

VK2 notes May 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 in late March with nine nominations, the number required to form a full committee, so an election was not required.

Later this month ARNSW will have the bi-monthly Foundation course over the weekend of Saturday the 17 th and Sunday the 18 th. Assessments for all licence grades on the Sunday. Numbers are limited and bookings have to be made by an email to education@arnsw.org.au or a telephone call to 02 9651 1490. There are many Assessors within the Sydney region who may like to assist ARNSW on the assessment Sundays. Contact the ARNSW Education team via education@arnsw.org.au Many attending the ARNSW courses and assessments are from regions beyond Sydney which is good for ARNSW's numbers but not so good for local activities. The upgrade course on Monday evenings is now well under way.

On the following Sunday, the 25 th., in the morning the bi-monthly Trash and Treasure followed at 12 noon by the Radio Home Brew & Experimenters gathering. All events are held at the VK2WI site at 63 Quarry Road, Dural.

The VK2WI news sessions on Sunday occur at 10 am with VK1WIA news followed by VK2WI News. In the evening at 7.30 pm the session has VK2WI News and the ARRL DX report. The script of that weeks transmission is on the ARNSW web site www.arnsw.org.au usually on Monday.

Waverley ARS have a Foundation weekend and assessments scheduled for the 24 th and 25 th May.

Inquiries by email to education@vk2bv.org Any clubs or groups in VK2 holding courses or assessments in July or later and would like mention in these notes please send details via the email address at the top of the column.

A reminder that while Morse Code is no longer required, it remains a popular mode. Ross VK2ER conducts on behalf of ARNSW the Thursday evening operator sent session at 2000 hours EST on 3550 kHz. Under the call VK2BWI. Ross also has some daytime sessions on 40 metres. You can contact Ross in the callbacks conducted at the end of the 3550 Thursday session. From VK2WI, the automated morse transmission is to be found on 3699 kHz. Operational almost 24 / 7 [off at broadcast times and some limited other operation from the site] it provides both training and propagation

indications. The link to the text for the 3699 transmission is to be found on the ARNSW home page.

In March the Newcastle based Hunter Radio Group held their AGM and elections with little change in positions. Patron is Les VK2RJ; President Len VK2ZFD; Vice President Maurie VK2CD; Secretary / Treasurer Rodney VK2CN; Repeater Officer Greg VK2HT; Beacon Officer Graham VK2FA; Contest Officers Jamie VK2YCJ, Grahame VK2FA; Broadcast Committee Maurie VK2CD, Michael VK2CMM, Peter VK2TV and Rodney VK2CN; Social Secretary Pauline VK2GTB and Program Officer Len VK2ZFD.

NSW WICEN members can partake in a four day First Aid course being conducted by one of their associated squads – Bushwalker's Wilderness Rescue Squad – at North Wahroonga on the weekends of 3 rd and 4 th and 17 th and 18 th May. www.bwrs.org.au

A month to go until the 39 th annual Oxley Region two day field day at Port Macquarie. The event will again be held in the Tacking Point Surf Live Saving Club hall in Matthew Flinders Drive, Lighthouse Beach, which is at the southern end of town. The Field Day dinner will be at the Port Macquarie Golf Club, also on the southern edge of town on the road to Laurieton, on Saturday evening. This is all over the June long weekend, Saturday the 7 th and Sunday the 8 th. As Port Macquarie on the mid north coast is a popular destination, book you accommodation as soon as possible. Check out the Oxley web site www.orarc.org.au 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.