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Deadline for articles in next months issue: Friday 9th February

Club Meetings held at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant St.
Cranbourne. Monthly meetings, doors open 8:15 pm & meeting
commences at 8:30 pm.

Club Station: VK3 BJA Located at the Guide Hall

Repeater-----VK3 RDD in 52.575 out 53.575 Mhz
HF-----28.325 Mhz , USB
VHF-----146.225 Mhz , FM
UHF-----438.850 Mhz , FM

ALL VISITORS WELCOME

CURRENT GGREC MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

FULL MEMBER \$ 25.00 PENSIONER MEMBER \$12.50
JUNIOR MEMBER \$ 12.50 EXTRA FAMILY MEMBER \$ 7.50

Due after each April Annual General Meeting

Welcome to 1996 and I hope it will be a great year for you all. The first month is already running away from me and I must admit the first committee meeting sneaked up on me very quickly so much so that I was reminded by someone else for a change. Anyway the committee has had its first meeting of the year and although it was short in relation to previous ones, we managed to discuss a large variety of things.

The first item of importance is of course our trip to Corowa this month. A rough itinerary has been suggested due to the relative shortness of the weekend. It goes as follows.....

it is assumed that all will have arrived and set up camp by Friday night, so Saturday morning for a couple of hours, those interested in waterlogging their bodies can join us in a float down the river. This simply involves climbing on board a life or rubber tube and paddling your way down the scenic Murray river. I gather that a boat will accompany us so safety will be addressed. After this tom foolery, it is assumed that all will be very hungry, so a BBQ lunch will follow.

PS if you intend to join us on the river, please bring a hat, 15+ sunscreen and any other protection you may require. Also a life vest if you have one.

Saturday afternoon is left for your own discovery of Corowa and wineries etc., then Saturday night we have booked an eating room at a local hotel. Sunday (assuming a long sleep in) we will attend the parade through town. The Corowians turn on a real good show so I would not miss this for quids. The remainder of the weekend is hard to plan due to many folks returning to Melbourne that day with a few remaining till Monday. OK it should be fun and I am looking forward to this small amount of R & R for myself. See you there I hope.

We will have to discuss the future of our prac. nights also. It has been decided that the prac. night in February has been cancelled.

The ever popular Fox Hunt has raised its hand again and during discussions at the committee meeting, it was decided to ask FAMPARC

members if they would like to join with us to make it more interesting. A tentative date of March 17th was suggested. This will give everyone plenty of time to fine tune their antennas and their skill. More on this at the meeting.

Also suggested was a Drive - In night. YEP Can YOU remember the drive - in? Dave 3XMF is obtaining details for us but we think that Dromana is still open at times. A date for this will be February sometime.

I thought I would get in early this year and remind you that our AGM will be held in April as usual and it sure would be nice to see some new faces nominated for the committee. Some new blood and fresh ideas would really help at this time so I will remind you each month till the AGM. Start thinking about how you can better serve YOUR Club.

See you at the meeting. Yep that's Friday 19th January.

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EVENT - QUEUE

Tuesday	09.January	08.00 pm	Committee Meeting
Friday	19.January	08.15 pm	Club Meeting
Saturday	27.January		COROWA Weekend

Friday	02.February	08.15 pm	Prac. Night
Tuesday	05.February	08.00 pm	Committee Meeting
Friday	16.February	08.15 pm	Club Meeting

Friday	01. March	08.15 pm	Prac. Night
Tuesday	05. March	08.00 pm	Committee Meeting
Friday	15. March	08.15 pm	Club Meeting

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Christmas Break- up Party at the Girls Guide Hall

Again, this year's christmas party was held at the Girl's Guide Hall at Cranbourne. The weather was nice but a bit windy and the attendance was very good.

Everyone brought something along, food, drinks and presents for the kids. The setup was quite nice with some tables erected outside where all the goodies and the cakes in particular were placed. There were a few BBQ's around and soon they were lit up and the cooking (with some burning smells) started.

