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CHANNEL CHATTER



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RFDS IN ACTION (submitted by Peter and Carol Illmayer 9599)

Not sure where to share this kind of information however its all food for thought. Some Austravel members are aware (my wife) Carol works as a flight nurse for the RFDS out of Alice Springs. She was activated 2 nights ago to attend a motorcycle accident out on the Plenty Highway literally in the middle of no where.

The motorcyclist appears to have separated from the bike at speed on a corrugated / bulldust section of the Plenty Hwy.

It appears passers-by found the injured rider on the side of the road. They were carrying a PLB which they activated. I didn't get the full story on how the PLB (Personal Location Beacon) activation translated to an RFDS activation however it did.

The RFDS had to land on a Station runway and then drive 50km in a

Landcruiser ute to the accident site. A number of nomad couples stopped and assisted the RFDS with the recovery, picking up medical waste and simply lighting up the site with torches while Carol and the doctor worked on the motorcyclist on the side of the road in heavy bulldust.

Carol has previously been involved in recovery of people that were carrying PLBs, they work and work very well.

While we all have HF sets in the car, if you experience a roll over and rip the antenna off, not many people have the ability to recover from it either technically or they may be in no state to effect any sort of repair.

From everything I've seen and heard about emergency recovery, some sort of PLB is just a must no matter what else you carry. \$279 PLB is simply a "no brainer"

if you are going remote.

Setting one of these things off will bring help, if Carol has to come and get you then you've definitely got a visit to hospital ahead.

Just thought I'd share this as it is real, people do suffer accidents and the cost of these devices is nothing when compared to your life !!!

Cheer - Pete in Alice (9599)

NOTE:

Austravel Safety Net via our "Channel Chatter" newsletter has presented a PLB article a few months ago....it's not as if PLB's and how they operate is new, but some maybe confused that PLB's are only ocean travel focussed, which is not the case.

Austravel thanks Peter and Carol Illmayer (9599) for this timely reminder about travelling in remote areas of Australia and the different means of attaining emergency assistanceone of which is HF radio but not restricted to ONLY HF radio. Note PLB article page 4

Presidents report for August 2018

The Network continues to expand and develop with the recent installation of a new Base in Kununurra . Some frequency changes and updates to channels were necessary to accommodate the new base channels.

Channels 1 and 4 frequencies were moved to clear other commercial & defence channels in accordance with ACMA licensing requirements. Channel 6 is a new frequency to replace the old frequency which suffered from extreme interference (QRM) from our northern neighbours.

Unfortunately, several of our channels suffer similar QRM at various times of day and season which we are unable to resolve. The only possible resolution to the QRM problem is to increase transmit power or to go to digital mode/format, neither of which is feasible at present.

The Kununurra Base (6299) was established to overcome some of these QRM issues and to provide radio coverage to the north west WA & NT. It is operating exceptionally well with signal reports from many locations, however there are very few callers in both the am or pm scheds presently. Kununurra is being operated as part of the Western Australian Sched 15 minutes ahead of the Perth morning and afternoon scheduled operating times.

One morning or afternoon, when you have a few spare minutes, check your schedule time sheet and call in to 6299, your call and signal report is welcomed and valued.

On to other matters - the 2018 AGM is at Kellerberrin Raceway this year August 25th at 1 pm. There will be a 'skype' teleconference hook-up to Casino for members to participate. There are other talks planned and the dinner will be on Saturday night. Please RSVP.

Barrett communications will also be demonstrating their latest HF DSP transceiver the 4050 and autotune/GPS antenna on Sunday morning. If you are attending the dinner please contact me on 0427 000 995 or the Vice-president Tom 2714 on 0408 928 279.

I will be stepping down as President this year. I believe that the Club & Network are both going well and it is time to hand over the reins to someone younger, fitter and better looking !! Any takers?? Well 2 out of 3 is not bad....

Happy travels. Pay it forward and I look forward to talking to you on Austravel channels.

Roy Watkins

President Austravel Safety Net. Inc

Did You Know?

