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Hello to all club members.

Its been a hectic time with the growth of Austravel, planning, installing and commissioning new bases, together with the in-flux of new members and the AGM.

As your incoming new president, along with your new committee members, I wish to open the doors of communications from the members to the committee.

That shouldn't be that difficult since we are a communications club. I personally would like to hear from members with ideas for Austravel as a club or from anyone who would like to know a way to become more involved with any of the activities of the club.

I will feed ideas on your behalf into the committee. You can see from the list of committee members and ex-officio member positions you do not have to be on the committee to have functional input to Austravel operations.

Austravel is for the members and the committee works for the club as a whole. As a club, there can be more to interest you than just getting a license to transmit. At the moment we are looking for a members who may like to be involved with organizing social events and always needing more sked operators.

Kim Rhodes (7880)

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#### A NOTE ABOUT USING THE AUSTRAVEL SCHEDS

Author Geoff Peck (0951)

As an Austravel sched operator I find quite a few travelling members calling in only to be advised by me (the sched operator) that their incoming audio is too low to hear properly. What's frustrating to the caller is that they often can hear the base quite well and assume the base sched operator can hear them at the same level......sadly not the case (all the time).

Consider this - the base is using a HF radio that is set up at it's optimum, that is transmitting at close to 100 watts, battery supply at 12.8 volts (or better) with say 30 or more metres of broadband antenna, eight or more metres off the ground. Now consider the mobile operator where battery voltage, antenna system etc. is likely compromised to a degree, and their signal out likely not as strong and clear as the base they are trying to communicate with.

Without getting into details about mobile HF radio installation and how good or bad they might be, remember to automatically think that the base may not hear you as well as you can hear them and adjust how you use your HF radio from the vehicle. This is especially important if using the H.E.L.P. (4357) emergency call system. Speak slower, repeat your phrases a couple of times, especially when saying your selcall number and location. Raise your voice (but don't shout), think battery voltage and antenna tune...are they correct?

For anything and just about everything 12 volt.....JGM Direct will have a product and price to suit.

Your Channel Chatter editor visits this favourite "men's toy shop" often when needing a 12 volt this or that.

Check their webpage, delivery Australia wide.



# KELLERBERRIN WA AGM

This years Austravel AGM was held at the Kellerberrin Speedway, with all reports saying that it was a good camping venue with a great meeting space (as evidenced by some of the photos).



AGM attendances are going up and up each year. Nearly 60 attendees at Kellerberrin and some 30 attendees at Casino, with both venues connected via Skype for the more formal meeting session.







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### THE HF RADIO 'HOW TO' VIDEO SERIES



**Barrett 2050** "How To" videos being progressively added to You Tube.



https://tinyurl.com/YouTubeA ustravel

CTRL + click above URL



- The "Red Button" isn't mandatory to activate Austravel's H.E.L.P. (4357) call system.
- In fact some older makes/models of HF radio can't be "Red Button" programmed.
- "Selcall" or "GPS send" call to 4357 operates well within the H.E.L.P. (4357) platform.
- Non message capable HF radios won't see confirmation message, but will hear the base \*FSK being sent back!
- \*FSK-Frequency Shift Keying.... Is where digital information is transmitted through discrete frequency changes of a carrier signal.

A note for Barrett 2050 owners.....their are couple of "how to" videos for the Barrett 2050 which have been posted on You Tube. Whilst not all of the up to eight (8) videos are fully completed yet; our Social Media Officer, Pim Domen (7255) is steadily working through the video editing process.

These 2050 videos (along with the Codan NGT already posted) are intended to review how to use your radios with the Telcall+ HF platform.

Also there is a "How To" Austravel (document) manual for the Barrettt 2050, availability of which can be requested via the membership officer Geoff Peck .

