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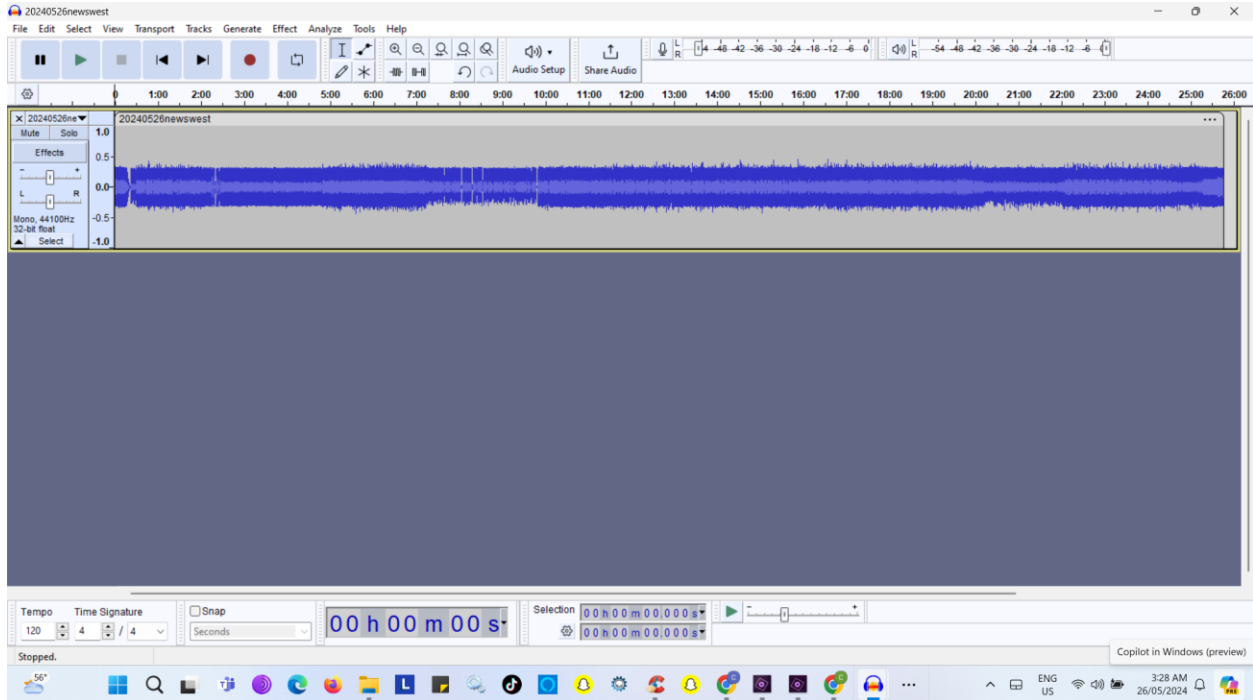
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*Hi there, I'm Clinton VK 6 SCC and welcome to News W for the 26th of May 2024 now with the show*

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*on behalf of the Committee of WWI Amateur Radio News. I'm pleased to announce that Perth Tech 2024 will be on Saturday the 21st of September and again the venue is the Giganta Recreation Club. It's too early yet to be able to give program details, however the format will be similar to previous years with on-site caravan and camper parking from Friday night. Informal activities on Friday afternoon and evening, the main programme on Saturday, followed by a sundowner for those camping over and anyone else keen to return to the site. There's a BBQ, breakfast and more informal show until activities before people pack up and return home. Sometime soon we'll be calling for expressions of interest from people wishing to make a presentation at Perth Tech, and we're open to program suggestions from the amateur radio public at this stage. Stay tuned, tell your friends, mark your calendars. Birth tech is really a weekend you shouldn't miss. Did I tell you to mark your*

calendar and set the weekend or at least the Saturday aside? Here it is again. Perth Tech is on Saturday the 21st of September with camping available from Friday afternoon through to Sunday.

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Hi, just a little note about VK 6 RG and the WAG Technical and General net having it run every Sunday morning on VK 6 RLM. That's 146 decimal 750 or channel three in the old Manny, and it starts at 10:30 AM this morning. Of course, if you're listening in the evening, it's next week.

