

CHANNEL CHATTER

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Austravel Safety Net

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Radio Network



The HF Radio Communications Network for Remote Area
Travelling by Land or Sea

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For Austravel Members**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Membership renewal and payment:-

I mentioned in the last Channel Chatter magazine that your selcall number is important when identifying yourself to Austravel. This is very critical with payments for membership. It is also important if you are emailing or SMSing me. I sometimes struggle to work out who the contact is.

I apologise to members with Apple or IOS devices in regard to using the Out-n-About app. Apple and Google both have a tendency towards only wanting large company app developers. The constant upgrades and changes to the operating systems needs a team of developers to keep up and Austravel does not have that resource. This is quite an ongoing software technical task, particularly incorporating Google maps into IOS devices with all the changes. As you know we have started to emulate the features of Out-n-About on the member login area of the web page, which will make it device independent. To date we have some of the main features there, around GPS position recording and forwarding. Member bi-direction direction (phone, radio) messaging is also available. Other features of the Out-n-About app will become available over time. We are looking for people that may have a skill set in this area to further this development.

To date though for Apple uses to setup your email recipients, you need to borrow an android device, search the play store



for Out'n'About (it is free now) or use the QR code on the KISS GET Out-n-About available from the member area documents. When you have the app running with your member pin, use it to setup email your recipients. You could also put some info in the member travel data field while in the app and that can be changed from HF later as well. Alternatively on an Apple tablet or PC you can try an android emulator. Our editor John (6014) told me about it. I know BlueStacks works on a windows PC as I am running it myself and they make a Mac version that has been tested by one member on an old mac and it works. In this you load the android Out'n'About from the Google play store. There are many emulators and perhaps a member can give me some feed back as to what they find. You won't have some features like quick dial and SMS to Urgent Contacts but it will get you up and running. For emergency responders SMS to all responders is not available either.



[BlueStacks](https://www.bluestacks.com)
<https://www.bluestacks.com>

I mentioned in recent past magazines, that my term as president is completing later this year. This is a constitution aspect of our club and it is the same for a number of committee positions. A long serving president could see the club become a bit stale. A president change can bring a refresh of ideas for the direction for the club. I am not going anywhere. I will still be involved with technical aspects of the club and a new president does not need to be technical or bother too much about that. The president will need to be computer literate though for normal computer usage. We hold Committee meetings via video conference teams and to access the Office365 features we use. We have about 1000 people in the club so I am sure someone can consider the opportunity.

I encourage Austravel members to have a look at some of the events being offered by our partner club Track Care. I recently attended Jacks Shack, a re-construction of a heritage shack at Donnelly village I spent five days with a great bunch of people. See our web page EVENTS for more info.

Before and after shots.



I needed my HF radio as the Jack Shack camp location had no phone coverage. I made a number of phone calls and SMS's over the days and called in on skeds of course. There was a Starlink available on an intermittent basis but the solar power requirements prohibited it be on all the time. Track Care are a very event orientated group. There is always something to do and use your skills.

To recap have a think about a committee position.

Have a play with an Android emulator.

If you want a bit of camping and building have a look at Track Care.

If you would like to organise some Austravel events give me a call.

Kim Rhodes (7880)

President

Austravel SafetyNet



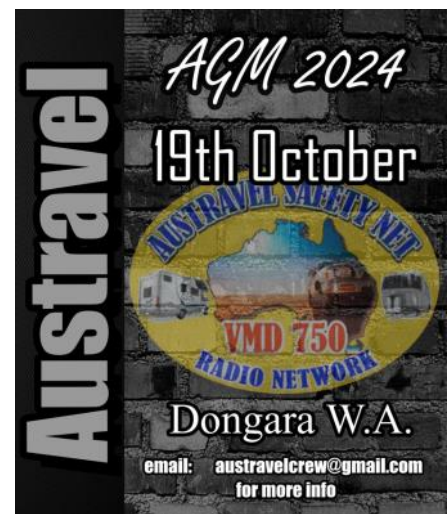
<https://trackcare.com.au/>



<https://www.austravelsafetynet.org.au/>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

AGM 2024 Locations



The Committee has set the date of the AGM and GM for the 19th October 2024. We are planning to hold the main meeting in Penong as we did 2 years ago giving the opportunity of West and East coming together.

There will be satellite sites in both the East and the West, as other sites are confirmed you will be advised.

