

## **In the news from Amateur Radio New South Wales for this week;**

Mother's Day greetings to all our YL's and XYL's on your special day.

Today was the second day of the May ARNSW foundation and assessment weekend, the first under the new AMC administration; Blue Mountains ARC and Westlakes also have been conducting assessments this weekend. Bookings are now open for our next course on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>; the deadline is Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Enquiries and bookings are best made to the Education team, by email to; [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au).

ITU World Telecommunication Day is Friday the 17th of May, marking the founding of the International Telecommunication Union, in 1865. To commemorate this day, Australian amateurs are permitted to use the AX prefix with their own callsign.

It's now two weeks until our next Trash and Treasure, Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting delegates from the WIA Conference and AGM – more details on that, later in this news Bulletin.

With the extra activities, there will be some changes to the usual routines on the day. Site parking will be as directed by the parking co-ordinators on the day. In place of the usual BBQ, catered lunch will be provided at a slightly later time. A timetable of activities will be given in next Sunday's news bulletins. We still need to hear from intending car boot sellers so that space can be arranged; please let the office know, preferable by email to [office@arnsw.org.au](mailto:office@arnsw.org.au).

At the last board meeting of ARNSW, the various management positions were determined for 2019 and 2020. With Paul VK2APA retiring from the board, as he moved out of Sydney to make a 'treechange', we welcome John VK2JV to the board. John becomes the committee member liaising with the education team. The main office bearers remain as last year; President Mathew VK2YAP, Vice Presidents Al VK2OK and Tim VK2ZTM, Treasurer Ray VK2ASE and Secretary Eric VK2VE. You can always direct enquires to the office in the first instance, by email or by phone – but please leave a message with your contact details – and our office volunteers will put you in touch with the right people.

## Activities at the 2019 WIA Conference and AGM

This year's WIA Conference and AGM is being held in Sydney, from Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May. You don't have to be a WIA member to attend and participate in the activities.

On the evening of Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Waverley Amateur Radio Society celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the historic Marconi Room of Sydney Town Hall, with keynote speaker David Dufty, author of the Australian "Secret Code Breakers".

Saturday's program includes the short formal AGM, followed by an open Forum, technical presentations, discussions and reports. This is an opportunity to influence the direction of Amateur Radio in Australia.

Saturday night's Conference Dinner is at Sydney's Parkroyal Hotel, with renowned keynote speaker Professor Fred Watson, astronomer extraordinaire, whose father was an amateur radio operator.

On Sunday morning, attendees will be able to take the shuttle bus here to VK2WI Dural, where along with the usual Sunday activities there will be special exhibits from a number of groups, including our own Radio Experimenters Group, and other radio club around the greater Sydney area. There will also be commercial exhibitors, technical demonstrations and talks, and complimentary catered lunch for registered attendees.

The conference coincides with the start of Vivid Sydney – now in its tenth year. So for a really great weekend in Sydney, Register now to secure your place; visit the website, at [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au) under the WIA Information tab, or search for WIA 2019 Annual Conference.

Billeting arrangements are being co-ordinated by the Waverley Amateur Radio Society; if you are a Sydney amateur with a spare bed or two, or if you are planning to attend the conference and are looking for a low cost accommodation option; you can find all the details on the Waverley Amateur Radio Society web site, at [vk2bv.org](http://vk2bv.org). There is a link to the billeting information on the home page.

## **ARNSW Radio Experimenters Group**

On Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, the group will have a display at VK2WI Dural, as part of the activities for the WIA AGM and Conference.

All members of the group are encouraged to bring along some items to display. This will be an opportunity to show other amateurs the variety of homebrewed, repaired and modified equipment that the modern amateur can tackle.

See you there on the 26th March.

*Advised by Peter VK2EMU*

*Coordinator, ARNSW Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group*

## US Licence Exams

The Oz-VE group will again run US licence exams in Sydney, in the lead-up to the WIA AGM.

There are two sessions – on Thursday 23rd May, from 6:30pm at Engadine McDonalds; and Friday 24th, at 11:30 am at McDonalds in St Peters, on the corner of Princess Hwy and Bishop Street. Both a reasonable walk from railway stations of the same name, and St Peters is a short taxi-ride from the airport.

Many training resources and practice exams can be found online, a good place to start is at: [hamtestonline.com](http://hamtestonline.com).

For more information about Oz-VE, or to book a seat at upcoming exams, please make contact via the website, at: [veexams.com](http://veexams.com).

