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**QSX-PE - Newsletter for the discerning Radio Ham**

# PEARS AGM will be on the 23rd May 2026 at the Sunridge Park Scout Hall



## **From the Chair**

Dear Members,

The time of the year has arrived once again for our Annual General Meeting. The venue will be the Sunridge Scout Hall on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, with the boot sale commencing at 14h00, followed by the Annual General Meeting at 15h00. Once the formalities are over there will be a bring

and braai afterwards, with salads and dessert provided by the Club.

Please also remember, that subs are due, and in order to vote at the AGM, only paid up members will be eligible to vote. The banking details and subs due are available on the website and can be found at <https://www.zs2pe.co.za/membership.htm>.

As we reflect on the past month, I believe that PEARS shined, beyond a reasonable doubt by hosting the South African Radio League National Convention over the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026 at the Willows Resort. As the organizing club for this year's convention, the weekend went as smooth as it could have gone, and have many radio amateurs talking in South Africa about the success of the weekend. I would like to thank all those that were party to the organizing of the weekend, as many hours were put into all the arrangements and logistics.

To all the radio amateurs that received awards at the Gala Din-

ner evening, and especially our own members, congratulations. Your hard work and dedication towards the hobby has been noticed and we thank you.

This past Saturday, the RAE was written, and the candidates are eagerly awaiting their results. To Vaughan, ZS2VR and Shaun, ZS2SG, thank you for all your hard work in giving classes in your own free time, and for conducting the HF Assessments. The work you do in growing the hobby does not go unnoticed.

As we are at the end of the term for the current committee, I wish to thank them for their service during the past year. To, Ashley, ZS2AG, as this is your last QSX, thank you for the many years of commitment for being the editor of QSX.

In closing, I hope to see you all at the AGM this coming Saturday.

73,

Kevern, ZR2BK

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

Here's hoping you enjoy reading this edition of QSX. If you have an article or two that you would like published in future copies of QSX, please send it on to the new QSX Editor to be announced hopefully at the AGM.

Thank you for your continued support of QSX and the articles you have submitted over the past few years.

It has been my honour to have been the QSX editor for the past few years and its time for me to hand over to a new editor.

73,

Ashley ZS2AG

# PEARS 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

14 June 2025 @ 15h00

QTH – German Club, Lorraine Street, Lorraine

## Welcome

The Chairman ZR2BK welcomed all present. 39 persons seated.

## Present and apologies

All present were asked to sign the attendance register.

Apologies tendered before the meeting:

ZR2CRS, ZS2BK, ZS2EZ, ZS2ST, ZS2AG, ZS2BL, ZS2D, ZS2E, ZS2N,  
ZS2PDS

Apologies noted from the floor:

ZS2GS.

27 signatures, with 3 apologies noted in the attendance register.

Quorum confirmed.

## Silent Keys

ZR2BK assisted in commemorating the following amateurs who had passed since the last AGM:

Barry Carr, ZS2BIC

Ted Smook, ZS2TED

## Minutes of the AGM 1 June 2024

These were circulated to all members via email as part of the official AGM Notice, and in the May-June edition of QSX

Proposed: ZS2EC

Seconded: ZS2DL

## Matters arising

None

## Treasurer's report

The financial statement was made available to members prior to the meeting via link on the AGM notice email.

The treasurer ZS2MIC explained the income and expenses statement as circulated. Overall balances were explained to the meeting. A positive balance was achieved at the end of the financial year.

Subs increase is evident. We now can sustain expenses, in combination with the events income.

Expenditure slight increase 6% in electricity. No more ISP expenses. Licenses – another 3 x 5 Year licenses paid this year.

Balance is positive, with no withdrawals from the investment account needed.

ZR2TX queried the summary balances from last year, not shown on the presentation. Seems we are in a similar position as last year, overall.

Proposed: ZR2TX

Seconded: ZS2RT

## Chairman's report

The chairman tabled the past year's report.

