

## **VK2 Notes – May/June 2019**

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With winter just round the corner let us hope for an improvement in HF propagation so that many can enjoy more on air activities. This May 2019 is a busy month in VK2. For some clubs their AGM has come around again like at Westlakes ARC, Blue Mountains ARC and HADARC. There is also the WIA AGM in Sydney, the last time here was in 2006 which was the first AGM held in the WIA restructure. It was held in Bankstown. Part of the Convention program this year is a visit for some delegates to VK2WI at Dural on the Sunday [26th May] with displays, talks and a look over the facilities. Other delegates have the option of a visit to the Kurrajong Radio Museum. Keep an ear on VK2WI news – 10 am and 7.30 pm EST for details and updates. Many VK2 Clubs provide regular news segments. Here is an invite to other VK2 clubs and groups to provide segments. Just email your submission to [news@arnsw.org.au](mailto:news@arnsw.org.au) by the Friday evening for the following Sunday.

### **Mid North Coast Field Day.**

June is the time for the annual Oxley Region ARC Field Day on the mid north coast of VK2. Again this year it will be held in Wauchope, this time at the showground on Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th of June. The Wauchope Showground permits camping, so it is possible to stay on site in your own motor home, caravan or tent with power and amenities. The Saturday evening dinner is at the Port Macquarie Golf Club. With Port being a popular holiday location, especially on long weekends - book accommodation early. Check out the ORARC item elsewhere in this issue of AR.

The Northern Rivers WICEN Group, a function of the Summerland ARC, decided to disband. Their members will remain operational as part of WICEN NSW. The Mid North Coast WICEN group meets in Port Macquarie on the first Saturday of the month following the Oxley Region ARC monthly meeting at SES HQ. WICEN NSW, based in Sydney, is now meeting monthly for training at the VK2WI Dural site, an all day event on the first Sunday of the month.

Still in the north - the New England region has been linking the various repeaters into a common network. The 70th Urunga Convention was held in the Urunga Village over Easter. First started in 1949 - it has not missed a year since then. It is very much a Fox Hunter's dream of almost continuous events.

### **ARNSW AGM.**

ARNSW held their AGM in April with over 50 members in attendance. Of importance this time was two special resolutions. The first was to change the name of the company from the former Wireless Institute of Australia – New South Wales Division to the name currently in use – being – Amateur Radio New South Wales. The second resolution was to adopt a new Constitution to replace the one that was in current use. Both Resolutions passed and were adopted by all present at the meeting. Audio of the meeting is available on the ARNSW streaming service; [arnsw.org.au/audio](http://arnsw.org.au/audio). The NSW Division was

registered as a company in 1922, having been formed as the first Institute in 1910, giving ARNSW a history back 109 years. The former name is being registered and retained. The replaced Constitution had been in place, with minor adjustments, since 1976.

The ARNSW committee this year has had only one change with Paul VK2APA retiring and with John VK2JV joining. The continuing committee members are Mark VK2XOF, John VK2LJ, Al VK2OK, Mathew VK2YAP, Tim VK2ZTM, Ray VK2ASE, Eric VK2VE and Bob VK2CAN. The new constitution provides for two year committee terms with alternate half committee elections each year.

### **Training & activities.**

In March both ARNSW and the Oxley Region ARC held 40 metre dipole making days. Between them, over 35 dipoles came into existence. The next ARNSW Foundation and assessment weekend is set down for the 13 th and 14 th July. Inquiries to [education@arsw.org.au](mailto:education@arsw.org.au) The Waverley ARS, celebrating their Centenary, will held their annual auction at the Rose Bay club rooms on Saturday the 13 th July. The Blue Mountains ARC are providing training in Radio and Electronic theory on Thursday evenings; [education@bmarc.org](mailto:education@bmarc.org)

The new 40 metre pole at VK2WI for the VK2RWI repeater network is getting ready for the cabling and antenna installation. A view of the pole has become the wall paper background image on the ARNSW Home Page. The grassed area between the VK2WI transmitter building and the Centenary Building - more than 500 sq metres - is growing well. The VK2RSY 23 cm beacon has had its oscillator module replaced which should provide improved stability. This is a CW beacon with horizontal polarization running about 25 watts. The network of VK2RSY beacons, have in various forms from 10 metres to 23 cm, been operational since the 1970's. With more activity these days becoming digital with WSPR, FT8 and others, does the continuous CW beacon still have a place? They are after all a big consumer of electricity with often little acknowledgement of their existence or apparent use. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM