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### **Sci Fi Quote(s) of the Month**

Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists?

--Kelvin Throop, III

Science fiction writers foresee the inevitable, and although problems and catastrophes may be inevitable, solutions are not.

Isaac Asimov

## President's Ramblings

Hello everybody,

Hope you all had a restful and peaceful time over the Christmas/New Year period. I also hope that the fat man was kind to you!

As for myself I seem to be overworked and underpaid but that's life I guess!

The Christmas breakup at my place was certainly a good day. Thanks to all involved in organising it. Particular thanks to Reg UK for the organization of games and prizes. It all added to the festive atmosphere.

Over the last few weeks we have a little drama with the possible purchase of radios as was mentioned at the November meeting. I still do not have anything concrete to report. Those of you on email would have been kept fairly well up to date. Suffice to say we are still waiting!

This Saturday most of the committee is heading up to Ian BUF's place to look at all the antenna gear that is keeping his weeds happy. We will be trying to work out what the club should keep and what we may look to offload (with the club's permission of course). Ian has been his usual tolerant self by keeping the stuff then but it is time we did something about it. More information at the General Meeting I hope.

In this issue of Gateway I have taken the opportunity of a quiet month to present the proposed regulations for use of the club rooms. The RFID project is just about ready and we need the proper procedures in place pretty much straight away. So have a read and bring any ideas along on Friday night.

Hope to see most of you on Friday.

Cheers, Andrew VK3HFA

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	WHO/WHAT
Friday 20th Jan	General Meeting	
Thursday 26th Jan	Australia Day BBQ	At Club HQ, special callsign
Monday 30th Jan	Committee Meeting	Club HQ
Friday 3rd Feb	Prac/Natter Night	Club HQ
Friday 17th Feb	General meeting	Guide hall
April 8th	Fox Hunt	Philip Island
Easter	El'Dorado Caravan	See Helmut

## RFID Access to Clubrooms

Ian VK3BUF has, in amongst all his other projects, almost completed the task of building the RFID access system for the clubrooms. Basically this means those members that are interested in using the clubrooms at times other than regular club nights will be able to do so. However, there will be some rules and regulations that we will need to enforce to make it fair for all.

Over the next few pages you can read the proposed rules/bylaws/regulations. There will be opportunity for refinement/changes at the January General Meeting.

Ian has some ideas on how it should work including getting the committee to test the system over 6 weeks to make sure it is functioning properly. We will also need somebody to take responsibility for the allocation of tags and the maintenance of the database.

Anyway have a read and let us know what you think. If you can't make it to the meeting and want to contribute send me an email (clinks@dcsi.net.au), ring me up (5942 5396), fax me (5942 5896) or carrier pigeon!

## Proposed Regulations for use of rooms.

### *DRAFT DOCUMENT ONLY* **GGREC SHACK OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**Purpose :** This document outlines the use of the GGREC Shack including specific rules and regulations as determined by the Club from time to time

**Outline :** GGREC members have constructed a specially designed shack for the use of its members. The building was completed in early 2005. The use of the shack needs to be clearly defined so that future members can gain the benefit of the building and to ensure that the task of cleaning and maintenance is not left to one or two members.

All financial members of the Club will

be given access to the building subject to the restrictions and rules outlined below. Two members will be appointed as caretakers responsible for ensuring the rules and regulations are adhered to.

**Access :** Access, in the main, will be on an unrestricted basis subject to the following :

Membership must be a current and financial. A minimum of 12 months continuous membership is required. All unfinancial members will have their access rights removed without warning.

To gain unrestricted access members will be required to put a deposit on an RFID tag. This deposit will be fully refundable on return of the device. The amount of

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the deposit will be determined by the membership but will not be less than the actual cost of the device to the club. Loss or damage of a tag will incur forfeiture of the deposit and another deposit fee will be required for a new tag. Any tag loss must be reported to the shack caretakers as a matter of urgency. Under no circumstances should any RFID key be marked with identification as to its use.

The member must agree to the logging of their access via computer.

