

Omega Radio Club Inc

News Letter

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Annual General Meeting:

It's that time of year again. Notice of the 2016 Annual General Meeting is included with this newsletter along with nomination forms for the committee election. All currently paid up financial members of the club are entitled to stand for committee election. If you would like to nominate a member for the committee or stand yourself, please arrange the completed nomination form and return it to "The Returning Officer" at the club address no later than Monday 16th May 2016.

Membership Renewal:

All members are reminded that renewals were due on 31st March. Those members not automatically renewed have been sent renewal notices by email. If you have received a notice and have not yet renewed we ask you do so as soon as possible. It is a legal requirement that any member nominating for the committee must be a fully paid member of the club or their nomination will not be valid. The committee appreciates the continued support of all members and hope those of you still outstanding will want to renew for the coming year.

Membership Address records:

If you need to update your address records please let us know as soon as possible. We need to have all members address information correctly recorded in time for voting ahead of the coming AGM. To update your records contact: The Secretary via omega.radio.club@gmail.com or PO Box 10 The Patch 3792.

Coming Events:

The next event will be our night out at Nga's Kitchen in Hampton Park on Sunday 17th April. If you would like to come along and have not already RSVP'd please let us know right away so you can be included.

Our next rally event will be the Daryl Tunbridge Rally on Saturday 7th May. At the time of writing I understand we are still one member short to meet the full requirement for this event so if you would like to come along, please contact Len 124 ASAP.

Fuel Account Refund payments:

As all members who attend car rally events should be aware part of the money received by Omega is paid to each participating member via their Fuel Account. Few members draw on this money regularly meaning their account balances become quite considerable and somewhat distort the club's overall financial position. In effort to address this and make sure members receive money due to them the committee has decided to make annual refunds of money from members' accounts. This will be done as follows:

Any member who has a balance of \$150.00 or more in their account after membership renewals in March each year will receive a payment to reduce their balance to \$100.00.

In line with this arrangement several members should have received cheques recently in the mail. Others will be handed out at general meetings.

As always, if any member wishes additional refund from their account or any details of their balance, please contact the treasurer Alex 510 at a meeting or via omega.radio.club@gmail.com

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 & Club Stickers:



Stickers and magnetic door signs are available from the Treasurer Alex 510 at general meetings. If you are not able to attend a meeting and would like some of these items please contact Alex 510 or Bill 478 by email to: omega.radio.club@gmail.com to arrange.

Omega "Person of the Month" award:

There has been no award for January or February as not much has happened over the Christmas break.

Don't forget: nominations for "Member of the Month" need to be received by the committee on or before the first Tuesday of each month.

Award winner for March 2016: Frank 483 acknowledging his work at the recent Eildon Stages Rally. Frank assisted Len with the repeater setup, attended a checkpoint and assisted with an unexpected transport job between repeater sites.

Next General Meeting:

The next General Meeting will be Thursday 28th April 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

ACMA Media Release

FM radio Pirate Prosecuted.

A Victorian man has been convicted, fined and ordered to forfeit radio equipment for unlawfully operating a pirate FM radio station.

The conviction follows an Australian Communications and Media Authority investigation into unlicensed transmissions on the 101.3MHz band in the Portland area of Victoria on March 2015.

The man pleaded guilty to one count of unlicensed operation and four counts of unlawful possession of radio-communications devices under the Radio Communications Act 1992. He was convicted at the Portland Magistrates Court on 16th June 2015.

This conviction is a good outcome for the community, said ACMA Chairman, Chris Chapman. The emission of powerful radio signals in the FM or any other critical radio band without the appropriate licence risks interference to legitimate radio services and their listeners and rips off everyone who has obtained legal access to the radio waves.

The conviction reinforced the fact that disregard for radio communications licensing arrangements can have serious consequences and should have a strong deterrent effect for anyone thinking of operating a pirate transmitter, Mr Chapman added.

Information about how to report the unlicensed operation or unlawful possession of radio communications devices is available on the ACMA website.

