

Omega Radio Club Inc

News Letter

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Recent Events:

A special thankyou to all members who attended last weekend's Eildon Stages rally. This was quite a large spread out event with very few opportunities for members to do double locations. It needed a large contingent of members to cover all the checkpoints and SOS points. As always our members did a great job, everybody got to their allocated locations without trouble. A couple also stopped by Rally Central and assisted Alex for a while between their own checkpoints. Hopefully all who attended had a good day.

Coming Events:

Hopefully everybody will have seen the flyer email recently advising of our night out at Nga's Kitchen on Sunday 17th April. We are going back to Nga's due to the positive feedback received after last years club dinner. Hopefully this will be another fun night with good food and good company. Please don't forget RSVP is essential for the event. Please let us know by Tuesday 12th April if you are coming.

Membership Renewal:

It's that time of year again with membership renewals due on 31st March. As usual all members who have been attending rally events and have adequate balances in their fuel accounts have been automatically renewed. Members who do not have fuel accounts or insufficient funds available have been sent renewal notices by email. If you have received your renewal by email we would very much appreciate if you would send off you payment as soon as possible. It won't be long before it's time to send nomination forms for committee elections for the coming year and it is essential membership is paid up when nominating for the committee.

Membership Address records:

Have you moved house, got a new phone number or new email? Don't forget to let us know if any of your membership information has changed. We rely on our records being correct to be able to send email information, newsletters and notice of meetings as well as paperwork and instructions for members attending rallies. Please let us know if anything has changed so we can update your membership record.

Club Calendar:

Our updated calendar is included at the end of this newsletter. Rally dates are as published on the VicRally website or as provided by rally organisers at the time of writing this newsletter. Meeting dates and other club events are included.

Magnetic Door signs:

When attending car rallies don't forget to display your Omega magnetic door signs. These not only promote our club but also let others know who to go to when they need a message sent.

If you attend car rallies and don't have magnetic signs, please contact Alex 510 or Bill 478 by email to omega.radio.club@gmail.com to arrange a set.

Club Logo stickers:



We have a quantity of club logo stickers available. These are a weather proof vinyl sticker in the club colours. Why not show one on your car or folder used at car rallies and promote our club to others. Stickers will be available from the treasurer at general meetings for a small fee of \$1.00

Omega "Person of the Month" award:

Each month your committee considers the recipient of the Omega Member of the Month award. Up until now the committee has looked at who we think has made a special contribution to the club over the previous month and made the award to the member who we think has contributed the most.

We would like to extend this process by giving all members the opportunity to nominate any other member who they think should be recognised for their efforts or contribution during the month. The committee will then make a decision from all nominations received and the name of the winning member will be included in this newsletter.



Local Melbourne Repeater:

During February extensive work was carried out at our Melbourne repeater site by the site owners. This has resulted in our repeater being changed to a different antenna. It seems this change has affected the coverage of our repeater with reports showing a considerable reduction in coverage in some areas. As all the antenna at the site are provided by the site owners, for the time being we are limited to what is made available to us. Please have a listen to the repeater in your area and let us know how it is working for you. All feedback is helpful if we are to be able to return the system to nearer the way it was.

Next General Meeting:

The next General Meeting will be Thursday 24th March at the school as usual. All members and visitors are most welcome.

Club Mailing Address:

Don't forget our new mailing address—**PO Box 10 The Patch 3792.**

All committee members can be contacted by email via the club's address omega.radio.club@gmail.com

Contributions to News:

Please send contributions to: **omega.radio.club@gmail.com** or **PO Box 10, The Patch 3792**
(or bring to a meeting)

Mike 220

Magnetic Antenna Bases:

If you are like me you are probably looking for a bargain when it comes to radios but don't want to skimp on quality. I recently found a seller on eBay who is an Australian Manufacturer of Antenna' and accessories. Of particular interest is their Strong Magnetic Antenna Base for \$30.00 also with free postage.

It would be suitable for use on the Club VHF frequencies as well as UHF CB with the right antenna of course (Ed. Even Amateur VHF/UHF).



For just a few dollars more \$38.50 you can get the same base with a 4.5db UHF Helical. Just remember to ask for the type of plug you need when paying.

Store link = [Kilpatrick Communications](#)
Item links = [Strong Magnetic Base \\$30](#)
[Strong Magnetic Base with 4.5DB Fiberglass UHF Antenna \\$38.50](#)
Have a look around their eBay store at [Kilpatrick Communications](#)



Please note neither the Omega Radio Club nor I have any connection with Kilpatrick Communications.

Frank 483

Events Calendar—Club Diary

24 th March	General Meeting Night		
17th April	Night Out at Nga's (RSVP essential)		
28 th April	General Meeting Night		
7th May	Tunbridge	Avoca	Confirmed
26 th May	General Meeting Night		
18th June	Nightmoves	Rushworth	Regular event
23 rd June	<u>Annual General Meeting Night</u>		
28 th July	General Meeting Night		
25 th August	General Meeting Night		
28th August	George Derrick	Avoca	To be confirmed
17th September	Spring 200	Marysville	Confirmed
22 nd September	General Meeting Night		

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Kenwood TK-7180K – VHF Commercial Radio. \$200.00 – Upgrade to DTMF Mic extra \$25

Fully programed for use on Omega Radio Club Frequencies
Can also be reprogramed for use on 2m Amateur if you have appropriate license.

5w Low & 25w Hi Power

Fully programmable CTCSS encode decode features.

Displays Rally Event Vehicle ID's when signal received.

Up to 512 programmable channel memories.

Front panel buttons programmable for multiple functions

Can be connected to other TK7180 & TK8180 for translator purposes. Cable required.



Kenwood TK-8180K – UHF Commercial Radio. \$190.00 – Upgrade to DTMF Mic extra \$25

Fully programed for use on Australian UHF 40 & 80 Channel CB Frequencies

Can also be reprogramed for use between 450 & 520Mhz with proof of License.

5w Low power set for legal CB use.

Fully programmable CTCSS encode decode features.

Up to 512 programmable channel memories.

Front panel buttons programmable for multiple functions

Can be connected to other TK7180 & TK8180 for translator purposes. Cable required.



Special Offer – Buy 2 radios for \$350.00 – YES That's 1 VHF & 1 UHF for \$350.00

Make your own in-car translator and still be able to walk around with your UHF handheld linked to your car when the comms are not so great at rallies.

NOTE: The necessary Link cable is available from Alex 510 you will have to discuss the price with him.

Kenwood Features & Specifications are viewable from the Kenwood Site [here](#).

Downloadable Kenwood PDF Manual is available from [here](#).

REMOTE HEAD KITS can be purchase online. Search for KRK-10 Remote

Local Kenwood dealers also sell this current model remote kit. Compare the price before you buy.

- Each radio is supplied with –
- 1 x Radio already programmed for either ORC Frequencies or UHF CB.
- 1 x Standard Microphone
- 1 x Mounting Bracket
- 1 x Power lead

For more details or to arrange a purchase please email 483 Frank at VBX483@moshari.net

Available to Omega members:

Battery (lithium-ion) powered LED light, which runs on mains power (universal) or the supplied solar panel.

It has a remote, which not only switches it on and off but also dims it.

While the box says it'll run for 9 to 20 hours, mine didn't make it to 9 hours and was noticeably dimmer after 6 hours, but I did have it on high the whole time.

It does provide a bright wide beam that lights up an area like a normal light globe.

It also has 2 special features:

1. Power Bank with a USB power out socket for charging phones, etc.
- 2: Emergency Light which when plugged into a powered light socket will only come on when there is a power failure.