The Club Shack is not available for unrestricted use on the fourth Monday (Committee Meeting), the first Friday (Club Prac Night), and the third Friday (General Meeting Night) of each month. There will be other times that the shack will not be available and these will be gazetted in the Club magazine.

In order for the club shack to operate there will be a requirement for one member to hang their tag on a hook to allow the power to operate. The last member to have their key on the hook will be ultimately responsible for the cleanliness of the shack on departure. This does not imply that the last person out must do all the cleaning up, just that they must ensure that it happens. **Each member in attendance is responsible for cleaning up his/her mess.** The logging system will be such that the last person to remove their key from the

hook will be readily identifiable.

The member must agree to abide with the code of conduct contained in this document.

### Code of Conduct

**As a financial member of the Club you must agree to the following code of conduct in order to be granted unrestricted access to the Club shack :**

I agree to abide by all Club rules as determined from time to time.

I recognise that the space around the Club shack may be used by the Girl Guides (or others) and I undertake not to interfere with their operations in any way. I accept that I must be circumspect in all my dealings with the Guides and use appropriate discretion when they are in attendance.

I agree to use the Club radios in accordance with my current license level. I will log all radio communications in the club log book.

I will arrange for QSL cards to be sent on request when using the club call sign.

I will leave the building in a clean and operational condition.

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

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I will co-operate with all other members in attendance.

If I am the last to leave I will ensure that the shack is secure.

I will report any shortcomings to the caretakers as soon as practical.

I agree to allow my details to be logged by the RFID system.

I understand that the role of the caretakers is to ensure the club rooms are used in an appropriate manner and agree to co-operate with them at all times.

**Any breach of this code of conduct will be viewed very seriously and may result in the member losing their unrestricted access rights. All breaches will be investigated and discussed with the member/s concerned.**

**General Guidelines :**

To discourage ants and/or other vermin

the bins should be emptied after each session. Large bins can be found at the front of the Guide Hall.

Tea and coffee will be provided for members use, you will need to provide your own milk if using the rooms on a night other than a regular night. Unused milk should be removed from the premises on leaving. If supplies are getting low please advise the caretakers (don't let them run out!)

All other foodstuffs should be kept in airtight containers.

Club equipment is available for use; please treat it as if it were your own. Particular care should be taken with equipment that is on loan (identified by a small green sticker).

Please respect our club rooms and we will get many years of enjoyment from them. Each member will be given a copy of this code of conduct and will be expected to sign a copy for club records.

## In the market for a **NEW** radio

I think Graham VK3KCS got sick of reading about the ongoing saga of the second hand radios, and I can understand that. If you are in the market for a **new** radio you could do no better than to run down to High Street, Cranbourne and have a chat with Graham. He assures me that he will great deals for other club members. He, also, tells me that there are 65watt, 2 metre radios

available for under \$300. So I am saving my pennies/drachmas/pesetas and I am going to get myself one of those! Might take a while though!

Seriously, Graham has always helped members of GREC and has pointed a few new members ours way. Don't forget to support him from time to time. Or at least call in for a coffee and a chat.

## A note from Peter VB & Pat OZ

Firstly I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers while I was incapacitated in hospital. It made such a difference to a day to see a friendly face pop around the door with a cheerful how are you going. Thanks too for the get well cards and the many phone inquiries Pat received.

I know some of you found the traffic and parking situation a bit of a headache, thanks for trying. At the moment I am out on strict medical supervision and hope to stay that way until a definite diagnosis is made and I can return to a normal life and routine.

We both feel very fortunate to have scored the hamper this year, it has been a great help believe me. Thanks guys, your turn next year. HI.

We have been longingly looking at the caravan and hoping we might join in one of the club Weekends soon. Little bit of maintenance to do there.

2006, a new year we hope it is a great year for each of you in GGREC and a

year of growth for our Club.

Once again our sincere thanks at what for us was a difficult time.

PS. I keep hearing Club members saying the bands are dead; Amateur Radio is going down the tube. Believe me this is not the case. It is just that most of you are sound asleep when the bands are active. 20, 40, 80 mtrs (even 15 & 160) are open to DX roughly from midnight to 4am local time.