Contact Geoff on his mobile phone 0403 309 020 or email: membership@austravelsafetynet.org.au

### H.E.L.P.(4357) IMPORTANT INFO

The Austravel H.E.L.P. (4357) emergency call activation system is divided between those HF radios where:-

- the red RFDS emergency call button has been re-programmed for the Austravel H.E.L.P. (4357) system typically Codan 9323, NGT & Envoy
- and other HF radio makes and models where the red button physically exists, but can't be modified / re-programmed. (radio too old or software can't be modified)

This article is for those radios where the red button has not been programmed yet or <u>can't</u> <u>be re-programmed.</u>

If members are unsure about their specific radio brand/model; in regards to red button abilities for the Austravel network, request the "is my radio suitable" document by emailing either the president Kim Rhodes (president@austravelsafetynet.org.au) or the membership officer Geoff Peck (membership@austravelsafetynet.org.au)

Any selcall capable HF radio that has been profiled to the Austravel network, will be able to activate the H.E.L.P. (4357) system, using the standard selcall method. The "red button" is a good feature to have, but not mandatory to summon help from an Austravel emergency responder.

Using the standard selcall method, ensure that you:-

- first turn the MUTE to off and volume up so you can hear low incoming signals better
- target a base and channel by first sending a "beacon call" to any Austravel base (e.g. Perth 6199, Casino 2199 etc.), establishing the ideal base and channel/frequency in which to send your 4357 selcall.
- once the strongest beacon call revertive has been established ....then "selcall" or "GPS send" call using the 4357 selcall number remembering that all Austravel bases are listening for a 4357 selcall, not just your target base.
- when your <u>successful</u> emergency call is received at a base (*perhaps by more than just your target base*) a message capable HF radio will show a message......
   EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVATED.
- non message capable radios do not get a 4357 written message response or a selcall revertive, but will hear the base (or bases) attempting to send the message.
- non message capable HF radios will be able to hear the shrill like noise response
- as long as you can hear the base replying (again mute off volume up) with that shrill noise (FSK) you will know that your 4357 selcall was successful.
- stay on the successful channel, do not scan, and wait for an emergency responder to contact you by voice.
- In the unlikely event that you are not contacted by voice by an Austravel emergency responder within 5>10 minutes....repeat your 4357 selcall again.

SKED is a standard radio abbreviation for a scheduled contact at a specific time. I.e. every day at the same time.

For Austravel these times and channels are listed in the beginning pages of the selcall list which is available from the members login area of the web site, which is the most up to date or, comes out as a separate email when the Channel Chatter magazine comes out. Skeds will change summer to winter



with this years change happening as this magazine comes out.

The sked tables needs to progressively change as the solar activity increases and we start using higher frequencies over shorter distances. These progressive changes are needed to keep providing the best coverage of Australia at sked times.

So please stay up to date and check on the changes as each new selcall list comes out. Get a current copy before you head off for travel.

Of course if you are travelling and out of email range as a regular caller on the skeds the operators will let you know in advance of a pending sked list change.

Further to that I would like to remind all members that the bases and skeds are there for their usage.

Unlike some HF radio networks we encourage you to use your radios anytime to contact other members mobile to mobile but specifically to call in at sked time.

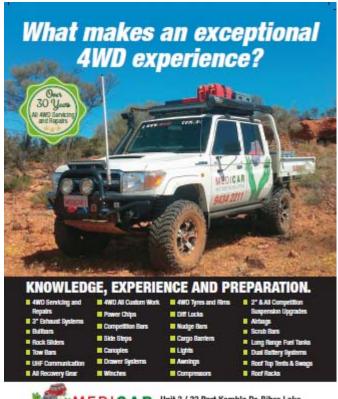
This will give you valued operational experience with your specific radio and help you gain a knowledge of which frequencies travel best over the distances being used. Skeds operators will also give you feedback as to the quality sound of your radio, ie. Is your radio working as it should.

The knowledge and experience you gain may make it much easier for contact in an emergency and give you some general pleasure from having a HF radio. We are hoping to soon include Shepparton, Alice Springs and Casino into the Eastern skeds. This will give much wider strong signal coverage of the Eastern States. The inclusion of channel 1 and 3 in the South East will provide easy sked access for all of Victoria and Tasmania. South Australia will have access in the afternoons through Alice and possibly into Shepparton in the mornings. However to avail yourselves of this; a reminder that you will need to get the new channel 1 (3175Khz) for Shepparton put in your radios and of course channel 4 (6793Khz) and 6 (9323Khz) as well if you are in-

intending to head to the North of WA or North OLD.

