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# PRESIDENTS REPORT



Awards



Hi To Everyone,

First and foremost, in last months newsletter I indicated the Club Barbeque at Benalla Gardens was to be held on an incorrect date, please note that the date should have read SUNDAY THE 29TH OCTOBER 2006 please amend your diaries with the correct date.

We had our AGM and Normal meeting on Saturday 7th October 2006. I was a bit disappointed in the number of members that attended, only 24 members turned up on the day, however, I congratulate those 24 members that did take the time to take part in the proceedings. A new team was selected, and all positions were filled, via the members in attendance at the AGM, this is very encouraging as 4 new members in the executive are new members and ham calls, they will bring with them new ideas and much needed enthusiasm. Refer to the minutes to see who your new office bearers are that were elected.

JOTA is fast approaching we desperately need more club members to assist on the Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd October, Ben VK3FBGS will be the coordinator for this activity, start time is from 9.30am on the Saturday to conclude at approx 1.30pm on the Sunday, please make yourself available to

assist and let Ben know what times you will be available, this event is very important for the club to be successful, we did make and undertaking prior to negotiating the future of our present club rooms to run the JOTA event, our club was selected as the Scouting District Official Radio Station for this event, lunch and dinner will be made available on the 2 days.

Membership is going strong at the last count we have 70 members, this is quite an effort and everyone should be congratulated for promoting the club in a positive manor. Our Ham Fest was extremely successful, we made a profit of in excess of \$1200 after expenses, well done to all the team that was involved in the preparation, and a special thanks to our ladies that run the kitchen, a job well done, and what about Jacek's two daughters, they raised over \$150 from the raffle on the day, well done girls.

It has just come to my attention that Jim VK2TWY has been ill, he has had a stay in hospital, we have missed Jim on air, and we all wondered where he was, we hope you have a speedy recovery Jim, and we all look forward to hearing you on air soon. Also Allan VK3AYD is making good progress, he is on the path to recovery, well done Allan, and we also look forward to hearing you on air when you return home.

I was presented with a beautiful certificate of achievement from Daryl VK3KL on behalf of the membership at the last meeting, it reads "In recognition for his achievement and dedication to the success of the Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club 2005-2006" I was taken aback with this presentation to

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myself, I believe that the work I have done over the last 15 months is what you would expect from a President in any club, anyhow I was very pleased to receive it, I have already found a place to hang it with pride in my shack, thank you.

Business as usual, the 2 mtr WIA rebroadcast on Sunday evenings is now being conducted via Neil VK3KAL, we thank Neil for taking over from Daryl VK3KL, we were all very concerned when Daryl indicated he could not continue with this commitment, Daryl did an extremely good job over the last 15 months, and his dedication has seen the rebroadcasts on behalf of the club become a very successful event, and again our thanks go out to Neil for taking on this role from

Daryl, and what a bonus, we have a new Editor, Lisa, Daryl's daughter, we thank Lisa for taking on this position, we acknowledge that our club would be in dire straights Lisa, without an editor, we are extremely grateful to you for taking on this role, I have attached a email that was distributed to the members, for the benefit of those members not on email, please adhere to Lisa's request and support our new editor with plenty of input.

*Members, My name is Lisa and I have been named editor of the SADARC Newsletter - taking over from my father Daryl Hitchcock.*

*You may be aware that I have been helping Daryl out for the past 12 months with typesetting the newsletter and have enjoyed it very much, that's why I had no*

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## AUSTRALIAN WEATHER NEWS

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Tips for Antenna projects



Daryl hands over the  
reigns of Newsletter  
Editor



Members at the AGM

# CLUB NEWS

## AWARDS



Above: Members at the annual meeting held at the Clubrooms on Saturday 7th September.

Left: Max VK3DSF received an award for his efforts in conducting the call-backs on RGV.

NOTE: If you have any pictures from SADARC functions or meetings send them in and we will do our best to publish them for you. Email them along with a description of "Who, What & Where" to [typeset@bigpond.com](mailto:typeset@bigpond.com)

## WHATS ON



## OCTOBER EVENTS:

**21st/22nd October:**  
**JOTA at the Club Rooms**  
**Sunday 29th**

**October:**  
**Family picnic day at the Benalla Lake 11.30am Start.**

Left: Map for directions to the Benalla Lake.



