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## Merry Christmas



**B**ill Griffiths VK3DWG enjoyed himself with great company and good food at the Christmas Dinner meeting at the Mooroopna Golf Club on the 9th of December. More photos on page 4.

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Presidents Report for December 2007

Hi,

Just a short report from myself, I think the minutes from the past meetings speak for themselves, our end of year Xmas Club Meeting was a great success, the venue, meals, and of course the company was tops, at the last meeting Daryl VK3KL presented our new PA System to the members, very impressive I may add, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and we will see you in the New Year, our next meeting is the first Saturday in February 2008. at this meeting I will do an in-depth presentation on how to successfully work DX, and the

tools required to make your DX hunting a positive outcome. I will also bring along some of my DX Awards and discuss how you can achieve the same.

The next newsletter will be February 2008, the 2mtr and 80mtr Broadcasts are business as normal with no break, please remember to check in over the Xmas period.

Next year we should see more of the same, we have had an extremely successful year, this is due to the positive input from all the members and Executive.

73s Roger VK2RO

### The Heaviest Element

*A major research institution has Recently announced the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element has been named Governmentium. Governmentium has One neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons, and 11 assistant Deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.*

*These 312 particles are held together by Forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is Inert. However, it can be detected because it impedes every action with Which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium causes a Reaction to take four days to complete, when it would normally take less than a second.*

*Governmentium has a normal half-life of 4 years. It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, Forming isodopes.*

*This characteristic of moron promotion Leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever Morons reach a certain concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "Critical Morass." When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium - an element which radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.*



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# Minutes of December Christmas Dinner meeting

**Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc.** A6677S. Minutes of monthly meeting held on Sunday 9 December 2007 at the Mooroopna Golf Club, Fairway Dr. Mooroopna.

The President Roger VK2RO opened the meeting at 1445 hours and welcomed all present.

**Present:** Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3DCX, Daryl VK3KL, Susan Conway XYL, Bradley Conway SWL, Joel Conway SWL, Jan Cameron XYL, Lisa Laffan Newsletter Editor, Jan Hitchcock XYL, Liz Cooper XYL, Geoff VK3FABV, Greg VK3ZKV, Ron VK3COP, Ernie VK3BSD, Kevin VK3BPH, Rob VK3ECH, Nandor Barabas SWL, Les VK3TEX, Bruce VK3QC, Muriel VK3BJO, Jac VK3TJS, Bozena Szczurek SWL, Corrine Szczurek SWL, Claudia Szczurek SWL, Neil Tingay SWL, Margaret Tingay SWL, Neil VK3XNW, Bernadette Watt XYL, Brian VK3HBW, Alan VK3FALN, Marilyn Vearing XYL, Pat VK3OV, Barbara O'Shannessy XYL, Bill VK3DWG, Peter VK3FBEN, Hilton VK3AHY, Gwen Younger XYL, Rodney VK3UG, Lyn Champness XYL, Tibor Nemeth SWL, Rob VK3FMAC.

**Treasurers Report:** The assistant treasurer Daryl VK3KL presented the report on the club finances and indicated that copy of the report was available for viewing by members. Moved Daryl VK3KL, seconded Rodney VK3UG and carried. The following accounts were presented for payment: Jac VK3TJS for club name badges. Drinks at the meeting Licence renewal for VK3SOL Moved Hilton VK3AHY, seconded Ron VK3COP and carried.

**Position of Treasurer:** Roger VK2RO told the meeting that Danny VK3FDTH has stood down from the position of club treasurer due to work and family commitments and a motion was put

forward that Daryl VK3KL would take over as treasurer and Danny VK3FDTH would take up the position of assistant treasurer. Moved Rodney VK3UG, seconded Ron VK3COP and carried.

**Minutes of last meeting:** It was decided not to read the minutes of the last meeting, as they were included in the November newsletter.

**General Business:** **PA System:** Roger VK2RO indicated that the new PA system for the club has been purchased and it was displayed later to the members present.

