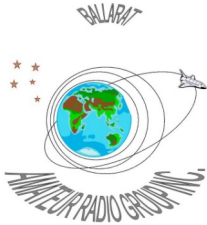


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**NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY January 28, 2011**  
At 7.30 pm

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## CLUB INFORMATION

### REPEATERS and BEACON

VK3RWA*	(2 m Voice Repeater) ( Uses CTCSS of 91.5 Hz to access)	147.100 MHz	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(2 m Packet Repeater)	144.750 MHz	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(70 cm Voice Repeater)	438.475 MHz	Mt Hollowback
VK3RMB	(70 cm Beacon)	432.535 MHz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RBU-1	(2 m APRS Repeater)	145.175 MHz	Mt Hollowback
VK3RWP	(2 m Voice Repeater) (Temp. Repeater)	146.925 MHz	Green Hill

\* IRLP Node 6310 using VK3RWA

**CLUB e-mail** [vk3bml@barg.org.au](mailto:vk3bml@barg.org.au).

**CLUB NET** VK3BML 3.608+/- QRM Thursday Nights at 8 pm E.S.T (Summer & Winter)

**WIA Broadcast** Sunday 11.00 am via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

**NEWS ITEMS** Send to Harry VK3KGL

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#### **Broadcast Times and Dates on VK3RWA Repeater**


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## Down to the Wire

What's faster?? Morse code or text messaging?

It was a mad dash – with dots – recently at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum when veteran telegraph

operators Gordon Hill and Jack Gibson took on a couple of kids and their mobile phones in a race to send the quickest message. The rules were simple: 93-year-old Hill had to translate a message into morse code and send it to 82-year-old Gibson to decode the transmission and print it out using a manual typewriter. Meanwhile, 13-year-old Brittany Devlin punched the same transmission into her mobile phone using text messaging and send it to nine-year-old Ben Hutchinson's phone nearby. And the winner? Morse code romped home. It took 90 seconds for Gibson to have the message down on paper. The text message appeared 18 seconds later. Victory to the tried-and true 19<sup>th</sup> century invention.

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**Articles for next Newsletter  
DEAD LINE January 22, 2011**



**Craig - VK3CMC**

# *Presidents Report*

Here we are at the end of another year with the holiday season rapidly upon us. We have had a mixed year in 2010 with some new challenges presented to the club to face and hopefully 2011 will see us back on line again. The replacement 2M repeater has nearly come full circle. We have selected a suitable callsign and are just waiting confirmation from the WIA of the callsign and frequency allocation for our Greenhill site. At this stage VK3RBA is unlikely to be back. We look forward to the new unit coming on line shortly. There has been some work carried out on the new site recently and a new tower should be in place shortly.

In the meantime we still have the WICEN repeater VK3RWP operating on 146.925 neg offset.

There has been work on a replacement tower at the club rooms for the Internet linking antenna and control to Ben Nevis as we have experienced some down time due to antenna movements due to windage. The old triangular one has suffered with time and the new one should be ready very soon.

Inside the rooms we have an upgrade of cabinets housing the Ben Nevis system with a new control system. The unused packet gear has been removed also. Our thanks to NETLOR Computers for the new racks and to those members who were involved in the working bee's both at the rooms and on the hill site.

This Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec will see the clubs last official function for 2010. That's the Christmas BBQ and social activities. Please bring a plate of salad or a sweet and your drinks while the club will supply the meat. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can have a great night. I hear that that fellow in a red suit may make an appearance if we behave so catch you then.

Our first meeting in 2011 is the Construction group on 10<sup>th</sup> at 10AM followed by Coffee on Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Beechworth the 21<sup>st</sup>.

We should have a Dining night on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the General meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark the diary up now.

Finally a reminder that The Annual Murray canoe Marathon runs from Boxing day to New Years day from Tocumwal to Swan Hill and they are still looking for operators to maintain radio safety check points during this event. If you are interested then get in touch with me and I will give you further details.

On behalf of the BARG Committee I wish you all a happy and Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year.

**73 Craig VK3CMC**

## **EDITORS NOTE:**

**At this stage the INTERNET problem has still not been resolved.**

**Since N/Cable antenna change at their end, there is not enough signal at clubrooms...**

**It's all in hands, so hopefully fixed soon.**

**Harry de vk3kgf**

