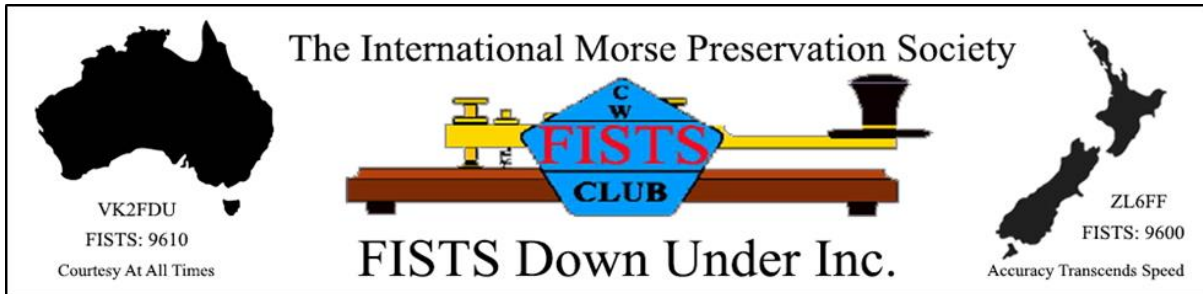


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# 2022 Annual Report



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### Recommended FDU calling frequencies (MHz)

1.818	3.528	7.028	10.118	14.058	18.085
21.058	24.908	28.058			

### Shack photo – Phil VK3VB



## **FISTS Down Under Inc. Annual Report 2022**

**W**elcome to our 2022 Annual Report.

The last 12 months have seen a continued increase in members with an increase in activity in some areas only... somewhat sadly, we've dropped the QRS Net and Weekly Net due to a lack of interest.

Amateur Radio has come to the forefront as so many people have been forced to stay home or limit travel due to Covid-19.

FISTS Down Under, like so many clubs saw a good influx on new members and some renewed activity from existing members. As of 30 June 2022, membership is up from 219 last year to 252 members this year, with 195 (up from 166) VK and 55 (up from 53) ZL members. We also have two DX members from the OC Region.

Over the course of year committee has implemented:

- Changes to on-air activities in an effort to find a mix that works for members
- Other changes based on the member survey

### **On-Air Events**

The committee has also promoted a number of on-air events. The most popular has been the Friday night QSO Party. Most other activities have been wound down due to a lack of interest.

### **Club Nets**

Committee extends our thanks once again to Michael VK2CCW (now VK4CCW) and Arthur VK2ASB for running the Tuesday and Wednesday evening nets. Both these nets were discontinued in the past year due to a lack of participation from members.

### **Financial Grants – Reverse Beacon Network**

On behalf of FISTS (Australia), the committee is proud to have supported the deployment of two Reverse Beacon Network nodes. Due to strong financial capacity and member support, we were able to offer three \$500 financial grants to groups willing to commit to a viable RBN installation.

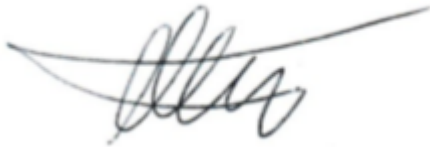
We have also assisted in funding a NZ RBN.

We still have one \$500 Grant available and have been reaching out to clubs. It's great that such a small club like FISTS Down Under is able to lead the way in VK with financial grants being available to *any* VK club.

Just a reminder on membership renewals; Committee resolved to maintain (VK) membership fees at \$0 until the 2022 AGM. So, no fees are payable and no donations please. The new committee will determine (VK) membership fees for the 2022-23 financial year.

I extend my thanks to fellow committee members for their support, especially our Secretary Phil VK3VB who continues to handle the club's official email address, responding to member enquiries, general enquiries from the public, fighting off spam, processing new members and liaising with FISTS in the UK... the role of the Secretary has quite a bit of admin that most members don't see.

On behalf of the Committee, thanks for your support, 73 es cu on air,



Chris VK3qB (#9085)

President/Acting Treasurer

## 2022 Financial Report (VK)

2022 was a quiet year for FISTS Down Under on the financial front. Committee resolved last year to set membership subscriptions at \$0 as the club was holding about 15 years of operating costs in the bank.

As you can see from this report, our basic operating costs are about \$250 per year, comprising our callsign licence, regulatory costs, and the website.

We donated \$500 to the North East Victoria Amateur Radio Club NSW Flood Relief Fund. As it turned out, no radio amateurs were directly affected, so the Fund reimbursed our donation. We also donated \$100 to Alan Shannon VK2SN for his work promoting and supporting CW Contesting, including a N1MM template for a dedicated FISTS Down Under contest.

Committee has undertaken several initiatives to encourage and support more activity in the hobby.

### FISTS Down Under Inc

#### Income

Donation	\$5.00
Interest	\$1.10
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$6.10</u></b>

#### Expenses

RBN Grants	-\$698.00
Donation	-\$100
Licence VK2FDU	-\$55.00
Website	-\$118.80
Fair Trading	-\$85.37
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$1057.17</u></b>

<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-1051.07</b>
Opening Cash in Bank	\$2938.89
Balance	<b>\$1,887.82</b>
Closing Cash in Bank	\$1,887.82



Signed:

6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Chris Chapman VK3QB, Acting Treasurer (#9085)