

# B.A.R.G. NEWS

Official Newsletter of the Ballarat Amateur Radio Group. Inc. #6953T

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PRESIDENT: David Tilson VK3UR SECRETARY: John Kennedy VK3AIG TREASURER: Bob Terrill VK3BNC
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NEXT MEETING - **FRIDAY 29 July 2005**  
At 7.30 pm

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

It's that time of the year again when we approach our AGM and a new committee is to be elected. To see that the Club is well run we need a strong committee, and a strong committee is one that has new blood added to it at regular intervals. So please give thought to having yourself or another member nominated to the committee. There nomination forms included with this news letter

### Silent Key

**It is with regret that we announce the death of Jamie Ferrier VK3MC of Coleraine. Although Jamie was not a member of BARG, he was well known to many members being a regular contributor to the 5 pm net almost every night of the week together with other members of BARG and his regular attendance at our Hamvention. He was a collector of interesting electronic and mechanical equipment which he liked to restore to working order. He shall be missed.**

### DATES

Club meetings the last Friday each month starting at 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Man to neighbour: " My dog thinks I'm his best friend – which is pretty amazing, considering I'm the one who had him fixed."**

## Minutes of June General Meeting

### Ballarat Amateur Radio Club Inc

Minutes of General Meeting 24 June 2005

Meeting opened by President David VK3UR @ 1935 hrs.

Apologies , VK3ASH. VK3PAP. VK3BMY. VK3HRZ. VK3BVI. VK3DET. VK3KQQ.

Welcome to visitors. Mark VK3PI. Andrew VK4WAC. John VK3TVB. Rob VK3ZIG.  
Dean VK3HHJ.

Minutes of May Meeting as circulated. Moved by VK3SE/VK3AXH Carried.  
Business arising from minutes.

- Fence Repairs no action. President to follow up.
- Fox Hunts .Steve VK3SE to arrange in near future.
- Presidents Board. Doug VK3VBA. Sign writing completed.
- Food Handling Course. John VK3CFH. Attended and good value.
- B.P.L. Submission. Ian VK3AXH. Ian VK3IDL. Bob VK3BNC . David VK3UR. Completed submission to A.C.A. Titled The Management of interference from Broadband over Power Line Applications. Copies sent to President W.I.A.  
Catherine King MP. Michael Ronaldson. B.A.R.G. Web Site.
- Photo QSL Board. Robert Vk3nbv. Progressing well.

Correspondence. In City Council. Neighbour Hood Cable .Origan Energy. QST etc  
Out Bill Hewitt. David Giles. Alan Vasey.  
Moved that correspondence be accepted VK3SE/ VK3KGL. Carried.

Financial. Statement and a/cs for payment. Moved VK3BNC/NBV. Carried.

### Committee Report.

- Ian VK3IDL repaired IRLP unit after breakdown. System off air for some days.
- Construction Group to rewire and connect IRLP/Internet interface.
- WIA National News etc New times. 1100hrs Sundays and 2130 hrs Tuesdays.
- Doug VK3VBA. Alternative news broadcasts. 2130 hrsMonday.2130hrsWednesday
- Internet/web John VK3TJW to investigate problem with e-mail.
- Computer Points Club Rooms. Thanks to Harry VK3KGL. David VK3UR. Bob VK3BNC for Cable Sockets, Patch Leads/panels. Construction group to install.
- Web Site. Harry VK3KGL. Web pages being updated.
- Should BARG re-instate its Packet BBS. Discussion and decision General Business.
- Construction Group allocated \$100.00 petty cash for tools Appeal for surplus tools.
- Hamvention. Home Brew Competition. Three categories. \$50.00 prizes.  
Novice. Experienced. Expert.
- Guest Speaker Appreciation. Ian VK3IDL. Doug VK3VBA, David VK3UR to investigate suitable gift for Guest Speakers.
- New Member Application. Robert VK3ZRF approved by Committee.

Reports.

- *VK3RWA upgrade. Ian VK3AXH reported integrating radio into PIC controller, On air tests to be carried out in the very near future.*
- *George Fowler Auction. Most successful day. Thanks to donations from Bill Hewitt. David Giles and Cliff Bilston a amount of \$940.20 was raised. Thanks to all who helped and especially Betty and Therese in the food department.*
- *Ballarat Goldfields. Steve VK3SE reported a very interesting visit was had by all.*
- *Cobden Family Day . Ian VK3IDL reported that due to inclement weather the day was cancelled. To be arranged at a later date.*
- *Amenities. Doug VK3VBA nil report.*
- *Examinations. Charlie Vk3dcs. Reported candidates from Terang to sit for Novice and Regs in coming week. Interest shown in potential candidates from Ararat.*
- *Library. Craig VK3CMC appealed to all to use the Loans Book. Shelves still to be fitted.*
- *Education. Craig VK3CMC reported that new licence arrangements still awaiting confirmation from ACA.*
- *Nets. Ian VK3CIS Western Zone going well. Cedrick VK3KCA 8 on BARG net.*

General Business.

