

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide general and emergency communications support to affected people located in rural and remote areas in Australia, by using the most technically advanced HF two-way radio communication network system available today.

Austravel Safety Net Inc. is a not-for-profit HF radio club established to provide an affordable recreational HF radio network for its members where both vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle to base communications (i.e. radphone) can be established offering verbal communications with anyone or any organisation connected to a landline or *mobile phone (**in service*).

The Purpose of the Club

- 75% of the landmass of Australia has no mobile phone coverage therefore, most of any recreational traveller's time is spent out of direct contact with family, friends and emergency services. In times of need, Austravel Safety Net provides its members with a "radiophone" (radphone service) together with vehicle-to-vehicle remote area communications system.
- Use the club's assets and knowledge to provide a reliable recreational HF radio communications network including the dedicated **H.E.L.P. (4357) call facility** which automatically connects a travelling member in the field with an experienced base operator who may assist in times of need.
- To provide a growing network of HF radio bases strategically located around Australia which provide GPS position monitoring for friends and family to view, SMS messaging to mobile phones and emergency HF radio communications for its members and other rural and remote area travellers.
- To enlist and teach club volunteers to provide an accessible network of operators to assist other club members, the general community, first responder agencies (e.g. Royal Flying Doctor Service, Police, Fire Service etc.) in times of safety and welfare concerns.
- To purchase, lease, rent, accept donations of and otherwise acquire plant, stock, equipment, skills and knowledge for the use of the club and its radio network for the direct benefit of its members and indirectly for the general travelling public.
- To conduct meetings, lectures and workshops, whereby members may gain knowledge in radio equipment, radio communications techniques and emergency operating procedures.
- To be a non-profit organisation.
- To provide rules and by-laws for the creation and enforcement of internal procedures and other operational directives that may be required from time to time.
- Have no specific affiliation with any other club or organisation which features recreational travel within Australia.
- To work with all bona fide emergency service and community service organisations to the benefit of club members and the general public at large.

