



# All Access

A newsletter for members and friends of ARNSW, facilitating access to all areas of Amateur Radio.

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## ***Editorial***

Welcome to this edition of *All Access*. The COVID-19 coronavirus and associated restrictions continue to impact upon all sorts of community activities, including those of ARNSW. Many, if not most, of our regular activities continue to be on hold. So, as we are unable to host gatherings of any significant numbers, attendance at Dural is basically “by invitation”.

T & T days were an early victim with the next scheduled for Sun 27 September. Please note, though, that it is not known at this stage when the next T & T day will occur. And, it will almost certainly be in a different format to that which we are accustomed.

Education and training days continue to be also on hold.

At this stage the regular Monday evening Library work sessions continue as normal.

The activities of the HF Interest Group on Monday evenings also continue as normal.

Please listen to the Sunday Broadcasts and watch forthcoming issues of *All Access* for further information. And, please heed government warnings and advice on health matters.

Ray – VK2ASE

## ***2020 AGM and Elections***

Our AGM for this year took place, as previously advised, on Saturday 30 May 2020 at 11:00 am. It was not a meeting in the normal sense. Rather, it was a virtual meeting conducted across the Internet via “Zoom”. The meeting proceeded without any complications or issues.

There were no motions on notice which might normally give rise to some discussion and voting. And, as there were only four nominations for the four vacancies nor was there any need of voting on this matter.

The meeting duration was a mere 30 minutes or so.

Ray – VK2ASE

## ***Appointment of new Director, Stuart Walker – VK2BMX***



It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Stuart Walker, VK2BMX, to the Board of ARNSW. Stuart's appointment fills the vacancy left by the sudden passing of Tim Mills, VK2ZTM. Since our new constitution is now in place with Board members rotating every second year Tim, and now Stuart, would not have been up for re-election until 2021.

Stuart is well known to many members and is a welcome addition to our Board. Welcome Stuart.

Ray – VK2ASE

## ***Do You Know Your Directors?***

This issue we continue with our profile of Directors, this issue featuring John Vettters, VK2JV. Here is what John has to say.

My name is John Vettters. I am one of the directors of Amateur Radio New South Wales. I currently perform the role of Education liaison. The purpose of this role is to liaise between the ARNSW board and the ARNSW education team.



I first got an amateur license mid 2002 and joined ARNSW the very next day. I have held the callsigns VK2HEJ, VK2TJV and VK2JJV. Now just VK2JV and US callsign AK2JV.

Immediately after joining ARNSW, I joined the VK2WI broadcast team. A few years in to this I took over coordination of the roster for the broadcast. I also performed the role of news editor for 7 years.

I have been a member of WICEN for 18 years and am currently on the state committee of WICEN NSW. More recently I have also joined CREST.

Woodworking is another hobby I enjoy and it has come in handy enabling me to assist ARNSW with a number of woodworking jobs including a bench in the upstairs radio room and recently a table and seats for the outdoor contest shelter.

Cheerio from John VK2JV.

*Ed:* You can see some of John's handiwork in the outdoor contest shelter close to the main gate at Dural. A great piece of work.

## ***Library Update***

The Library team continue the mammoth task of sorting and cataloguing the many items that come to hand. Included among them are some audio files, such as an address given by Sir Allen Fairhall, Minister for Defence, at the opening of the 1967 Remembrance Day contest. Mr Fairhall had an interest in Amateur Radio and was awarded life membership of the W.I.A. It is believed he held callsign VK2KB.

We have determined that a catalogue of interesting audio items will be included in the library. There are probably many such audio articles around. If you have something in your possession that you would be willing to share then please contact the team at [library@arnsw.org.au](mailto:library@arnsw.org.au). They are John - VK2LJ, Greg – VK2TEQ, Chris – VK2VCG and myself, Ray – VK2ASE.

## ***Trash and Treasure***

The next Trash and Treasure day was scheduled for Sun 26 July but, as advised in the editorial, this was cancelled. It is not known at this stage when or in what format the next Trash and Treasure Day will be.

Mark – VK2XOF

## ***Looking Ahead***

Yes, we are restricted from conducting many activities at the moment but planning continues. As soon as we are able a “Balun Buildathon” will be scheduled at Dural. This will include 1:1, 4:1 and 9:1 baluns as well as “heavily discounted” Kevlar wire. We are not yet able to advise the date but listen to the Sunday broadcasts and watch future issues of *All Access* for notifications.

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Until next issue,  
73, Ray – VK2ASE