legal bag size too.

With the fish safely landed and the hook removed, Barry had no option but to hand over the NTARC Slippery Trout award for 2011 to Joe. Joe in turn handed over the fish to Brian VK7KBE, who announced that it would feature on his breakfast menu the following morning.

The beautiful wooden handmade raffle prizes provided by Max VK7KY were won by Bill VK7MX – well, all except the unique Huon Pine "priest", a weighted device for despatching trout, so I'm told. Flushed with his success in winning back the Slippery Trout award, Joe announced that he simply had to have the priest and asked that he be allowed to buy it, ahead of the raffle. This was eventually agreed by those Committee members present, who in the interest of the prevailing Christmas spirit, also allowed Joe to enter an I.O.U. for the amount involved.

At that point, Bill suggested to Joe that he might be a little upset if the winning ticket proved to be that of VK7JG. As it turned out, VK7MX was the winning ticket, so Bill rubbed a little salt into the wound by assuring Joe that he would have given him the prize, had it still been part of the prize.

Our thanks to Max for his generosity and skills in producing raffle prizes for the event. Max of course also produced the Slippery Trout award, a hand-carved Huon Pine perpetual trophy that is named in his honour.

Once again Kay, XYL of Peter VK7KPC produced her usual mountain of jelly cakes, truffles and other Christmas delights for all to enjoy. This year she was joined by Lorraine, XYL of VK7KTN, who produced some very nice cheese cake squares, which also went down a treat. Many thanks to Kay and Lorraine and also to their respective other halves for not devouring the goodies before their arrival at Myrtle Park.

All in all, a really tremendous night and a fitting conclusion to the NTARC year. It augurs well for the 2012 event, when hopefully some of the regular attendees, unavoidably absent this year, will again be with us.

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#### Education and Training

At this time, NTARC has no formal classes planned although, as always, that situation would be reviewed in the light of demand.

In the meantime individual licence training sessions and assessments can be arranged by contacting either our Learning Facilitator Idris VK7ZIR or our Education Officer Peter VK7PD, who is also the appointed WIA Assessor here in the north, through the club website at [www.ntarc.net](http://www.ntarc.net).

So, to any of our listeners who may be thinking of embarking on a Foundation licence, or to any of our Foundation or Standard licence holders who would like to upgrade to the next level, we remind you that Idris and Peter are eager to hear from you.

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## Coffee Mornings

A note to all our members that attend our informal coffee mornings each Monday and Friday at Friends Cafe, in Jimmy's complex of Charles Street, Launceston. Our hosts Wilma and Gary have advised us they plan to close on Friday 23 December but will re-open on Monday 16 January 2012, in time for our first coffee morning of 2012. So if you need a coffee fix in that period you will need to locate another venue.

Our thanks to Wilma and Gary for again allowing our use of their Cafe in 2011.

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## Finally

A further reminder that if any of the NTARC members have any items of news they would like added to the Sunday broadcast, they should please contact Yvonne VK7FYM at ypmaxwell@... or via the NTARC website. As previously mentioned, we really urge all members to get involved in club activity and come forward with any news items, no matter how insignificant they may appear.

Similarly, Yvonne would be grateful for any suggestions for possible meeting topics in 2012.

From all at NTARC, we extend season's greetings to all listeners and hope you enjoy a safe festive season and a prosperous new year.

(73, Yvonne, NTARC Inc. Secretary)

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North West News

Cradle Coast Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.my-x15.net/ccarc>

Callbooks

Mike VK7MH has received a shipment of callbooks and would like to hear from members of CCARC who would like to purchase a 2012 Callbook.

Please contact Mike on phone: 6425 6380.

Thanks

(Mike 7MH)

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North West Tasmanian ATV Group (NWTATVG)

<http://www.vk7ax.id.au/atvgroup/>

Meeting Advice

The next meeting of the NWT-ATV Group will be on the 4th. February 2012. Members please note, this will be the AGM followed by a general meeting.

As per the Club rules, all positions on the executive will fall vacant at this meeting. If members are interested in taking up a position on the executive committee, then please contact the Club for a Nomination form.

Members should also note that renewal of membership falls due on the 1st. January 2012. We are pleased to advise that there will be NO change to the Club Membership fee for 2012.

If you are not a member of this very friendly Club, and would like to join, then please advise the Club and we will see what we can do to accommodate your request.

Contact information can be found on the WIA Website under Clubs.

<http://www.vk7ax.id.au/atvgroup/>

73's until next time

(Tony VK7AX, President - North West Tas. ATV Group)

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Southern News

Radio and Electronics Association of Southern Tasmania Inc.

