



Founded 1979 Incorporation No A6677 P.O. Box 692, Shepparton 3632

Repeaters VK3RGV Freq: 53.725MHz (1 Meg offset), **Off air at the moment.**

146.65MHz (**IRLP Node #6992 inoperative. Will return ASAP**)

(Echolink active.) (600 kHz offset),

439.775MHz (5 MHz offset), 438.2MHz (D-Star) [**D-Star not operational at this time on Mt Wombat**]

Access to the analogue repeaters is by sub-audible 123 Hz tone or noise mute (less sensitive).

Club Network informal on air get togethers. All welcome. Club callsign VK3SOL:-

Wednesday evening - 3.63 MHz ± interference 8.30pm. 2mx repeater 8.00pm

The WIA Sunday morning broadcast is often re-broadcast in the evening on the 2 mx repeater.

The local vintage radio club has a get together at 11.00am of a Sunday on the 2 metre repeater. Many of their club members are members of SADARC too, so join in for a chat.

Meetings are held at 1 pm on the first Saturday of the month (except January when no meeting occurs) at the Mooroopna Scout/Guide Hall off Echuca Road, Mooroopna. Variations in these times, days and location are normally notified in the preceding newsletter.

Website – www.sadarc.org

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VK3DP

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Publicity Officer: - Vacant

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OTHER CLUB'S NEWS

Bendigo Amateur Radio & Electronics Club nets – Tuesdays 8pm 147.15MHz VK3RCV with club callsign VK3CMZ and Thursday 8pm 3.655MHz ± interference. All welcome to participate. Many SADARC members are able to access their 2mx repeater.

Ballarat Amateur Radio Group – email vk3bml@barg.org.au and www.barg.org.au

Presidents Report June 2017

What a great attendance we had at the last meeting. It was the most we have had for as long as I can remember and it is great to see. It indicates a healthy atmosphere in our Club of support for one another. We all have a common interest and it is great to see a group of people with a common interest gather together to support each other. The support goes beyond that of talking about electronics and all things Radio; it is the need for socialisation that we as people require. Thank you to all those who attended.

Thank you to Bill who showed us his project that he is currently working on. What a great craftsman Bill is with what he builds from scratch. Thank you also to Andy VK3AJA who continues to educate us on DMR and how it works. It just goes to show what a broad diversity our hobby has when you compare Bills project with Andy's project. Which one is best, well neither, they both fulfil an interest in our common purpose and endeavours.

At our last meeting it was great to see that things are finally moving on Mt Wombat. Thank you Bill for your report and update on the work done. Other decisions were also made at the meeting concerning IRLP and this is now underway thanks to Andy VK3AJA and Jason VK3FNQS. Geoff VK3ZNA is also now doing some investigating some new Club Rooms for our group. It is early days at this time but I am pleased to see that something is now happening. Thanks to these members who are making things happen to benefit all members.

On the June 11th and 12th we set up a Radio Station at the Echuca Steam Rally. The weather was excellent and the atmosphere was good. Thank you to all those who contributed to the two days and made themselves available to promote our hobby. Thank you especially to Bruce VK3PNG for his efforts in co-ordinating this event again on behalf of the Club.

That's it from me for this month and I will see you all in August when we need to discuss our upcoming Hamfest.

Cheers & 73

Peter – VK3FPSR
President – SADARC

SADARC Calendar of Events

July 1 st	Club Meeting at 1.00 pm followed by a Show n Tell. (note, President Peter will be away at GippsTech on the day so Kevin VK3BPH will be in the chair)
August 5 th	Club Meeting
September 2 nd	Club Meeting
September 10 th	SADARC Hamfest
October 7 th	Club Meeting with AGM

AGENDA

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Meeting. 1:00 pm 3/06/2017

- In Attendance were:

VK3PXJ John, VK3TJS Jacek, Max Matthey, VK3PNG Bruce, VK3KBY Barrie, VK3ZE Huntly, VK3KJB John, VK3FNQS Jason, VK3AO Alan, VK3BPH Kevin, VK3DMD Doug, VK3AFD Arthur, VK3VSM Max, VK3FCVT Graeme, VK3CKC Kevin, VK3FMON Monica, VK3MEE Trevor, VK3CHV Ian, VK3PGK Graeme, Bill Crocker, VK3DSF Max, VK3OV Pat, VK3COP Ron, John Stevens, Peter Glasson, VK3ZNA Geoff, VK3FPSR Peter, VK3AJA Andy.

- Apologies:

VK3JNC Ian, VK3FMAA Michael, VK3NQS Colin, VK3FALN Alan, VK3HEN Darren, VK3UG Rodney.

- Confirmation of Minutes of previous Meeting

Read by Peter. Moved by John, seconded by Huntly.

- Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

- Inward and Outward Correspondence

In: Insurance receipt and certificate from WIA for Public Liability 2017-18.

- Reports

- Financial:

Read by Ron. Moved by Ron, Second by Jason.

- Technical:

Read by Geoff. Moved by Bruce, Second by Bill.

Re-Some tidying up has been done at Mt.Wombat hut.

- General Business

Hamfest was discussed as it is approaching.

New IRLP node (RaspberryPi) has been ordered.

