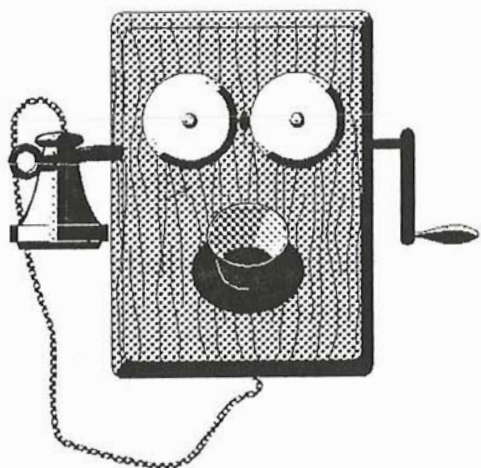


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Club Meetings held at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant St.
Cranbourne. Monthly meetings, doors open 8:15 pm & meeting
commences at 8:30 pm.

Club Station: VK3 BJA Located at the Guide Hall

Repeater-----VK3 RDD in 52.575 out 53.575 Mhz
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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

EL PRESIDENTE RETURN

What's in a leap year anyway. Is it the extra 86,400 seconds in the year that makes the difference. Who knows, but the fact remains that a leap year is different. To me it means working an extra day but don't forget I work for myself so it may be to my own benefit. I'm surprised the unions haven't jumped up and down about having to work an extra day in the year but they probably haven't thought of it yet. Why couldn't some bright spark come up with the idea of having an extra Saturday or Sunday, i.e. a 3 day weekend somewhere in the year. That way we get an extra day off. But some politician would most likely cancel it and there goes your leap year! Think about it!

Well at least I didn't open with a comment about the weather (for the ED.)

A single liner - DON'T FORGET THE AGM IS COMING SOON.

The theme for the prac. night on 1st of March will be "Tricks, Tips and Traps. We want everyone attending to show at least one idea or pitfall pertaining to our hobby. Much like the last evening when a few had a go at the front of the class. Speaking of classes, more details at the meeting. Same with the Drive-In night and the DF hunt.

See you at the meeting.

73.....DE VK3BQO ALBERT

The next AGM will be held at the APRIL MEETING

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



03-02-96
EVENT - QUEUE

FRIDAY 16.02.96 08.15 PM CLUB MEETING
SATURDAY 24.02.96 10.00 AM EMDRC WHITE ELEFANT
SALE (SEE BELOW)
SATURDAY 24.02.96 09.00 PM DROMANA DRIVE-IN

FRIDAY 01.03.96 08.15 PM PRAC NIGHT
TUESDAY 05.03.96 08.00 PM COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY 15.03.96 08.15 PM CLUB MEETING
SUNDAY 17.03.96 09.00 AM DF HUNT
MEETING POINT, ENTRANCE
GUMBAYA PARK

FRIDAY 05.04.96 08.15 PM NO PRAC. NIGHT
TUESDAY 08.04.96 08.00 PM COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY 19.04.96 08.15 *** AGM ***

THE EMDRC WHITE ELEFANT SALE WILL BE HELD
AT THE BOX HILL HIGH SCHOOL,
CNR MIDDLEBOROUGH ROAD & MAROONDAH HWY.
MELWAY 48 G 10, FREQ. TO ENQUIRE 146.500 MHz
ENTRY FEE IS \$4.00 INCL. COFFEE AND DOOR PRIZES

DROMANA DRIVE-IN ADULTS \$9,00 CONCESSION \$6,50
CHILDREN 5-12 YRS \$3,00

ON SCREEN 1 : A) DRACULA B) USUAL SUSPECTS
ON SCREEN 2 : A) BED OF ROSES B) HOTEL SORENTO

COROWA WEEKEND

OVER THE AUSTRALIA DAY BREAK.

Well we were all up there and fairly well set up by Friday lunchtime. Then some of us took a relaxing stroll around the Corowa Caravan Park and then into town to check out what was there and what there was to do. Friday evening we broke up into groups and went to check out the local clubs for a good meal , a couple of ales and then on to play the pokies.

