

B.A.R.G. NEWS

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PRESIDENT: David Tilson VK3UR SECRETARY: John Kennedy VK3AIG TREASURER: Bob Terrill VK3BNC
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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2005

At 7.30 pm

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Ah the joys of modern technology, I regret the late distribution of this month news letter and the reduced size.

The upper side is that I have been away during the latter part of January and much of February during which time I had little time to connect to the internet. The down side is that my e-mail system failed and it has taken time to get it going again. Hence no gossip and lateness of getting info.

Technology is good but when it does not want to work (ie. {"sick days"}) we have no other "staff" to do the job.

DATES

Club meetings the last Friday each month starting at 7.30 pm

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 7.30.

Construction Nights. Construction nights are held on the second Monday each month at 7.30 .

WICEN Net : Tuesday nights at 9.00 pm on 3.60 MHz + QRM etc. (Some times below 3.60) and after the net closes, a short check in on 40M at an agreed freq.

CONSTRUCTION NIGHTS

I understand that at the last meeting a number of projects we discussed but no conclusion made, so if you have a suggestion please let Ian know. (It will reduce the amount of coffee consumed)

(Renovation Rescue, Radio Style!)

Work on the renovations is now nearing completion. As you know the objective was to make the area more useful and develop it as a workshop storage area which would be secure. The plan (we think that John AIG lost it!) was to remove all the rear windows and replace with a solid wall. The western end was gutted to provide an opening with bi-fold doors wide enough for a trailer to fit thru and a re-located new back door.

The dividing wall was the tricky bit which required the roof to be supported whilst the wall was removed and a new beam support moved into position.

Charlie TCV, rendered the area safe with the electrics. Working with sixty plus year old wood Neil just loved using his nail gun.

It was now time for the “demolition twins”. Dr John rigged for surgery, gloves, safety glasses, sledge hammer and of course the electric jack hammer. The metre cube of solid concrete we thought being poured in wartime would be a pushover, indeed. After awhile it was too much for big John who we found out later had considerable experience in the removal of such objects, said “lets have a go”

Well we are now looking for a painter with an acrylic spray outfit to brighten it all up, paint provided! The lights and power will be re-instated along with a bench, shadow boards and storage. I must pay credit to our “master builder” Neil KQQ for once again providing the expertise, equipment and team leadership after all who else could get work out of Dad’s army! It was noted that “General Gordon” went on holidays at the appropriate time!

Bob VK3BNC.

NEWS IN BRIEF

John Moyle Weekend: This is to be held on the week end 19-20 March. As a Club we intend to take part as we did last year. There will be more about it at the Club meeting February.

Geelong Visit: The visit to GRES at Belmont is now scheduled for Friday 8 April. GRES usually meets on a Thursday night but has altered their night to make us welcome, so we should make a special effort.

Further Building Notes: The Club has purchased an air conditioning unit, which is in the process of being installed. Unfortunately the hot nights will most likely finished by the time the installation is completed.

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Minutes of General Meeting January 28 2005

Meeting opened by President David @ 2000 hrs.

Apologies. Vk3det. Vk3fgc. Vk3cfh, Vk3pal. Vk3jem.

David welcomed guests. Michael Owen Vk3ki. WIA National President.

Robert Broomhead Vk3krb, WIA Director, and Ian Vk3ahb.

David congratulated Steve Vk3se on obtaining full call

Minutes of November meeting as circulated. Moved Vk3vba/Vk3hrz. Carried,

Financial statement and accounts for payment. Moved Vk3nbv/Vk3vbi, Carried.

Correspondence, In WIA awards, Vk3bml second place in John Moyle day.
Stephen Vk3heg stating he will terminate the agreement BARG/Himself housing IRLP at his residence.

Out To David Bennett advising new membership.

Committee Report, Vk3rwa repeater to be upgraded to modern day standard, \$1500 allocated for equipment. Thanks to A.R.V. new cabinet donated.

Building Committee allocated up to \$500.00 for alterations rear of Club Rooms. Neil Vk3kqq reported a working bee this coming Saturday to demolish old windows.

Eureka Special event Ian Vk3idl reported that the Club Stn Vi3bml made 533 contacts With 20 operators logging up 110 hrs. QSL cards in the process of being printed. Good publicity for Club and amateur radio.

Reports. Club Net, Six took part, very bad noise level.

Library, Craig Vk3cmc reported on outstanding material and asked members to check if holding any copies,

Publicity, Doug Vk3nba reported on Courier publicity.

General Business. Coming events. Drew Diamond to address April meeting.

Tom George to address Feb meeting, Neil Blanchard to address May meeting.

JohnVk3aig reported on Reverse Cycle Air Con available at Big W. with ratings 1.5 HP 12.000 Btu. Priced at \$388.00.

Moved Clem Vk3bvi/Steve Vk3se that Club purchase above unit Carried.

Charlie Vk3tcv has donated his time to install unit at no cost to Club.

Moved Ian Vk3axh/ Ian Vk3idl that Club stay at fixed time 1930hrs for all meetings during the year. Carried.

Steve Vk3se to investigate tour of mine site as outing.

Ian Vk3idl to investigate having a family day at Cobden miniature railway.

IRLP, Looking at alternative sites, Possible location at Club Rooms. Keeping costs to similar and meeting members needs,

Moved Doug Vk3nbv/ Bob Vk3vbi that the Committee be empowered to investigate and identify best location for IRLP node. Carried.

Exams Ian Vk3axh and Craig Vk3cmc to assist Charlie Vk3dcs with exam times.

Meeting closed @ 2036 hrs . Guest speaker Michael Owen WIA National President

	<u>Construction Night</u>	<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Dining Night</u>	<u>General Meeting</u>	<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>
<u>February</u>	Mon 14th 7:30 pm	Wed 16th 8:00 pm	Fri 18th 6:30 pm (Venue TBA)	Fri 25 th PIC Controllers Tom VK3DMK 7:30 pm	Sat 26th Feb Exams Contact Charlie, VK3DCS
<u>March</u>	Mon 7 th 7:30PM (14 th Labour Day)	Wed 16th 8:00 pm	Fri 11th 6:30 pm (Venue TBA)	Fri 18 th Preparation for JMMFD 7:30PM	19th – 20th Mar John Moyle Memorial Field Day Contest

CLUB INFORMATION

REPEATERS

VK3RBA	(Voice)	146.750	Mt Buninyong
VK3RWA	(Voice)	147.100	Mt Ben Nevis
VK3RPC	(Packet)	144.750	Mt Warrenheip
VK3RBU	(Voice)	438.475	

BEACON

VK3RMB	438.475	Mt Buninyong
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IRLP Node 6310 using VK3RWAS

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 and Club Call Back. Sunday's 11.30 via VK3RWA (IRLP Node 6310)

NEWS ITEMS Send to **Gordon VK3FGC** (e-mail the club) mail to Box 1261 Mail Centre BALLARAT 3354

Weekly BARG HF Net: Thursday's 8:00pm on 3.610MHz +/- QRM