

ANZO ROAR Report for 2022 Annual General Meeting

ROAR activity in the ANZO Region continued during the past year with scheduled weekly net meetings being held on Sundays and Tuesdays. The Sunday meetings consisted of a digital net on Reflector XLX 299R followed by 40 and 20 metre nets. Due to historical reasons, these nets continue to be VK and ZL members joining with European based members. Unfortunately, with the passage of time our European members have slipped in numbers, but, notwithstanding this, the nets still prosper and are becoming more popular with the significant improvement in the sunspot cycle.

On paper, ANZO membership is currently 23, 17 VKs and 6 ZLs. Of these, four VKs and three ZLs are regular net participants. VK membership has recently increased by one, with a new Rotarian joining in VK4.

The coming year should see net meetings increase in popularity with the further increase in solar conditions. I would also encourage our members to look at trying out digital modes. The XLX 299R module allows all digital modes to operate, DSTAR, DMR and Yaesu System Fusion to operate together. Also, Peanut allows those who don't wish to buy a radio to participate using an Android Cell Phone. As your circumstances change, there is no need to cease your ham activities.

Zoom has also proven popular with one of our regular UK participants, G4HCK, hosting a ANZO EU Zoom meeting once a month.

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