

# WCRWG Status Report:

2018-09-11

## Notes and Updates since last report

1. On Sunday 9 September, a team consisting of Jan ZS1VDV, Mike ZS1TAF, Rassie ZS1YT, Paul ZS1V, Ohan ZS1SCI and JP ZS1JPM headed to Hanskop to perform a major site re-installation. Approximately two years ago, the tower at Hanskop blew over in a storm and all the antennas of the tenants on the site have been temporarily mounted on the building ever since. For a more detailed report and photos, please visit the WCRWG website.
2. The Hamnet bulletin will be broadcast on the 145.750MHz Kanonkop repeater going forward, pending corrective action needed on the 145.700MHz Constantiaberg repeater to restore coverage and sensitivity. As the Kanonkop repeater is still wide-FM (16K0F3E) but the rest of the link/relay equipment is narrow-FM (11K0F3E), the bulletin reader will use narrow-FM into the 145.750MHz repeater to avoid overloading the links and relays.

## Donations received since last report.

1. A cash donation was received from Cobus Steenkamp ZS1COB.
2. A cash donation was received from Deon Erwin ZS1ZL.
3. It has been **0.0 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.



## **Repeater Information and Status**

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

145.575	<b><i>Bottelary</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.575 / Input: 144.975 (ZU9DBI_C)
<b>Mode</b>	D*STAR (6K0F7W - GMSK)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	Set RPT1 as ZU9DBI_C, RPT2 as ZU9DBI_G – replace _ with space.
<b>Links</b>	Internet – ZU9DBI_G gateway
<b>Notes</b>	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	<b><i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.600 (88.5) / Input: 145.000 (88.5)
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	The repeater does not return to the correct channel after a long power outage when the UPS runs down. VHF and/or UHF repeater dropouts reported on audio from Jonaskop.
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	<a href="#">Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational.</a>
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

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

145.650	<i>Hawequas (Du Toitskloof Pass)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 145.650 (88.5) / Input: 145.050 (88.5)
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	Big power spikes and outages reported. Audio problem from controller to VHF repeater. No CTCSS output as a result of commercial breakthrough. External temperature sensor faulty.
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hanskop/434.600 operational 2. Link to Piketberg/145.625 operational
<b>Notes</b>	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>	None
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational 2. Link to George/145.700 operational
<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>	Interference reported – cause still being isolated.
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hanskop/145.600 operational. 2. Link to Riversdale/145.650 operational
<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 (Onrusberg)</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>	Link to Hanskop.
<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>	

434.650	<i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 434.650 / Input: 433.050
<b>Mode</b>	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	Low audio on 434.650 from link. Interference reported.
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
<b>Notes</b>	Change of frequency from 434.600/433.000 necessitated by interference.

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>	IRLP/Echolink currently disabled pending computer repairs.
<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.

438.725	<i>Dana Bay</i>
<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>	

438.300	<i>Bottelary</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 438.300 / Input: 430.700
<b>Mode</b>	1 - DMR (7K60FXD/E - 4FSK) 2 - D*STAR (6K0F7W – GMSK) 3 – Yaesu System Fusion (11K2F7W - C4FM)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	For D*STAR, set RPT1 as ZU9DMR_B, RPT2 as ZU9DMR_G – replace “_” character with a space.
<b>Links</b>	Internet – ZU9DMR_G gateway
<b>Notes</b>	The repeater will autodetect modes as long as no other mode is operational.

438.350	<i>Helderberg</i>
<b>Status</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 438.350 / Input: 430.750
<b>Mode</b>	DMR (7K60FXD/E - 4FSK)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	
<b>Links</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	Lightning strike, tower needs maintenance.

<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>ZS1TWO</b>	<b><i>2-Meter Beacon (Lower Burg St)</i></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><i>6-Meter Beacon (CPUT)</i></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>	None



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### **Account Information**

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