Since coming home from hospital I have worked about 30 countries spread over all continents. My medication is the cause of being up, then sleep comes after 4am.

So please when on 2mtrs or other bands that seem quiet, Amateur Radio is not dying, it's just that the best conditions are when you're in bed asleep. The Amateur Radio world is very much alive.

73s  
Peter

I hate email hoax warnings, but this one is important!!!!

Please send this to everyone on your email list. If a man comes to your front door and says he is conducting a survey And asks you to show him your bum, do not show him your bum.

This is a scam. He only wants to see your bum. I wish I'd got this yesterday. I feel so stupid and cheap. *(There's one born every minute!!!!!!)*

## Radio Gear for sale by tender

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Colin HR is quite unwell. Bobbie has asked Reg UK to sell off his gear.

So here is a list of items available. Make all offers to Reg who will work out who to sell it to.

ICOM IC738 HF RADIO WITH  
POWER SUPPLY (AS NEW)

ICOM IC701 HF RADIO WITH  
POWER SUPPLY

ICOM IC22A MOBILE 2 MTR FM  
RADIO

ICOM S.W.R. METER

PHILIPS FM 900 2 MTR MOBILE  
RADIO

20 AMP. SWITCH MODE POWER  
SUPLY

YAESU 2 MTR MOBILE XTL LOCK  
RADIO

YAESU FT26 2 MTR HAND HELD  
RADIO

DIGITOR 2 MTR FM AMPLIFIER

3 EL. HF. TRIBAND ANTENNA  
WITH ROTATOR

2 MTR SLIM JIM ANTENNA

VARIOUS MOBILE WHIP ANTEN-  
NAS

FOR SALE CONTACT REG. VK3UK  
-OR MAKE AN OFFER——



## On the sick list ....

Colin HR has been quite unwell and in hospital. Our thoughts are with Bobbie and the rest of the family at this difficult time.

Good to see Peter VB surface at the natter night. Hopefully the medicos can discover what is wrong with him and that he does not have to spend any more time in hospital.

If you know of any other club members that are not well, or need a hand with something please let one of the committee know.

One of the good things about Amateur Radio and this club, in particular, is that there are plenty of people that will put their hand up to help if something needs to be done.



## Foundation Licence .. its good for radio

We received the following by email from NERG. I have re-produced it because the whole thing is a positive step for Amateur Radio.

Hi all,

The NERG's first Foundation training and assessment weekend was a great success with **nine** new amateurs joining our ranks, with another two very likely by Christmas. All are no doubt looking forward to using that new radio waiting under the Christmas tree!

A couple of minor hiccups were identified in the process and will be rectified for the next Foundation weekend, likely to be held on the weekend 21/22 January 2006.

Congratulations to John and the team that he assembled; he is to be congratulated on the terrific job he did and the results achieved.

John's full report appears below, cheers, Mark, VK3BYY for NERG NEWS  
[www.nerg.asn.au](http://www.nerg.asn.au)

NERG Foundation licence course 10-11 Dec 05

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The North East Radio Group Inc conducted a Foundation Licence course over the weekend 10-11 Dec 2005 for 12 students. Of these one left after the training day and of the remaining 11, 9 students passed and only two missed out on the theory but were very close.

Arrangements are under way for both these students to sit the theory paper again before Xmas.

The theory instruction was carried out by Fred Swainston with the use of his powerpoint presentation which was greatly accepted by all students, assessors, and observers present. Fred managed to maintain the interest of all by varying the instruction between both theory and practical training periods.

The practical training by assessors, and observers worked very well. All aspects of the practical examination were covered in these sessions.

Greg VK3VT acted as chef and invigilator on the day and provided a very good variety of food for the lunches and this was appreciated by all. My thanks go to him for this effort.

My thanks to the following assessors and observers for their participation in this event which made the days the success they were.

Firstly to Fred for his presentation, to the observers Michael Owen ( President WIA), Jim Linton (President AR Vic), Jonas VK3VF, Cliff VK3CSL, David VK3THY, and to assessors Craig VK3CMC, Mick VK3CH, Tonga VK3SJ, Peter VK3AUE, John VK3TKH, Alan VK3VD, and Steven VK3TSR.