*It is my pleasure to present this year's report to you, the members.*

*To the committee, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank each of you for your dedication, insight, and hard work over the past year. Your contributions have played a vital role in the running of the club and your commitment has not gone unnoticed.*

*Whether it was through thoughtful discussion, strategic planning, or the many hours spent behind the scenes, your efforts have truly made a difference. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a passionate and capable group.*

*I thought I would start off by sharing some statistics about our club's membership. In total we have 133 members, of which 21 are female. The average age in the club is 57 years. So, where do all these members live?*

- 94 in Port Elizabeth
- 16 in Uitenhage and Despatch
- 12 in Kouga
- 11 in other areas of the country

*This slide shows the spread of the membership across the Eastern Cape and surrounds.*

*This slide shows the different age groups our membership is made up of.*

*And our youngest member is 15 years old and the oldest member is 96 years old.*

*In line with the vision of the SARL, the club needs to promote Amateur radio to the younger generation. With that being said, the club has successfully presented RAE classes to the younger generation, and they have passed. The club can be proud of the RAE team headed up by Donovan ZS2DL, and with the support of Vaughan ZS2VR and Shaun ZS2SG, who have done a sterling job. The end-less hours that they have given up of their own time to give classes, have paid off. As mentioned in the new edition of the QSX, Donovan has taken over the National RAE administration, and we wish him well in his new portfolio. In lieu of this, Vaughan, ZS2VR will now head up the RAE for the club, and Shaun, ZS2SG will be the chief HF Assessor. We wish them well with their new portfolios in the club.*

*Repeater Network – Repeaters require maintenance. There are some key role players that offered their time in order to assist with repeater maintenance. New batteries were installed at the Longmore site. Note that the Longmore site is solar powered as there is no AC mains.*

*After suffering loss at Slipper due to vandalism, the repeater was re-installed, both on VHF and UHF. At the same time, the container was replaced with another that is in much better condition. Thank you to Donovan ZS2DL for donating this container, and to Glen, ZS2GV for the use of his crane truck to move the old and replace with the new.*

*The old batteries from Longmore, were installed at Slipper, after giving it some time to make sure we were not vandalized again. The DMR repeater has also been installed, together with All Star making it possible to link Slipper to other repeaters in the country.*

*To Neil, ZR2NT, a massive thank you for clearing all the bushes around the site, and for manufacturing a solid gate, that will be installed inside the con-*

*tainer for extra security.*

*A co-user agreement was entered into between SAPS and the club for the use of their Kareedouw Berg site to re-instate our repeater. This agreement will be extended to all the other sites that we are co-users on. This comes at no charge to the club.*

*And of course to Chris, ZS2AAW for all the endless hours he puts into the repeater sites and repair of equipment.*

*Now, why do we need repeaters, well they actually generate income for the club when we do communication for events. From the day/night rallies, the Addo 100 miler, the Ironman, the Trans Elands, the Transbaviaans, the Lo-FER, the Herald MTB and all the other events. Without these events the club would not be in a sound financial position. I would like to thank all the members, that offer up their time to volunteer in these events.*

*Through the year, we had two DF Hunts that were well supported. Also, for the PEARS VHF/UHF contest and the combined SARL Field Day and VHF/UHF Contest, members went up to Olifantskop Pass. The last Field day was most enjoyable and the team slept over on top of the mountain.*

*A plea, when these club events are advertised, please make the effort and join in. Without the members participating there is no point in putting all the effort in to make arrangements.*

*As you are aware, our usual monthly meeting venue has changed to the German Club. The unreliability of the Italian Club forced us to make the decision to move. A big thank you to Mike, ZS2MIC for arranging the German Club, at no cost to the club to host our meet-ings and AGM.*

*Our monthly meetings have had very poor attendance. At times it would only be the committee and 5 or 6 members in attendance. There needs to be more participation from club members. If you believe there is something that should change, please speak up. From attending the SARL AGM and speaking to other clubs, there are some new ideas that can be implemented to improve attendance and also get members involved in a practical way.*

*On a final note, the committee decided to submit a bid to bring the South African Radio League Annual General Meeting back to Port Elizabeth in 2026. It is with pleasure to announce that an official letter was received from the SARL on the 12th of June, that the SARL council decided to accept our bid and that PEARS will host the SARL AGM in 2026. We are extremely excited to host their AGM and Awards Dinner once again, the last time being back in*

2007.

