

WESTLAKES FULL NEWS 08 MARCH 2026:

Good morning. This is VK2ATZ portable with a summary of news and events for Amateur Radio Operators and Other listeners on behalf of Westlakes Amateur Radio Club Incorporated. It is Sunday the 8th day of March.

Your announcer this morning is Dan VK2GG using the club call-sign. Call-backs will be taken after the broadcast.

Westlakes news today is being relayed, as usual through DMR digital Talk Group 3802 in the VKDMR Network in order to reach a wider audience. Callbacks on DMR Will BE TAKEN.

YESTERDAY AT THE CLUB:

Another hot day at the club, and attendance was low.

The meat tray raffle was won by Paul VK2BPL – Congratulations Paul.

CLUB NAME BADGES:

SOME UNCLAIMED CLUB BADGES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION:

VK2VY Greg, VK2ECU Trevor, VK2JMH Jay.

2026 CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

A reminder that the renewal form needs to accompany your \$50 membership fee. The blank form are attached to the Email News today.

DATES:

The first Boot sale will be held on Sunday 15 March 2026 – NEXT WEEK.

THE CLUB'S GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH – NEXT SATURDAY.

THE CLUB WILL **NOT BE OPEN** ON EASTER SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, NOR SATURDAY 25th APRIL – ANZAC DAY. ALL OTHER EVENTS, NETS ETC WILL BE AS NORMAL.

MINUTES:

THE MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING ARE ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL NEWS TODAY.

NET NEWS:

The 6m NET is *on Today on* 50.150Mhz USB, with Paul VK2BPL HOSTING. Next week it will be *ON THE REPEATER* 53. 625Mhz. WE INVITE you to come and join.

LIST OF CLUB NETS:

Members and visitors are reminded that we have a number of nets available for you to enjoy. See the full list of club nets in the accompanying email.

SSTV NET:

The lineup of stations attending the SSTV Net this last week were Dan VK2GG, with Barry VK2BZ and Maurie VK2CD. Paul VK2BPL was monitoring, while Ian VK2HDZ, also monitoring, was experiencing some technical computer issues tonight. The transmitted pictures were placed on the WARC Facebook page, by Ian VK2HDZ – thanks Ian. Many others were monitoring, as we know.

The SSTV net is on the club's 146.775 VK2RTZ repeater on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm until about 9.00pm.

WICEN NEWS:

The Next WICEN MEETING will take place at Westlakes at 12md, 21 MARCH.

Club merchandise:

Caps, shirts and warm fleece jackets are in stock, plus LAST YEAR'S 60th Anniversary mugs.

See Lisa (VK2LKH) in the canteen and help support your club.

Summary Forecast

Sat 07 MAR

updated 06/2311

On UT day 7-Mar solar activity is expected to be R0 with a chance of R1. The solar wind speed is expected to be moderate. G0 geomagnetic conditions are expected. HF radio propagation conditions are expected to be mostly normal Maximum usable frequencies in the Australian region are expected to be near predicted values. S0 solar radiation storm conditions are expected.

NOTE:

If any member has any interesting or newsworthy items they may wish to add to THE NEXT news, please email DAN VK2GG:
danvk2gg@gmail.com.

Please remember the cut off time for news is 5pm the Saturday night prior to the Sunday news broadcast to be fair to those preparing and reading the news.

READING ROSTER:

MARCH ROSTER:

15 NO NEWS – CAR BOOT SALE

22 Martin VK2MPR

28 Tom VK2ABM

That brings us to the end of the news for today.

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Does anybody have any late news?

NEWS CONCERNING GREG VK2CW – GREG IS DOING WELL, RECOVERING IN HOSPITAL, WHERE HE WILL REMAIN FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR SO.

OUR CLUB:

Westlakes Amateur Club is situated at 2E York Street Teralba on the Western side of the lake. We are open from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs every Saturday.

Ian VK2HDZ and his crew maintain a fully equipped store for all those bits and pieces that any Amateur Radio Operator IS GOING TO need SOMETIME.

Ken VK2UTC maintains a limited canteen with such things as meat pies, pasties, sausage rolls, cold drinks, ice creams, and a selection of delicious, sweet pastries when available and of course unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits.

For those listeners on the VKDMR system Talk Group 3802, callbacks WILL NOW BE TAKEN.

For listeners taking this news through VK2RTZ portable 146.775:

PLEASE STAND BY FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 SECONDS WHILE THE DIGITAL NETWORK DIS-ENGAGES. [WAIT 15 SEC]

I will now take your callbacks in the following order:

Firstly,

- Distant stations only:
- Now visitors only:
- Now portables and mobiles only:
- Now fixed stations:

To those who called back we do thank you. This is VK2ATZ portable, thank you for listening and we hope you have a great week.

