

VK2 Notes – August 2016

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A report on the recent ARNSW AGM was covered in recent notes. With the same committee members for this year they have the same positions. Mathew Magee VK2YAP is President, VK2WI broadcast editor and engineering; Al Hirschel VK2KAM is Vice President, treasurer and talk fest coordinator; Peter Zielinski VK2VG is junior vice president; chief assessor and security; Tim Mills VK2ZTM Secretary and property officer; Mark Blackmore VK2XOF is the VK2WI station engineer and trash & treasure officer; Paul Anslow VK2APA is chief educator; Ken Rayner VK2BBQ is also education and assistant talk fest coordinator; John Harper VK2LJ heads the library team and Bob Yorston VK2CAN provides membership and welfare support.

The WIA [NSW Division] who these days trades as Amateur Radio New South Wales – ARNSW – has an off site Registered Office, which has recently moved address to Suite 3, 3 Kenthurst Road, Dural NSW 2158.

ARNSW held one of the regular ‘talk fests’ in late June and the next, planned for the end of August, is expected to have a Foundation license theme. The next bi-monthly Foundation course weekend and all grade assessments on the 17 th and 18 th September. Bookings by an email to education@arnsw.org.au . The next Trash & Treasure is on Sunday the 25 th September. This is followed by the regular Home Brew and Experimenters Group gathering.

VK2WI News is relayed automatically – morning and evening - by various 6 and 2 metre repeaters in the Hunter Region, Central Coast, Illawarra and Western Blue Mountains. On many mornings a relay is also conducted via the Tamworth repeater. VK2WI will transmit the RD opening address on Saturday the 13 th August.

In May HADARC held their 39 th AGM with most of the existing committee standing for a further year. John Bishop VK2ZOI continues as president. There are some changes planned which are advised in their monthly newsletter QUA. In the year ahead HADARC plans a rewrite of the Articles to upgrade the 1987 version to current requirements. This is also HADARC’s 40 th Anniversary and a number of celebratory events are planned.

In June the Oxley Region ARC held their annual field day over two days of the long weekend. The July issue of their newsletter – Oxtales – has a full report. They recently moved the Sunday morning club net back to the VK2RPM 146.7 repeater after a few months using the VK2RCN 7000 system. The ORARC AGM will be on Saturday the 6 th August 2016 at 2 pm at the SES building in Central Road, Port Macquarie.

The Waverley ARS club has recently established an analogue FM and digital C4FM repeater on 70 cm [438.1125] on a high CBD site. Currently using the 5.4 MHz offset, it is planned, along with other 70 cm systems at the same site to move all to the 7 MHz offset at a future date. Reports are sought via the club’s website contact pages. Waverley held their AGM at the May meeting. The office bearers are John VK2LJ President; Al

VK2KAM Vice President; Doug VK2DCR Secretary and Raffy VK2RF Treasurer.
Committee members are Alex VK2PSF; Eric VK2VE; Tony VK2KZ; Bob VK2SOB;
Rob VK2YV; Rob VK2XRH and John VK2LWB.

David VK2FLDW, Secretary of the Mid South Coast ARC advises that the Club has a new postal address of P. O. Box 437 Nowra 2541 along with a new email address of mscarcinc@gmail.com This club holds quarterly meetings on the second Saturday, the next is in August. at the Huskisson Community Hall in Dent Street, Huskisson with an 11 am start. Manly Warringah Radio Society record many of their lectures and these can be found on youtube.com by searching for VK2MB-TV. They meet each Wednesday evening in Terrey Hills. Check them out at www.mwrs.org.au

Recently some exams for the US license were conducted in Sydney as reported in June AR. More are planned and information about these exams can be obtained from Julian VK2YJS. vk2yjs@gmail.com

WICEN NSW Inc have the deferred training day at VK2WI on Sunday the 7 th August, hopefully this time - a dry day. The annual SAREX search for missing aircraft VH-MDX is scheduled for the 16 th to 18 th September.

Westlakes ARC have planned their annual field day for Sunday the 18 th September. The Illawarra ARS is one of clubs who provide a relay of VK2WI News through repeaters VK2RUW on 146.675 and VK2RPM on 53.650 and 146.850. The 2 metre repeaters also have Echo link and the VK2WI News can also be heard on Echo link through VK2MT-R and VK2BGL-R 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.