

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1996

The past year has been another successful one for the society, being the second in our permanent premises at Rose Bay. Fitting out of the clubroom under the control of Eric, VK2KUR, has resulted in improved functionality, operating and audio-visual facilities. These were used for the Scouts JOTA weekend and for the conduct of morse and theory classes. The latter, organised and run by Grant, VK2TU, resulted in a number of new calls and licence upgrades - congratulations to those successfully passing their exams.

Thanks are due to working parties, organised again by Grant, who raised funds and assisted in clearing out obsolete equipment. A number of donations of amateur and commercial gear including equipment from the estate of the late Vince Bennett, VK2BA, were welcome additions to our equipment and those of our members who converted some mobile gear to ham use.

Our regular monthly meetings were made interesting by a range of excellent speakers and were generally well attended. The paperwork necessary in an organisation such as ours was efficiently maintained by our secretary, Warwick, VK2GIZ. Project afternoons were also popular with work being done to our premises and member's rigs being repaired with the aid of knowledgeable members, especially Mark, VK2YZA.

A number of members were involved in Wicen excercises, including the City to Surf controlled by Dave, VK2TIP and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. An interesting outing to the Training Facilities at HMAS Watson was arranged by Eddie, VK2BEH.

Our bank balance, under the Treasurer, Raffy VK2KRF, is healthy and we are seeking to purchase additional training equipment. Raffy also provided the members photos for the Internet Web page maintained by Ben, VK2XUF.

The society is in good shape in all areas and we look forward to another successful year.

Simon, VK2EII