VK2ATZ/portable is now closed.

WESTLAKES NEWS EXTRA FOR 08 MARCH 2026:

VK / ZL Events Calendar adjusted 17 - 01 – 2026

- BARG Ballarat HAMVENTION Sun Feb. 1st (Polocrosse Club – Ballarat Airport VK3)
- Sthrn Electronics Grp BUY – SWAP – SELL Sat. 7th March (Mt Barker WA - VK6)
- Westlakes ARC CAR BOOT SALE Sunday 15th March (Teralba VK2)
- EMDRC Car Boot Sale Sunday 29th March (East Burwood VK3)
- Redcliffe & District Radio Club Saturday 11th April (VK4)
- ANTENNAPALOOZA 18th and 19th April (Drouin West VK3)
- VK SUMMIT – Amateur Radio products exhibition 2nd & 3rd May (Albury VK2)
- HAMCAMPTION 15TH - 16TH - 17TH MAY (Mayanup VK6)
- R.E.G. Inc ANNUAL EQUIPMENT SALE Sat 16th May (Hamilton – Nth Island ZL)
- AUST FOX HUNT CHAMPS 6th / 7th June (In conjunction with SERG Ann. Convention) (VK5)
- SERG ANNUAL CONVENTION Sunday 7th June Details TBA (VK5)
- BAREC BENDIGO RADIOFEST Sunday 11th October (Bendigo VK3)
- AREG ADELAIDE CAR BOOT SALE Saturday. 26th November (Kilburn VK5)

Find or post event details at Hamfests Australasia Group FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1675116319317400/>

Hit "JOIN" to stay updated

WESTLAKES CLUB NETS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

Mon, Wed, Fri	0930 HF Net	7.115 MHz
Mon, Wed, Fri	0930 D-Star Net	146.525 MHz
Tue	1930 SSTV Net	146.775 MHz
Fri	1700 Health Net	146.775 MHz
Sat	0600 Stone the Crows Net	3.588 MHz
Sat	0800 EZB Net	146.775 MHz
Sun	0800 DMR Net	TG 3802
Sun	0900 Westlakes News	146.775 MHz
Sun	0930 6metre Net	50.150 MHz USB/53.625MHz FM

WARC FACEBOOK NEWS THIS WEEK:

1/ Your Ethernet Cable Is Letting RFI Noise Leak In!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OUbzqdvD9k>

2/ Ape Answers 021: Combining Different Core Types in RF Chokes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vp-QWPxOvUg>

3/ KF8ASE RF Chokes for HAM Radio Get TESTED!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHYD4FO75Hc>

4/ PSR-100 Portable Satellite Antenna Rotator Kit

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U48wa_-epel

REPEATER FREQUENCIES:

CALLSIGN	HOST	LOCATION	TYPE	FREQUENCY	TX OFFSET	CTCSS TONE
VK2RTZ	WARC	Mt Sugarloaf	2m FM	146.775 MHz	-0.6 MHz	91.5 Hz
VK2RTZ	WARC	Mt Sugarloaf	2m FM	146.775 MHz	-0.6 MHz	91.5 Hz
VK2RUM	WARC	Mt Sugarloaf	70cm VKDMR	438.625 MHz	-7.0 MHz	DMR ID: 505035
VK2RTZ	WARC	Mt Sugarloaf	23cm FM	1273.100 MHz	+20.0 MHz	91.5 Hz
VK2RZL	WARC	Mt Arthur, Muswellbrook	70cm VKDMR	438.9375 MHz	-7.0 MHz	DMR ID:505050
VK2RNC	HUNTER	Mt Sugarloaf	2m FM	146.900 MHz	-0.6 MHz	91.5 Hz
VK2RNC	HUNTER	Mt Sugarloaf	2m FM	146.975 MHz	-0.6 MHz	91.5 Hz
VK2RNC	HUNTER	Mt Sugarloaf	70cm FM	438.025 MHz	-5.0 MHz	N/A
VK2RNC	HUNTER	Mt Sugarloaf	70cm VKDMR	438.675 MHz	-5.0 MHz	N/A
VK2RWH	WICEN	Cessnock	2m FM	147.150 MHz	0.6 MHz	123 Hz

VK2RSN NTL	WARC/HUNTER	Mt Sugarloaf	53.625	6m FM	-1.0 MHz	91.5 Hz
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