

VK2 news

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While October was a quiet month for ARNSW it is busy in November with the final activities for the year. On Sunday the 6th a Talk Fest. A Foundation course and assessments over the weekend 19th & 20th and the Trash & Treasure, followed by the Home Brew and Experimenters gathering on Sunday the 27th. Inquiries for the Foundation weekend by an email to education@arnsw.org.au. These courses are in heavy demand and may well be full by the time these notes appear. Updates on all activities are given on the Sunday VK2WI news sessions. ARNSW can be found on Facebook, go to facebook.com/ARNSW

WICEN NSW held their AGM in September with most of the committee re-nominating. President is Steven VK2BOS; Vice President John VK2LJ; Secretary Steve VK2MCA and Treasurer Doug VK2DCR. Committee members are Jan VK2FEB, Al VK2KAM, Irene VK2FIRV and Eric VK2VE. During September WICEN was involved in the annual search for missing aircraft VH-MDX. There was media coverage of the operation with many images of the WICEN facilities. You can see these on the many internet sites. WICEN has also just concluded communications for the annual Hawkesbury Canoe Classic over the weekend 29 - 30th October. The WICEN website at nsw.wicen.org.au is a good point of contact. They also have a presence on twitter and facebook.

Summerland ARC at Lismore have education planned this month with an Advance course from the 7th to the 11th November followed by a Foundation course on the 12th and 13th November being provided by Duncan VK2DLR. Email vk2src@gmail.com Waverley ARS in Sydney's Eastern suburbs at Rose Bay have a Foundation and assessment weekend during November with details via education@vk2bv.org They have been having Morse sessions on Thursday evenings, first on 20 metre around 14.020 at 2000 hours before they move to the Paddington 70 cm repeater 438.575 using AFSK. They have been holding a weekly net on Monday evenings on the new VK2RBV Fusion repeater in the FM mode on 438.1125 MHz with a minus 5.4 MHz offset with 91.5 Hz CTCSS tone. Their web site at vk2bv.org

The Mid South Coast ARC are scheduled to have their quarterly meeting on the second Saturday of November. The Oxley Region ARC are working towards the establishment of their 6 metre repeater at the VK2RCN site. The Christmas party and monthly meeting is on Saturday, the 3rd of December. Their next Foundation course will commence when sufficient candidates have registered, do so by writing to P. O. Box 712 Port Macquarie 2444. An extensive report on their activities in words and pictures in the bi-monthly newsletter Oxtales to be found on the website orarc.org, the November issue will be out soon. The 2017 Central Coast field day is scheduled for Sunday the 26th February with a reported lower entry fee. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.