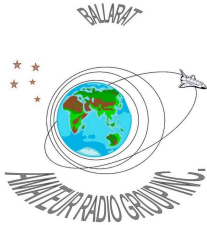


# BARG News



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

ABN 44 247 200 143

**VOLUME 32 ISSUE 7 July 2009**



President: Doug Raper VK3VBA  
Secretary: Doug Ellery VK3FDRE  
Treasurer: Peter Pollard VK3FPOL

**NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY July 31, 2009**  
At 7.30 pm

## Contacting us

You can write to the club at the address below, or e-mail the secretary.

The Secretary : B.A.R.G. Inc.  
Box 1261  
Mail Centre  
Ballarat. Vic. 3354.

Or E-Mail: [vk3bml@barg.org.au](mailto:vk3bml@barg.org.au)



## BARG Inc. Life members

Kevin Hughes	VK3WN
Ian McDonald	VK3AXH
Charlie Stewart	VK3DCS
Bob Terrill	VK3BNC
Jim Wright	SK
Norm D'Angri	VK3LBA
Phil Seddon	
Stan Widgery	SK
Gordon Cornell	VK3FGC
Harry Hekkema	VK3KGL

## CLUB INFORMATION

### REPEATERS and BEACON

#### D—STAR

<b>CALLSIGN:</b>	<b>MODE:</b>	<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	<b>TX OFFSET:</b>	<b>USER SETTINGS</b>
VK3RBA A	Digital Data	1298.700 MHz	Nil (half duplex)	URCALL: VK3RBA RPT1: VK3RBA A RPT2: not in use
VK3RBA B	Digital Voice	439.9875 MHz	-5.0 MHz	URCALL: CQCQCQ RPT!: VK3RBA B RPT2: not in use

VK3RBA (UHF)	(70 cm Voice Repeater (Uses CTCSS of 91.5 Hz to access))	439.275 MHz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RBA (VHF)	(2 m Voice Repeater)	146.750 MHz	Mt Buninyong
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

\* **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** Sunday 11.00 am via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

**NEWS ITEMS** Send to Harry VK3KGL

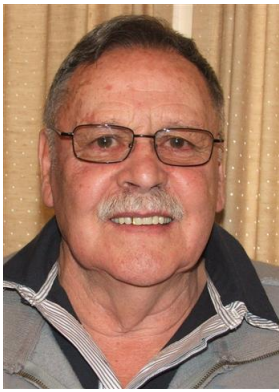
Or mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354 or e-mail [vk3kgl@barg.org.au](mailto:vk3kgl@barg.org.au)

#### Broadcast Times and Dates on VK3RWA Repeater

Every Sunday at 11.00 am, WIA National News.

Every Monday night at 9.30 pm, ARRL News

Every Tuesday night at 9.30 pm, WIA National News Repeat



# *Presidents Report*

Doug, VK3VBA

Well the most important Meeting for the year is to be held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, yes I am referring to our Annual General Meeting.

I am hoping for a good attendance, all positions become vacant and I would love too to see then all filled, fresh blood is good blood so if you have never held any position with BARG maybe now is the time.

The year gone by has been a learning curve for me I did some things a little different to other years some still the same, my big wish is did I do it to the satisfaction of all members I hope so.

Our trips to other clubs hamventions were good fun times and at the same time always on the lookout for ideas for our own event we even achieved in getting C A into a McDonalds store.

The quality of our guest speakers were in my opinion excellent offering a good range of topics.

In the thanks department where do I start, Doug FDRE in the position of secretary fresh to the position but he stood up to the challenge and come through with honours.

Peter FPOL as treasurer Peter said he loves figures ( not human) and he proved that he is a very professional person in everything he takes on, our books have never been in better hands it is very encouraging to listen to Peter when he gives his report to members on our finances, he has made some changes and I believe they are all good and long and short term BARG will benefit many thanks Peter.

