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The Periodical Newsletter of the  
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## Annual General Meeting 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Waikato VHF Group  
will be held on

**Sunday, March 24th at 1:30pm**

at the Anglican Church Lounge, on the corner of Broadway and Hohaia Streets, Matamata.

The "WaiPlenty" 2m network on 146.950, 145.675 or 145.575 MHz  
will be monitored for anyone requiring directions.

In addition to the AGM, the Group will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.  
Although the Group was established on the 16th June 1963, we considered the AGM  
was the best time to acknowledge this event.

We encourage past and present members to attend as we plan to have a group photo, a presentation on the Groups history, along with a birthday cake for afternoon tea. We would also encourage those attending to bring any old photos of group members or happenings, as well as any other memorabilia.

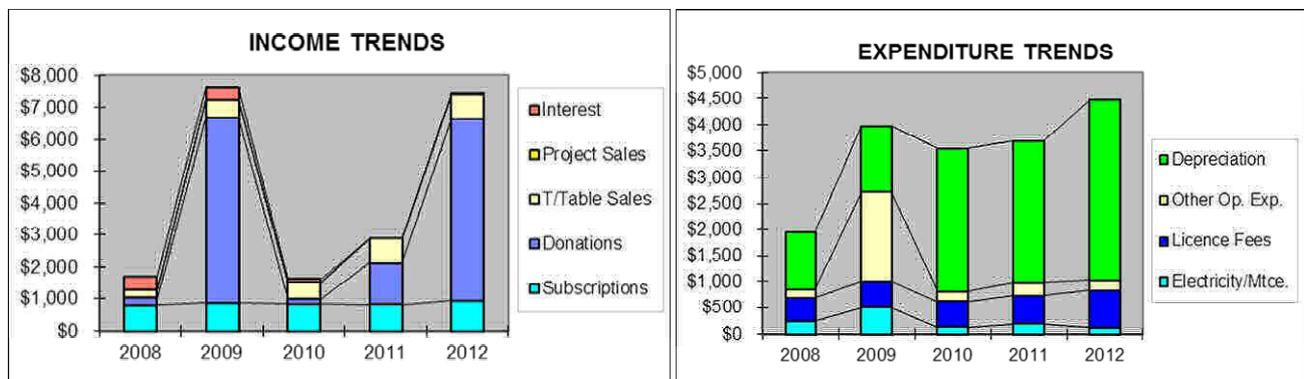
**WAIKATO VHF GROUP Inc.**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

It is my pleasure to present the annual accounts for our group's 49<sup>th</sup> year of continuous operation. 2012 again saw substantial capital expenditure incurred in expanding our WaiPlenty 2m repeater network to three linked repeaters with IRLP access (see <http://www.zl1is.info/waiplenty.html>) A \$5000 grant secured mid-year from  THE LION FOUNDATION facilitated purchase of new radio equipment now installed as Maungakawa 5575 and its associated link. Equipment ex Te Aroha has now been reallocated for a future extension planned to cover the Waihi~Whangamata area.

41 **membership subscriptions** were received by us during 2012. Revenues were boosted by **donations received** from ZLs 1ARZ, 1BXT, 1KL, 1KRH, 1PO, 1REG, 1RGM/1LOL, 1TPH, 1UJG, 2WHO and 3GR/1FW. We also gratefully acknowledge **sponsorship of licence fees** from ZLs 1GWP, 1PK, 1PO, 1REG, 1UJG, 3DM, and 3GR/1FW. A further \$780 income came from our **trading table** at both Hamilton sales plus additional efforts by Tom ZL1THG and Kevin ZL1UJG.

Our independently reviewed **Financial Statement (opposite)** summarises the VHF Group's position at the end of 2012. Reserves have been run well down after three years of substantial expenditure developing the WaiPlenty network, which accounted for all of our \$7804 capital expenditure during 2012, and \$2817 (81%) of the depreciation. Expanding that repeater network has increased our annual licence fees which will form a substantial part of our outgoings over years to come. We'll keep those assets on the air and available for as long as subscriptions plus licence fee sponsorship cover their costs. With a number of frequent users who don't currently support us financially, we simply ask anyone using the Waikato VHF Group's assets to make a contribution (less than 50c a week) in the form of a personal subscription and/or licence sponsorship (\$50 pa) toward supporting their continued operation and maintenance.