Penong is located 400 km's East of the border or 1800 km's East of Perth or for me 2600 km's Southwest of Rockhampton. We need confirmed numbers if Penong is going ahead.

Elections this year will be President, Kim is not eligible to stand again so we will need a new President. The position is a leadership role, no technical knowledge is required. We also have the Treasurer and two committee members up for re-election, both Ken and Russell are eligible to stand again and the other vacancy will be for a one year term. Nomination forms will be sent out early September.

Austravel is Incorporated in Queensland and the Dept of Fair Trading has changed some of the reporting requirements. As an organisation with less than \$150,000 annual income we no longer have to have an audit. Instead the President and Treasurer have to sign off on the financial statement. This will save us approx. \$1000 per year. Consequently we will have a motion at the GM to amend the bylaws to comply with the changes.



G'day to all members I trust you are enjoying this latest issue of Channel Chatter.

I am now in my 9th year of continual sked operations and continue to enjoy the experience and it is an experience, not a job, listening and talking to travelling members, and driveway calls also, and hearing them express their comfort of knowing there is someone out there should they have an issue or just for a short chat to let you know where they are, all is well and how they are travelling.

As an operator you get to know new people and some of the magic places they stay (my black book) and you become part of that travelling experience.

I would love to put out a call to encourage members to take that next step and have a go, contact any sked operator or committee member and there will be overwhelming support and training for you, even if just a few days a month you will get to talk to many members and know you are part of their travelling security.

The comment " Thanks for being there" is reward in itself.

Check the website, pull up the roster and sked times and give the operator a call and do a radio check.

Be part of our growing Club.

Catch you on the airwaves

Bob
1750



The Commercial Radio User Group (CRUG) has resumed in WA. Get on the Amateur 80 meter band. Come on 3640Khz USB Wednesdays 5:30pm WST with your amateur call sign. Calls from the eastern states welcome as well.

Kim VK6TQ

Austravel Name Badges



Ever thought an Austravel name badge would be a good idea? Well you're not alone. If you would like your very own badge, complete with a magnetic clip so you'll never stick yourself, contact Ray 1923 by email. Cost per badge delivered to your door is only \$10. Ray will be submitting the order at the end of September so don't delay.

Ray 1923

Email: 1923@austravelsafetynet.org.au

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SKED TIMETABLE
FROM THE
AUSTRAVEL WEBSITE



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The Joys of Remote Camping...Till You Need a Phone

Lea and I love to get away with our 4X4 and trusty camper, the more remote the better we like it. Recently we took a sneaky mid-week getaway to the Benarkin State Forest near Blackbutt QLD and stayed at the beautiful Clancy's Campground. Talk about perfect, we were the only campers there, the weather was beautiful, no mobile coverage and the serenity; how about that serenity only one or two cars travelled past in a day.

We spent our time hiking, cooking and relaxing and on the fourth morning we packed up and got ready to head home... or so we thought. Pressing the START button on our trusty 4X4 fired up a Christmas Tree of dashboard lights and a row of error messages that reminded me of the credits at the end of a movie. I had a look at the battery voltage and it was down to 12.0 Volts and that was the culprit, I guess in gentler times gone by we would have been welcomed with the RaRaRaRaaRooowww of a dying starter motor but today the computer system in your car flashes, clicks and beeps telling you everything but the fact that you're battery is flat. Bother!!!

Our perfect place now became a bit of a concern, not to worry I told Lea, I got out the solar blanket, and connected it to the suspect battery. Let's give it half an hour and we should be ok to start. Would you believe not 3 minutes later the darkest clouds I've ever seen blotted out the sun and any chance of putting a bit of charge in.

No matter I thought, let's crank up the trusty Codan NGT and call the RACQ. The battery had enough charge to make the call; but as per all large organisations, you must navigate a touch tone menu to get the right department. With no touch tone on the radio I just waited to be connected to the operator, and waited and waited then the time out on the base went click and hung up the call. This wasn't a serious emergency so I was reluctant to use the RED button, instead I called Rick 3097 on the radio telephone and he contacted the RACQ for me and within the hour the service technician was there and gave us a jump start and we were off.