The sked operators would love to hear you on air anytime and you can call from your own driveway, you don't have to be travelling. Give it a go.

Just a note that we are still short of sked operators so if you think you would like to have go at being an operator contact Geoff Riseley (2748) <a href="mailto:river-doglabs@gmail.com">river-doglabs@gmail.com</a>. We have a sked operator handbook available to guide you through the process and it is easier than you may think. Training is available for would be sked operators.





A note from a member who resides in Alice Springs. Peter (9599) sends us tit bits for the newsletter regularly, especially travelling in the outback material; as both he and his wife (Carol who is a flight nurse for the RFDS) see or hear of un-prepared outback travellers coming to grief in and around Alice Springs.

On behalf of the committee, the editor thanks Peter for this observation of the Austravel HF network.

#### Folks.

Let me start by offering my congratulations in providing OUTSTANDING coverage in the Simpson Desert.

Last weekend I travelled from Alice Springs down via Old Andado, Mt Dare and down to Dalhousie Springs. Dalhousie is the starting point for travelling east across the Simpson.

I did fairly extensive testing from a number of locations to all bases at various locations, you should see them in your logs.

Both the Casino and Shepparton base's absolutely romped in at all locations, especially Shepparton. Tellcall+ was fab via Shepparton though it did fail on the first attempt, a number got truncated and "Alice" (asterisk) gave an error.

Kununurra also did VERY well at Chambers Pillar, it kicked in around 5mhz early morning and then moved up to 9mhz (ch6). I did ping Alice Springs from Dalhousie I think on 5mhz and it got in on most occasions.

Perth was also accessible at all locations however not as strong, considering the antenna direction it still did well.

I must say I would feel VERY comfortable relying on this network for remote travel, the coverage is very good. Again the phone calls via Shepparton were very good, audio appeared to be good at both ends.

Huge thumbs up, everything worked in a reliable and predictable manner....

Cheers..Pete in Alice (9599)

### Member Report on the Kulin Tin Horse Races held on the 5,6,7th of October.

Nine members attended a social gathering at the Kulin Races. 7880, 5577,1890,1957,6355,6330,4005,1487 and 1226...it was a great weekend with about three thousand adults and one thousand "ankle biters" in attendance.

There was great food stalls and live entertainment. On the day of the horse races most of the Austravel members got together and sat around a bunch of timber pallets as a table and had a few bets on the horses.

Alan 1957 and Colin 6355 climbed up on one of largest rocks around the area and I was completely "nackered" just watching them. It was a great weekend full of laughter and good cheer, and I feel reasonably sure that we will attend next year. We had a fire on the Sunday night before we left Monday a most enjoyable weekend.







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without getting too technical.

only 100 watts or so, and when feeding na with channel 1 at about 48 meters transmit similar to our mobile (vehicle) mobile antennas (that by nature are long and the three other dipoles shorter antenna, although a little better in that quite short for the frequencies we need but extended with a suitable rope to the wire is longer than our mobile to use), are not very efficient. restriction means that we are generally porting poles at the ends, with the mid- our Kununurra base and gives emergennot a very strong signal from a mobile dle held up with a tower. Four dipoles cy operators a choice and can be select-(vehicle) and therefore only looking to in total each with a specific length, as ed if required. It is also a great back up transmit up to about 1000Km or so. I these are tuned resonant antennas. All antenna should there be a problem with know we often talk across a Australia on feeding a common coax cable making the main antenna. Although not as good our channels and we can use those antenna number 1 at Kununurra. For as the main antenna it is great to have channels when they suit but for reliable the height chosen, the lower channels back up at a base that is hard to get to 24/7 communication we can expect a radiate high angle as required for the for servicing. By the way, this antenna range of 1000Km as a guide. means a base station to cover the Kim- nel 6 radiates at a lower angle to trans- their bases and is not really ideal for berly, needs to be in the Kimberley's. mit a longer distance. This is a very shorter distance lower frequency use. Hence Kununurra base.

electrical interference so our base can from the antenna. receive well. Sadly, pretty much every- For the distances to be covered we The base is accessible from all of Ausnoise, is difficult.

