

The 19th North Queensland Amateur Radio Convention

SEPTEMBER 18th, 19th & 20th 2009
JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY, DOUGLAS CAMPUS



Venue :

Most of the convention is held in University Hall at James Cook University, located approx 15km from the Townsville city centre in the foothills of Mount Stuart.

Transport :

If you are short of transport - Sunbus run regular services all day Saturday and on Sunday morning from the Uni to Nathan Plaza. TARC members will also be available to help you out of transport difficulties.

Accommodation :

A few options are available including Motel and Tourist Park accommodation. Billeting with friends is also popular. Some recommendations are :

Motels:

Cluden Park Motor Inn	07-47784555
Raintree Motel	07-47753066
Cedar Lodge	07-47757800

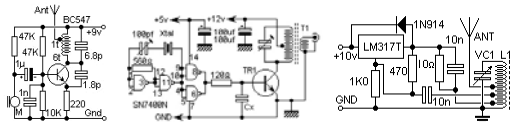
Tourist Parks:

Walkabout Palms	07-47782480
Coral Coast	07-47745205
The Lakes	07-47251577



Activities :

A full range of activities have been planned for the convention weekend. Everything starts on Friday Night at the secret rendezvous for the meet and greet session, so make sure you are in town and don't miss out! A sneak preview of the convention programme reveals the meet and greet on Friday Night with snacks provided by TARC, Car boot sale, Trade Displays, technical lectures, arts and crafts activities, Convention Banquet at the Frog and Toad Bistro, technical demonstrations, the VK4KT Ken Robertson Memorial Award, Monster Auction, home brew displays plus other activities too numerous to mention here. A concise Convention Programme will be handed out at Registration, 9am Saturday Morning.



Ladies Activities :

theTARCinc Ladies Group have heaps planned for the Convention, including trips to landmarks and markets, also a number of skilled craft activities. Contact Lyndall VK4ZM for updates on secret women's business !



Notes :

- Children's costs are for children aged 7 to 12 inclusive.
- Home Brew contests contain a Technical category and an Arts & Crafts category, each with a division for Men, Ladies, Harmonics. Several grades of prizes included in each division. Enter your best made home brew creation!!
- Club station VK4WIT will be active during the convention on voice, morse and data modes. Everyone attending the convention is invited to use the Club Station facilities.
- Tea and Coffee making facilities supplied by theTARCinc will be located at the balcony level of University House and available throughout the Convention.
- Call on VK4RAT (146.7 out 146.1 in) for navigational help.



Convention Costs :

Registration \$16 per attending household
 (includes bidding number for Monster Auction)

Saturday Lunch \$10 adults, \$5 children

Saturday Night Banquet \$25.00 per head

Sunday Lunch \$10 adults. \$5 children

All meals are sit down and fully catered for and only available to attendees who have registered and paid before the registration deadline.

Entry in home-brew contest also requires registration before the deadline. No exceptions.

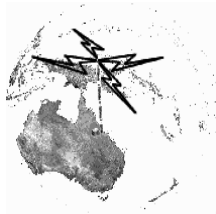
Pro-Rata Auction Attendance, \$5 per head
 (if you haven't registered for the whole weekend)

There might also be a small additional cost for those participating in the craft activities. Check with organisers before attending.

Registration Deadline : 28th August 2009

Things to See and Do :

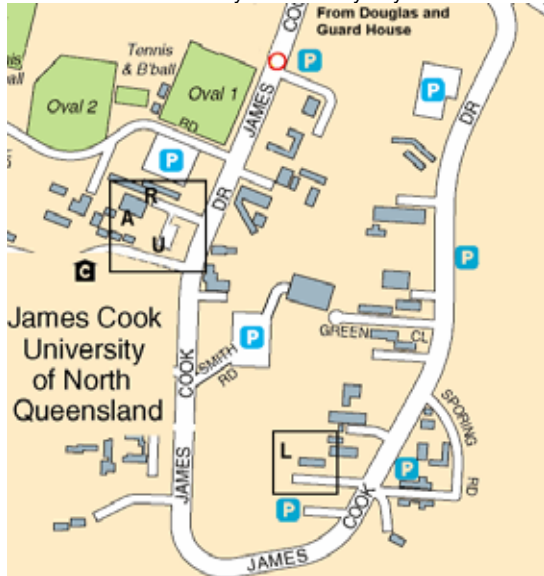
- Scenic views from Castle Hill and Mt Stuart
- Reef Wonderland, Omnimax Theatre & Pandora Museum
- Blackhawk Memorial and Palmetum
- Billabong Sanctuary - Alligator Creek National Park
- The Big Bucket at Townsville Strand.
- Grab a Ham (gently!) & discuss your latest tech problem.



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Venue for Saturday and Sunday daytime events



Important!

Please park only in designated unrestricted areas (such as those marked with **P**).
 Parking regulations on campus are very strict.

University Hall

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parking east and north of the hall. Also the spot for the Car Boot Sale.

Registration

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Located on the Mezzanine level of Uni Hall

Auction & ARDF

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parking as per University Hall

Electrical and Computer Engineering

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parking south of building

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REMEMBER TO BRING A WRAPPED SOMETHING FOR THE MYSTERY AUCTION WHICH WILL BE HELD ALONG WITH THE MONSTER AUCTION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

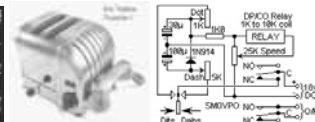
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Venue for the Meet and Greet session
 Friday evening Sept 18th and for the
 Convention Banquet Saturday evening Sept 19th
X Marks the Spot !



Frog and Toad Bistro – West End Hotel cnr. Ingham Rd and Jane St West End

Parking available at rear of Hotel and in Jane or Mary St.
 Entry to Venue by way of side entry in Jane Street or rear entry from Car Park.



Friday Afternoon setup at JCU starts around 1-30pm if you want to come along and lend a hand.

Friday Night Meet and Greet session starts from 7pm and finishes around 10pm

Saturday Morning opening time is around 8 am for some late final setups with the Convention opening at 9 am

Saturday Night Banquet starts at 6-30pm to late.

Sunday Morning opening time is around 8-30am.

Car Boot Sale starts around 9am Sunday morning and finishes around 11am.

Monster Auction starts at around 1pm Sunday and finishes around 4-30pm.



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HOPE YOU THOROUGHLY ENJOY THE CONVENTION

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