

# GATEWAY

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THE GIPPSLAND GATE RADIO  
AND ELECTRONICS CLUB



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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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|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| President           | Ian Jackson    | VK3BUF |
| Secretary           | Ivan Blezard   | VK3ARV |
| Treasurer           | Paul Ash       | VK3HAS |
| Committee member    | Graham Brennan | VK3KCS |
| Social Co-ordinator | Reg Goddard    | VK3UK  |

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| Magazine Editor &<br>Printing & Dispatch | Robin Linn<br>Ph. 9807-3083 | VK3TFA |
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Deadlines for articles is Thursday week prior to the meeting.

Club Station VK3BJA Located at the Guide Hall

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.

## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi there. I'm writing this report a little early this month because by the time you get to read this I will be getting a tan on a sunny beach in VK4 land. Its true! and not just a pigment of my imagination. I must also point out that soon I go into retirement. That is not to say that I will be wearing slippers all day and storing my teeth in a glass of water. (Hey, I'm only thirty seven) What I meant was is that its nearly time for our annual election process. The Club is in pretty good shape at the moment, a trend that we should try to continue. If you think that you are able to have a shot at any of the committee positions for a year, then hand in a nomination form this Friday night. You know the drill....

One the two Club's ATV transmitters has been upgraded to include an extra exciter for 444mhz . This means that unlike 426mhz, most peoples TV sets will be able to receive it directly. We have also purchased a Phillips black and white video camera to go with one of the transmitters. It has an integral 3" monitor which makes it ideal for ATV work. This Friday night, after the general meeting, we will set up a link between the guide hall and Peter VK3VB's QTH in Tooradin to demo the equipment. If you have an interest in trying out ATV, put up your hand for a loan of the gear. There is the transmitter with its internal power supply, antenna, coax and now a camera. Just add 240V! (and don't forget to comb your hair)

If you were there on our Prac night at the start of the month, you would have seen the launch of our new Slow Scan TV interface kit. It works quite well with the JV Fax program. The kit includes all sorts of goodies like connectors, relays, monitor amplifier, speaker and a box to put it all in with a laser printed label. The first eight kits were \$55 (the first five have already sold) after which it goes up to \$60, and \$75 for non members. The kits will be available from the April Prac night, which is also a construction night, so bring your hot irons.

Also this month is an afternoon ten pin bowling session at Mooroolbark, followed by dinner. The bowling session will also include a behind the scenes tour of the machinery that sets up the pins. If you fall into the machine you could be set for life! See the ad in this magazine for more details.

I would like to congratulate Paul and Melinda on the birth of their daughter Lauren. (I was supposed to put that bit in last month, but um, I forgot.) This achievement was hot on the heels of Melinda passing her AOCF theory exam. Things have been very busy in the Ash household lately on several levels. Well Done!

In the five lines I have left before the cursor shoots to the top of the next page, I would like you all to be kind to our guest Chairman Albert VK3BQQ who will be chairing the meeting this Friday night, and no chatting in the back row, he's a pretty good shot with a gavel.

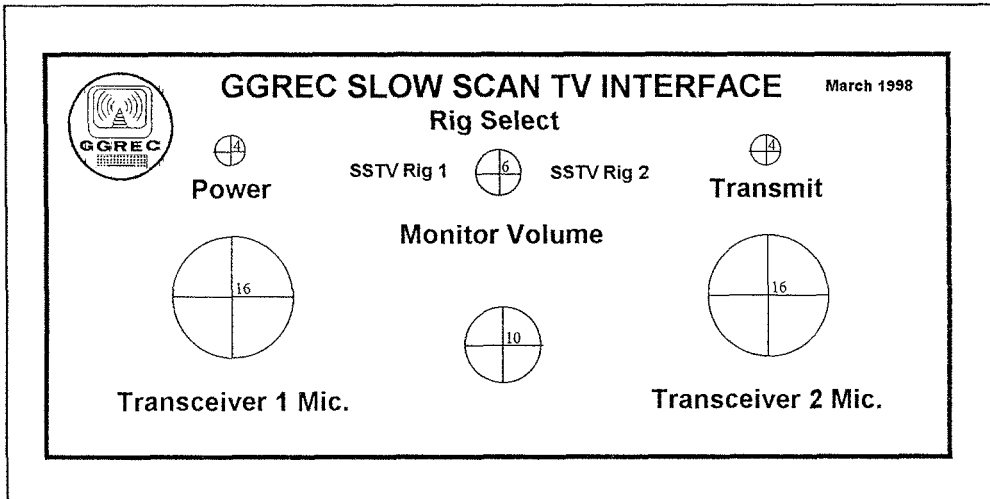
**Bye for now de VK3BUF**

# Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club Inc. Committee Position Nomination form 1998

