

Omega Radio Club Inc

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News Letter

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10 Years of eNews:

Welcome to issue No 1 of the 10th year of eNews. Back in late 2008 it was decided to try an electronic newsletter to ease the production requirements of the long running Spectrum magazine so eNews was born. Over the following year eNews ended up taking over as the only publication—newsletter of our club.

It is certainly hoped over this interesting to all members, ongoing enthusiasm, input and eNews is just part of that.

I have produced all issues of inception and I have to say handed. I have had limited fellow committee members photos and some rallies and other club as the occasional feature these are relatively limited Over the 10 years I have newsletter, and despite every issue, I have nothing from the general committee certainly regular newsletter to all I'm happy to continue do this with significant Many of you travel and overseas so I'm would be of interest We are now a very with a relatively we are a diverse many interests that

Something you see or do

some interest to others so why not share

literary degree to submit something for eNews, all you need to

your item and we will look after the rest. I have had members say "Oh I can't write articles" so they don't submit anything. I can only stress, don't be afraid of what you send us as we will sort it out.

As producer of all the editions of eNews certainly, with no journalistic expertise, I must pay tribute to my long suffering partner Lynne who has proof read all issues to date. Lynne's suggestions and corrections of my grammar and spelling are very much appreciated and I'm sure with her help we can make any contribution look pretty good for inclusion.

We hope to see lots of items to include in future issues.

time we have produced a newsletter which is relevant and however like all clubs, their success relies on support from members and

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Welcome to the first issue of the Omega Radio Club eNews Letter and a very Happy New Year to all.
As you would have read in the last Spectrum magazine your committee had decided for the time being that Spectrum magazine would be issued on a quarterly basis with an Email news letter being sent to all members on the months Spectrum was not issued. This is being done so as to make it possible to maintain the current standard of our official publication while keeping all members up to date on club activities and events. In Spectrum magazine we would like to continue to publish articles from members about recent events our club has been involved in, along with photos, the usual notes from the President, the Secretary's & Treasurer's reports from recent meetings. As usual any other items contributed by members which may be of interest to us all would be very welcome.

Now please read on for details of coming events:

January BBQ
As has been tradition for some years now we will again kick off the year with as BBQ at Jells Park on 22nd January. As usual this will be BYO everything including "Nice Weather" All members are invited to attend and friends and visitors are always welcome.
Location: Jells Park. Enter from Ferntree Gully Road Melway 72 A10. Kick off time from 5.30pm

Other important dates to remember

Month	Date	Event	Location
February 2009	Friday 6th	Deadline for ENews Letter Issue 2	
	Saturday 21st	First Car Rally for 2009	Powelltown - Noojee area (night event)
	Thursday 26th	General Meeting	At the School
March 2009	Saturday 7th	Challenge of Clubs Rally	Wombat State Forest
	Monday 9th	Labour day Holiday	
	Thursday 26th	General Meeting	At the School

As always, we seek your support with the coming Car Rallies. If you are able to attend please let Bill, 367 know as soon as possible (omegaradio.club@gmail.com)

eNews since it's largely single input from in the form of information from functions as well article, however in number.

produced the invitations in nearly received almost membership. Your wants to maintain a members and while producing it I can only input from others. extensively in Australia sure you see things that to fellow club members. small club as clubs go and narrow focus, however group of individuals with deserve to be shared. will most likely also be of some of it. You don't need a do is send a rough draft of

Lynne & Mike (220)



Christmas End of Year Doo:

Our usual end of year doo was again held at Emerald Lake Park and included a catered lunch. Unfortunately attendance was down on last year and a couple of members had to pull out at short notice. While disappointing they couldn't come it sure meant there was plenty for food to go around. It seems no one took any photos this year so we can't include anything here this time. Thanks to all involved in arranging this event including the Cardinia Council who for some unknown reason didn't charge us for use of the shelter.

January Kick Off BBQ:

Unfortunately our scheduled January BBQ fell on what turned out to be an extremely hot day. It was decided that for the safety and comfort of all involved that we would cancel the evening and given the Melbourne temperature reached 41° and an even more uncomfortable 42.8° the following day it turned out to be the right decision.

Rally Communication Events:

Our last rally event was the George Derrick on 24th November. The rally was based at the Maffra car Club's hill climb track at Boisdale and ran on roads in the Mt Moornapa forest area. After some initial difficulties identified on the test day the radio coverage turned out to be excellent for the event. Unfortunately the weather ended up being quite a challenge as considerable rain fell on the day turning some roads into "mud baths". Over all the organisers were very please with the communications outcome and the work done by all Omega members who attended.

Our first rally event for this year will be the George Woods rally on Saturday 23rd February. This will be a late afternoon and evening event in the Powelltown Noojee area. Most setup times will be from 3.45pm with the event concluding before midnight. This is a very pleasant change as usually this one goes until 2 or 3am.

At the time of writing we are still a couple of members short of making the "minimum" requirement. If you have not already responded to Len's emails would you please let Mike know as soon as possible via email to events.omegaradioclub@gmail.com

This year car club organisers have been getting in early with their requests and we have further confirmed events on the following dates:

Wellsford Wander: (new event for Omega) Saturday 23rd March - a day event in the Axedale area.

