

Cape Leeuwin And Cape Naturaliste On The Air for the ILLW

August 17th - 18th marks the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW). The ILLW takes place annually to highlight the historic significance of lighthouses and lightships for the safety of marine transport and for communications between the ships and shore stations. And it remembers the legacies provided by our ancestors in progressing the development of the facilities and technologies through the previous ages into the modern age.

In the current era of modern navigation and communications technology the historical light and radio techniques have been largely replaced by GPS navigation and satellite communications. These are supplemented by the more traditional HF and VHF radio communication techniques.

As part of the ILLW each year, Amateur radio enthusiasts across Australia and around the world set up radio stations at local lighthouses and aim to communicate with each other.

This will be the sixteenth year that Cape Leeuwin and Cape Naturaliste will be on air for the ILLW, operating under the callsigns VK6CLL and VK6CNL respectively. The support of lighthouse staff in making this possible is greatly appreciated. In past years the stations have communicated with lighthouses all across Australia, NZ, Asia, Europe, the Americas and beyond, and similar results are hoped for this year propagation conditions permitting.

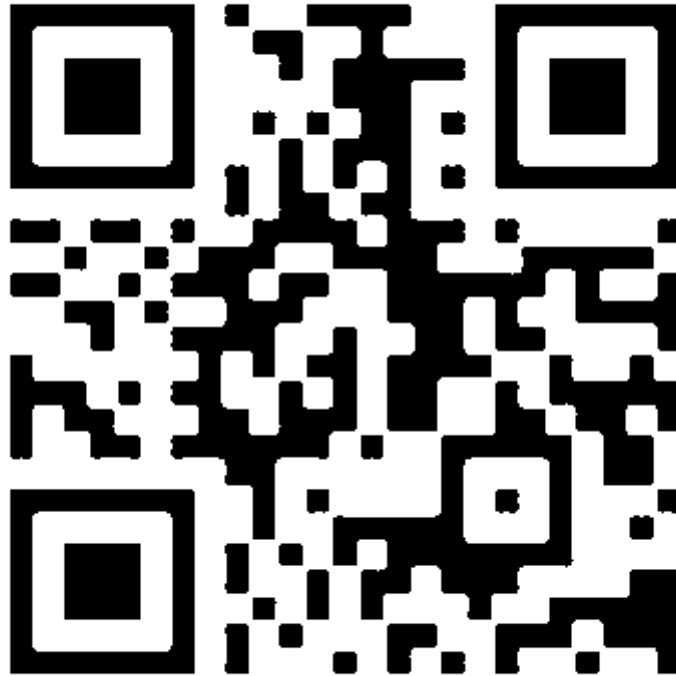
Amateur Radio is not only a very varied and interesting hobby it is also a good way to lead into STEM careers. Much of modern radio communications technology has originated from within Amateur Radio and from Amateur Radio operators working professionally in communications and computing fields.

The stations will be on-air from 9AM to 4PM on Saturday, August the 17th and Sunday the 18th. Visitors are welcome to come past and have a look, the operators will be happy to answer any questions about the station and ILLW and Amateur Radio in general.

Further information is available on <https://capetocape.info/ar/> .

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Welcome to the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. Supported by Amateur Radio operators in the South Western area of Western Australia.



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FURTHER INFORMATION:

The ILLW is a free event; myself and all those involved are volunteer radio enthusiasts who set up these Amateur Radio stations at their own expense, there is no commercial aspect involved.

We have the permission and support (for which we are grateful) of the Margaret River-Busselton Tourism Association and the management at the Cape Leeuwin and Cape Naturaliste lighthouses to operate within the lighthouse grounds during the open weekend, but otherwise have no connection with the lighthouse or MRBTA. Our operation does not change the normal lighthouse entry procedures or charges, these remain as set by MRBTA. Once inside the Cape Leeuwin and Cape Naturaliste lighthouse grounds, anyone is freely able to visit our station. However please keep clear of the antennas.

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Thank you, and Kind Regards,