*In closing, I would like to thank everyone today for making the effort and attending our Annual General Meeting.*

*I want to sincerely thank those members for their continued enthusiasm, support, and dedication to PEARS. Whether you've been sharing your knowledge, helping with events, or simply showing up and engaging with fellow members—it's your involvement that keeps amateur radio vibrant and strong.*

*This club is more than just a place to talk about frequencies and antennas—it's a space for connection, learning, and fellowship. Let's continue to inspire new hams, support one another in our technical pursuits, and always be ready to lend a hand—on the air or in person*

*.I thank you,*

*Kevern*

## Motions

No motions were submitted for discussion and voting at the AGM.

## General

ZR2NT thanks to the chairman and committee for the effort. The repeater has CW ID, rather faintly, what is this? ZR2BK will remove the CW ID, and the timeout timer, which is way too short. He will attend to this. Kevern also described the use of the All Star system. There are some nets each day on All Star, which we are connected to. Constructors Corner Zoom meeting each Tuesday – have considered using the 700 repeater as the chat channel instead of Zoom, to foster more interest. There is one overseas member (Chad ZS2CJ), can he link from there? Yes, he can, either use a node, or use EchoLink.

ZS2MIC Would a not very technical person be welcome to join on the Tuesdays? YES< by all means, we are all there to learn

## Awards

### **2025 PEARS AGM Awards**

### **Appreciation Award: (Certificate)**

Made in appreciation of services rendered to the benefit of the Society or its members, at the discretion of the committee. Can be presented at any appropriate occasion. The recipient need not be a member of PEARS.

Lt Col van Rooyen - Appreciation for the use of two SAPS sites

Clive Browne - For the use of his farm on Olifantskop Pass for contests.

ZR2TX - The co-ordination with event organizers to ensure events are well managed and run like clockwork.

ZS2AG - Endless hours put into the publication of QSX

ZS2GV - For the Selfless use of his truck and labour to move the Containers on Ladyslipper in December 2024.

ZS2PS - for the manufacture of new name tags for the SK board.

ZS2SG - For the refurbishment of the SK Board and for his continued support of the RAE Program.

ZS2U - Never missing a bulletin and contributions towards the bulletins.

ZS2VR - For his support of the RAE program.

### **Merit: (Certificate)**

Made to persons who have made an exceptional contribution to the society. At the discretion of the committee, and presented at the AGM. The recipient must have been a PEARS member during that year.

ZS2EC – Theunis' support of contesting, his contesting accomplishments and his recent SARL recognition in this regard, is commendable. Also the SARL award for support of contests and his accomplishments

### **Noel Hammond Award:**

Made to the person that receives achieves the highest marks in the PEARS Annual RAE

ZS2NEM Nicole Mitchell

### **Ou Toppie Award: (Certificate)**

*This is to certify that Graham and Allan have not only reached the ripe old age of 80 years, but have managed to retain all their senses in spite of their close and lengthy association, both in person and over the air, with men and*

*women of the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society and other hams around the world.*

*PEARS salutes them on this fine achievement.*

ZS2GIB Graham Butcher (13 April 1945)

ZS2BO Allan Bowles (22 April 1945)

**ZS2OB DX Trophy:** (Cup + Certificate)

Applications and nominations to be considered by the committee, and awarded to the person whom the committee considers most deserving.

ZR2GW - Gordon is a newly licenced ham, but is very active on HF DX and really deserve the recognition.

**ZS2AB Constructor's Trophy:** (Cup + Certificate)

Applications and nominations to be considered by the committee. In deciding, the committee shall take recognition of the number of construction projects undertaken, their complexity and the quality and appearance of the finished product/s. The recipient must be able to display the items at the AGM where the award is made, or as soon as possible thereafter. The recipient must have been a PEARS member during that year.

ZS2DL - In recognition of the construction of 2m and 6m mega size antenna's

**PEARS Merit Cup:** (Cup + Certificate)

A floating trophy initiated in 2001, to replace the certificates.

ZR2NT - Neil has really done a lot this year. His help with Slip-per Maintenance, his drive to promote construction with the PIC development course he offers, deserves recognition.

**W. Watson VHF Trophy (one for both 2m and 6m):** (Cup + Certificate)

Awarded by the committee for commendable achievements on VHF. The recipient must have been a PEARS member during that year.

ZS2VHF Team (ZS2CS Clinton, ZS2G Andrew, ZS2SG Shaun, ZR2BK Kevern, RAE candidate Robert and ZS2PS Paul) - for their participation as a team during SARL Contest from Olifantskop

**DF Hunt Trophy:** (Cup + Certificate)

To be decided by the committee and awarded to the person who performed

most successfully during DF hunts that took place during the year. The recipient must have been a PEARS member during that year.

