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It's hard to believe that another year is almost to a close and it's Christmas again. 2016 has been another busy year for our club. As usual our main focus has been on providing radio communications for car rallies. This year the weather has had a quite dramatic impact on the events we have been involved with. One event was cancelled altogether and some others were considerably shortened because of very wet roads. In addition to the rally events we have had 2 very popular social events. Members attended dinner at Nga's Kitchen restaurant in April and most recently we had a very successful lunch at Emerald Lake Park. We have launched a new web site which it is hoped will help promote our club into the future. The new site will continue to evolve over the coming months as new content is developed so keep an eye on it for updates.

On behalf of the committee I would like to extend a special thankyou to the members who have supported our club throughout the year whether it be in attending car rally events, other club activities or assisting in other ways behind the scenes. We wish all members and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

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2017 Kick Off

We would like to start the year with a Lunchtime BYO BBQ at Norton's Park Wantirna South on Saturday 21st January. Our usual Thursday meeting night will fall on Australia day so it has been suggested a Lunchtime BBQ the weekend before would make a good start to the year. So we can gauge how successful this would be, and you would like to attend on this day would you please drop us a quick email to: omega.radio.club@gmail.com. As this would be a fully BYO everything event we don't need a firm commitment to attend, just an indication of support for the day.

Car Rally events:

Looking at the 2017 VicRally calendar, it appears unlikely we will attend any car rallies before early April. Once events are confirmed we will advise dates and include further information in later newsletters.

Laptop Computer Bags:

Chris 338 has a quantity of pre loved laptop computer bags and some similar but larger bags designed for carrying 19" Rack mount switches available. If you would like to obtain one or more of these free bags please drop an email to omega.radio.club@gmail.com to order.

Contributions for eNews:

If you have anything you think would be of interest to members that could be included in eNews please send to us at *omega.radio.club@gmail.com* or contact Mike 220 or any committee member to make other arrangements.

End of Year Lunch-Emerald Lake









On Saturday 3rd December some 25 members and families attended our End of Year Doo at Emerald Lake Park. The committee arranged all the food from a catering company so those attending only needed to bring drinks. It was the first time we have had an event like this and from all reports it was a great success. Hopefully we will be able to have more days like this one











For Sale, Swap or just plain Free.

For sale this month:



Kenwood VHF & UHF radios. These radios are available in a number of configurations to suit the needs of individual members.

Kenwood TK-7180K – VHF Commercial Radio. \$200.00 Kenwood TK-8180K – UHF Commercial Radio. \$190.00

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

UHF radios programed for use on Australian UHF 40 & 80 Channel CB Frequencies Can also be reprogramed for use between 450 & 520Mhz with proof of License.

DTMF Mics can be added for an extra \$25 per radio

For more details contact Frank 483 by email at VBX483@moshari.net

Inverters:

Victron Energy - Phoenix professional grade inverters. **24V** to 240Vac 180VA True sinewave.



These inverters have been developed for professional duty. The Phoenix range of inverters is suitable for the widest range of applications. They are designed to produce a true sine wave output with optimized efficiency but without compromise in performance. Employing hybrid HF technology, they are a top quality product with compact dimensions, light in weight and capable of supplying power, problem-free, to any suitably sized load.

Manufacturers data sheet and manual available on request.



A small quantity of these inverters are available **for just \$20.00 each**. For more information contact Alex 510 via Club Email.

Events Calendar—Club Diary

25th December	Christmas Day	
<u>2017</u>		
21st January	BBQ Norton's Park	(will not go ahead if TFB.)
23rd February	General Meeting	At the School
7th March	Committee Meeting	Barry, 671s home
23rd March	General Meeting	At the School