<http://reast.asn.au/>

REAST News

Over the summer festive season REAST is anything but winding down for a siesta. There is plenty happening around the club which shows just how vibrant and alive the club is. When we use the term "the club", sure that refers to those who are members of REAST but lets not forget the very close friends of the club who come along to support club events, presentations, help out at these events and through their input and discussion make the hobby all the more better for their input. So to all members and friends of the club, a big thank you from the committee for your continued support.

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### 2012 Call Books

Call books are now available. You can pick up one of these from the Caltex Moonah on the corner of Main Road and Amy Street. The RRP is \$30 but REAST members can purchase these for \$25 as a special membership price and those with WIA membership can purchase one for the listed WIA member price of \$22. Don't be too slow in grabbing yours as they are selling fast, and as they say, once they are gone they are gone!

### Foundation Manual - New Edition

The latest edition of these are now in stock also and like the call books they can be purchased from the caltex Moonah. In both cases, email [toneman@...](mailto:toneman@...) for additional info on getting your copy of a call book or a Foundation Manual.

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### DATV Nights

DATV in recess over the xmas period?? No way.... the team are pumped and have a full line up of features over this period both for live viewers/listeners and virtual viewers via the link on the website.

So on December 14, 21 and 28 as well as January 4, 11, 18 and 25th the DATV team will be putting their high quality product to air. With the nights being so pleasant at this time of year, why not come up to the Domain to watch the team in action.

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## Membership

2012 memberships are now being accepted. Membership expires at the end of December if you want to ensure you have full membership rights at the upcoming AGM. Please see the links below with the current membership info. Payment has never been easier with payment possible via online banking or at the teller of your bank.

For those friends of the club who have enjoyed interacting with the club, why not consider becoming a member. We will never hound you into membership however the invitation is there for you if you wish to take it up.

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## Summer tower erection and antenna project

Over the summer we plan on an afternoon event to erect the tower via the generous donation from VK7GK. We plan on firing up a spit roast with all the trimmings early in the arvo with a few hours of erecting the tower, topping off the day with some delicious meats and a quiet drink and chat sitting back in the afternoon sun. Date TBA but most likely around the 3rd Sunday in January.

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(Tony VK7VKT, Secretary REAST)

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REAST Training, Education & Assessment

If you are interested in participating in an examination session in 2012 then please contact our learning organiser Reg VK7KK on 0417 391 607, immediately or email on regemm@....

(73, Reg VK7KK, REAST Education Officer and Assessor)

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DATV Experimenters Night

<http://reast.asn.au/atv/>

We had a great roll-up both virtually thanks to the British Amateur TV streaming site and physically at the clubrooms.

We got underway with some show and tell that included acorn and nuvistor valves. These valves were around in the transition to transistors and were miniature versions of valves. Justin VK7TW also showed two special valves including a 60 second delay switch valve using a bimetallic strip that is heated by the filament and switches contacts 60 seconds later. These were used within telephone exchanges. Justin also showed a gas filled photo cell of the type used in projectors for the sound track that was printed onto the film.

The latest copy of Australian Sky and Telescope was then featured with an article on photometry using standard digital SLR cameras and freeware software to calibrate and analyse the raw picture from the DSLR and provide accurate magnitude maps of the sky photo.

Justin then showed the latest edition to his Morse key collection with a very nice Kent Engineering straight key with approval from our resident CW operator Richard VK7RO.

Our video presentation was the professionally produced video from the 8th Regional 3 ARDF (or Amateur Radio Direction Finding) championships held a couple of months ago in Maldon in VK3.

A big thank you to Jack Bramham VK3WWW who produced the video and was also the coordinator of the championships.

This week will be at the 80m receivers used within the ARDF championships along with some interesting videos which Jack VK3WWW sent across with the ARDF DVD, thanks Jack.

Do you realise that you do not have to be a radio amateur or need any ATV equipment to participate in the DATV Experimenter's nights!

We now stream the DATV Experimenter's nights on the internet compliments of the British Amateur Television Club. The details can be found on the email edition of the broadcast and the member stream is VK7OTC.

[http://batc.tv/ch\\_live.php?ch=5](http://batc.tv/ch_live.php?ch=5)

You can also receive the DATV signal in Hobart.

The Digital TV frequency is 446.5MHz and it is a standard DVB-T broadcast which means that many standard and high definition set-top boxes and Digital TVs may be able to tune into the broadcast.

A directional antenna pointed toward the domain with a reasonable amount of gain and a set-top box or TV that can tune 446.5MHz is all you need.

Take a look at the link on the email editions of this broadcast for a list of those Set Top Boxes that can tune the frequency.

[www.vk3rtv.com](http://www.vk3rtv.com)

We get underway on Wednesday night from 7:30pm.

See you there.