Now what did we learn from this challenge:

- Calling large organisations like Auto Clubs and Insurance Companies is very difficult with a HF radio telephone, they don't have touch tone keypads and in most cases you'll time out before you finalise your call.
- It's best to call someone to make the call for you. Have all the information that they'll need ready before you call. In the case of the RACQ or I'm guessing any auto club you'll need to provide the following:
 - Your Membership No
 - Vehicle Registration Number
 - Vehicle Colour
 - Your situation (what's wrong}
 - Your Location

Make a follow-up radio phone-call back around 30 minutes later to confirm what's going on.

It's a great thing to have a HF radio in your vehicle, an excellent HF Network to use and fantastic members who are ready and willing to help when you need it. Many thanks to Rick Shea 3097 for his help in our sticky situation.

Peter's Journey with Prostate Cancer.

Selcall 1705.



I was fortunate in my role as treasurer to have one of our male members share his story about his journey with prostate cancer. Having had radiotherapy myself and listened to men who I saw daily for five weeks at the radiotherapy clinic, I asked Peter if he would be comfortable sharing his journey with members. Peter willingly agreed in the hope his advice is taken onboard.

Prostate Cancer rate is now at a higher rate than Breast Cancer and many doctors do not start testing early enough. It is definitely not an old man's disease. Younger men in their 30's are now testing according to my doctor.

Having lost a few friends from prostate cancer and in addition to my experience with prostate cancer, I want to prompt our members to regularly have their PSA levels monitored. I realise not many men talk about it or want to talk about it.

Go and get tested even if the doctor says you are too young. You are not. The earlier it is found the less trauma concerning incontinence, sexual health and for your total wellbeing.

Late 2020 my PSA test came back 5.5 so the doctor was not worried considering my age but had me test again 3 months later by which time, it had elevated to 6.7. I was then given a referral to a Urologist.

He examined me and could not find any tumours, but I had a TURPS operation 4 years earlier.

The doctor recommended another PSA test 6 weeks later because he wanted to recheck and not go for MRI or biopsy straight away because of cost involved.

Finally had an MRI which did show a tumour. Biopsy booked and resulted in Gleason Score 3+4 = 7 moderate scale not highly aggressive.

Surgeon then gave options of surgery or radiotherapy which is often recommended for men of my age which was 74. A referral was then given to see Oncology Radiotherapy. After seeing him, doing research and information from the Prostate Cancer Foundation, I opted for surgery.

I found out that having radiotherapy rules out surgery afterwards so being reasonably fit with kayaking every day and in good condition for my age, I would rather have the prostate out.

I was given a referral to a specialist prostate physiotherapist to prepare for the surgery. It was strongly pointed out that you follow the Kegel exercise program to reduce the problem of incontinence which is a side effect of radiotherapy. Luckily, I only had minor problems with the operation and recovery. Many don't.

July 2021, 2 tumours were found and the major one had spread to the bladder neck. 6 weeks after the operation the PSA test was 0.07 when it should have been 0.00 or 0.01. So, another test was needed at the 3 months mark and the result doubled to 0.14.

So, it turned out that I needed radiotherapy after all, every day for 6 weeks, often turning up for a radiotherapy appointment with wet shorts after kayaking. Lucky it was early summer!!!

It is not so much a physical journey but more psychological.

All through this journey, the Prostate Cancer nurse Tori from Melbourne who was assigned to me, would phone every week. Tori would give me information and support, answering any questions I had and always asked how I was emotionally and if I needed other support. All staff involved in physio, radiotherapy and PFCA were marvellous,

I have just had another 6 monthly test and PSA has risen slightly but not unmanageable. Support from family, friends and club members is important. Asking are you really, OK? Not just your standard answer OK.

Peter Kemp 1705

P.S. Excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia and, after lung cancer, the largest cause of cancer death in Australian men. There are over 18,000 new prostate cancer diagnoses in Australia each year.

Please heed Peter's advice and have regular checks.



Prostate Cancer
Foundation
of Australia

<https://www.pcfa.org.au/>

Blackbutt Gathering

2nd to 5th May 2024

Once again members gathered at the Blackout Showgrounds for a few days of story telling, morning and afternoon teas BBQ's and happy hours, numbers were down a little on last year as we clashed with the W.I.A. Amateur Radio AGM in Bundaberg however it was still a great roll up with 16 units attending from as far south as the Central Coast of NSW to Bowen in North Qld.