Ada River Rally: Sunday 31st March - day event Wesburn - Powelltown area

Marysville Stages: Saturday 4th May at Marysville

Nissan Nightmoves: Saturday 15th June at Heathcote.

Please see the club calendar later in this issue for a full list of dates and club activities.

As always it greatly assists our organisers if you would let us know as soon as possible which events you are able to attend.

Omega members with joint roles at car rallies:

We are aware some of our members perform joint duties at car rallies such as running stages and controls. We would like to remind any of you in this situation if you are going to be at a checkpoint on behalf of the car club if you would let us know as soon as possible as we need to allocate other members around these requirements.

Other issues from recent rallies:

Unfortunately several complaints were received by our club regarding the driving of our members at last year's George Derrick rally. Unfortunately one of these complaints was made by a member of the public to the car rally organiser and then passed on to us. I would like to remind all members that when we are travelling to and from events and around events, especially when we have club markings on our cars, that we are seen by the car club staff and general public to be representing not only Omega but also the car club we are working for. Please be aware your actions are seen to be representative of us all at these events.

A pearl of "technical" wisdom:

Recently when filling her car at a servo Lynne 220½ was told by the servo guy "if she had one of those coils in her antenna she would get much better reception"!!! Unfortunately he couldn't offer any suggestions as to where she could find an "antenna coil" shop...



New radios available:

A reminder to any members needing VHF club radios, we have some Remote Type Motorols units available as kits mostly ready to install. If you require a radio please contact Barry 671 via the club's email address omega.radio.club@gmail.com to order.

I understand Alex 510 also has some Tait radios available. For more information on these please contact Alex via omega.radio.club@gmail.com

Member of the month:

November 2018: *Len 124* and *Mike 220* for field work finding and negotiating access to private property for repeater sites for recent car rallies.

December 2018: *Alex 510*, *Mike 220 (1 half)* and *Lynne 220 (better half)* for arranging the venue and food as well as transport of food for the End of year lunch.

There will be no award for January this year as nothing much has happened yet.

Origins of an event name: Submitted by Lynne 220^{1/2}

The George Derrick Memorial Rally has a long history, first run in July 1959 by Car Club of RMIT (CCRMIT). The event was created to honour the club's first President, George Derrick, a welding lecturer at RMITC, a motorbike racer and a keen car racing enthusiast.

Derrick was President of the "Car Club of the Royal Melbourne Technical College" from its inception in 1954, until his passing from leukaemia at just 42 years of age in October 1956. The club has decreed that it will always run a "Derrick", and has managed to do this 52 times consecutively in the years since.

Omega is also proud of its long association with the George Derrick rally with our involvement dating back to mid 1980.

Club Radio Sked:

It has been suggested by Charlie 341 that we could hold a club "Radio Sked" at a specific time to give all members a chance to make contact and join in discussions from time to time.

The committee took this suggestion on board and would like to give it a go over the next couple of months.

Starting from this week on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm for about 1/2 an hour we will hold a radio sked on our local repeater (ch2). If you would like to join in just announce yourself with your call sign and join the discussion. This will be a members activity meaning it is up to those who participate to make out of it what you would like.

Hope to hear you on Thursday

Charlie 341.

Thought for the day:

I might wake up early and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery.
The odds of both are about the same...

News from the ACMA:

31 January 2019

Changes to Katherine NT radio services

Listeners of Katherine commercial radio station Hot 100 (8HOT) on 765 kHz AM may soon have to change their dial if the ACMA accepts a proposal by the station.

The proposal would see 8HOT swap from AM to FM transmission in Katherine. Darwin listeners already enjoy 8HOT in FM.

'FM radio provides improved audio quality for listeners in regional areas and can be more cost-effective to operate than AM radio,' said ACMA Chair Nerida O'Loughlin.

'A number of regional commercial radio stations are seeking to convert their services to FM under an industry-led conversion program. The ACMA will facilitate a conversion after taking a number of issues into account. These include availability of suitable spectrum and being satisfied that audiences in regional areas do not lose radio services under that proposal,' Ms O'Loughlin said.

'We now want to hear from the local Katherine audience their views on the conversion proposal,' Ms O'Loughlin said. Submissions on the Katherine proposal are due by 28 February 2019.

We are seeing quite a few of these type of media releases coming out so can only wonder if there will be a wider exodus from AM broadcasting to FM over the next few years.



Events Calendar—Club Diary

2019

February

Thursday 14th

Club Radio Sked

7.30pm Ch2 Repeater

Thursday 21st

Club Radio Sked

7.30pm Ch2 Repeater

Saturday 23rd

George Woods Rally

Powelltown

Thursday 28th

General Meeting

Carwatha College

March

Tuesday 5th

Committee meeting

Mike 220's home

Thursday 7, 14 & 21st

Club Radio Sked

7.30pm Ch2 Repeater

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Wellsford Wander Car Rally

Axedale

Thursday 28th

General Meeting

Carwatha College

Sunday 31st

Ada River Rally

Wesburn / Powelltown

May

Saturday 4th

Marysville Stages Rally

Marysville

June

Saturday 15th

Nightmoves Rally

Heathcote

George Derrick Rally November 2018:

A few scenes from the Mt Moornapa repeater site at submitted by Len 124

