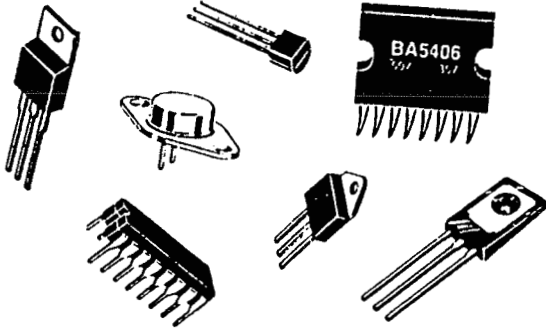




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Club Meetings held at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant St.
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Club Station: VK3BJA Located at the Guide Hall

Repeater-----VK3RDD in52.575 out 53.575 Mhz
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UHF-----438.850 Mhz , FM

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CURRENT GGREC MEMBERSHIP FEE SHEDULE

FULL MEMBER	\$25	PENSIONER MEMBER	\$12.50
JUNIOR MEMBER	\$12.50	EXTRA FAMILY MEMBER	\$7.50

Due after each April Annual General Meeting

EL PRESIDENTE' REPORT

I think I should start this month's report on a high. Congratulations to Therese and Eddy on the arrival of their twin boys, Gary and Jason. (Gee I hope I spelled them right). At last the two saw fit to grace us with their presence. I must admit that with the weather lately, I am not surprised they did not stay inside longer. To Therese we all wish a quick return to usual life and to Eddy we acknowledge the shorter finger nails as a sign of the patient waiting that you did. We all wish your family lots of joy with the new members.

For those of you who haven't noticed, Christmas is just around the corner, so its time to start planning for the summer activities. This years Xmas party venue is the Guide hall but that is not all that's on. Don't forget the Australia Day weekend at Corowa and maybe we can organize another DF hunt. Rumbings have been heard about a camping trip to Eildon. We almost lived up there as a Club at one time. (that was before many members time) We had a lot of fun there though.

JOTA is here again and the usual efforts from the members is sought to make the event go smoothly so please do your bit to help the other operators.

Prac. nights are slowly going out the back door. So for one last concerted effort for the year, in November we are having a "bring along your own project" night. Yep just do what ever takes your fancy and show off your latest bit of gear. No demos from us. By the way, the Club computer died at the White Elephant Sale. I have been offered another motherboard with a 486 DX - 66 chip. This is better than the old one which was only a 486 DX but cost us nothing anyway. The upgrade will cost us about \$200.00. I hope it doesn't suffer the same fate.

Speaking of White Elephant Sales, yes ours was a financial success; but if not for the efforts of a fellow club who decided that two events in one weekend is better than one, I am sure the day would have been better again. NUDGE NUDGE - SAY NO MORE.

See you at the meeting.

73 VK3BQQ
ALBERT

EVENT - QUEUE

Friday	20.October	08.15 pm	Club Meeting
Saturday	21.October	08.00 am	JOIN
Saturday/ Sunday	28 - 29 Oct.	11.00 am	B.O.R.G Balarat Hamvention 1995

Friday	03.November	08.15 pm	Prac. Night
Tuesday	06.November	08.00 pm	Committee Meeting
Friday	17.November	08.15 pm	Club Meeting
Saturday	18.November	9.00 am	Radio Works '95

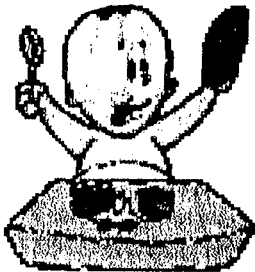
PROJECT NIGHT

Friday	01.December	08.15 pm	Prac. Night
Saturday	02.December	06.00 pm	Christmas Break-Up at Girls Guide Hall

1996

Saturday	27.January		Labour Day Weekend to Corova
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Friday	02.February	08.15 pm	Prac. Night
Tuesday	05.February	08.00 pm	Committee Meeting
Friday	16.February	08.15 pm	Club Meeting



A Washout BBQ

The Club organized a BBQ The Cranbourne Botanic Garden on the 07. October 1995 The day promised to be nice and warm. Just perfect to have another outing and a chat to other club members. Three Cars arrived at about 12.30 PM. A place to sit down was found soon and all drinks and food was carried to this nice spot, just near to one of the gas barbeques. Evereyone started to unpack the gooddies only to find out that we were short on 20c coins to light the gas barbeque. But a solution to this was found soon by Reg, VK3JRG who put out an emergency call for someone to bring along some coins. This call was received by Pat and Peter VK3OZVB who were still on the way to the BBQ and soon we could cook our meals. We had just started to place the meat on the hot plates and it started to drizzle and shortly after to rain. We had to leave the BBQ and found a nearby shelter, crowded by people. But.....Ian VK3BUF and Dianne were on their way. For Ian it was only a matter of seconds to realize that only a cover could prevent more food to be submerged by this pouring rain. A tarp was found in Ian's car and soon this cover went up with the help of Peter, VK3VB. Now we could enjoy the food and drinks because we now had a nice and dry area. The only disadvantage was that we couldn't sit down due to wet seats. We also had to everyone's enjoyment some visitors. A Bandicoot and a Eastern Yellow Robin came along to feed on some bread without any fear to people standing around watching.

But that wasn't all, folks.....

The tarp slowly filled up with water and it was only a matter of time that its load would be so great that the contents had to discharge. And it happened.....right into Reg's VK3JRG new handheld radio sitting just in the right spot to take it all. Reg's only comment was, "Don't worry, I think the radio is waterproof but spirits will clean it out"

After all it was a great afternoon with quite a number of club members attending this function. It would be worthwhile to repeat an afternoon like this but if possible without rain.

VK3DHI Helmut

TWINS

A double congratulations to Eddie and Terese Hummel on the arrival of their beautiful twin boys Fri 6/10/95 8.10 am. Welcome to Gary Wayne and Jason Lee.

RADIO WORKS '95

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

- * **HISTORIC BROADCAST RECEIVER DISPLAY**
- * **MODERN TRANSMITTER EQUIPMENT DISPLAY**
- * **PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS**
- * **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
- * **ENTRY: KIDS FREE, ADULTS 50c**

SEE HOW RADIO WORKS

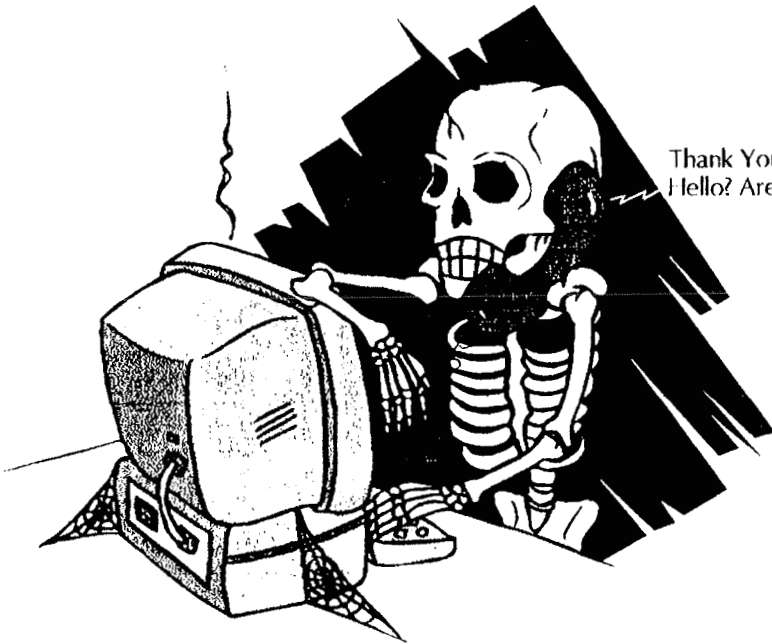
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PATIENTS



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BY VK3KCS

Contest Calendar

21/22 October Worked all Germany, mixed Contest
28/29 October CQ DX Contest, Phone
01/02 November IIA - QRP Contest
04/05 November ARRL International EME Competition
11 November AI ARA Contest
11/12 November WAE RTTY DX Contest
11/12 November OK-DX CW Contest
25/26 November CQ World Wide DX CW Contest
02/03 December ARRL 160 m Contest
09/10 December ARRL 10 m Contest