John Weir VK3ZRV  
Course Co-ordinator

## All ramped up.....

If you have been up to the club rooms lately you would have seen the great new access ramp built by a number of members over a few weekends.

All we need now is for Maria to give it the seal of approval with a test drive!

Thanks to everyone involved (I would name them but I will probably forget somebody). A special thanks, though, to Ian BUF for his usual detailed project management. Thanks to Paul for the photos, I stole them from his web site paulstubbs.pozzie.net.



Just some of the hard workers over a few weekends. See the website for more pictures.

I think Ian is wondering if it will hurt if he jumps!!!



## Viclink Info 2006

Welcome to the new year and with VICLINK about to resume at the end of January, I would like to introduce you to our new service "Viclink Info" which will provide regular updates about your news broadcast service in Victoria.

- \* Viclink Summer Series
- \* VK3WIA Viclink's new callsign
- \* Foundation Watch
- \* Podcasting
- \* New webserver
- \* RSS News Feed
- \* Contributing to VICLINK

### Viclink Summer Series

Whilst we take a short break from normal programming, we have been issuing the Summer Series of Viclink, highlights from the 2005 year. So far we have revisited Amateur Television and an interview with Michael Ampt, VK3CH at the NERG open day and an interview with Paul O'Conner from the Australian Volunteer Coastguard. [www.vk3news.info](http://www.vk3news.info)

VK3WIA Viclink's NEW Callsign  
With the support of the WIA, Viclink has been given permission to use the VK3WIA callsign as an identifier for Viclink. The VK3WIA callsign is licensed to the WIA and in allowing us to use this callsign, shows their genuine interest in local newscasts that supplement the National News. VICLINK over the 2005 year supported the National News from VK1WIA with relay station announcements, voice work for news items and in establishing the VK1WIA

Podcast.

### Foundation Watch

A new segment to VICLINK for 2006 is called "Foundation Watch", which essentially is a club round-up of Foundation Licence education programs and activities occurring around Victoria. Enhance you clubs profile by letting Viclink know when you are running Foundation classes, locations, times etc. and we will include them in the next newscast and publish them on our website.

### Podcasting

Last year we introduced podcasting to Viclink and the WIA National News and by all accounts it's been a great success! - Podcasting allows you to download the newscast direct to your PC each week using an podcast application such as iTunes, Doppler etc. So if you can't catch Viclink or WIA National news on-air each week, download it to your PC or MP3 player. Enter the following feeds to your application:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/vk3news>  
(Viclink)

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/vk1wia> (WIA National News)

### New Web Server & Website

Last year we purchased dedicated web-space to allow for faster downloads of VICLINK. This is proving to be quite useful and has allowed us to keep previ-

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ous editions online as well. Our web-server allows enough data and bandwidth to ensure we can keep things flowing without interruption and ramp it up if we need to. Likewise, our website (or more correctly web blog) is allowing us to publish each week audio files and news updates more easily than a standard html website.

### RSS News Feed

Want to keep up-to-date with the VICLINK web blog? Its easy to use a news aggregator such a Mozilla Thunderbird to get the latest headlines from VICLINK and other news sources. Just use of RSS feed, <http://feeds.feedburner.com/vk3news> and it will update you as new content is added.

Contributing to VICLINK "It's your news service!"

The hardest part about researching and publishing a weekly news service, even 5

minutes is getting news and information from the radio clubs around the state. Websites and newsletters are a great source of information plus the odd email here and there from individuals and clubs and thank you to those clubs and individuals who supported the news service in 2005.

To continue the weekly newscast for VK3 in 2006, we need your news!

All we ask is for a regular email, phone call or club newsletter that we can turn into an item each week or month. Maybe you might like to voice the item yourself and send it in as a MP3 file, or we can record you over the phone or Skype/Gizmo. We can also attend in person to record your item. Just keep us in mind when something is being planned, happens or you hear about something happening in VK3, we can chase it up!

