

B.A.R.G. NEWS

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PRESIDENT: David Tilson VK3UR SECRETARY: John Kennedy VK3AIG TREASURER: Bob Terrill VK3BNC
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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2005

At 7.30 pm

Special Announcement

President David announced the arrival of a new potential Ham, Juliette Ruby TILSON on the 9 March 2005 at 1705 Hrs. Weight 7 lb. 7 oz. Katie and daughter doing well. David is over the moon.

(Editor believes that the first lessons have started)

Congratulations from BARG members and best wishes.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Easter is an important Christian Event in the Christian Calendar by it also causes problems for the club this year. As you should notice, the Club meeting is a week earlier than usual and some members may not get the news letter before the meeting.

Also it has been decided to cancel this month's committee meeting as it would be only two days before the general meeting and it was considered that any business could be done at the general meeting.

A new segment this month is a propagation report prepared by Ian AXH. Please support Ian so that the section can be developed.

DATES

Club meetings the last Friday each month starting at 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Construction Nights. Construction nights are held on the second Monday each month at 7.30 .

WICEN Net : Tuesday nights at 9.00 pm on 3.60 MHz + QRM etc. (Some times below 3.60) and after the net closes, a short check in on 40M at an agreed freq.

CONSTRUCTION NIGHTS

The current project is to be the construction of 160 M vertical aerials and there are about 12 starters, If you would like to join let Ian VK3AXH know ASAP so that he can get the parts as a bulk buy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Does anyone know who.....

...arrives at a tower erection just as the work is completed, then tries to get the owner to believe that the tower is out of plumb?

...at another construction site, waits for the helpers to arrive, start work, then disappears?

Congratulations to Doug VK3VBA on being elected as president of the Ballarat branch of the National Servicemen's Club.

John Moyle Weekend: This is to be held on the week end 19-20 March. As a Club we intend to take part as we did last year. There will be more about it at the Club meeting this week and there will be some preparations done on Friday morning. Contact Bob VK3BNC or Ian VK3AXH this week. The group will move out on Saturday morning in time to set up and be ready to start at the appointed hour.

Geelong Visit: The visit to GRES at Belmont is now scheduled for Friday 8 April. Those intending to go please signify at the Club meeting so that arrangement can be made

Further Building Notes: Now that the construction part is completed there is some painting to be done. We are looking for a member who has access to a spray painting equipment to do the inside of the back area rather than having to use brushes. The outside also has to be done. Any volunteers please signify this meeting

. Propagation Report

This is a new segment that has been introduced to our newsletter that will hopefully encourage members to share what DX has been worked on both HF and VHF bands. Reports are most welcome and should be received by Ian VK3AXH no later than the Monday preceding committee meeting. Please keep reports brief and to the point to maintain the interest of readers. Changes will be made to meet the views of those that show interest in the news provided. Please contact Ian by emailing <igm@netconnect.com.au>

HF Bands

Steve VK3SE reports that best contacts have been on 20 through 10 metres most evenings from 0700 UTC onwards. An example of what Steve has been working include

10 Metres JA, YC1 – good signals
12 Metres JA – low signals
15 Metres DL6, EA8, EW2, JA, OK1, UA1 and VR2
17 Metres Big pileup of signals from everywhere
20 Metres EA8, JA3, SV6 and VK
40 Metres Wall to wall signals from many counties

Most of Steve's contacts have been SSB but with reports of CW and SSTV as well.

VHF/UHF Bands

Ian VK3AXH reports regular 2mx SSB contacts into VK5 most mornings with some extending to VK5UBC at Corny Point on the West Coast of York Peninsula. In addition some 2mx aircraft enhancement contacts to VK3 and VK2.

Contacts were also made to VK5UBC on 70cm at his home qth at Gawler and to VK2KRR at The Rock. The Mount Gambier beacons on 2mx, 70cm and 23cm are audible at Ian's qth most days and several contacts on 23cm have been made to VK5DK.