No mention will be made of the weather suffice to say the evening fires were held under cover but who cares its the people that made the fun, thanks also to Jeff and Trish (0199) for setting up and managing the fire and the wood supplies, much appreciated.



Friday nights sausage sizzle was well attended by hungry members consuming around 100 sausages, they were very nice ones this year, and thanks to Graeme (2002) and Ian (0116) for your cooking expertise.

Raffle tickets for Saturday night's draw and BBQ went on sale early and many thanks to Hazel (6455) for her endless efforts in selling tickets, seems we rely on Hazel each year for that job and it is very much appreciated.

There was a good collection of prizes both donated and purchased so no shortage of incentive to get a ticket.

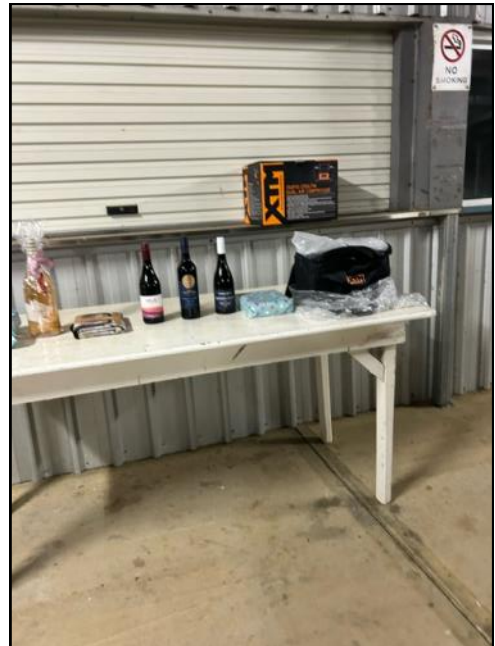


Special thanks to Shirley and Morrie (2047) for providing great entertainment on the keyboard and spoons for both Friday and Saturday evenings, some great old songs got the feet tapping and glasses of courage got a couple of singers singing.



The undercover area was well utilised for morning/afternoon teas and happy hours, some ventured into town to enjoy Blackbutt's famous Pie shop and bakery and were not disappointed.

Saturday night was a BYO BBQ after a rather early start to happy hour thanks to Scruffy (4076) and Freddy (1229) who insisted on having a few members join them so again thanks to Graeme (2002) and to Peter (2448) for manning the BBQ - you can't be in two places at once.



The raffle draw was held while members were enjoying their meals with the major prize won by Peter and Blondie (2448) well done to you guys, there were a further 8 donated prizes shared amongst the lucky ticket holders. Thanks to all who participated and supported the Club.

Given the weather conditions the fire drum was "all but" undercover however it did provide a welcome bit of warmth and a comfortable setting to enjoy a BWS (Beer, wine or spirit) I recall it being very dark when people drifted off to their digs.

Sunday was a slow start with the weather improving and allowing members to drift through the camp for a cuppa and a chat about the weekend so far.

Thanks to Rick (3097) and to Ian (0116) for assisting a couple of members with their radio's and helping them become more familiar and confident with its operation.

Thanks to all for making this a successful gathering, a testament to the friendship and camaraderie existing within the Austravel membership.



Cheers and Safe Travels

Bob and Carmel

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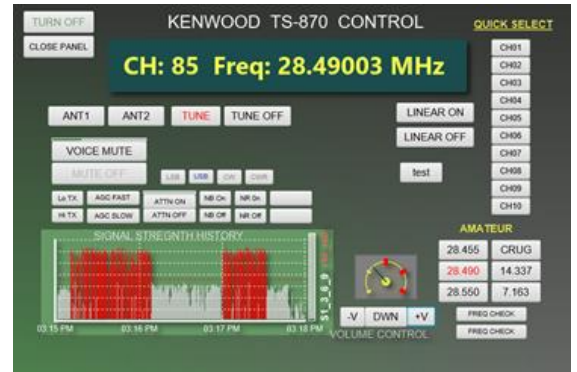
INTERACTIVE CONTROL AND DISPLAY MIMIC PANEL



MESSA™ is a development platform for software, control-panel design. Client or consultant configurable to mimic, display and control any equipment sequence. Set up your own computer to display monitor status or control anything that uses serial data. Cross devices using Multiple simultaneous serial ports.

Any image can be used as a background and any image can be used as buttons or displayed on the screen. Multiple panels levels available.