Thanks to all and let's have a great 2006!

Grant Stowell, VK3HFS

## M&DRC Trip - 22nd January

Friends, an unofficial pleasant Sunday is arranged by M&DRC for Families & Friends on Sunday Jan. 22rd. 2006.

Timetable.

Cars assemble at Combined Clubrooms, Highett Reserve, Turner Rd. Highett at 8.15am. Convoy departs, in radio contact (& net on 146.550 ) at 8.30 am.

Assemble in Sorrento pier carpark (South of pier) 10 am or asap. ( Hard to judge traffic, and thus timing ).

Walk to end of pier, pay & board the good ship "Nepean" (Captain Shannon) 10.30am.or asap.

"Nepean" departs 11 am. "Nepean" returns 1 pm. Disembark & return to cars.

Convoy leaves for Nepean National Park. 1.30 pm. Arrive & assemble at National Park Carpark at 2 pm. Have "cut" lunch in Carpark.

One member from each car purchases tickets for the Transporter, for "Tip of Pt. Nepean" in the Visitor's

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## Comet Duplexor - this might help!

I always like to share amazing discoveries in AR, although I might be the last one to discover the discovery.....??????

I had found that my comet duplexor that I purchased at the Hamfest was not operating properly all the time but it would come good and then I went along until the next time it operated in an erratic manner.

Today I looked further into the problem and found that at least on 2 meters, 10 watts at minimum is required to get the thing working and that makes sense

when you think about it; In fact obvious. I would say there might even have been something in the instructions about it but I never read them.

The part is most useful for connecting a 2/6/70 antenna to a radio with 6 + 2/70 input. So at the risk of looking like a dill, I provide this info so someone may benefit from it. I suspect the inductive networks only function with enough field/Power. Like Hybrid Network in telecom etc etc.

73

Bill

VK3DOU

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Centre, and notes time of departure of the Transporter.

Group assembles at Transporter Station, ready for next departure.

Visit "Tip" explore fortifications, view the Rip, listen to handheld on 156.600 NFM & other freq's.

When tired & satisfied, reboard the Transporter & return to Visitor's Centre .

From now on, each Party operates on its own timetable. Try & have car net on way home.

NOTES. Timetable is best approximation. Take money, handheld, field glasses, dark glasses, camera, sunscreen lotion, lunch & liquids, hats, maybe pencils & notepaper. Seasick pills etc. AND "Aeroguard." On cruise will see , seals, dolphins, birdlife. Pass "Witch's Hat, bird perches, Pope's Eye Rock. then towards Shore, see Quarantine Station and rest of interesting shoreline back to Sorrento Pier. Eat lunch "on the way", in boat & in carpark etc. At tip of Pt. Nepean, use field glasses to see ships entering &

leaving the Rip. See Pilot Boat approach/leave each Ship, and try to see the Pilot's "Leap of Faith" to/from the ropeladder on the ship. Remember Captain Carroll's Talk ! Use handheld to listen to Harbour Control & Pilots .156.600 FM etc.

Take this opportunity to explore the fortifications, be amazed at brickwork, & remember that all construction materials had to be ferried from Pt Lonsdale or Queenscliffe, also much of the food for Workers & Soldiers.

The cost was enormous, and paid for by the gold from Ballarat, Bendigo etc. A trip to & exploration of the Treasury Building in Melbourne is well worth while for those interested in Australian History.

NOTE 1. The weather cannot be controlled. If it is bad, ring 1300 304 384 and ask Captain Shannon's advice. If the boat does not go, the trip to Pt. Nepean will still be "on". We will assemble at Sorrento Pier Carpark 10 am, discuss situation, and probably make earlier start to Pt. Nepean Carpark, probably spending more time in the Visitor's Centre, which is very good. HOPE YOU JOIN US. Ken Morgan. VK3CEK. NOTE 2. I would appreciate some idea of those likely to join us. Ring 95929957, or make email message to ken@melbpc.org.au

## Meeting Minutes

### General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2005

**Start time:** 08:00 PM.

**Location:** Guide Hall Cranbourne.

**Chairperson:** Albert Hubbard VK3BQO

**Minute Taker:** Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT

**Present:** As per attendance sheet.

**Visitors and Guests:** Nil

**Apologies:** Colin & Bobbie Bishop; Andrew Clinkaberry VK3HFA; Bill Connolly VK3DOU; Peter VK3VB & Pat Pavey VK3OZ; G Brown VK3BXG; Narree Ide; Grahame VK3YCG & Susan

**Correspondence Received:** AR Magazine for November 2005, Nov/Dec '05 APC Newsletter from MDRC, November 2005 NERG News.

