

# **WIRELESS INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA**

## **2010 CLUB GRANTS SCHEME**

### **REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS**

The amateur radio community has continued to support the WIA's scheme of grants to provide an additional support to amateur radio clubs in Australia. This is evidenced by the enthusiasm of the clubs submitting 22 proposals for the consideration of the WIA Board and the 2010 Grant Committee.

The 2010 Grant Committee established by the Board was Kevin Johnston VK4UH (Chair), Deane Blackman VK3TX, and Bob Tait VK3XP.

Dr. Blackman withdrew from the Committee.

The Committee has completed its assessment and submitted its recommendations and comments for the consideration of the Board.

A further review was requested from one Committee member, and further recommendations submitted.

In accordance with the Rules adopted by the Board in respect of the Scheme the Board, having final responsibility for the grants, fully reviewed all applications and carefully considered the recommendations it had received.

This report has been written for the Board and adopted by the Board. In particular, the Board has paid particular attention to the Membership Percentage.

Several applications were not well prepared, some didn't fill out the application form, which is provided to guide applicants in the sort of information we need; some provided a flood of information that added nothing to the story. The Board is keen for future applicants to frame their projects around the grant criteria rather than pad out the application in order to "shoehorn" a current project into the criteria.

After examination of each application assessed against the criteria set out in the rules, the Board determined that seven Clubs will receive grants totaling \$5730.

Those clubs receiving grants are, in no order of importance are:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Amount Sought</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
Redcliffe & Districts	Building Atv Transmitter	460	400
Lockyer Valley	Purchase Wind Generator	1389	1000
Moorabbin & Districts	Purchase Portable Generator	1000	900
Rockhampton & Dist	Equip shack at historical centre	4000	1500
Radio & Electronics Southern Tas	Scholarships for license course and WIA membership	1500	1000
WICEN SA	Purchase Hi-Vis vests . Lights etc	550	430
Albury Wodonga ARC	Purchase A.R. Station for teaching purposes	650	500
	<b>TOTALS</b>	9429	5730

## **ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS**

### **The Board's assessment of each application in order of receipt:**

Project # 0 1

Title: Portable WICEN Station Bundaberg

Club Bundaberg Amateur Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: 16/34 47%

Brief Precis: Purchase 3 AR stations for WICEN

Assessment: Membership ratio less than 50%. Criteria of Promotion of Amateur Radio and Promotion of the WIA not adequately established.

Funded : No.

Project # 02

Title: Club Promotion & Training Package

Club: Midland Amateur Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: 33/52 63%

Brief Precis: Purchase of data projector to assist with training presentations.

Assessment: It was not convincingly demonstrated that the project will promote Amateur Radio or the WIA.

Funded : No

Project # 03

Title: Complete Communications Room

Club: Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club

WIA Membership: 47/91 52%

Brief Precis: Completion of building works to finish off communications room at club premises.

Assessment: Relationship of the project to the criteria not adequately established.

Funded: No

Project # 04

Title: ATV Transmitter

Club: Redcliffe and Districts Radio Club

WIA Membership: 58/98 59%

Brief Precis: Building an ATV Transmitter

Assessment: Meets the criteria, although more detail would have been useful.

Funded : Yes

Project # 05

Title: HAROA Education Facility Setup

Club: Hellenic Amateur Radio Association of Australia

WIA Membership: 11/30 37%

Brief Precis: Purchase of AV equipment for club premises in Melbourne and Sydney to establish training facilities.

Assessment: Although a project of this nature may meet the criteria for the grant, the WIA membership is far less than the minimum 50% required.

Funded: No

Project # 06

Title: The D-Star Project

Club: Ballarat Amateur Radio Group Inc

WIA Membership: 31/51 56%

Brief Precis: Purchase of a D-Star transceiver for club use.

Assessment: The application wasn't convincing that the project met the criteria. It was mostly about purchasing a radio.

Funded: No

Project # 07

Title: Project Club Room

Club: Central Goldfields Amateur Radio Club

WIA Membership: 14/38 37%

Brief Precis: Purchase of Audio/Visual equipment for training purposes.

Assessment: No criteria addressed. Application form not completed. WIA membership less than 50%

Funded: No

Project # 08

Title: VK4RIL Repeater Wind Generator

Club: Lockyer Valley Radio & Electronics Club

WIA Membership: 7/13 54%

Brief Precis: Purchase and placement of a wind generator at the local repeater site.

Assessment: This project deserves support in view of recent disaster events in the area.

