# GATHWAY



# GGREC

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Club meetings held at the 1st Dakwood Park scout hall in Heyington Crescent, Noble Park North. Meetings commence on the Third Friday of each month at 8:00 pm.

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ALL VISITORS WELCOME

## PRESIDENTS REPORT JUNE 1987

Once again the GGREC starts off with a fresh new committee, new ideas, new enthusiasm. This time we are starting off the Clubs second decade (Yes its been ten years since it started). I wonder if we can do better, achieve more, surely that should be our aim?

If you agree, how about your help? we have several exciting projects comming up including the 6 metre repeater, Monthly activities to celebrate our tenth birthday and soon to be announced, a big 1988 Amateur Radio Show. Also the home brew competition will be held again this year starting with the July meeting and ending with the presentation at our Christmas breakup. The monthly judging will be kept a secret so dont be put off if your item of gear is less impressive against the opposition. Points will be rewarded for all entries. The total points winner and the most impressive item will win prizes.

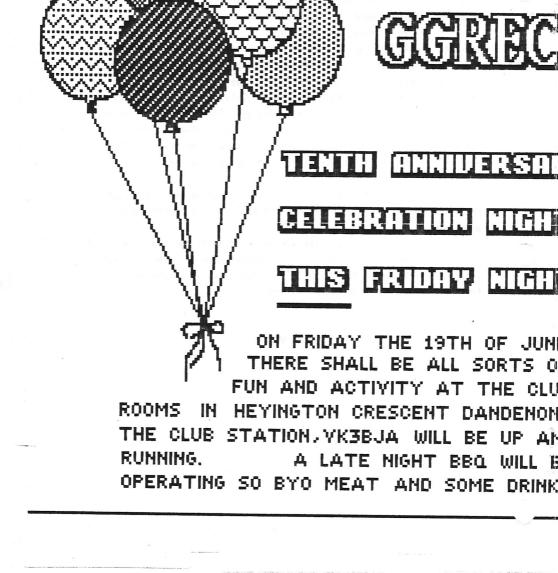
The monthly raffles will re-start in July so we need donations of prizes, nothing fancy, just something well worth a 20 cent chance at

winning.

In closing I would like to thank the outgoing committee, Ian, VK3BUF and Andy VK3KCS, for their consistent efforts over the years. Last but not least Albert VK3BQO who continues as Treasurer, thanks for your help in looking after the books.

73'S for now.

Kerry VK3KFC



At various times on the Friday, before the Queens Birthday weekend, thirteen of us left Melbourne for MT Gambier. Normally a five hour drive (not in my car, ed.) heavy fog made driving slow but all arrived save if not tired at the motel.

Around lunch time the next day we went to the Showgrounds and registered. Doug, VK3KMN and Ron, VK3IO had already set up their stalls and were making money. We supervised the unloading of the Kenwood equipment and were stunned at some of the cheap prices. Only Dave VK3XMF dived into his wallet at this stage. We then ventured up to the lake and spent several hours sightseeing. A great evening meal was enjoyed at a local pub. Who said all of MT Gambier was booked out? Even the Pizza Hut was supposed to be booked out, but we fanned out around the town looking for a venue while maintaining contact on 2 metres and were successful.

We returned to the motel and hired a video, two films were watched, the first in the motel lounge and the second in Ian (KGT) and Daves room. Several people were sent staggering back to their rooms much latter and some even woke up fit as a fiddle..... only some!

The next day back to the Convention and more stalls, more bargains. One of us spent \$700 and took home two great bargains, but who? Then off to Coonawarra wineries and back we staggered again. This radio convention business sure tires you out!

On Monday around mid-day we set off back home with a stop a the Hamilton Botanical Gardens for lunch. we all arrived in Melbourne several hours later tired but happy after a great weekend.

From The Editor.....

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While I am no longer in the Club committee I have retained my position as Editor of GATEWAY. You may notice a new look to the magazine, this is because it is now produced entirely on a Tandy Colour Computer. It greatly simplifies the job of editing as it prints all the articles, checks all the speling and keeps track of the Club mail list. The recent addition of a graphics package is evident by looking at our new front cover. (yes, they are all transistors)

The computer is still only a tool, and needs input before it can produce articles, particularly technical articles. Scratch something down on a bit of paper and send it in to the Clubs P.O.box and if it is remotely legible it will appear in the next edition of GATEWAY.

# HEARD ON THE MT GAMBIER WEEKEND....

"I wish those damm VK7's would get off our Victorian country repeaters!"

ON VK3RWZ: (Grampians) "I'll send you a QSL card, my first VK7 on 2 metres..."

"Lets hire a video and all go round to Ians motel room to watch it.... all ten of us!"

Did you know that the fastest moving thing in MT Gambier is the video hire van?

"I never want to see a beer again.... until the next time."

Is there any truth in the rumour that a certain VK3X.. refused to come back to VK3 after a day at the wineries, and was left behind?

Who is that club member that is red hot favorite for the long over award ?? (Nice way of saying bucket mouth)

Who was the VK3 over in VK5 that drank a whole bottle of port and lay down on the nearest bunk to count the spots on the ceiling? He ought to look very closely at the next roll of film that he processes from his camera...



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