Income and expenditure trends over the past five years are summarised in the charts below.



Quarterly full colour PDF **newsletters** are sent to members for whom we have a current email address. Your details can be advised via our membership application/update form (on our web site at [www.ZL1IS.info](http://www.ZL1IS.info)). Remember that annual **subscriptions fall due on 1 January each year.**

In closing, and on behalf of your committee, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your subscription renewal, plus more new members in 2013, as well as further sponsorship of our radio licence fees.

On 16 June this year, it will be fifty years since this group was formed with an objective to support amateur radio activities above 50MHz. I suggest we've made a pretty reasonable effort toward that endeavour, so how about celebrating this achievement at our AGM. Come along to find out more.



Ian Brown ZL1TAT  
 Treasurer

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the WAIKATO VHF GROUP Inc. for F.Y. Ended 31 December 2012

## INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>
	Income ...	
\$820	Subscriptions received	\$935
\$1,315	Donations received	\$5,715
\$757	Profit from Trading Table	\$780
\$0	Interest received	\$2
\$2,892		\$7,432
	Expenses ...	
\$2,714	Depreciation	\$3,459
\$69	Repairs & Maintenance	\$0
\$125	Electricity	\$126
\$537	Licence fees	\$713
\$248	Petty expenses	\$179
\$3,693		\$4,477
(\$801)	Excess Income / Expenditure	\$2,955

## BALANCE SHEET

<u>2011</u>		<u>2012</u>
	Current Assets ...	
\$1,902	Bank Current Account	\$595
\$0	Bank Term Deposits	\$0
\$170	Stock on hand	\$170
\$2,072		\$765
	less Current Liabilities ...	
\$0	Subscriptions received in advance	\$100
\$17	Accounts Payable at Year End	\$0
\$2,055	Working Capital	\$665
\$15,256	Fixed Assets	\$19,601
\$17,311	Member's Funds	\$20,266
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	Member's Funds ...	
\$18,112	Balance at previous year end	\$17,311
(\$801)	Excess Income / Expenditure for Financial Year	\$2,955
\$17,311		\$20,266
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## SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION

ASSET	Original Cost plus Addns / Disposals at Cost	B/V at 31.12.11	+ Addns.	- Deprec. 15 %	Book Value at 31.12.12
Tairua '6975 Repeater	2,731.66	0.00		Xfd to Branch 85 in 2011	
TeAroha '840 Repeater	\$876.20	0.00		Asset assigned to Waihi Extn.	
TeAroha '695 Repeater	1,846.10	0.00		" " " "	
TeAroha Linking Bridge	154.75	0.00		Asset xfd to Te Uku	
" IRLP Link Eqt.	1,148.50	0.00		" " " "	
Waihi Extn. Repeater & Link	83.78	71.21	101.97	25.98	147.20
Maungakawa '5575 Rpx & Link	7,421.61	289.85	6978.64	1090.27	6178.22
TeWeraiti '695 Rpx & Links	6,744.19	4,951.62		742.74	4208.88
Kaimai Repeaters Site facilities	6,317.50	2,173.25		325.99	1847.26
Kaimai '540 Data Repeater	2,468.45	88.59		13.29	75.30
Kaimai '485 N.S. ULS Repeater	2,829.20	769.67		115.45	654.22
Kaimai 12cm Beacon	449.00	20.48		3.07	17.41
Hamilton 2m/70/23cm Beacons	315.22	60.61		9.09	51.52
Hamilton '9975 Nat. Syst.Rpx.	4,382.73	638.30		95.75	542.55
Te Uku '5675 Rpx, Links + IRLP	12,825.28	5,781.46	723.70	975.77	5529.39
Oto '465 Digipeater	450.89	349.85		52.48	297.37
TK705D 2m Transceiver	225.00	61.31		9.20	52.11
TOTALS:	51,270.06	\$15,256.20	\$7,804.31	\$3,459.08	\$19,601.43
Less Accumulated Depreciation	31,668.63				
Equals Book Value at 31.12.12	\$19,601.43				

  
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 2012. 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 2012, and the results of it's operations for the year ended 31 December 2012.

