

VK2 notes April 2014

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ARNSW will be holding their AGM at 10 am on Saturday the 3 rd May 2014 at the VK2WI site, 63 Quarry Road, Dural. Committee nominations closed late last month.

Last month the upgrade course commenced at the ARNSW VK2WI Dural site. Held each Monday evening, except for public holidays, it will run until November. Times 7 to 9 pm. There is still time to attend. ARNSW has a presence on Twitter and to a lesser extent on Facebook. twitter.com/arnsw The ARNSW library is open during the Monday evening upgrade class and details are given on the weekly Sunday VK2WI broadcasts.

ARNSW recently announced the introduction of a Development Fund to provide assistance to radio clubs currently established within the VK2 region. The scheme commenced in February 2014 and submissions close on Friday the 11 th April 2014. To apply for information, guidelines and application form either write to ARNSW, P. O. Box 6044, Dural Delivery Centre NSW 2158 or email office@arnsw.org.au Details are also downloadable from the web site www.arnsw.org.au

Over Easter will be the annual Urunga Convention held in the Seniors Citizens hall in Bowra St Urunga on the Saturday and Sunday. Ken VK2DGT is the usual contact point.

The annual Central Coast ARC Field Day was held at the Wyong Race course with a day of fine weather. There was a large crowd from most VK call area judging by the various name badges being worn. Book your attendance for the same time slot next year. There was a good collection in the flea market with many bargains to be had. Not as many traders this year but there was still a range of goodies to be had. Assessments for various license grades were also held. The WIA was in attendance with the usual good range of books, and merchandise, along with renewals.

There will be the annual field day conducted by the Oxley Region ARC in Port Macquarie over the June long weekend. This year again at the Lighthouse Beach Surf Club. Currently they are conducting a Standard course with an Advanced to follow later in the year. Those interested in a Foundation course should register so a class can start when the numbers are up a bit. Register by mail to P. O. Box 712 Port Macquarie NSW 2444. www.orarc.org

Richard VK2SKY of Manly Warringah RS has traced the club's origin back to

a meeting held on the 28 th February 1923. They currently meet weekly at Beltana Ave, Terrey Hills. www.mwrs.org.au

This month [April] Westlakes ARC celebrate their 50 th birthday and will include operation of special callsign VI2ATZ50. On Sunday the 6 th April a lunch at the Cardiff RSL Club, Macquarie Rd, Cardiff with a 12 noon start. Bookings to Greg VK2CW vk2cw@bigpond.com

The Fisher's Ghost ARC held their AGM on the 26 th February with the 2014 committee as follows.

President Frank VK2FRW; Vice President Peter VK2PR; Secretary Bruce VK2HAP; Treasurer Derrick VK2DEK; Committee members Ian VK2ND, Craig VK2KDP and Tanu VK2MHZ. Derrick VK2DEK is also Social Secretary. Publicity and IT Officer Peter VK2PR and Public Officer and QSL manager is Ted VK2AU. This year they introduced new positions of Scout Liaison Officers which were filled by Frank VK2FRW and Ian VK2ND. Wal VK2ZWK and Lynn VK2FKMK retired this year from positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Ian VK2ND also retired from the position of President. FGARC meet in Campbelltown on the last Wednesday evening of the month.

Recently we reported that the Illawarra ARS decommissioned and relocated some of their southern repeaters which left a gap in south coast coverage. A group of Amateurs from round Batemans Bay are investigating the establishment of first a 2 metre repeater and later 70 cm to fill the gap. They are seeking both help and equipment for the project. The leader is Brad VK2HAV from Batehaven.

In recent notes we advised that VK1 had commissioned new beacons. This prompted Rod VK2TWR to advise about the beacons operating in the Snowy Mountains by the South Eastern Weak Signal Group. They have VK2RSF just to the east of Nimmitabel at 1200 asl at grid square QF43ql . On 2 metres 144.414 MHz with 10 watts and 70 cm 432.414 with 20 watts in the CW mode. Both use big wheel antennas. They are hoping to add 23 cm. During summer the Dural VK2RSY 23 cm beacon was copied at intervals across the Tasman in ZL1. It was a help in aligning antennas on Sydney.

The Hornsby & District ARC will be working in the International Marconi Day on April 26 th under the callsign of VK2IMD. Besides their 2 metre repeater VK2RNS on 7250 they have a 70 cm unit at Chatswood VK2RHT on a non-standard offset of 5.4 MHz. Output 438.350 MHz with the input on 432.950 MHz. 91.5 Hz tone. It can also handle P25 with a NAC of 293.

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Waverley ARS have their next Foundation and assessment weekend planned for the 24 th and 25 th May. Contact the Learning Organiser

education@vk2bv.org vk2bv.org The annual Waverley auction is set
down for Saturday the 5 th July. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.