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A SUCCESSFUL AGM HELD AT CASINO NSW IN SEPTEMBER



President Roy Watkins (6001) presents Cliff Herod (9363) with a surprise commendation.....**World's Best Sched Operator** "Cliff Herod for enduring effort in maintaining scheduled radio operations, weather reports & interesting conversations for members across Australia for the past seven years".

Well done Cliffy from the editor and on behalf of all Austravel members.

It's the same every year, an AGM for Austravel Safety Net Inc. is due around September of each year along with a call for nominations for the seven committee positionsand so it was again for September 29th. 2017 at the Casino Village northern NSW, which as it happens, is also the site for our Casino HF radio base.

The meeting minutes for both the AGM; which is mainly about bringing in the new committee, and the following GM where the nitty gritty of the clubs functions and actions are discussed by its members; will be

posted on the clubs web page for all Austravel members to see.

Your editor won't go into detail amongst these magazine pages other than to review your new committee members:-

President
Roy Watkins (6001)

Vice President
Tom Collis (2714)

Secretary
Peter Schrader (2513)

Treasurer
Peter Hackett (5584)

Membership Officer
Geoff Peck (0951)

Committee Member 1
John Hall (6014)

Committee Member 2
Geoff Riseley (2748)

Then there are a few "back of house helpers who's work is not often acknowledged"

VOIP Telephone Systems

Andrew Griffin (4053)
Peter Schrader (2513)

Telcall+ Systems
Kim Rhodes (7880)

Magazine Editor
Geoff Peck (0951)

East Sked Roster Coordinator
Geoff Riseley (2748)

Social Media
Pim Domen (7255)

Web Page Design/ Admin
Peter Schrader (2513)

See a more detailed AGM report from Pim (7225) pages 6 & 7.

HAPPY SNAPS FROM THE CASINO AGM



↑ Both Roy (6001) and Cliff (9363) look like their ↑
having a good time at the AGM



← Christine Peck (0951) and Denny Sharpe (1226) catching up at the Friday night sausage sizzle.
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← Garry Sharpe (1228) and Freda Madden (6684) all "buddied up" at Casino. Freda decided she needed a rest as treasurer...many thanks Freda for a great job done very well over several years.



↑ Ian & Jeanette Parkin (0116) enjoying the dinner ↑



← 50 for a sit down dinner at the local Casino RSM
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↑ Who said you can never win at raffles! - Graham Eakin (2002) seems happy with Geoff Peck's (0951) raffle draw which earned Graham a \$75 voucher at JGM Direct 12 volt shop at Nanango Qld.

→ Well attended AGM & GM at the club house venue at Casino Village
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The AGM muster was a great turn out, very well attended and from all reports, a very pleasant weekend, enjoyed by everyone and the "best meeting ever" for one very happy member. One unfortunate consequence - our outgoing Treasurer and Terry missed out on a chair at the Austravel table at the Saturday night dinner at the RSM. Too many members, not enough places. My apologies to Freda and Terry who wine & dined in the main restaurant.

On behalf of myself and all members of Austravel, I extend my gratitude and thanks to Freda for all the work on the club finances since inauguration. The new incoming Treasurer, Peter Hackett (5584) has a good grip on the reins now and is sorting out the nuts & bolts with Freda. It took a lot of paperwork with the bank and a little time to arrive at the smooth changeover. Peter H is now taking subs for new and renewal applications for 2018.

VERY IMPORTANT; Don't forget to include your name and/or your Selcall when paying for your membership renewals!

The new bases at Shepparton and Alice Springs, are operational and working well now after 8199 Alice Springs suffered a transceiver failure and was out of service for more than a week. A spare transceiver was dispatched "**POST HASTE**" which means in Australia Post language, a 2 or 3 day delivery takes 10 days. Thanks to Peter Illmayer (9599) our member in Alice Springs who provides Austravel with local technical back up in these situations, can't express enough the clubs appreciation of Peter's help.

The TELCALL+ (Telephone and GPS tracker & TEXT to mobile) and the H.E.L.P. Emergency call system is now operational again from Alice Springs (8199), Perth (6199) and Casino (2199).

Shepparton (3199) is due for an upgrade to Telcall+ as soon as your fees come rolling into the bank.... and we can pay for the next Telcall+ license fee. Moving on from that we have plans for a new Telcall+ base in Kununurra (will be 6299) are in progress for a mid 2018 installation. Thanks also to Geoff 0951, Denny 1226 and especially Kim 7880 for organising the events during the muster and Garry for driving Jane & I all around town.

Kim was fully involved with tech talk explaining The GPS & Telcall+ in easy terms for the members to understand all the features & functions. There was lots of interest and questions for Kim.

In the meantime , Jane & I met up with a lot of 'old' friends, new members & new friends, including Pim (7225) who does fabulous work organising our Austravel Facebook page....many thanks Pim.

My previous plea for more volunteers as base sched operators resulted in one volunteer who is also now a new member and is doing scheduled operations through Perth base. His name is Michael Henderson (6041), is also an Amateur VK6MGH and is doing a marvellous job after only one week. Our other Operators.....Geoff x 3, Cliff, Bob, Garry, Fred, Steve, Terry are on the east coast sched through Casino & Shepparton AM & PM and Paul, Mike and myself through Perth & Alice bases with Denny & Kim relief operations as required. We are always looking for new operators. put your hand up, even if it is only for the occasional spot or once a month.

