

# VK2 Notes – September 2009

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The **Sumerland ARC** have just finished a month of celebrating their 50 th anniversary which included use of the special call VI2SRC50. Also during the month they held a dinner and conducted SARCFEST and held courses and exams for all license grades.

The **Fishers Ghost ARC** is preparing for the next Jamboree to be held during January 2010 advises their President Wal Kelly VK2ZWK. The FGARC are the caretakers of the Amateur Radio Shack located at the Cataract Scout Park – the site for the Scouting Australia Jamboree – AJ2010. The Jamboree is from January 4 th to the 14 th. Amateur operation is being planned for all bands between 80 metres and 70 cm. Fishers Ghost is seeking expressions of interest from Clubs and their members from in and around Sydney to assist during the daytime. If you can help, contact Wal on [vk2zwk@wia.org.au](mailto:vk2zwk@wia.org.au) or telephone 02 4626 8423.

The **Oxley Region ARC** held their AGM at the beginning of last month. In coming office bearers are President - Henry Lundell VK2ZHE and Jim Neil VK2VIV as Vice President. No one put their hand up for Secretary so Jim VK2VIV, the out going Secretary, will act for the moment. Treasurer is John Bailey VK2KHB and committee members are Alan Nutt VK2GD, John McLean VK2KC and Bill Brooke VK2ZCW. ORARC meet on the first Saturday afternoon and the fourth Friday evening at the SES building in Central Road, Port Macquarie. They conduct Foundation and Standard training course in both Port Macquarie and Wauchope and interest in attending can be registered by mail to P. O. Box 712 Port Macquarie NSW 2444. Check out their web site at [www.orarc.org](http://www.orarc.org)

In late June Foundation exams were conducted in the **Orana Region** in VK2's Central West with many attending the weekend.

The **Hellenic Amateur Radio Association** conducted a DX'Pedition to Norfolk Island in late July. The week long operation logged over 12,000 contacts on all bands from 160 to 10 metres advised team leader, Tommy VK2IR. There was also operation for a day in the RSGB IOTA contest - netting some 650 contacts. HARA meet at the St. George sailing club in Sans Souci [Sydney] and contact can be made with VK2IR on 0413 005 511 or check the web site [www.haraoa.com](http://www.haraoa.com) The next trip being planned is to Broughton Island OC-212 late this year.

**NSW WICEN** has upgraded their website to allow members having access via their own callsign and a password. Contact Webmaster Mark Cheeseman VK2XGK or the Secretary. Some activity coming up could include this month [19 th] in the Kangaroo Valley. In October there is the annual search for the missing aircraft VH-MDX over the weekend 17 / 18 th and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic the following weekend. In November, Hunter Region is to provide safety communications to the Great North Walk on the weekend of the 14 th and 15 th. Contact with NSW WICEN is via the Duty Operator 0408 397 217 or email to "[operations@nsw.wicen.org.au](mailto:operations@nsw.wicen.org.au)".

The **Blue Mountians ARC** held their annual Winterfest last month at their new meeting location - the Nepean VRA in Orchards Hills [near Penrith.] By the times these notes appear some members of the Club will be on a Dxpedition to Poeppel Corner advises John VK2QN, from August 29 th to September 12 th. Poeppel Corner is in the Simpson Dessert where VK4, 5 and 8 intersect. The Dxpedition has been named "PC-09". They will be using HF and satellite gateways back to a central computer so you can follow their progress. There is also HF contact to base stations located in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. For all the details go to the BMARC web site [www.bmarc.org/pc-09.php](http://www.bmarc.org/pc-09.php)

August must be AGM month for besides Oxley Region on the first Saturday there was

the **Mid South Coast ARC** on the second Saturday and the **Illawarra ARS** on the second Tuesday.

The **Hornsby & District ARC** regularly conduct exams in Sydneys north. Details on their website [www.hadarc.org.au](http://www.hadarc.org.au) . They have recently added twitter to their information sources – check out [www.twitter.com/VK2MA](http://www.twitter.com/VK2MA) . **St George ARS** have added a SSTV segment at the end of the Thursday evening net on VK2RLE 6800. **Hunter Radio Group** meet at NBN Television in Newcastle on the second Friday evening. They also provide a Monday evening news net with segments of VK1WIA and VK2WI content. The **IPS Radio & Space Services** are conducting their annual Sydney HF Radio Propagation Course on the 3 rd of September. These are also conducted in other capital cities – check out [www.ips.gov.au/Products\\_and\\_Services/2/2](http://www.ips.gov.au/Products_and_Services/2/2) or 02 9213 8034. It is now six months to the **Central Coast** field day at Wyong on Sunday the 28 th February 2010. The CCARC are seeking assistance with the operations on the day advised Ray VK2HAY. In a recent note to VK2WI News he advised that they can fit in more “Flea Market Stall Holders”, so now is the time to make your move. They will be announcing other attractions later.

The next **ARNSW** Trash & Treasure is the last Sunday of this month [27 th] at the VK2WI Dural site. [63 Quarry Road]. Major items on offer are listed on the web site [www.arnsw.org.au](http://www.arnsw.org.au) in the week leading up to the event. The T&T commences about 10 am. Boot sellers and traders are most welcome. The sausage sizzle is conducted on the new BBQ along with cool drinks or get a cup of tea or coffee with plain biscuit from the VK2WI shack. In the afternoon the Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group conclude the day with their show and tell and a technical lecture / demonstration. ARNSW provides a service for your preloved gear or Deceased Estates to be offered through the T&T operation. Donations of surplus equipment are also most welcome. Contact can be made via the office phone [ and its answering system ] on 02 9651 1490.

News submissions for - VK2WI News - should be sent by Friday evening to [arnews@tpg.com.au](mailto:arnews@tpg.com.au) . You will receive an automated acknowledgement that it has reached the inbox of the news compiler John VK2JV. All VK2 clubs are most welcome to submit items about their club and activities. Individual submissions are also most welcome. Would those doing so please write in the 'third person' and format it so the announcer can make it flow when reading. There are some submissions that need to edited. The broadcast times and frequencies are to be found on the inside back page of 'Amateur Radio'. The text [evening] version of the news is posted to the ARNSW web site [www.arnsw.org.au](http://www.arnsw.org.au) on Monday following that weekend. Text for the previous few weeks remain on the site.

The long running **VK2BWI** morse training is now down to a Thursday evening on 3550 kHz - provided by Ross VK2ER at Orange. Ross would welcome feedback via the callbacks at the end of the session as well as offers of assistance to provide possible additional nights. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.