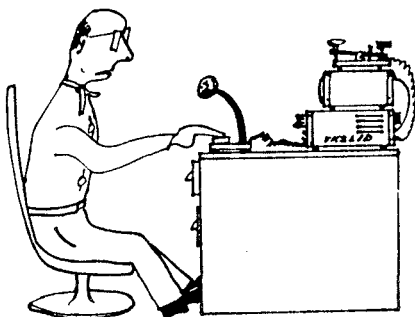
Propagation Report

Sunspot Number : 13

Expected Band Openings in UTC

Frequency 40m 20m 15m

Africa	1400-0100	0400-1100	0500-0800
Asia	0900-2100	2200-1000	0100-0700 very bad
Europe	1400-2300	1000-1300	0600-0900 very bad
Europe Long Path	0400-0900	0700-0900	non-existent
USA	0500-1500	0100-1000	2200-0300



*"YOU'RE 5X9 OH- BUT PLEASE GIVE
ME YOUR CALL AGAIN SLOWLY - SEVERAL TIMES!"*

- YK2COP

Starwatch at the Rialto

The Club had an outing on the 12 th of August. This time a visit to the Rialto was on the agenda. Some members went to the Iceworks first. The Iceworks consisted of icemade buildings, sculptures as well as a slide where young and old had their fun on. The temperature was held at a low of about 6 deg. C minus. Some members went for a city stroll before visiting the Rialto-Tower. We all met there at about 7.30 pm to enjoy one of the very best bird's eyes views of Melbourne at night. The Observation Deck is situated on Level 55. The Rialto Tower is regarded as the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere peaking 290 meters. After wandering around to several platforms we went to the coffee shop to have some snacks and drinks. At the end it was a good experience and most certainly the clear night-sky allowed us to see a lot of Melbourne by night.

VK3DHF Helmut

ANSWERS TO SEPT XWORD

Answers

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GENERAL MEETING 15th September 1995

Meeting commenced: 20.30

Chairman: Albert VK3BQO

Minute Taker: David VK3XMF

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors: Gary

Apologies: VK3KCW, VK3HR, Bobbie, VK3KMN, VK3CEO.

Correspondence: W.I.C.E.N. August.

Treasurers Report:

Read: Ian VK3BUF Moved: VK3BUF Sec: Paul VK3TGX Carried: Yes.

Income: \$ 83.50 Expenditure: \$ 41.90 Balance: \$4,063.35

Previous Minutes: Circulated in monthly magazine.

Read: VK3XMF Moved: Reg VK3JRG Sec: Eddie VK3TEH Carried: Yes.

w Call Signs: Paul Ash VK3HSA, Reg VK3JRG

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

6M Repeater: The heating globe and power supply fuse have been replaced so the unit is now back on air.

Snow Trip: 15 people attended this event to find the weather and snow was good, so they had a great day out.

Prac Night: Attendances are down due to the cold weather, but an interesting test gear demonstration is planned for the coming night so this should encourage more to attend.

White Elephant: The start time of 7.30am for sellers and 9.30am for buyers has been advertised. Help is needed with running of the event. VK3BUF will sell entry tickets, Helmut VK3DHI and Dorothy, Reg VK3JRG and Judy will sell drinks and food.

Drink Coolers: A quantity of 50 has been purchased and is now in stock for sale to members for \$5.00.

Radio Works: The 18th November 1995 has been confirmed. Signs, flyers, and a newspaper article has been planned. The format of the day was explained by VK3BUF. He requested the help of the general members with running of the day. VK3BQO volunteered to construct frames for road advertising signs.

Notes: Ivan VK3ARV requested & took the names of operators ready for duty on day.

General Business:

Raffle: A communications speaker was raffled at \$1.00 a ticket on the night.

Social Event: A BBQ at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, 1 pm Saturday 7th October 1995 was announced as an outdoor event for all members interested in attending.

Old Timers Talk: VK3BUF reported the Stealth Fighter talk attended by Paul VK3HSA, Colin VK3HR and himself was very interesting.

Guest Speaker: Wonthaggi Police TOG.

Next Meeting: 20th October 1995 **Meeting Closed:** 21 10