

## A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Congratulations on joining the club.

We are thrilled to have you on board!

We have a highly active and friendly membership; it will not take long before you find your niche. To help you get started, please come along to our regular meetings, and join us on our regular schedules on VHF, UHF and HF bands.

## Meetings:

- Club Meetings – are held on the first Monday of each month at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We are fortunate to meet at the Redland Museum, 60 Smith Street Cleveland. The best parking is via the back door with parking on the small street on the south side of the Museum building. Call in is via the VHF Repeater VK4RDB on 146.875 MHz if needed.
- Club Coffee Meets - A Morning Coffee Meet is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road, Wellington Point, from 10:00 AM.
- Tech Nite Meetings - third Monday of each month at 7.30pm (again at the Redland Museum).
- Clubhouse Open Day – Saturday's 10am – 12pm.
- Electronics & Makers SIG Meeting - Is held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the clubhouse from 1.30pm.

We are always looking for members to give a presentation or talk to the Club on areas that are of particular interest to them, or in which they have technical experience or expertise. Take part and listen to others and even share your story!

## Club Nets: - <https://www.bdars.org.au/our-nets/>

- VHF – 2m FM Repeater, Mondays, 7:30 pm local time.
- UHF – 70cm FM Repeater, Monday - Saturday, 6:30 am local time.
- HF - 3.570 MHz Wednesdays, 7:30 pm local time.
- Wires/YSF, 70cm FM Repeater, Tuesdays 7:30 pm local time.
- FreeDMR, 70cm DV Repeater, Thursday 8:00 pm local time.

## About the Bayside District Amateur Radio Society:

BDARS is a non-profit organization run by volunteers.

BDARS commenced in 1989 and our members cover a spectrum from working families to retirees and come from varied professions.

The aim of our Society is to advance experimentation and education of Amateur Radio, Electronics and Information and Communication Technology.

We have a remote HF and VHF/UHF station for members' use, along with repeaters at our leased club site on Mt Cotton.

<https://bdars.org.au/about/>

## Special Interest Groups:

We have four Special Interest Groups: Social, DX/Radio, Digital Voice and Electronics and Makers.

- The Social Group is hosted by Geoff VK4FK and has regular Coffee meets and arranges other social events.
- The DX/Radio Group is hosted by Scott VK4MGL includes Contests, Field days, DX Nets, Antenna building and more.
- The Electronics and Makers group is hosted by David VK4ZF and looks at building projects and training.
- Digital Voice Group is hosted by Martin VK4MCU & Damien VK4MFM, it incorporates all Amateur Radio Digital Voice modes of operation.

## Member's Shop:

The Member's Shop makes bulk purchases of coax and connectors, and we pass on the savings to you.

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- Coax – high quality RG58 and 213 coax, available in lengths to suit.
- Connectors (crimp type) for coax and adapters,

BDARS members have access to the club-owned test equipment at their home stations.

The club maintains a small amount of test equipment for members to use.

This currently includes:

- An earth tester
- A Rig Expert antenna analyser.
- Crimping tool for coax connectors

Please contact the Secretary.

[secretary@bdars.org.au](mailto:secretary@bdars.org.au).

## BDARS Committee 2025/26:

If you have questions about the club, please contact any of our committee members listed below.

### President:

Martin VK4MCU [president@bdars.org.au](mailto:president@bdars.org.au)

### Vice-President:

John VK4JBE [vicepresident@bdars.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@bdars.org.au)

### Treasurer:

Geoff VK4FK [treasurer@bdars.org.au](mailto:treasurer@bdars.org.au)

### Secretary:

Martin VK4MCU [secretary@bdars.org.au](mailto:secretary@bdars.org.au)

### Committee members:

Eddie VK4TJE

## Affiliations:

BDARS is affiliated with the peak national Amateur Body, the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA). We are also affiliated with the Radio Amateur Society of Australia (RASA).

## BDARS online:

BDARS has an online presence via the web page, Online Forum, and Face book. <https://bdars.org.au/>.

Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/vk4bay/posts/>.

BDARS has a separate Forum that allows Members to discuss technical and other Amateur Radio (Ham) topics, share information and seek advice and expertise from other Members.

For new members please go to <https://forum.bdars.org.au/> and follow the instructions to register to gain access.

## Annual Fees:

The annual membership fee is \$50 per year which is payable before the Annual General Meeting, held on the first Monday of March each year. Fees can be paid via direct deposit or credit card.

## How to Join:

A membership application form can be downloaded from the BDARS website <https://www.bdars.org.au/how-do-i-join-bdars/>

Please complete and return to the Secretary. [secretary@bdars.org.au](mailto:secretary@bdars.org.au).

## Amateur Radio Examinations:

Experienced BDARS club members conduct classes and mentoring programs for new members to help them gain their radio license or for those members who wish to upgrade their license.

For information about licensing, refer to the Wireless Institute of Australia website [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au)

## Club Repeaters:

- 2m - VK4RDB FM Repeater transmits on 146.875 MHz from Mt Cotton, it has Echolink, all-star and IRLP Node 6633 available
- 70cm/1 - VK4RDB FM/DV Repeater transmits on 438.450 MHz from Mt Cotton it has Echolink and All-Star available. This is a Yaesu Digital repeater and can be used in either FM or Digital mode. (Wires X)
- 70cm/2 - VK4RDB DV Repeater transmits on 438.825 MHz DMR primary mode, Brandmeister TS1 & FreeDMR TS2, with D-Star as secondary mode.
- 70cm/3 - VK4RDB FM All-Star Repeater transmits on 439.625 MHz from Mt Cotton it has All-Star available.

## BDARS main Contact:

The secretary at [secretary@bdars.org.au](mailto:secretary@bdars.org.au).