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Repeaters VK3RGV Freq: 53.725MHz (1 meg offset) -146.65MHz(IRLP Node #6992) (600 kHz offset) - 439.775MHz (5 MHz offset) - 438.2MHz (D-Star) [D-Star not operational at this time] Access to the analog repeaters is by sub-audible 123 Hz tone or noise mute (less sensitive).

Club Network informal on air get togethers. All welcome. Club callsign VK3SOL:- Wednesday evening - 3.62 MHz ± interference 7.00pm, 2mx repeater 8.00pm

Meetings are held at 1pm on the first Saturday of the month (except January when no meeting occurs) at the Mooroopna Scout/Guide Hall off Echuca Road, Mooroopna. Variations in these times and days are normally notified in the preceding newsletter. Website – [www.sadarc.org](http://www.sadarc.org)

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## AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

### Next meeting. 1.00pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

#### Editors Ramblings

Firstly, my apology for the delay in getting the Newsletter out. As mentioned in the last newsletter family issues with unwell parents are taking up a lot of time and head space at the moment. It has finally started to settle down a bit but who knows what the new day will bring.

Not only has the Newsletter suffered by my participation level on the air has dropped dramatically as well. Instead of being on the air at least a dozen times a week, I have recently gone for a couple of weeks without even picking up the microphone. I will get back into it soon – I hope.

Being off air a little has been interesting in that when I do finally get back on the radio comments have been made that I have been missed. As much as this boosts the ego to realize that people do

miss you and appreciate you and care when you are not heard actually brings to thought something else in regard to being a radio amateur. Am I a Amateur because I enjoy the technology or am I an Amateur because I enjoy the friendships that I have made? In the seven years that I have been an Amateur my wife and I have made some great friends and met some great people. Some people we have met have just been for a brief visit or chat, but others we have met have gone beyond the initial chat to getting to know one another on a personal level, sharing a meal, sharing a glass of wine and developing strong friendships. The common interest of radio is the catalyst for the friendship but once we get to know each other better we find we have many other common interests.

So, where am I going with this line of thought? As mentioned earlier Karen and I have been dealing with some family issues. Karen's father now finds himself living on his own for the first time in 60 plus years. He has lost contact with his Golf friends as he can't play anymore, lost contact with his Bowling buddies as he gave up bowls to look after his wife, so this has left him a lonely and frustrated man. So where to from here for Karen's father we ask ourselves? We don't know.

The gist of this story is that all of us who are Amateurs at least have our Radio whereby we can keep in touch with our friends. We should appreciate this facility that we have and not take it for granted as life is too short.

PS – In case you are wondering Karen's mum did not pass away she has gone into full time care.

### **Minute of the Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015**

Meeting opened at 1,06pm

Apologies were VK3 FJHM JOHN ,VK3OV PAT VK3DSF MAX,VK3FPSR PETER ,VK3HEN DARREN ,VK3JNC IAN ,VK3RW RAY ,VK3BEG BOB

Members and visitors attending were VK3ELV PHILL, VK3FALN ALLAN ,VK3CHV IAN, VK3GMV WAYNE, VK3 BPH KEVIN ,VK3ZE HUNTLEY ,ANDY ASHLEY ,VK3KBY BARREI VK3COP RON,VK3PXJ JOHN ,VK3POP GREG VK3XNW NEIL VK3TJS JACK .

Minutes moved vk3bph Kevin ,seconded by Trevor vk3 ATX

Inward mail four membership renewals an account from a solicitor for some work done on the Mt Wombat saga out ward mail nil.

From Geoff Angus some steel for sale

VK3COP ROON Pre3sented the treasures report , moved by Ron seconded by Wayne VK3GMV

The Hamfest is looking good 25 tables have been booked

There was a long discussion about Southern Cross Austereo at Mt Wombat the saga continues

Meeting closed at 2/22pm

A brief Newsletter this time. Some articles from other members would be great to include in our Newsletter, surely some of you are doing something interesting in the Radio world or are we all letting our privilege stagnate!