Brian KQB and Ian AXH many thanks for your time with our construction nights a bit mind bogling for some members but we all learnt that little bit more about our hobby.

Roger ADE many thanks for the time spent with administration of our repeaters thanks also to Nik NJP for his assistance at Ben Nevis.

To all our life members these members have and are still the backbone of our group whilst on the subject of life members we appointed a new life member during the year Harry KGL. Harry of course is our Editor of the News Letter he does a lot of work in the background and its certainly of a very high standard, many thanks Harry.

Thanks could go on forever as we have a good crew and when things to be done are required it seems to happen every time and for that I am very grateful.

After our AGM the next big event is our H/Vention and I am confident that full support from our members as in other years will happen

Whilst typing this I have received a phone call from our local paper they have requested an interview with me to participate in a editorial re amateur radio I am a bit nervous about it but if it helps send the message out to the public what we are all about it will be all worth it.

To our grey nomads in sunny Queensland we hope you don't get sun burnt I can assure you that the rest of the members holding the fort will not get burnt in sunny Ballarat.

That's all from me so travel safely take care see you at the AGM



**BARG LIFE MEMBERS**

Back: Ian, VK3AXH, Norm, VK3LBA, Bob, VK3BNC, Gordon, VK3FGC  
 Front: Harry, VK3KGL, Kevin, VK3WN, Charlie, VK3DCS



History of Eureka Flag presentation  
 by Val D'Angri, xyl of VK3LBA  
 At our June Meeting

**Solutions for connecting you...**

- Ballarat's fastest broadband<sup>1</sup>
- Affordable Chatphone VoIP phone service
- Great value cable television



For commercial subscriptions call Heather James on 0427 007 893. For residential subscriptions call our Customer Service Centre on 1300 366 248.

Terms and Conditions  
 Standard Neighbourhood Cable Terms and Conditions apply. <sup>1</sup>Speeds vary depending on a number of circumstances including network traffic, customer hardware, equipment and operating systems, download site traffic, download site bandwidth and size of file being downloaded.

**HEWITT & WHITTY Pty. Ltd.**  
 Outdoor Power Equipment

Cnr Camgham Road  
 & Wiltshire Lane  
 Ballarat VIC 3350  
**Phone:** (03) 5336 1344  
**Fax:** (03) 5336 1027

**Damien Hennessy**

Sales / Spares  
**Mobile:** 0417 313 811  
**Email:** damo\_611@hotmail.com



BA'S AUDIO WORKSHOP PTY. LTD. ABN 59 007 427 778  
 trading as

**BALLARAT**  
 AUTO SOUND SPECIALIST  
 and  
 Radio Communications Systems Specialists  
 Supply and Service

**8 EASTWOOD ST., BALLARAT 3350**  
**Tel. 5333 4465 Fax. 5331 5851**

**BJS**  
 Ballarat Joinery Supplies

contemporary craftsmanship | traditional service

**Rob Knott**  
 Director  
 0417 389 356

P.O. Box 146N Ballarat VIC 3350  
**Tel** 5333 3008 **Fax** 5331 1411  
**Email** rob@ballaratjoinerysupplies.com.au  
**Web** www.ballaratjoinerysupplies.com.au

**Anything FOR SALE or WANTED???**

**Why not send it to the Editor to be included in the next Newsletter.**

**Send to: Newsletter, BOX 1261, Mail Centre, Ballarat, 3354.**

**or**

**vk3kgl@barg.org.au**

**Next DEADLINE for articles is the 22nd of August !!!**





Doug, VK3FRDE

# The Secretary's Page

## **Minutes of the BARG General Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

Meeting opened at 1935 by President Doug VK3VBA.

### **Apologies**

VK3BVI, VK3CAZ, VK3HHK, VK3FSTU, VK3FHUT, VK3GND, VK3VLY, VK3FIVE, VK3VLY.

### **Attendance**

Approximately 21 Members.

