



GATEWAY

July 2010

NEXT MEETING Friday July 16 2010 at 8 pm

WHERE : Cranbourne Girl Guide Hall,
Grant St off Sladen St.



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JUNE SPEAKER MEGAN VK3HOP



Megan adds an arrow to her photo so you would not miss the super small boat (1 pixel?) in her photo. Not sure 'what she was on' but Megan was sure enjoying herself.

Words and pics Gateway photographer Paul Stubbs VK3TGX

A very entertaining speaker at the June meeting, Megan VK3HOP gave a hilarious account of her solo motorbike trip to Canberra via the coast to attend the WIA annual conference. *Ed.*

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Everyone has a photographic memory.
Some, like me, just don't have any film.

She kissed the hairbrush
by mistake
she thought it was
her husband Jake

GIPPSLAND GATE RADIO & ELECTRONICS CLUB

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 Peter Pavey clubrooms. Both nights commence at 8:00 PM. **Visitors will be made welcome.** Committee meetings are also held in the clubrooms.

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A very successful working bee

by Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT

On the 6th of June, a dedicated group of Club members gathered at the Club rooms for a working bee. Despite some early rain and fog, the sun soon came out and the work began with a flurry.

Chris, Neville and Michael attacked the dipole and found that the balun and feedline were no longer connected to the dipole.

This was soon rectified with some skilful soldering. All the leaves, twigs and branches on the roof of the shack were cleaned up and removed.

Doug rugged himself up, strapped on a safety harness and re-aligned the dipole rotator with the rotator controller indicator inside the shack. I am pleased to report that they are both pointing in the same direction. (The antenna and indicator, not Doug!) Lorraine supervised all activities and made sure we didn't slacken off.

An internal door handle was fitted to the North exit door thanks to Albert and his never ending supply of tools, drills and hole-saw. The BBQ was fired up at lunchtime and we had a feed of hamburgers washed down with a hot cup of coffee. After lunch, a key safe was installed for emergency access to the Club rooms when the reader is not functioning or the mains power is off.

This was a very successful working bee and I thank the members that took the time to come and help. *Bruno VK3BFT*





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From the president ... *Chris Chapman VK3QB*

Photo by Paul VK3TGX

GGREC's VK100WIA and the Koo-Wee-Rup re-enactment. What a tremendous success. [see photos page 9]

- 4 QSOs with GB2VK located at the site of the original transmissions in 1921 in Wales.
- 350 QSOs in total.
- 12 members operating the station.
- Formal presentation attended by about 100 people, including 20 club members, 4 WIA officials, a few EMDRC members and lots of Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society members, as well as the general public.

Celebration dinner on Saturday with 22 members in attendance.

There will be more reports and stories about this great club event in the near future. I wish to extend special thanks to Brian VK3BSN who provided a great mast for our antennas, Mike VK3KTO who loaned us a lot of his historical gear for the display table and Michael VK3GHM for designing and producing some top-notch posters and brochures. And of course thanks to all the members who contributed to make this a notable event for the club and for the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society (KWRSHS). Lastly, our thanks to the KWPSHS for their co-operation and permission to use their museum rooms for this event.

Now to July and our annual Hamfest. By the time you read this we will be into the final countdown. I think (hope) we have everything ready to go – there will be a preparation meeting on 12 July at the rooms for those directly involved on the day. Others who are able to help out please let me know on the day – we need all the hands we can get – especially between 7.30am and 10am when setting up – and then again at 2pm when we pack up and clean.

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From the president ... Chris Chapman VK3QB

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Where will GGREC be in 12-24 months?

I have received a few ideas – and we plan to table them for your information at the August meeting and these will help us provide some direction for the next 12 months or so. Again, I encourage all members, and especially the newer members to participate in

this process. What do you want to get out of the club over the next 12-24 months? Please have a think and let me know president@ggrec.org.au .



That's it for this month – I am probably in trouble for getting this submitted to the editor rather late..... (sorry Susan)

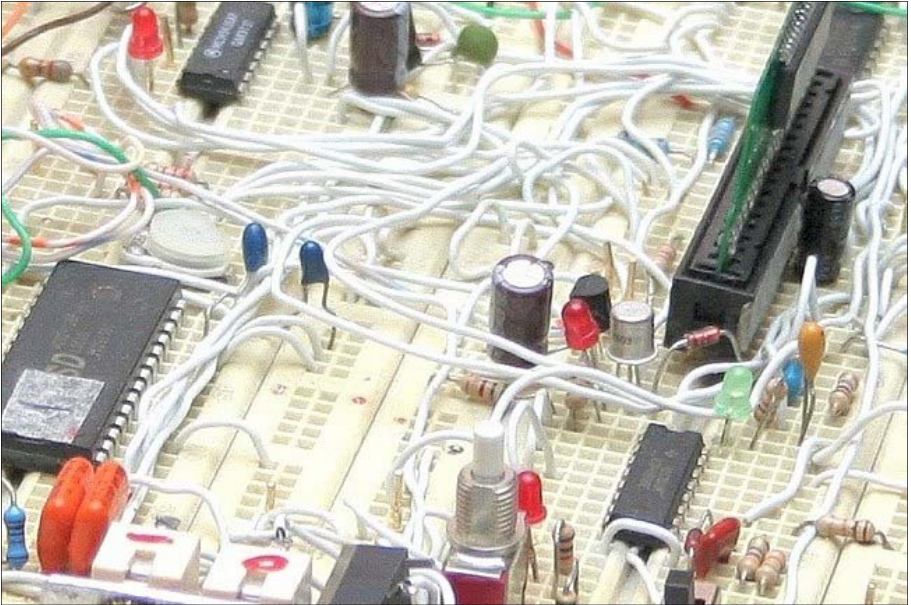
As always, please refer to the Club's website for the most up-to-date calendar of events and news. See you at the July meeting.

