

VK2 news

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The major activity in VK2 this month is the annual Urunga Convention over Easter on the NSW North Coast. First held in 1949, the event starts on Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. The Seniors Citizen's Hall in Bowra Street is the weekend venue with a range of fox hunts and other activities. Contact Ken VK2DGT on 6652 3177 for details.

Foundation course weekends in Sydney include ARNSW on the 13 th and 14 th May – this is a date change to that shown on the calendar; St. George ARS on the 20 th and 21 st May and Waverley ARS on the 17 th and 18 th June. Each venue has assessments for all license grades on the respective Sundays.

ARNSW have their AGM scheduled for Saturday the 29 th April 2017 at the VK2WI site. The annual reports for the meeting by either post or email during this month. The 2017 ARNSW Upgrade course commenced last month on Monday evenings and except on public holidays, continues until November. On these evenings, the ARNSW library is open for members. The next trash & treasure Sunday is at the end of May on the 28 th.

Following the formation of QRP by the Bay in Melbourne, the ARNSW Home Brew and Experimenters Group formed their own “QRP by the Harbour” last month. It was in the afternoon, following the Waverley Ferry contest on March the 12 th.

The Coffs Harbour and District ARC held their AGM in November 2016 and elected Russell Ashdown VK2VK as President, Les Sidebottom VK2CPC as Vice President, Fred McSkimming VK2FM as Treasurer and Eric Shaw VK2ES is Secretary. At their recent February General Meeting, Fred McSkimming was appointed a Life Member for his services to the Club. The Club meets in it's club house at the Rex Hardaker Oval, Toormina on Thursdays from 10 am until 2 pm for those interested in Amateur Radio and Electronics. For further details - check out their web site <http://www.qsl.net/vk2ep/>

The Northern Rivers WICEN group have their AGM at Summerland Lismore on Sunday the 9 th at 10 am. St George ARS are planning a low powered multi band WSPR facility from one of their remote repeater sites. The Illawarra ARS have taken out of service their VK2RUW repeater on Knights Hill for a rebuild. Jesmond Electronics Club in Newcastle conducts study in Electricity, Electronics and Radio advises John VK2PJM, who can be reached at john81913@gmail.com

The Armidale & District ARC were successful in February in receiving that months Greater Bank Grant from their local financial institution. Each month three groups compete for the grant by attracting the largest number of email votes. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.