

MARINE MORSE SINKS...

The maritime world has waved a tearful farewell to Morse Code. Glenn Dunstan takes a nostalgic look at the use of CW on the high seas.

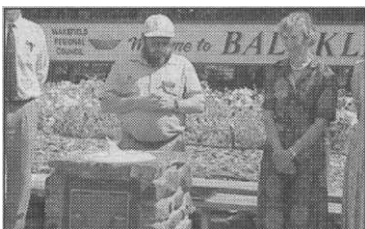
THE VKS-737 NETWORK

Outback travellers need weather and road condition reports more than suburban dwellers. But how do they get these things? By joining the VKS-737 HF radio network, that's how! Steve Johnston explains.



ALF TRAEGER MEMORIAL

Here's a tribute to one of Australia's true pioneers – the inventor of the pedal wireless, a radio which brought communications – and, with it, safety and companionship, to outback Australia.



Steve Johnston at the dedication.
Beside him, Alf's widow Joyce.

CITY BOY IN THE BUSH

Okay, so you've taken the big decision. You're going to pack everything you have and shift out to the bush. What will you find on the radio when you get there? Ask Greg Towells, VK2RQ. He's *done* it...

A LIFE: ARTHUR COLLINS

We've all heard of Collins radios. Some people lust after them, and collect as many as they can get. So who was the man who started it all?

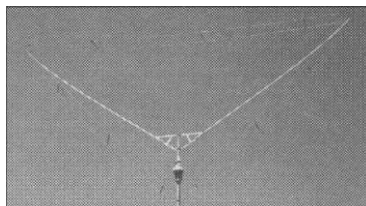
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Here's a simple way to keep the ergs inside your Yaesu handle...

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A few months ago we presented a 'how-to' story about the D5 antenna. Here's a coaxial feed for the antenna to add to its versatility.



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Going to Melbourne's great Formula One race next weekend? Well, don't forget to take your scanner! Michael Evans has all the action...

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Here's one for the weather satellite gang. Could such a simple antenna *really* be this good? It seems so...

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A Geelong-based scanner user was minding his own business when the street filled with Police cars! It was a parent's nightmare – a car had been stolen containing a little baby.

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What next?! Now radio buffs from around the globe can tune into and see activity on and from the Russian space station Mir, live at home!