ZS2AFB & ZS2SG – Jointly awarded to the winners of the two DF hunts held this past year.

**ZS2JIM QSX Contributor Trophy:** (Cup + Certificate)

Awarded to the person that provided the most contributions in terms of articles for the monthly newsletter QSX. At the discretion of the editor and committee. Recipient does not have to be a PEARS Member

ZR2BK – for his many articles submitted to the editor

**Ham Spirit Trophy:** (Cup + Certificate - Cup donated my Marge, ZS2OB)

The award to be decided by the committee in confidence. The award to be made in recognition of those qualities which make a good all-round Ham, viz willingness to help, activity on the air, friendliness, courtesy to his/her fellows and participation in the activities of the Society.

ZS2G - Andrew has shown tremendous Spirit by always volunteering for talks at meetings when the club was sadly in need of a presentation. Also participating in HF Field Days.

**Honorary Lifetime Membership of PEARS**

Awarded to ZS2DL for the many hours spent on the Radio Amateur Fraternity in RSA

**SARL SOTA Award**

For climbing the highest peak in KZN – Mt Mafadi, ZS/KN-001

ZS2AV Amanda LaMude

**HRO/PEARS Ham of the year:** (Cup + Certificate)

Awarded to a deserving member for their contribution to the hobby in general ZS2DL - Induction into the SARL Hall of Fame

## Election of Chairman

The Chairman then thanked the outgoing committee for their dedication. He mentioned that two members of the committee (ZS2DL and ZS2PS) have stood down for the coming year, the rest were available for re-election.

Kevern stood down as chairman, and since Donovan was not available for re

-election to committee, he could preside over the election process for a new chairman. Donovan thanked Kevern for the great job done over the past year, well done and thank you.

ZR2BK nominated by ZS2EC Seconded by ZR2TX

No further nominations were received, ZR2BK assumed chairmanship from ZS2DL, who stood down.

## Election of Committee

The outgoing committee except ZS2PS and ZS2DL, confirmed their availability and were nominated to stand again as per original portfolios.

Thus 2 nominations were sought.

ZS2PTY nominated by ZS2DH, seconded by ZS2DL

ZS2AFB nominated by ZR2BK, seconded by ZS2DH

### **Portfolio Name Callsign**

Chairman Kevern Burger ZR2BK

Vice Chairman Dave Higgs ZS2DH

Treasurer Michael Steenkamp ZS2MIC

Secretary Chris Scarr ZS2AAW

RAE administrator Vaughan Rizzo ZS2VR

Technical, repeaters, SAR Glen Cummings ZS2GV

QSX Editor Ashley Goosen ZS2AG

PR, Special Events Patsy Kruger ZS2PTY

Fox Hunts, Field Days Andrew Bower ZS2AFB

## Closing

The chairman thanked the attendees and called the meeting closed at 15h58.

SIGNED:

**Chairman: Kevern Burger ZR2BK**

**Secretary: Christopher Scarr ZS2AAW**

# Minutes of PEARS Monthly Meeting

Held at the German Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 19h30

## Welcome:

Chairman Kevern ZR2BK welcomed all present.

## Attendance:

Approximately 14 attendees. As per Register.

## Apologies:

ZS2GS, ZS2PTY, ZS2AFB, ZS2GS, ZS2GKP, ZS2AG

## Acceptance of previous meeting's minutes:

Proposed: ZS2ECH

Seconded: ZS2VR

## Matters arising:

None

## Finances:

ZS2MIC had reported that all was in good standing.

Paid ICASA licences, Iron Man comms will donate R5k, thanks to those who volunteered. Events keep the club afloat. Club subs are due before the May PEARS AGM. Only paid up members may vote at the AGM. 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the German Club. 14h00 boot sale, 15h00 AGM, order supper afterwards and socialise.

## Events

None in May

## **RAE**

earing completion. 2 weeks left. Exam on the 16<sup>th</sup> May

## **Repeaters**

Power at Slipper has been stable for some time now. UHF link still faulty. New batteries costs have escalated, so parked for now, leave till after the AGM.

Uitenhage repeater being prepped.