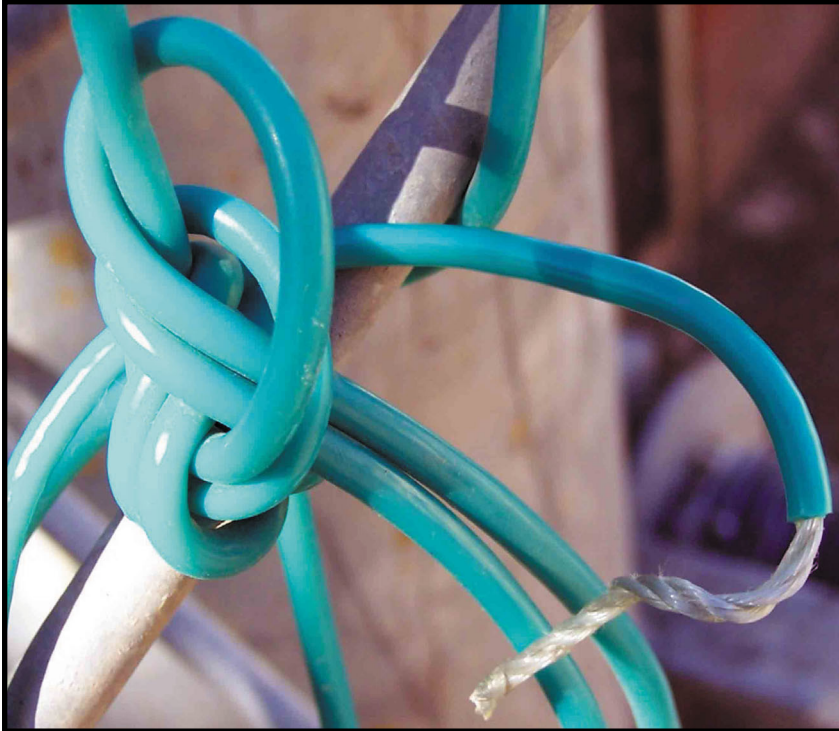
# A Handy Tip for Wire Antenna Projects.

If you have something you would like to share with the other members of SADARC then send it along with any photos you may have to accompany it to [typeset@bigpond.com](mailto:typeset@bigpond.com)

By Rob VK3ECH

When erecting wire Antennas, there is always the question of what to use for suspending and attaching the antenna insulators to the nearby supports. Probably the most common answer to the question is grab the nearest piece of old nylon cord that you have lying round, but unfortunately over time it just doesn't seem to last very well in the sun and weather. Even so called UV stabilised cord seems to deteriorate and have a reasonably short life span. There are some very expensive types of Dacron & Polyester type cord or ropes available which are said to be very good, but unfortunately cost more than

an arm and a leg, and after all low cost is one of the main features of installing a wire antenna. The most cost effective solution to the problem that I have found, is the good old nylon clothes line cord. It is simply a small diameter cord with an outer tube type cover that doesn't seem to be affected by the sun too much over time. The other advantage is that it is light weight and tends to be slightly elastic, which makes it ideal for suspending Dipoles as well as other wire antenna configurations. The other thing is that it can be found at most hardware stores, I purchased some from Big -W there a while back.



**If you wish to become a member of SADARC then contact The Secretary, PO Box 692, Shepparton, 3632.**

**EDITORS NOTE: Deadline for the newsletter is the 3rd Friday of the month. Please have any copy and photographs to the editor by this day please.**

## Hello one and all

I have been involved in the Newspaper Industry for several years now, beginning as a typesetter for a local newspaper called the Central Murray Informer. I was promoted about 18 months ago to the position of Production Manager. After a long thought out decision I left the "Informer" in November of 2005 to begin my own freelance business, which I began in April of this year. My husband Mark and I have 6 wonderful children, 2 of whom have left home and are living &

working in Ballarat & Numurkah respectively.

My family is very supportive of my new venture which is slowly taking off. Of course,

I'm not in a great hurry to be inundated with work as our first Grandchild is due in March next year and I am looking forward to spending time, where possible, with the wonderful new edition.

We will be attending the Family Day in Benalla on the 29th of October and are looking forward to meeting everyone on that day.

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hesitation in taking this on. Infact, when dad told me he was going to retire from the newsletter I offered to take it over for him.

I just wanted to ask that when submitting editorial for the newsletter that it be unformatted ie: paragraph form is ok but no bullet or point form please, as I have to unformat everything by hand and reformat it when typesetting the newsletter.

Images - the bigger the better, I can then edit the size and place them on the page.

If these 2 simple ideas are followed then the newsletter will be out and circulating in no time.