It is not too difficult if I can do it and is a bit of fun. It is like being on the road again, and a hellava lot cheaper than \$1.50 per litre & \$40 a night for a caravan park.

You can learn about all these strange place names and locations like Kallanger & Bittangabee Bay, both sound like they should be on my 'to avoid' list. What about Caboolture & Burpengary? That could be me after a night out with 1228 & 1226, but in fact *Kabultur* is derived from the local Yugarabul dialect meaning "place of the carpet snake" and Burpengary is derived from the Aboriginal word *burpengar*, meaning the "place of the green wattle".. Did you know that? I didn't before I operated scheds!!!

How much smarter am I???? NOT MUCH, but a little learning each day keeps the grey matter churning!!

All the towns in the west are "UP" themselves, with the exception of Widgiemooltha which has the biggest 'redback' under the dunny seat and is home to the *Golden Eagle nugget* which was found in 1931 by Jim Larcombe. It weighed 1,136 ounces (32.2 kg), the biggest nugget found in the Western Australian goldfields.

Enjoy your travels; don't forget to call into the various bases during sched times.

Your club remains "**the friendliest HF network**"we do more!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY FROM ROY, JANE AND THE WHOLE
AUSTRAVEL COMMITTEE**





There are three (3) levels of membership in Austravel:-

1. **Social with no HF radio (yet) but wanting Out-N-About**
2. **With HF Radio & only wanting H.E.L.P. (4357)**
3. **With HF Radio & wanting:-**
 - H.E.L.P. (4357)
 - Telcall+
 - Out-N-About

Austravel Safety Net's new **Telcall+** system uses your HF radios GPS capability (HF radio *make and model dependant*) to register your GPS coordinates within the Out-n-About app and Austravel's webpage (soon) when H.E.L.P. (4357) is activated.

It will be an Austravel emergency respondent who will react to your H.E.L.P. activation call adding a level of safety in the outback not seen in HF radio clubs before!

As everybody knows Austravel Safety Net Inc. is a small club at the moment and in some ways that makes it nice. However to be a good club and be able to provide the best of services in many ways to the members we need input. Input comes in many forms. Some people can donate time, some can donate management experience, some maybe able to donate some funds for projects.

However there is one thing that all members can do. Every member can help encourage others to join Austravel; more members means more funds to work with and a greater pool of expertise to draw from.

The club now has three levels of membership available to all regardless of HF radio ownership or not.

Social Member:-

As the club has many social events, people can join as social members only. This caters for people who do not have a HF radio at the moment but would like to meet people they could travel with and enjoy events. They receive the CHANNEL CHATTER magazine (emailed) and email notification of events.

This level of membership also provides what Austravel calls Telcall+ access which in this case provides "member level" access to the Out-n-About mobile phone app. This mobile phone app is optional to purchase of course. The Out-n-About app allows position marking from your mobile phone anywhere in the world when in data or Wi-Fi range. This allows your friends and family to monitor your travels on their Out-n-About app or the Austravel web pages (a future addition). You can also send mailbox text messages from your mobile phone to any club member with a suitable HF radio no matter where you are in the world or where they are located in Australia.

Member with a radio and "authority to transmit":-

Next level of joining is to have a HF radio and attain an "Austravel authority to transmit", enabling HF radio communications with likewise Austravel members within Australia. This level of membership automatically enables access to send a **H.E.L.P. (4357) Emergency Call** and have it responded to by Austravel Emergency Respondents. It is acceptable to make an Emergency call even if the situation is not life threatening, you just genuinely need assistance. You can talk, selcall, send messages directly HF radio to HF radio as much as you wish, there is no additional fees or cost for usage. You are invited to call in on any of the many scheduled daily calls to base operators as you like.

Not forgetting of course, you receive regular editions of the CHANNEL CHATTER magazine and email notification of events.

Radio "authority to transmit" and Telcall+

This is the highest level of access to the Austravel Network. Effectively, it is a combination of both of the above with some extra HF radio network features. There are no additional charges for usage of these services above the current \$30/year Telcall+ subscription. *(its worth quoting that again.....once you pay your \$30/year Telcall+ subscription, there are no on-going charges for interconnect phone calls, SMS's and GPS logging etc. from your HF radio)*

Using a suitable HF radio you get:-

- Logging your GPS position to the map directly from your HF radio. This is for family and friends to see using the internet or Out-n-About app and may help in an emergency.
- SMS message to any mobile phone in Australia, from you HF radio in any location.
- Mailbox a text message to any club member(s) suitable HF radio for them to retrieve later when they contact a base or use their Out-n-About phone app.
- Make a direct dial connection from your HF radio to any Australian mobile or land line phone.