Longmore connected to Town repeater due to the Slipper UHF fault

## **SARL AGM**

Organising committee met before the club meeting.

REGISTER for the AGM please. ZS2's must attend in person for support. No admission fee for conference delegates

Friday social – 46, AGM – 42, Saturday Gala Dinner – 58, 10 partners going to SANCOB

Friday 18h30 braai, Saturday 08h00 registration, 09h00 AGM start, lunch at the Boma (boerewors rolls) 14h00 ZR2TX talk at the Boma on Meshcore. ZS2G to run HF station.

Gala dinner 19h00 Saturday.

Awards, and a buffet. Chicken Ala King, white rice, roast Lamb and gravy, Greek salad and roosterkoek, and a dessert.

Working on a sponsor for Friday evening ice cream after the braai.

ZS2PS, please arrange banners – will get them to ZS2AAW

## **PEARS AGM**

Link will be posted for nominations for awards.

Please nominate!

Looking for a QSX editor... ZS2AG standing down at the AGM

## **General:**

### ZS2G

This Saturday – 40m club contest. ZS2G may do a field station

in Lorraine. 5 – 6 pm

ZR2NT

Cutoff time for the SARL function? This Friday. AGM itself one can just pitch up and attend.

ZR2BK

proposed to go another year without subs increase, will re-consider in 2027. Meeting agreed.

Investigating a radio room setup with antennas etc, will provide update at the AGM.

ZS2DH

Please, ZS2 bums in seats at the AGM. We are within 20 of the last year JHB total, would be great to top it!!

Please nominate for PEARS AGM Awards

Need new people on PEARS committee

ZS6LUK in Port Alfred looking for WAZS

**Closure:**

Meeting ended at 19h56

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Speaker:**

Brandon Zietsman ZS6LZ – 5 days of SOTA in Lesotho.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

KEVERN BURGER (ZR2BK)

CHRISTOPHER SCARR (ZS2AAW)

## THE NEW ZS2BK SATELLITE AWARD

A new award has been created by the South African Radio League, called the ZS2BK Satellite Award. The award will be presented annually by the South African Radio League at the Annual Awards Gala Dinner to a worthy recipient.

This new award was created due to the many achievements that Andre Van Deventer, ZS2BK has made with working satellites, including a 100 DXCC via Satellite. Andre has made a massive contribution to amateur radio in South Africa over the many years, and having achieved this milestone is commendable.

On Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026, a copy of the award was handed over to Andre in Port Elizabeth. The other copy of the award will now live in the National Amateur Radio Centre.



Front left, Kevern Burger (ZR2BK), Back Left, Nico van Rensburg (ZS6QL), Back Right, Gary Immelman (ZS6YI) and Front Right, Dave Higgs (ZS2DH).

# THE MAST...

by Patsy Kruger ZS2PTY

Where do I begin...? December 2, 2025 was a beautiful sunny morning and I had just moved from PE to a farm in Alexandria about a month earlier. My duties as occasional news reader together with an upcoming Hamnet event had prompted me to get my 2m up and running so that I can be prepared for whatever ham related event comes my way. Being an expert at procrastination I was awfully chuffed at myself for being such a pro-active YL. Well, after spending most of the morning climbing over a mountain of boxes I finally made it to the corner of the room where the mast was situated/dumped/stored (make your pick). This particular telescopic mast of which I am the very proud owner, was originally “sponsored” by Escom via via via to the last owner who in turned agreed to swop it for a bottle of whiskey. Bargain indeed. Now that we all know how I came about the mast we can move on to the very important “how not to” part from my story. The weather by now was less pleasant and when you only weigh 49kg, windy conditions are at best very unfavorable!

Known to run barefoot where Angels fear to tread I did not let this stop me in any way. I was determined to get my rig up and running. Installed the antenna, found a suitable pole, secured the mast with strong cable ties and proceeded to extend the mast. I used a sharp nose plier to secure the button lock of each layer working with my arms slightly raised above my head while the wind tried its best to displace me as far as possi-

