WCRWG Status Report: 2021-10-29

Notes and Updates since last report

1. This and previous reports can be found at http://wcrwg.co.za/category/status-report/

Donations received since last report

- 1. Donation of a 12V battery from Grant Colson ZS1GRC received on 15 October 2021;
- 2. Cash donation from Andre Shaw ZS1AN received on 28 October 2021;

General requirements: upgrade and maintenance program

- 3. Cash donations
- 4. High quality N-type male and female connectors for $\frac{1}{2}$ " heliax
- 5. 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 I	REPEATERS	FROM	то	ON	NOTES
Bulletin	ZS1F	145.650	Hawequa	19.00	20.00	Mondays	Amateur Radio Newsline
Bulletin	HWC	145.750	Kanonkop	19.30	20.30	Wednesdays	Except the first Wednesday of each month
		145.625	Piketberg				Link system partitioned at Brenton-on-Sea
		434.650	Hanskop				
		145.725	Onrusberg				
		145.675	Jonaskop				
		145.650	Riversdal				
		145.700	George				
Bulletin	BARK	145.625	Piketberg	07.45	08.00	Sundays	Link system partitioned at Brenton-on-Sea
		145.650	Hawequa				
		434.650	Hanskop				
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		145.725	Onrusberg				
		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. Link system partitioned at Jonaskop
Bulletin	ZS1F	145.750	Kanonkop	19.00	20.00	Sundays	Amateur Radio Today

Repeater Information and Status

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

145.575	Bottelary
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	Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)
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	Piketberg
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	Hawequas (Du Toitskloof Pass)		
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	Riversdale
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	Jonaskop (Villiersdorp)
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	Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	Output: 434.650 / Input: 433.050
Mode	Analogue FM-N (11K0F3E)
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
Notes	

434.625	Kanonkop (Tygerberg)
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 addon to IRLP. The disconnect code for a call is
	'73' – use this for both Echolink and IRLP calls.

438.725	Dana Bay
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	Bottelary
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	Helderberg DMR
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	Noon Gun DMR
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 655001

ZS0DCC	Helderberg Digipeater
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	2-Meter Beacon (Lower Burg St)
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	6-Meter Beacon (CPUT)
Status	Operational
Frequencies and Tones	50.080
Mode	FSK
Faults Reported	None
Site-specific requirements	None
Links	None
Notes	None

Send fault reports via e-mail to: wc-repeater-fault@googlegroups.com

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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 <u>'reports@wcrwg.co.za'</u> 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

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