Magnetic Antenna Bases:

Last month Frank 483 advised of some good quality magnetic antenna bases available online at Kilpatrick Communications. At the time of writing we understand these are still available from their online store if any members are interested.



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; this is for information of members only and is not an advertisement for the supplier. Neither the Omega Radio Club nor Frank 483 have any connection with Kilpatrick Communications.



Above & left
Comfort and Room with a View!
Omega setup at head quarters for last year's Begonia rally at Avoca Turf Club.

Right.
Water tank in your radio room?
Not ideal but sometimes you have to work with what you've got!

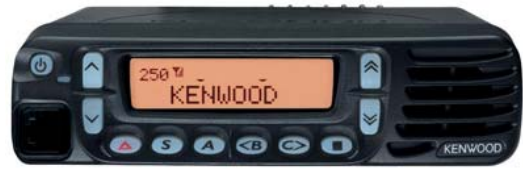


ITEMS FOR SALE:

As seen in eNews Vol II Issue 3 (March 2016) Frank 483 has some Kenwood VHF & UHF radios for sale. These radios are available in a number of configurations to suit the needs of individual members.

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.



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.

Special Offer – Buy 2 radios for \$350.00 – YES That’s 1 VHF & 1 UHF for \$350.00
For more details see March eNews or contact Frank 483 by email at VBX483@moshari.net

Events Calendar—Club Diary

17th April 28 th April	Night Out at Nga’s (RSVP essential) General Meeting Night		
7th May 26 th May	Tunbridge General Meeting Night	Avoca	Confirmed
18th June 23 rd June	Nightmoves <u>Annual General Meeting Night</u>	Rushworth	Confirmed
28 th July	General Meeting Night		
25 th August 28th August	General Meeting Night George Derrick	Avoca	To be confirmed
17th September 22 nd September	Spring 200 General Meeting Night	Marysville	Confirmed
16th October (Sunday) 27th October	Akademios Rally General Meeting Night	Alexandra (Blue Range)	Confirmed

Only in NSW!

A traveller pulls into an outback pub and asks the barman for directions.
“How do you get to Cootamundra from here mate?”
The barman replies
“Me brother takes me!!!”

Thought for the day:

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane. - *June Henderson*



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Omega Radio Club Inc.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on
Thursday 23rd June 2016
at Carwatha College,
Browns Road, Noble Park North, commencing at 8PM.

The meeting will receive the Annual Reports and financial statements for the last year, receive the results of the postal ballot election of committee members as well as conduct any other business that may legally be brought.

Election of committee

Nominations are here by called for positions of:

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as 3 ordinary committee members.

Members are invited to nominate themselves or other members for election to the committee. To do this, complete the nomination form below and return to the **"Returning Officer"** Omega radio Club Inc. PO Box 10 The Patch VIC 3792 **no later than Monday 16th May 2016**. Nomination is open to all Financial Members however please note; in accordance with our Rules of Incorporation, no one person may hold more than one position on the committee, and only one member of each family may hold a position on the committee.

Once nominations are received by the returning officer, ballot papers will be prepared and mailed to all Financial Members. The ballot papers must then be completed and returned to the **"Returning Officer"** at the above address **no later than Thursday 16th June 2016**

Although we are only a small club we conduct a postal ballot as we understand not all members are able to attend meetings. This gives everyone the opportunity to have their say in who shall be on the club's committee for the coming year.

Mike Topp (220)
Secretary

Omega Radio Club Inc. NOMINATION FORM.

I/We, being financial members of the OMEGA RADIO CLUB, Inc. hereby nominate the following Member for each of the positions indicated:-

PRESIDENT

Name.....Callsign.....

VICE-PRESIDENT

Name.....Callsign.....

SECRETARY

Name.....Callsign.....

TREASURER

Name.....Callsign.....

COMMITTEE (3 positions)

Name.....Callsign.....

Name.....Callsign.....

Name.....Callsign.....

Nominating Member's Signature.....Callsign.....