

Omega Radio Club Inc

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News Letter

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2018 Rally Communication Events:

The rescheduled Ada River Rally will now be on Sunday 27th May. The organisers have advised the event will be the same as was intended for the original date however this time the Rallysafe system will be in use. We are currently **4 members short** to meet the minimum requirement for this event. If any members who have previously said they are unavailable find their circumstances change and they have the day free we would very much appreciate if you would let us know. The event is a day only one. It has an early start but certainly will be much nicer than having to be out all night in the cold. If you find you are able to attend please let us know at events.omegaradioclub@gmail.com or phone Mike on 0428516219.

Our next rally following the Ada River will be the Nissan Nightmoves at Heathcote on 23rd June. As usual Len is taking names for that one so if you are able to assist please let him know via email at events.omegaradioclub@gmail.com.

Review of charges for attending Rallies:

The committee has recently reviewed our charges for attending car rallies as we have not changed these for approximately 6 years. It has been decided to increase our fee for each member attending by \$10.00 with \$5.00 of that going to fuel accounts of members involved. We will also be introducing a minimum charge which may be imposed if events are cancelled once survey visits have been conducted. This money would go to assist with fuel cost of members attending the surveys and cover out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the club such as postage, phone calls etc. New fees will apply from 1st July this year.

HMAS Castlemaine visit:

Members attended a very enjoyable visit to the restored ship HMAS Castlemaine at Williamstown on Sunday 29th April. Thanks go to Hoppy 545 for arranging the visit and escorting our group for the day. See more on this visit later in this issue.

Member of the month:

This month's award goes to Hoppy 545 for arranging and escorting our group over HMAS Castlemaine on Sunday 29th April.

New radios available:

As previously advised Barry 671 is taking orders from members who are in need of new radios. Sets available will be Motorola remote units for mobile use. Some are also available with power supplies for home use. Due to limitations placed on us by the provider it will be necessary for these radios remain in the ownership of Omega. They will be made available to our members on signing an agreement that they will be returned to the club should the member leave or no longer require the radio. If you would like some new equipment please see Barry 671 at the next meeting or email him at omega.radio.club@gmail.com.

News from the ACMA:

It seems over recent time the ACMA have issued a number of penalty notices to companies that have breached regulations by making marketing calls to persons on the "Do Not Call" register. The latest being Eco Star Double Glazing Pty Ltd, a window and door glazing company, who have paid a \$25,200 infringement notice for calling numbers on the Do Not Call Register without consent.

The ACMA seems to take this very seriously so if you are on the register and you receive calls then it is worth logging all details and making a report.

To join the register or to make a complaint about receiving unsolicited telemarketing call 1300 792 958 or visit www.donotcall.gov.au.



Events Calendar—Club Diary

2018

May

Thursday 24th
Sunday 27th (Day)

General Meeting
Ada River rally

Carwatha College
Wesburn—Powelltown

June

Tuesday 5th
Saturday 23rd (Night)
Thursday 28th

Committee meeting
Nissan Nightmoves rally
Annual General Meeting

TBA.
Heathcote
Carwatha College

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.

Wanted:

The secretary is looking for an old computer which may be surplus to requirements. Ideally this would be an Intel i5 4xxx (4th Gen or later) Quad core 3Ghz or better CPU on a motherboard with 4 memory slots. Some memory would be nice but not essential. No requirement for graphics card or other peripherals. Really the base requirement is for a working CPU and motherboard. Anything else is a bonus.

If you have something or know of someone who could assist then please contact Mike on 0428 516 219

Recently spotted in an old'ish paper

December 27th 1995

Remember when we bought mobile phones that just made phone calls and the latest OS for a computer was this new thing called Windows95?

If we wanted to connect our computer to the outside world (probably a Bulletin Board) we had to buy a 28.8kbps modem that connected with a serial cable. In 1995 it would be another year before modems capable of the staggering speed of 56kbps came along.

Next time you pick up your smart phone to order your groceries on line or check out the latest news headlines here are a few things to think about:

The World Wide Web wasn't known to the public until 1991.

In 1992 the first audio and video were distributed over the Internet. The phrase "surfing the Internet" was born.

1993: The number of websites reached 600 and the White House and United Nations go online.

1994: Yahoo! is created by Jerry Yang and David Filo. The site was originally called "Jerry and David's Guide to the World Wide Web."

1995: Compuserve, America Online and Prodigy begin to provide Internet access. (Using those plug in 28.8K Modems).

1996: A 3D animation dubbed "The Dancing Baby" becomes possibly the first viral video.

1997: Netflix is founded as a company and sends its users DVDs by mail.

And then it will still be another year before Google is born...

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HMAS Castlemaine Visit

On Sunday 29th April, 16 members and family visited the restored naval corvette HMAS Castlemaine at Gem Pier Williamstown.

HMAS Castlemaine is one of the sixty Australian-built Bathurst Class corvettes to serve throughout World War II, and is the last such vessel still afloat. It has been restored to its present standard over four decades.

HMAS Castlemaine was built at Melbourne Harbor Trust Dockyard, Williamstown on Building Berth No.1 Lower and launched in 1942, following which she was deployed to convoy escort and supply run duties in the northern waters of Australia.

The corvettes were the workhorses of the RAN, being primarily designed to sweep for mines, that is, to destroy the sea mines which posed a great threat to all types of shipping. In addition to this, the diminutive corvettes with their crew of 60-100 found themselves in every theatre of war, undertaking escort, anti submarine and minesweeping duties, landing troops and evacuating refugees.

Our guide for the visit was member Hoppy 545 himself a retired naval man and Castlemaine volunteer. Hoppy provided us with a fascinating insight into the operation of this vessel and life on board a navy ship in the 1940s. The restoration work carried out by this dedicated team of volunteers is amazing and a credit to them all.

Our thanks to Hoppy and his colleagues for making us welcome and providing such an informative visit. After the tour our group split up with some members heading home and others adjourning to a nearby café for lunch.

