

Omega Radio Club Inc

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News Letter

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BBQ kick off for the New Year:

A very successful BBQ get together was held at Norton's Park on Thursday 25th January. There was a good turnout on the night. It was great to see one of our founding members (and life member) Leon 929 and his wife Lorraine. Welcome back Leon and Lorraine, we look forward to seeing you both at many more club activities.

New email address:

We have a new email address for emails between members and the club for all things to do with our events. This will enable us to keep members' emails separate from external email to the club. If you are letting us know of your availability to attend events please email to **events.omegaradioclub@gmail.com**. When we email members about coming events and car rallies those messages will come from this address from now on.

New Member:

Welcome to Barry VK3AT who has recently joined our club. Barry joins us as a Landrover Owners Club (LROC) member so may be heard using 152Mhz (Ch 0) with his LROC callsign. For Omega purposes he has been issued VOC060 for use on our system.

2018 Rally Events:

Planning is now well underway for our first rally event, the George Woods Rally on Saturday 17th March. Five members attended a very successful test day on Wednesday 14th Feb seeing our VHF repeater set up at Mt Donna Buang. This site proved to be most effective in covering the necessary area for the George Woods rally. We still need many more members to attend this event so if you are available would you please email Len via our new events address **events.omegaradioclub@gmail.com**

We have 2 more rally events confirmed: the Ada River Rally on Sunday 15th April and the Nissan Nightmoves on Saturday 23rd June. Please note these dates and let us know if you can attend.

Member of the month:

The award for January goes jointly to Len and Sue 124s for their good work cleaning up the BBQs and shelter shed for the January BBQ. Thankyou for a great job, it made the evening much more enjoyable having a clean and presentable area.

Membership renewals:

Club membership renewals and Radio Licence contributions are due for payment at the end of March. Membership renewal fees will again remain unchanged as they have for some years now. While we see no reason to increase membership fees we do face an ongoing annual increase in radio licences charged by ACMA. These increases have been absorbed by the club over recent years however this year the committee has decided we need to make an increase the proportion of the licence fees that are passed on to members. After the increase the new fee contribution will be \$40.00 per member. As the majority of our club's income comes from car rally events we will also be increasing the discount offered to those who attend these events so as to fully offset the increase. Members attending 2 or more events in the year will see no change in their annual fees. As usual members attending events and with adequate money in their fuel account will have their membership renewed automatically. Members without sufficient money in their fuel account will receive a renewal notice by email giving details of membership fee and radio usage if applicable. If you wish to make any changes to your membership type or need to update your information held with the club, it will greatly assist your secretary if you let him know by emailing **omega.radio.club@gmail.com** as soon as possible. Don't forget, as our VHF radio licences are all held by the club, to be covered by these licences you must be a current financial club member.



Name Badges:

During last year name badges were issued to members who wished to wear them. These badges have the club logo and members name as well as call signs as requested. If you did not receive a badge and would like one, please email the secretary with details of call signs you would like on your badge.

PRM80 radio servicing:

We have been advised by Simoco Pacific that they are no longer servicing PRM80 family of radios due to their age and difficulty obtaining components. We are currently looking at another source of radios that will be suitable for club frequencies. Hopefully we will have more information on this quite soon.

HMAS Castlemaine Visit:

Hoppy 545 is arranging a tour of the museum ship HMAS Castlemaine located at Williamstown. We are currently looking at the possibility of a group booking on a ferry from Melbourne Southbank to Williamstown. Our group would then have a tour of the ship arranged by Hoppy before moving on to a suitable venue for lunch. Return to the city on the ferry in the afternoon. Of course there would be the option for members to make their own way to Williamstown if preferred.

At this stage we are hoping to have this tour during April perhaps after the Ada River rally.

Events Calendar—Club Diary 2018

February

Thursday 22nd	1st General Meeting night	at the school
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March

Tuesday 6th	Committee meeting	location TBD.
Saturday 17th	George Woods Rally	Powelltown
Thursday 22nd	General Meeting	at the school
Saturday 31st	<i>Membership renewals due</i>	

April

Tuesday 3rd	Committee Meeting	Location TBD
Sunday 15th	Ada River Rally	Wesburn - Powelltown

For Sale

Air Compressor Blackridge BRC 120 - 2.5HP motor

Standard 10 amp connection - 40 Lt. tank/ - Free Air Delivery (FAD) 120 Lt. per minute - 2 air outlets.

Uses include - Tyre Inflators, wheel nut 'rattlers', Blow Guns, Low Pressure Spray Guns etc.

Ideal for home use. 21 months old. Comes with manual. Can demonstrate working.

Price \$150.00.

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Contact Charlie 341. on Ph: 0448 506 024



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.

A few pics from our January BBQ