| <i>Position</i>  | <i>Name</i> | <i>Moved</i> | <i>Seconded</i> |
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| <b>President</b> |             |              |                 |
| <b>Secretary</b> |             |              |                 |
| <b>Treasurer</b> |             |              |                 |
| <b>Member #1</b> |             |              |                 |
| <b>Member #2</b> |             |              |                 |

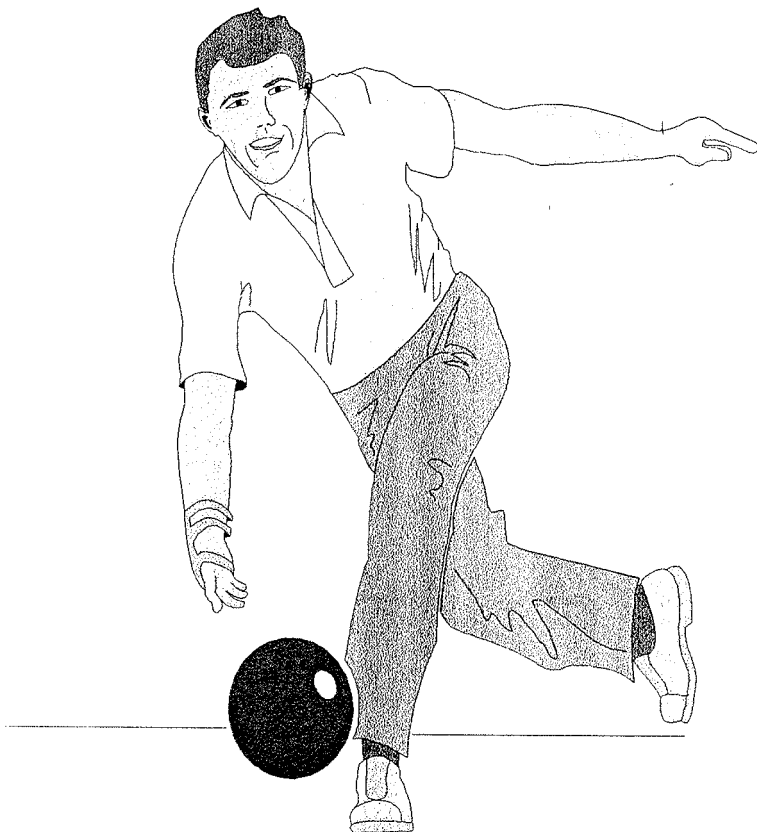
To be accepted the completed form must be returned to the Secretary  
on or by Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March

This is a sample label for the front of our new SSTV interface.  
If you want to give this a go, then come along to our next Prac night



**BOWLING AT MOOROOLBARK  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 29**

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MEET AT **ED FLEMING LANES** MANCHESTER RD  
MOOROOLBARK MELWAYS MAP 51, F1  
DINNER LATER AT **SMORGY'S**

Does anyone collect or know of anyone who collects old amateur radio equipment. If so I have an old "INOUE" HF station , circa 1969, I wish to dispose of. It was part of a deceased estate and as far as I am aware works perfectly . It is all analogue and a mix of valve and solid-state. There is also an old military rig which I think also works.

If no-one is interested, these items will be destroyed, as I have not the space to store them for long.

Contact Robin VK3TFA for details.

## EVENT QUEUE from March 1998

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| FRIDAY | 13/3/98 | 8:00 | Committee meeting   |
| FRIDAY | 20/3/98 | 8:15 | General Meeting and ATV link to Tooradin<br>(Nomination forms due this night) |
| SUNDAY | 29/3/98 |      | Bowling and dinner at Mooroolbark   |
| FRIDAY | 3/4/98  | 8:15 | Prac Night, JV Fax kit construction   |
| FRIDAY | 17/4/98 | 8:15 | Annual General meeting  |