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Repeater report as of 19/9/25

We have now applied to the ACMA via the WIA for the addition of 145.175 simplex for the APRS/Packet repeater at The Bluff. This needs to be on our VK5RMG WIA licence. The WIA pays the licence fee but I have agreed that we will pay the necessary fee for the additional work involved in getting approval from the ACMA. The reason is that the WIA is trying to drop the policy that was originally adopted of one licence per affiliated club as an interim measure some years back. It was always intended as a temporary incentive but it has continued on because I suspect no-one was game to make a fuss and get clubs off side. Anyway, I made the decision to offer to pay for the ACMA approval fee as a way of minimising the cost to the WIA as a tactical measure. I don't know what the fee is at this point in time. Grant Willis is doing the follow up for us and doing his best to keep the costs down. This is intended to encourage the WIA to keep paying for the licence fee for VK5RMG. I hope members will support my decision. If not I'll pay it myself.

As we've moved all the equipment to another tower we should also get the VK5RMG licence shifted to its new site. That way we are all legit at VK5RMG. We don't have an option to just do things without approval as the consequences for not doing it are quite severe. e.g. up to 2 years gaol or hefty fines. I don't think we should expose the committee to that danger.

The issue was brought on by Telstra asking about our frequencies in use and although I don't know why they asked we needed to be

100% approved. I advised Telstra of our frequencies and advised that we were in the process of adding the APRS device to the site. I received a thank you letter from the Telstra engineer via our secretary Col.

We are currently seeing an intermittent on the Mt Richmond transmitter. Peter and Nich have been watching this but until it fails it is a bit of guesswork as to what we should fix. In the meantime I have asked for Brian VK5VI to obtain more boards for the relay section (<\$40 all up) so we have spares to replace dicey relays on the link transmitter from V3RSW and any others that may fail. Brian is making up the boards.

Work continues on our taking over the old ETSA tower at Wilalooka. Things are looking optimistic thanks to Leith VK5FLAR. I am in the early stages of negotiating with Tatiara Council as the tower is on a road reserve. Peter and I are considering a deputation to the council to minimise site lease. I'll keep you all informed.

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