

- Peter Clee VK8ZZ

I was first licensed as an amateur in 1976 with the callsign VK2NUK. At that time, I was living in Albury NSW and then later Cooma NSW. I subsequently took up a position with a commercial bank in Papua New Guinea in 1980 where he held the callsign P29KZZ. I had nearly 5 years in PNG was active on all bands up to and including 70 cm.

On returning to Australia I moved to Wagga Wagga NSW as VK2KZZ. I was very active in the local amateur radio club.

Over the years, I have been active in many facets of the hobby from simple CPM microbee computers on RTTY through to repeater equipment construction and modification, EME, aircraft propagation, satellite, HF, VHF and UHF.

My current interests lie in VHF and UHF up to 23 CM, in digital and analogue repeater construction and linking, ROIP, international reciprocal licensing and the security of the amateur bands and privileges. I have also recently had a renewed interest in HF and I am often listening on 10 metres. I do miss chatting on 40 metres and am looking to build a quad antenna to enable me to be heard down south.

In the long-term we must maintain a strong and united Wireless Institute of Australia to ensure our bands are kept away from the commercial operators who eye off our bandwidth with eager eyes.

I was elected as a director of the Wireless Institute of Australia in 2017. In 2018 I was appointed the secretary of WIA.



- Giles Kirby VK5GK

I've served you all as a WIA Director for the past 24 months and it has opened my eyes to the scope and importance of this national body. Peter Young (VK3MV) put it best with the phrase 'no spectrum, no hobby'. And this is exceptionally true. The WIA is the body that advocates for all Australian radio amateurs and ensures our access to this increasingly valuable spectrum space. Whilst the hobby needs fresh blood, and new directions, it also needs continued access to the spectrum. I'm fully committed to this challenge.

It would be my privilege to continue to serve amateurs. Key interests have included branding and communication. Some of which you'll see ripple through over the coming months. I have always been, and will continue to be, responsive to emails and all feedback. I'm the only VK5 to be currently serving on the board and like to think I cast a local perspective on any decisions. I think that this type of regional advocacy is important in a land as far-reaching as Australia.

A little about me now. I'm a career scientist. Nearly two decades in medical research. I now direct my own biotech company and advise the Commonwealth of Australia on science related topics. I'm a father and a fanatical DIYer. I try my hand at repairing all things, from cars to oscilloscopes. With mixed success. Talk to me about science, nature, family, the future, and you'll have my ear until the end of time. 73's DE VK5GK.



- Klaus Illhardt, VK3IU

I am a Telecommunications Engineer with over 45 years of experience and a licensed amateur radio operator since 1980. Originally from Germany, I moved to Australia in 2000, after working in the Philippines for seven years as a telecommunications consultant (4F1RWW). During my time there, I won major contests for four consecutive years, demonstrating my passion for contesting.

I have been an active member of the Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club since 2020, serving as Treasurer for three years and currently as Club Secretary. I have helped improve the club's financial standing and introduced new policies. I also rejoined the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) after a 20-year break, eager to contribute to the future of amateur radio in Australia.



I am running for the WIA Board because I believe there is an opportunity to strengthen the WIA's connection with local clubs and members. While its work with government bodies is vital, I see a gap in addressing the needs of the membership. As a Board member, I will advocate for local clubs and operators and ensure their concerns are heard. Amateur radio is about community, and I want to help create a more responsive organisation that reflects the diversity of interests within our ranks.

I ask for your support to represent your interests and strengthen the WIA for all members.

- Peter Schrader VK4EA

First licensed in 2001 (VK4TGV) soon after the Morse code requirement: was dropped. Initially a keen mobile and portable HF operator using amateur and land mobile networks. Got addicted to APRS early on then moving into ATV and microwave related activities.

Enthusiastic traveller with a long list of overseas destinations to conquer. Keen remote area traveller looking forward to more travel time when retirement arrives. While based in Singapore I held 9V1PS embracing JT modes on HF, working from an apartment with a high tropical noise floor.

Licensed Qld electrician, licensed ACMA cabler and Electrical Engineer (Registered Professional Engineer in Qld) with Masters level qualifications. Currently working for Energy Queensland in Grid Control, current project is to incorporate new substation control devices into substation designs and renewable connections.



Now hold VK4EA (ACMA Assessor) and KQ4PS (Extra, VE). I have been a member of the WIA continuously from 2001.

I am keen to assist the WIA board to retain and attract new or lapsed members. An increased membership will help the considerable funds required to keep us represented at a local and international level. Currently on a drive to improve the membership experience via Memnet enhancements, IT system improvements and have kicked off the long awaited website rebuild. More work is required to get the digital footprint better via the social media platforms.

I have attended a couple of events representing the WIA on an international level, this international involvement is crucial to amateurs maintaining access to spectrum, without spectrum, we have no hobby. The WIA's continued membership of the International Amateur Radio Union is vital to keep us at the table when the World Radio Conferences are conducted.

- Scott Williams VK3KG

It has been my pleasure to serve as a current Director on the WIA Board since being appointed in June 2020, including the past 2 years as the WIA President. I now seek your support for another terms as Director, as there is still a considerable amount of work to do, to ultimately position the WIA where it needs to be.

The WIA has enjoyed sound financial success the past 4 years, with recording modest surpluses. What is important within the WIA is we invest internally and bring our technology systems to an acceptable level that are more user friendly for our members and add greater value.

The past few years has seen the WIA help our members navigate through class licensing and a range of significant change. We accept there is still several ongoing concerns with various aspects of the class license and these are things we will continue to advocate on for improvement and change with the ACMA on your behalf. Items such as issuing of the call sign certificate and of course the confusion around call sign allocation will continue to remain in focus.

If appointed, I am eager to continue the discussion with the Amateur Community and the ACMA around increased operating power and operation within the 60m band. I particularly feel very strongly around increased power, as Australian Amateur Radio operators are significantly disadvantaged compared to the rest of the world. This is something I am passionate about to see change.

In my professional life, I am currently the CEO of an industry member-based Associations operating in the Building & Construction industry and I have held this role or similar roles for the past 16 years. I have also held Executive management positions within companies like NEC, Panasonic, Lucent Technology as well as operating my own businesses ranging in size up to 80 staff. I also currently sit on several Government and Industry Boards within the Building & Construction industry.

This experience and developed leadership attributes are skills that I bring to the WIA, to help improve and drive change within the WIA supporting this tremendous hobby. I am passionate about change in the WIA and feel strongly that we must be united with all of the Amateur radio community to ultimately improve and grow our great hobby.

I am currently active as VK3KJ and have been licensed for over 46 years since gaining my first call at 13 years of age.

I seek your ongoing support to continue to shape and advance the WIA into the future.

