

VK2 Notes – June 2009

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VK2 was honoured at the recent WIA AGM when **Stan Bourke VK2EL** was the recipient of the annual Ron Wilkinson Award. Stan has had over 60 years in the hobby. In the mid 1950's Stan was the Treasurer of the NSW Division when the Dural property was purchased. It is reported that Stan drove a hard bargain with the seller and was able to extract a good reduction in the asking price. Stan was in attendance at many of the working bee's to construct the VK2WI building and also provided the transmission facilities – from the boot of his car – for the first broadcast from the site. Stan has had an eventful life in electronics. For further details on the Award check out the WIA news site.

On the subject of broadcasts **Bob VK0BP** has reported a good copy on the VK2WI Sunday news session via the 20 metre outlet -14.170 MHz- down at the Davis Base in the Antarctic in early May. Bob included in his report a good picture of the southern lights, taken while the broadcast was on. Callbacks are not normally taken by VK2WI on 20 metres due to a high noise level local to the site. Reports from listeners within and beyond Australia are always welcome and may be made by email to the news site arnews@tpg.com.au . Mail to P. O. Box 6044 Dural Delivery Centre NSW 2158 or telephone to the office 02 9651 1490. Bob's web site is www.vk0bp.org where you will find some new photos. With winter fast approaching and less daylight, it was down to four hours in May, he reports vastly changing band conditions.

The **Oxley Region ARC** annual field day is being held in Port Macquarie on the Saturday afternoon and all Sunday of the June long weekend. The venue is the Sea Scouts Hall in Buller Street, the regular location in recent times. Fox hunts Saturday afternoon from 1500 hours and all of Sunday. On Saturday a new event, an all band scramble for 30 minutes from 1730 hours. This will be followed by an informal social evening at the Bowling Club. On Sunday - Traders and Disposal tables all day. Purchase the famous BBQ lunch. Tea and coffee free all day. Registration \$5. Presentation of prizes at 1530 hours Sunday. Also attending the field day will be the **Mid North Coast Amateur Radio Group** where they will be exhibiting their range of kits for the amateur community along with demo units. They have also developed an impressive web site and recently added an automated radio prediction service. Check out www.mncarg.org

The **Blue Mountains ARC** advise that their annual Winterfest is scheduled for Sunday the 23rd of August. They recently held their AGM with Tim VK2XTT elected as President; Pascal VK2IHL as Vice President; Carl VK2HRC as Secretary and Treasurer is John VK2FSFC. Other committee members are Gunter VK2JAP, Alf VK2YAC and Richard VK2LET. Andrew VK2FACV looks after contests and the club magazine 'Ragchew'. Daniel VK2DC has Education and is also the Historian. Dennis VK2RM has HF nets and Steven VK2VSV has the Web. The club meets on the first Friday evening at Glenbrook.

A new group in southern Sydney is the **Hellenic Amateur Radio Association**. They meet on the first Tuesday evening at the St. George Sailing club, 2 Riverdale Drive, Sans Souci when they have their club rooms. Watch for club call VK2CL. The website is www.haraoa.com President is Tommy VK2IR and Secretary Chris VK3FY. Telephone contact 0413 005 511 or 0419 155 139.

About mid year June the **Waverley ARS** have their annual auction. They meet in a scout hall in the Sydney eastern suburb of Rose Bay. There are now other users of the main hall and finding a slot has become difficult. This year it will be held on Saturday the 18th July, the middle of the school holidays. Doors open at 8.30 am for a 10 am start. The Society is currently celebrating their 90th year. A dinner is being planned. Check out

details on their web site www.vk2bv.org

WICEN NSW is providing comms to the St. Albans Ride over the June long weekend. Next month is a busy time on 4th and 5th July with both the Northern Rivers Eden Creek Horse Enduro and the Wilderness Rescue Nav Shield; the Shahzada Horse Enduro is over the week 17th to 21st August and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic over the weekend 24th – 25th October. WICEN provides communications assistance to the community. You can make contact with them by mail to P. O. Box 126 Gosford NSW 2250; send email to "operations@nsw.wicen.org.au" telephone 0408-397-217 or visit "www.nsw.wicen.org.au".

The **Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group** – a function of Amateur Radio NSW - meet on the first Tuesday evening at Putney; have a 2 metre and 80 metre net on the third Tuesday evening and a meeting and activities in the afternoon of the Trash and Treasure day at VK2WI Dural, last Sunday of the odd numbered month. The next will be July 26th. Check out the ARNSW website for further details.

The **NSW Division** AGM was conducted in April with 42 members in attendance. Business was concluded in just over three hours. This year an election was held with thirteen members contesting the nine positions. When these notes were prepared the majority of the incoming office bearers had not been announced. The 'shed' development drags on while clarification is being determined as to its final building code classification. The intention was for it to be a simple 'storage' shed but the suggestion of 'a training facility' made it a whole new ball game. Hopefully, all will be resolved in time for the July T&T event.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.