

VK2 Notes – August 2017

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August is shaping up to be a busy month for many as have been the recent months. There were no VK2 notes for July when other circumstances delayed a submission within the input window. On the long weekend in June, the Oxley Region ARC held their 42 nd Field Day over two days. While it was a wet time in Port Macquarie, it did not dampen the activities at the Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club hall. There were 93 registrations with a head count of at least 105 coming through the door. The Fox Hunt Champion for the weekend was Gerard VK2IO with Chris VK2YMW runner up. Planning is again underway for next year's event – same time slot, same venue.

There has also been some addition text added to the VK2WI morse training transmission on 3699 kHz. It runs about 35 watts into a half wave dipole. Reports or comments may be given by an email to callbacks@arnsw.org.au In May HADARC held their AGM with little change in the committee and the positions. They also released a draft of a proposed new constitution. In July the Westlakes ARC scheduled one of their regular car boot sales. ARNSW held a Foundation Course weekend and a regular Trash & Treasure. St. George ARC advised the restoring of VK2WI News through the Mt. Bindo VK2RDX system in the Western Blue Mountains after a link receiver developed a problem.

As we come into August there is something for everybody. The annual Remembrance Day Contest over the weekend of the 12 th and 13 th for 24 hours with a 0300 UT start. VK2WI plans to transmit the opening address a little before the formal start. The following weekend will be the Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. Again this year it is fortunate that both are not on the same weekend.

The Blue Mountains ARC are planning a Foundation weekend on the 12 th & 13 th, August. Manly Warringah RS lecture night on the 16 th August has a theme of 3D Printing, the Flag Pole event on the weekend of the 19 th & 20 th and a Foundation weekend yet to be advised. Central Coast ARC are planning in August for the Shahzada event and advise that the club rooms at Kariong are open from 10 am Saturday. St George ARS have a Foundation weekend scheduled for the 19 th / 20 th, August. WICEN NSW have their AGM set down for Saturday afternoon on the 26 th August and communications for the annual VH-MDX lost aircraft search in September from the 15 th to the 17 th. Trek for Timor 7th / 8th October and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic towards the end of October. Summerland ARC in the Northern Rivers has a Show & Tell SARCFEST planned for Sunday the 27 th August.

In September, Waverley ARS have a Foundation weekend planned on the 16 th & 17 th. They held their annual auction on Saturday, the 8 th July. ARNSW has a Foundation weekend planned also for 16 th & 17 th – inquiries by email to education@arnsw.org.au with the Trash & Treasure on Sunday the 24 th.

The Illawarra ARS provides a relay of VK2WI News through some of their 6 & 2 metre repeaters. They also have an Echo link on Saturday mornings at 0930 EST on 2 metre

repeaters VK2RMP and VK2RUW. Look for VK2BGL-R and VK2MT-R. I have had the opportunity recently to look at a half year collection of 1935 Wireless Weekly – a most interesting look back at our early radio industry. I will try and cover in more detail in future notes.

Steve Ireland has recently sent out a request to all repeater providers for any updates to their repeater listings in the next Call Book. It is important that the information is up to date both there and on the WIA web site. Please check your entries and up date any changes. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.