



# BARG News

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

Next Meeting  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Online**

Face to Face! Out at the clubhouse at the Ballarat airport

All Welcome



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## Presidents May Report

Welcome to the September newsletter. Ballarat is back into lock down after a one week reprieve, so I don't have any real radio news to report. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting. At time of writing there's a nomination for each of the committee positions, with opportunity for one or even two more non-executive committee members. If you're interested in participating on the committee, please let Doug, VK3DRE know.

We had planned to put forward new constitution at the AGM. The constitution proposed is basically the consumer affairs model rules with only the changes to identify the club and the minimum number of members. At the last committee meeting it was highlighted that it might be appropriate to add something about Life Members. The old constitution does have a clause about life members, so there's a little more work to be done.

The constitution doesn't need an AGM to update it, so once there's a agreement on the required updates, it can be put to the members for approval.

At the last meeting we discussed the fees for the coming year. With neither of our primary fund raisers for the last two years, being the George Fowler and the Hamvention, we need to consider actions to ensure the club stays afloat. The recommendation was to leave the current fee at \$50 and also have a Covid surcharge of \$10. Family members will be also held at \$60.

Once lockdown lifts again we'll be due for another working bee at the club to mow the lawn, trim the bushes at the front of thr club, get the new EFHW installed and do some general clean up. Hopefully sooner rather than later.

That's all for this month. See you on Friday at 7:30, on Webex.

Malcolm

VK3OAK

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

#### **BARG THURSDAY NIGHT NET CONTROLLERS LIST.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>BACK UP</b>	<b>NAME</b>
23-Sep-21	VK3MCL	SCOTT	VK3AXH	IAN
30-Sep-21	VK3KG	CRAIG	VK3TXR	PAUL
7-Oct-21	VK3TXR	PAUL	VK3QY	CHRIS
14OCT21	VK3QY	CHRIS	VK3HMV	ANDY
21-Oct-21	VK3HMV	ANDY	VK3DRE	DOUG
28-Oct-21	VK3DRE	DOUG	VK3MCL	SCOTT
4-Nov-21	VK3MCL	SCOTT	VK3AXH	IAN
11-Nov-21	VK3AXH	IAN	VK3KG	CRAIG
18-Nov-21	VK3KG	CRAIG	VK3TXR	PAUL
25-Nov-21	VK3TXR	PAUL	VK3QY	CHRIS
2-Dec-21	VK3QY	CHRIS	VK3HMV	ANDY
9-Dec-21	VK3HMV	ANDY	VK3DRE	DOUG
16-Dec-21	VK3DRE	DOUG	VK3MCL	SCOTT
23-Dec-21	VK3MCL	SCOTT	VK3AXH	NAME
30-Dec-21	VK3AXH	IAN	VK3KG	CRAIG

## **VHF and Above for September 2021**

We had a little lift in propagation this month with some extended distances happening on the 2m band. Stations were heard working from VK3 into VK1 ,VK2 and VK5 with extended propagation across VK3 as well. The 2m beacons from Mt Gambier and Gippsland were strong indicating a good path for the weak signal enthusiasts.

The longest path heard was from Ballarat to Tottenham in central north NSW where Mark VK2EMA was heard at good signal strength into parts of Western Victoria.

VK5AYD in the Adelaide Hills was heard working a station in Ballarat using only 50 watts of power and a modest single yagi. Let's hope the warmer weather will come soon and give us many more opportunities for those types of contacts.

Meteor activity is alive and well on 6mx using MSK144 digital mode. As mentioned previously you don't need a lot of power and big antenna's to get involved in this activity. Best times are in the early morning around daybreak. Use of the website vkspotter is also useful to not only see who is doing what but also allows you to post your own activity.

I understand that Peter VK3PWG and Bob VK3BNC had a successful time experimenting on 23cm SSB across town where different antenna's were tried with signals up to S9 were achieved so well done to you both.

If you have something to contribute drop me a note or alternatively a note to the magazine editor letting us all know what's been happening in your shack on these bands.

Till next time 73 de VK3AXH