In relation to making HF radio interconnect telephone calls....**did you know?**

- To make a HF radio telephone interconnect call you need to be a Telcall+ subscriber
- You can call any landline or mobile phone in Australia
- Your call is timed to six (6) minutes duration (then the call is automatically cut off), but you can make as many 6 minute calls as you like
- "Fair use policy" on the number of phone calls made in one month is the only restriction
- You should avoid trying to call 1800 and 1300 numbers as these phone lines are typically answered by "robots"
 - i.e. robot answers you call then instructs you to dial 1 for this and 2 for that
 - the HF radio telephone system does not support DTMF tone calling once the call is answered
 - Extending beyond the phone call being answered; your telephone interconnect call is limited to voice operation only
 - Always include the STD code in your landline phone number
 - Practice making interconnect telephone calls before leaving on a trip, allow family and friends the opportunity to hear what a HF interconnect phone call sounds like



Change 1:-

During my recent trip to install Kununurra base I used the Telcall system extensively while driving home. I discovered a problem when hanging up a phone call from the radio in that the NGT radio goes directly back into scan.

If there were any messages ready to forward to you they would immediately start coming, but the radio is now on scan. Messages have a short lead in that is not supportive of scan so in this instance a message was lost. I have had some other times when logging a GPS position and I am in a noisy area. I can send a GPS position OK but not in a good place for receive, subsequently I lost a message after a GPS request.

To overcome these issues I have had the Telcall system modified such that you now get your messages after **you send a selcall only to a base.** You do your normal beacon channel test calls to any base and when you have decided on a suitable channel send a selcall on that channel to get your messages.

The messages will then be sent one after the other. Listen for all messages to be complete before putting your radio back on scan.

Change 2:

System message <TIME PLEASE> to a base now returns UTC time instead of WST. It is up to the users to work out the time at their present location from the reply. For example WST add 8 hours for EST add 10 hours and you can work out the time in the middle. I believe this is more universal for a time standard. You can be anywhere in Australia using a base on the other side of Australia so it is not possible to return the time for where you are located. UTC is the standard used by aviation etc. for wide area coverage.

JUST A REMINDER.....there are two similar (but different) text messaging systems within the Telcall+ platform

1 SMS

This facility allows Telcall+ subscribers to send a short, (up to) 64 character message from their capable HF radio to any mobile phone in Australia. (operates one way only i.e. from HF radio to mobile phone)

2 MAIL BOX

Mail Box messaging is quite different to the SMS messaging because Mail Box has two elements and is bi-directional. The most notable difference is that Mail box messages are **sent and stored before delivery**

- Mail Box messages can be sent :-

- from a members HF radio to another members HF radio
- from family and friends via the Out-n-About app to a HF radio
- all "Mail Box" messages are sent and stored in the "cloud" first
- **then delivered** when the Austravel intended member selcalls a base
- Telcall+ subscription necessary
- HF radios must be message/page call capable



Submitted by Kim Rhodes (7880)

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NOTE: For PLB's to be effective they must be registered with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in Canberra.

Registration is free and provides relevant information for the rescue authorities about the PLB user and his/her contact's.

Austravel members can also list Austravel's contact details using the central Austravel office phone contact system of (07) 2101 3456.

Listing Austravel as an "in case of emergency" contact as well as family or friends, provides AMSA with additional methods of identifying the PLB user and how they can validate/ assess the emergency situation.



ELT



EPIRB



PLB

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) suggesttwo-way communications via a mobile/satellite phone or radio (a HF radio, fitted with a GPS receiver in the case of Austravel members) is the most effective means of communication when in a distress situation, with some of the reasons outlined below:

1. Instant confirmation that the call has been received by emergency services;
2. Ability to communicate position, nature of distress, required assistance;
3. Emergency services can adequately scale response assets according to required assistance;
4. Ability to provide updates on the situation and also receive advice until emergency services arrive.

If two-way communications are not available, then a distress beacon should be activated in situations of grave and imminent danger. This equates to when you feel you are facing a life threatening situation. This is a personal decision that is different for everybody.