Til next month, vry 73 /Chris VK3QB -...- -.- . . .

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SPAGHETTI JUNCTION



A pcb artwork has been produced, but is yet to be manufactured.

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Photos Paul VK3TGX





OUR MID YEAR DINNER

Upcoming Events

Tue	Jul 13th	8:00pm	GGREC Broadcast	145.450 & 3.670+QRM
Thu	Jul 15th	8:00pm	Morsecodeians	Club Shack
Fri	Jul 16th	8:00pm	General Meeting	Guide Hall
Sat	Jul 17th	10:00am	GGREC Hamfest	Cranbourne Public Hall
Mon	Jul 26th	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	Club Shack
Fri	Aug 6th	8:00pm	Prac Night	Club Shack
Fri	Aug 20th	8:00pm	General Meeting	Guide Hall
Sat	Aug 21st		ILLW at Wilsons Prom	Wilsons Prom Lighthouse
Mon	Aug 30th	7:30pm	Committee Meeting	Club Shack
Sat	Sep 25th	6:30pm	Pub Night	TBA
Sat	Nov 27th	6:30pm	Pub Night	TBA
Sat	Dec 11th		Christmas breakup	TBA

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An older couple is lying in bed one morning.
They had just awakened from a good night's sleep
He takes her hand and she responds, 'Don't touch me.'

'Why not?' he asked.

She answered, 'Because I'm dead.'

The husband asked... 'What are you talking about? We're both
lying here in bed together and talking to one another!'

She said, 'No, I'm definitely dead.'

He insisted, 'You are not dead. What in the world makes you
think you're dead?'

'Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts.'

Remember...

Once you get over the hill, you'll begin to pick up speed .

If it weren't for STRESS I'd have no energy at all.

Whatever hits the fan...

Will Not Be Evenly Distributed.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2010 *cont'd from opposite*

Mid Year Dinner – Bruno reported that the arrangements are on track. 35 are coming with deposit paid. Reminder to come along as your favourite TV character.

New business :

Membership Fees – Chris reminded those who haven't paid to see Brenton.

Working Bee – Bruno reported that 7 turned up and the day was mostly dry. The Shack roof was cleared, the rotator clamp was repaired and the alignment was fixed. The new rooms door lock is now fitted. The dipole is repaired. The BBQ lunch was excellent. Susan suggested article in the magazine next time.

ILLW – Brenton reported on planning. A practice walk is to be held on Monday at Philip Island.

Meeting closed : 9:25 pm

Next Committee Meeting : Monday 26th July **Next Prac Night** : Friday 2nd July

Next General Meeting : Friday 16th July

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2010

Date : 11 June 2010

Start time : 8:03 pm.

Location : Guide Hall.

Chairperson : Chris VK3QB

Minute Taker : Steve VK3EGD

Guest Speaker: Megan VK3HOP on the WIA Centenary Conference.

Present : Attendance sheet

Visitors and guests : Peter VK3MPI.

Apologies : Mike VK3KTO, Brian VK3BSN, Grahame VK3XK, David XMF, Phil VK3YB Helmut VK3DHI, Pat VK3OZ.

Correspondence received : listed and tabled

Correspondence sent : listed and tabled

Treasurer's report :

Read : Brenton VK3CBV **Moved :** Max VK3TMK **Seconded :** Albert VK3BQO **Carried .**

Income : \$1,020.50 **Expenditure :** \$88.30 **Balance :** \$932.20 **Total :** \$7,690.33

New Call signs : nil

Previous Minutes :

Corrections – an apology by Brian VK3BSN was not recorded, next meeting dates were incorrect. **Read :** as per magazine **Moved :** Steve VK3EGD **Seconded :**

Bruno VK3BFT **Approved**

Business arising from the previous minutes :

VK100WIA – Activities are next week. Graeme updated and spoke about the operator roster. Set up of the site will commence on Wednesday at 8am and pack up will start Sunday afternoon.

Graeme asked for another volunteer operator for Thursday. He has contacted the local papers and schools. Red Symons will interview Chris VK3QB at 6:35am on Tuesday. Radio station 3GG contact has been difficult as they seem to be user unfriendly. The plaque unveiling is scheduled for 3pm on Friday. The Mayor will be unveiling, and the local member and WIA officers will be attending. The Dragon Radio Club seems very keen. Reg VK3UK advised that IRLP node 5450 contact with G0UKM Mike could be useful as a backstop.

RDD – Albert advised that the controller board is designed and the software is mostly done.

Hamfest – Chris reported there is one table left. The Club has 2. Yaesu and Jaycar have donated door prizes.

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