Summary Table of Austravel Membership Categories

	Operational features available to Austravel Members	Social Member	Authority to Transmit on HF Radio	Radio and Telcall+
1	Attend Social events, training sessions and receive the email Channel Chatter magazine	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Have your own member selcall number whether you have a radio or not	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Mark position on world map when anywhere in the world for friends and family to view on web or Out-n-About phone app.	Yes		Yes
4	Send and receive mail box text messages from/to any club member HF radio using Out-n-About app only	Yes		Yes
5	Emergency call for H.E.L.P. (4357) from anywhere in Australia with HF radio using Telcall emergency respondents		Yes	Yes
6	Send and receive text messages from/to any club member(s) radio directly only		Yes	Yes
7	Enjoy social conversation on HF radio using the skeds and general chat.		Yes	Yes
8	Mark a GPS position anywhere in Australia on Australian map with your HF radio.			Yes
9	Receive and send on your HF radio, mail box text messages from any club member sent on a HF radio or phone app			Yes
10	Send SMS messages to any Australian mobile phone from your HF radio			Yes
11	Make direct dial phone calls via HF radio from anywhere in Australia through any Austravel base.			Yes
	Annual cost total	\$30pa	\$70pa	\$100pa



In closing.....there is a document available titled "**Add Another Network**" to your radio, to hand out to interested people you may come across in your travels, who you see have a HF radio and are unaware of the depth of technical HF radio services Austravel have to offer.

Please contact these members below for electronic copies:-

Geoff Peck: two.pecks@bigpond.com (0403 309 020) or
 Kim Rhodes: 7880@westnet.com.au (0427 983 329)





**Casino by Gateway
Lifestyle, Light St.
Casino (02 8766 0439)**

We started with an extended happy hour and a great sausage sizzle !



Casino Village is located at the old Casino regional airport site.

Casino is a town nestled in the Northern Rivers area of New South Wales, which experienced a small influx in population recently, as Austravel Safety Net members descended upon it for the Muster!

Those who stayed a few extra days in the area were treated with magnificent scenery as well as the many heritage listed buildings and museums within the town itself.

On Friday 29 September, a roll up of caravans, campers and tents converged on the camping grounds in Casino. Our President and some of our members who reside in WA, flew over especially for this great weekend.

With the amenities close by and an undercover gathering area, the camping grounds proved perfect for the club's gathering.

After everybody was settled in, with awnings out and tents pitched, it was time for a proper 'kick off'! We started with an extended happy hour and a great sausage sizzle.

With Christine, Denny and Garry at the helm, onions and sausages were flipped and turned.

Brandishing tongs they expertly served the Congo line of hungry members holding and extending their empty slices of bread for a fill. A great feed for just one dollar coin!

That great BBQ flavour caused a second run on the snags - in true Oliver Twist style, the masses

implored - 'Please Sir, May I have some more?'

The atmosphere was great with the coming together of great mates and friends under the banner of Austravel Safety Net. There was talking, laughter, handshakes, hugs and kisses (and an occasional tear!) whilst all the while the beer, wine and spirits flowed.

On Saturday 30 September, it was down to business with the annual general meeting on the agenda.

The meeting was held at the clubhouse with a great attendance. Our secretary, Peter Schrader, had everything well prepared and the meeting proceedings flowed smoothly, with a new committee elected.

The new committee for the 2017/2018 year is as follows;

President; Roy Watkins

Vice President: Tom Collis

Secretary: Peter Schrader

Treasurer: Peter Hackett

Membership Officer: Geoff Peck

General Committee Member: John Hall

General Committee Member: Geoff Riseley

Our President thanked the outgoing Treasurer Freda Madden for her dedication and hard work during her time on the committee.

After all the official busy work was done and dusted, we honoured Cliff Herod, who is one of our

very well known, dedicated Sched operators. Cliff received an award for being 'World's Best Sched Operator', for his "enduring effort in maintaining scheduled radio operations, weather reports and interesting conversation for members across Australia for the past seven years." A well-deserved, thunderous round of applause resounded as members endorsed the President's words.

Excitement rose when Geoff Peck held the bucket with raffle tickets aloft, which announced the much-anticipated start of the raffle draw.

With five prizes up for grabs, everyone was in with a fair chance. Winners were cheered and applauded as they came forward to collect their prize and to draw from the bucket the next lucky winner's ticket.

Prize winners were as follows;

1st Prize A Garmin GPS Receiver (retail) value at \$180.00 went to Cliff Herod

2nd Prize a \$75 gift voucher for JGM Direct, the 12v shop, went to Graeme and Lyn Eakin

3rd Prize was a Ryobi 100mm angle grinder which was won by Terry and Freda Madden

4th Prize, \$50 gift voucher from Dave Collins of HF Radio Sales.com.au was won by Graham and Donna Phillips

5th Prize, \$50 gift voucher

It was like our very own pop-up HF Radio school with Kim Rhodes at the helm. He tirelessly navigated a very interested group of radio enthusiasts through the maze of...

- Out-n-About app and its linkage to Telcall+
- What is Telcall+ and how to use it. Sending SMS and GPS
- How to emergency call with old and new radios,
- Mapping phone App Out-n-About for family and friends
- Noise and its effect on our HF radio
- Emergency Respondent training

Kim Rhodes is one of the co-developers of the App Out-n-About. During the course of the muster, Kim held a very successful 'hands on' session. This went beyond the usual style of lecturing where information usually is passed on via a screen presentation. Here we had the chance to use the App and ask on the spot questions.

