

South East Radio Group

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Convention report 19/6/2026

Previous and final committee meeting #7-Wednesday 20/5/2026

I offer my thanks to all the SERG members who participated in preparation and working in all the different aspects of the convention. Well done to the fox hunting team of Greg VK5ZGY and Tim VK5AV. Only positive feedback was

received from the foxes, observers and the hunters themselves.

Thanks to all who were involved in the catering, John VK5JOB and family, Nick VK5NJS, Owen VK5HOS and Olga, Norbert VK5MQ, Tom VK5NFT and Josie Skeer.

Great support from all the members involved with setting up and tearing down and cleaning the hall.

It was a bit of a shock to be advised on Tuesday prior to the convention, that Elite communications were not attending.

However, with the increased number of amateur trading tables required for 2026 maybe this was a blessing in disguise?

We were able to setup the west hall for trading for both amateurs and commercial, with the east hall for the home brew and tables for coffee and chatting.

With about 100 people attending I felt that numbers were down on last year but pretty hard to pinpoint a reason. Fuel costs, the number and locations of conventions and ham fests preceding all may have played a part. Regardless of numbers the place was humming, sellers were busy and food and coffee was being consumed. David VK5HDW was in top form and on time, while presiding over the raffle draws, guest speaker and the presentations.

The home brew section had a welcome resurgence with 15 entries. This created a lot of interest and discussion and difficulty in judging by John VK5DJ and Chris VK5MC. John VK5DJ and Col VK5HCF created some fantastic certificates which were well received and will be treasured into the future.

Thanks to the committee who worked hard for the proceeding 6 months. Nick VK5NJS, Peter VK5BE, Tim VK5AV, Greg VK5ZGY, John VK5DJ and John VK5JOB. Thanks to the advertising efforts of John VK5DJ, Tim VK5AV and Peter VK5BE. Thank you to everyone.

Apologies for omission of anyone at all.

Overall, a well attended, well balanced convention in 2026. An event SERG can be proud of.

Committee chair

Maxwell VK5AC.

I would like to quote an email as received.

“G’day to the SERG,

Please allow me to congratulate the SERG and your organising committees for what was an excellent weekend in Mt Gambier and beyond. It’s been quite a few years since I last attended, but I’m glad I did this time. I checked out the Radio Fox Hunt activities a couple of times on the Saturday and Sunday to see what it was all about – a very well organised activity. It was great to catch up with quite a number of people and meet some new ones. Also well done for the Hamfest, display, MC and special guest before the Sunday night dinner. They were very entertaining. Finally, a massive well done to the catering group that did an excellent job of the three course dinner. They were very well organised and the various courses were very tasty and well presented – there was no chance of anyone going hungry.

Overall, a big well done to the SERG for the whole weekend.

Excellent work

I'll be back next year!"