ble. About 3 layers in, my not so frisk arms were pretty tired of this mast work and simultaneously hanging on while my chicken legs were blowing about. Then, in a moment of weakness (actually utter stupidity) I let the mast collapse... sucking in the fleshy part of my palm on the thumb side! The pain was incredible, my life flashed before my eyes while my pride took a serious beating as I realized – this was bad and as far as booboo goes, about a number 1. Not only was I standing out of reach of any form of structure to support me, my free arm was too tired to extend the mast and my hand was solidly stuck! To add insult to injury I also lived alone and for a brief second the thought crossed my mind that I might actually be a piece of biltong by the time someone (most probably an affirmative shopper) discovered me. Panic mode over, I considered my options - extend the mast somehow / pull my hand out and sacrifice whatever stays behind or chew off my wrist. Last mentioned not being such a good option when you have two huge blood thirsty Anatolian Shepherds hanging around. I thus opted for a combination of the first two choices. Low and behold fellow hams, I mustered my final strength and managed to lift the pole ever so slightly while I yanked with all my might. Overcome by nausea, pain and a tremendous sense of relief, I fought back the tears and inspected the damage... not a single drop of blood was shed during this whole traumatizing event! Besides pain and a very hard lump I had no evidence of my so called life threatening incident. O well, like the words of a popular song from days gone by... "Big girls don't cry". Tempted to call it a day my stubbornness got the better of me and I decided to complete the mission. After a well deserved

rest and the wind being a bit more merciful, I had the mast up! My chest was bursting with pride, the anticipation unreal. I had done it all...Antenna, Mast, Solar panel, Battery, Radio...ZS2PTY calling CQ! Hams, I



**The only tail I got when keying the mike.....**

kid you not... my eager ears were met with deadly silence! Nothing, nada, morsdood! Troubleshooting 101 done, mast down, cable check, mast up (AGAIN) and still nothing! I reached out (via whatsapp natuurlijk) to my trusty friend Chris ZS2AAW who came to the conclu-

sion that NOPE I'm not able to get into my nearest repeater. O well, that was a darn painful T-Shirt to obtain.



**The mast ...**



Sadly the mast and I are not on good terms at the moment and it will remain in a lonely dark little corner until I get myself mobile again (which I hope will be soon). My next adventure or possible disaster will be when I attempt to get my Icom IC 730 up and running. Until then 73 and 88!

# THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NATIONAL CONVENTION AT THE WILLOWS

PEARS was proud to host the SARL AGM at the Willow Resort and Conference Centre over the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2026.

The Friday night, a welcoming function was held at the Boma by the resort. A braai with sponsored drinks was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the Saturday morning, the Annual General Meeting was held, (thank you to Chris, ZS2AAW for doing the AV) followed by a talk on Meshcore in the Boma, done by Andrew, ZS2AFB. A field station was also erected by Andrew, ZS2G.

The Saturday night, was the special Gala Dinner where all the SARL awards were presented. This function was very well attended, and enjoyed by all.

Special mention must go out to the organizers from PEARS, Dave Higgs ZS2DH and XYL Bev, Kevern Burger ZR2BK and XYL Eugenie, Odette Vosloo ZS2OD and Patsy Kruger ZS2PTY.



**AGM Entrance Hall**



**Welcome Braai**



**Welcome Braai...**



**Eugenie, Bev and Odette**



**Welcome Braai...**



**Great Braai food served....**



**Welcome Braai...**



**The AGM on Saturday the 2nd May 2026**



**Meshcore talk by Andrew ZS2AFB**



**Patsy ZS2PTY receiving and Appreciation Award for the AGM**



**Odette ZS2OD receiving an Appreciation Award**



**Eugenie Burger receiving an Appreciation Award**



**Bev, receiving an Appreciation Award**



**Gert ZS2GS receiving an Appreciation Award**



**Vaughan, ZS2VR receiving the Jack Twine Merit Award**



**Paul, ZS2PS receiving the Jack Twine Merit Award**



**Eric, ZS2ECH receiving the Jack Twine Merit Award**



**Andrew, ZS2AFB receiving the Jack Twine Merit Award**



**Odette, ZS2OD receiving the Jack Twine Merit Award**



**Andrew, ZS2G receiving the Annie Van Der Merwe Gold Award**



**Chris, ZS2AAW receiving the Annie Van Der Merwe Gold Award**



**Dave, ZS2DH receiving the Koos and Annie van der Merwe Platinum Award**



**Theunis, ZS2EC receiving the Koos and Annie van der Merwe Platinum Award.**



**Gifts from PEARS for the AGM**



**Glen, ZS2GV receiving the Koos and Annie van der Merwe Gold Award**

## Let's Get Acquainted!

Dear Friend,

My name is Ashley ZS2AG and I am interested in things that are of a spiritual nature, for instance, a study of the Bible.