Buttons/Images icons respond to incoming data and generate outgoing serial data.



A very powerful human machine interface tool.



Completely client configurable.

- Ideal for interactive Museum displays.
- Control relay boards for remote switching
- Control air lock, interlocked doors directly
- Interface to a PLC controller or modbus
- Remote control of radio equipment
- Generates data strings for button down/up
- Incoming data strings, trigger displays
- Scale/rotate any image as a button
- Controllable dynamic label text and events
- Complete set of local panel commands for mimic control and manipulation.
- Conditional responses, timers, variables
- GIF files for analogue or alarm display
- Video display control
- Use as a data protocol converter
- Setup includes complex conditional sequences

Contact:- Kim Rhodes

0427 983 329

E: 7880@gmail.com

<https://www.starchild.com.au/messa.html>

The panel(s) design is only limited by your imagination!!!

Consultants available to assist with setup





EMERGENCY + SMART PHONE APP.

A MUST HAVE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS.

This FREE smart phone app will allow you to quickly contact Police, Fire or Ambulance at the press of a button. It can also contact the SES for emergencies.

The app also displays your current location in address and Longitude and Latitude so that you can give emergency services your exact location quickly and accurately.

The latest app version also has the 'what3words' intergration that you may be asked to repeat.

These 3 words represent a code for the dispatcher to assist in finding your location quickly.

The 3 words appear at the bottom of the screen, as per in the attached photos.

It is strongly recommended that everyone downloads this free ' EMERGENCY + ' app. The app could save your life, the life of a loved one, or a complete stranger.

I have used it many times to contact the ambulance in work situations.

It is available for all Android and Apple phones, and it's free.

Search - Emergency + in the APP store etc.

Stay safe

Cheers

Ken Wilson

Truck Friendly Caravan Road Safety Program

[#truckfriendly](https://www.instagram.com/truckfriendly)





Human Remains Detection Dogs WA Inc.

HRDDWA Inc. 2 Sandalwood Street, Maddington WA

6109 Tel: 0419 901 840

Email: [trackerdog @iinet.net.au](mailto:trackerdog@iinet.net.au)

Dear Friend,

HRDD WA is an incorporated, fully insured, volunteer-based and not for profit organisation that was founded in 2016 that provides specially trained HR search and rescue canines to fill the current gap in Western Australia. In the past any human remains dogs used for a historical missing person search in Western Australia were brought in from the eastern states. HRRD WA is a small group of dedicated volunteers with considerable experience in dog training, Search & Rescue, SES activities and urban and area tracking. We provide these services and complimentary search techniques primarily to the Western Australia Police, to ensure these services are available when needed. Public requests are also considered separately based on various factors and searches are carried out at a subsidised cost wherever possible.

Training and equipping our dogs and handlers is currently done through our low member fees, fundraising, grant applications but mostly out of our handlers' own pockets.

Any support you can offer would be much appreciated as it allows us to ensure we equip our teams with the appropriate tools and equipment. This can help to ensure the best chance of success when we are called on.

If you have any questions please contact Michael at mfmargot@iinet.net.a. A tax deductible donation may be made to:

HRDDWA Inc.

BSB: 126 -565

Account Number: 22684606

Please send us an e-mail with your contact details for a receipt.

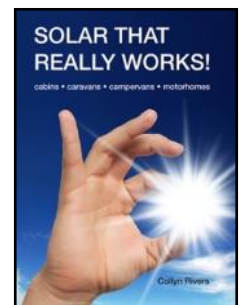
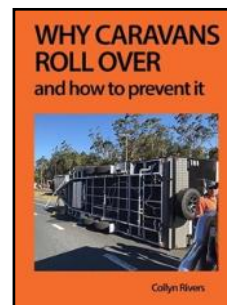
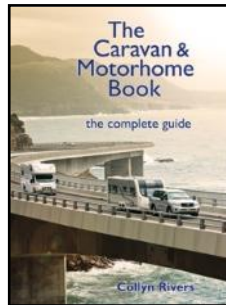
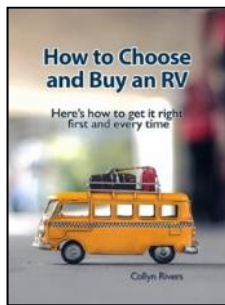
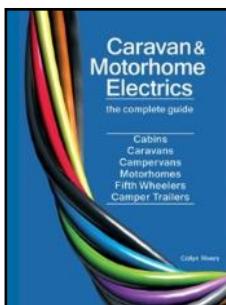
Yours sincerely

Michael Margot
President



RV Books

By Collyn Rivers



Get the information you need from Collyn River's books and website.

