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WIA VK3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT 2005 **Jim Linton, VK3PC**

At its meeting on 3 May, 2005, the WIA VK3 Advisory Committee reviewed its activities during the first ten months of the restructured WIA.

Highlights during that period were the holding of two very well attended meetings hosted jointly by the Advisory Committee and Amateur Radio Victoria. These were a VK3 Club Forum on 23 October 2004 at which the WIA President Michael Owen attended to address and respond to questions, and a VTAC Technical Meeting on 13 November 2004 of repeater owners and custodians.

Reports on both were widely reported and appear on the WIA VK3 Advisory website amateurradio.com.au/vac which is detailed below along with a report on the weekly broadcast.

The eight Advisory Committee members, at their meeting, also reviewed the WIA's Code of Ethical Conduct, under which they are bound in relation to their role on the Committee.

They also looked forward to the expected further development of the roles of the now eight state and territory based WIA Advisory Committees.

Webpage

A dedicated webpage was set-up for the WIA VK3 Advisory Committee. It explains the role of the Committee, includes a photo gallery and contact details. The webpage 'current activities' section has reported on the Club Forum and the VTAC meeting that were held. It also included publicity for the WIA AGM and details on the revision of the Callbook for the 2006 edition. The webpage is linked to the WIA National website and the other Advisory Committees.

Broadcast

The transmission of the VK1WIA broadcast twice on Sundays (11am and 8pm) via the VK3BWI network is proving to be very successful. While up to 30 stations check-in on the repeater session each Sunday morning the listening audience would be much larger. All are making positive comments and expressing appreciation for the VK1WIA broadcast and the VicLink mini-broadcast which follows it. In addition to the VK3BWI network, radio clubs in Ballarat, Mildura and Gippsland have been relaying both the VK1WIA and VicLink packages on Sundays, it has been aired via an Echolink Conference

Server, and rebroadcast on 2-metres on Wednesdays by the EMDRC in Melbourne. Further possible increased penetration of the broadcasts is being considered.

VicLink has a webpage at <http://www.vk3news.info/>

- Chairman, Jim Linton VK3PC.