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& VK3RGV 70cm
CLUB CALL SIGN VK3SOL

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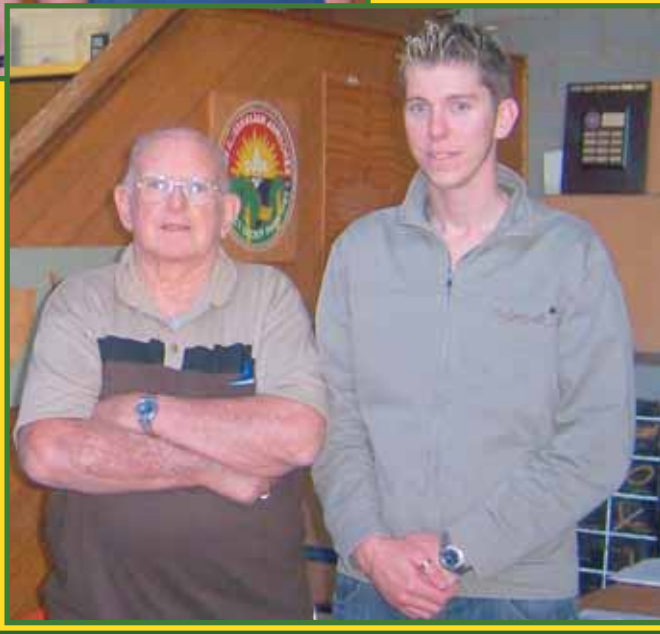
SHEPPARTON & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEW COMMITTEE ELECTED FOR S.A.D.A.R.C



Left: Preident
Toby Corbett
VK3PNF &
Secretary &
Public Officer
Les Tatar
VK3TEX

Right: Ron Burns
VK3COP Treasurer
& Kane Hinchliffe
VK3HKH
Vice President.



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Toby Corbett VK3PNF

Vice President:

Kane Hinchliffe VK3HKH

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Les Tatar VK3TEX

Treasurer:

Ron Burns VK3COP

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A WORD FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Presidents Report for October 2008

Hello to everyone, Firstly I'd like to start by thanking all members who attended the October's meeting and AGM. Again a very big thanks to the departing club management team members who have done an exceptional job in taking the club to the high position it stands to date. Well I have to say I'm very excited in prospect of

having DSTAR 2m repeater on Mt Wombat. I look forward to further research on the exact cost to be brought up for discussion at the next meeting. Further information about DSTAR can be found on the following website: www.dstar.org.au A few of the lads took their Sunday morning of the 5th to meet at the Silos in

Tocumwal to help the local SES with a problem they had with their repeater antenna that had decided after a wild storm to change its polarization from vertical to horizontal. From what I understand Danny VK3FDTH and Steve VK3MUG saw the sights from the top of the silo whilst Roger VK2RO and Ron VK3COP provided assistance as the ground crew. After a few repairs to the antenna and the mast being shortened by a meter or ten, Tocumwal SES was back on the air and ready for that big exercise in the weeks to come. Well done gentlemen, Job well done! One of the first topics to be discussed after the new committee members were voted in was the membership cost of 20 dollars. Roger VK2RO mentioned that ever since he could remember the cost of membership had remained the same and with factors like rising rent, insurance and postage costs for the newsletter, the 20

dollar membership fee really didn't cover this. Roger put forward a motion to increase the annual membership fee to 25 dollars to help cover all of the clubs costs. The motion was carried and could all members note the new fee effective as of the end of the meeting. After the AGM was closed Danny VK3FDTH commenced a talk on rigging and certificates required to legally to erect and lower towers and telescopic poles. He showed us all his handy work with some demonstrations on how it's done. Due to both meetings running overtime and time sneaking away, Danny agreed to complete the session at the November club meeting. Thanks Danny. Whilst Danny VK3FTDH was conducting his talk a representative from the Scouts arrived and asked if there would be any members available to conduct JOTA for about 20 Cubs on Saturday 18th of October from

1200hrs to 1800hrs. We were also advised that any members participating needed to hold a current working with children card. Jaeck VK3TJS, Steve VK3MUG, Ed VK3BG and Duncan VK3DCX all committed to attend and conduct activities for the Cubs. Jaeck VK3TJS also mentioned that Pat VK3OV and Peter VK3FBEN would possibly be very keen to attend and would notify them. I hope all goes well and look forward to hearing all about it. Well enough from me but just before I go clear (QRT), I would like all members to keep in mind that Christmas is fast approaching and any ideas for the club break up in December should be brought up in November's meeting. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the next meeting as I will be away so have a think about some ideas and Kane VK3HKH will chair the next meeting. Talk to you all soon Cheers & 73s Toby VK3PNF

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Minutes of October Meeting

Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc. A6677S. Minutes of monthly meeting held on Saturday 4 October 2008 at the Mooroopna Community Hall, Echuca Road Mooroopna.

