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Exciting year ahead!

The new year 2019 is here and along with it comes the renewal of our club. The Scarborough Amateur Radio Club exists today, thanks to the unwavering efforts of some very keen champions, who have kept the embers glowing in defiance of gale force winds. Those winds have extinguished many amateur radio clubs over the past decade. There are many causes for club failure - advancing social technologies - apathy - ageing membership - the list goes on. We are all aware of what causes memberships to decline and interest to wane. This is not going to happen to the Scarborough Amateur Radio Club. We have a proud history of being one of the premier clubs in amateur radio. This coming year is not going to be a candle in the wind - it is going to be a bonfire!

We are very fortunate to have the resources, structure and most importantly you the enthusiastic participating members of the club. Without your participation, knowledge and resourcefulness the flame will go out. Each of us has a common interest in amateur radio and bring great talent to the club. Using our collective knowledge and enthusiasm we are going to make this a banner year for SARC in 2019.

Over the past few weeks there have been many brilliant suggestions from you for the upcoming year. These ideas coupled with great ingenuity, effort and desire from all of us will form the new foundation for SARC. This exciting new foundation will bring great joy and success to our club as we welcome new members and we participate in exciting club events.

Each one of us has the opportunity to actively Participate in the club's rebirth. We get to create exciting club activities from which we can Learn and explore the fascinating world of amateur radio. We will be able to really Enjoy our friendships and membership in the Scarborough Amateur Radio Club. Our efforts will guarantee the success and growth of SARC in this new year.

I am sure you all remember the time you made your first contacts. The fabulous excitement of calling CQ - giving your signal report and sending 73. This is how I feel right now about the Scarborough Amateur Radio Club. I am nervous, humbled, excited and thrilled to be honoured with my role as president of SARC. We have an extremely talented executive who I am sure feel the same excitement for this coming year. I look forward to working with you to make 2019 a year to look back on with pride and also knowing that SARC is strong, growing and a great place to enjoy the world of amateur radio.

Again thanks to all who have kept the embers burning and to all who will Participate, Learn and Enjoy the year ahead as members of the Scarborough Amateur Radio Club.

Have a great 2019 everyone.

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