

## SERG Convention 2025.

The SERG convention 2025 is done and dusted! The visitors and fox hunt teams have departed and the contacts via the repeater have faded to a whisper.

What an amazing and satisfying SERG event for 2025. I heard many good reports of the Foxhunt competition days and of the convention day itself. Many new friendships and many renewed friendships are now stored away in memory. The squirrelling away of that precious part or radio purchased at the convention, is now front of mind.

To those who cooperated in the hall preparation, the jobs needing before, during and after the event, it was great working with you. To President Peter VK5BE, Secretary Col VK5HCF, Treasurer Andrew VK5VKC and so many others, thank you. Special thanks to the convention committee members, Peter VK5BE, Tim VK5AV, GregNGabi VK5ZGY, John VK5DJ, and John VK5JOB. From January to June your attendance at meetings laid the foundations to succeed. As convention committee chairman I would like to thank ALL the SERG Club members, ALL wives and ALL supporters for contributing to an event that you can be proud of. Well done SERG team, take a bow.

Special thanks go to the new foxhunt management team of Tim VK5AV and Greg VK5ZGY, who grabbed the challenge with both hands, learnt from the past, improved the hardware/software and even the event format. We hope the hounds enjoyed all the changes. Be assured that next year in 2026 it wont remain static either!

To the new catering manager, John VK5JOB. My personal thanks for taking on the role at a time when I could not think how to fill the job and satisfy all the club's requirements. With ideas on how to efficiently produce and handle the huge task of dinner production you jumped in with both feet and gave it your all. Total success was the result, with those present being treated to a well cooked and filling meal, quickly served. Thanks for the hard work and time that you contributed to make the final event of the weekend the best I have ever attended. Your helping elves did a great job too. A very special thanks to Greg and Gabi producing a pumpkin soup to their secret recipe, to Andrew VK5MAS and your mother. Those deserts were stupendous. To any person who had one of each, I bow to your stamina!

Nick VK5NJS, thanks for providing and setting up the PA system. It was "Loud and Clear".

Naracoorte Amateur Radio Club's, Allan VK5ZLT, Ross VK5KBO and Phil VK5PCL for providing fox duties and overnight security.

The latest array of Yaesu and Icom radios were on display and constantly being drooled over! Thank you to Guy from [VKRadio](#) Melbourne, Sean from [Elite Communications](#) Brisbane, and your helpers. Your attendance contributed to the success of the 2025 SERG convention. I dub thee, "Friends of SERG". Travel home safely and we hope to see you in 2026. **To SERG members and all who read this, please support these businesses when you need to purchase any amateur or related product.**

Trading tables this year grew to eleven. VK3CLE, VK5ZT, VK5KKT, Portland radio group and SERG all attracting lots of attention.

I urge all those present and those who missed this year, to watch for 2026 convention news. [www.SERG.org.au](http://www.SERG.org.au) will have all the details!

Committee convention chairman, Maxwell VK5AC.