



BARG News

Ballarat Amateur Radio Group
Inc. #6953T
February
Monthly Newsletter

Next Meeting
Saturday 23th of February 2019 @ 11:00am

At the B.A.R.G. Club House, Ballarat Airport

All Welcome



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Presidents Report

Welcome to the February newsletter. A bit of a short news letter this month. Over the last 12 months we've seen lots of discussion on the email list "Chatter". There's been a large and diverse range of topics with some two and fro on many of the items. The down side is less for the newsletter. A format that's much slower and less opportunity to discuss. I guess it's another indicator to how things are changing around us.

If your not subscribed to the Chatter mailing list I would encourage you to do so. The only problem I have is I can't keep up with all the interesting stuff that Lachy finds!

We've some interesting meetings coming up already this year. Next meeting will be a day meeting, on Saturday 23rd. Start at 11am. We'll fire up the BBQ and cook a sausage following the meeting.



We had hoped to have a guest speaker on Satellites, but sadly they're tied up that day. We'd still like to make the most of the day light, so bring along your satellite gear and make the most of the afternoon.

The 16th and 17th of March is the John Moyle Field day. There's quite a bit of interest in having a club station running for this event. Probably at the airport, but to be finalised. We'll get into the details at our next general meeting on Saturday.

For the March meeting we've been able to arrange for the WIA to present. This has been planned as a video link up, though the WIA has suggested they may be able to attend in person. That meeting will be on Friday March 29th so pencil the date into the diary. As always, members and guests will be welcome to attend.

Till next time,

Malcolm, VK3OAK



VHF and Above for February 2019

In the past few weeks propagation has declined with little to report other than the usual listed activity.

However since in the last newsletter some of the locals have achieved some results worth reporting. Bob VK3BNC had a very good contact on 1296 with VK3VG in Shepparton with 5x9 signals on SSB so well done Bob.

Craig has also achieved results when he went portable south of Linton with his recently completed 1296 transverter. Tests were done between the portable location and VK3AXH with 5x9 results both ways. Craig was using a Minikits transverter with a FT817 as the I.F. driver. Craig is in the process of building a bigger antenna for portable operation and is hoping to put up 4 loop yagi's at his home QTH in the near future.

The provisional results for the recent VHF field day have been released and with the assistance of contacts in the 2.4 – 5.7G bands Ian VK3AXH managed a 2nd place in his class. This result was aided by the EMDRC gang using callsign VK3KQ at the Enfield State Forest. Bands used by Ian from his home QTH were from 6m through to 5.7G. Best contact on 2.4G to the other EMDRC setup North of Ballan in the Wombat State Forest.

Paul VK3TXR now has his preamplifier working and hearing signals a lot better as a result. Pauls next adventure is to increase his output power so watch this space for updates.

Bob VK3BNC has been working on his dish for EME and hopes to be in a position to do some testing shortly. As we know it's one thing getting a dish in place then another challenge to get it all going with a suitable feed, Az/El control, preamps and list goes on.

In the near future the club will hopefully participate in the John Moyle Field Day from the clubrooms. It's hoped some microwave activity can also be performed from the club rooms or perhaps Mt Hollowback. As usual we rely on suitable weather for this part of the event.

If you have been doing something in your shack drop me a note so it can be included in the magazine.

Till next time 73 de VK3AXH

VK3BML club station of Ballarat Amateur Radio Group.

DATE	OPERATOR	NAME	ALTERNATIVE	NAME
21-Feb-19	VK3TXR	Paul	VK3EXE	Chris
28-Feb-19	VK3EXE	Chris	VK3GGG	Mick