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The Periodical Newsletter of the
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Annual General Meeting 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Waikato VHF Group will be held on
Sunday, 20th March, 2016 at 1:30pm at the
Anglican Church Lounge, corner Broadway & Hohaia Street, MATAMATA.
Click [HERE](#) to go to a map of the location.

Membership forms can be found at <http://www.zl1is.info/join.html>

Non Members and visitors most welcome.

Items from February 2016 Committee Meeting:-

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It is with great sadness that we mention the passing of Des ZL1DKM.

Waihi North node of Waiplety Network

This node has a fault that is being investigated. If you can, it would be best to use other nodes until this is repaired. Now repaired.

Kaimai National System fault

A transmitter fault was fixed by Tom ZL1THG and the spare transmitter was installed.

Subs

Annual subscriptions are now due. Getting them paid before the AGM is always a favourite activity. See the AGM notice for info on where to find sub/membership forms.

Kaimai

Maintenance work will be happening at Kaimai. Painting, guy maintenance, leak repairs and work on National System Antenna to improve performance.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the WAIKATO VHF GROUP Inc. for F.Y. Ended 31 December 2015

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
	Income ...	
\$930	Subscriptions received	\$825
\$670	Donations received	\$530
\$978	Profit from Trading Table	\$187
\$37	Interest received	\$28
\$2,615		\$1,570
	Expenses ...	
\$3,737	Depreciation	\$3,207
\$0	Repairs & Maintenance	\$0
\$246	Electricity	\$226
\$740	Licence fees	\$893
\$141	Other expenses	\$291
\$4,864		\$4,617
(\$2,249)	Excess Income / Expenditure	(\$3,047)

BALANCE SHEET


<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
	Current Assets ...	
\$5,158	Bank Current Account	\$5,136
\$0	Bank Term Deposits	\$0
\$25	Cash on hand	\$0
\$170	Stock on hand	\$170
\$5,353		\$5,306
	less Current Liabilities ...	
\$0	Subscriptions received in advance	\$0
\$0	Accounts Payable at Year End	\$0
\$5,353	Working Capital	\$5,306
\$21,174	Fixed Assets	\$18,174
\$26,527	Member's Funds	\$23,480
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	Member's Funds ...	
\$28,776	Balance at previous year end	\$26,527
(\$2,249)	Excess Income / Expenditure for Financial Year	(\$3,047)
\$26,527		\$23,480
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SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION

ASSET	Original Cost	B/V at 31.12.14	+ Addns.	- Deprec. 15 %	Book Value at 31.12.15
	plus Addns / Disposals at Cost				
Tairua '6975 Repeater	2,731.66	0.00		Xfd to Branch 85 in 2011	
Waihi North '5475 Rpx & Link	11,220.65	6,521.99	25.05	982.06	5564.98
Maungakawa '5575 Rpx & Link	7,421.61	4,463.77		669.57	3794.20
TeVeraiti '695 Rpx & Links	7,569.58	3,637.26		545.59	3091.67
Kaimai Repeaters Site facilities	6,317.50	1,334.64		200.20	1134.44
Kaimai '540 Data Repeater	2,468.45	54.40		8.16	46.24
Kaimai '485 N.S. ULS Repeater	2,829.20	472.68		70.90	401.78
Kaimai 12cm Beacon	449.00	12.58		1.89	10.69
Hamilton 2m/70/23cm Beacons	315.22	37.22		5.58	31.64
Hamilton '9975 Nat. Syst.Rpx.	4,382.73	391.99		58.80	333.19
Te Uku '5675 Rpx, Links + IRLP	14,310.20	3,994.98	181.67	626.50	3550.15
Oto '465 Digipeater	450.89	214.85		32.23	182.62
TK705D 2m Transceiver	225.00	37.65		5.65	32.00
TOTALS:	60,691.69	\$21,174.01	\$206.72	\$3,207.13	\$18,173.60
Less Accumulated Depreciation	42,543.14				
Equals Book Value at 31.12.15	\$18,173.60				


I. W. Brown (Treasurer)


G. W. Petrie (Secretary)


A. J. Wallace (President)

**REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
WAIKATO VHF GROUP INCORPORATED**

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Waikato VHF Group Incorporated. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance and financial position of Waikato VHF Group Incorporated as at 31 December 2015. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out separately.

The Committee's Responsibilities

The Committee are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which fairly reflect the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2015, and the results of it's operations for the year ended 31 December 2015.

My Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the group, and report my opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

A review includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

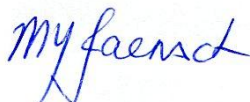
- The significant estimates and judgements made by the Group in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my review in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards in New Zealand. I planned and performed my review so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Unqualified Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements fairly reflect the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2015.

My review was completed on 25 January 2016 and my unqualified opinion is expressed at that date.



