

# **SCARC News April 2009**

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## **WIA Membership**

If you have recently joined the Wireless Institute of Australia [WIA] please let me know as it does have cost implications for the Club. Our public liability insurance under-writers charge a fixed premium for all clubs in SA, then the Club is levied an extra \$1.48 per non-member. Our records show that of the 59 financial members, 38 are not members of the WIA. Please assist me with keeping the records up to date by letting me know, either in conversation or by email to [vk5gct@wia.org.au](mailto:vk5gct@wia.org.au).

## **Exclusive Email address for SCARC Members**

The Committee has determined that **financial** members can seek an exclusive email address through the Club. E.G. [callsign@scarc.org.au](mailto:callsign@scarc.org.au)

Please send your request for a SCARC address to [secretary@scarc.org.au](mailto:secretary@scarc.org.au)

## **Gadget[s] 'Show and Tell' Night**

The 'show and tell' night held on 4<sup>th</sup> March was in the words of one member "the best thing the club has thought of in a long while". Many and various radio related items were shown and explained including a wireless BBQ meat monitor, portable HF antennas, a giant RF sniffer visible for many metres, and various tools and items to assist in constructing/fabricating. Keep your eyes open for the next one.

## **Sea Rescue Visit** [from Morgan VK5MMM]

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March the club visited the Sea Rescue Squadron at West Beach. This was thanks to Mic VK5MIC who organized the tour and for an informative walk through of the complex. It was amazing to see how the centre works and how many call-outs they get for silly things. Mic described some of the work they do which is similar to the RAA in regards to flat batteries etc. If anyone is interested in maybe helping out as a radio operator, please give Mic a call.



## **Website Upgrade**

Work is currently underway to upgrade our website. If you have the opportunity please see [test.scarc.org.au](http://test.scarc.org.au) and let either Morgan VK5MMM or Simon VK5LNX know of any enhancements to text, layout etc. that you believe will improve it.

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