My contact details are as follows.

Lisa Laffan

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Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any queries regarding any aspect of the newsletter.

Regards Lisa

Next general meeting I will not be in attendance, I will be In New Zealand visiting a couple of Ham friends, Kane our newly elected Vice President will be in the chair, this will be his first meeting in the chair, please support and assist him and give him a good go, Kane is a key player in going forward and building

this club to great heights, Kane is part of our new youthful team and will play an important part in the clubs succession plan going forward.

In closing I am looking forward to being your representative over the next 12 months, I will in the next 12 months be looking for as much input and new ideas from the new executive, my role play will be very similar as to the last 15 months but with the emphasis of placing more responsibility and input from the new executive, looking forward to seeing you all at the Barbeque in Benalla at the end of the months, 73s Roger VK2RO Club President.

## A letter from Daryl

As this will be my final newsletter I would like to say a few words about my time as editor. Firstly I have thoroughly enjoyed working as editor and although I will miss it I am enjoying my retirement that little bit more. I have had a great time editing the newsletter, with some quite serious times along with some happy and joyous times as well. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your input into the publication with articles, photos and of course those funny emails that I reveived quite regularly, thanks Bruce. I would like to wish my daughter Lisa well in her new role as the new Editor of the SADARC newsletter, she has had several years experience in the newspaper industry at a local newspaper.



## AUSTIN SHEERLINE 1947

Something a little bit different, my new restoration, a 1947 Austin Sheerline also known as Austin A125, Daryl and myself made a trip to Melbourne earlier this year to pick up this wonderful motor

car for restoration, you can see Daryl at the back of the car making it safe for towing, 73s Roger VK2RO

## BPL trial in N/E Victoria

For those of you interested in trying to reduce man-made noise pollution on our HF/low VHF bands. I found the following link interesting: [www.sp-ausnet.com.au](http://www.sp-ausnet.com.au) type in 'PBL' in the search section of their

home page and hit "GO". Interesting that the trial does not appear on the ACMA website. No call for comments. No call for persons experiencing interference to come forward.

Wonder if the ACMA even knows about it? Interested to hear from anyone up in that area. Use the Force people, use the Force!! And yes, it is running now! Regards, Richard VK2KIT

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# Minutes from the AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc. A6677S held at the Mooroopna Community Centre, Echuca Road Mooroopna on Saturday 7 October 2006

The meeting was opened by Rodney VK3UG at 1420 hours.

**Present:** Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3MDC, Les VK3FLGL, Bill VK3DWG, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, Ernie VK3BSD, Danny VK3FDTH, Max Matthey, Kane VK3HKH, Ben VK3FBGS, Daryl VK3KL, Rodney VK3UG, Ray VK3RW, Ed VK3BG, Mark VK3HMB, Matt VK3SMB, Rob VK3ECH, Neil VK3KAL, Angela VK3FELT, John VK3PXJ, Jac VK3TJS, Barrie VK3KBY.

**Apologies:** Terry VK3FTHS, Les VK3TEX, Hilton VK3AHY, Jan VK3ALF, Norma Forbes, Margaret Tingay, Neil Tingay, George VK3HV, Greg VK3ZKV, Alan VK3AYD, Wes VK3FDDT, VK3ACC.

Moved Ed VK3BG, seconded Les VK3FLGL, carried.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

Rodney VK3UG indicated that all existing positions were dissolved.

**President:** Roger VK2RO was nominated by Jac VK3TJS, seconded by Ed VK3BG and was elected unopposed.

**Vice President:** Kane VK3HKH was nominated by Roger VK2RO, seconded by Ben VK3FBGS, and was elected unopposed.

**Secretary:** Duncan VK3MDC was nominated by Ed VK3BG, seconded by Kane VK3HKH and was elected unopposed.

**Treasurer:** Danny VK3FDTH was nominated by Daryl VK3KL, seconded by Roger VK2RO and was elected unopposed.

**Public Officer:** There were two nominations.

John VK3PXJ was nominated by Max VK3DSF and seconded by Pat VK3OV. Duncan VK3MDC was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Ed VK3BG.

After a close ballot, John VK3PXJ was elected Public Officer.

**Membership Secretary:** There were two nominations.

Ed VK3BG was nominated by Max Matthey and seconded by Jac VK3TJS.

Pat VK3OV was nominated by Max VK3DSF and seconded by Danny VK3FDTH.

After a close ballot, Pat VK3OV was elected Membership Secretary.