**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 2012.

My review was completed on 26 February 2013 and my unqualified opinion is expressed at that date.



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## General

Attached to this newsletter is a **MEMBERSHIP** renewal form. Remember that this form is required to be completed and membership paid for, **BEFORE** the meeting if you wish to vote, or stand for any position of the Waikato VHF Group Executive.

If you wish to stand for a position on the Waikato VHF Group Executive, then you are required to have been a financial member of NZART and the Group for the immediate past twelve months

Also **DONATIONS** for sponsoring a license, or general donations are very welcome when paying for your new membership or renewal.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who have donated in 2012, either towards license fees or in general donations, and look forward to your continuing support in 2013, and in future years

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## Kaimai

During some recent maintenance of the Kaimai station, some vandalism damage was found. One of the turnbuckles, used to connect the wires that held the building down, was found to be completely missing. A replacement unit, was purchased and was being fitted by one of the committee members on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

One of the transmitters at the Kaimai site was also replaced after a repeat failure, and the repair of this unit should be completed by the time of the AGM.

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## Review of the 70 Centimetre Bandplan

As mentioned on the NZART website, under the 1<sup>st</sup> February Infoline,

<http://www.nzart.org.nz/h-quarter/infoline/266-01-FEB-2013/>

there is going to be a review of the 70cm Bandplan.

The Waikato VHF Group Executive is formulating a submission.

Keep an eye on the NZART website for further information.

Individuals and groups may also wish to make their own submissions.

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Congratulations to Phil ZL1PK and Neill ZL1TAJ, members of the VHF Group Committee for being re-elected onto NZART Council. Other members of the Group are also on the NZART Council. Their support of NZART, at both club level, and at national level is recognised.

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The Executive Committee of the Waikato VHF Group encourages  
Group members to come along to  
the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the AGM,  
on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WAIKATO VHF GROUP Inc. NZART Branch 81**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / DETAILS UPDATE**

NAMES <sup>2</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email <sup>3</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

CALLSIGNS: \_\_\_\_\_

are you a current  
NZART MEMBER? Yes  No

→ if yes, AFFILIATED  
TO NZART BRANCH No. \_\_\_\_\_

I/we apply for / renew membership of the Waikato VHF Group as a **ANNUAL** ↓ **SUBSCRIPTION**

*Post or deliver this form, or email info on it, to:*

The Secretary  
Waikato VHF Group Inc.  
PO Box 606  
Waikato Mail Centre  
HAMILTON 3240

*Cross out which doesn't apply*

Member / Associate @ \$25.00

or

Family<sup>2</sup> / Club Member @ \$30.00

Donation (optional)

Paid by: Cash , Cheque , Direct Credit

**May be paid by Direct Credit to Westpac 03 1555 0091289-00**  
*please enter your name/callsign in the transaction description*

In applying for membership, I/we agree to abide by the Waikato VHF Group Constitution <sup>4</sup>

Membership Form Ver. 12-1

**OFFICE USE:**

RECEIPT No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. For new membership application, and to advise change of any details. You can email this info to [branch.81@nzart.org.nz](mailto:branch.81@nzart.org.nz)
2. Family members = two or more members residing permanently at the same address, please give all names & callsigns.
3. For delivery of electronic version of VHF Group quarterly newsletter (in colour). BAW version posted if no email provided.
4. Constitution available at [www.societies.govt.nz](http://www.societies.govt.nz) search Organisation No 212737, or by request to Waikato VHF Group Inc.