Kim asked members to bring their own devices to the meeting and soon everyone was engrossed in learning and interacting with the App. A lot of "ooh's and aaah's" were heard as we managed to send each other messages and mark our locations on the map. Sounds of appreciation were heard as members mastered the App and found what it could do.

The Benjamin Franklin quote very much applied; *"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn"*

...and learn we did... from one of the best.

Kim guided us through every step and pointed out the App's impressive capabilities like GPS logging, in App Message Service, Instant view of roads and routes travelled by you, but most of all your instant access to an Emergency Response Team which is always on standby. This sure makes the App a true must have for added safety and to give you that extra security.

While the men were busy with a 'Sched Operators Meeting' in the Green Shed, the ladies took the opportunity to embark upon a stroll of the grounds. Appraising gardens, villas and cabins and spotting a few for-sale signs, some expressed that it would be a great place to live. The park residents were very friendly and some friendly and cheeky banter was exchanged with residents, gardeners and a group of golfers.

RSL Dinner

Fifty members went for dinner! What a roll up! It promised to be one of those 'happy nights' and just about everyone opted to make use of the courtesy bus. The driver had a busy night ferrying mem-

bers to and fro. Picking them up at the camping ground hungry, delivering them back several hours later with full bellies, happy, laughing and singing.

The atmosphere at the RSL was fantastic and the night was a great success.

David Collins from HF Radio Sales Barrett Communications set up a Barrett display and presented a very interesting talk on the newest, software-defined radio of the Barrett range, the exciting Barrett 4050 HF SDR transceiver which supports iOS, Android and Window devices for wireless voice and radio control. He answered questions and generously provided pamphlets and free Barrett gifts for all. If you would like more information about this new addition to the Barrett range, you can contact David via email: david@hf-radio.com.au

On Monday morning Kim held one more session in the Green Shed on how to use an NGT for emergency calling, SMS, GPS and Mailbox.

The insistent and ever intensifying rain that morning saw some members leave earlier as flooding in some areas could be imminent.

All too soon a great weekend of friendship, companionship and learning came to an end. Everyone agreed that the weekend had been very successful and very much enjoyed. Well wishes were be-



Kim Rhodes (7880) in full flight at one of the technical sessions.

"but most of all your instant access to an Emergency Response Team which is always on standby"



Happy hour well attended as usualone of the best parts of the day.

Tim Hutson & Evelyn Engel	1350	NSW
Merv & Joan Hannam	0033	QLD
Trevor Robinson & Catherine		
Saxon	8226	QLD
Robert Wells	8173	QLD
Kurt Hingley	9201	QLD
Mike & Therese Barrett	2412	WA
Graham & Pip Jones	1951	W.A.
Rod & Erin Graham	0986	W.A.
Paul Tuia	6069	W.A.
Dave Ewart	3694	W.A.
Ross & Lucy Roberts	1954	W.A.
Alan & Dulcie Williams	7133	W.A.
Stuart & Jennifer Cumming	6188	W.A.
Michael Henderson	6041	W.A.

**WELCOME!
NEW MEMBERS
ACROSS THE
COUNTRY**

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello Austravel Members,

I'm writing my vice presidents report from Casino Village, having travelled from Perth to Casino for the AGM. The plane trip over was a bit average, none-the-less, I trust it will be a lot better on the return home leg.

Thanks to Gary and Denny Sharpe for collecting Kim Rhodes and myself from Brisbane, for the road trip down to Casino; a trip of about 230 kilometres. I would like to thank all the Austravel members that came to our AGM from far and away.

Thank you to Kim (7880) for all the work he did at the technical meetings, increasing our knowledge and abilities in regards the use of our HF radios, how to participate in skeds, send SMS messages and how to use the GPS etc. I heard substantial praise for Kim's efforts from those who attended these technical sessions.

It was good to meet all the members that came (nearly 50 I believe), I have spoken to some of you on the phone so it was great to put a face to a name (and selcall number).

It was also good to meet newer members, some of which who have decided to join the Austravel group as "social" members' which is a new member category for those people who wish to use the Out-N-About app, but do not (yet) have a HF radio.

This was my first trip into Casino and I enjoyed the Casino Village facilities, and the AGM/GM. I'm pleased to be able to serve all Austravel member's in the capacity of vice president for the coming 2018 membership year.

Well I am off tomorrow and as soon as we are back, Kim and I along with Roy will find us a venue in Western Australia for our 2018 AGM. Need to plan and organise as soon as possible, as the time gets away on you real quick. I hope to see some of you again if you can make it over to W.A.- safe travels!

Merry Christmas Everyone
Tom & Christina Collis (2714)



Many Australians know some things about the life of Alf Traeger and his work with others developing the peddle radio, synonymous with the beginning of the RFDS.

Did he receive official recognition, and what were the circumstances of his later life? ...asks a Westprint Friday at Five reader.

Please note that the Channel Chatter editor acknowledges Westprint as the original source of this article.

Many Australians know something about the life of Alf Traeger and his work with others developing the peddle radio synonymous with beginning of the RFDS Alf Traeger.

Did he receive official recognition, and what were the circumstances of his later life?

