

# BARG News



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President: Bob Pitcher VK3NBV  
Secretary: Ian McDonald VK3AXH  
Treasurer: Gordon Cornell VK3FGC

**NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2008**  
At 7.30 pm

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Ian McDonald	VK3AXH
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Bob Terrill	VK3BNC
Jim Wright	SK (VK3CFB)
Norm D'Angri	VK3LBA
Phil Seddon	Formerly VK3AQM
Stan Widgery	SK (VK3SE)
Maurice Batt	SK (VK3XEX)
George Small	SK (VK3DKJ)

## CLUB INFORMATION

### REPEATERS and BEACON

VK3RBA	(Voice)	146.750 Mhz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA	(Voice)	147.100 Mhz	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(Packet)	144.750 Mhz	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(Voice)	438.475 Mhz	Mt Hollowback
VK3RMB	(Beacon)	435.535 Mhz	Mt Buninyong
VK3RBU-1	(APRS)	145.175 Mhz	Mt Hollowback

**IRLP** Node 6310 using VK3RRWA

**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 11.00 via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

**NEWS ITEMS** Send to Harry VK3KGL

### Broadcast Times and Dates on VK3RWA Repeater

Every Sunday at 11.00 am, WIA National News, followed by VICLINK

Every Monday night at 9.30 pm, ARRL News

Every Tuesday night at 9.30 pm, WIA National News Repeat

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## The Secretary's Page

### Minutes of BARG General Meeting February 2008

**Welcome:** Meeting opened by President Bob VK3NBV at 7:37pm

**Visitors:** A number of members from the Geelong Radio and Electronics Society attended the meeting to enjoy BARG's hospitality and to hear a presentation later in the evening by David VK3UR about BARG's Radio Modernisation Project

**Apologies:** VK3HRZ, VK3HHK, VK3IDL, VK3HGA, VK3CFH

Minutes of the January 2008 General Meeting as per the Newsletter.

Matters arising – Clarification re the minutes financial details for distribution to  
Non members from VK3BNC – matter resolved

Moved VK3DCS/VK3KQB Carried

#### **Secretary Report:**

Correspondence: Incoming – WIA re new website, Ian Craven re Foundation Course  
Email re VK3HEX interest in the club activities  
Outgoing – Cheque to Woolshed for Hamvention 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008

Moved VK3AXH/VK3CAZ Carried

### ***Reports***

VK3ADE – Roger reports the beacons are virtually complete with the antenna for 23cm being the only outstanding item to be completed. Ian VK3AXH looking into its construction.

VK3KGL – Harry reports all is ok however more articles are always welcome.

Dining Night – Bob VK3NBV reports the next dining night will be held on Friday night 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal Oak just a stagger from Charlies place.

Technical Equipment – Ian VK3AXH reports the Packet Repeater has been repaired and reinstalled at Mt Warrenheip. The main problems being a power supply rebuild and receive audio problem. The replacement

repeater for Mt Ben Nevis has been completed. A visit is required to collect the existing unit together with cavities which need a retune and after a soak test for a couple of weeks at the club rooms will be installed.

Construction Group – The list for the microwave SWR bridge is growing with approx 10 kits needed. The HF SWR bridge is also moving along with several members wanting to make the pcb's etc.

VK3VBA – Doug reports that a few extra chairs have been setup for the visitors from GRES

## General Business

A working bee is to be held at the club rooms on 8<sup>th</sup> March to attend to any jobs that need to be done including a proper earth for the clubs radio console.

John Moyle Field Day Weekend at Flagstaff Hill on 15/16<sup>th</sup> March. Interested members – VK3CMC, VK3ADE, VK3VBA, VK3FHUT, VK3AIG, VK3GND, VK3NBV, VK3FGC, VK3TJW, VK3FPOL, VK3AXH, VK3FNLY, VK3IDL. VK3AIG to coordinate with assistance.

Equipment for Tender: The list of equipment has been circulated with the exclusion of the Marconi Attenuator which was on loan from VK3CAZ. Decisions regarding bids will be decided at the next committee meeting.

Education – Craig VK3CMC has indicated there are 5 candidates for the foundation licence and the likely date is 12/13<sup>th</sup> April. Assistance to be provided by VK3AIG, VK3WN, VK3AXH, VK3BNC and VK3UR. An examiner from GRES has volunteered his services.

BARG donated an old piece of equipment namely a Wheatstone Bridge to the museum at GRES which was gratefully received by Keith VK3XKS who indicated a suitable plaque would be attached indicating the clubs donation

Doug VK3VBA has organized a light supper for members and visitors together with tea and coffee.

Meeting closed 8:50pm



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