The president Roger VK2RO opened the meeting at 1312 hours and welcomed all present.

Present: Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3DCX, Daryl VK3KL, Danny VK3FDTH, Les VK3TEX, Les VK3VLG, Alan VK3FALN, Brian VK3HBW, John VK3FJHM, Peter VK3FBEN, Steven VK3MUG, Toby VK3PNF, Rob VK3MAC, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, Ed VK3BG, Ron VK3COP, Tibor VK3FTIB, Kane VK3HKH, Jac VK3TJS.

Apologies: Rodney VK3UG, Geoff VK3AHT, Clint VK3CAF, Wayne VK3XQA, Neil VK3KAL, Angela VK3FELT, Terry VK3FTHS, Wes VK3FDDT, Geoff VK3PLW, Ian VK3JNC.

Moved by Tibor VK3FTIB, seconded by Danny VK3FDTH and carried.

Inward Correspondence:

Email from Ian Glanville VK3AQU – Thanks for Comms Day.

BARG Newsletter

Midland ARC Newsletter

EMDRC Newsletter

Account for hall rental

\$30 from Peter O'Keefe for membership renewal and

repeater fund.

VK3SOL licence renewal

Account for relocation of the IRLP

Letter and keys from Aust. Post

Email from BARG Newsletter re their hamfest

Outward Correspondence: Nil

Moved: Duncan VK3DCX, seconded by Ed VK3BG and carried.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer Daryl VK3KL presented the report on the club finances and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Ron VK3COP and carried.

Minutes of the last meeting: The secretary Duncan read the minutes of the last meeting and moved that they be accepted. Seconded by Toby VK3PNF and carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

JOTA: As the club has yet to be contacted by the scouts as yet no action was taken.

Payment of Accounts: The treasurer Daryl VK3KL moved that the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Ron VK3COP and carried.

Hall Rental \$390

VK3SOL licence \$62

IRLP relocation \$100

General Business:

Tocumwal SES Antenna

Repairs: Roger VK2RO indicated that the Tocumwal SES antenna had been damaged and repairs needed to be carried out urgently and he asked for volunteers to assist on Sunday 5 October. The following members volunteered: Danny VK3FDTH, Steven VK3MUG and Ron VK3COP.

D-Star: Roger VK2RO tabled a letter from Icom Australia indicating that they would like to have a D-Star repeater in the Goulburn Valley and have offered a repeater to the club for \$2200 (antenna not included). Toby VK3PNF then gave a brief description of D-Star to the meeting.

Daryl VK3KL moved a motion that we accept the offer subject to final costing. This was seconded by Tibor VK3FTIB and was carried. Roger VK2RO will reply to Icom Aust.

Nominations for the AGM: The president Roger VK2RO said that he felt that we did not have the support of the members, and that although we had two nominations

for president, the new president would not have the necessary support as we had no nominations for secretary or treasurer. Roger also mentioned that meeting attendances were down and he put forward suggestions that we could consider subsidising key players and possibly have meetings every two months instead of monthly. Nominations for secretary and treasurer were then finalised and it was decided to proceed with the AGM.

Certificates of Appreciation: Roger VK2RO tabled certificates of appreciation to be presented to a number of local businesses that made generous donations to the club for Comms Day. The secretary is also to send letters to the Shepparton CFA and the Shepparton Search and Rescue thanking them for the loan of trestle tables for Comms Day.

The president closed the meeting at 1434 hours.

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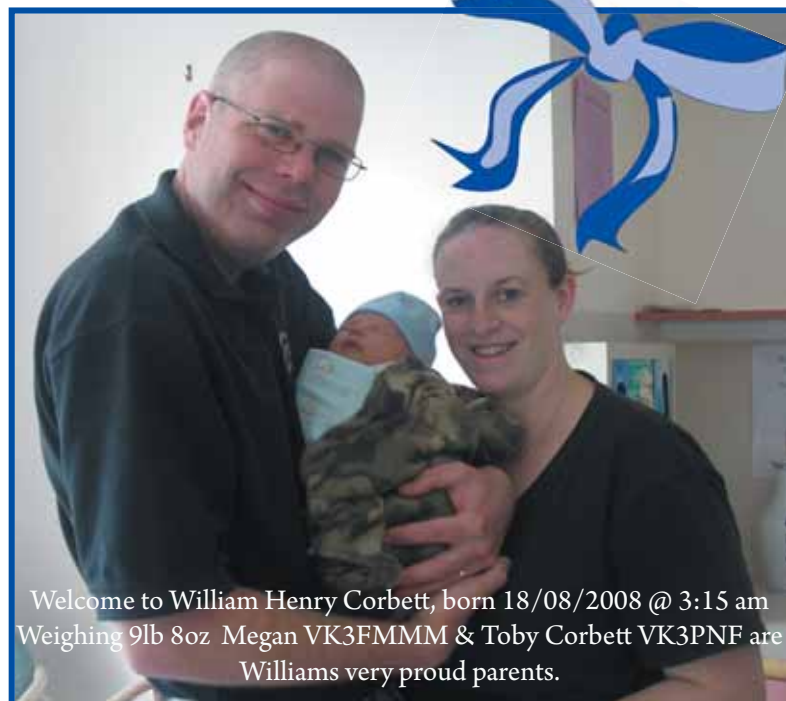
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Welcome to William Henry Corbett, born 18/08/2008 @ 3:15 am Weighing 9lb 8oz Megan VK3FMMM & Toby Corbett VK3PNF are Williams very proud parents.

