

# Omega Radio Club Inc

## News Letter

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### **Happy New Year:**

A very happy New Year to all members and families from the Omega Committee.

2016 is already shaping up to be another busy year for our club. Through 2015 we continued to maintain our reputation as a reliable and professional supplier of radio communications to the Victorian Rally fraternity and as a result demand for our services continues to rise. This is entirely as a result of the contributions and efforts of all members involved. See additional information on coming events later in this issue.

### **eNews in 2016:**

Over recent years production of our club newsletter has been sporadic at best. This year I am looking to bring our newsletter to you on a monthly basis. It is important that our club has a regular and reliable way to keep members up to date on current club news and activities. In the past we have tended to keep waiting for input and articles before producing an issue which leads to long gaps and a sporadic newsletter.

Over the coming year I intend to issue a newsletter each month including distribution of minutes of recent meetings. Each issue will contain news on current events and where possible reports of recent activities of our club as well as any news of interest to members.

As always we strongly encourage input from you the members. Articles and news items can be as simple as a few lines or more extensive feature articles. There is no need to be concerned about how information is presented as the "vast secretarial staff" are more than happy to knock any contributions into shape.

If you have any news items at all, no matter how small, drop us an email to [omega.radio.club@gmail.com](mailto:omega.radio.club@gmail.com) and we will include them for everybody's interest.

### **BBQ Kick-off:**

In now traditional Omega style we will kick off the year with a BBQ get-to-gether at our usual spot, Norton's Park, Norton's Lane, Wantirna South from about 6pm. (for old fashioned folk like your secretary the Melway ref. is Map 72, A2)

### **Coming Events:**

Thankyou to all members who have replies to Len 124's emails about events on our calendar for this year. It is only possible for us to participate in these events with your support and your early replies help greatly with planning. If you have not already contacted Len with your availability we would certainly appreciate if you would do so ASAP.

Our first confirmed rally will be the Eildon Stages on Saturday 19th March. This is a large event and will require all the resources we can muster for us to meet the requirements of the car club. Please note the date in your diaries and let Len know as soon as possible that you will be able to attend.

Please see next page for events on our calendar for the year ahead. Note: Rally events are based on the current VicRally calendar Ver.2a and will be updated as more information comes to hand.

### **Checking your radios:**

Omega maintains a permanent repeater set up in Melbourne operating on channel 2. This repeater is there to give everyone the opportunity to check their radio setup at regular intervals to make sure everything is working as it should be. We encourage you all to check your radios, not just by listening but by actually speaking with other members. This not only gives you a chance to catch up with others but is by far the best way to test your radio. Don't just hit the button and say it works because you got a tail back from the repeater.

If you suspect you may have some sort of a problem and you don't know what to do about it, talk to other members who may be able to assist. If you are not sure who best to ask, talk to a committee member and we will make sure you are able to rectify the situation.

### **Contributions to News:**

Please send contributions to: [omega.radio.club@gmail.com](mailto:omega.radio.club@gmail.com)

Happy New year to all

Mike 220

## Events Calendar—Club Diary 2016

28 <sup>th</sup> January	Kick off BBQ at Norton’s Park. From 6PM		
25 <sup>th</sup> February	General meeting night		
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Noojee</b>	<b>George Woods</b>	<b>Omega Involvement</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Eildon</b>	<b>Eildon Stages</b>	<b><u>Confirmed</u></b>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	General Meeting Night		
28 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting Night		
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Marysville</b>	<b>Marysville stages</b>	<b><i>Regular event</i></b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May (may be 7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Tunbridge</b>	<b>Avoca</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting Night		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Nightmoves</b>	<b>Rushworth</b>	<b><i>Regular event</i></b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Annual General Meeting Night		
28 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting Night		
25 <sup>th</sup> August	General Meeting Night		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>George Derrick</b>	<b>Avoca</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Spring 200</b>	<b>Marysville</b>	<b><i>Regular event</i></b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	General Meeting Night		
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Akademios</b>	<b>Alexandra (Blue Range)</b>	<b><i>Regular event</i></b>
27 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting Night		
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Blue Rock</b>	<b>Tanjil</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting Night “End of year BBQ”		

**Steam Powered Radio!** Spotted on the PS Melbourne on the Murray River Mildura. Who remembers the FM320. Even has the original mic. They are genuinely steam powered as the electricity comes from 2 Pyle National (USA) steam turbine generators