The correct way to deploy your beacon depends on the type of beacon you have and whether you're on land or water.

THERE ARE THREE (3) TYPES OF EMERGENCY BEACONS IN USE

1. Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT)

Usage : **AIRCRAFT**

The ELT is a detection and location device used in general aviation in the case of an aircraft crash which is vitally important to the search and rescue (SAR) teams and to potential survivors.

2. Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

Usage: **Maritime**, Land, Air

In most states of Australia, EPIRBs are required for boats that travel more than 2 nautical miles from the coast. EPIRBs may also be used on land or carried in place of an ELT.

3. Personal Locator Beacon (PLB)

Usage: **Land** , Marine , Air

PLBs are smaller and easier to transport than other beacons, and are designed to be worn or carried by individuals rather than vehicles. In some cases, PLB's do not meet carriage requirements for maritime vessels travelling more than 2 nautical miles from the coast. For aircraft, PLB's may be carried in place of an ELT.

4. Personal Locator Beacon (PLB Costs)

Depending on brand /specification between \$200 > \$300
AMSA registration is vitally important and is free

AMSA suggest that buyers should look for products that meet Australian Standards. Beacons manufactured for the Australian market have GPS included.

Its important to check before you buy overseas, that your proposed purchase of a PLB meets Australian standards and is GPS capable. AMSA does not endorse any particular brand or model of distress beacon.

Geoff (0951), our membership officer, is the man and voice behind our series of instructional videos. The radios demonstrated so far in the 'How To' series are the Codan NGT, with future plans for the Codan 9323 and the Barrett 2050.

There is also a new video demonstration of how to send a MAIL BOX message via the popular Out-n-About App.

In the videos you will find how to...

- ...Make an emergency call
- ...Make a phone call
- ...Send an SMS
- ...Selcall a friend
 - selcall a base triggers MAIL BOX message delivery
- ...Log in your GPS position
- ...Send a message via the app Out-n-About

You can check these and more Austravel videos out on our club's YouTube Channel. Go to YouTube (direct) and in the search bar type HF Austravel Safety Net.

While there please click the red Subscribe button, that way you will always be in the know when new videos are posted.

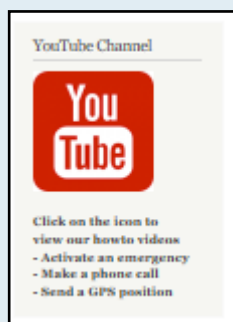
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NOTE: You can find access to these "how to" videos by also going to the Austravel web page -

www.austravelsafetynet.org.au/

Mouse click this You Tube Icon found on left hand side of the home page to get to the videos.



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Austravel Safety Net Inc. Fundraising Raffle

Austravel Safety Net Inc. has unique HF radio network technologies developed by its members for its members.

The network has grown from two bases in 2016 to five bases today, with one more envisioned for far north Qld.- in the future.

How has all this been funded?

Your committees careful planning and management of the clubs funds (members' money), along with many donated hours of time, skill, intellectual input and key pieces of base station equipment has contributed greatly to Austravel's overall ability to provide a great HF radio network.

The "retail" costs for these recent capital works programs and innovative technologies exceeds \$50k per base....yet we managed to deliver these upgrades at minimum cost to members due (in part) to the generosity of fellow members and business partners.

Also, raising funds via club raffles has been a key contributor to our club's growth - and we ask again if you can support this 2018 fundraising raffle, by purchasing raffle tickets!



Three great prizes (see page 2) donated by members and business partners.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Drawn at the AGM Saturday 25th August 2018

- Raffle ticket purchases via bank EFT : **BSB 633 000** Account: **1544 79679**
 - In your banks EFT reference write your "selcall number" and the word "raffle"
 - Send an email advice to "membership@austravelsafetynet.org.au"
- - Once ticket purchases are cleared, Geoff Peck will reply to your email and confirm the number of tickets purchased and their numbers
- The actual raffle tickets will be placed in the barrel and drawn at the Casino AGM venue

Need to know more? ..Contact Geoff Peck Phone/SMS 0403 309 020 or email : membership@austravelsafetynet.org.au

Don't forget, tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10 - payment please by bank EFT only, make sure you use "RAFFLE and your SELCALL I number in the EFT reference, otherwise its hard to know who has purchased tickets.

