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AND ELECTRONICS CLUB inc.

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Club Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall in Grant Street. Prac nights are held on the first Friday night in the Clubrooms. Both nights commence at 8:00 PM. **Visitors will be made most welcome.**

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Editor's Musings

Just a reminder that if you receive your GATEWAY via email we do not post you a copy as well. If you want a hard copy you can either print it yourself or we have a few spare copies each meeting night for you to grab one. We are saving the club about \$10 (over \$100 a year) a month doing it this way and you are getting a nice coloured copy in your Inbox!

Thanks to Graeme BXG for another story which I hope to fit in next month

The Pres Says.....

June sees our Annual Mid-Year Dinner with the venue this year being decided as TOORADIN & DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB Recreational Reserve South Gippsland Hwy Tooradin. The dinner starts at 7pm on 24th June.

Those people interested in purchasing one or two brake winches for their towers need to make **FULL** payment to the Club at the next General Meeting. The amount to pay is \$82.50 including GST per winch. We need to have an order for at least 15 to obtain this price so if we don't have enough ordered and payed for, we cannot go ahead. After the May meeting, we had at least 15 orders on paper but we need the money at or before the June General Meeting. Please pay your money to the Club by then and I will place the order straight away.

The new Club UHF repeater is still undergoing signal strength tests but at a different location. It is now under test at the Club Room in Cranbourne. I will be interested in knowing what signal strength you can receive it at any location you care to try it from. Remember the test receiver needs 123Hz to access it.

Those who attended the May General Meeting spent a good part of

the night bidding on items that they probably did not want but bought anyway. The Club made a few dollars in commission as the hammer fell on many small items that were up for grabs at our mini auction. Thanks for the support folks especially to those who bought for the sake of buying. You don't have to worry though. It wont make it on the calendar as a regular event.

Elsewhere in the mag you may find information regarding a Cup weekend trip and updates about the Hamfest which is our next big event. Nearly all hands went in the air when asked who would be able to help out on the day so I trust we will see those hands with bodies attached on the 22nd July. To help with the set up on the day, it would be great to see you there at about 7am. (Last year we figured it was a bit early for some at 6.30)

Andrew is pushing me for this article so I will close here with.....

73s from. Albert
VK3BQO



Hope to hear you on the new UHF repeater

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	WHO/WHAT
Friday June 16th	General Meeting Night	Guide Hall 8pm
Saturday June 24th	Mid Year Dinner	Tooradin Sports Club
Monday June 26th	Committee Meeting	Club HQ 8pm
Friday July 7th	Prac Night	Club HQ 8pm
Friday July 21st	General Meeting Night	Guide Hall 8pm
Saturday July 22nd	HAMFEST	Cranbourne Hall
Monday July 24th	Committee Meeting	Club HQ 8pm
October ?	JOTA	Guide Hall/Club Shack

Mid Year Dinner

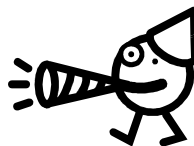
Always a great night the Mid Year Dinner is on again.

Tooradin Sports Club (behind footy ground)
South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin (obvious I know!)
Saturday June 24th-7pm onwards (better check the time!)

More info on the meeting night -
 Ring Mike VK3KTO to book
 (sorry if it's not you Mike!)



BE THERE!!!!!!



Are you our next JOTA rep??????

Why not listen to the WIA news each week on the VK3RML repeater. It is on Sunday nights at 8pm and Wednesday 11am



FUN MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND

WHERE: MARYBOROUGH

WHEN: NOVEMBER 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th

APPROX 3 HOURS DRIVE

ACCOMMODATION:

Caravan park with cabins
Short walking distance to town.
OR Budget priced motels.

GGREC Club members Kerry (VK3KFC) and Lynne Clayton, who live in the area, will be able to show us the highlights of the region.

Activities will include:

COMPETITIONS
DINNER
SUNDAY MARKET
WINERIES
HISTORICAL TOWNS
GOLD MINING TOURS



**ENTER IT INTO YOUR DIARIES NOW!
MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE NEXT GATEWAY...**

QSL please.....

A recent trip to the Amateur Radio Victoria rooms in Ashburton, to pick up QSL cards, proved that a number of Club members are still working their share of DX, in spite of the current poor conditions. Phil VK3YB had worked a good number of countries on CW, including USA and Russia on 80 metres. Others to have tidy little bundles were Helmut 3DHI, Bill 3DOU, Peter 3VB, Pat 3OZ and Ivan 3ARV.

It is interesting to note that cards are still coming through from the club's V13BJA operation in 2002, so one can see that it can take quite some time for QSL's to filter through the system.

When Mike VK3KTO opened his letter box, he was pleased to find a direct QSL from the recent 3YOX Peter 1 Island expedition, via the QSL manager N200.