cover and then choose a suitable antenfor transmit is only as good as its antenna. Considering all of the Kimberley's is a great tourist area with barely any moachieve strong reliable signals into Gibb Kakadu National Park NT, around 600km and all in between. With some All in all we have a good selection of distance extension to Gove and Broome frequencies for the distances to be covlooping down toward Alice Springs, ered at the same time keeping club about to about 1000km. With this we costs down by having a selection of 4 cover a lot of remote area.

we use bounce off an ionosphere layer and the management of an emergency (Article provided by Kim Rhodes 7880)

some of the technical reasons why spe- 300km away make a reflection angle of as a wire inverted "L" built into the supcific channels, antennas types and loca- about 60 degrease and a launch angle port wire of the main antenna tower. tion are chosen for a HF radio base. about the same. Like an equal lateral This wire has an appropriate SGC base Tech talk is not every bodies cup of tea triangle. In antenna terms this is a high loading auto tuner to allow it to operate but we are the club with the highest angle and needs an antenna that sends on selected channels as required for the level of technology in our bases and a large amount of its' transmit power emergency. As a vertical antenna it is systems and I believe at this stage even upward toward the desired reflection inherently a longer distance antenna without a QLD base we still have the point. To keep signals strong at our mo- with its nominal lower angle of radiabest overall HF coverage of Australia of bile (vehicle) receivers I wanted an effi-tion. It has a radiation pattern that is any. So here is a bit about Kununurra cient antenna design with minimal in- fairly omni directional, all directions ternal losses. Standard half wave di- including Asia. With the base loading Our mobile (vehicle) transmitters are poles were chosen. Not a small anten- tuner, it has reduced efficiency for That meet up at the same length on the sup- whips. This is antenna number two at That shorter distances and the higher chan- is similar to what other clubs use for efficient antenna for its simplicity, with I have been testing Kununurra base Much of this information applies to all gain lobes along the top of Australia and driving to Perth returning our bases. Base locations are difficult a slight null to Asia. Gain lobes is the Kununurra and other members are to find in that we need next to no local radiation pattern or the power shape down around great central WA and

thing that plugs into a power point needed a range of channels and it was tralia some of the time in the day, but these days make HF radio noise. So to an opportunity to add a 9Mhz frequenfind a base location that has power for cy to replace our channel 6. We need us to use, 4G internet access and no channel 1 for night use and channel 2 We have however been honored with a to get around intermittent interference suitable site in Kununurra. The next from Asia. The channels were deliberthing was to look at where it needed to ately chosen so as not to conflict with Alice Springs Base so that as the club na design for that range. A radio base grows a member can be on Alice base at the same time a member is on Kununurra for phone, GPS etc. A number of our bases channels are chosen this way to bile phone coverage, we wanted to allow multiple members to operate with bases simultaneously. I have written River road WA, range 50km to 500km, previously why some frequency changes were needed for channel 1 and 4.

channels with licensing costs controlled. If you consider that the HF radio waves To help with emergency communication

Some members maybe interested in about 300km high, to talk to a station from a far, we have a vertical antenna

across in QLD.

more importantly in the primary area of design while in that range area I had easy access day and night. Signals are and 4 for day use, to give us a selection strong and I am very happy with the performance of the base.

> Give 6299 a try and for most it will be available on channel 6 in the day. You will need the new frequencies put in your radio but if you are in a quiet receive location out camping try the other channels at night as well, as with all the

> As a HF radio network provider Austravel has set a new standard. We have begun coverage in the North, and I believe the first to provide in this region a solid communications platform for general use with smart features. I am one of the team of many club members that went to Kununurra. This base installation would not be possible without the

I have a fair bit of trouble getting people to answer my HF radio telephone (radphone) calls. My HF call goes through perfectly and the base dials the phone number I have requested. It rings and rings and rings till time out.......the person I am ringing won't answer the call.

All Austravel base phone numbers have a (07) prefix and here in WA and maybe the rest of Australia we get a lot of telephone soliciting from the QLD area. Hence when people see my incoming phone number with a (07) prefix when a base is calling on their mobile, they ignore it.

I am trying to let the friends that I may have reason to ring from my HF, that the incoming call will have a 07 prefix and to put the number (07 21013454) in their phone as Austravel Bases.