On FM there is plenty of DX as well. Steve reports hearing/working VK7 and also hearing the Roulettes chatting over Ballarat on 133.9MHz

Happy Dxing de vk3axh

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Ballarat Amateur Radio Group Inc

Minutes Of General Meeting February 25 2005

Meeting opened by President David @ 1935 hrs

Apologies Robert Vk3bnc. Harry Vk3kgl. Kathy Vk3hrz. John Vk3cfh. Clem Vk3bvi. Bill Vk3pal. Ernie Vk3det. Charlie Vk3tcv.

Welcome to visitor Doug Vk3kay.

Minutes of January meeting as circulated. Moved Vk3axh/Vk3se. Carried.

Business arising from minutes. Stephen Vk3heg moving house IRLP system to be relocated. Will remain off until alternative arrangements can be made. David Vk3ur liaising with new Internet provider. Repeater Vk3rwa upgrade progressing. Controller constructed. PIC being programmed in Vk5. Building alterations well advanced. \$400.00 allocated.

Financial statement and a/cs for payment. Moved Vk3ash/Vk3dcs. Carried.

Correspondence. In QSL cards. Bank Statements.
Out, IRLP letter to provider. Ernie Vk3det work commitments.
Moved Correspondence be accepted Vk3dmk/Vk3dcs. Carried.

Reports. Committee. Insufficient numbers for Quorum Feb Committee meeting.
Executive David Vk3ur. Robert Vk3bnc. John Vk3aig met to discuss and
recommend to General Meeting that BARG.

(1) Make application to WIA for admission as an affiliated Club.

(2) Make application to WIA for Liability Insurance for Affiliated Clubs.

Moved Vk3fgc/Vk3se that BARG make applications to WIA for admission as an Affiliated Club and
Liability Insurance for Affiliated Clubs. Carried.

Anonymous survey required to ascertain WIA membership in Barg Club for payment purposes of
Insurance.

17 members present at meeting and 2 proxy. 14 yes. 5 no.

Air con installed thanks to Charlie completing before hospital visit

Eureka. Ian Vk3idl Some problems with Log Sheets. Times Dates etc need for more accuracy. Almost
complete

Exams. Charlie Vk3dcs. One candidate.

Library. Craig Vk3cmc. Still progressing.

Education. Craig Vk3cmc. Drew Diamond projects ordered.

Technical. Ian Vk3axh. Vk3rwa revamp progressing. Prac Night. Members invited to put their names to
suggested projects.

Club Net Craig Vk3cmc 8 starters Good conditions. More members required

Amenities. Doug Vk3nbv, Nil report.

Publicity Doug Vk3nbv. Cancelled next months guest speaker.

General Business. Drew Diamond Guest speaker April meeting.

John Moyle Field day Club to take part March 19/20 2005. 11 interested

Mine Tour Stephen Vk3se still waiting on date.

Cobden Family Day

Ian Vk3idl 3rd Sunday June 2005.

Stephen Vk3se asked if Club would consider setting up DX Cluster. To be discussed at next Committee
meeting.

David Vk3ur thanked Doug Vk3kay for donation of mast and pieces and wished him well on his proposed
move.

Secretary to contact Airport manager re broken property fence and find solution to intruder problem.

Ian Vk3axh to compile propagation report for newsletter and invited members to document and supply
reports to him.

Robert Vk3bnc suggested a BBQ to open new alteration at Club. It was decided to have the function on
the George Fowler Auction day .Stephen Vk3se suggested a proposed
Fox Hunt with visitors. To be discussed at next Committee meeting.

Gordon Vk3fgc to arrange lawn mower roster.

Gordon Vk3fgc reminded members of Geelong visit 8 April 2005. To be arranged next meeting. Small jobs left on building alterations. Welcome a hand with painting

Meeting closed at 2023 and President David welcomed guest speaker Tom Vk3dmk

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS

VK3RBA	(Voice)	146.750	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA	(Voice)	147.100	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(Packet)	144.750	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(Voice)	438.475	

BEACON

VK3RMB		438.475	Mt Buninyong
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IRLP Node 6310 using VK3RWAS

CLUB e-mail vk3bml@barg.org.au.

CLUB NET VK3BML 3.610+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

WIA Broadcast and Club Call Back. Sunday's 11.30 via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

NEWS ITEMS Send to Gordon VK3FGC (e-mail the club) mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354

Weekly BARG HF Net: Thursday's 8:00pm on 3.610MHz +/- QRM