Collyn River's books cover virtually every RV topic you are going to need to know. Whether you are thinking about purchasing your first camper trailer or have years of experience travelling outback tracks you will find information in Collyn's writing that you will find invaluable.

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For more than 20 years Collyn River's books and website have been the go-to source for reliable information about caravans, motorhomes and camper trailers. Collyn is an engineer with an extensive knowledge of how and why things work. He has travelled all over the world in an impressive range of vehicles. And he really is a writer – he was the technology editor of the Bulletin for 8 years and has written for many journals since the 1980s. His website and his books are essential sources of detailed and dependable information for anyone who wants to explore Australia and beyond.

Up & Coming Events



This AGM will be held on the 19th October 2024. Primary meeting site is Penong in SA where 5199 base is installed. Information for Penong will be available from Russell (4333) directly rashdown@tpg.com.au

Secondary meeting sites will be the West and in the East. All sites will be linked with via zoom.



Welcome to the following new members, we hope you find the club up to your expectations, if you have any issues please feel free to contact any committee member for assistance.

Kim Lyon	4077	Jeff Knight	4242
Cameron Hunt	3782	Merv Bradshaw	0310
Matt Warne	1012	Graham Gleeson	2932
Fred Mirande	1948	John Gray	1026
John Barnes	1707	Bruce Atkins	4606
Peter Nenke	0420	Murray Edwards	0034
Raymond Griffen	0042	David Graham	4605
Gus Antunovich	1144	Chris Cochrane	5582
Tim Bradshaw	0310	Graham Brown	3419



YOU MUST HAVE AN AUTHORITY TO TRANSMIT AND HAVE A TYPE APPROVED RADIO TO USE THESE FREQUENCIES

(Network range is restricted by license to calls within Australia and Australian commercial waters zone.)

Amateur radios generally are ARE NOT TYPE APPROVED.

Operating protocol

- Always use your selcall ID upon initial contact.
- Using the network callsign is not essential as the base operators will announce at the statutory intervals.
- If your radio does not have a roger beep, please use OVER at the end of your turn. (The base operators may sometimes find it difficult to determine if you have finished without the roger beep or an OVER.)
- Take your time when talking, HF conditions can make conversations difficult to follow if you speak too quickly or too far away from the microphone. Project your voice and enunciate clearly, however there is no need to shout! Hold the microphone near your mouth tilted at an angle, imagine talking across the face of the microphone in a slightly elevated, normal speaking voice. Phonetics are useful if the conditions are poor, we strongly recommend learning them but it is not essential. You may be asked to "say again" by the base operators, take your time there's no rush.
- There is a slight delay through the phone network and release time for a base to return to receive after the operator is speaking. Allow about 1 second before replying to the operator.

Note that our base operators and emergency responders are unpaid volunteers.

Members Taking Brochures

Have you ever found yourself chatting to a fellow traveller about the antenna on your car and what you can do with the HF radio, but then have nothing to give them as a take away from the conversation? If you talk about Austravel now and then, to others and would like to see a new member or two evolve from your conversation, we do have brochures you can give out.


This helps people remember your conversation and gives contact information for follow up.

How do you get some? Simple, just send me an email with your postal address, a bit of a note about this and I will post a few to you.


Remember if you help get new members it helps keep your fees lower, not to mention that you are helping someone get a lifeline from the bush.

Kim Rhodes Email:- president@austravelsafetynet.org.au





How to Contact Me



Three simple methods to contact a travelling Austravel member who has a HF radio switched on.

Leave your name and seccall number for your friends

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There are three (3) methods of message delivery available to any Austravel member travelling in rural and remote areas, or mariner members sailing in coastal waters:-

- 1. Voice Mail**
 - Family and friends can dial Austravel's 24/7 office number - 07 2101 3457 and leave a voice mail message for the Austravel member to be passed on via seccall contact, or morning and afternoon scheduled net.
 - Ensure the message contains the name and seccall number of the targeted travelling member. Please write it in the box above.
- 2. Call a specialist Austravel member for assistance.**
 - Family and friends can call one of the listed Austravel members (in the list below) and detail their needs person-to-person. The specialist Austravel member will attempt to contact and pass on your message as requested.

