

An “Up-cycled Product” Competition - NZVRS AGM 2018

The NZVRS would like to hold an open competition for a recycled product designed and constructed by members, to be held at the 2018 NZVRS AGM in July in Auckland. The upcycled product should be modified for reuse something generally radio related with bonus points allocated for application specifically to vintage radio. The competition is open in all classes of product and may be submitted purely in printed form – ie the actual product does not need to be provided for inspection, however photographic evidence would support your entry. The judges (at their sole discretion) may also allocate “Certificates of Merit” recognizing any special attributes such as the most innovative, the smallest, the largest, the most vintage looking, the simplest, the most complex etc to those entries deemed worthy of such an award.

An upcycle (or asset reassignment) example could be an audio oscillator converted into a radio receiver, a can opener into a coil winder, a shoe rack into a loop antenna, an AM radio into a Morse tone generator, a cheese grater into a crystal set etc. The entry requirements are; that the device be made by a financial member, be self contained (but may have a separate power supply unit), have brief instructions and/or explanations of use and operation (with a sketch of the controls if necessary), a sketch of the circuit, have their own energy supply where required (although this will not be judged), be anonymous (ie no members names), to be received at the venue before 11 am on the morning of the AGM. Out of town members are especially invited to submit entries which may be descriptive only – ie text and photo documents describing the item. The following judging points may be used as a guide to determine the winner or the allocation of any awards, but these are entirely at the judges’ prerogative;

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall design (technique fit for purpose) ○ Authenticity and any innovation demonstrated. ○ Elegance in design techniques ○ Degree of simplicity or complexity (not always an advantage) ○ Adaptation of technology 	20
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction techniques employed ○ General look and eye appeal (eg simplicity and elegance) ○ Execution skills and aesthetics ○ Interesting componentry and materials ○ Degree of difficulty 	20
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Device performance (including any relevant factors such as power efficiency, durability and stability). ○ Ease and simplicity of operation ○ Be safe in working practice 	20
Additional items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inventiveness ○ Novelty value ○ Originality ○ Application to vintage radio ○ Merits of supporting documentation ○ Vintage look ○ Attractiveness ○ Exceptional features ○ Additional point for using the Club’s VR100 / 6U7 vales ○ Before and after pictures ○ Judge’s choice 	40
	Total points	100

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Closing time for the competition is at 11 am on the day of the 2018 AGM at the AGM venue, 990 Great North Rd, Western Springs, Auckland.
2. The supporting instructions, sketch of controls, any circuit and descriptive text will be used only to determine the judging criteria. The ‘printed quality’ of the instructions will not be directly judged however their merit (clarity, simplicity etc) may well be worth a bonus point.
3. The “testing” of the item will be entirely at the discretion of the judges and limited to their range of available instruments.
4. Any submitter’s identification will be coded, obscured or otherwise deleted from the judges’ copy.
5. Members are welcome to submit up to two entries each.
6. The overall winner will be awarded a free NZVRS subscription for the following year.
7. Any award of merit or recognition in any category is totally optional and at the sole discretion of the judges.
8. The judges’ decisions on the day are final and binding, no correspondence or justifications will be entertained.

Good luck to all participants.