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Repeater beacon report for 18/9/26

The new link antennas for Willalooka and Naracoorte have arrived. They are very long. Peter VK5BE is arranging the supports, brackets and gizmos and he and Nick are hoping to make a trip sometime this week to at least put the Willalooka one up. This would be great to have our top end repeater back on the network. As previously advised the current link antenna at Willalooka has a very high SWR and in the interests of the link transmitter the link has been turned off. In addition, the boys plan to replace the RG213 with LDF450 heliax to further reduce losses. Despite decreasing the 2M beacon output on 144.550 we still experience some desense of the Mt Graham repeater on 146.2 due to its proximity. It can be heard keying in the background.

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