

VKS-737 & HF-Tel

Divisions of the Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc.



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POLICY STATEMENT

Mission Statement

To provide emergency and general radio communications assistance services to people who live, work or travel in rural and remote areas of Australia, and to be the pre-eminent provider of high frequency radio communications services throughout rural and remote areas of Australia.

The Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc. is a Public Benevolent Institution established for the relief of sickness, suffering, helplessness, destitution and misfortune to a disadvantaged section of the community, being all 'outback' travellers who are in distress by providing them with emergency assistance and support in co-operation with other organisations.

The core business activities of the Network are detailed in Section 2 of the Network Constitution:

2. Statement of Purposes.

- 2.1 To provide an accessible outback radiocommunications network for Members of Four Wheel Drive Clubs affiliated with the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Inc. via the relevant State Four Wheel Drive Associations.
- 2.2 To provide an accessible emergency outback radiocommunications network for all travellers in the outback at times of emergency.
- 2.3 To provide a network of HF Radio Bases, located around Australia, to provide both general and emergency communication for outback travellers.
- 2.4 To recruit and train volunteer personnel to provide accessible emergency network operators for service to the community, emergency agencies and other organisations having similar aims and objects, at times of emergency.
- 2.5 To purchase, lease, rent, accept donations of and otherwise acquire plant, stock, equipment and material and maintain the same for the use of the Association.
- 2.6 To raise, accept, deal with and invest funds for the purpose of the Association and for this purpose to give security over the assets of the Association and to pay interest on any borrowing approved by the Committee of management.
- 2.7 To conduct lectures, meetings and workshops, whereby Members may gain knowledge in radio equipment, radiocommunications techniques and emergency operating procedures.
- 2.8 To be a non profit organisation.
- 2.9 To provide By-laws for the creation and enforcement of internal procedures and other operational directives that may be required from time to time.
- 2.10 To maintain current at all times affiliation with the Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council Inc.
- 2.11 To affiliate with kindred emergency service and community service organisations.

Note: All references to "Association" in the Constitution excerpt above refers to the Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc.

The VKS-737 Radio Network Code of Conduct

All subscribers, employees and volunteers of the Network must undertake:

- To consider individual and community safety as their highest priority.
- To comply with all reasonable requests and requirements from the Committee, the Administration Manager and the Finance Manager.
- To comply with reasonable requests and requirements from Authorised Emergency Services personnel.
- To operate within the recognised Network chain of command.
- To act fairly, honestly, and with integrity within the Network and with members of the public.
- To use Network facilities and equipment responsibly.
- To be accountable for Network monies within their control.
- To accept they are responsible for their own actions.
- To remember they represent the Network when they are identifiable either in public venues, via telephone or via radio.
- Not to comment publicly about Network Policy and Procedures without the approval of the Committee or the Administration Manager.
- Not to attempt to provide "Professional Advice" to users. All information, advice and assistance MUST come from a traceable, approved source.

This Policy Statement has been reviewed and set by the Committee of Management of the Australian National 4WD Radio Network Inc.

Signed:



Name: Steve Johnston OAM

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Date: 17th November 2010.