

APRS Project Bulk Purchase

At the APRS round-table meeting a number of members expressed interest in buying tracker devices, including a suitable GPS. The committee are keen to support this project and are offering to underwrite a bulk purchase of some suitable items.

A number of possible devices were discussed and looked at during the APRS round-table night and the general impression was that the current model of the OpenTracker+ would be most suitable. This device is able to support GPS stations, non-GPS stations, some weather stations and telemetry data, has good configuration software and options, with source code that is available to be modified if required. Details are available at: www.argentdata.com

A null modem is needed to configure the tracker. We will offer a cable null modem if you need this, as well as a cable to get to the back of your desktop PC!

The ADS-GM1 GPS is water proof and has a magnetic back for mounting on a car. We may offer a cheaper unit if this is requested. It requires a DB9 to be soldered on. We have not tested these units so it is buyer beware, but we expect no problems with it.

Pricing: The plan is to charge members at an expected exchange rate and to use any bulk purchase savings to pay for the postage costs. The Group will carry any extra costs if the postage is more than we can cover in this way.

Member's Order Form (Or email details)	Price NZD	Qty	Total
OpenTracker+ kit	\$50.00		
OpenTracker+ built and tested	\$70.00		
ADS-GM1 waterproof GPS receiver	\$85.00		
OM2 Tracker Base (Assembled, see website info)	\$150.00		
Common Handheld Tracker Cable (DB9, Cigarette lighter power, mic/speaker connectors)	\$25.00		
Icom Handheld Tracker Cable (as for Common)	\$25.00		
Kenwood Tracker Cable (as for Common)	\$25.00		
Yaesu Tracker Cable (as for Common)	\$25.00		
Discount GPS Unit (waterproof, magnetic but no DB9)	\$60.00		
DB9 Straight cable 2m	\$8.00		
DB9 Null modem cable 2m	\$8.00		
TOTAL			

There are four cables on offer, so please check on the website and select which on you require. They are "Common Handheld", "Icom Handheld", "Kenwood" and "Yaesu".

Payments: can be made by Cheque to Wellington VHF Group with the order form or a payment to the bank as described on the back of Q-Bit. Include your call and APRS on the details and email your order as below. Unit will be available at meetings.

Ordering: Other parts on the website can be added to the order by arrangement (such as adapters, cables and accessories). Please email ZL2WA@clear.net.nz with "APRS Order" in the subject line.

Non-members order add 25% or include \$25 subscription and membership application form.

ORDER CLOSING DATE 3rd September 2010.