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Cover: Our give-away FT-411 came for a hike in the bush, but it was our SSB signals which got through best. Yaesu introduced the FT-290R when some present amateurs were still in nappies. Today's FT-290Rll sets a sizzling pace as the only true portable all-mode VHF rig available in the country. We check it out — and its six metre brother, the FT-690Rll — in our full review starting on page 14. **Right:** Here's how the first section of your six metre transverter board should look. And watch for part two of the Building Blocks series in the next issue of *Amateur Radio Action*...

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