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If you happen to listen to the right part of the 80 metre band on a Tuesday evening, you might hear something that sounds like this. The CQRS net has been running every single Tuesday for the last two years and has been under. Believably popular, there are usually half a dozen, a dozen and a couple of times up to 18 stations popping in and out when they can over the four or five hours. The aim is to encourage new CW operators to have a go at slow CW in a safe and really friendly environment. We're slow, speed and lots of mistakes are par for the course. It's all about having a go, starting with the basic call sign and RST exchange, then over time getting better and better. The net also attracts its fair share of old timers who enjoy helping others to have a go or just to enjoy the banter. So this might be just the opportunity you've been waiting for to have a go at transmitting on CW, or perhaps just to stop the contacts rusting up on your key. Doesn't matter whether you're brand new to the code or if you're an old timer who would like to have a bit of fun and help encourage new operators by having simple, safe Qsos at their speed, we'd love to have you join in. The net starts at 0900 Zulu every Tuesday on 80 metres between 3540 and three, 570 kilohertz and their stations in the West, East and in between. Listening out for your CQRS Call For more information and to receive our weekly CQRS Ragu newsletter. Contact me Mark V K6QI via my e-mail address on qrz.com or you can e-mail me direct mark dot., at icloud.com that is. MAR k.b.osma@icloud.com Too much switch mode power supply hash on 80 metres. This might be the incentive to do something about it with the cheap noise canceller costing less than \$100.80 metres. Could be easier than you think. So once again, Tuesdays from 0900 Zulu until late between 3540 kilohertz and three 570 kilohertz. Cheers from Mark the key two Ki and VK 6 Qi

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\*\*\* news for the 19th of May 2024. G'day from WARG. Sometime ago now I said we've got news for you and yeah we do. We've been trying to get some things done and we're getting there as usual, slowly. But in the background, we've been listening to some of our members who are asking for activities, talks and more access to WAG. We not only have

the WAG e-mail reflector and the website at [www.wrg.org](http://www.wrg.org) dot AU and of course the technical and general net each week on Channel 3, that's 146750 or 6. Our LM 10:30 Sunday morning, but we've also got a Facebook page and at the end of last year, we reinvestigated the tech talks and we've had a number of them from Robin VK 6X RE and we're going to have an activities night in the next few months. More on that in coming weeks, so stay tuned. This past month was the wage AGM. Stay with me here. We've seen a little bit of a shake up on council, not too big a change, but there's a couple of new faces on council and some changes in the jobs being done. Sorry peeps but you still got stuck with me as promotions officer lol. That's right. I mean, right? OK. Anyway, the past president Anthony VK 6X B has stepped aside to become the secretary this year and Matt VK 6 ML has stepped up to the top job to Rev up WAG and get us up to speed. We also welcome Adam VK 6 XR to the Treasury Bench as we say thanks for your three years to Carsten VK 6 PCB who had to step aside because of the Constitution saying only three years in any one position. But he is still on council. The WAG technical officer is still column VK 680 T and Barry, 6 SP has. Signed as Vice President and occasionally merchancy for the technology. Fi can't make it like last week. I was just too shattered post two days with only one hour of sleep. Eurovision. Enough said. I'll be back after Ono with more work news, so stay tuned.

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Hello from Dennis VK 6A row for the WA VHF group Incorporated. 2 items from the group today. RTY listeners may. Our encouragement to use RTT wide by establishing 2 evening Nets per week, 1 using 2m simplex on Tuesday evenings and the other using the three linked repeaters installed by Mitch VK 6 XB using FM on 70 centimeters. Well they are back thanks to Dave VK 6 KV who began hosting them on Wednesday evenings from 2000 hours lol. Cool Time Dive has some commitments that might prevent him from being on air consistently, but anyone who has an interest in RTY can advertise on WI Habs for example and go on air. I shall try to join in too. Now please mark your diary for some special events. Three garage sales to help rehome the extensive electronics collection of group founder Wally House, VK 6 KZ Silent Key. Please mark your Diaries for June the 1st, the 15th and the 22nd. Details will be posted to club members and on W Hams, but you can also e-mail me for the address. My e-mail is [inqrz.com](mailto:inqrz.com) and on our WHF group Facebook page. These garage sales will run from 11:00 until 1400 hours local time each day. Items include rings and many other modules, electronics, kits, components, and a significant quantity of aluminium and steel. While he was a prolific experimenter and competent builder of chassis, cabinets, etc. Club members will be available to suggest reasonable prices. It all needs to be rehomed by the end of June as the house is being sold. Gold coin donations will apply for many of the goods proceeds to Walley's estate. One large item that may interest you a C band dish rotator and LMB which will need some person power to liberate from its cemented in place mounting pole in the back lawn. That could be a busy bee all of