1st. Prize 2 x Wanderer Camp Chairs

Wanderer Directors Chair is a cinch with its unique compact folding action and built-in carry handle.

Also incorporating a built-in side table, the Compact Directors Chair features a clever folding steel frame that maintains a sturdy seating platform with a durable padded seat and backrest and a 130kg weight rating.

A cup holder and accessory pocket are handy touches, and just for peace of mind..

- Compact folding action
- 130kg weight rating
- Built-in carry handle
- Integrated side table with cup holder
- **Total Prize Value \$238 (\$119ea.)**

(prize donated by Bob & Carmel Carne 1750)



2nd. Prize

Hand Made Custom Jewellery

For the ladies (see we've listened) these unique pendants the first featuring an *Ammonite fossil and the other a *Jasper Donut. Both created using copper wire which was carefully aged and partially polished to achieve an antiquated look. Comes with a keeper chain which you may like to use or perhaps replace with one of your own. The complimentary polishing cloth will recreate a bit of shine and easily wipes away any unwanted tarnish.

Both pendants presented to the winner in presentation velvet boxes.

*Ammonite fossils are truly amazing, just to think you're holding a sea creature that became extinct 66 million years ago!

*Jasper is known as the protective stone and the stone of courage and wisdom

Total Prize Value \$150.00

(Prize crafted and donated by Entwining Designs Pim Domen 7255)



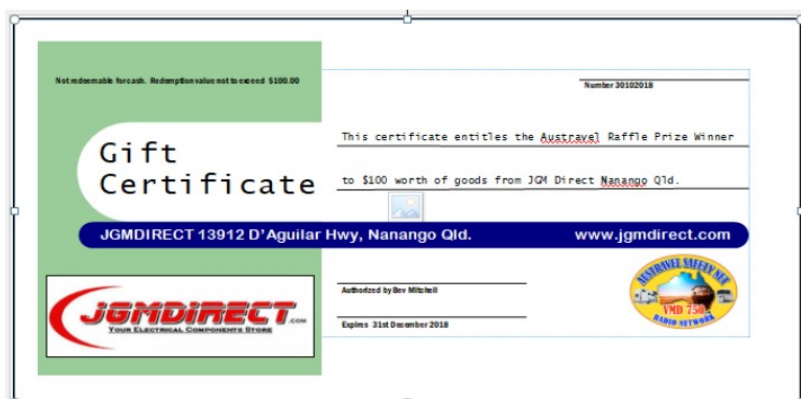
3rd. Prize

JGM Direct Gift Certificate

JGM Direct Nanango Qld, the "man cave" of all things 12 volt. The winner can ether shop in person or shop on-line ...in any case you will find all things 12 volt like LED lighting through to solar panels and everything in between. www.jgmdirect.com

Total Prize Value \$100

(prize donated by Jamie and Bev Mitchell)





Austravel Safety Net Inc.

2018 AGM at Casino NSW

Friday August 24th. > Sunday 26th. 2018

Powered sites are reserved @ \$28/night.

Casino Lifestyle Village Light St. Casino NSW

Book and pay ahead – receive 10% discount

Ph:(02) 6662 1069....mention Austravel when booking

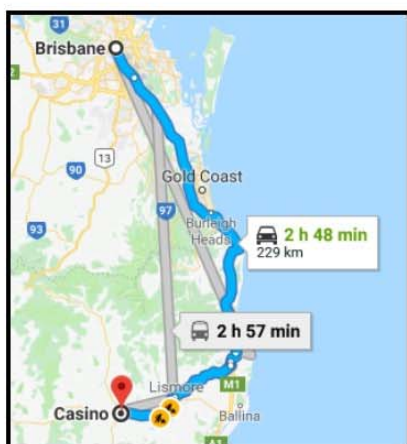
2 course dinner saturday night \$25/head at the Cecil Hotel Casino

