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Planned Forthcoming Meetings (some are tentative)

Saturday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner at the Maid of Auckland
Sunday 19 th January	Sale Day at St. Cyprian's
Sunday 16 th February	Bill Verall's auction
Sunday 23 rd February	Crystal Set display at St Cyprian's
Sunday 15 th March	Instructional day
Sunday 29 th March	Auction at St. Cyprian's
Sunday 26 th April	Visit to the ETSA Museum to identify their radios.
Sunday 31 st May	One valve or one transistor radio project.
Sunday 28 th June	Visit to the National Military Vehicle Museum at Edinburgh
Sunday 26 th July	AGM and auction.

Retiree's Luncheons

Luncheons are held for retirees and those that can escape work, at the Buckingham Arms Hotel (for the time being) on the corner of Walkerville Terrace and Northcote Street, Gilberton. Meeting time is 1200 for a 1230 luncheon. All members, including those from interstate, are welcome. Forthcoming luncheons are:

Wednesday 8th January 2020
Wednesday 11th March 2020
Wednesday 13th May 2020
Wednesday 8th July 2020

Committee Meetings

The tentative dates for the committee meetings are given, not that you are expected to attend, but if you have anything that you wish to have discussed by the committee. The dates are 23rd January, 19th March and 24th May.

Front Cover

Santa Clause obviously has vintage radios in his inventory, the Committee hopes that you will be a lucky recipient this Christmas.

Editorial

As we approach the end of the 'teens' in a couple of weeks, one can ponder 'will we have a repeat of the "roaring twenties" again over the next decade, as occurred a century ago'?

Members are enjoying a feast of opportunities to increase your collections with the auction last month and 'Sale Day' next month, a week earlier than the usual meeting date due to the Australia Day celebrations on the following week. For the 'Sale Day' those wishing to sell surplus items should book a table with the acting-secretary, Alan. The 'special meeting' auction is in mid-February. Note that the usual meeting is still on the following week. There is another 'special meeting' in mid-March to aid newcomers to the historical radio scene to fault find or align your radio, followed by yet another auction at the end of the month. Also please note the 'Retirees' Luncheon' is early in January next year.

Finally, I reinforce the President's comments in wishing members and their families a very Merry Christmas and hope that all members have a great collecting year in 2020.

Presidents Report

Greetings, from our President Chris Ratcliff,

Fellow members, another year has almost ended. Our Christmas Luncheon is on Saturday, the 14th of December. Please contact John Crawford for bookings.

I hope that you have enjoyed the club so-far, it has been a busy year. Next year will be, I trust, even more interesting, with projects to build or restore. In February it will be a crystal set to display. In May it will be a one valve or one transistor radio receiver. The valve envelope may have more than one internal valve, such as the triode pentode of the 6BM8 (ECL82) or a single valve, such as a 6AC7. For the transistor radio, it shall only have one transistor, integrated circuits or thick film hybrids are not acceptable. Dual gate MOSFETs are acceptable.

We will also have technical meetings, with a dedicated Instruction Day in mid-March. This is an opportunity for the less experienced members to bring along that faulty chassis for fault-finding or working chassis to learn how to align it. It is perhaps over 20-years since our last.

On behalf of the whole committee, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Please have a safe Festive Season, we want to see you back next year.

Christopher

Bill Verall's Auction

1.00pm, Sunday 16 February, 2020
Flinders Park, 5025

Note: We will provide more details of the address in a separate email closer to the date.

This will not be a public auction. It is restricted to HRSA members and their family or friends (including members of AHARS and the North East Radio Club).

Bill Verall was a long time member of HRSA, over many years writing up his experiences repairing and refurbishing a wide range of radios in *Radio Waves*. Following his passing earlier this year, the SA Group has been asked by Bill's family to assist in finding new owners for his collection. Hopefully in a manner by which the new owners will gain as much pleasure and enjoyment as Bill obviously did.

There were too many restored radios to fit into any of our usual HRSA auctions, so arrangements have been made to hold a special auction at Bill's place in February. This will be a special extra HRSA SA Group gathering.

It will include restored radios. Mostly post war, with some very good examples of sets from that era. There are also a number of amateur receivers, together with various items of test equipment. Tablegrams and record turntables also feature.

There are also some interesting "home bru" (Bill's name for them) receivers and kit radios which incorporated Bill's meticulous approach to restoration and his efforts to ensure they performed as they ought. This is evident from reading Bill's contributions in almost every copy of *Radio Waves* between 1995 and 2005.

It should be a very good auction, and well worth a visit. There is quite a lot to sell.

John Crawford & Alan Taylor.

Valve Bank Update

As the end of the year approaches, we thank Norm Scott and Duncan Macdonald for their sterling effort over this past year in sorting and incorporating the donated valves into the stock database. There are still a lot to be sorted. They are the result of three substantial donations over this past year.

We will take a short break over Christmas and New Year, but apart from that, we are at Aztronics sorting valves every Thursday morning. We are happy to show members what we are doing. Remember members receive a 50% discount on the listed price.

If a wanted valve is not in stock, it may have been recorded as a CV type or other equivalent. We generally record them under the first legible type number on the glass envelope. You can contact me or come and see us on a Thursday morning to ask about equivalents. In our computer listing we include a cross reference for exact equivalents as well as noting other differences (like a different filament voltage, valve base, or envelope, plus CV Equivalents, and different quality variants).

We are looking at recording details on crystals we have been given. With Duncan's special help we are listing frequencies and quantities. While crystals are not needed very often, we feel they are too valuable to throw away, and having a central listed stock might assist members at critical times. Likewise valve sockets and screening cans are also accumulating. They are all available at nominal prices.

Also, I have a large collection of transistors, diodes and integrated circuits per favour of Philips and Codan (life test samples and excess stock resp.). Most are listed, and in my spreadsheet data base. These are available for members. If you need any, or have any questions, please contact me.

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Photo Gallery next

The October Meeting



Left: The President presents HRSA Life Membership certificates to Elizabeth and John Cox.

Centre: The Editor's collection of early AWA transistor radios.

Bottom Left: Alan demonstrates his AWA Personal Portable valve radio.

Bottom Centre: Murray discusses a portable vinyl disc record player.

Bottom Right: Peter discusses his Wadley loop portable receiver.





Top Left: Ian discusses his Adelaide made National AKQ Walkabout portable valve radio.

Top Centre: Christopher demonstrates the rebuilt Eveready dry batteries in a portable radio.

Top Right: Patrick illustrates a large transistor radio.

Bottom Left: Rick showing his portable cassette player/transistor radio.

Bottom Right: John discussing the characteristics and faults that develop in aging transistors.



November Retirees' Luncheon



The Auction in November



Top: A good crowd of 12 at the November Retirees' Luncheon at the Buck.

Left: Some of the items awaiting auction.

Below: Auctioneer Warren and 'runner' Alan hard at work during the auction.





Top: The crowd paying intent attention to the auctioneer. Braxie does not appear overly concerned with proceedings.



Left: 'Banker' John and 'Recorder' Craig hard at work during the auction.