I believe that the Bible is God's communication to us today, and that only an honest study of it will reveal the truth.

If you feel the same way as I do and you wish to have a study in your home why not give me a call on 0823726696 to set up a time when we can meet.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards.

# *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

## *Birthdays*

### **May 2026**

17 Matthew Saayman ZS2SA  
28 Mike Otgaar ZS2AQ

### **June 2026**

03 Tim Joubert ZS2X  
04 Daniel Herselman ZS1ND  
16 Ian Moore ZS2IJ

## *Spouse Birthdays*

### **May 2026**

18 Mark Dodd Llise ZS2LLD  
20 Natasha Swart Dirk ZS2JD  
21 Cecilia van der Heide Jacques ZR2JH

26 Eugenie Burger Kevern ZR2BK

### **June 2026**

02 Vanessa Cummings Glen ZS2GV  
04 Sonya Swart Jan ZS2JS  
14 Sherise Cilliers Tristen ZS2TC

## *Anniversaries*

### **May 2026**

25 Neil Merle Thomas ZR2NT ZR2MP  
28 Robbie Ronel Styles ZS2RF  
29 Marius Karla Van Rensburg ZS2MVR

### **June 2026**

15 Ashley Jenny Goosen ZS2AG

## **DISCLAIMER**

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## Sunday SARL and Monday Evening PEARS Bulletins

PEARS provides a local reading of the SARL bulletin every Sunday morning at 8:15 in Afrikaans read by Kevern ZR2BK and at 8:30 in English read by Rory ZS2BL, transmitted through the Lady's Slipper Repeater on 145.700MHz.

PEARS Bulletins are transmitted on Monday evenings at 20H00 through the Lady's Slipper repeater 145.700MHz 88.5Hz Narrow, which is coupled to the Longmore Repeater 145.625 MHz 88.5Hz Narrow.

## Bulletin Roster

25th May	Incoming Chairman	???????
01st Jun	Incoming Vice Chairman	???????
08th Jun	Incoming Secretary	???????
15th Jun	Incoming Treasurer	???????
22nd Jun	Incoming Committee member	???????
29th Jun	ditto	???????
06th Jul	ditto	???????
13th Jul	ditto	???????
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## PEARS' VHF/UHF, Packet & Other Services

**Local Repeaters: These repeaters form a separate sub-net in the PE - Uitenhage - Despatch area.**

Town VHF	Longmore	Uitenhage	Town UHF	<---- IRLP available on this subnet
145.050/650 88.5Hz, Narrow 12.5k	145.025/625 88.5Hz, Narrow 12.5k	145.075/675 Wide 25k	431.050/438.650 Wide 25k	
<b>Cockscomb</b> 431.000/438,600 Add 88.5Hz for squ tail	<b>Viewlands</b> 431.075/438.675 Add 88.5Hz for squ tail	<---- These form linking hubs for events, hence no tail	<b>DMR</b> 430.675/438.275 QTH: ZS2VA	<b>D-Star</b> 145.175/775 QTH: ZS2N

### Cape Linked System Repeaters:

These form the PEARS long-range 2-metre repeater system, in conjunction with the Border, Southern Cape and WCRWG systems. See [www.zs2pe.co.za/Repeaters/repeaters.htm](http://www.zs2pe.co.za/Repeaters/repeaters.htm) for more details.

Lady's Slipper	Grahamstown	Cradock	Noupoort (link only)
145,100/700 88.5Hz, Narrow 12.5k	145,150/750 Wide 25k	145,050/650 Wide 25k	438,750 / 438,675 Wide 25k
Colesberg 431,075/438,675 Wide 25k	Kareedouw 145,125/725	Plett 145,175/775	Brenton 145,075/675

### APRS/Packet network:

ZSONTP Node	ZS0KDK APRS Digi	ZS0KDB APRS Digi
Lady's Slipper 434,800 1200bd 439.850 9600 bd	Mount Road 434,800 1200bd	Longmore 434,800 1200bd

VHF Beacon: 50,007 MHz FSK – ZS2X, 25 Watts into 2 element Yagi beaming north.

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