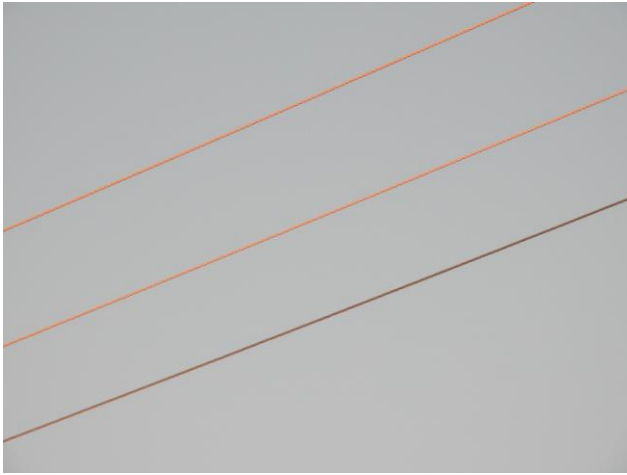
Geoff suggested investing some of club money in term deposit as interest rates are so low.

Will review later in year (no action to be taken yet) Club voted to wait.

Kevin will sit in as President at next meeting as Peter will be away.

- Closure and date of next meeting

Closed 140 PM next meeting 1st. July 2017.



A couple of things from our trip to the outback. The picture on the right is the communications tower at Birdsville, with TV, mobile phone and other coms antennas. The one on the left was taken at Innamincka. Do you know what it is a photograph of, and more importantly why are the objects which look the same different colours? I've never seen this before. Answer next month.



Above and below are photos of the clubs activities at the Echuca Steam Rally. Our club and the Vintage club combined are showing the general population of not only the old but the progression to the new, with one or two operators talking to the world or at least hoping to do so. Hopefully Bruce VK3PNG and others who attended will be able to give us a more complete insight to the weekend. The good points and the things we can improve on, etc.



The fight is not yet over

Last month I stated that there was a **For Sale** sign out the front of Radio Australia in Verney Road, Shepparton North. The sign is still there but there is action being taken to have the sale put on hold. This is until such time as the results of the Senate Committee meeting resolutions in regard to the reinstatement of the short wave radio transmissions from Radio Australia at Shepparton and the short wave Northern Territory local broadcasts are made.

Recently Gary Baker (previous local manager at Radio Australia, Shepparton) and Nigel Holmes (previous frequency, transmission direction and times of transmission manager (a well qualified person who knows how to get the best performance into the areas of interest)) as well as Graeme Dobell (journalist) gave submissions in person to the Senate Committee in Canberra about what damage the ABC has and is doing to Australia's credibility, foreign assistance, etc to Pacific Countries in particular by closing these services. Whist Radio Australia is our particular interest the loss of the Northern Territory high frequency services are equally short sighted. An alternative to the NT services is for a re started Radio Australia to provide the NT services via one transmitter at Shepparton which it has done in the past when the three transmitters in the NT were being re-furbished.

Attached is the content of emails from Gary Baker and Nigel Holmes which are worth reading as are the suggested sites for you to visit. Go to Google and have a look at The Strategist and look up the comments about Radio Australia. As Garry suggests in his email to me contact your local MP and for the area in which RA is Shepparton the one to contact is Damien Drum and encourage them to go beyond party lines (which appears to be a don't care attitude) and push for the reinstatement of Radio Australia and the NT short wave services. But do it **VERY SOON.**

Last Friday I travelled to Canberra and fronted the Senate Committee hearing testimony on the matter of HF broadcasting & Senator Xenophon's Bill to compel ABC to resume HF domestically & for RA. I was grilled like

a breakfast kipper. It went well.

Another witness was Graeme Dobell, a legendary radio & print journalist who has travelled & worked all over the Pacific region. Graeme has written some good articles on the current subject. See here

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/abc-gets-wrong-south-pacific-service/> and here

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/smart-stuff-shortwave-south-pacific/>

Interestingly another ex-RA journalist & RA senior executive Geoff Heriot wrote a recent piece critical of ABCs degradation of RA specialist programming. See here

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/crowded-pacific-re-considering-sharp-edge-broadcastings-soft-power/>

Those of you who blog such arcane matters...feel free, go nuts. More power to your elbow. Mention my name as source.

Cheers Nigel

Hi Gents

The hearing went really well. As expected, Nigel and Graeme Dobell were brilliant.

Nick Xenophon's office is trying to contact BAI to have the sale and or demolition of the site stopped until the senate enquiry has run its course.

I believe the act amendment will go through if the coalition pass it. We need everyone to contact their local members of parliament to push this case.

Especially Damian Drum the Murray electorate representative.

Please check out the article online The Strategist

Cheers Gary

It is now your job to stir up our polliés so they can earn their pay.

- Work is being done on Mt Wombat, with Bill Crocker and Alan Tattersall removing the centre pipe and the battery box. The new rack has been temporarily installed. I may have more information on this by the meeting time. (Rodney) Currently the 6 metre repeater is off air, disconnected when the work in the hut was being undertaken. Will be re instated as soon as practical.
- Geoff VK3ZNA has obtained two Unilab KL70 repeaters from the Geelong club complete with information on conversions etc. One of these will ultimately replace the Philips FM814 which has given sterling service since Phil's (VK3ELV) upgrade.