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## Rev Bruce Holland VK2ZAD

The Central Coast Amateur Radio Club has been made aware that long term club member **Rev Bruce Holland VK2ZAD** has become Silent Key on the 27th of January 2021, Aged 93 years. Vale Bruce. VK2ZAD. SK.

The CCARC held their first monthly general business meeting for 2021 yesterday where many topics were discussed and most importantly the 2021 Wyong Field Day.

The Clubs Executive team and field day committee has been monitoring the local health situation closely across Australia. The executive team would also like to thank members who participated in the recent survey distributed to members and provided their thoughts and insights into the operations of the day.

In light of the recent events across Australia, The executive team, with support of the club's membership has decided to postpone the Wyong Field Day scheduled for Sunday the 28th of February 2021. This was a decision that has not been taken lightly and the safety of both the club's members and those who attend the day is our number one priority. With the health situation still unstable and changing every day, it is in the best interests of all to postpone this event.

However, in light of this, The club wishes to announce the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club "Mayham" event will be held on Sunday the 30th of May 2021 at Wyong Race Course.

For the latest news and information regarding this event, please check out the club's website and social media.

Next Friday the 12th of February at 7:30 PM, Club member Adrian VK2ABS will be holding a Slow Scan Television net on the club's VK2RAG 70-centimeter 438.075 MHz

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repeater. This will be the second net that Adrian will be hosting and support from both listeners and contributors would be greatly appreciated.

The Clubs Newsletter Smoke Signals continues to deliver with some great content, Henrick VK2FTDR has been fantastic with taking on the role and the club encourages all members to give it a read each month and provide feedback to the club. Henrick is also on the prowl for content, big or small, the club would love to hear what you have been up to radio/electronics related... or even just so inclined. Even just a few sentences and a photo.

The Club wishes to advise of some temporary changes to repeater availability for a short period of time whilst maintenance is carried out. The P25 439.950 MHz mixed mode repeater, the 2 Meter 146.6375 MHz, and 70cm 438.325 MHz D-Star system is currently off the air. In the interim P25 & D-Star services will be available via the 438.875 MHz MMDVM repeater.

Speaking of Repeaters, A VK-DMR based repeater in conjunction with the ARNSW Radio Network Group is available on the Central Coast! The repeater is accessible on 438.850 MHz with a negative 7.0mhz offset with VK-DMR based talk groups.

The Club's Thursday evening net this week was hosted by Brad VK2NMZ. The evening's hot topic this week was the recent ACMA Consultation and your thoughts? A number of views were briefly spoken about, however, with many, they required more time to completely read all documents and suggestions surrounding the proposals.

Bob VK2AOR and Dave VK2KFU continue to mix it up during the week with the club's Morning Tea net. Bob will be hosting the net on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with Dave VK2KFU hosting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. with Dave's experience facilitating nets along with his own spin on "This Day in History" it is a very enjoyable net to be involved with, A huge thanks go out to Bob and Dave for running the nets, it's greatly appreciated.

Both nets are held on the VK2RAG 2 Metre repeater, 146.725Mhz with a 91.5hz sub-audible tone. Echolink & IRLP is currently unavailable due to a hardware failure but the repeater team is working on it.

You can find out more about the CCARC on the web at [ccarc.org.au](http://ccarc.org.au); or Search for Central Coast Amateur Radio Club on social media platforms to find us. Remember to give the club a "like" to follow for any updates.

***Brad VK2NMZ***

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