



BARG News

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

Next Meeting
Saturday @ 2:00pm, 26th October

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

All Welcome



Contacting us

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Presidents Report

Welcome to the October newsletter. It's a bit of a shorty this month too. The coming weekend is the BARG Hamfest, and after a bit of a slow start it's shaping up to be another good year. Right now were at about 50 tables, a little down on last year. But about 10 tables have been booked in the last week, so we might get a few more last minutes bookings yet.

As the primary fund raiser for the year, I do ask that all those who can assist on the day please do come and help. It's pretty easy work if we have lots of helping hands. And it's not a huge amount of time.

Gates open for traders at 8:00am, so helpers should aim to be there around 7:45.

But don't worry if you can't make it early. There's cleaning up to do at the other end of the day as well. So there's still plenty you can help with if you can only make it later in the day.

Set up will be on Saturday afternoon. There's a meeting at the club house starting at 2pm. After which we'll load up the tables and then head over the greyhound track to set up.

Monday 4th of November is the next construction night too.



See you there.

73

Malcolm, VK3OAK

VHF and above for October 2019

It's been a strange month with great changes in propagation occurring particularly towards Mt GAMBIER where there is quite a lot of activity in the mornings on 2mx SSB. For example one morning you will be challenged to get good reports and see big swings in signal levels during relative short overs. Then a few days later just the opposite situation will occur.

The same regular operators can be heard most mornings with Bernard VK3FITW now being heard most days.

Our 1296MHz beacon was off the air for a few days due to a faulty power supply connection but is now working again albeit with a bit of warble. It's hope this issue will be fixed over the summer months and that the 432 MHz beacon will be up and running as well.

It's good to see Ernie VK3DET is back and running on the bottom end of 2mx as well. As previously listed regular club members to be heard include VK3AIG, VK3ALM, VK3LTL, VK3KG, VK3KQT (now using his new LFA antenna) VK3GGG, VK3AXH, VK3QY and no doubt others. Sorry if I missed listing you as being an active participant.

VK3AXH took part in an EME ARI Italian Contest during the month on both 2mx and 23cm EME managing 13 qso's in all with good reports.

Upcoming events include the Spring Field Day in November and also the Melbourne ATV group will be doing to tests between Mt Buninyong and Melbourne with digital TV using GHz frequencies. This event will take place on Sunday 3rd November from around 9am from the eastern slope down road on Mt Buninyong. If it's not too early and you want to see this activity then why not come along.

Till next time 73....VK3AXH

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.	
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

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.. *Craig VK3KG.*