### **Visitors**

Bill Wells Wife and daughter – Norma and Dawn, Tim Stevens

### **Minutes of the Previous**

(May) general meeting had been distributed previously, they were passed with a minor amendment (FN arms company not FM) as being correct.

Moved Craig CMC / Kevin WN – carried.

### **Business arising from the minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **Secretary's Report**

Correspondence In: No correspondence per se. Circuit boards for CTSS project had been received.

Correspondence Out: Follow up letter to ARV regarding the Mt William repeater, Letter to VK3YNB regarding his overuse of the Mt Buninyong repeater.

Moved Brian KQB / Bill PAL – Carried.

### **Other Reports**

**Social** – There were variable reports from dining night at the Globe Hotel, next meal to be at the RSL club.

**Repeaters** – Roger ADE reported all repeaters were working OK.

**Construction** – Brian KQB – **Next** project will be building of tone access boards to allow members using sets without this facility to access repeaters.

**Amenities** – Working Bee soon, date to be announced.

**Education** – Craig CMC, there are one examination for advanced, and three for foundation proposed for July, Gordon FGC will assist Craig.

### **General Business**

The raffle for the night (nice looking multitool) raised \$20.10, and was won by Ian CIS

Damascus college activities days had been attended, reports from the students who participated were to be made available to Gordon for review.

John Kennedy AIG has been able to acquire at no cost six large Trestles from St Lukes hall.

A few brave souls had braved the elements for John Moyle field day.

Our life members – VK3DCS, VK3BNC, VK3FGC, VK3LDA, VK3AXH, VK3AWN and our newest VK3KGL were presented with their new and distinctive membership badges by president Doug.

The venue for the Hamvention is being extended, this may enable us more room to set up trestles, we have probably now sourced sufficient trestles for the day from several different sources, at quite low cost.

Craig CMC suggested that an idea for a future excursion might be to the Signal corps and Pay corps museums at Watsonia, he has visited them both, and found them to be very interesting.

It appeared that there would be insufficient numbers to warrant taking a bus to Cranbourne for the GGREC Hamfest, but this might change.

**There being no further business, meeting closed at 2030. Next meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July at 1930**

Following the meeting Val D'Angri gave a most interesting talk on the Eureka flag. As a young textiles teacher Val was responsible for the repair and preservation work on the original flag, and has since produced several replicas, Val's great, great, grandmother Anastasia was involved in the sewing of the original flag in 1854.

The interest in this talk, and the many questions asked of Val by the members present, again demonstrated what a diverse group that we are, and the range of things away from radio that interest us. Unfortunately I had to leave before Val had finished speaking, but I am certain that there would have been a warm round of applause, and the traditional souvenir BARG mug at the conclusion.

***Disclaimer:** While I have endeavoured to make these minutes an accurate record of the meeting, I may not necessarily have succeeded. If I have upset anyone by error or omission I apologise.*

*Doug Ellery  
VK3FDRE  
Secretary BARG*

BALLARAT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INC. (BARG)

