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Many travellers and HF users might be aware that the HF Radio Club Inc. was severely compromised after actions taken in November 2016 which left the Club without its Queensland, Northern Territory and West Australian bases. NSW's Cobar base was inoperative at that time. Thanks to our team of volunteer sked operators, day to day operations of the Club continued unhindered with fully logged twice daily skeds continuing. The Club's then situation continued for a month or so until Cobar base was restored to service at its original location and a new permanent Queensland base constructed and commissioned at Townsville. Not long after this a temporary Perth W.A base was commissioned and in the third quarter of 2017 new permanent bases were established and commissioned at Alice Springs NT and Cue in WA.

The Committee of the HF Radio Club Inc. are proud to announce that our four Bases now effectively cover the Australian mainland and Tasmania using the HF Radio Club's nine frequencies.

In addition the Club has had a complete internal make-over with an interactive daily updated website constructed and made available to all members (non-members see but a tiny proportion of what members can see and react to). <https://hfradioclub.com.au/> The Club now has a seven member Technical Support Group with expansive HF and other advanced technical skills and expertise; a specialist Website developer and a highly experienced print editor managing our newsletters. Our Sked Operators use a mix of base and mobile radios to cover each twice daily sked which now utilise four frequencies to ensure maximum coverage.

In late 2017 the HF Radio Club released its "promised to members" GPS reporting system which sends GPS position data from members' radios directly to member nominated email addresses, an SMS messaging system from members' radios to any Australian SMS capable phone and also its SEMS (Short Email Service) from members' radios to any email address. We offer basic membership for \$80 a year. Absolutely everything we have to offer including reasonable usage phone call capability from members' HF radios via our bases to any Australian phone number, GPS, SMS and SEMS costs \$100pa. Our emergency RFDS direct phone call for emergency medical assistance via members' HF Radio via our bases is available to every member.

Members receive a minimum of three newsletters a year complete with full reporting of financials and committee Meeting minutes, a monthly President's newsletter and a HFRC published calendar every Christmas. All HFRC equipment is fully insured and every member and volunteer is covered by insurance at events and activities the Club and its members organise.

Progress has been thorough and steady with much testing of our bases and systems before their release for members use. In effect, the HF Radio Club Inc. Committee and its many volunteers have rebuilt in under 12 months what had taken eight years to initially build and commission.

The HF Radio Club is financially secure into the future. Membership renewals indicate a great degree of trust by our members that the Club's long term longevity is ensured. We are the largest HF Radio Club in Australia.

I invite anyone who would like to enquire about our Club to contact us via: hfrc.president@gmail.com

For and on behalf of all of the team who have restored and continue to improve the HF Radio Club.

Our Motto remains – *Safety First and Friendship Always.*

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