

# GATEWAY

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ELECTRONICS CLUB INC.**



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## Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club Inc.

Club meetings are held on the third Friday of each month  
at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant street.

The doors open at 8:15 PM & the meeting commences at 8:30 PM

**Visitors are most welcome.**

### Committee Members 1996/1997

|                     |                |        |
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Deadlines for articles is Thursday week prior to the meeting.

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Club Repeater VK3RDD Freq. In 52.575, out 53.575 MHz.

Call in Freqs. are HF on 28.325 MHz-USB

VHF on 146.225 MHz, FM and UHF on 438.850 MHz, FM

Current GGREC Inc. Membership Fee Schedule

Full Member \$30.00, Pensioner Member \$15.00

Junior Member \$15.00, Extra Family Member \$10.00

Fees due after each April Annual General Meeting.

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# **GRAHAM VK3KCS**

## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

This month's newsletter is not a thick one. our magazine editors 'In' tray has not exactly been overflowing. While I have little doubt that this is not a unique state of affairs for radio club newsletters. we still ought to be doing something about it.

I want everyone's attention here. HEY! YOU ON THE CHAIR! I mean *YOU TOO*. Every one has some kind of a project. either planning one. in the middle of one or just finishing one. even if it is something simple like a newly discovered way for scratching the chrome off a PL259 or how you use a fast drying ink to stop your QSL cards from smearing. We want to know about it. Write a limerick about antenna rotators or a photograph of the insides of a 6JS6C. Such articles could really put us on the map!

Put some petrol on your creative spark. drop this magazine and get writing now!

There once was a man named Emotator...

For those of you who read on anyway. I wanted to point out a couple of things. Next month we shall be assisting the Cranbourne Guides with Jamboree on the Air. As in the past we shall be in need of operators on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Albert VK3BQO will be our major point of contact in coordinating this affair. I want as many members as possible to relentlessly pursue him next meeting night and plead for some of that prime operating time. As in the past. the Guides will be providing scrumptious meals. This year promises to yield a few interesting technical challenges. so don't miss out. I won't be there this year as I am involved with the W.I.A.'s turbo training course for Novices upgrading to 'full' theory which is running at the same time as JOTA.

Later this year I am hoping to secure a talk by a guest speaker for an introduction to programming in Visual Basic. It is a fascinating way to do practical things on your computer. We will keep you informed on this one.

As discussed at our previous general meetings. the 1998 Australia Day weekend will be at **Warnambool**. There are heaps of things to keep us entertained for the weekend which we shall detail in the November edition of Gateway. If you are intending to take a tent or caravan. there will be plenty of powered sites available at the **Surfside Holiday Park** of which. you may be surprised to learn. is near the beach. The park may be contacted on **0355 612 611**.

We are still examining the possibility of creating some short form JV FAX interface modules to send and receive slow scan images on your PC. If we go ahead. it should be a cheap and fun project to build. More details forthcoming.

We are still conducting Novice/Full Call & CW exams from time to time. If you want to get an upgrade and chase the *real* DX this is your big chance. Call myself or Peter VK3VB if you are interested.

See you at the meeting . de VK3BUF

## EVENT QUEUE from September 97

|          |          |         |   |
|----------|----------|---------|---|
| FRIDAY   | 19/09/97 | 7:00 PM | COMMITTEE MEETING<br>at the guide hall.                                     |
| FRIDAY   | 19/9/97  | 8:15 PM | GUEST SPEAKER. Mr Colin Campbell<br>on High Speed data transfer techniques. |
| FRIDAY   | 3/10/97  | 8:15    | PRAC NIGHT  |
| FRIDAY   | 17/10/97 | 8:15    | GENERAL MEETING & Prep for JOTA   |
| SATURDAY | 18/10/97 | All Day | JAMBOREE On The AIR   |
| FRIDAY   | 7/11/97  | 8:15    | PRAC NIGHT  |
| FRIDAY   | 21/11/97 | 8:15    | VISUAL BASIC LECTURE<br>(To be Confirmed)                                   |

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## MEMBERS AD'S.

Kenpro KR800S Antenna Rotator (Heavy duty)  
Very good condition. Turned a 4 element Quad very  
easily .Comes complete with cable and acc.  
\$320.00 ono.

2x Uhf CB 13 element beams (co-phased) GC  
\$30.00 ono.

Colin Jones VK3NQS.

# **THIS FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Mr Colin Campbell  
from  
Hewlett Packard**

Will be giving a talk on  
High Speed Data Transfer  
Techniques

***Be there or Be a Square wave!***





**Paul VK3TGX at the 1996 JOTA  
on a 70cm Video Link to the  
Police Paddocks JOTA Station**

# WIA VICTORIA TURBO TUTORIAL



## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

This intensive theory course is tailored to provide special tuition to upgrade to a FULL AOCPL licence. Enrolment is only available to existing Novice licensees or those who have recently passed the NAOCP Theory. An examination will be conducted on completion of the course.

### VENUE:

Chadstone Community Centre (Formerly Chadstone High School), Rob Roy Street, Chadstone. Ample car parking available.

### TIMES:

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18.** The class commences at 9am and finishes at 4pm. There will be a 40min break for lunch and two 10min breaks during the day.

Candidates will be provided with a "Trial Examination" to be taken home and completed on Saturday night.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 19.** The class commences at 9am and will finish at 1pm. Following a 1hr lunch break AN EXAMINATION will be conducted at 2pm and finish at 3.30pm.

### MEALS:

Candidates should bring their own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided on a self serve basis.

### ENROLMENT:

The total cost, including the AOCPL theory exam fee, is \$120.00 and places are strictly limited. ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE AND FEE PAID IN ADVANCE TO THE WIA VICTORIA OFFICE.

Class notes will be provided. Bring pens, paper, calculators etc. **COURSE ENROLMENTS AND APPLICATIONS TO SIT THE AOCPL THEORY EXAM CLOSE ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 2nd AT NOON.**

As venue and instruction costs must be paid **NO REFUNDS** will be made for any reason excepting cancellation or postponement by WIA VICTORIA.

During the course, a special theory syllabus will be covered to help bridge the knowledge gap between NAOCP and AOCPL. Those who enrol will be expected to do some home-study between lectures and complete a **TRIAL EXAMINATION** for return the next morning.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

Available by contacting the WIA VICTORIA Secretary-Manager 03 9885 9261 on Tuesday or Thursday.

To reserve a place in this special class, please complete the application form and return with payment to the WIA Victoria Office. All applications will be confirmed in writing and a receipt issued.