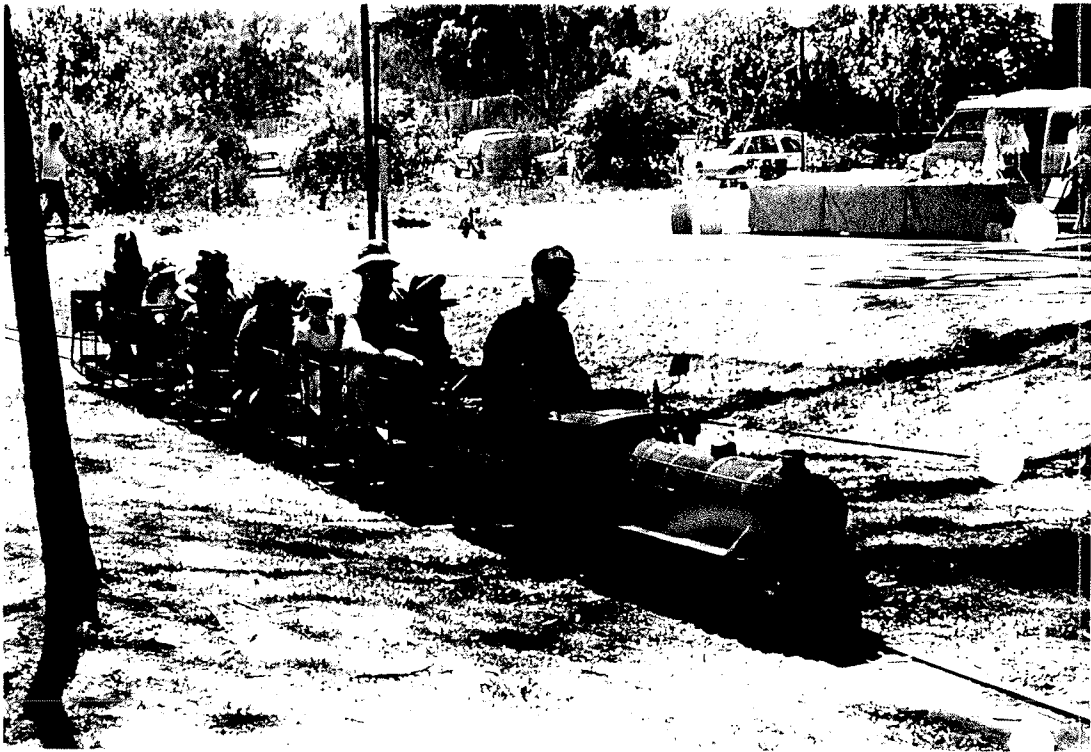
Saturday morning most of us went into town to have a look at the local craft market and a great little market it was. We headed back to the camp site about midday to see some of our keener and fitter club members float down the Murry River on tubes, lilos and a boat. After each person putting a bucket of sunscreen on, they were seated and towed out into the middle of the river by VK3BUFs father Eric and his trusty power dingy.



