

## VK2 news – November/December 2018

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ARNSW has set Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 to hold their AGM at the VK2WI Dural site. 11 am start. Committee nominations will close on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

VK2WI News will observe the usual end of year sessions with morning only transmissions on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The evening sessions will resume on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Besides the range of transmission frequencies from 160 m to 23 cm, the news is also streamed at [arnsw.org.au/audio](http://arnsw.org.au/audio)

The ARNSW education courses have concluded for the year. The Foundation weekends are scheduled to recommence in March 2019 and will usually be two weeks before that months Trash and Treasure, which are always on the last Sunday of the odd numbered month. There is no decision on whether there will be an upgrade course in 2019. An antenna day for all those who under took the ARNSW Foundations weekends is planned for Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The ARNSW Library is operational on most Monday's late afternoon / evenings, except public holidays. They can be emailed at [library@arnsw.org.au](mailto:library@arnsw.org.au) The ARNSW Experimenters Group meeting after the bi-monthly Trash & Treasure event at the Dural site. They also hold at about quarterly intervals QRP by the Harbour, sometimes the same day as VK3 holds their QRP by the Bay.

Dick Smith VK2DIK is scheduled to give a talk at VK2WI Dural in the early afternoon on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. More details will be given in VK2WI news sessions in late November.

ARNSW lost one its long time country workers when Norm VK2TOP from Walcha became a silent key. Norm was at the time their Membership Officer handling renewals and in the past had held positions of President and Secretary. Membership renewal operations are now conducted in the office at VK2WI. Contact is [membership@arnsw.org.au](mailto:membership@arnsw.org.au)

The 2019 Central Coast ARC Field Day is schedule for Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at the Wyong Racecourse. The US exam group plans to be one of the exhibits and will be conducting exams at the field day. They can be reached by email at [veexams.com](mailto:veexams.com) The Centenary of the first direct wireless message from the UK to Australia was celebrated at the Wahroonga location on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 with an attendance of several hundred citizens. This was a joint operation by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society and the Hornsby and District ARC. A special event callsign VK100MARCONI was operated by HADARC and a QSL card, on exchange, is available from their address, P. O. Box 362 Hornsby 1630; include a SASE. HADARC meet on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings, usually at Mt. Colah. [www.hararc.org.au](http://www.hararc.org.au)

The New England region of VK2 has been hard at work with repeater upgrades and linking. The Armidale and District ARC held their AGM late October. The Summerland ARC, based at Lismore, has been working on their repeater network with various improvements. Oxley Region ARC has their 6 metre repeater operational from the Telegraph Point site. They will be holding their Xmas party on the first Saturday of December in place of the regular meeting. ARNSW has added a 70 cm DMR repeater to the Dural site. After a long wait for Council approval, work on the new pole for the VK2RWI repeaters at Dural is getting underway. This pole is to replace the existing shorter triangular tower.

As we approach the festive and holiday season many clubs and groups take a break until next February. To help visitors who may like to attend your meetings and events drop a note to VK2WI News at [news@arnsw.org.au](mailto:news@arnsw.org.au) with the activity dates. The Hunter Radio Group is able to trace their origin back 95 years and in October celebrated this event. They now meet at the Adamstown Bowling Club. November was their last meeting for the year and these will resume in February 2019. Manly Warringah RS advised in October that their WebSDR was off air pending replacement of audio hardware. They record many of their lectures which can be found on the YouTube channel VK2MB-TV. Check out their education and other activity at [www.mwrs.org.au](http://www.mwrs.org.au)

There are some who hunger for high power and large beams and look down on our Foundation licensees with their limited power levels yet don't give a second thought to those who operate QRP. In future notes it is hoped to run a story on how to work the world and win contests from a noisy suburban location with a simple long wire. What has become a challenge to licensees these days is HF operation from the ever increasing high rise which is becoming a way of living. Some have solved this problem via internet access on a remote transceiver or listening to an SDR.

Now I have a request to VK2 clubs and groups who are planning their 2019 activities. When you have determined your Foundation course, assessments, field activities and meetings would you let me know so that details can be included in these notes. Email to [vk2ztm@wia.org.au](mailto:vk2ztm@wia.org.au) by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

73 Tim VK2ZTM