

# WCRWG Status Report:

2016-08-09

## Notes and Updates since last report

1. The ZS1OAK bulletin has been added to the repeater schedule.
2. The UHF repeater on Hanskop (434.600MHz) has been reported being at low output. Rassie ZS1YT visited the site and tested the installation. The repeater was cutting back output power to less than 1W indicating an antenna system fault. A check on the antenna/feedline showed high SWR.

## Donations received since last report

1. None reported
2. It has been **3 weeks** since the last donation was reported.

## General requirements: upgrade and maintenance program

1. Cash donations
2. High quality N-type male and female connectors for ½" heliax
3. VHF and UHF ferrite circulators.

## Scheduled repeater usage

Please be aware of the following scheduled use of the specified repeaters and, except for emergency traffic, kindly keep them clear for these activities. Times are given in SAST.

USE	USER	AFFECTED REPEATERS		FROM	TO	ON	NOTES
Bulletin	ZS1F	145.700	Constantiaberg	19.00	20.00	Mondays	Amateur Radio Newline
Bulletin	HWC	145.700	Constantiaberg	19.30	20.30	Wednesdays	Except the first Wednesday of each month
		145.625	Piketberg				Link system partitioned at Brenton-on-Sea
		434.600	Hanskop				145.650 Hawequa, 145.600 Hanskop isolated
		145.675	Jonaskop				
		145.650	Riversdal				
		145.700	George				
Bulletin	ZS1OAK	145.750	Kanonkop	19.30	20.30	Thursdays	Oakdale Club weekly bulletin
Bulletin	BARK	145.625	Piketberg	07.45	08.00	Sundays	Link system partitioned at Brenton-on-Sea
		145.650	Hawequa				
		434.600	Hanskop				
		145.600	Hanskop				
		145.675	Jonaskop				
		145.650	Riversdal				
		145.700	George				
Bulletin	CTARC	145.750	Kanonkop	08.30	09.30	Sundays	SARL bulletin followed by club bulletin
Bulletin	ZS1AAZ	145.750	Kanonkop	19.00	20.00	Sundays	Amateur Radio Today
Rally	ZS1VDV	145.675	Jonaskop	07.00	17.00	2016-08-27	Blue Crane Rally. Repeater to be isolated from the link system for the duration of the event.

## **Repeater Information and Status**

Repeater status is usually one of **DOWN**, **Operational** or **Testing**.

145.575	<i>Oakdale</i>
Status	<b>DOWN</b>
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.575 / Input: 144.975 (ZU9DBI_C)
Mode	D*STAR (6K0F7W - GMSK)
Faults Reported	Work being done on the Oakdale tower.
Site specific requirements	None
Links	None
Notes	The repeater has a 3 minute transmit timer with an approximate 30 second lockout penalty. This is a factory setting in the controller. Users are advised to set a transmit timeout in their radios of less than 3 minutes.

145.600	<i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i>
Status	<b>Operational</b>
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.600 (88.5) / Input: 145.000 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	
Site specific requirements	None
Links	1. Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational.
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.625	<i>Piketberg</i>
Status	<b>Operational</b>
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.625 (88.5) / Input: 145.025 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	None
Links	1. Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.650	<i>Hawequas (Du Toitskloof Pass)</i>
Status	<b>Operational</b>
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.650 (88.5) / Input: 145.050 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	
Site specific requirements	None
Links	1. Link to Hanskop/434.600 operational 2. Link to Piketberg/145.625 operational
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.650	<i>Riversdale</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.650 / Input: 145.050
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational</li> <li>2. Link to George/145.700 operational</li> </ol>
<b>Notes</b>	

145.675	<i>Jonaskop (Villiersdorp)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.675 (88.5) / Input: 145.075 (88.5)
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	Faults: Link controller speech chip faulty. All DTMF macros except the linking and unlinking ones are disabled.
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Link to Hanskop/145.600 operational</li> <li>2. Link to Riversdale/145.675 operational</li> </ol>
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.700	<i>Constantiaberg</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.700 (88.5) / Input: 145.100 (88.5)
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	Antenna upgrade being planned.

145.700	<i>George</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.700 / Input: 145.100
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	Linked via 438.725MHz repeater at Dana Bay
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website.

145.725	<i>Hermanus</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.725 / Input: 145.125
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	

145.750	<i>Kanonkop (Tygerberg)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.750 (88.5) / Input: 145.150
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	

434.600	<i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 434.600 (88.5) / Input: 433.000 (88.5)
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	Low audio on 434.600 from link High SWR, transmitter folding back.
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
<b>Notes</b>	

434.625	<i>Kanonkop (Tygerberg)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 434.625 (88.5) / Input: 433.025
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. IRLP node 8535 2. Echolink node 796398 (ZU9DCM-R), using EchoIRLP modification.
<b>Notes</b>	Dial-out to other Echolink nodes requires the use of a dial prefix, currently *0 (star-zero), as it is an add-on to IRLP. The disconnect code for a call is '73' – use this for both Echolink and IRLP calls.

<b>438.725</b>	<b><i>Dana Bay</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 438.725 / Input: 431.125
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Linked to George, Riversdale
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>ZS0DCC</b>	<b><i>Helderberg Digipeater</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 144.800 / Input: 144.800
<b>Mode</b>	Digital FM-N (11K0F2D) AFSK
<b>Faults Reported</b>	
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>ZS0DZ</b>	<b><i>Kasteelberg Digipeater</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Testing</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 144.800 / Input: 144.800
<b>Mode</b>	Digital FM-N (11K0F2D) AFSK
<b>Faults Reported</b>	
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>ZS1TWO</b>	<b>2-Meter Beacon (Lower Burg St)</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	144.435
<b>Mode</b>	CW
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	20W into a 5-element beam antenna pointing around 50 degrees (NE)

<b>ZS1SIX</b>	<b>6-Meter Beacon (CPUT)</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	50.080
<b>Mode</b>	FSK
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	

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### **Account Information**

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