In 1956 Trager received an official invitation to the historic opening of the Memorial Church in Alice Springs. The Governor General would be there with an official message from the queen. The heads of various churches and the Royal Flying Doctor Service would be there (John Flynn had died five years earlier). A multitude of dignitaries would be assembled on the main platform and Traeger was to have an honoured seat with the official party. He worried himself into such a state that the very thought of the occasion made him feel physically unwell. In the end he telephoned the Head Office of the Australian Inland Mission and bluntly said "Dr Duguid says I will be sick if I go. I will make a trip later sometime".

He was made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1944. The writer was unable to find any details on the ceremony, but the writer did find a brief reference that Traeger had to buy his second ever suit to attend government house in Adelaide for the ceremony.

Traeger was a devout Lutheran, attending Bethlehem Church every week. Olga Schodde, a regular congregation member, made sure that she sat in the pew behind Traeger every week and developed the thoughtful habit of inviting Alf and his brother Jack to her home for lunch each Sunday.

Alf and Olga married in 1937. The couple had two daughters before Olga passed away in 1948. Taking his daughters to tennis every Saturday became a ritual for Traeger and it was here that he met Joyce Mibus, also playing for the Bethlehem Church team. Joyce had been widowed two years earlier at the age of 27 and coincidentally her maiden name was Traeger but the two were not related. The pair married on his 61st birthday and two years later were overjoyed to have a son, Michael.

Traeger also adapted the pedal radio for use in Nigeria but typical of the man, the account he submitted to the new Flying Doctor organisation in Nigeria didn't recoup his costs.

At Alice Springs a sports field, a plaque and the Royal Flying Doctor Service aeroplane commemorate him. At Glenlee (near Nhill) a plaque commemorates his achievements.

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Thanks

Telcall+

I would like to acknowledge Scott Rhodes (not a club member) who I talked into writing the software for Tecall+. He has spent hundreds of hours of software development to make Telcall+ available and is the creator of the Out-n-About phone app that is available to Austravel members. The club is going to pay a small one off amount for the licenses of the Telcall+ software but this in no way covers the magnitude of the task involving his time and skills to bring the system into fruition. **Thank You Scott.**

Alice springs Base Installation

I would like to thank a number of people in regard to the recent installation of the Alice Springs Base (8199). Geoff Peck who tirelessly pursued a suitable site and many hours of emails and phone calls, Greg Winterflood of Alice for finding this specific site and assisting with negotiations.

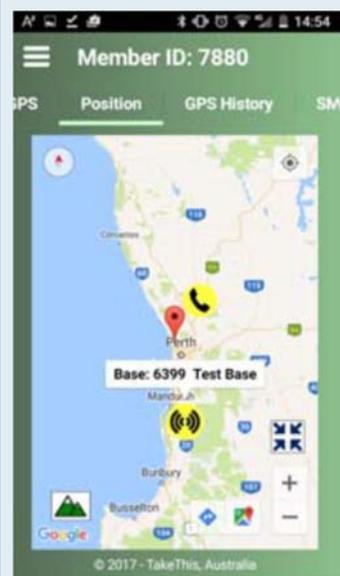
Then we have installers Geoff Peck (0951), myself Kim Rhodes (7880), Denny Sharpe (1226), Paul Jones (5577) for their labour input and thousands of kilometers travel.

All members absorbed all their personal costs to get there and do the job saving thousands of dollars for the club. Some even lost a little bit of skin during the installation of poles.

We have a number of items donated to the cause saving the club considerable money. Cabinet from Jim Henderson (1618), conduit and fittings Chris Davies (3303), coax cable and stand by batteries from Roy Watkins (6001) and some ancillary items by Kim Rhodes.

As I am sure you are all aware the Alice Springs base is a Telcall+ base offering features not available on any other HF network in the world. Please take advantage of these features and spread the word.

Note from the editor: Kim Rhodes was the author of the "Thank You" article (above) for all Austravel members to see and comprehend where this new technology comes from. Kim speaks highly about Scott Rhodes' work ...but Austravel members need to also note that Kim has also put in hundreds and hundreds of man hours into this Telcall+ project as well. How does one express gratitude for his work? There aren't sufficient words that can express the clubs gratitude.



FIXING RADIO NOISE

An Austravel member (Harold Parker 6063) sent me some information regarding "fixing radio noisy Prado 150 diesel" where this internet article seems attributed to an amateur VK3BQ. The web address for this article is:-

<http://www.vk3bq.com/2014/09/24/fixing-radio-noisy-prado-150-diesel/>

I don't know any Austravel member who has not chased or needs to chase down electrical noise from their vehicle based HF radio installations.

Both myself and Harold recommend that you take a look at this informative internet based article, particularly if your HF radio suffers noise whether mobile or stationary with the motor off.

In my case my Codan NGT is pretty much useless while my vehicle is travelling, much better when stationary, but no where near devoid of electrical noise from something in my car even then.

Not only does this article go into some detail for this particular vehicle (Toyota Prado diesel) it also shows many pictures and component description and part numbers for the various Ferrite Cores and supply points from which to purchase, along with earthing straps and where to fit these earthing straps for best effect.



0443167251- Split Core Ferrite, 9.85mm, 25Mhz, 300 Mhz, 225 ohm

Australian Touring RV Club

The members of the Australasian Touring Caravan, Motorhome and Camping Club (ATCM&CC) voted in favour of changing the club's name at the September 2017 AGM in Alice Springs to Australian Touring RV Club (ATRVC).

