

VK2 news

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Generally October is a quiet month with ARNSW. The only on site activities at VK2WI this month is that WICEN NSW has a second training day planned for Sunday the 9 th. There is JOTA / JOTI over the 14 th to 16 th October and VK2WI plans to transmit an opening address for JOTA on Saturday the 15 th at 1300 hours if material is provided.

The Foundation weekends provided by ARNSW continue to prove popular with bookings often closing weeks before the event. The next and final course for this year will be over the 19 th and 20 th November. Inquiries to education@arnsw.org.au . It too could well be fully booked by the time these notes appear. The time consuming part of the course as many Assessors know is the time needed for the practical assessments. The first ARNSW Foundation course in 2017 will most likely be in January on the weekend of the 21 st and 22 nd.

The Oxley Region ARC at Port Macquarie held a Foundation weekend in late August with 6 successful candidates. Their next course will be when sufficient registrations are received so intending candidates should contact the club via P. O. Box 712 Port Macquarie 2444. Please pass the word round the Mid North Coast that courses and upgrades are available. These notes are an opportunity to advise of courses and assessments provided by groups and clubs throughout VK2 [and beyond] but be aware that there is a two month lead time on material into AR Magazine.

Summerland ARC at Lismore held their SARCFEST in late August with a good attendance reported. The Blue Mountains ARC held their WINTERFEST in early September after an absence of a couple of years. The Armidale District ARC have planned their AGM for Saturday morning the 15 th October in the conference room at their club house. An 11 am start. HADARC continue their 40 th anniversary celebrations for the rest of this year. Waverley ARS will celebrate their centenary in 2019.

WICEN NSW will be providing communication coverage to the annual Hawkesbury Canoe Classic over the weekend of the 29 th and 30 th of October. They are currently trialing a DMR repeater VK2RRW on 438.1 MHz in the north west sector of Sydney.

The Kurrajong Radio Museum was established many years ago by Ian VK2ZIO who recently discovered that a major internet search engine had it listed as permanently closed. This was not correct and when it was reported as a news item on VK2WI several Amateurs made contact with the search engine company who quickly corrected the error. Curator Ian VK2ZIO would like to thanks those who reported the error and therefore expedited the correction. The museum is located at 842 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Hills and is open on the weekend or by arrangement. vk2zio@yahoo.com.au . ARNSW has scheduled a further in the Talk Fest series for Sunday the 6 th November at VK2WI Dural. Topics and other information will be given over the Sunday news bulletins. While on the subject of weekly broadcasts, there are two from VK2WI on Sunday – at 10 am and 7.30 pm – and the declining conditions is making coverage

difficult. A reminder that the lower frequencies of 80 metres 3.595 MHz LSB and 60 metres 5.425 MHz USB [morning] is providing best statewide coverage. The higher transmitted HF frequencies are suitable for coverage beyond the borders. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM