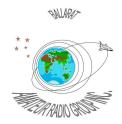
# **BARG News**



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## NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY August 28, 2009 At 7.30 pm

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#### **CLUB INFORMATION**

#### **REPEATERS and BEACON**

#### **D**—STAR

CALLSIGN:	MODE:	FREQUENCY:	TX OFFSET:	USER SETTINGS
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.

**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

## **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 AGM is now behind us again unfortunately not many changes, i don't apologize for keep requesting to see new members to be appointed to executive positions and other positions new ideas are in most cases good ideas.

We welcome Bob, bnc to our committee, good to see you back again.

Bob, nbv has stepped down from committee Bob has completed two years as president plus another year as committee member, I know that he will not fade into the background and do nothing in fact he is on the H/vention committee, so Bob please on behalf of all members many thanks for putting in the effort in the past it is certainly been a dedicated journey well done.

Our construction nights have been a raging success and a very timely one with the construction of CTSS boards and the tone installed on RWA.

A total of 30 boards were constructed and at this stage most have been installed into radios, I must thank Ian AXH and Brian KQB for their perseverance with members who needed assistance to complete the project.

Kevin WN has had that long over due surgery on his hip completed I wish him a quick recovery.

Ted HHK is also hopefully on the mend.

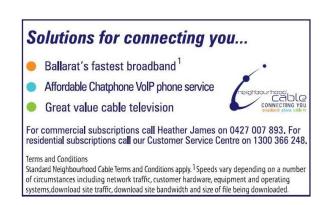
Our grey nomads have headed north with AIG being the latest to leave town don't forget to remember the hardy ones left at home.

After watching a lot of members squinting whilst completing their projects a purchase of three (3) magnifying lights will help members in the future.

At this stage of writing this report I have not yet got a guest speaker it could be a Policeman or a Undertaker.

That's all from me for now see you at the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Doug vk3vba





# Beachside Caravan Park Yeppoon

As it's name suggest, Beachside Caravan Park overlooks the 20 km Farnborough Beach just north of Yeppoon. A picturesque park in a tropical setting surrounded by magnificent sea views and a bay of islands. You are assured of plenty of fishing, pineapples and tropical fruit and vegetables in season. Powered caravan sites are available from where the lights of Great Keppel Island can be viewed.

#### Yeppoon - You'll be Back

Yeppoon has long been a bit of a grey nomad hotspot ... and it's very easy to see why.

Situated about 40 kilometers east of Rockhampton it's a great place to take a bit of a breather as you head up or down the coast. It's got some great caravan parks, is right next door to a stunning national park, state forests and conservation area, and its 1.5 kilometers of safe beaches are just a great place to relax. Oh, and to put the icing on the cake, the town with a population of 7,000 or so is friendly and well serviced.

As you do head south from Yeppoon, you are afforded magnificent views out to sea. From Wreck Point Lookout you can see all of the major islands, including Great Keppel and North Keppel islands. And if you are keen to visit the palm-filled paradise isles you can take a boat from Roslyn Bay Boat Harbour. It takes about half an hour to get across.

Byfield National Park covers some 15,000 hectares and boasts massive sand dunes, as well as rugged granite pinnacles like The Peaks and Mt Atherton. In the eucalypt woods and rainforest areas, birdlife is abundant, so twitchers don't forget your binoculars.

The state forest is actually far more accessible than the national park and it offers excellent camping as well. The area has about 7,000 hectares of exotic pine plantation and 17,000 hectares of native forest, as well as pockets of rainforest along Waterpark Creek.

The Yeppoon area then, by any measure, is genuinely magnificent. The town itself has retained its friendly village atmosphere and the surrounding countryside and islands has more than enough to keep you interested.







# **FOR SALE**

PERSONAL MAGNIFYING HEADSET - DSE BRAND EXCELLENT LENSES (2)
TWO LEDS FOR ILLUMINATION - \$ 10-00
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