

VK2 Notes – May 2009

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Next month will be the 34 th annual Field Day of the **Oxley Region ARC** - being held in Port Macquarie on the Sunday [7th] of the June long weekend. This year the Club will be holding a one day event advised Jim VK2VIV, Secretary of ORARC. The event will be held at the usual location, the Sea Scout Hall in Buller Street. It will run from 8 am to 4 pm with fox unts, a BBQ lunch, Trash and Treasure, Trade and general displays. You can contact Jim on 02 6581 2481 or email him at vk2bor@orarc.org There are more details of the web site www.orarc.org

The ABC TV Collectors program showed the **Kurrajong Radio Museum** segment on April 17 th, a week later than first advised due to a programming change. The **St. George ARS** was the latest group to visit the Museum, which they did on the 26 th April. You can check out the Museum by a Google search on "Kurrajong Radio Museum". Telephone 02 4573 0601 or email vk2zio@yahoo.com.au Open at weekends – 10 am to 5 pm - or by arrangement.

The **Waverley ARS** have moved their HF SSB net to Sunday morning, starting at 7.30 am. Known as the 90NET, it operates on or near 7.090 MHz. It and the Monday evening net on the Paddington repeater offer good opportunities to make contacts for their 90 th anniversary award.

They are also planning to hold a dinner for the anniversary and they invite past club members to indicate attendance by email to dinner@e-v-electronics.com or telephone 02 9337 2909.

Hornsby and District ARC operated VK2IMD in the International Marconi Day on April 25 th. They are planning exams this month, check out www.hadarc.org.au or telephone Tony VK2BTL on 02 9487 3383.

The **Illawarra ARS** have their 2 metre D-Star repeater VK2RDS fully operational on 146.7625 MHz with the normal -600 kHz offset, reports President Tony VK2TS. 70 cm and 23 cm frequencies will be confirmed soon. They have a extensive book and video library. The Club maintains 12 repeaters, 3 APRS digipeaters and several packet gateways. Their web site is www.iars.org.au They meet on the second Tuesday evening.

By the time these notes appear the **NSW Division** will have had their AGM and the new Council settling down to a busy and productive year. Also the 'shed' should have received its long awaited approval. At the end of this month – Sunday 31 st May – is the next scheduled T&T at the VK2WI site. The morning T&T activity is followed in the afternoon by the Homebrew and Experimenters Group – with Show and Tell and lecturettes. At their March gathering the Group had the advantage of the shelter provided by the shed's veranda. This is along the east -front- side of the shed – 3 metres wide by 24 metres in length. Many of the Group helped in rolling the water tank onto its base at the end of the shed. They say many hands make light work.

By now the latest beacon in the **VK2RSY** stable should be on line. This one is on 432.420 MHz, CW mode with about 20 watts to the existing two bay crossed dipoles, currently at roof height. The commissioning of this unit restores the VHF and UHF beacon line up at the VK2WI Dural site in grid square QF56MH. See last months VK2 notes for contact and reporting details.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.