A portable swing was brought along by Ian, VK3BUF. The kids, small and tall enjoyed a ride and had some good fun.

Other little games were to listen to a telephone and to guess from the dial tone what number was dialed and to guess the number of chips placed in a tube consisted of. We also had a raffle for a christmas hamper which was won by Ron, VK3EXJ.

At the end of the day everyone contributed something to this last event of 1995 and the members present had a good time.

Let's hope that the year 1996 will bring all the best for everyone.

Helmut VK3DHI

28-12-90 to 15.19
Contest Calender

13/14 January Australian VHF/UHF Field Day
31 January HA DX CW Contest
26/28 January CQ WW 160m DX Contest

10/11 February PACC CW/SSB DX Contest
17/18 February ARRL DX CW Contest
23/25 February CQ 160m SSB Contest
24/25 February RSGB 7 MHz CW Contest
24/25 February UBA Belgium CW DX Contest

Propagation Report

Sunspot Number : 13

Expected Band Openings in UTC

Frequency	40m	20m	15m
Africa	1400-2400	0300-1200	0500-0800 very bad
Asia	0900-2100	2200-1000	0100-0700 very bad
Europe Short Path	1400-2300	1100-1300 bad	0600-0900 very bad
Europe Long Path	0400-0900	0700-0900	0300-0800 bad
USA	0500-1400	0200-1000	2300-0300

Important Notice

* Last week the home of Mike VK3AME was broken into and all of his electronic equipment was stolen. I do not have a list for this edition of the mag, but I know that his TS-50 was stolen. Please keep an ear to the ground for cheap gear. *

The next AGM
will be held
at the APRIL MEETING

Please give this important event
some consideration. The new committee
has to be elected



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GENERAL MEETING 17 November 1995

Meeting Commenced 9 PM.

Chairman: Albert, 3BQO.

Minuter Taker: David, 3XMF.

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors: Sid Torey (Moorabbin).

Apologies: 3DHI, 3VB, 3TEH, 3KCW.

Correspondence: WANSARC, FAMPARC, AR Nov, EMDRC.

Treasurers Report:

Read: 3BUF Moved: 3VRG Sec: 3HR Carried: Yes

Income: \$98.00 Expenditure: \$301.28 Balance: 4170.01

Previous Minutes: Circulated in Monthly Magazine.

Read: 3XMF Moved: 3ARV Sec: 3TMK Carried: Yes

New Call Signs: Nil

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Christmas Party: This is starting around midday. Hamper tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 each. Members are asked to bring donations for the hamper.

Radio Works: 3BUF reports that three large signs have been installed, 500 leaflets delivered and a newspaper article published advertising this event. The club tent will be erected for BBQ and drink sales on the day.

Social Night: This event, enjoyed by those who attended, was held at the Aspendale RSL with meals reported to be very good.

Australia Day: Members were reminded to book their accommodation if they intend participating in this trip away.

General Business:

Raffle: Tonight's prize is a 2 meter 5/8 whip antenna.

January Meeting: The first meeting for the year will be held on the 19th of January.

Life Member: Kerry Clayton VK3KFC has sent a letter of thanks for his recent life membership, which was read out by 3BQO.

Club Savings Account: Ian Jackson VK3BUF reported that the \$2500.00 investment will become due on 23 November 1995. He proposed that this amount be re-invested for 12 months at 7.95% in a Corner Stone account with the Over 50's Friendly Society. This was seconded by Paul Ash VK3HSA, and carried by the members of the meeting. If problems are experienced investing at this rate the amount will be invested in a Commonwealth Bank account at 6.45%.

FAMPARC BBQ: 3XMF will write a letter to FAMPARC explaining the misunderstanding that arose concerning the arranged BBQ.

Guest Speaker: TBA

Next Meeting: 19 January 1995 **Meeting Closed:** 9:35 PM.