The main reason was to shorten the name, as is quite evident, and to hopefully lose the unofficial shortened versions of the name that were in use! ATRVC rolls off the tongue quite well.

The Club's Website address is www.atrvc.org.au

Contact details for the Committee Members may be found on the website.

The ATRVC is a national club and has delegates in each state. Their role is to co-ordinate rallies and luncheons for the members in their region and be a contact point.

Contact details for the delegates are available on the website.

A National Rally and AGM is held once per year and in a different state each year. The rally in September 2018 will be held at Proserpine in the Whitsundays.

The ATRVC members would like to extend Best Wishes to the Austravel Safety Net Members for a joyous Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

**RV TRAVELLERS**

- Do you enjoy travelling and being out doors?
- Are you planning to see Australia?
- Would you like friends to contact as you travel?
- Join other like-minded people for a great time at our get-togethers.
- We have National, State and Regional rallies all over Australia.

- Club e-magazine, The Traveller, issued bi-monthly.
- Friendship list of members all around Australia whether it's for socialising or if you need a helpful hand.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN AUSTRALIA'S ONLY TOURING CLUB FOR CARAVANS, MOTORHOMES AND CAMPERS?

Club website www.atrvc.org.au for updated information on joining, events, travelling information and breaking news.

Contact us: **Mobile:** 0458 220421

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Have you ever been travelling in a remote area and got a snippet of news about a pending weather event that may impact your travels, but you don't know where the forecast is current because you can't get a commercial or ABC broadcast station any more to confirm.

Well I have, and the answer for me was to have a listen to the marine forecast for the area up stream of my location. Although it is marine weather forecast, I was only 100km or so inland and it would still impact my travels and road conditions.

How did I listen? - with my HF radio of course. Most of the NGT, 9323, and Barrett radios have got additional receive only channels included in the programming. I can't tell you here how to find that in your radio as they are all different; but it is probably there. Additionally most radios have a free tune receive ability which allows you to select any of the following frequencies manually.

Next is when do I listen? Well I gleaned the following tables from the Bureau of Meteorology web site for your reference. I hope they don't mind.

VMC is transmitted from Charleville and is on Eastern Standard Time (EST)

VMW is transmitted from Willuna in W.A. and is on Western Standard Time (WST)

All broadcasts are USB (same as we use) and are generally loud and clear from their big antennas and 1000watt transmitters and very matter a fact computer voice service.

Don't forget to put your radio back on scan when you have finished.

A Guide to Marine Radio Services

VMC Australia Weather East

VMW Australia Weather West

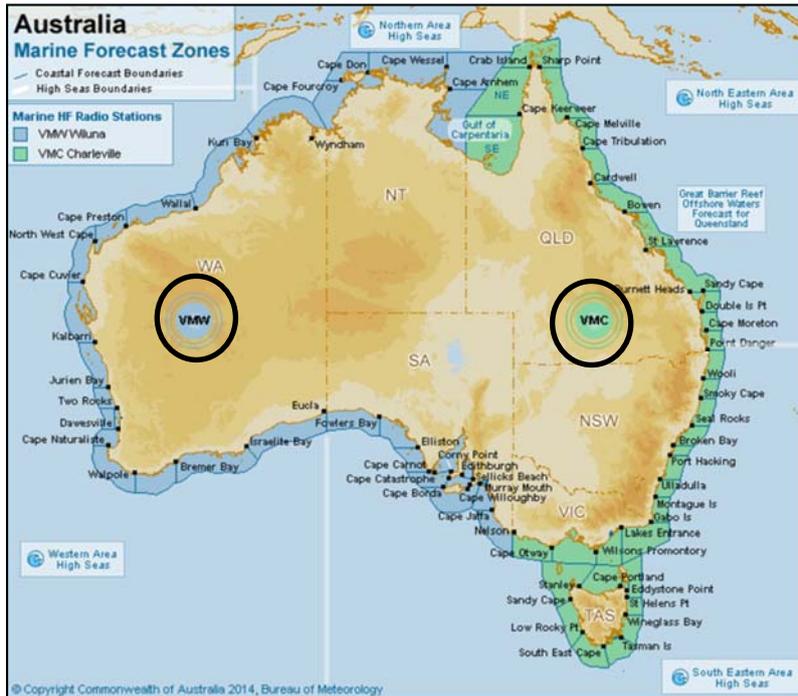
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Station	Day Time (kHz) 7 am to 6 pm *	Night Time (kHz) 6 pm to 7 am *
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	* EST for VMC; WST for VMW	* EST for VMC; WST for VMW

Location	Station	Scheduled Broadcast times
Warnings for QLD, NSW, VIC, TAS and SA	VMC	Every hour commencing 0000 EST (0030 CST)
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Forecasts for Victoria	VMC	0130, 0530, 0930, 1330, 1730, 2130 EST
Forecasts for Tasmania	VMC	0230, 0630, 1030, 1430, 1830, 2230 EST
Forecasts for South Australia	VMC	0200, 0600, 1000, 1400, 1800, 2200 CST
	VMW	0300, 0700, 1100, 1500, 1900, 2300 CST
Forecasts for Western Australia	VMW	0030, 0430, 0830, 1230, 1630, 2030 WST
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Northern Territory coast east of Cape Don	VMC	0300, 0700, 1100, 1500, 1900, 2300 CST