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Treasurer's Report

FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

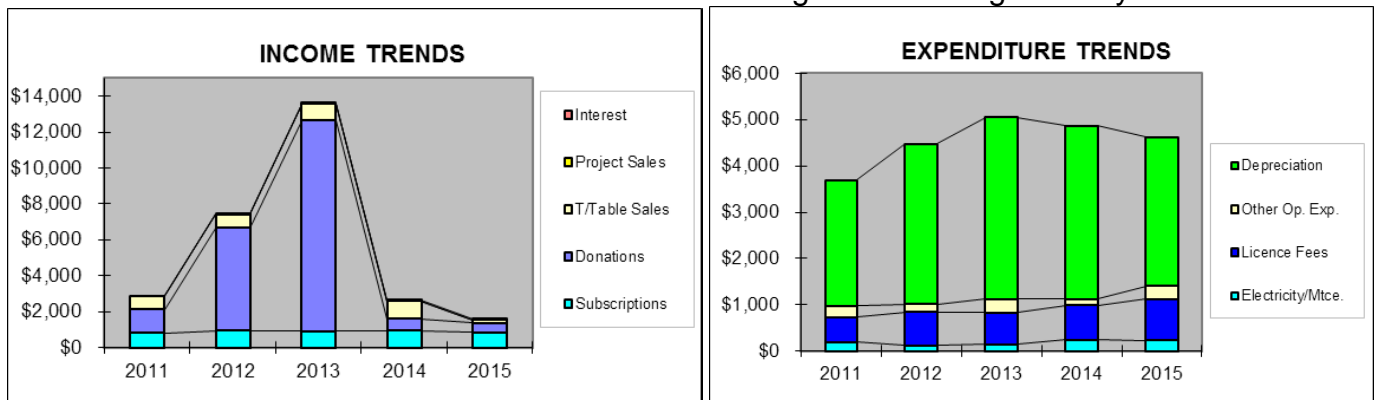
After investing \$31,100 in the **WaiPlenty 2m repeater network** up to its completion in 2014, the past twelve months has been the first in six years we've not had major capital expenditure. The biggest impact on our accounts now are radio licence fees, which last year reached \$893. At the end of 2015, Radio Spectrum Management division of Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment in a Review of Licence Fees Framework proposed changes to annual radio licence fees, which for amateur groups like ours holding fixed station radio licences, could potentially increase our fees by over 400%! Along with NZART and others, we submitted an objection to that proposal, and presently await the outcome of RSM's consultation.

Paid up **membership** fell 12% from 2014 numbers, a trend which needs to be arrested for us to continue providing services enjoyed by amateur radio operators in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty. New blood is required to balance the ageing demographic of our membership, plus spread the burden of supporting our services. **Annual subscriptions** were our main funding source last year to keep repeaters and beacons on the air. Our subscription rates remain competitive with many clubs operating fewer facilities, and we resist the need to increase subs as that can become a vicious circle. Our preference is to spread the financial burden across a larger membership, and in this respect, we look forward to all those regularly using our repeaters joining as members. Exceptional value exists in a sub costing less than 50c per week (7c per day) to support four beacons, eight repeaters and nine associated link terminals operated by the Waikato VHF Group.

Licence sponsorship / donations are another way members and individuals can assist in offsetting some of our costs. We gratefully acknowledge donations received during 2015 from 1AMW, 1GWP, 1KL, 1KIP, 1KM, 1KRH, 1MGA, 1RAB, 1REG, 1RWR, 1THG, 1TKG, 1TPH, 3DM, and 3GR/1FW. Licence sponsorships become available each year. **Trading table** sales by Kevin ZL1UJG and Tom ZL1THG added a further \$187 to our revenue.

Our independently reviewed **Financial Statement** (next page) summarises the Waikato VHF situation at the end of 2015, with the reviewers report following.

Income and expenditure over the last five years is charted below. A Lion Foundation grant in 2012 towards our Maungakawa '5575 repeater establishment costs followed by Branch 43's 2013 donation towards Waihi North '5475's establishment bulged income significantly.



Quarterly PDF **newsletters** (in colour) are emailed to members for whom we hold a current email address (where no email address is recorded, a black and white version is posted). Your details can be advised via our membership application/update form (on our web site at www.ZL1IS.info). Remember, annual **subscriptions fall due on 1 January each year**, and if you haven't contributed before, how about also considering a licence sponsorship?

Ian Brown ZL1TAT
Treasurer (since 1986)

**Radio Electronics Group Inc
Branch 89**

Annual Equipment Sale.

Saturday 21st May 2016

**Glenview Club
211 Peacocks Road Hamilton.**

**Vendors from 8.30am
Sale 10.am.**

\$20 per table or \$25 On the day.

**Plenty of good food.
Motor Home parking (\$10 per night).**

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