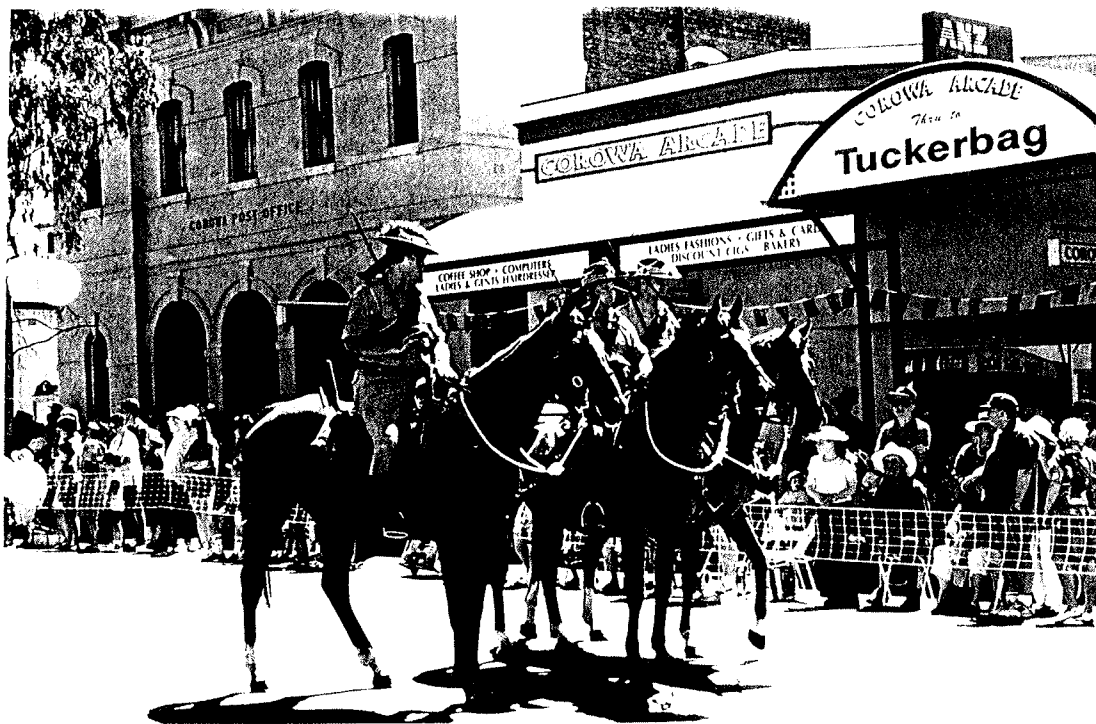


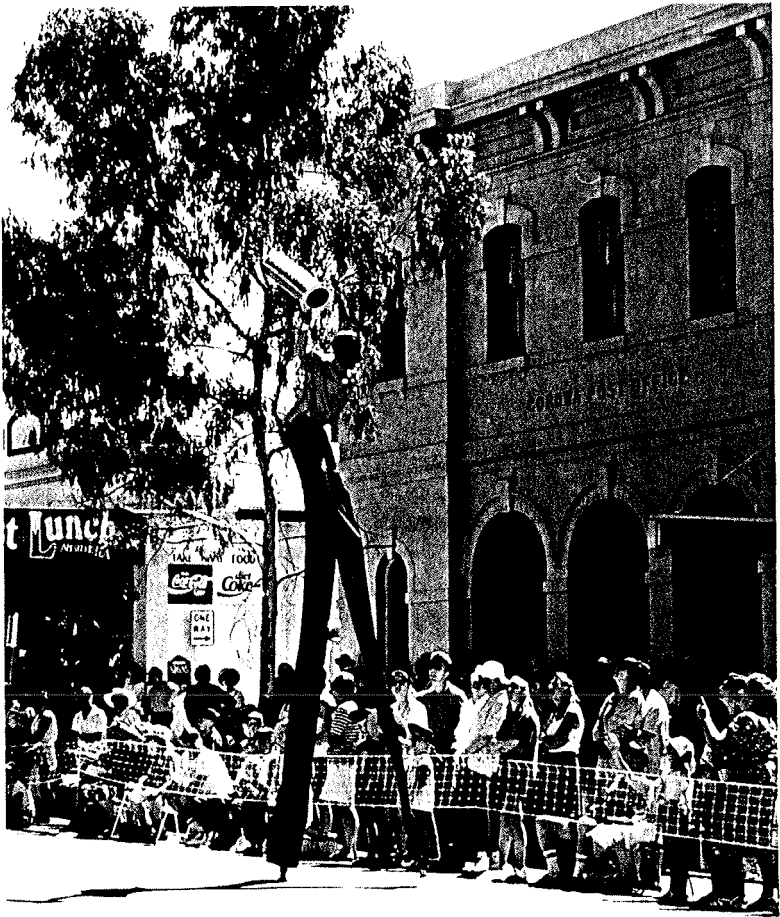
After being towed out into the Murry VK3KCW fell into the water and was hanging on to the edge of his tyre tube, overall the mobile VHF station did very well floating down the river for about 2 1/2 hrs. When they reached thier destination they had a relaxing B.B.Q. lunch. Later saturday evening we all got together and went to the Corowa Hotel for a meal ,drinks and a good old chat. At the market there was a great range of arts and crafts to look at and purchase , other things of interest like camel rides, and a minature steam train which you could take the kids on. Also there was a very interesting family who were all musicians and performers, playing what I think was German music and dancing traditional dances.





On the Sunday some of the members went to the market for another look around, before finding a shady position in the main street so as to watch the main event of the weekend which was the big parade. In the parade were all types of different bands such as the scottish pipe band shown on the opposite page. Also there was the Australian Army marching and a tank and even the light horseman were there also shown on the opposite page. We saw some floats, vintage cars to late model cars and tractors in the parade, the tractors were later used in an event called the tractor pull. The tractor pull was an event where each tractor had a turn at trying to pull a weight over a distance which was also on an upward climb. As they progressed the weight grew heavier until the tractor came to a total standstill. One of these big old machines was even blowing smoke rings out of its exhaust stack.





Check this bloke out, he was one of the main attractions at the parade and his legs would have been at least 16 foot long. We could have used him as a mobile repeater tower. Anyway I'm sure that everyone who was there had a terrific time. I know I did from Graham VK3KCS.

COROWA N.S.W.

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WHO WAS THE GIRL IN THIS CLUB
WHO HUNG HER WASHING OUT ON
HELMUTS DIPOLE THINKING IT WAS
A CLOTHES LINE.

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I HAD TO STRONGLY COMPLAIN ABOUT
THE "TVT" FROM THE VAN NEXT DOOR,
HI. HI.

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LAST TIME AT THE "BOWLING CLUB"
WE HAD TO BOOK OUR DINNER TABLE,
THIS TIME WE JUST STROLLED IN.
TIMES HAVE CHANGED UP THERE !!

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MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS WHO
ORGANISED THIS TRIP AS EVERY BODY
HAD A GREAT TIME. COLIN VK3HR.