MINUTES FROM A.G.M OCTOBER 2008

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shepparton and District Amateur Radio Club Inc. A6677S held at the Mooroopna Community Centre, Echuca Road Mooroopna on Saturday 4 October 2008.

The president Roger VK2RO opened the meeting at 1455 hours and welcomed all present.

Present: Roger VK2RO, Duncan VK3DCX, Daryl VK3KL, Danny VK3FDTH, Les VK3TEX, Les VK3VLG, Alan VK3FALN, Brian VK3HBW, John VK3FJHM, Peter VK3FBEN, Steven VK3MUG, Toby VK3PNF, Rob VK3MAC, Max VK3DSF, Pat VK3OV, Ed VK3BG, Ron VK3COP, Tibor VK3FTIB, Kane VK3HKH, Jac VK3TJS.

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Moved by Tibor VK3FTIB, seconded by Danny VK3FDTH and carried.

Roger VK2RO declared all positions vacant and he informed the meeting that he, the treasurer Daryl VK3KL and the secretary Duncan VK3DCX were vacating their executive positions due to other commitments and mainly to allow younger members to take over the

reins. Roger then outlined the duties and responsibilities of the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and public officer. Roger VK2RO then thanked the members of the outgoing committee and the club members for their support during his time as president.

Election of Office Bearers President:

Toby VK3PNF was nominated by Ed VK3BG and seconded by Steven VK3MUG.

Tibor VK3FTIB was nominated by Toby VK3PNF and seconded by Roger VK2RO.

Danny VK3FDTH was nominated by Tibor VK3FTIB and seconded by Roger VK2RO. After a ballot, Toby VK3PNF was elected president.

Roger VK2RO then handed the chair to Toby VK3PNF.

Vice President:

Kane VK3HKH was nominated by Jac VK3TJS and seconded by Brian VK3HBW.

Danny VK3FDTH was nominated by Tibor VK3FTIB and seconded by Roger VK2RO.

Tibor VK3FTIB withdrew his nomination for vice president.

Secretary:

Les VK3TEX was nominated by Roger VK2RO and seconded by Duncan VK3DCX and was elected unopposed.

Treasurer:

Ron VK3COP was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Jac VK3TJS and was elected unopposed.

Public Officer:

Les VK3TEX was nominated by Roger VK2RO and seconded by Daryl VK3KL and was elected unopposed.

Newsletter Editor:

Lisa Laffan was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Roger VK2RO and was elected unopposed.

News Relay Manager:

Neil VK3KAL was nominated by Duncan VK3DCX and seconded by Peter VK3FBEN and was elected unopposed.

Technical Committee:

Ray VK3RW and Neil VK3KAL were nominated by Brian VK3HBW and seconded by Rob VK3MAC and were elected unopposed.

Education Committee:

Les VK3TEX, Max VK3DSF and Pat VK3OV were nominated by Roger VK2RO and seconded by Daryl VK3KL and were elected unopposed.

Awards and QSL Manager:

Roger VK2RO was nominated by Les VK3TEX and seconded by Danny VK3FDTH and was elected unopposed.

Station Equipment Manager:

Les VK3TEX was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Ed VK3BG and was elected unopposed.

Public Relations Officer:

Jac VK3TJS was nominated by Duncan VK3DCX and seconded by Roger VK2RO and was elected unopposed.

Membership Secretary:

Pat VK3OV was nominated by Ron VK3COP and seconded by Peter VK3FBEN and was elected unopposed.

IT/Web Committee:

Lisa Laffan, Jac VK3TJS and Kane VK3HKH were nominated by Roger VK2RO and seconded by Daryl VK3KL and were elected unopposed.

Radiocomms Adviser:

Rodney VK3UG was nominated by Daryl VK3KL and seconded by Duncan VK3DCX and was elected unopposed.

General Business:

Club Membership:

Roger VK2RO moved that the club membership fee should be increased to \$25.00. This was seconded by Brian VK3HBW and was carried. The president will include details in the newsletter.

The president thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 1540 hours.

Following the meeting, Danny VK3FDTH gave a very informative presentation on rigging.