

VK2 Notes December 2009

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Seasons Greeting and all the best for 2010 – the Year of Celebrations – The year opens with a lot of local activity. There is a suggestion that **VK2WI** will be operating across New years Eve and into the new year. From January 4 to the 14 th the Australian Jamboree with the radio facilities from the purpose built shack being provided by the **Fishers Ghost ARC**. The weekend of the Summer VHF / UHF Field Day 14/15 th will be the operation by members of the **CCARC** from Mt. Kosciusko as reported in last months notes. On Sunday the 24 th will be the **Radio Expo** conducted by the **Mid North Coast ARG** in Coffs Harbour. The first of the **Trash & Treasure** event at VK2WI on Sunday the 31 st.

In February the **Central Coast** Field Day conducted by the **CCARC** on Sunday the 28 th at the Wyong Race course with the Dinner on the evening before hosted jointly the **CCARC & ARNSW. Summerland ARC** have Standard License courses planned for theory over the weekend of 27/28 th February. Theory and exams on the 6 & 7 th March with Regulations and exams on the 13 and 14 th March. Contact Duncan VK2DLR on 02 6628 1337 or draymont@nrg.com.au . Their WICEN group will be helping out again with the Eden Creek Horse Enduro over the weekend of 20/21 February; May 15/16 th and July 10/11 th. Contact John VK2JWA. Summerland having just celebrated their 50 th - have Anniversary Badges available, collect at \$4 or posted \$4.60. Wind and dust from recent storms gave their Pretty Gully repeater VK2RBR a few problems with a coax wrapped into the wind generator blades and shaft. Repairs were carried out and the antennas were changed along with other maintenance.

The last morning and evening news session from **VK2WI** for the year will be on Sunday the 20 th December. Then it is into the Summer morning only format for three weeks and both sessions will resume on January the 17 th. The **VK2BWI** morse training session on Thursday evening conducted by Ross VK2ER will take a break from mid December and resume in February on the 4 th. Also the **Hunter Radio Group** VK2AWX news on Monday evening will take a break from after the 7 th December until the 8 th February. Also many radio clubs take a break from meetings in January. All clubs are asked to let **VK2WI NEWS** [news@arnsw.org.au] know of their arrangements so it can be included in the bulletins.

The **Orange & District ARC** has a venue change for their December meeting from the usual RAAF building to the SES headquarters on the 4 th. The **Manly Warringah RS** are celebrating their 75 th anniversary about now. The exact formation date of the Society is not known advised Richard VK2SKY. They are also planning to participate in an event this month to mark the 100 th anniversary of the first heavier-than-air flight in Australia, by George Taylor. That flight took place at Narrabeen on Sydney's Northern Beaches. Taylor was also a founding member of the Wireless Institute of New South Wales in 1910. Manly Warringah RS now meet at the 1 st Terrey Hills Guides Hall, Beltana Ave, Terrey Hills on Wednesday at 8 pm.

Amateur Radio New South Wales has made some adjustments to their telephone and email. The 1 800 Freecall number has been discontinued. In its place the Secretary has a mobile 0400 445 829 for direct contact. The office number 02 9651 1490 goes to a message bank which is checked -when ever practical - daily. FAX 02 9651 1661. To contact the office email office@arnsw.org.au . There has also been changes for the VK2WI news submission. This is now news@arnsw.org.au . Previous email addresses are redirected but will be phased out soon. The VK2WI station phone during broadcast times is 02 9651 1489. The web address for the weekly news text and information about ARNSW www.arnsw.org.au . Postal address is P. O. Box 6044 Dural Delivery Centre NSW 2158. The site address 63 Quarry Road, Dural. The Dural 'shed' fit out has been completed in late October, leaving some storm water systems to be connected – then final

inspection.

St. George ARS maintain the western Blue Mountains repeater VK2RDX 6650 – Mt. Bindo – and conduct fund raising to cover the annual site fees. One method is a 'Christmas pie order' and these will be available at the December meeting on the first Wednesday. The **Waverley ARS** in Sydney's eastern suburbs conduct regular exams. Send an email to exams@vk2bv.org or contact Simon VK2UA 02 9328 7141. The web site is vk2bv.org . The **Mid South Coast ARC** have their next quarterly meeting in February – usually the second Saturday - at Milton. The **Oxley Region ARC** will not have a December evening meeting as this falls on Christmas Day. Also the November gathering was replaced with the annual Christmas Party. There is a general meeting scheduled for the first Saturday afternoon in December at the SES building in Central St. Port Macquarie.

The **Mid North Coast ARG** Radio Expo on Sunday the 24 th January 2010 will be the first major field day in VK2 in the year of celebrating the WIA's 100 th. Gary VK2ZKT advises that there will be over 20 exhibitors in attendance including the trade with all major brands on display and at special Radio Expo prices. Also displays of DRM digital short wave radios, historic and vintage radios and the Elecraft range of amateur kits. There will be representatives from the WIA, ALARA and local clubs. A range of food available. The doors open 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry remains at \$5 with children under 12 free and there is something to interest the whole family. The same site is being used, the hall in McLean St, Coffs Harbour. For further details contact Carol VK2FCSR on 02 6655 2990 or check the web site www.mncarg.org

Whats in a name ? The NSW Division has owned two properties. The first at St. Leonards on the lower north shore of Sydney - from 1959 to 1982 - was called 'Wireless Institute Centre'. The next was at Harris Park, near Parramatta - 1982 to 2006 - and was called 'Amateur Radio House'. The Dural property which was purchased in 1955 as a 'Home for VK2WI' never developed a name of its own. Now that the 'shed' construction on the site is almost finished - will it achieve its own name ? Known at intervals during its development as 'The Shed', 'A Depot' or 'A Barn' what does the future hold ? Seasons Greetings and all the best for 2010 – a Year of Celebration. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.