**Newsletter Editor:** Roger VK2RO introduced Lisa, the club newsletter editor to the meeting and thanked Lisa for her excellent work.

**Certificates of Appreciation:** Roger VK2RO presented certificates of appreciation to the following ladies for their work in the kitchen and for selling raffle tickets during Comm's Day 2007. A \$20.00 gift voucher was also presented to the ladies. However, the Szczurek family wished that the money for their gift vouchers be returned to the club.

*Barbara O'Shannessy - Lyn Champness - Norma Forbes - Natalie MacGregor - Bozena Szczurek - Corinne Szczurek - Claudia Szczurek - Patricia Szczurek*

A certificate of appreciation was also prepared for Max VK3DSF for his work in running the 2M Net and News Re Broadcast call back sessions. This will be presented to Max at a later date, as he was unable to attend the meeting. A certificate of appreciation was also presented to Les VK3TEX for his work in conducting training sessions to enable foundation licence holders to upgrade to the standard or advanced licences. A certificate of appreciation was also prepared for Terry VK3FTHS in appreciation for his willingness to participate in club activities and help out at a moments notice. This certificate will be presented to Terry at a later date

as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Roger VK2RO introduced Bruce Plowman VK3QC and Muriel Plowman VK3BJO to the meeting and thanked them for their ongoing contributions to the club newsletter. Roger VK2RO has received a request from Kane VK3HKH that the club purchase a 2M/70cm dual band transceiver for the club radio station. The meeting agreed. Moved: Greg VK3ZKV, seconded Geoff VK3FABV and carried. Kane suggested an IC2720H but further discussion will take place regarding the type of radio. Roger will discuss this with Kane when he returns from holidays.

Roger VK2RO thanked Duncan VK3DCX for his work as club secretary and he also thanked Pat VK3OV and Peter VK3FBEN for their work during JOTA in arranging for the scouts and guides to build their own crystal radios, which they were able to keep.

The president Roger VK2RO wished everyone a happy and safe Christmas and closed the meeting at 1505 hours.

## SURPRISE PRESENTATION

Recently "Yours truly" was presented with a bouquet of flowers by S.A.D.A.R.C. President Roger Conway VK2RO thanking me for all my hard work throughout 2007, and as i said to Roger, "It is a great pleasure for me to help the club in any way i can. This is something i enjoy doing"







# Christmas Dinner @ the Mooroopna Golf Club



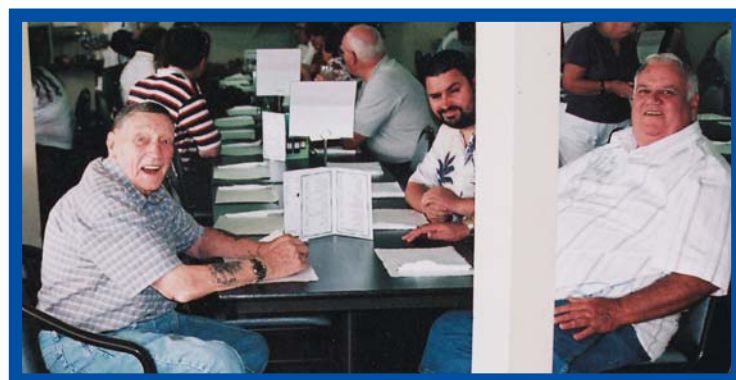
Top: front right Jacek Szczurek VK3TJS, Bozena Szczurek with Muriel Plowman VK3BJO & Bruce Plowman VK3QC two members who travelled for the dinner.



Top: from left Duncan Cameron VK3MDC and Roger Conway VK2RO give the thumbs up to the gathering at the Mooroopna Golf Club.



Geoff Cooper VK3FABV & Greg Halley VK3ZKV enjoy some friendly conversation at the Christmas dinner meeting recently.



From left: Bill Griffiths VK3DWG, Peter VK3FBEN & Pat O'Shannessy catch up at the Mooroopna Golf Club.



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