

Outcomes from WICEN (Vic) Inc Committee of Management Held on Thursday 12 May 2011



Meeting was held in the recently acquired WICEN (VIC) Meeting Room at the 1st Mont Albert Scout Hall in Surrey Park, Box Hill South. WICEN (Vic) has sole use of this room which is large enough for small group meetings and storage of items frequently accessed. It has been recarpeted, furnished with meeting tables and chairs and repainted. The Esteemed Member Honour Board and various awards received by WICEN (Vic) are displayed on the walls. Under our agreement with the Scout Group, the main hall will also be available by arrangement for larger meetings. The Secretary will be sending a letter of thanks to Amateur Radio Victoria for providing access to the ARV rooms for meetings and occasional storage needs over many years.

Attendance – VK3BAF John Kerr (State Coordinator), VK3FGC Gordon Cornell (Deputy State Coordinator), VK3ZR Mark Dods (Secretary), VK3CVF John Elliot (Ordinary Member), VK3XDE Paul Engler (ARV Nominee & Radio Officer), VK3YYF Paul Elvey (Treasurer), and VK3FR John Brown. (Minutes)

New WICEN (Vic) Website- The new website at www.vic.wicen.org.au is now operational and content is being progressively transferred from the old site. All members are encouraged to visit the site and any suggestions regarding improvements to the structure, content, etc. will be welcomed

AIMS Awareness Training Online – The Training Review Team have been asked to review and report their views as to the suitability of this Online Training for general access by WICEN members.

East Ringwood R4 D1 & 2 Monthly meeting – The meeting has now been renamed the **WICEN (Vic) Melbourne Metro meeting** and the first meeting under the new name was held earlier this month.

Radio Officer Report – Revised accommodation arrangements at Mt Macedon site now completed. Still waiting for further advice regarding Mt Buninyong site. Query re status of VK3RSG repeater to be investigated.

Data Group Report – New Data group to be invited to submit activity reports to future CoM meetings.

Emergency Management Meetings – A number of Regional/Divisional Coordinators regularly attend Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) meetings. CoM is currently obtaining updated lists of Municipal Emergency Response Officers (MERO) and local Police Emergency Response Officers so that their records can be updated with local WICEN Coordinator names and contact details.

WICEN (Vic) Training Review Update – Completed modules will be ready for release shortly. John Kerr will be contacting all Region Coordinators regarding their proposed strategies for implementation in their regions. It is planned that all members will have undertaken training/re-training in these basic modules by end November 2011. The Training Team will also conduct a review of the Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) manual.

Publicity for WICEN (External and Internal) – The need for WICEN (Vic) to raise its awareness within the community via regular media releases promoting member involvement in training events and activations was highlighted. There is also a need for CoM to provide a regular information flow to members. Early appointment of a suitably experienced Publicity Officer was considered desirable, however in the interim, VK3CVF will be contacting event commanders for the forthcoming Gippsland Stages and Mallee Rally events to obtain reports/photos suitable for publishing on the website and possible release to local newspapers. He will also contact Region/Divisional Coordinators to get reports from MEMPC meetings that have been attended.

145A/H Batteries – VK3CVF has a limited supply of these (very big and heavy) batteries. Details will be advised to members via email list.

WIA/RAVEN discussions – Assurances received in phone discussions with WIA Board members and the recent WIA release clarifying that the WIA is not moving towards setting up an Emergency Communications Network in direct competition with WICEN (Vic) have been accepted in good faith. WICEN (Vic) will encourage members to consider undertaking the WIA training and applying for accreditation.

Next Meeting of the WICEN (Vic) Inc Committee of Management (CoM) will be held on Thursday 9 June 2011. Members are encouraged to advise the Secretary secretary@vic.wicen.org.au prior to this date of any matters that they would like to place before the CoM.

The above is a précis of matters discussed at the recent CoM meeting. A full copy of the minutes will be placed on the WICEN (Vic) Website following confirmation at the next meeting.