

VK2 news

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Hello. As we move into autumn away from the recent summer heat there was an item on the ARRL web that there are signs of cycle 25. It would be nice to have some good propagation again.

ARNSW have their AGM scheduled for Saturday the 29 th April in the Centenary Building at the VK2WI site. There is also the call for committee nominations which close this month on Saturday the 18 th March 2017 at 11 am at the VK2WI site - advises the Returning Officer. The next ARNSW T&T on Sunday the 26 th March 2017. There was a production run of ARNSW membership badges at the end of January. The next intake will be towards the end of April. Apply for one via email to office@arnsw.org.au

The Education team at ARNSW have advised that there is a high level of inquiry for their bi-monthly Foundation course and assessments which often exceeds the number that can be handled. Inquiries should be emailed to education@arnsw.org.au They have also advised that weekends set aside for the courses in both March and May have clashed with major activities and will be rescheduled. Details may be found on the ARNSW web site and in VK2WI News on Sundays. This month the Upgrade course commences at ARNSW on Monday evenings, except public holidays, until November, apply by email. Also on the there nights the ARNSW Library is open from 4 to 8 pm. Also on the 4 th & 5 th March, the St. George ARS have a Foundation and assessment weekend. They have more weekends scheduled at three monthly intervals for the rest of 2017.

On Sunday the 12 th March, the Waverley ARS conducts their Ferrytron event. They also conduct Foundation courses and assessments weekends about every three months. They are one of the older clubs who can trace their origin back to 1919. They are well advanced in planning for their Centenary in 2019.

With the continuing shutdown of HF AM transmissions both locally and across the world there are only a few places left to find this mode on short wave. There are a few Amateur nets like that 7125 kHz on 40 metres, with both old and newly constructed rigs. The VK2WI News on Sundays has AM transmissions on 40 metres – 7146 – and 160 metres - 1845. The Engineering team at VK2WI over the New Year period gave their 40 metre AM transmitter, an AWA J54-800, first put to air in the Civil Aviation world in 1951, a extended life by replacing the oil filled power supply capacitors. Maybe be they were condensers in those days. What ever they were - the hum has vanished.

With the 60 th annual Central Coast field day behind us one of the next major VK2 field days will be the Oxley Region ARC on the June long weekend in Port Macquarie, at the Light House Beach Surf Club hall. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM..