

VK2news – July-August 2019

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2019 WIA AGM.

The 2019 WIA AGM was held in Sydney last May. This was the first time back in Sydney after the original AGM of the reformatted WIA which was held in 2006 as a one afternoon event in Bankstown. This time, the three days of activities was a joint operation between the Waverley ARS celebrating their Centenary on the Friday evening in the Marconi Room at the Sydney Town Hall. The Saturday was the WIA turn at the Park Royal venue adjacent to Darling Harbour with the AGM and the Forum in the morning and the range of talks and lectures in the afternoon. The evening was the formal Convention dinner. The Sunday was hosted by ARNSW at their VK2WI Dural site as part of the bi-monthly Trash & Treasure. There was a display from many local clubs and groups like SOTA, Blue Mountains ARC, St. George ARS, ALARA, HADARC, ARNSW Experimenters group, CREST and WICEN. There were tours of the broadcast and site facilities, a catered lunch and two technical talks before the conference delegates bussed back to the hotel for final farewells.

In June the Waverley ARS held a farewell dinner to their Centenary celebrations followed by their AGM. The Special event callsign has finished. In July they held their annual auction on the only Saturday that the hall at the Rose Bay clubs rooms is not occupied with a ballet class. In August they have a great speaker lined up for the monthly meeting, Kerrie Dougherty - a space historian. It may be held at a different location so keep an ear on VK2WI News for details. They have a Foundation course and assessments scheduled for the 14 th & 15 th September. On the first Sunday of each month a morse class is held in the club rooms at 11 am.

ARNSW

The July Foundation and assessments weekend has been held and the next is scheduled for the 14 th & 15 th of September. The cut off for bookings is 5 pm on Friday the 30 th August. Inquiries to education@arnsw.org.au The July Trash & Treasure is set down for Sunday the 28 th. Access to WiFi on the Dural site for members has been installed. The pass word is on the notice boards and will change at intervals. A few 2019 call books have been obtained and will be available at the T&T. A reminder that the Sunday morning and evening VK2WI News from Dural and provincial relay stations is also streamed on the internet at www.arnsw.org.au/audio It, along with some lectures and talks held at Dural can be downloaded at any time. This streaming source is available to any club or group who may care to relay VK2WI News in these times of poor HF propagation. Details maybe obtained by an email to news@arnsw.org.au which is the same address for any news input to the weekly sessions. Now for a reminder that the VK2WI Dural site is private property - and Emergency Management Procedure regulations are in place for all on site activities. This requires all members and visitors signing the attendance book when ever they are on site. The change over of Company name has been completed with ASIC and the former division is now known as Amateur Radio New South Wales – ARNSW – and its origin of its registration goes back to May 1922 and further back to the original body – in 1910 - The Wireless Institute of NSW. At the same time of the name change, new Articles were voted in to incorporate the current requirements.

Oxley Region ARC

The 44 th field day was held this year in the Wauchope Showground Pavilion. It was an ideal venue for the two day event, being large with level access and adjacent parking. A booking has already been made to hold next years field day there. The field day dinner on Saturday evening was held at the Port Macquarie Golf Club, also booked for next year. The Oxley Region ARC meets on the first Saturday afternoon for the monthly meeting and the third Friday evening for the mid monthly meeting. All are held at the SES building in Central Road, Port Macquarie. Access this year to the Tacking Point Lighthouse is not available due to renovations, so the club station, VK2BOR will operate both the RD and Light House weekend from the car park of the nearby Tacking Point Surf Club.

Activities

Blue Mountains ARC held a Winter fest early July and paid the Kurrajong Radio Museum a visit mid July. They have scheduled a Foundation and assessment weekend for the 10 th and 11 th August. education@bmarc.org On Saturday the 29 th July they have an antenna building day. There is electronic training on Thursday evenings. They meet at Moore St, Glenbrook. The Oz VE group held their recent exams using the recently introduced 2019 – 2023 exam papers on the first of July. This puts them ahead on the release of the papers in the US due to the time difference. Contact with them by email at veexams.com August is the month - 17 th & 18 th - for both the RD Contest and the Light House weekend and this year both will be on the same weekend. It should be noted that the RD is a fast moving activity to gain maximum contacts and the light house operation - a slow paced activity. All operators should respect the requirements of each group and not harass each other for contacts. WICEN NSW will have a week of the Shazada Horse Enduro at St. Albans from the 25 th to 30 th August. Then Kangaroo Valley Trek for Timor 14 th / 15 th September, and Hounslow Classic Upper Blue Mts 28 th / 29 th September. The Great North Walk Ultra event on the Central Coast has changed to a close circular course with good commercial communications so the ten year involvement by WICEN has come to an end. Westlakes ARC has a car boot sale Saturday 20 th July. HADARC is one club with a recent AGM. There was very little change in the management committee. Their two meetings a month are usually held at Mt. Colah. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM / VK2UJ.