*its own. Please contact me if you think this has a place in your antenna firm. Until next time. 73 from Dennis VK 6 AKR for the WAVY HF group. Thanks for listening.*

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*Time is passing quickly and as the sun doesn't stop rising and setting, it's time to dust off your calendars, grab a permanent marker and write it in. The NCG Ham Fest is on again come August 25th, 2024. You won't be sure. Price to find the event at the Seal Jackson Rec Centre at the end of Fisher St. in Bassendean. What else do we love about Hamfests? The raffle. This year the raffle will have 4 prizes and Andrews Communication voucher worth \$2000, a Yaesu FTM 300 six \$199, a Yaesu FT70DR with \$299 and if Yasuo isn't your brand, there's \$100 voucher from Horizon Antennas. Tickets are \$5 per entry, available for sale across NSW, the NT, Queensland, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and of course, WA. You'll have to wait another month or two for the raffle start date of the 25th of June, with the raffle ending at 12 noon on the 25th of August at the NCG Hempfest. Start saving with full details appearing on the NCRG website before the raffle starts. I'm Glenn Victor, Kilo Syrups PAW, for the Northern Corridor Radio Group 7/3.*

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*Foundations of amateur radio Over the years you've heard me utter the phrase get on air and make some noise. It's not an idle thought. The intent behind it is to start to do something, anything, and find yourself a place within the hobby of amateur radio and the community surrounding it. Since starting my weekly contribution to this community 13 years ago almost to the day, I promise this wasn't planned. You'll see why in a moment. I've been working my way through the things that take my fancy, things that are of interest to me, and hopefully you from time to time. I don't know where the next words are going to come from today. They came to me 5 minutes ago when a good friend, Collin Victor K6ETE asked me what inspires me after I revealed to him that I didn't know what I was going to talk about. That's all it took to get me rolling. There are. There are times when getting to that point takes weeks. I do research, figure out how something works, explore how it might have been tackled before, if at all, and only then I might start putting my thoughts together. Often I'll have multiple stabs at it, and if I'm lucky, sometimes something emerges that I'm astonished by. Today is much simpler than all that, since the only research required is to. To the people I've interacted with, last week I met an amateur Jess M7W Elska Mike, who was in town. Until last week. We'd never met and interacted only online. We discovered that we have a great many things in common, a joy for curiosity, exploration, technology,*

computers, and a shared belief that we can figure out how to make things work. That interaction over the course of a day continues to fuel my imagination and provides encouragement to try new things. The same is true for a friend, Eric Victor, K6BJW, who asked what they should do with the hobby after having been away for a long time with family, children, commitments and work. Just asking a few simple questions got the juices going and provided inspiration to start playing again. Another amateur was bored and claimed to have run out of things to do. A few of us started asking questions about their exposure to the hobby. Had they tried a digital mode? Had they built an antenna? Had they tried to activate a park? Or, as I have said in the past, any of the other 1000 hobbies that are embedded within the umbrella that we call Amateur Radio. Right now, I'm in the midst of working through. Actually, truth be told, I am starting OK. Actually, I've yet to start reading the online Prompted by a discussion with Jess last week, I started exploring a known gap in my knowledge. I likened it to having a lamppost in front of my face. I can see to either side, but in between. Is this post obscuring an essential piece of knowledge? How one side is connected to the other. In my case, on one side I can see the antenna, how it connects to an ADC or an analog to digital converter. On the other, I can also see how you have a series of bytes coming into your program that you can compare against what you're looking for. But the two are not quite connected, obscured by that post. I know there's a Fourier transform in there, but I don't yet grok how it's connected. Recently I discussed using an RDS or Radio Data Systems decoder called Redc, connected to RTFM, in turn connected to an RTL SDR dongle. That is, you connect an antenna to a cheap digital TV decoder tuned to an FM broadcast station and use some software to decode a digital signal. It turns out that the Pi SDR book serendipitously uses this signal path as an end to end tutorial, complete with all the code and example files to make this happen. I actually read the chapter, but it's assuming some knowledge that I don't yet have, so I'm going to start on page one again. So what has this got to do with inspiration, you ask? Well, everything and nothing. Inspiration doesn't occur in a vacuum. It needs input. You cannot see light without it hitting something. Radio waves don't exist and cannot be detected until it hits an antenna. The same is true for inspiration. It needs to hit something. You need to react. It needs to connect. That is why I keep telling you to get on air and make some noise. I'm Honor Victor, K6FLAB Mark.