- menu to follow closer to the meeting date
- free transport provided

RSVP to: Geoff Peck

P: 0403 309 020

E: membership@austravelsafetynet.org.au



Announcing the Austravel AGM at Casino N.E. NSW, which is about 230 Km's south of Brisbane. This AGM will be linked by Skype to those members attending the west Australian AGM meeting which commences at 10am WA time, Saturday 25th. August **at the Kellerberrin Speedway**, Hoyle Road Kellerberrin, WA. (Contact 2714 Tom Collis 0408 928 279)

East coast AGM meeting at 12 noon in the "Green Hanger" Casino Lifestyle Village.

A reminder that only full (financial) members are eligible to vote at the AGM . Social members are welcome; however are ineligible to vote at the AGM.



The Austravel 2018 AGM has been set for Saturday the 25th August 2018.

**Location: Kellerberrin Speedway Track
located Hoyle Road Kellerberrin, WA
6410 Latitude: -31.65811 Longitude:
117.763023 approximately 4km out of
town.**

(The speedway is not on)

This location is about 200km East of Perth and is near the main highway Great Eastern Highway, which runs to Perth. On location we have many unpowered sites which are available for \$15/per night. Limited powered sites - medical needs come first, at \$18/per night. The camping fees are shared between both Austravel and the Kellerberrin Speedway with both clubs benefiting from our camping. Kellerberrin Town has many other facilities for members. Motels, Hotel, and B&BS and the Caravan Park has some rooms for those that may wish to fly over by air. The town also has normal shops and supermarket and often has well priced fuel. You can arrive at the venue from the Wednesday 22nd August and leave on the morning of the 28th or any time in between. Saturday night the 25th after the AGM the speedway way club will put on a dinner at \$20 per head, and the bar will be open. No BYO on that night.

Over the weekend there will be:

- Talks on Radios both HF and UHF.
- Talk on emergency call system and use.
- Training using your GPS.
- Introduction to the Out-n-About app.
- And most important general socialising & catch-ups.



Please RSVP to either:

Tom Collis 2714 Phone: 0408 928 279 Email: tomncristina@hotmail.com....ar

John Hall 6014 Email: vk6fjon@gmail.com



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COUNTRY

KELLERBERRIN AGM SCHEDULE

PLANNED ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE FOR THE KELLERBERIN AGM

TIME	Thursday 23 rd	FRIDAY 24 th	SATURDAY 25 th	SUNDAY 26 th	MONDAY 27 nd
8:00 AM	Sked	Sked	Sked	Sked	Sked
9:00AM			Technical Group Meeting		
10:00AM	Kim available to add RED button call to NGTs and new channels to radios. Call Ch18 UHF	Kim available to add RED button call to NGTs and new channels to radios. Call Ch18 UHF .	What is Telcall+ and how to use it. Send SMS, GPS, mail box messages and Emergency call And make a phone call.	Barrett 4050 NEW RADIO operational demonstration including Telcall+ operation Presented by Barrett	Kim available to add RED button call to NGTs and new channels to radios. Call Ch18 UHF
11:00AM	One on one help time with using your radio		Out-n-About mapping phone APP for family and friends And social membership	Back to basics Beacon calls base channel selection for general usage	One on one help time with using your radio
12:00PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00PM			AGM (in the club room) Skype to East	History of GPS in Australia by Ross Roberts (1954)	
2:00PM	One on one help time with using your radio	Kim available to add RED button call to NGTs and new channels to radios. Call Ch18 UHF	General Meeting (in the club room) Skype to East	How to use an Codan NGT for Emergency call, SMS, GPS, MAIL BOX	
3.00pm		One on one help time with using your radio	Meeting: Emergency Respondents (in the club room) Skype to East?	How does noise affect my receiver and what you can do about it.	
3:30PM			Helpers needed for demo setup	Any radio issue question time	
4:30PM		Sked	Sked	Sked	Sked
5:30PM		Sausage Sizzle (BBQ Hut Area) \$2 per sausage sandwich - bring along your good humour and drinks	Dinner at the clubhouse. Important to support the speedway and Austravel Licensed bar so no BYO		

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT



This is my last Vice Presidents Report.....time for a new VP.