Promotion of A.R. and the WIA were clearly outlined.

Funded: Yes

Project # 09

Title: Upgrade & re-establishment Adelaide 10 GHz beacon

Club: Amateur Radio Experimenters Group Inc

WIA Membership: 12/17 71%

Brief Precis: Re-establish and upgrade the 10 GHz beacon in Adelaide.

Assessment: Criteria neither addressed nor met. Application form not completed.

Funded: No

Project # 10

Title: Cooling and Heating

Club: Moorabbin and District Radio Club

WIA Membership: 35/61 57%

Brief Precis: Purchase and install reverse cycle air conditioning in club rooms.

Assessment: Criteria not met. Recommended that funding for such projects be sought from other sources.

Funded: No

Project # 11

Title: Emergency and Field Power Generation

Club: Moorabbin and District Radio Club

WIA Membership: 31/65 57%

Brief Precis: Purchase of a portable generator to provide power for field and emergency operation.

Assessment: Criteria were met.

Funded: Yes

Project # 12

Title: Log Periodic Tower Project

Club: Ipswich & District Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: 17/31 55%

Brief Precis: Purchase of a rotator for a club tower/antenna project

Assessment: Didn't meet the criteria

Funded : No

Project # 13

Title: VK4CHV Capricorn Heritage Village Radio Museum

Club: Rockhampton & District Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: 28/40 70%

Brief Precis: Establish a working Amateur Radio Shack as part of the radio museum

Assessment: This project met both criteria, and will expose the visiting public to Amateur Radio.

Funded: Yes

Project # 14

Title: Foundation License Scholarships in Secondary Schools

Club: Radio and Electronics Association of Southern Tasmania

WIA Membership: 58/101 57%

Brief Precis: Providing 5 scholarships for Foundation License Course, assessment, 12 months license fee, 12 month WIA membership

Assessment: A good program, both criteria met. Worthy of seeking more funding from other sources.

Funded : Yes

Project # 15

Title: Amateur Radio Promotion and publicity banner

Club Bayside District Amateur Radio Society

WIA Membership: 20/37 54%

Brief Precis: Purchase of a banner for club promotion

Assessment: Met first criteria, not quite the second.

Funded : No

Project # 16

Title: SERG Fox Hunting

Club: South East Radio Group

WIA Membership: 19/32 59%

Brief Precis: Purchase of fox-hunt equipment

Assessment: Didn't meet the criteria.

Funded : No

Project # 17

Title: Emergency Solar Panels

Club: Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club

WIA Membership: 24/55 44%

Brief Precis: Purchase of solar panels so the shack can remain on air during power cuts.

Assessment: Criteria not met. Less than 50% WIA members.

Funded : No

Project # 18

Title: Safety and Field Day Support

Club: WICEN South Australian Division

WIA Membership: 50/67 75%

Brief Precis: Purchase of hi-vis safety vest and lighting for field operations.

Assessment: Both Criteria were met, and clearly demonstrated how they will be achieved.

Funded : Yes

Project # 19

Title: Fox Hunting Equipment

Club: Melbourne Electronics and Radio Club

WIA Membership: 17/25 68%

Brief Precis: Purchase of fox-hunt gear for use in Scout and other activities.

Assessment: Didn't convincingly demonstrate that the criteria would be met, and how it would be achieved.

Funded : No

Project # 20

Title: Amateur Promotional Equipment

Club: Melbourne Electronics and Radio Club

WIA Membership: 17/25 68%

Brief Precis: Purchase of a banner, gazebo, tables, cables, shirts for promotional activities.

Assessment: On the one hand these materials may promote AR to some of the public, however the WIA needs to be promoted to Amateurs not prospective Amateurs. Criteria not really met.

Funded: No

Project # 21

Title: Scout and Guide Foundation Amateur Training

Club: Albury Wodonga Amateur Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: 30/44 68%

Brief Precis: Purchase of Amateur Radio equipment to add to the teaching program for Scouts and Guides.

Assessment: Clearly meets the first criterion, promotion of A.R. Planned promotion of the WIA is a bit passive, however club WIA membership of 68% shows success of current efforts.

Funded: Yes

Project # 22

Title: Emergency Communications Stage 2

Club: Albury Wodonga Amateur Radio Club Inc

WIA Membership: WIA Membership: 30/44 68%

Brief Precis: Purchase of repeater for mobile (trailer) installation

Assessment: Doesn't really meet the grant criteria.

Funded : No