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### Bits and Pieces

I hope everyone had merry Christmas and a happy new year. I was in Perth where there was a drought and temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees. The rains, cyclones and floods have caused havoc across Queensland.

Start thinking about your contribution to the club effort for the John Moyle field day. There are many jobs to do to set up, run a station and pull down the antennas, radios and camp site.



**Club Banner**



**Fox hunting radios and antenna**

### Future Events: John Moyle Field Day, National Field Day

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## JOTA 2010 The Club Effort

This year I took some photos of “Amateurs at work”. The activity of preparing the camp and setting up the equipment is the backbone of all successful weekends. The club is on public display through the activities we provide and the way the weekend is conducted.

A lot of time is spent organising the various components of the weekend and a big thanks to the volunteers who organised specific components of setting up and dismantling.

We were challenged by exceptionally windy and wet weather which resulted in a decision to split the radio and kit assembly activities.

The old timers of the club found the light levels in the shed were low making the spectacles strain to see those components going onto the printed circuit boards. Many scouts rewarded the members with a smile when the crystal radio picked up a station or the fog horn made its mournful sound.



Caravan being unloaded

It is time to give the club caravan a plug. It is slowly being converted into a mobile shack through the efforts of many club members with Charles VK4BTC is taking the lead role.

The caravan was pressed into service to carry equipment such as batteries, radios, antennas, tarpaulins, chairs, tables etc to the camp site at Murrenbong.

The club has recently purchased two fast erecting shelters through grants received by the club.



Peter, VK4EA has slipped into a role with the SES specialist communications group. This year he brought along an SES mobile communications trailer. This trailer is set up for accessing the SES UHF and HF network and amateur HF, VHF and UHF frequencies. Peter had HF rigs that were being evaluated for use by the SES.



SES Communications trailer



Commercial portable and mobile HF radios



Shifting boxes



The 20 meter station



General view of camp site area.

Pictured below is one essential piece of equipment that is not radio related and always has to be on site.

Kit building is usually performed under a tarpaulin with plenty of natural light to aid us visually challenged older amateurs.



### National Field Day

The club participated in the national field day at a site at the sea front at Redcliffe. Set up was early in the morning with putting the HF antenna, a twin doublet, high up in the trees. Then the shelters were set up and the radio equipment assembled. The club receives support from the local council and the local councillor accepted our invitation to look at our field day setup.



Club members posing for a photo



Twin doublet



Local councillor (the one in white) fox hunting



The station



The station being operated

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Next Month:

Feature on John Moyle preparations.

*Essential but mundane*

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I am a little late with this issue. I am always on the lookout for stories, if you have any please contact me.

Regards

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