Seccall	Location	Name	Phone
0951	QLD	Geoff Peck	0403 305 020
1750	QLD	Bash Carney	0407 936 289
9618	QLD	Kim Fischer	0439 749 449
7880	WA	Kim Rhodes	0427 983 329
6355	WA	Colin Ingham	0417 097 043
- 3. Out-n-About MAILBOX**
 - Alternatively, family and friends can run the Out-n-About app on their mobile phones or tablets and send messages to your radio as well as monitor your travel's. However, Out-n-About MAILBOX direct messages are not infallible so if it is **very urgent** it's advisable to "double up" on message delivery by initially contacting us via method 1 or 2 (or both if you wish).

Travelling members - to make the contact with you as above possible, please note!
 For members **travelling with a radio installed GPS** like Hamel & Girel, leave an electronic breadcrumb trail by frequently logging your GPS position and/or log in via the morning and afternoon sked.
 For members **travelling without a radio installed GPS**, log your position daily via either the morning or afternoon sked (or both).
 This will provide H.E.L.P. (4357) operators with key information from which to assist in track and trace scenarios.
 For seccall contact from a base - leave your radio on and scanning, particularly while driving!



DON'T FORGET.....a copy of the "How To Contact Me" sheet is included in this newsletter (last page) and all future new editions. Tell people where you are going and show them you can be contacted in a hurry if the situation arises. If it's an urgent message that needs to find you, double down on the urgent message delivery:-

- 1** family & friends can send an urgent message via the Out-n-About app MAILBOX.
- 2** and also...family & friends can request an urgent message be passed on via a morning or afternoon sked . To have an urgent message passed on, call Austravel's 24/7 VOICEMAIL service or phone an Austravel responder PERSON to PERSON .

(details found within the "How To Contact Me" sheet)



PIM CAHILL (7255)
SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER
 Email: socialmedia@austravel.org.au



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Codan 3040 Explorer Antenna



Codan NGT SRX Transceiver



Codan NGT SRX 3040 package



9350 Automatic Tuning Whip



Codan Envoy X2 Digital Mobile Package



Codan Envoy X2 Base Transceiver



4050 D HF SDR



- Advanced fully software - defined architecture
- Intuitive and user-friendly touch screen interface
- Wireless operation via iOS, Android & Windows devices
- Selcall / Telcall
- SMS—Pagecall
- Multiple Self ID's
- Wi-Fi Adaptor
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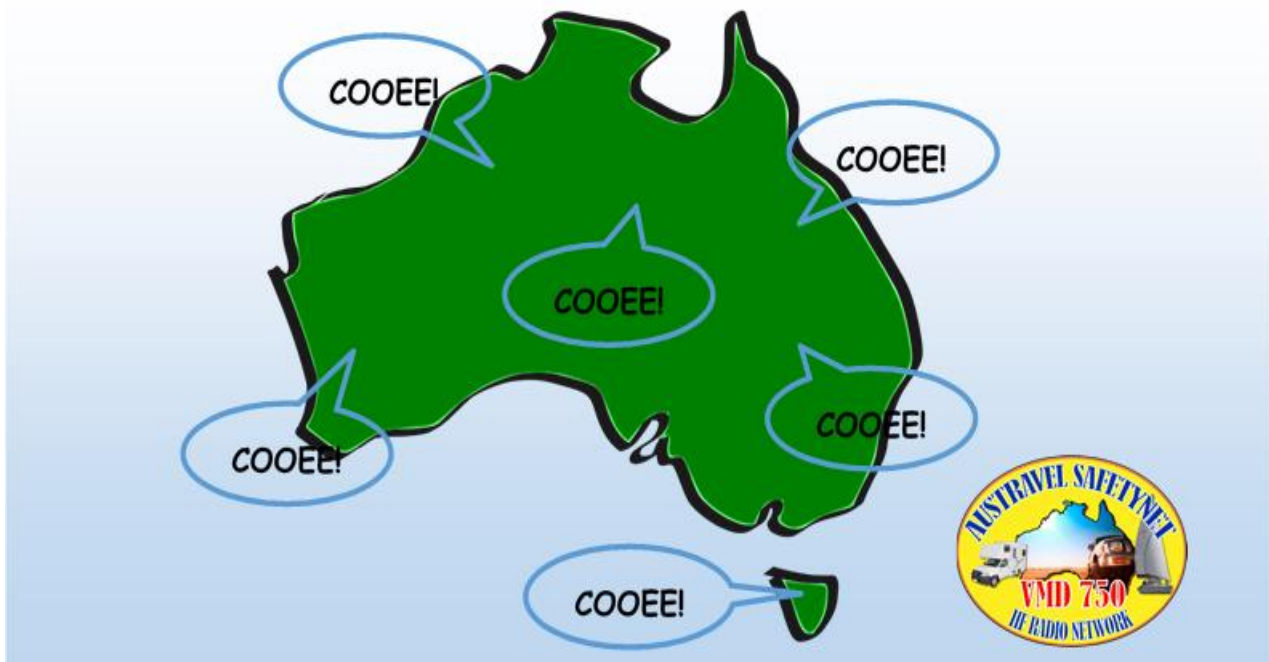
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The COOEE! call