The inward and outward QSL Bureau is a free service to financial members of the WIA or Amateur Radio Victoria. As the GGREC is

an official distribution point, all you need to do is place your outward cards in the box provided. In order to pick up inward cards, you must first register with the Bureau.

If you wish to use the service, please see Mike VK3KTO and he will be pleased to arrange it for you.

Double Bugger!!!

In line with my policy on stuff ups, there were some more!!!

Apologies to Mariana, Maryanna, oops I mean Marianna for spelling her name wrong last time. I have given myself 40 lashes and it wont happen again!

The winners/s of the Limerick Competition are, now where did I put that piece of paper hmmm, one of these days I will, oops.



Know your license conditions....

A number of incidents have observed of Standard and a few Foundation licensees operating within the 80m DX Window of 3776 - 3800MHz. This is contrary to the Licence Condition Determinations for both the Standard and Foundation licences, which are only permitted to use 3500 - 3700MHz.

Reference can be made to the ACMA website which shows that neither the Standard nor Foundation Licence have access to the 80m DX Window.

On the 2m band, operation in the 145.800 - 146.000MHz range is for satellite operations only. This is because there are Mode J satellites

that use this frequency range as their input or uplink, with the downlink in the 70cm satellite sub-band. Simplex QSO's within the satellite segment does cause difficulties to genuine satellite operation.

Please refer to the Band Plans which can be read at:

http://www.amateurradio.com.au/download/band_plans.pdf

- Amateur Radio Victoria.

If anyone wants a copy of the PDF file above let me know and I will print it for you. Ed.

Happy Birthday to you.....

Only two birthdays in the database this month, and two notable gentlemen as well, have a great day gents :

Reg Goddard VK3UK
Tom Wilson VK3DTW



If it's your birthday in June we do not know about it, have a great day and how about letting the Treasurer know so we can include you next year?

HAMFEST 2006

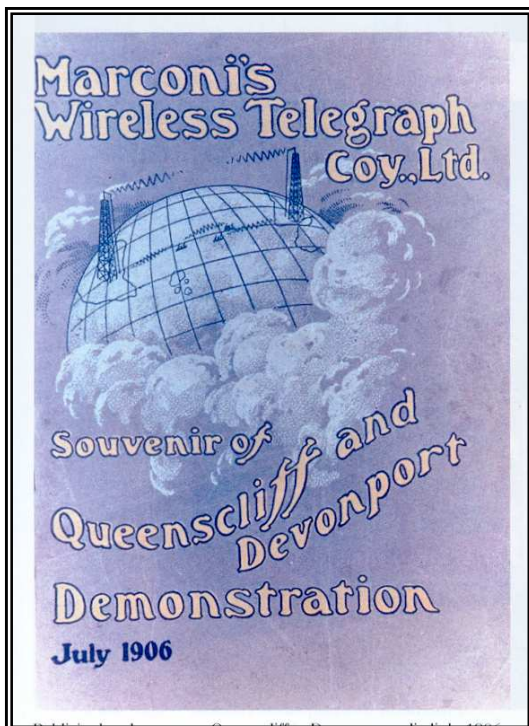
The plans for this years Hamfest are going along swimmingly. Bruno, in his usual style, is doing a great job of bringing it all together. Just a reminder that this is our major fundraising event of the year, so we are asking all members to pay the \$5 admission too. It's a good cause!!!

Centenary Celebration

The Borough of Queenscliffe together with the Geelong Amateur Radio club Inc, have cooperated to commemorate the Centenary of the first overseas radio transmission from the Australian mainland, which occurred between Queenscliff and Devonport, on July 12th 1906.

The dignitaries who attended Queenscliff for that occasion included the Governor—General Lord Northcote, Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin, the State Governor, State Premier and Postmaster General together with a number of Senators and members of the House of Representatives. We have extended an invitation to their present day counterparts to be present on the day of the Centenary and the State Governor has already accepted the invitation.

The re-enactment, which we propose to carry out on Wednesday July 12 at the same time as the original transmission, will occur adjacent to a replica of the original hut, constructed by Faggs - Mitre 10. The interior of the hut will contain radio equipment as close as possible to that used one hundred years ago. A number of original telegrams will be retransmitted and received from De-



vonport.

The equipment used for the original transmission was supplied by the Marconi Company and the Maritime Museum at Queenscliff, in association with Museum Victoria, has also undertaken to provide an opportunity to display radio artifacts from that era. In addition to some locally held equipment, we are pleased to say that an inter-museum loan has permitted the display of some radio

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transmitting and receiving equipment held by Museum, which dates back to that period. Some of which have not been previously displayed. We believe this exhibition will add significantly to the understanding of early radio transmissions, by those who visit the exhibition.

