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To Whom It May Concern

**Radio Mast – Queenscliffe Maritime Museum**

The members of the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum enjoy a productive partnership with the volunteers of the Geelong Amateur Radio Club in supporting various radio and maritime heritage activities. This includes the International Lighthouse Weekend in August each year, and in previous years has also involved the celebrations of the Centenary of the first radio transmission between Tasmania and the Australian mainland which was conducted by the Marconi Company from Point Lonsdale in 1906.

Following this Centenary, the GARC installed the recreation of the Marconi Hut used for this transmission as a permanent exhibit at the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum, with historic radio equipment on display and which is open to all the museum visitors and school and adult tour groups who visit the museum, approximately 8000+ people per year.

This hut provides a focus for the museum's early communications exhibitions, and is a valuable educational resource for schools and adults to understand the development of communications, especially in a maritime and radio heritage context, for the development of communication between ships and across the waters.

The erection of a radio mast with this hut enables the volunteers of the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to spend more time in showing and explaining their radio activities to the museum's visitors, especially in special events such as the recent International Lighthouse Weekend and in an earlier celebration of the Borough of Queenscliffe's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The members of the museum's Committee of Management will welcome further co-operative activities with GARC to enhance the education and knowledge of our visitors in understanding the development of communications. The erection of a suitable mast has improved the facility, and made a safer environment for our visitors with a permanent mast installation rather than temporary ones used previously.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Barrett', written in a cursive style.

Mr John Barrett  
President  
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