

# WCRWG Status Report: 2023-10-03

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## **Notes and Updates since last report**

1. This and previous reports can be found at <http://wcrwg.co.za/category/status-report/>
2. Bottelaryberg 145.575/438.300 battery backup stolen;
3. Status report will be issued once per month while the WCRWG is in dormancy;

## **Donations received since last report**

1. Cash donation from Anton Roux ZR1RA, received on 23 September 2023;
2. Cash donation from Mario Tiran ZS1AMT, received on 1 October 2023;
3. Cash donation from the Rally Group, received on 3 October 2023;

## **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;
4. N-type F-F Lightning Protection units;

**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
Net	CTARC	145.750	Kanonkop	20.00	21.00	Mondays	CT Net
Bulletin	HWC	145.700	Constantiaberg	19.30	20.30	Wednesdays	Except the first Wednesday of each month
Bulletin	BARK	145.700	Constantiaberg	09.30	10.30	Sundays	
Bulletin	CTARC	145.750	Kanonkop	08.30	09.30	Sundays	SARL bulletin followed by club bulletin
Bulletin	ZS1F	145.700	Constantiaberg	10.00	11.00	Sundays	Amateur Radio Today

## **Repeater Information and Status**

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

<b>145.575</b>	<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 a space.
<b>Links</b>	Internet – ZU9DBI_G gateway – default linked to TG655
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 10/14 ?); battery backup with mains recharge
<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.

<b>145.600</b>	<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>	None
<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 Onrusberg/145.725 operational</li></ol>
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 5); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

<b>145.625</b>	<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>	Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 15?); Sentech generator backup
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

<b>145.650</b>	<b><i>Hawequas (Du Toitskloof Pass)</i></b>
<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/434.650 operational 2. Link to Piketberg/145.625 operational
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 11); battery backup with solar recharge
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

<b>145.650</b>	<b><i>Riversdale</i></b>
<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 <b>DOWN</b>
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 2/4?)
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>145.675</b>	<b><i>Jonaskop (Villiersdorp)</i></b>
<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>	None
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hanskop/145.600 <b>DOWN</b> 2. Link to Riversdale/145.650 <b>DOWN</b>
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 4); battery backup with solar recharge
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website

<b>145.700</b>	<b>Constantiaberg</b>
<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>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone ?); Sentech generator backup
<b>Notes</b>	Antenna upgrade being planned.

<b>145.700</b>	<b>George</b>
<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>	Link to Dana Bay/438.725MHz operational
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone?); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	DTMF codes are published on the WCRWG website.

<b>145.725</b>	<b>Hermanus (Onrusberg)</b>
<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/434.650 operational
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 3/6?)
<b>Notes</b>	Reinstallation complete

<b>145.750</b>	<b>Kanonkop (Tygerberg)</b>
<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>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone?); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>434.650</b>	<b><i>Hanskop (Sir Lowry's Pass)</i></b>
<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>	None
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	1. Link to Hawequas/145.650 operational 2. Link to Onrusberg/145.725 operational
<b>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 5); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>434.625</b>	<b><i>Kanonkop (Tygerberg)</i></b>
<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>Power</b>	Eskom mains; battery backup with mains recharge
<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>Testing</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>Power</b>	Municipal mains
<b>Notes</b>	

<b>438.300</b>	<b><i>Bottelary</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</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>Power</b>	Eskom mains (zone 10/14?);
<b>Notes</b>	DMR ID 655101 The repeater will autodetect modes as long as no other mode is operational.

<b>438.350</b>	<b><i>Helderberg DMR</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</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>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Power</b>	City of Cape Town mains (zone 3)
<b>Notes</b>	DMR ID 655102

<b>438.400</b>	<b><i>Noon Gun DMR</i></b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Operational</b>
<b>Frequencies and Tones</b>	Output: 438.400 / Input: 430.800
<b>Mode</b>	DMR (7K60FXD/E – 4FSK)
<b>Faults Reported</b>	None
<b>Site specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Power</b>	City of Cape Town mains (zone 7); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	DMR ID 655001

<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>	None
<b>Site-specific requirements</b>	None
<b>Links</b>	None
<b>Power</b>	City of Cape Town mains (zone 3); battery backup with mains recharge
<b>Notes</b>	None

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

<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>Power</b>	City of Cape Town mains (zone 7)
<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>Power</b>	City of Cape Town mains (zone 1)
<b>Notes</b>	None



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### **Account Information**

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