

VK2 notes November 2014

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This month ARNSW will be holding another field day session on Sunday the 9th at the VK2WI site. The morning session is for those “New to Amateur Radio” and the afternoon is the “Art of Contesting”. Bookings are required which can be emailed to fieldday@arnsw.org.au .

The next and final Foundation course for 2014 at ARNSW is over the weekend Saturday 22nd and Sunday the 23rd November at the VK2WI site. On the Sunday all grade license assessments are available. Bookings required for all activities education@arnsw.org.au . The first Foundation weekend from ARNSW in 2015 will be 17th and 18th January. The final night of the 2014 Upgrade course will be Monday the 17th November. The 2015 Upgrade course will commence in early March. The next Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI site will be on Sunday the 30th November from 0930 hours followed at 1200 by the Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group gathering. For major equipment items available, check the ARNSW web site www.arnsw.org.au

The VK2RSY 2 and 70 beacons were restored during September with new horizontal antennas. Both have two bays of square loop antennas mounted in the former position on top of the VK2WI building. Coverage reports are most welcome by an email to callbacks@arnsw.org.au . All the renovations are now completed. VK2WI News over the holiday period will for three weeks be morning only sessions.

The ARNSW library team are working through cataloging the many thousands of magazines. Generally they have no need for further magazines. Once the project is finished there will be a call for some magazines to fill the odd missing issues. Later there will be a surplus of magazines which will be available to ARNSW members at a nominal price.

With the holiday period approaching many clubs drop meetings in December and January. If this applies to your club please have them drop a note to VK2WI News so that listeners can be informed. Do that by an email to news@arnsw.org.au

WICEN NSW has several operations this month including association with the Caves Rescue Operational exercise over the weekend of the 8th and 9th. There is also the YMCA Massive Murray Paddle for the week Monday the 24th to Friday the 28th.

The Armidale and District ARC is a recent reactivated club and they are going great guns. There are regular activities in and around their club rooms. Saturday morning is set aside as a get together with sausage rolls to feed the attendees. On the second Saturday it will be the next quarterly meeting of the Mid South Coast ARC. Waverley ARS has a training weekend set down for the 15 th and 16 th. education@vk2bv.org

Many clubs take advantage of operating 'sausage sizzles' at their local big hardware stores at weekends as a means of fund raising to help pay those annual license fees for the club station, repeaters and other club expenses. The day starts about 8 am and finishes about 4 pm after you clean up the BBQ equipment. Takes about a team of 4 to operate which is best done in shifts. If you are interested, you should approach the store for details and a booking.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.