



# BARG News

*Ballarat Amateur Radio Group*  
*Inc. #6953T*  
*August*  
*Monthly Newsletter*

Next Meeting  
**Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 11am**

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

All Welcome



## **Contacting us**

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### **Presidents Report**

The AGM last meeting saw all positions filled again. Welcome to Gordon as Treasurer, Ben as Vice President. Thanks to Doug staying on a secretary. Also Lachlan, Ian, David, Ian and Bob as committee. There was also some lively discussion about the constitution, with the resulting decision that we should look at it through the coming year.

Fee's were set for the next 12 months. \$50 for a regular member and \$60 for a family. That's only \$4.16 / month. Pretty reasonable I reckon. Fee's should be paid via bank transfer, with your call sign or name to identify who it's from. Gordon can assist with the bank detail if you need them.

Next meeting is a Saturday meeting again, starting at 11am on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Peter, VK3YE will be guest speaker. Peter is well known in the amateur community for his knowledge and passion for portable and QRP operation. Peter will be talking about portable antennas, particularly for Parks operation, amongst other things. Guests welcome.

Booking are coming in for Hamvention now, so we'll spend a bit more time on that in coming meetings. And there's a few construction projects in the pipe too.

We do need speakers and topics to cover in our general meetings for the next 12 monts. Any ideas please let myself or the committee know.

It should be a good year coming up!

73

*Malcolm, VK3OAK*

### **VHF and Above for August 2019**

This past month has not seen much activity from my QTH due to some equipment problems. In addition there have been some of the regulars operators on the sick list as well.

My observations have been limited however there was some activity occurred on 2mx EME when I was able to contact a special event station on 19<sup>th</sup> of July using the callsign AO50MOON to commemorate 50 years since man first walked on the moon. The special station was set up by a club in Spain and I'm looking forward to receiving a confirmation QSL card in the future.

Good progress has been made with the 2mx LFA yagi project with some of the group now having them in operation. This segment will be looking for reports from those that have them in the air about performance. Plans are in the preliminary stage for this group to build 432 MHz yagis next. I believe there will be multiple sets made up perhaps with a view of using them for satellites and possibly EME as well.

Remember if you have something going on in your shack in the VHF and above areas then drop me a note or direct to the magazine editor.

*Till next time 73....VK3AXH*

### Member Request

Some time back I loaned a HIGH VOLTAGE probe to a member and cannot remember who it was at this time. As I am about to do some HV measurements on a transmitter it would be handy to reacquaint myself with the device. It was an ex TV HV probe with a metal (ring guard) as part of the plastic barrel. The borrower is welcome to borrow again after I finish my job..

Thanks Craig VK3KG. “

### VK3BML club station of Ballarat Amateur Radio Group.

**HF NET:** Every Thursday Night at 8 pm on 3.608 MHz - VK3BML

DATE	OPERATOR	NAME	ALTERNATIVE OP.	
22-Aug-19	VK3KQT	David	VK3AXH	Ian
29-Aug-19	VK3DRE	Doug	VK3TXR	Paul
5-Sep-19	VK3AXH	Ian	VK3GGG	Mick
12-Sep-19	VK3TXR	Paul	VK3EXE	Chris
19-Sep-19	VK3GGG	Mick	VK3KQT	David
26-Sep-19	VK3EXE	Chris	VK3DRE	Doug
3-Oct-19	VK3KQT	David	VK3AXH	Ian
10-Oct-19	VK3DRE	Doug	VK3TXR	Paul
17-Oct-19	VK3AXH	Ian	VK3GGG	Mick
24-Oct-19	VK3 TXR	Paul	VK3ESE	Chris
31-Oct-19	VK3GGG	Mick	VK3KQT	David
7-Nov-19	VK3EXE	Chris	VK3DRE	Doug
14-Nov-19	VK3KQT	David	VK3AXH	Ian
21-Nov-19	VK3DRE	Doug	VK3TXR	Paul
28-Nov-19	VK3AXH	Ian	VK3GGG	Mick
5-Dec-19	VK3TXR	Paul	VK3EXE	Chris
12-Dec-19	VK3GGG	Mick	VK3KQT	David
19-Dec-19	VK3EXE	Chris	VK3DRE	Doug
26-Dec-19	VK3KQT	David	VK3AXH	Ian
2-Jan-20	VK3DRE	Doug	VK3TXR	Paul
9-Jan	VK3AXH	Ian	VK3GGG	Mick
16-Jan-20	VK3TXR	Paul	VK3EXE	Chris
23-Jan-20	VK3GGG	Mick	VK3KQT	David
30-Jan-20	VK3EXE	Chris	VK3DRE	Doug
6-Feb-20	VK3KQT	David	VK3AXH	Ian