



BARG News

Ballarat Amateur Radio Group

Inc. #6953T

December

Monthly Newsletter

Next Meeting

Friday 24th November 2017 @ 7.30pm

At the B.A.R.G. Club House, Ballarat Airport

All Welcome



Contacting us

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Presidents Report

Welcome to the December newsletter. Since last issue we've successfully run the 2017 Hamfest. Thank you very much to all those members who assisted getting this event up and running and assisted on the day. We had as many tables as we've ever had, with lots of quality stock.

Because we sold additional raffle tickets we weren't able to accurately count how many came through the door, but the crowd seemed to be at least consistent with previous use. There's a few ideas about how we can improve the event again next year.



As with other years, we won't be running a meeting in December, but rather will have a break up dinner on Thursday December 14th, 6pm for 6:30 start.

\$23.50 is the cost. Money goes straight to the caterer on the night, not via BARG. I'm sure exact change would be appreciated.



Bring your own plate, bowl, cup and cutlery. (There is some crockery / cutlery at the club, so don't stress if you forget.) If you hate washing up, bring paper plates, but keep in mind we don't have a rubbish service, so someone has to take the dirty plates home.

We need to know numbers, so please let Doug know if your thinking of coming.

Mal vk3oak

A Word From The Editor

The weekend on 12th and 13th of November was the Keith Roget Memorial National Parks Award. Memorial National Parks Award. I took the opportunity to head down to Western Victoria and activate Budji Bim (Formally Mt Eccles) National Park, Mount Richmond NP, Lower Glenelg NP and finally Cobboboonee NP.



Conditions made much of the weekend hard work on the air, with much time spent calling CQ with no reply. And often being frustrated by being able to hear one end of conversations with other activators. But that didn't detract too much from the near perfect weather and the general lack of people, being just a little bit early for most to be out and about.



Cobboboonee NP



Mount Richmond NP

I spent the night camped at Lower Glenelg National Park, where I had the camp ground all to myself. I tried 40m in the evening, and could hear stations from the US calling for a Japan contest of some sort. But they were all running a kilowatt, so my 5w into a EFHW didn't attract any responses.

While I didn't make a whole lot of radio contacts, it was still an enjoyable weekend and if the weather lines up, I'd certainly do it again next year.



Malcolm - VK3OAK

<https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards>

BARG THURSDAY NIGHT NET CONTROLLERS LIST.						
For VK3BML club station of Ballarat Amateur Radio Group.						
DATE	OPERATOR	NAME	ALT	OPERATOR	NAME	COMMENTS.
THIS ROSTER DEvised		Jul-17				
23-Nov-17	VK3DRE	Doug	alt	VK3GGG	Mick	3KG not available.
30-Nov-17	VK3KQT	David	alt	VK3DRE	Doug	
7-Dec-17	VK3KG	Craig	alt	VK3KQT	David	
14-Dec-17	VK3GGG	Mick	alt	VK3AXH	Ian	
21-Dec-17	VK3DRE	Doug	alt	VK3KG	Craig	3KG not available
28-Dec-17	VK3KQT	David	alt	VK3GGG	Mick	
				New Roster for New Year.		
4-Jan-18			alt			3KG not available
11-Jan-18			alt			
18-Jan-18			alt		Net may	not run .See who attends.
25-Jan-18						
1-Feb-18						
8-Feb-18						
15-Feb-18						ALSO add Ian 3YFD to roster.
22-Feb-18						

I hear one club member thought their takings were down a bit at their personal table at the Hamfest, only to find some extra boxes of goodies left in the car the whole time.

73 & 88 for now.

Little Mouse.

11 November QST 2017 Review.

- P9 Dunkirk on the Bayou. Hurricanes and disasters.
- P13 Spotlight on Glenn AC8PG.
- P24 Letters in.
- P30 Low cost Arduino UHF Morse Code Beacon.
- P32 A 75 Metre Dipole Stretcher. It covers 75/80 Metres now.
- P34 Work the World on WSJT-X, Part 2.
Codes, Modes and Cooperative software development.
- P40 Build own Arduino Based Antenna Analyser.
- P46 What does King Harold and Bluetooth have in common?
- P47 Review: Icom IC-R8600 Comms Receiver. 10kHz to 3 GHz.
- P55 Review: Tytera MD-380 Analogue & DMR HTT. 400-480 MHz.
- P62 Review: RigExpert AA=55ZOOM Antenna Analyzer. 0.06 – 55MHz.
- P68 Review: Accessories for the Elecraft Transceivers. K Board and sideKar.
- P70 Review: MFJ-914 Auto Tuner Extender.
- P72 Review: Satellite Ham Radio{HamSat} App for iOS Devices.
- P73 Review: Borden One Tube {valve} AM Broadcast band radio kit.
- P75 The Doctor: Ways to get coax thru a wall.
- P77 Hands on Radio. Exp #178 Maxwell's Equations – Gad, Div, Curl.
- P79 Hints & Kinks. Headset Interface. Cutting PVC
- P82 On Line Contest Score board.
- P85 Use a DRONE for an Antenna Installation like they did at TI5W.
- P88 US Hams getting access to 630 and 2200 Metres.
- P91 Public Service: Look at best water and Hygiene practices for emergency responders.
- P97 How's DX?. KH1 Baker & Howland Is DX pedition set for 2018
- P99 Hawaii heard on 6M using JT65.
- P104 Classic Radio. The RCA ACT-150 Transmitter. An interesting read from 1937.
- P108 QST Index for 1942, 1967 and 1992
- P156 Index of Advertiser's in this months.

