

WCRWG Status Report: 2021-08-17

Notes and Updates since last report

1. Links at Jonaskop (to Hanskop and Riversdale), down after suspected lightning damage to controller;
2. Hawequa solar backup project has been completed;
3. Piketberg antenna replacement concluded;
4. New 438.400 DMR repeater at the Noon Gun site installed and licenced;
5. Previous reports can be found at <http://wcrwg.co.za/category/status-report/>

Donations received since last report.

1. Cash donations were received from Mario Tiran ZS1AMT on 1 March 2021, 1 April 2021, 3 May, 1 June 2021, 1 July 2021 & 2 August 2021;
2. Cash donations were received from Hendrik Visage ZS1EEE on 1 March 2021, 31 March 2021, 31 May, 30 June 2021 & 31 July 2021;
3. A cash donation was received from Schalk Burger ZR1SWB on 29 March 2021;
4. A cash donation was received from John Ward ZS1EQ on 7 August 2021;
5. Cash donations were received from Boland ARC on 29 March 2021 & 26 July 2021;
6. A cash donation was received from Hamnet Western Cape on 30 July 2021;
7. Cash donations were received from the Rally Group on 21 April 2021 & 8 June 2021;
8. Donations in travel and services were received from Mike Kellet ZS1TAF (Piketberg), Mike Taylor ZS1MJT (Piketberg, Hawequa) & Jan van der Vyver ZS1Z (Hansekop);

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	<i>Bottelary</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.575 / Input: 144.975 (ZU9DBI_C)
Mode	D*STAR (6K0F7W - GMSK)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	Set RPT1 as ZU9DBI_C, RPT2 as ZU9DBI_G – replace _ with a space.
Links	Internet – ZU9DBI_G gateway – default linked to TG655
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	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.600 (88.5) / Input: 145.000 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	None
Links	Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.625	<i>Piketberg</i>
Status	Operational
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	Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

145.650	<i>Hawequas (Du Toitskloof Pass)</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.650 (88.5) / Input: 145.050 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	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.
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>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.650 / Input: 145.050
Mode	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	3. Link to Jonaskop/145.675 operational 4. Link to George/145.700 disconnected due to low audio.
Notes	

145.675	<i>Jonaskop (Villiersdorp)</i>
Status	Partially operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.675 (88.5) / Input: 145.075 (88.5)
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	1. Link to Hanskop/145.600 down 2. Link to Riversdale/145.650 down
Notes	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

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

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

145.725	Hermanus (Onrusberg)
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 145.725 / Input: 145.125
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	Link to Hanskop.
Notes	

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

434.650	<i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 434.650 / Input: 433.050
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	1. Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
Notes	

434.625	<i>Kanonkop (Tygerberg)</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 434.625 (88.5) / Input: 433.025
Mode	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
Faults Reported	IRLP/Echolink currently disabled pending computer repairs.
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	1. IRLP node 8535 2. Echolink node 796398 (ZU9DCM-R), using EchoIRLP modification.
Notes	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>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 438.725 / Input: 431.125
Mode	Analogue FM (16K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	1. Linked to George, Riversdale
Notes	

438.300	<i>Bottelary</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 438.300 / Input: 430.700
Mode	1 - DMR (7K60FXD/E - 4FSK) 2 - D*STAR (6K0F7W – GMSK) 3 – Yaesu System Fusion (11K2F7W - C4FM)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	For D*STAR, set RPT1 as ZU9DMR_B, RPT2 as ZU9DMR_G – replace “_” character with a space.
Links	Internet – ZU9DMR_G gateway
Notes	DMR ID 655101 The repeater will autodetect modes as long as no other mode is operational.

438.350	<i>Helderberg DMR</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 438.350 / Input: 430.750
Mode	DMR (7K60FXD/E - 4FSK)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	None
Links	None
Notes	DMR ID 655102

438.400	<i>Noon Gun DMR</i>
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 438.400 / Input: 430.800
Mode	DMR (7K60FXD/E - 4FSK)
Faults Reported	None
Site specific requirements	None
Links	None
Notes	DMR ID 655103

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

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

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

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The WCRWG has a new website packed full of information on all the repeaters and detailed reports of activities. You can access this website via the link <http://www.wcrwg.co.za/>

Any notes, updates, incidents or donations are to be sent by e-mail to 'zs1pvs@gmail.com' to reach that mailbox no later than 16:00 SAST on the Tuesday of publication of the report. Any information received after that will be held over to the following report.

Account Information

Account Name: Western Cape Repeater Working Group (WCRWG)

Bank: FNB

Account type: Cheque

Account number: 62338034937

Branch code: 250655 (Electronic payments)

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