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Cover: This monster tower has graced the top of Mount Dandenong since 1964. It originally carried the television transmissions of ATV-0, but nowadays carries a lot more. As well as ATV-10, the tower is host to FOX-FM, GOLD-104, RRR-FM, MMM-FM and TT-FM, all using ONE antenna, as well as a swag of commercial services. We were invited to tour the facility — and did we let them down? **Sorry!** We've drooled over so much new gear in this month's issue that our runner-up home-brew project will have to wait until next month.

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