



ADELAIDE HILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.



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The 'Shack' - Working bee this Saturday 29th October !

As per the broadcasts and the Monday night Forums, there is a working bee at the shack coming this 5th Saturday, the 29th of October ! We need plenty of help at the shack to clear grass, repair doors and generally tidy up the surrounds and in the Guide Hall itself. If you have a whipper snipper or brush cutter please bring it along and help clear some of the undergrowth to ease the fire danger we will face this summer. We also need persons with paint brushes to wipe out the grafitti on the buildings, we will be using water based paint, so they will wash out in water OK. We will also need some help with fitting pad bolts to doors etc, there are a couple of internal doors that also need their locks remounted as the screws have pulled away from the doors, so doweling may be required to fix these.

Vandalism at the Shack



The 'Shack' was attacked by a determined group of morons on last Friday week, fortunately they did not get into our building, but damaged the door and cladding on the building that we need to repair. They managed to break the pad bolt and lock off the storage shed and decimated the contents, used the tent pegs etc to try and break into our area, even trying to peel off the cladding on the second door (which was welded up during the build). They also emptied the remains of a



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10 litre paint can (with the green paint we use to cover the grafitti) over the pavers under the carport and managed to mangle the rear door of the Guide Hall.

The police were called by Roy on the Saturday morning, they sent down a forensic team to take photos and samples of finger prints, DNA samples from the cups and straws, bongs and other implements plus the footprints from the spilt paint area but they have not got back to us yet !

An emergency committee meeting taken place by e-mail has decided to instigate a security patrol to pay the site daily visits 3 times a day, starting in the early evening and the others later in the evening at irregular time, concentrating around the Friday nights when it seems most of the damage occurs. This will happen for 2 months to establish that the area is being monitored, this will give us time to repair and harden the site against this sort of moronic behaviour. I have been in touch with the new CEO of GGuides Australia here in Adelaide, she is coming down for a meeting on Saturday with Roy, Jim and myself, so it would be nice for her to see that we, as a Club are doing good things at the site which will promote our suitability for a longer tenancy.

There will be a further meeting with the Committee with one of our members that has the expertise in how to harden sites against this sort of attack, and we will probably need to install cameras and a GSM call system, to notify us and the police of the unwanted presence of undesirables. There will be more to follow !



Some of the grafitti to be removed



Some of the rubbish left behind



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Kits

We are still selling well, the last batch of 25 has been built and is selling well, we are still looking for interested persons to help assemble kits and get them ready for postage, so if you would like to help the Club as well, please contact myself or Jim Tregellas VK5TR and we can organise an introduction to what we do at one of our assembly afternoons or evenings.

Other Events

Xmas Lunch

Xmas lunch bookings have commenced for **Sunday the 18th of December** and will be held at the Belair Hotel, we were able to confirm a booking for that date. The function last year was excellent, and was held in the private dining room of the hotel, with raffles and good prizes for the raffle that is held at this event. We have a menu from the Belair Hotel and we are negotiating a small change to the menu, after that it will be forwarded to you for your perusal.

If you want to come to that along, please advise Roy [VK5NRG](#) or Barry [VK5BW](#) as soon as possible so that we can give firm numbers to the venue, we must notify them by the 9th of December, so if you are not booked in by then you will miss out for this year.

Buy and Sell

The Buy & Sell is still on track for November 6th this year and the venue has already been booked for this year's event. I am told that all tables have been booked at this time, but you may contact Roy [VK5NRG](#) or David [VK5KC](#) to see if any others have become available due to a cancellation.

Web site

A new website has been constructed by Paul to replace the current one, it has been published and the DNS pointers have been redirected to the new site,



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but something appears to have not taken effect, we are currently chasing up the appropriate persons to get it on line, hopefully that won't be long before it is there.

Bits & Pieces

Auctions

The blind auction was successful and resulted in most of the gear being sold, a few items left that will be offered at the buy and sell coming up shortly.

We will also hold a bits and pieces auction at the 'Shack', at a date to be notified once we get the current problems sorted, I will advise via the broadcast and circular when and where it will be.

Wish you all good DX

'73 de

Barry VK5BW