**Technical Committee:** Ray VK3RW and Neil VK3KAL were nominated by Roger VK2RO, seconded by Max VK3DSF and were elected unopposed.

**Newsletter Editor:** Daryl's daughter Lisa Laffan was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Roger VK2RO and was elected unopposed.

**Committee:** Four Members were elected. They were: Ben VK3FBGS, Jac VK3TJS, Rob VK3ECH and Max VK3DSF.

**Hall Liasion:** Kane VK3HKH was nominated by Roger VK2RO, seconded by Danny VK3FDTH and was elected unopposed.

**Interference Coordinator:** Rodney VK3UG was nominated by himself, seconded by Roger VK2RO and was elected unopposed.

The meeting was closed at 1450 hours.

## Minutes from October meeting

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc. A6677S. Minutes of monthly meeting held on Saturday 7 October 2006 at the Mooroopna Community Hall, Echuca Road Mooroopna.

The President Roger VK2RO opened the meeting at 1305 hours and welcomed all present.

**Present:** Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3MDC, Les VK3FLGL, Bill VK3DWG, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, Ernie VK3BSD, Danny VK3FDTH, Max Matthey, Kane VK3HKH, Ben VK3FBGS, Daryl VK3KL, Rodney VK3UG, Ray VK3RW, Ed VK3BG, Mark VK3HMB, Matt VK3SMB, Rob VK3ECH, Neil VK3KAL, Angela VK3FELT, John VK3PXJ, Jac VK3TJS, Barrie VK3KBY.

**Apologies:** Terry VK3FTHS, Les VK3TEX, Hilton VK3AHY, Jan VK3ALF, Norma Forbes, Margaret Tingay, Neil Tingay, George VK3HV, Greg VK3ZKV, Alan VK3AYD, Wes VK3FDDT, VK3ACC.

Moved Ed VK3BG, seconded Les VK3FLGL, carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Barrie VK3KBY presented the report on the clubs finances.

Moved Barrie VK3KBY, seconded Pat VK3OV, carried.

**Correspondence Inward:** QSL Cards, AR, Newsletters from other clubs.

**Correspondence Outward:**

Letter to Dr. Sharman Stone requesting information on the introduction of BPL in Australia.

Letters of thanks were sent to: Daryl VK3KL expressing thanks for his contribution to the club as newsletter editor and broadcast officer. Bob Hinchliffe for electrical work at the club rooms. John Bennetts for programming the IRLP radio. Angus Communications for donating the IRLP radio.

**Acceptance of minutes of last meeting:** Moved Duncan VK3MDC, seconded Danny VK3FDTH, carried.

**Business arising from the minutes of last meeting:** Max Matthey queried the date for the club barbecue. The barbecue is to be held on Sunday 29 October in the Benalla Gardens and details are to be included in the

October Club Newsletter.

Roger VK2RO distributed additional copies of application forms for "Working with Children" required for members involved in JOTA and the Scout Jamboree.

**General Business:**

Ed VK3BG indicated that the Ballarat Hamvention is to be held on the 5 November and any members who wish to attend and share transport should contact Ed.

Danny VK3FDTH indicated that the antennas for JOTA need to be finalised. Particularly, the co-ax feeder for the 40M antenna still has to be run.

**JOTA 21/22 October:** Roger VK2RO asked for volunteers to assist with JOTA. Ben VK3FBGS will coordinate activities and the following members volunteered their time. Ed VK3BG, Kane VK3HKH, John VK3PXJ and Jac VK3TJS. Daryl VK3KL and Danny VK3FDTH are yet to confirm.

**IRLP:** Jac VK3TJS indicated that the project is almost complete. The only remaining problem is obtaining the COS signal from the radio. The radio was given to Ray VK3RW who will investigate.

**New Printer for Newsletter Editor:** Barrie VK3KBY suggested that the club allocate \$400 to Daryl VK3KL for the purchase of a printer for the Newsletter Editor. Moved Barrie VK3KBY, seconded Roger VK2RO, carried.

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Roger VK2RO tabled certificates to be presented to the Shepparton CFA and Finer Fruit Shepparton in appreciation for their support. Roger also presented a certificate of appreciation to Max VK3DSF in recognition of his contribution to the club in running the Wednesday night 2M Nets, and for taking "Call Backs" following the Sunday night WIA News Broadcasts.

Daryl VK3KL presented Roger VK2RO with a certificate recognising his valuable contribution to the club as president during the past twelve months.

The President closed the meeting at 1415 hours.