VMC (Charleville)

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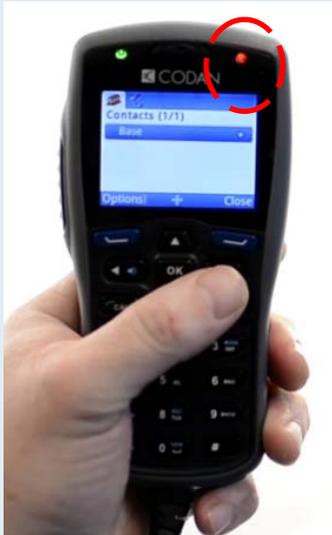
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AUSTRALIA RESURRECTS THE "RFDS" RED BUTTON



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It's not that long ago that the principal point of calling for urgent medical assistance whilst travelling in remote areas was via the RFDS.

As with outlying cattle stations and properties throughout Australia, the outback traveller with an outpost station license could utilise the RFDS HF radio network which had one or more HF radio bases spread throughout each state of Australia.

This system of calling the RFDS worked quite well for many years, but around 2010 the technology behind the RFDS system, which relied upon a Telstra "Voice Grade Dedicated Line" or VGDL was withdrawn.

Simply stated; the original HF radio red button call generated a two tone signal which if

strong enough, triggered the then Telstra system into action and connected the red button caller with the alerted RFDS base operator, by telephone link.

There was a range of daytime and night-time frequencies to use and of course RFDS bases throughout Australia at that time all had the same emergency call system. RFDS bases shared some of the same frequencies, the most common being 2020 Mhz which was designated as the ideal night time frequency.

VKS now manage what was the old RFDS HF radio network in some states of Australia (but at the time of writing) not all, as RFDS Port Augusta seems to remain one of the last RFDS HF radio

bases to stay outside of the VKS system.

It's the writers opinion, both the old RFDS emergency call system, and the current VKS version is not necessarily simple to operate.

The red button system of calling for help under the current regime of RFDS/VKS seems to be **now dead**; replaced with a system that requires the need to first test call (beacon call) a base, then when satisfied with your beacon call outcomes, selcall that base the gave you the best sounding revertive.

The choice of RFDS/VKS base stations is extensive, so extensive in fact that there seems to be up to eighty (80) different combinations of beacon/selcall data to sift through before a caller can decipher which



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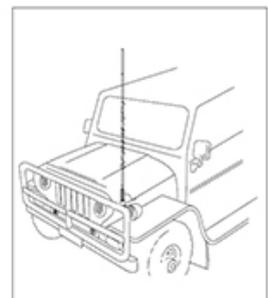
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RFDS/VKS base to contact in his/her time of need.

The current RFDS/VKS system reminds the writer of a need to study the racing form guide, so much good information but difficult to pick a winner. Then what are the odds of picking a winner (a base) that you can use first time... Remembering you looking for help in a hurry!

Its one thing to be seen being critical of other HF groups emergency call system, it's another to offer an alternative. It's the writer's personal opinion that the RFDS/VKS emergency call system probably operates very well, and has done so for several years, but I feel pointing out its complexity is noteworthy at least.

Unsurprisingly, I feel the answer is to make the emergency call system

more streamlined and as simple as possible...to that end Austravel has had the single H.E.L.P. (4357) system as its primary emergency call process since the beginning.

What has changed since then is the technology up grade (Telcall+) to all the current and future Austravel bases.

One (1) selcall number to remember (4357), just pick a frequency and selcall 4357 and all Austravel bases are listening, at the same time, with one or more Austravel bases reacting, then automatically dispatching a detailed SMS text message to up to 12 Austravel emergency responders at the same time.

One of these Austravel emergency responders will connect with you via the base interconnect system and attend to

your needs no matter if it's a medical emergency or you need roadside assistance, and / or something in-between.

One more "step up" in technology for Codan 9323, NGT and Envoy model HF radio owners is the ability to program (*or put another way reinstate*) the "red button" emergency call system.

This red button reinstatement has nothing to do with the RFDS/VKS system; but for those Austravel members with any of these Codan variants; the red button can be placed back into service so it operates as a one (1) button push automatic (Austravel) emergency call system.

So to re-state the system for Codan 9323, NGT and Envoy models, you can now have your radio re-programmed to reinstate the red button to operate within the Austravel emergency call system (H.E.L.P.)

From the scanning position,

a one activation (press and hold the red button for 3 seconds) will begin a process where the radio systematically cycles through four (4) of the main Austravel frequencies, where all bases are listening for a H.E.L.P.(4357) call.

If your Codan 9323 / NGT/ Envoy has an integrated GPS receiver, your red button will not only log your emergency call with key data (i.e. selcall number, base & channel ID) but also your GPS position.

So in clear terms Austravel emergency responders know:-

- Who you are
- Where you are (GPS)
- Which base reacted
- Which channel reacted

All this information delivered via an SMS text message to all emergency responders at the same time.