From the editor...thanks Tom and Cristina for all your hard work on behalf of Austravel. Great job as VP and well done!

Hello Members,

This is my last Vice Presidents report for the Austravel HF radio club, as two years have passed and its it's time for a new VP; while I take a break.

I have enjoyed being on the committee helping president Roy to the best of my ability and helping the club in any way possible. As most of you know I have been arranging the Kellerberrin Speedway club rooms for our up and coming AGM. I have organised with the Kellerberrin Speedway club to cater a meal on Saturday night with a bar, which means no BYO for this meal.

I ask that members who are attending the AGM to let me know (before the 20th August 2018) if you would like a meal. This is so that I can inform Kellerberrin Speedway on how many they will be catering for. If you could please flick me an email tomncristina@hotmail.com to let me know it would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately if you are not on my list we will not be able to cater for you. I wish the new committee all the best moving forward, and hope the club continues to keep growing the way it has been in the last 2 years that I have been on the committee. I am running a raffle at the AGM so if you wish to donate a prize it would be greatly appreciated. We have many wonderful gifts already in the raffle with all proceedings going towards the club.

Again thank you to everyone who has helped me and supported me through the 2 years journey of being Vice President. Hope to talk to you or see you out in the big county of Australia

Kia Ora

Tommy Collis (2714)

0408 928 279

SCHEDULED NET (SCHED) INFORMATION UPDATE



Keep your sched information up-to-date.

Assist sched operators by first announcing your selcall number three times...*Casino base this is 0951, 0951, 0951 can you read me?*

Whether we spell "Scheds" or "Skeds" correctly, doesn't matter, what matters is keeping up-to-date with the changes to the Austravel sched sessions, because the club is growing in the number of bases and membership.

You will find with the delivery of this edition (and all editions) of the Channel Chatter newsletter, will be:-

- an up-to-date member selcall list
- an up-to-date base/channel list (*remember not all channels are used in all base*)
- an up-to-date east and west sched timetable.

This documentation is designed to be printed and carried in your vehicle that has the HF radio fitted. It's important to keep this updated information handy. Its also important do dump the old versions.....to save confusion down the track!

Now that you know when and where scheds are operated from, the writer (0951) who also is an Austravel sched operator, has a favour to ask.....when you voice call into a sched its important to understand that you may hear the base (if a base is used in the sched), better than the base can hear you.

By virtue of the base having a better antenna system, radio voltage, etc, than a typical mobile station, its often the case that the mobile station hears the base well, but the base operator can't hear the mobile station clearly. Please get into the habit of announcing your selcall number more than once.....e.g. *Casino base this is 0951, 0951, 0951 can you read me?*

Remember, the base sched operator(s) have an automatic vox microphone and your first utterance's may not be recognised in the beginning, so repeating your selcall number more than once is an important thing to remember. Also slow down your speech and raise you voice (do not shout) when transmitting.

Kununurra Base may reply with a different sound to other bases sometimes.

After a beacon (test call) or other action call you may hear a constant tone for a few seconds. Just like a Barrett radio tuning up. If the base has been on antenna two the first time it is recalled/beaconed etc. it does an antenna tune instead of the normal (doe, ray, me) revertive tone.

This is normal and means you got through OK even if you only hear the tuning tone. It happens because we have two antennas on Kununurra base and antenna number 2 needs to be set up in the base radio for an auto tuner. When the radio goes back to normal scan, which it does on antenna number 1 - which does not need tuning - it tries to tune anyway.

Hence the tone.

When you do here the (doe, ray, me) revertive, it is a bit shorter than other bases. This is the same reason as above. The radio does a quick check of the antenna tuning and it misses the first part of the revertive. It does sound a little different to other bases as the other bases do not have a second antenna that sometimes needs to be tuned.