Email correspondence from: WIA, requesting orders for the Foundation Licence Manual.

Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI with cost details for the Easter weekend at Eldorado caravan park. ; Joe enquiring about John Watkins's current location; Enquiry from VK3ADA asking if any HF radios are for sale (forwarded to Graham Wheatley); Ian Holt, asking if GGREC conduct examinations for the AOC(P)s license; TTS Systems confirming that they are available for a presentation on the 17<sup>th</sup> march 2006. Maria Harding, asking if she and Steve are financial members as they are not getting their magazine.

### Correspondence Sent:

Email reply to Joe in relation to his enquiry about John Watkins's current location. Reply to WIA about GGREC's intention to examine and hold classes for amateur radio licences.

Order forms for 13 WIA 2006 Call books.

Order forms for 13 Foundation licence Manuals.

To Maria Harding stating that they are not financial.

**Treasurer's Report:** As tabled.

**Read by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Moved by:** Mike Ide, VK3KTO **Seconded by:** Helmut VK3DHI

**Carried:** Yes

**New Call signs - Nil**

**Previous Minutes:** As printed in the November GATEWAY magazine.

### Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Bruno to correct 'guest speaker' to 'guest' in the October GM minutes.

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Club Room Access Ramp – Final working bee is on tomorrow.

Limerick Competition to be judged at the Christmas party

IRLP repeater – Ongoing repairs are required, no progress as yet. Repeater is operating from Frankston.

November Pub Night had been cancelled.

Russ White asked about the Library Amateur Radio show & Tell. – Held over until the New Year.

Promotional Club Info booklet is being updated by Albert. Feedback needed.

### **New Business:**

New member Adrian Davenport was welcomed to GGREC.

How do members get access to the Club Room? See committee members for the key. Club room access ramp – Ian Jackson proposed that he be re-imbursed for the cost of the materials to build the access ramp. Russ White, VK3MDR moved that the members approve payment of all costs in two instalments. \$910.61 to be paid tonight and the remaining \$1000.00 to be paid at a later date. Ian will be placing a claim for the release of the Grant money (\$1620.00) from Casey Council after the first instalment is paid to him.

This years Christmas will be at Andrew & Angela's place in Nar Nar Goon on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> December. BYO everything. (Apology from Ian & Val Benson who are unable to attend). More items are needed for the Christmas Hamper.

Next GM is January the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Australia Day BBQ will be held at the Club Room. We will be operating under the AXBJA call-sign.

Tentative date for the Fox Hunt will be the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2006.

Easter at El D'Orado carvan park. See Helmut for details.

Paul Stubbs informed the meeting that he can get 75 Phillips radios that can be converted to 2metres for approx \$10.00 each. Paul will get more details about the offer from the vendor. As GGREC does not have sufficient funds to purchase the radios, Russ White moved that the Club members loan money to GGREC so that the Club can write a cheque for the purchase price. Any profits after the radios are disposed of will go to GGREC. Moved by Helmut & carried.

The estate of Dennis Furlong is to be disposed of by Graham Wheatley. An extensive list will be provided to members, and members can submit a bid directly to Graham.

This month's raffle prizes are an electric kettle, clothes iron & toaster. See Reg for tickets. Batteries are also for sale tonight.

Tonight's Guest Speaker is Ian Jackson, who will talk about his recent trip to China.

**Meeting Closed** at around 9:10 PM.

Next Committee Meeting: 28th November 2005 at the Club Rooms @ 8pm.

Next Prac Night : 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006. Next General Meeting : 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006

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