Then when I ring their phone, they will know the Austravel Base identity phone number and hopefully they will answer. All Austravel bases send the same number for identity (it's a VOIP phone system).

You should let your friends also know that they cannot return a call on that number. It is blocked for direct in dial to a HF base. If they need to contact you back they must call an Urgent Contact person.

We can pass a message via skeds or if urgent attempt to make direct contact. Providing your HF radio is on and scanning. In some instances Urgent Contacts can join your friends incoming telephone call to a base call to you. Or they can send a reply message using the Out-n-About phone app.

When you make a phone call through the radio don't forget to choose a good channel first with beacon calls. Your call is limited to about six (6) minutes once they answer.



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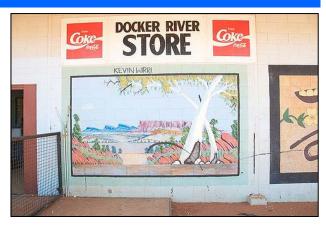


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## THIS IS WHY WE TRAVEL WITH A HF RADIO!

Recently myself with partner Hazel, left Rockhampton to embark on a 9000 km trip to Boulia across the Plenty highway to Alice Springs, then on to Halls Creek in WA through the Tanami Desert via the Tanami Track, then from Halls Creek we travelled down the iconic Canning stock route, with almost 1900 Kms of sand hills and corrugations to Wiluna.

After an overnight stop at Wiluna we headed East across the notorious Gun Barrel highway, the Great Central Road, to Warburton and then Giles which is the most remote weather station on the Australian mainland. Then we



crossed back into the NT on the Great Central road heading for the Olgas and Ayers Rock. Some 50 kms East of Docker River we came upon a family broken down and we were unable to help them directly; but we where able to help them indirectly by using our HF Radio to contact Docker River store to send out help and we continued on to Alice Springs.

After leaving Alice Springs we travelled south through Santa Theresa Community Old Andado station, Mt Dare and Dalhousie Springs before heading across the Simpson Desert on the French Line. The Simpson is the largest sand desert in the world with 1200 sand hills to cross.

We were 275 kms West of Birdsville and 240 Kms East of Mt Dare when we came across another family of 6 broken down. Two adults, twins aged five, a twelve and 14 year old - all boys. We stayed with the family for five days co-ordinating a rescue using the HF Radio with relays from other club members situated in Adelaide, Wagga Wagga and the Hunter Valley.

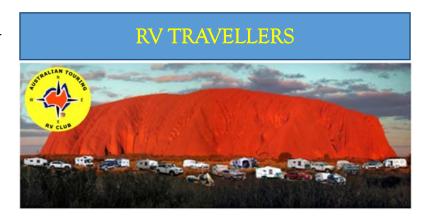
We recently visited the family at their Ipswich home for an emotional re-union. (article by Rick Shea 3097)

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Charles Winnecke entered the South Australian Government Survey Office in 1873. He was part of the Horn Expedition into

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Other landmarks that were named by Winnecke were Mount Winnecke after a relation, Lake Caroline, Mount Chewings and Mount Duff. When he had been preceded in his survey work by earlier explorers or early pastoralists, he used the names as they had been recorded. Most of these were European but some traditional names were used. Winnecke named three peaks "Mount Edward, Mount William, and Mount Francis after the brothers, Messrs. Edward, William, and Francis Belt respectively, and the range to which they belong the Belt Range."

If you travel by any of these landmarks think of the hard times encountered by Winnecke and his team. Their speed of travel may seem slow but few would wish to match their routine. "We generally turn out of our blankets and prepare for a start about 4am, never later than 5. The camels are then brought in, and breakfast and packing up is taken in hand together, both being finished generally by about 7am; we then make a start and travel all day at a slow and very tedious pace. At sundown, and very often later, a place for a camp is selected; the camels are then unloaded and hoppled (sic) out, the saddles examined, and if necessary repaired every night; and finally, observations are taken for the purpose of checking and correcting the position of the camp, diary written and plan roughly plotted up. At between 11 and 12 pm everything is finished, and we again turn in to sleep until 4 o'clock next morning".



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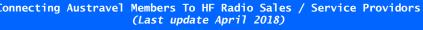
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