It is normal and I can't make it be any different; so just know why you hear what you hear.....it is a little different however all is normal.

In addition, now that Kununurra is running, it has been incorporated into the West Australian skeds. Our WA sked time table looks a little complex, but in reality it gives a wide range of opportunity to make contact in the morning or afternoon on the left side (western side) of the country.



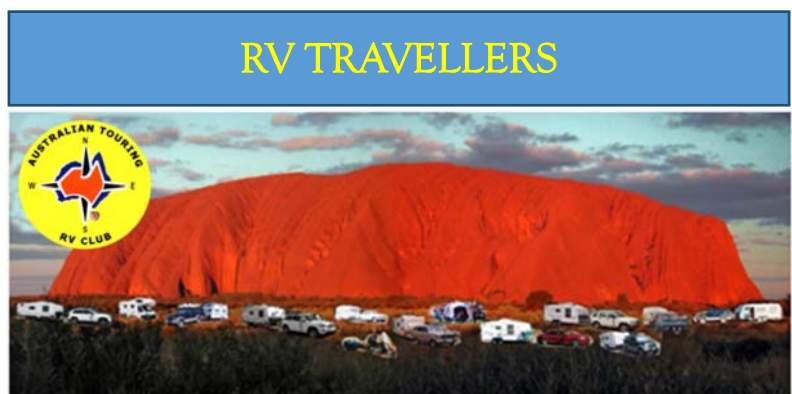
- Do you enjoy travelling and being out doors?
- Are you planning to see Australia?
- Would you like friends to contact as you travel?
- Join other like-minded people for a great time at our get-togethers.
- We have National, State and Regional rallies all over Australia.
- Club e-magazine, The Traveller, issued bi- monthly.
- Friendship list of members all around Australia whether it's for socialising or if you need a helpful hand.

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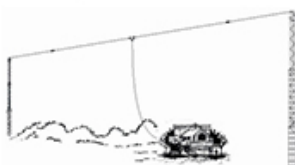
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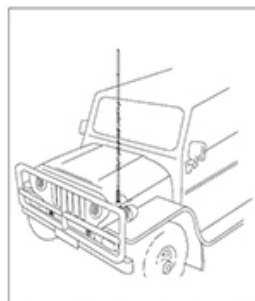
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Have you noticed the small print they're using now? Newspapers especially – I have to squint to make out the words. It's ridiculous, of course, to suggest that a person of my age needs glasses, but it's the only way I can find out what's going on without somebody reading it aloud to me – and even then, that isn't much help because everybody speaks in such a low voice I can scarcely hear them.

Times certainly are changing. The material in my clothes I notice, shrinks in different places like round the waist and round the seat. Shoelaces are so darned short they are next to impossible to reach.

Even the weather is changing – it's getting colder in Winter and the Summers are so much hotter than in the good old days. I guess the way they build windows now, makes draughts more severe.

Ran into a friend the other night, she'd changed so much, she didn't recognise me. "You've put on a little weight," she said. "It's this modern food" I said, "it seems to be so fattening". I got to thinking about her this morning while I was dressing, and about wheat she'd said – so I looked at my reflection in the mirror. Seems they don't use the same kind of glass in mirrors anymore, do they?

From the 1961 Philosopher's Note Book by Russ Tyson.

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THATS FUNNY!

A man doing market research knocked on a door and was greeted by a young woman with three small children running around at her feet.

He says, "I'm doing some research for Vaseline, Do you have a moment to answer a few questions?"

The woman agreed, and he continued... "Have you ever used the product?"

She says, "Yes, My husband and I use it all the time."

"And if you don't mind me asking, what do you use it for?"

"We use it for sex."

The researcher was a little taken back, Usually people lie to me and say that they use it on a child's bicycle chain or to help with a gate hinge, But, in fact, I know that most people do use it for sex, and I do admire you for your honesty, and since you've been frank so far, can you tell me exactly how you use it for sex?"

The woman says, "I don't mind telling you at all... My husband and I put it on the door knobs and it keeps the kids out."

And you thought it was gonna be a dirty joke...! shame on you...

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