- \* *Packet BBS*
- *Moved Merv VK3ADX and seconded by Bob VK3BNC that BARG should reinstate its Packet BBS. Discussion centred on who would run Packet and that a private Amateur was running the above from his home QTH. DavidVK3UR received an e-mail from Murray VK3AAI indicating his willingness to run Packet BBS when he returns from overseas.*
- *Moved Ian VK3AXH and seconded Ian VK3IDL That if no member is prepared to run the Packet BBS. and be prepared to provide ongoing maintenance then the Packet BBS should not be reinstated.*
- *Harry VK3KGL and John VK3TJW indicated they are prepared to take on running Packet BBS.*
- *Majority indicated that Club should reinstate Packet BBS as per motion of VK3ADX/BNC.*
- *Dining Night , Good attendance at Nerrina Tavern. Next Sebastopol Bowling Club Friday July 15.*
- *Guest Speaker July Meeting . Doug VK3VBA has arranged Mark Schmidt from Neighborhood Cable.*
- *August Annual Meeting. David reminded all to consider forthcoming elections Doug VK3VBA to arrange Trivia night.*
- \* *QSL Cards . Robert VK3KRB can now provide double sided colour cards at a cost of \$137.00 for 2000 cards.*

*Meeting closed 2045 hrs Guest Speaker Mark Stephenson welcomed*

**NEWS ITEMS**

**Annual Fees**

At the July committee meeting it was resolved not to increase members fees for the coming year. So unless a member gives notice in writing to the secretary to increase the fees, we should look at the same fees this year

## Remembrance Day Contest

From our committee meet tonight 20 Jul 05 the club has decided to enter a log in the 2005 RD contest. Would you put some thing in magazine to cover this and ask anyone keen to assist at the club rooms to contact me asap and indicate their desire to come along.

What: Remembrance Day competition 13 - 14 August 2005, using VK3BML and entering as multi operator club station.

Details can be read in the July edition of Amateur Radio on pp42-43-44

It should be noted that a number of significant changes to scoring this year. probably the most important to VK3 is that the winner will be decided on the number of log entries from a state versus the total number of licenses listed in that state. Another innovation to encourage early morning contact is the doubling of points between 1 am and 6am local time. Unlike previous years operation on 10m and 160m will be allowed between stations in the same state boundaries. We will initially plan for operating only up to 2359K on the Sat but if there is sufficient interest we could run the full 24hr period and have people stay over in the club room on Sat night. At this stage we will have a BBQ meal on the Sat evening [BYO] To allow us to set up an operating schedule would anyone interested in participating please Email me at VK3CMC@BARG.org.au or telephone 5342 2448 You may contact me on the Thur club net or the repeater VK3RBA as well. I will have a final draft available at the General meeting on 29July for last minute changes and we will take it from there.

Those that participated in the last Field day had a lot of fun so lets make this activity a good one also and help the state average for deciding who wins the 2005 RD contest. Members are also encouraged to enter a personal log from operating at home also. Come along to the club first then go home and operate there as well. That would mean two logs can be sent in.

## Recent Exam Result

A candidate sat a Novice Theory and Regs exam in late June, nothing special about this but the candidate traveled from Terang to attend. His name is ALAN GILCHRIST he is the local newsagent (call in make yourself known if in the area) Alan is 73 years young with no knowledge of electronics he decided to study both subjects by correspondence. His total time from go to sitting the exams was a total of six weeks. Alan must be congratulated because he passed both subjects. Call not known at this stage (we will keep you informed)  
Charlie DCS-----Doug VBA

Just don't give up trying to do  
what you really want to do.  
Where there is love and inspiration,  
I don't think you can go wrong.  
Ella Fitzgerald

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## Propagation Report for July 2005

With winter now on I thought members would be spending more time in the shack with expectations of getting more info from you regarding your on air activities. Well how wrong I have been. My observations this month have been.

10 metres      Limited openings to South East Asia

15 metres      Again a few JA's can be heard on this band

40 metres      Mornings have proven difficult for local contact up to 150 K and occasionally up to 600 K but afternoons and evenings have been quite good with plenty of overseas contacts to be made

Ian VK3AXH reports there have been some openings of 6 metres within VK from E's

Great to hear John VK3AIG and Craig VK3CMC are now up and running on 2 metres SSB. You may be aware that Brian VK3KQB is heading back to Ballarat at the end of the month and after settling in will be another station on the low end of 2 metres.

If you have any news regarding propagation from your shack please drop me a note for inclusion in the newsletter.

Till next month 73 de VK3AXH

	Construction	Committee	Dining	General	Notes:
<b>July</b>	Mon 11th 7:30 pm	Wed 20th 7:30 pm	Fri 15th 6:30 pm (Venue TBA)	Fri 29th 7:30 pm (Mark Schmidt – Neighborhood Cable)	
<b>August</b>	Mon 8th 7:30 pm	Wed 17th 7:30 pm	Fri 19th 6:30 pm (Venue TBA)	Fri 26th 7:30 pm (Annual General Meeting)	<b>Nominations for the 2005/06 Committee close on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>

### 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 VK3RWA

**CLUB e-mail** [vk3bml@barg.org.au](mailto: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  
mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354 or e-mail [wcornell@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wcornell@bigpond.net.au)

**The Annual General Meeting of B.A.R.G. Inc will be held on  
Friday 26th August 2005 commencing at 1930 hrs  
At the  
Club Rooms Ballarat Aerodrome**

## **Agenda**

- 1 Minutes of 2004 AGM**
- 2 To Receive and adopt Annual Report and Financial Statement**
- 3 To elect Office Bearers for 2005/2006**
- 4 To elect Honorary Auditor**
- 5 To elect Honorary Solicitor**

## **NOTES**

- 1 All financial members are entitled to cast a vote on the above matters.**
- 2 Nomination forms are available from Secretary (phone 53324454 ) or your last newsletter**
- 3 Nominations for Office Bearers close with Secretary at 1300 hrs on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**
- 4 Postal address for all correspondence is as below.**

**John Kennedy VK3AIG  
Hon Secretary.**

**BOX 1261  
MAIL CENTRE  
BALLARAT 3354**



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**Annual Subscription & Club Register Check**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Receipt No** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Name:</b> _____ Y/N	<b>Call Sign</b> _____ Y/N
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If the Club decides to publish a Club Directory, are you willing to have the above information included? Yes/No. If there is any information you want excluded; please circle Yes/No (Y/N) on each entry above.

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