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Thanks for that honor. And now my turn to be on air making some noise. The first Monday in June is a public holiday. It's WA Day, so the June meeting of WAG is the second Monday, which will be the 10th. Now the big news. So if you've drifted off, OK, snap and back in the

room this June meeting of WAG is a bring and buy, Yeah, a previously loved stuff sale. It's not an everyday sale, OK? It's a junk sale. Because the size of the hall at Penelition Point is not overly conducive to such an event. We've moved the meeting to the first Midland Scout Hall in Bellevue now. Their hall is both easily accessible from the row highway and is a large hall, slightly larger I think, than the old Peter Hughes Scout Communications Centre at First Hillview. We used to meet at in Cannington. More details on the bring and buy in a moment. Now this could be a move of our regular meeting venue, but that's going to be up to the membership to decide. So why don't you come along to check out the venue and bring some junk to sell, or come and grab a bargain and let us know what you think of the idea of perhaps moving meetings to there on a more permanent basis. Technically it is a little cheaper and maybe easier to get to using the arterial roads network than having to fight your way through peak hour city traffic streams. Did I mention that the toilets are on the inside of the building? No OK well now I have anyway to junk sale preloved equipment. Bring and buy will start setting up at 6:00 PM for a 6:30 PM start. It will run until the meeting starts at 7:30. There will be a gold coin donation for buyers and a \$5 for sellers, but we will only charge you once. The meeting will be free as usual and unless you count a usual gold coin for the tea, coffee and biscuits available throughout the night. Your word council are trying to reinvigorate the meetings and we want your input but moreover, honestly we would like your butts on seats like we used to have 40 plus members every meeting back at the Cannington venue. So come along check out the Bellevue Institute of Engineers. 1901 Hall, which is now the longtime home of First Midland Scouts. They may even want some hams come October to run Jonah for them. Something to be thinking about. Are you free to help out a group for Jonah? But that's a topic for another time. June the 10th, 6:30 PM for the Bringham by, 7:30 for the monthly meeting. Now for your GPS #10 Helen St. Bellevue, just around the corner from the Clayton St. exit from the Row Highway. So it's reasonably easy to get to and honestly from WAG, we would love to see you there. Bring some junk, buy some junk. You know, we're all hams, we mix and match, it's all good. That's all from WAG for this week and we will see you later down the track. Of course, that could be just after the news on Channel 3146. Still small 750-1030 for the technical and general net.

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*You might notice that News West has been low. From Flint slightly and a lot of playing a lot of repeat stories, but you can help us to change that by sending your stories or contributions through to news.w@vk6.net.*

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*Hello and greetings once again. Yes, it's me, Roy VK 6X Victor. This week's helpline for the 24th of May they'll say the 24th, the 26th of May 2024. And today I have the following for you. I have a Versa tuner MFJ 3. Serial number is 0231 zero, 160 metres through 10 metres. Asking 200 DB or \$200 for that. There's an icon I see 32002 meter and 70 centimetre mobile transceiver, serial number 0116 Nine \$300.00. For that the Uniden 40 channel UHF CB set \$100 a grid dip meter 1.5 to 250 megahertz \$150.00 is a antenna Yagi antenna TH Street Junior HF 20 metres, 15 metres and 10 metre beam Hunt \$100 for only for that. It's just assembled and compete with all the elements etcetera and traps needs a little bit of TLC with rusted. Alternating replacement, but do send images if required. And you may contact Barry for all those items. His e-mail address is [bravo.juliet.burns@bigpond.com](mailto:bravo.juliet.burns@bigpond.com). I'll say again, that's bravo dot Juliet dot BURNS at bigpond.com. And that's all I have for you for this week. So thank you once again for listening. This is Roy VK 6X Victor 7/3. Until next time.*

