

# BARG NEWS



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**NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 24, 2006**  
At 7.30 pm

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## 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

**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

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 10.30 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

Every Wednesday night at 9.30 pm, Spectrum Tasmania News

## MOWING ROSTER



It is that time again when we publish the mowing roster for the Club rooms. The mower and fuel are at the rooms, but when the fuel is getting low please contact the committee to get a refill. Any new "mowers" will be fitted in.

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## Presidents Message.

Hi All,

I guess by now you've spent all your winnings from the Melbourne Cup on Christmas Presents. October 21/22 saw a successful weekend of JOTA at the PAX HILL scout camp. We were much appreciated by all and big thanks to John CFH who did all the organizing. I was in attendance there also and it was surprising how difficult it was to get out of there on radio.

Thanks to Doug VBA, Clem BVI and Merve ADX who lent helping hands on the other ends of radios at times. We used 40/80/2 metres and IRLP, that really needed a beam, I spent a lot of time putting various 2 metre antennas up trees, with Johns hammer on the end of a rope. No, the Landrover didn't lose its windows !!

John and I also went and picked up some pre-loved gear from George 3DS bound for the Hamvention. It all disappeared over a couple of days..

Another activity happening during the month was organized by The Doc CFH, Ian AXH, John AIG,. They were out pushing the wheelbarrow of Amateur Radio at Damascus College, so we might get a few new F calls coming from there. Well done Cobbers.

Our main function of the year has also been completed successfully, and that's the Hamvention.

This was put together ably by Ian AXH in our new location at the "Woolshed".

All went well, the traders came, the crowds came, and the goods went out the door, by the armfuls in some cases. Yes there were a couple of problems that will be discussed at committee and general meetings this week, which will improved for the next one. Congrats Ian, Great Job..

Looks like Craig CMC has another Training Session for the foundation License coming up for the weekend of December 16/17. Quite a lot of helpers are involved here too.

Publicity has been going on for club recently in newspapers, magazines, tv,radio. Thanks to Doug VBA, Ian AXH, and don't forget David UR who managed to be out of bed and on the ABC by 7.40am.

Well done everybody.

There's a lot going on in this group and a lot are helping, from working bee's, construction nights, Dining nights, Meetings, where you get your say.

Buy the time you read this another dining night will have happened at Ballarat Lodge.

## VHF/UHF Field Day - VK3AXH



Some pics of our outing for the VHF/UHF field day this weekend. The two lads VK3IDL and VK3AXH operated from Green Hill on bands 6m, 2m, 70cm, 23cm and 13cm under callsign VK3IDL

Try this link for about 123 pages of circuit diagrams, manual, car manuals and all sorts of information.

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John, vk3cfh running the Scouts Jamboree at Pax Hill

## HAMVENTION 2006



**Rick, vk3beb and David, vk3ur in charge of finance**



**Geoff, vk3adb and Cliff, vk3ccb talking old time**



**Ernie, vk3det and Len, vk3bmy selling their goods**



**Bob, vk3bnc and John, vk3cfh on the BARG table**



**Bill, vk3amh And "Woody", vk3agd**



**Old telly from the early fifties on offer**

## Radio Modernisation Project Update:

The Committee approved the purchase of a Diamond SX-100 VSWR meter which was obtained through **Strictly Ham**. The VSWR meter is functional from 1.6MHz – 60MHz.

Ross, **VK3SR**, from Melbourne has kindly donated a 13.8VDC @ 20A (continuous) rack mounted power supply to BARG for use with the project.





Merv, **VK3ADX**, and David **VK3UR**, installed the club's new TS-480sat, power supply and VSWR meter into the radio shack's console in time for the September General Meeting. The first contacts were made just prior to the General Meeting on 80m with club member Gavin, **VK3VTX**, who was on holiday in Mt Gambier and with Ballarat local David, **VK3KY**. Both gave excellent signal reports and the station has since been used several times, which is excellent to see.

The September General Meeting approved the purchase of a rotary dipole for the WARC-79 bands as well as an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) to protect the shack computer. A TZ-RD-3W Rotary Dipole has been ordered from **Rippletech Antennas** in Melbourne and is due to be delivered in early November. When installed this antenna will provide capabilities for the club to operate on 10, 18 and 24MHz. One of the next items to be sourced / purchased will be the UPS.

Vice President Roger, **VK3ADE**, generously donated a surplus computer towards the modernisation project and this is currently offsite being configured. The computer has the capability to support dual screens, which will enable a number of programs to be displayed simultaneously.

The **Wireless Institute of Australia** will be presenting the \$900 cheque to BARG as part of the WIA Clubs Grant Scheme at the BARG Hamvention in November. The WIA grant was allocated to purchase the new HF rotary dipole, obtain / install antennas for 160m and 6m and purchase computer controlled antenna switching equipment that will be ordered shortly.

We are still looking for a 50 ohm, 100W Dummy Load (1.8 – 30MHz minimum) for use as part of the project. If you can assist please contact David, **VK3UR**, on 5334-1888 (AH) or by email at [vk3ur@barg.org.au](mailto:vk3ur@barg.org.au).

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