Contest Calender

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

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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

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On the weekend we went to Corowa and there was a caravan park called Corowa caravan park. You were allowed to ride your bike except up the driveway hill. We were in a camper van. We saw the parade, grandma was there and I took some pictures with my own camera. I liked the man on stilts, we saw him again at the market. I made a butterfly at the market and I got a lucky dip.

By Ross Jackson

I liked the big cars which were driving with things at the back in the parade painted a pretty butterfly at the market and I liked the lucky dip. I liked riding my bike all over the caravan park.

By Hal Jackson

I had lots of fun at Corowa on the long weekend. One of the highlights for me was floating down the river on an inflated air bed. Just floating along with the current was very peaceful and relaxing, and an occasional sip of wine from the esky helped make it a very pleasant experience. I thought that the grand parade was terrific although I think they could have done with a few more marching bands. I had a great time at the craft market looking at all the crafts and making a thrifty purchase or two, followed by a swim in the pool with the kids. I think we all had a great weekend.

By Di Jackson

27-29. Jan. 1996

Australia Day Weekend to Corowa

Hello folks,

we had another club outing on the Australia Day Weekend to Corowa.

Some members including their families made their way to Corowa already on Wednesday and Thursday. In the end a total of 32 people including kids were present.

The weather for this the weekend was promised to be fine and dry with temperatures predicted around the 25-30 C mark. All was set for a great weekend.

On Australia Day some families went to the craft market and tractor-pull as well as to the Mass-Band Parade with 18 Bands marching down the main street. Also the next days event, floating downstream the river Murray in tyre tubes, air beds and a rubber dingi was organized. The day ended with a BBQ in the Caravan Park.

The next morning began with setting up all the floats including one tube fitted with a 2m mobile ariel connected to Ian's VK3BUF H/H radio. All floats etc. were launched from the caravan park's own ramp. The journey was about 5 km long. To land at the destination took appr. 2 hrs. with some members emerging from their devices with a few sunburns. A BBQ was organized (Ian's dad supplied the gas BBQ) at the destination and soon everyone was eating and drinking.

For the evening a seperate room at the Australia Hotel was booked (more eating and drinking).

The dinner was good with two meals including sweets to choose from.

The next day the big parade was on the agenda with a lot of bands, vintage cars, floats end even the army with their Light Horse Men participating. A great event to watch.

In the end it was another great weekend.

Helmut (VK3DHI)

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GENERAL MEETING 19 January 1996

Meeting Commenced 20.35.

Chairman: Albert, VK3BQO.

Minuter Taker: David, VK3XMF.

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors: Nil

Apologies: VK3HSA, VK3KCW.

Correspondence: WANSARC Dec, FAMPARC Dec & Jan, AR Dec, EMDRC Dec, OECOT, Letter re postal arrangements, APC Nov, WICEN Nov.

Treasurers Report:

Read: Ian VK3BUF Moved: Colin VK3HR Sec: Ron VK3EXJ Carried: Yes

Income: \$415.46 Expenditure: \$1,123.28 Balance: \$3,703.91

Previous Minutes: Circulated in Monthly Magazine.

Read: VK3XMF Moved: Bobbie Sec: VK3EXJ Carried: Yes

Now Call Signs: Nil

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Radioworks: VK3BQO thanked VK3BUF and others responsible for the work done organising the event and helping on the day.

Australia Day: VK3BQO suggested members could travel in groups to Corowa. VK3BUF outlined the various activities; Saturday morning rubber raft float leaving from the Caravan Park and arriving at the Corowa Common behind the Golf Club for a BBQ lunch; Saturday night dinner at the Australia Hotel for \$10.00 a head; Sunday Tractor Pull, Grand Parade, Craft Market etc.

General Business:

DF Hunt: Sunday 17th March 1996 was proposed to be held in the Bunyip area. FAMPARC has been invited.

Social Night: Dromana Drive-In for the 17th or 24th of February 1996. VK3XMF to find out more details. Frankston Ten Pin Bowling night was suggested, not on a league night. VK3XMF to find out more details.

Silent Key: Faye Archer wrote a letter of thanks for the sympathy expressed by the club for the recent loss of her husband David.

AGM: Friday 19th April 1996. Members were invited to consider standing for positions on the committee.

Prac Nights: VK3BQO sought ideas from the general members. Talks on antennas will be given by Doug VK3KMN, Peter VK3VB, Ian VK3BUF, Albert VK3BQO, and Graham VK3KCS at the February Prac Night.

Stolen Gear: Mike VK3AME was burgled recently and many of his rigs were stolen. Members should take this as a warning to secure their own premises, and keep a look out for cheap, possibly stolen rigs being offered for sale.

Raffle: Tonight's prize is a circuit board vice.

Guest Speaker: Michael from L & M Satellite Supplies for the February Meeting.

Next Meeting: 17th February 1996 **Meeting Closed:** 21.40