# HAMVENTION 2009

**Venue:** Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club's Function Room

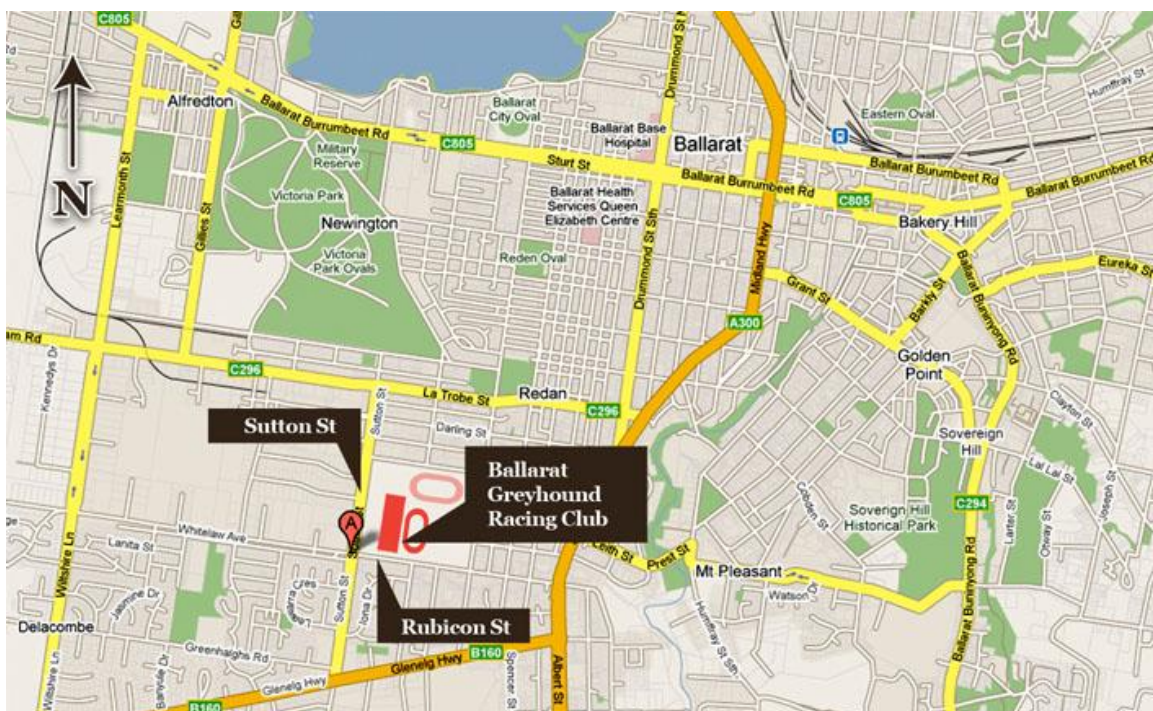
**Address:** Corner Rubicon & Sutton Streets, Ballarat 3350  
Adjacent to Bray Raceway Harness Racing Track, Morshead Park  
Lat -37.580618, Long 143.83024

**DATE:** Sunday 25th October  
**10:00AM Onwards**

**ENTRY:** \$6.00 per person  
Trade displays & pre-loved equipment for sale  
Food & drinks available on site



**INFORMATION & BOOKINGS:** [hamvention@barg.org.au](mailto:hamvention@barg.org.au) or Box 1261, Mail Centre, Ballarat 3354  
**COORDINATORS:** Roger VK3ADE, Craig VK3CMC, Ian VK3AXH, Bob VK3NBV & Peter VK3FPOL  
**BARG.ORG.AU**



# **BALLARAT AMATEUR RADIO GROUP INC.**

**REG. NO. A0006953T**

**ABN 44 247 200 143**

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Ballarat Amateur Radio Group Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2009 will be held at the Clubrooms, Huts 31A and 31B, Ballarat Airport, on Friday, 31 July 2009, commencing at 19:30.

### **BUSINESS**

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 August 2008.
2. Any matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2009 and Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2009, together with the Auditor's Report thereon.
4. President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2009.
5. Election of Office Bearers for the year ending 30 June 2010, including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
6. Election of six Ordinary Members to the Committee of Management.
7. Appointment of the Auditor for the year ending 30 June 2010.
8. Confirmation of Non Elected Positions for the year ending 30 June 2010, including Amenities Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, Computer System/IRLP Coordinator, Construction Group Coordinator, Education Officer, Hamvention Coordinator, Librarian, Net Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Property Officer, Public Officer, Radio Modernisation Coordinator, Technical Officer and Web Site Officer.
9. Setting of Membership Fees for the year ending 30 June 2010.
10. Any other business.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Doug Ellery, VK3FDRE

Honorary Secretary

20 May 2009

Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or as Ordinary Members of the Committee of Management shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate and delivered to the Honorary Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination forms are available on the Club's Web Site, and will also be available at the Monthly General Meeting to be held at the Clubrooms on Friday, 26 June 2009 at 19:30.