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*The last time I looked amateur radio as a hobby and made ever. Main So although we're a hobby, what we do and how we go about it is governed to a degree by element Parliament and associated regulations. Anyone who knows and understands the regulations and the roles of the regulator, the ACMA, will know that we have tremendous freedom to pursue our hobby and our many diverse ways. The rules about what we may or may not do are contained in the LCD, and I'm not even gonna tell you what LCD means, because if you're a qualified amateur in Australia, you ought to know. The LCD is concerned with our compliance with regulatory matters and doesn't govern or dictate which activities we pursue in order to practice our hobby. Getting to the point of this story, our report Putting the week during the week concerning bullying, bullying on air and bullying online in amateur radio circles. So what's it all about? I'm told it's all about someone misinterpreting or misunderstanding the rules around the two by one contest call signs. It's about the perception that some contests are real and some are not. Some are official and some are not. There's no such thing as an official content. There's no one body or organization in Australia tasked with approving amateur radio contests. Anyone can organise and conduct an amateur radio contest. Anyone. There's no set of rules anywhere that prescribed the structure, rules and duration of an amateur radio contest. A person under the cover of anonymity some time ago laid a complaint with the ACMA over Russia's 12 month long contest, which was designed to encourage year round activity, not just the weekend. The ICMA's response was that they didn't have a role in amateur radio contest apart from pursuing any compliance should an issue arise in the ACMA update of the 15th of November 1922. The ACMI confirms that 2 by 1 combine Still signs do not have any regulatory limitations. The sector determines how and when these call signs may be used, but amateurs must accept that sometimes your perception of what's right, wrong, true or*



*false may not be accurate. Move on the hobby is big enough to all of us migrate all of us basically case 6 POP*

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*Hi there. It's Clinton VK6 FCC back with you. And did you know that news W is now on YouTube Type in.youtube.com/ at newest weekly podcast. Dash KZ7YC OHH. And before I go, I'd like to thank those watching on YouTube or TV, the readers and you for listening. I'd also like to thank our team, the broadcasters, and those submitting content each week. Please stand by and now for callbacks after the broadcast. We'll head over to the VCA six.net and fill it and fill out the form so we know how many people are listing week.*

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VK6News for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Hello from Denis VK6AKR for the WA VHF group Inc.

Two items from the group today. RTTY. Listeners may remember our encouragement to use RTTY by establishing two evening nets per week, one using 2m simplex on Tuesday evenings and the other using the three linked repeaters installed by Mitch VK6XB, using FM on 70cm.

Well they are back thanks to Dave VK6KV who began hosting them on Wednesday evenings from 20:00 hours local time. Dave has some commitments that might prevent him from being on air consistently but anyone who has an interest in RTTY can advertise on WAHAMs for example and go on air. I shall try to join it, too.

Now, please mark your diary for some special events – three Garage Sales to help re-home the extensive electronics collection of Group Founder Wally Howse VK6KZ (SK) Please mark your diaries for June the 1<sup>st</sup>, the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Details will be posted to club members and on WAHAMs but you can also email me for the address. My email is in QRZ.com and on our WA VHF Group Facebook page.

These will run from 11:00 to 14:00 local time on each day. Items include rigs and many other modules, electronics kits, components and a significant quantity of aluminium and steel. Wally was a prolific experimenter and competent builder of chassis, cabinets, etc. Club members will be available to suggest reasonable prices. It all needs to be re-homed by the end of June as the house is being sold. Gold coin donations will apply for many of the goods. Proceeds to Wally's Estate.

One large item that may interest you... a C band dish, rotator and LNB which will need some person-power to liberate from its cemented-in-place mounting pole in the back lawn. That could be a busy bee all on its own. Please contact me if you think this has a place in your antenna farm!

Until next time, 73 from Denis VK6AKR for the WA VHF Group. Thanks for listening.

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AMATEUR RADIO HELPLINE 26th MAY 2024

PLEASE Have your HELPLINE requests into me by 07:00 hrs WST Friday to be in the next broadcast

to email ; <roy.watkins@bigpond.com> or (vk6xv@gmail.com)

Contact me and keep our equipment in Amateur hands, 73 Roy. vk6xv@bigpond.com

Please enter "DISPOSALS or HELPLINE" in the subject

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Here is this weeks Amateur Radio Disposals helpline.

Hi Roy , welcome back, we all missed you.

I have the following items for sale ...

MFJ Versa Tuner 3 Ser. No. 023101 160 - 10 metres \$200.00

IC3200 144/432 mobile transceiver Ser No. 01169 \$300.00

Uniden 40 channel UHF CB \$100.00

Grid Dip Oscillator 1.5 - 250 Mhz \$150.00

TH3 Juneor HF 20/15/10 Beam \$100.00

Disembled and Complete with all elements ,traps etc.

Needs clean up and rusted bolts replaced....

Will send images of the items if required...

No change Roy in the contact numbers and email address.

73's Barrie b.j.burns@bigpond.com

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Please have your items in to me by 07:00 AM Friday

for inclusion the following Sunday broadcast.

The email address is vk6xv@bigpond.com

Don't forget YOUR phone number and email address.

Please include HELPLINE as the "SUBJECT"

Thank you.

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