



10AM SMOKO NET

7.105 - 40 HF



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This is Paul VK5FUZZ. Welcome to the December 2018 edition of the 10am Smoko Net Newsletter. I can't believe how fast this year has flown. Christmas is just a few weeks away and on New Years Day 2019 we celebrate our first year on air, on 7.105-40 Meter Band. In 2018 we logged over 3,800 contacts to the net, which is a great achievement for a new net. We have seen the net steadily grow from a small group of members to a regular strong group. All this could not have been achieved without the strong support I have had from Tony VK5MRT and Frank VK3VEF. These guys have been the backbone of the 10am Smoko Net.

Unfortunately, Tony VK5MRT has had to withdraw as my backup net facilitator due to other conflicting commitments, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony and wish him well for the future. Frank VK3VEF must also receive a big thank you for continuing to relay those weak and hard to hear station for me. Frank will now fill the gap left by Tony as the net facilitator sitting in for me when I am unable to run the net due to doctors appointments. Keith VK3MKE had been in training, so he can conduct the net relays. I am sure he will do well and I can tell he enjoys the task. There are of course many other operators I must thank. Those other stations who have readily jumped in to assisted when neither Frank or I are able to hear those weak stations.

In the last couple of weeks we have all noticed a change on the 40 meter band, where VK5 stations have been able to contact and speak to other VK5 stations. Something we have not heard for a long time, with strong 5/9 signals being reported from most parts of Australia.

I would like to wish all our loyal supporters one and all;

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR".

Cheers and 73 to you all. Paul VK5FUZZ Net facilitator. Email: vk5fuzz@gmail.com