Many members have enquired about a way they could informally talk to each other outside of sked times. We have come up with the idea of the **Cooee Call**.

Cooee! is a shout originated in Australia to attract attention, find missing people, or indicate one's own location. It is also known as a call of help, distinct amongst the natural sounds of the bush.

The word "cooee" originates from the Dharug language of Aboriginal Australians in the Sydney area. It means "come here" and has now become widely used in Australia as a call over distances.

We think this is a fitting name for the call Austravel SafteyNet members can use to call each other across this fantastic country of ours.

How does it work?

- Cooee calls are made on **channel 5** (on the hour for 15 minutes) or **channel 9** (for digital radios at 30 minutes past the hour for 15 minutes).
- Cooee calls should not be made during sked times (8:00am—8:45am or 4:30pm—5:15pm).

To comply with ACMA regulations we need to use the full club callsign on the initial call of each operator eg:

This is VMD750 Mobile 6789 calling Cooee! The response would be ***6789 this is VMD750 Mobile 2345 over.*** Once the initial call is finalised only Selcall numbers need to be identified on each over.

- Members should allow a short pause between overs to allow any other member to join in the conversation.
- Members should pause communication if they hear a Selcall being transmitted in case it is an emergency call.

We hope you enjoy calling Cooee to your fellow members and we hope to hear you on the air.



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How to Contact Me

Three simple methods to contact a travelling Austravel member who has a HF radio switched on.

Leave your name and selcall number for your friends	Selcall

There are three (3) methods of message delivery available to any Austravel member travelling in rural and remote areas, or mariner members sailing in coastal waters: -

1. Voice Mail

- Family and friends can dial Austravels' 24/7 office number - 07 2101 3457 and leave a voice mail message for the Austravel member to be passed on via selcall contact, or morning and afternoon scheduled net.
- Ensure the message contains the name and selcall number of the targeted travelling member. Please write it in the box above.

2. Call a specialist Austravel member for assistance.

- Family and friends can call one of the listed Austravel members (in the list below) and detail their needs person-to-person. The specialist Austravel member will attempt to contact and pass on your message as requested.

Selcall	Location	Name	Phone
1928	WA	Roy Watkins	0427 000 995
1750	QLD	Bob Carne	0407 936 289
9618	QLD	Ken Fischer	0439 749 449
7880	WA	Kim Rhodes	0427 983 329
6355	WA	Colin Ingham	0417 097 043

3. Out-n-About MAILBOX

- Alternatively, family and friends can run the Out-n-About app on their mobile phones or tablets and send messages to your radio as well as monitor your travel's. However, Out-n-About MAILBOX direct messages are not infallible so if it is very urgent it's advisable to "double up" on message delivery by initially contacting us via method 1 or 2 (or both if you wish)

Travelling members - to make the contact with you as above possible, please note!

For members travelling with a radio GPS installed; like Hansel & Gretel, leave an electronic breadcrumb trail by frequently logging your GPS position and/or log in via the morning and afternoon sked.

For members travelling without a radio GPS installed, log your position daily via either the morning or afternoon sked (or both)

This will provide H.E.L.P. (4357) operators with key information from which to assist in track and trace scenarios.

For selcall contact from a base - leave your radio on and scanning, particularly while driving!