

VK2 notes July 2014

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At the end June ARNSW has a Balun day. There will be lectures followed by the practical construction of a 1:1 or 1:4 balun from a kit. Wire will be available for the antenna. The day is Sunday the 29 th June at the VK2WI site with a mid morning start. Bookings are required balun@arnsw.org.au . More details have been in the VK2WI broadcasts.

The next ARNSW Foundation course is this month is over the weekend Saturday 19 th and Sunday the 20 th. July at the VK2WI site. On the Sunday all grade license assessments are available. Bookings required for all activities education@arnsw.org.au The next Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI site will be on Sunday the 27 th July from 0930 hours followed at 1200 by the Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group gathering.

Julian VK2YJS / AG6LE can assist with examinations for an American license. He can be contacted via vk2yjs@gmail.com

During the Monday evening upgrade course conducted at the VK2WI site there is work being carried out in the rearrangement of the library facilities. Anyone who would like to help is most welcome between about 1700 to 2100 hours.

On Saturday the 5 th July 2014 the Waverley ARS will be holding their annual Radio & Electronics Auction at their Rose Bay club rooms. Book in from 0830 hours. Their next Foundation weekend is the 13 th and 14 th September 2014. They recently held their AGM.

The original VK2WI building was constructed mainly with volunteers in the mid 1950's. During May and into June RF operations ceased while major renovations were carried out. This involved removing fibro sheeting from ceilings and eaves, bricking up the end wall in place of the temporary fibro and reroofing in colour bond and fire blanket lining. During the renovations all RF services were suspended. By now most services should have been restored. The project concluded with the replacement of the fibro site toilet with a brick building.

During the renovations of the VK2WI building it was discovered that the original volunteer workers left their mark with their callsigns within the roof space by painting them on a major beam. Those listed were YC – J B Corbin; CB – G A Rutter; AET – A Havyatt; GE – M G Datson; CF – J D Clark; ABU – A M Dan; EN – E C Hulme; AHP – H J B Pickett; EO – D H B Duff and VC -

W B V Cahill.

The Hornsby and District ARC held their AGM in late May. Little change in the management committee with the principle officer bearers as pervious. John VK2ZOI agreed to another year as President with perhaps retirement at the next AGM ? Vice President Rod VK2DAY, Secretary Bob VK2ZRM and Treasurer Andy VK2TAN. Committee member Colin VK2JCC.

The Hunter Radio Group has a Ladies lunch scheduled for this month, most likely Thursday the 3 rd. Details on their Monday night news net.

Manly Warringah RS have a lecture on July the 16 th by Ben VK2BEN on How to build a HF APRS tracker and on the 30 th they the TELE-FUN vintage telephone night.

Summerland A R C have recently advised that the club email address is out indefinitely, the service is under review with a possible change of ownership of their domain. They have also advised that there will be no further SARCFEST events. It has been suggested that they may be able to join with other regional events to create a larger function.

WICEN NSW have their annual involvement in Nav Sheild over the weekend of the 5 th & 6 th July. They held their AGM in mid June. The Trek for Timor has been confirmed for the 20 th September in the Blue Mountains. During August, September and October there are Alzheimer's Australia Memory Walk and Jog events in Port Macquarie, the Hunter, Inner Western Sydney and North Wollongong. These are fairly short events. Details for all events to be found at www.nsw.wicen.org.au

The reformed Armidale ARC has continued to be very active. They recently had an AGM. Many working bees have the club rooms up and running.

Rotarians had one of their international conferences in Sydney late May and early June. Part of their activities include Amateur Radio where they had been allocated a special event callsign -VI2R. Although the special call was available for general use outside conference times, there was apparently little interest in taking a shift with it.

The 39 th annual Oxley Region ARC two day field day at Port Macquarie is over for another year. Next month on Saturday 2 nd August will be their AGM.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.