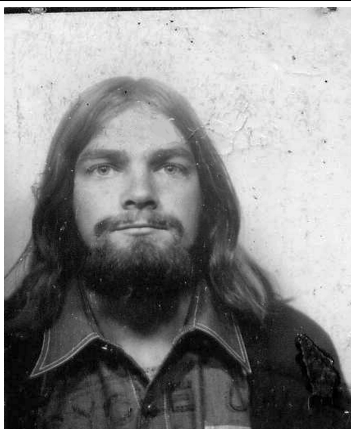
Incorporated within the exhibition will be examples of some additional Australian firsts, in radio and electronic technology developed

as a result of the pioneering work of Marconi and others. These will include an early flight data recorder and cochlear implant.

A number of schools have indicated a desire to be part of the celebration on the 12th.

The celebration will extend from Wednesday July 12, 2006 to midday Sunday July 16.

Thanks to Russ MWR for the info.



This Months Challenge

There is a photo on the left of a very shady looking character. Now you all know him, but the question is who the hell is he??

The first correct answer will win the same prize as the winner of the Limerick Writing Competition. Now who was that again???? OK so there is no prize but it is a challenge, and I haven't forgot the Limerick Competition either, just like to string these things out!!!

Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive (Elbert Hubbard)

KNOW YOUR CLUB ANSWERS

5 Life Members : Andy Beales (QLD), Kerry and Lynne Clayton (Up Maryborough Way), Ian Jackson and Reg Goddard

How many years young is GGREC?? Nearly 30

Where do you get an RFID tag and how much does it cost? See the Treasurer and hand over ten dollars.

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 19th May 2006

Start time: 08:15 PM.

Location: Guide Hall Cranbourne.

Chairperson: Albert Hubbard VK3BQO

Minute Taker: Phil Pavey VK3YB

Present: As per attendance sheet.

Visitors and Guests: Dave Game VK3BJV

Apologies: Steve VK3EGD & Maria Harding, Marianna Stubbs, Val & Ian Benson, Bill Connolly VK3DOU, Peter VK3VB & Pat VK3OZ Pavey.

Correspondence Received:

EMDRC Newsletter, MDRC newsletter. WANSARC, Email regarding FM92's for auction

Correspondence Sent:

Treasurer's Report: As Tabled.

Income: \$860.55 **Expenditure :** \$1563.35 **Balance :** \$3365.60

Read by: Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Moved by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Seconded**

by: Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI **Carried:** Yes

New Call signs – nil

Previous Minutes: As printed in the April 2006 GATEWAY magazine.

Read by: As read. **Moved by:** Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI **Seconded by:**

Reg Goddard VK3UK **Carried:** Yes

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Mid Year Dinner 24th June– discussion on venues saw Tooradin Sports club selected. Naree to book for 30

2M Radios – vote of thanks to Paul for his work. Paul to buy 10 manuals for club. Also has programming manual

Hamfest – Bruno gave report. 1st helpers meeting held. Lots put hands up to help. Letters to Icom, G&C, TTS & Altronics. Club members will pay \$5 entry for event.

We still need a JOTA coordinator for 2006. Event is now 4 – 5 hours.

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Winches – Albert reported that price will be \$75 from Noble & Sons. List of interested people taken.

New Business:

Phil Pavey VK3YB has volunteered to be club secretary.

Identity Cards – Ian Jackson VK3BUF circulated sample card incorporating radio licence details. Committee to investigate price as members in favour of idea

Subs are due. Please see Mike Ide if you are yet to pay

Moorabin Airport trip will be reviewed again in September

Foundation Licence. Mike Ide to head group running course / exam later this year. Phil Pavey VK3YB, Graeme VK3YCG, Adam Scott & Bruno Tonizzo interested in assisting. Bill Connolly VK3DOU now has assessor accreditation.

Whiteboard in club shack is to be used to list consumable needed. Mike Ide in charge of replenishing

Bruno reported that Federal WIA is offering \$5000 grants. 50% of club members must belong to WIA. Paperwork handed to Albert Hubbard to investigate. Suggestion that grant could be used for air conditioning for shack

Amateur Radio Victoria AGM this Wednesday 24th May. Albert and Mike attending and willing to act as proxies.

Bruno to contact guides regarding club leaving cups etc in kitchen.

Meeting Closed at around 09:15 PM.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday 24th April 2006, at the Club Rooms starting at 8:00pm.

Next Prac Night: Friday 2nd June 2006.

Next General Meeting: 19th June 2006

Next Committee Meeting: Monday 29th May 2006, at the Club Rooms

Patrick was in charge of Bingo at his church. He called the numbers in Latin so the Protestants wouldn't win.

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Written on a toilet roll in a public Lavatory : "Sociology Degrees, please take one."

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