

There are many details about the early years of the club which most later members do not know about, so the committee went down into the cellar and dusted off the records to come up with this :

The club was formed on 12.3.77 at a meeting attended by Ron Leech, Doug Wells, Brian Von Bibra, Marten Prinz, Peter Stanicic and Ron Youard. Russell Sullivan and Eric Morgan of the CB Club of Perth also attended.

The motion, "That we form a CB Radio Operators Club" was moved by Peter and seconded by Doug.

The motion, "That the club be called Bunbury CB Radio Club" was moved by Peter and seconded by Brian.

The first President was Peter Stanicic and the first Sec/Treasurer was Ron Youard, both elected at that meeting.

Of these inaugural members only Brian (BR 19) and Ron (BR 21) are still members.

Membership grew rapidly in the first few months and numbers from 11 to 99 were issued randomly. The intention was that the callsign would be BR6.. followed by two digits (the 6 for W.A.) and this is why BR 80 Phil is sometimes referred to as 6-80, old habits die hard. This is also why numbers 1 to 10 were never issued, 11 was the start and they never dreamt that the numbers could go past 99.

All who joined before the first AGM, only four months later in July 77, are considered to be foundation members and we have many of them still with us.

At that AGM it was decided that numbers should be issued in consecutive order, so the gaps were soon filled in and membership grew rapidly to more than the 99. Once this happened the 6 became cumbersome so, after a couple of years, it was dropped.

Also at the first AGM, our second President, BR 64 Les was elected.

During the term of our third President, BR 30 Dave, the club applied for incorporation. This took some time to come through and was not finalised until toward the end of the term of our fourth President BR 246 Les.

Shortly after this the club decided to drop the letters CB from the title and become a general radio club.

Don, BR 282, followed Les in the chair for the fifth and sixth years, to be followed in turn by BR 64 Les for a further two terms, which ended in July this year.

The membership fee in 1977 was \$5, so our present fee of \$10 is not high when the cost-of-living increase since that time is considered.

The last number issued before writing was BR 393 and membership has been steady at about one hundred financial and active for the last couple of years.

The committee feel that the club will continue to go from strength to strength.