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## BALLARAT RADIO CLUB

"LISTENING IN."

LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS HEAR SYD  
NET TALKING.

RUSSELL STREET POLICE TAPPED.

Ballarat as a community probably does not know that it possesses a very active and enthusiastic Amateur Radio Club which has so fine an aerial and receiving installation that it can pick up wireless messages from Sydney and Adelaide, and indeed anywhere' around the Australian coast or inland. Such however, is the case, and last night a representative of the Star was afforded an opportunity "listening in" on some highly interesting items. The club which is at present twenty four strong, is composed solely of young men, and they meet at the residence of Mr R. Bennett. in Talbot street. Mr Bennett is the president of the club. Mr E. J. T. Tippett, secretary and Mr W. A. Wilson treasurer. The club possesses an aerial (double) wire and a three valve receiving set capable of taking messages from very long distances. A general meeting of the club was held last night at which it was announced that a lease had been secured of premises at the corner of Doveton and Sturt streets, and permission has been secured to erect an aerial on the roof, and a strong receiving set will be installed. Later, a transmitting set will be placed in position. It was also stated that with the acquisition of new rooms there will be big reinforcement of members and the club looks forward to a useful and prosperous future. After the business had been disposed of the members proceeded to "listen in"

eight at a time being accommodated. The results were surprising. Mr Wilson who is the owner of the machine, and knows its capabilities, got into touch with Mr Hull of Chalmers street. St. Kilda, and the audience was treated to a gramophone concert which was plainly heard. Then Sydney came into touch a broadcasted concert from Strathmore being plainly heard. Adelaide also came into ken. most of the messages from that source being in "buzzer" and Morse. The most interesting message came at 10 p.m when the Bussell street police patrol was intercepted wirelessly from their car to the head station. "Listeners in' heard plainly: "That you. Russell street?" and the reply. "I have, nothing to report," -and the wireless "rang off" The experience was a fascinating one. and the members of the club are so obviously enthusiastic that it is a pleasure in be in their company. they state that they have been picking up broadcasted "tales for children." "Good night," stories and excellent concerts from the Sydney radio centre, and that when they get into their new rooms, they are looking forward to some very pleasant nights. Their range will be wider and they will be able to pick up messages from a very wide radius.