(73, Justin, VK7TW)

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Satellite New

Automated ARISsat1 Telemetry and SSTV Station

Steve VK7OO has been beavering away using his recently assembled KB9YIG 2m SDR radio, computers and software combinations to automate the reception, Doppler shift, processing and uploading the telemetry and images to his and the AMSAT website.

For more details take a look at the links on the email edition of this broadcast.

Very impressive Steve!

<http://ariss-sstv.blogspot.com/2011/12/automatic-capture-site.html>

<http://vk7oo.tasme.com/sstvsat>

(73, Justin, VK7TW)

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Humour to Finish

Scene in Canberra this year!

The Supreme Court has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene in the nation's Capital this Christmas season.

This isn't for any religious reason.

They simply have not been able to find Three Wise Men in Canberra.

A search for a Virgin continues.

There was no problem, however, finding enough donkeys to fill the stable.

(Thanks to VK7MJ for that one)

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Web & Email Edition Extra Bits!!

Ham's Night Before Christmas (thanks Chris VK7FCDW)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_9REVC4dtc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_9REVC4dtc)

Amateur radio op buys a new ham radio, wife not pleased

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7kirdtdI1c>

Radio Days Are Back Ham Radio Licenses At An All-Time High

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EST2vxIXCCs>

High Performance Software Defined Radio

<http://openhpsdr.org/>

High Definition Software Defined Radio

<http://www.hdsdr.de/>

PowerSDR

<http://openhpsdr.org/wiki/index.php?title=PowerSDR>

Genesis SDR

<http://genesisradio.com.au/GSDR/>

TV Star - Tim Allen as Radio Amateur (Thanks Hayden VK7HA)

<http://www.arrl.org/news/em-ham-radio-in-hollywood-em-comedian-tim-allen-stars-as-radio-amateur-on-new-tv-show>

Online Ham Magazines (Thanks VK3YE and VK5TM)

<http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=collection%3Aham-radio-magazine>

<http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=collection%3A73-magazine>

73 Magazine Archive Information

<http://www.qsl.net/kb9mwr/files/ham/73.html>

Does Anybody Else Feel This Way These Days?

<http://joshspecter.com/2011/12/05/does-anybody-else-feel-this-way-these-days/>

I Bet This Guy's Cubicle Is Nicer Than Yours

<http://joshspecter.com/2011/11/30/i-bet-this-guys-cubicle-is-nicer-than-yours/>

The Year's Funniest News Anchor Mistakes (inc. Australian Segment)

<http://joshspecter.com/2011/12/10/the-years-funniest-news-anchor-mistakes/>

Do you have some interesting internet sites you have come across in the last week – send them in to vk7tw@...

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VK7 Regional News Group Email Addresses

Post message: [vk7regionalnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:vk7regionalnews@yahoogroups.com)

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Unsubscribe: [vk7regionalnews-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:vk7regionalnews-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

List owner: [vk7regionalnews-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:vk7regionalnews-owner@yahoogroups.com)

Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vk7regionalnews/>

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If you are interested in becoming an amateur radio operator or upgrading your licence then we suggest you contact your local club for details and/or take a look at what the Radio and Electronics School has to offer. They have a range of courses that can be delivered through a variety of methods.

They can be found at: [www.radioelectronicschool.com](http://www.radioelectronicschool.com)

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Finally today, a reminder to those people rostered for next week's broadcasts:

Newsreader: VK7FB

Repeaters: VK7MH, VK7AX & VK7YBG

80m: No broadcast

40m: No broadcast

20m: No broadcast

10m: No broadcast

Thanks to all people and organisations who assisted with this broadcast.

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THAT CONCLUDES OUR VK7 REGIONAL NEWS BROADCAST FOR THIS WEEK.

YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO OR JUST MISSED VK7WI. NEXT WEEK THE NATIONAL WIA NEWS CAN BE HEARD AT 0900 FOLLOWED BY THE VK7 REGIONAL NEWS AT 0930 HOURS.

ITEMS FOR THE BROADCAST CAN BE EMAILED TO THE VK7 REGIONAL NEWS & BROADCAST COORDINATOR, JUSTIN VK7TW AT VK7TW@.... FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE BROADCAST CAN BE FOUND AT THE VK7 REGIONAL NEWS YAHOO GROUP

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vk7regionalnews/>

AND THE DEADLINE FOR ITEMS IS 21:00 ON FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY OF THE BROADCAST.

VK7WI IS NOW CLOSING BUT WILL REOPEN SHORTLY FOR CALLBACKS AND RELAY REPORTS. CALLBACKS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FREQUENCY TO WHICH YOU ARE LISTENING.

RELAY STATIONS WILL USE THEIR OWN CALLSIGNS DURING THE CALLBACK.

FOR THE VK7 REGIONAL NEWS IT'S GOOD MORNING FROM PETER VK7PD.