

# SADARC

SHEPPARTON & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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VK3RGV B 70cm D-Star  
CLUB CALL SIGN VK3SOL

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Presidents Report for May 2010



Hello to all,  
Thanks to the all the members who attended the last club meeting.

We all had the pleasure of meeting Peter VK3FBEN's new guide dog (Grandville). He is a nice sized Black Lab and very friendly I might add.

I haven't got much to report this month so I will keep things short and sweet. THE CLUB NEWSLETTER!! I think I have now asked many times for members to please submit content for the newsletter. I see

no point in sending out a newsletter every month with the minutes and my report only. Perhaps we need to reduce the number of newsletters to by monthly or even quarterly? This is a very important issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Exams are going to be held before the club meeting in June. I think there are at least 3-4 people interested in gaining either an upgrade or to start from scratch. If you are planning to attend can you please speak with Ed VK3BG or Rob VK3ECH in the next few weeks so the appropriate documents can be obtained. Best of luck to those who are attending.

Our clubs ongoing projects are still moving forward, with some major work being done up on the hill in the coming

months. 70cm Analogue may be off the air for a short time so please doesn't be alarmed if you key it up and it doesn't come back to you. It won't be for long. Also if any other club members are interested in helping out at Mt Wombat for our next working bee in the next month or so please let me know.

Rodney VK3UG with be having a talk with us after the June meeting on Interference Look forward to seeing you all there...

Cheers for now  
Toby VK3PNF

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# Minutes of May Meeting

Meeting opened at 13:00 hours by Toby VK3PNF.

## Present at meeting:

Toby VK3PNF, Les VK3TEX, Steven VK3DAG, Ian VK3FIRW, John VK3PXJ, Cameron Woods, Peter VK3FBEN, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, Alan VK3AJD, Mark Visitor, Rob VK3MAC, Tibor VK3FTIB, Peter VK3FPSR,

## Apologies:

Brian VK3HBW, Alan VK3FALN, John VK3FJHM, Rob VK3ECH, Ian VK3JNC, Ed VK3BG, Clint VK3CAF, Rodney VK3UG.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated by Les VK3TEX. Les moved that the minutes be passed, seconded by John VK3PXJ.

Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

Les VK3TEX asked the president whether we had received the coax and the 6 meter cans. Toby said they were at his place.

## Reports:

Toby gave a brief report on the 6 meter repeater in Rodney's absence. He also gave a brief

report on the clubs finances in Ron's VK3COP absence. Treasurer's report was moved by Pat VK3OV, seconded by Darren VK3HEN.

John VK3PXJ gave a brief report on the 80 meter net.

Max VK3DSF gave a brief report on the 2 meter net.

## General Business:

Darren VK3HEN has dumped some video files and photos of the BBQ on a USB stick for download into Toby's Laptop.

Peter VK3FPSR gave some further information on his expected antenna removal in late May. Late May was tentatively booked to do the de-install.

Further comment was made by Les regarding one more member to help him with the comm's day organisation. No-one put there hand up at the meeting though...

Toby gave a brief heads up on the working bee that will need to be done soon at Mt Wombat to replace the feeders on the antennas. He took a small list of people who may want to go. Final numbers and tools required will be decided at a later date.

Meeting closed at 13:40 by Toby VK3PNF.



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# Feedline & Feedpoint Protection-Yagi Antennas

Contributed by Hilton Younger



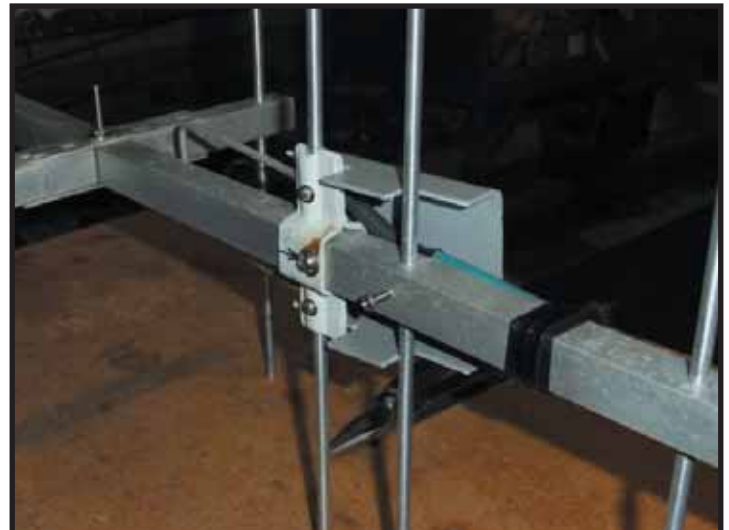
In an attempt to lessen the damage caused by Corellas I have covered the feedpoint with a guard made from thermoset plastic. This is simply a piece of UV proof stormwater pipe tested in the microwave oven for suitability before heating with a heatgun and molding into shape



The first two metres of feedline is also protected by being inserted into twelve millimetre water hose. This is the 2 metre yagi.



The UHF antenna was subjected to the same treatment.



The back view of the feedpoint on the UHF antenna. For those interested, I use trigonal reflectors. Hilton VK3AHY