This system also works on other brand/model radios where the red button cannot be re-programmed. Although it will require more traditional selcall calling actions for 4357. The red button emergency call system however could be described as:-

- One scatter gun shot hitting many targets alerting many responders all at once.
- Versus identify target ,shoot a single shot hoping to hit the target, if unsuccessful re-load and fire again, and again until successful.

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Hello Austravel Members, just a quick word from Secretary Peter Schrader (2513)

Andrew Griffin (4053) and I have designed a new telephony system that will be relatively future proof and that is conforming to best practice security criteria. Our intent is to provide a reliable voice and data connection to each base station using industrial rated equipment at the best possible price points. Our overarching intent to protect the members personal details and club assets, so I emphasis again cybersecurity of the base assets is very important to us. Nobody can ignore the risks of connecting equipment to the Internet without taking precautions such as using a firewall, virus protection etc.

I'll start with our requirements.

1. The essential elements for each base starts with obviously the radio (2050) and telephone interconnect (2060) and an antenna. Traditionally the 2060 TI used a copper phone line to allow calls to the base via a phone or calls to a phone from a radio.
2. Phone lines are disappearing as Telstra shuts down more of their copper network as more of the NBN is deployed. And HF radio equipment is not keeping pace with the rate of technology change, or more accurately Austravel cannot afford to purchase networked interconnect equipment known as ROIP (Radio Over IP).
3. Mobile phone operators will be changing to 4G exclusively in a few years, noting that most of the 2G network has now been shutdown. 4G LTE promises to have a longer lifespan.
4. To offer our members GPS/SMS capability we need to have a network (IP) connection at each site hence we began down the path of using state of the art 4G Ethernet terminals and Voice Over IP (VOIP) adapters.

Features of this design are,

1. Uses industrial rated devices where possible.
2. Each base will be have a monthly cost of \$75/month, whereas before we had Telstra accounts for just one base at \$75/month.
3. Each base is secured against cyber threats using a central router and base specific firewalls. This is also known more colloquially as a Virtual Private Network (VPN).
4. The phone interface is handled by a virtual PBX (Free PBX/Asterix), note the software is free to use.
5. Presently we have 10 x Exetel numbers available, 6 are in use. The ongoing costs of using these numbers is about \$50 per year.
6. There is a single sked operator dial in number with a Interactive Voice Response (IVR).
7. We have remote configuration capability of the base interconnect to carry the Telcall+ PC traffic in and out of the VPN securely.
8. The website backend has been changed over to a more friendly system which will allow better integration of the Telcall+ GPS pages.

Much more unreported behind the scenes work has been completed and yet other work is still yet to commence. This report goes some way in identifying what has been achived at a cost that resembles next to nothing, when compared to the commercial market.

Regards

Peter Schrader (2513)



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The First Birdville Races

Info from Westprint Mob

From: The Queenslander Nov 1882.

The first race meeting held at the newly formed township of Birdsville, situated on the Diamantina River, was held on the 20th – 22nd of September, and was largely attended, nearly 160 station owners, managers, stockmen, and other employees being present, accompanied by a large retinue of Aborigines. The weather was delightful, the entrances for the various events good, and the finishes in most of the races close and exciting. Nearly £200 was raised by public subscription, which speaks well for the prosperous condition of the district.

The following are the particulars of the racing: Maiden Plate, of 15 Sovereigns. for all horses that have never won public money; 1 mile. Messrs. W. and W. Hood's Bedouin made all the running, and won easily. Six started. A splendid race, ending in favour of Dispute by a short length, Pirate a good third, all the others close up.

The Burt Stakes of 25 Sovereigns; for all horses: welter weight for age. Sir Roger won easily. Chieftain finished second, but was disqualified owing to his rider dismounting before weighing in.

Hack Handicap Hurdle Race, of 25 Sovereigns. Infant balked at the first fence. Brownie led over the first two fences and past the stand to the third, where he ran off, allowing Murray to obtain a strong lead. Brownie got over at the second attempt, but never quite made up his lost ground, Murray, who jumped splendidly, winning by six to eight lengths.

A Hurry Scurry of 5 Sovereigns was won by Fire works, Stockings second.

The settling took place in Mr. Tucker's hotel, where the amounts were paid over to the respective winners, the usual toasts proposed and duly responded to, after which a meeting was held in Messrs. Burt and Co.'s large iron store, when a jockey club was formed, to be called the "Border Jockey Club", forty-two names being enrolled as members. Stewards were appointed, a working committee elected, and the next race meeting fixed for July, 1883.

For similar information check out the Westprint Friday Five newsletter. Subscription is free. <http://westprint.com.au/newsletter>

THATS FUNNY!



A man is seeking to join the Lincolnshire police force.

The sergeant doing the interview says: "your qualifications all *look good* but there is an *attitude suitability test* that you must take before you can be accepted"

Then, sliding a pistol and a box of ammo across the desk, he says: "*take this pistol and go out and shoot six illegal immigrants, six drug dealers, six extremists and a rabbit?*"

The man being interviewed asks, "*why the rabbit?*"

"*Excellent!*" says the Sergeant. "*When can you start?*"



I got downstairs and found the wife face down on the kitchen floor, not breathing! I panicked, I didn't know what to do. ***Then I remembered the local café serve breakfast until 11:30.***

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