*Submitted by Julian VK2YJS, and AG6LE (VE).*

# Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report

For the period of the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

First, the summary;

Dates across the columns are	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
10cm flux	70	72	74	76	79	75	76
Fredericksburg Index (Afr)	8	9	4	5	5	2	7 estimated
Australian Index (Aaus)	5	8	0	3	4	0	4 estimated
T index	-1	0	-5	-3	+4	+1	0

Solar activity was low from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, very low on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and again low on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Geomagnetic activity was quiet on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, quiet to active on the 4<sup>th</sup>, then quiet again from the 5<sup>th</sup> through to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

F2 critical frequencies in the southern Australian region remained near predicted during local daylight hours, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. However, some enhanced conditions were observed at night; 40% on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 25% on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 20% on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 30% on the 8<sup>th</sup>, which continued with 25% enhancement after local dawn; and 30% on the 9<sup>th</sup>, which also saw enhancement, of 20%, after local dawn.

Now, the forecast for the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of May;

Solar activity is expected to be very low to low.

Geomagnetic activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels, with possible active periods on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Maximum Usable Frequencies are expected to be mostly near predicted monthly values.

*Data courtesy of Space Weather Services.*

## Solar Flux Index update

Here are the updated Solar Flux Index (SFI) figures for this week.

Having finished April, the figures were;

Minimum of 67, Average of 73, and a Maximum of 79  
With peak dates from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>

Nearly halfway into May, so far we have a;

Minimum of 67, Average of 71, and a Maximum of 79  
With peak dates from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>

And looking ahead to the prediction for June, we are expecting a;

Minimum of 67, Average of 73, and a Maximum of 76  
With peak dates from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Update with thanks to Noel, VK2FUL.*

[using daily data updates from :  
<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/usaf-45-day-ap-and-f107cm-flux-forecast>]

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## What use is an F-call?

Tonight, we continue with the series, written and produced by Onno VK6FLAB. Each episode looks at different aspects of the diverse hobby of Amateur Radio.

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*Out: "I'm Onno vk6flab"*

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For more information about this series, including transcripts and useful resources for F-calls, Onno's website is; [vk6flab.com](http://vk6flab.com), or follow him on Twitter, @VK6FLAB.

## **ARRL DX news**

FIJI; Oleh, KD7WPJ will be active as 3D2/KD7WPJ from Viti Levu Island, IOTA OC-016, until May 16. Activity will be on 40 to 12 metres using CW and SSB.

BOLIVIA; Lance, W7GJ is active as CP1GJ from Copacabana until May 16. This is a 6 metre EME operation using SSB or FT8; he monitors 50183 kHz.

KYRGYZSTAN; Special event station EX26Y is active from Cholpon-Ata and then Bishkek until May 15, celebrating the founding of Kyrgyzstan's national amateur radio society 26 years ago. Activity is on 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and various digital modes.

ENGLAND; Members of the Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB6MW from Meopham Windmill during Mills On The Air.

JERSEY; Operators Marc, PD7YY, Marcel, PG8M and Lars, PH0NO are active as MJ/PG8M/p and MJ/PH0NO/p until May 12. This is a World Wide Flora and Fauna expedition activating various nature reserves on the island. Activity is on 80 to 2 metres using CW and SSB.

ST. LUCIA; Bill, K9HZ is active as J68HZ from Soufriere until May 13. Activity is on 160 to 2 metres using CW, AM, SSB and RTTY.

JAPAN; Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/1 from Hachijo-jima, IOTA AS-043, until May 13. Activity will be on 40, 30 and 20 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.

ALASKA; Mike, K9AJ and Bruce, KD6WW are active as K7Y from Khantaak Island, IOTA NA-250, until May 13. Activity is on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres using CW, with some SSB and FT8, with two stations active. This is the first activation of IOTA NA-250.

LITHUANIA; Special event station LY15EU is active until May 26 to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Lithuania's membership in the European Union.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC; Special event stations OM2019IIHF and OM83IHWC are active until May 31 during the 83rd Ice Hockey World Championship being held in Slovakia.

NETHERLANDS; Mark, PD0ME, Frank, PD5JFK and Bernard, PB7Z are active as PB19MILL until May 13, from the De Eendracht Windmill in Gieterveen during Mills On The Air. Activity is with three stations on the HF bands, as well as 6 and 2 metres, and 70 centimetres.

GREECE; Jacques, F6HMJ will be active as SV8/F6HMJ from Ios Island, IOTA EU-067, from May 14 to 28. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB.

CORSICA; Martin, DB4BJ is active as TK/DB4BJ until May 17. Activity is on 60 to 20 metres using mostly FT8.

VIETNAM; Tom, DL7BO will be active as XV9BO from Mui Ne from May 13 to 19. Activity will be on 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8.

INDONESIA; Special event station 8G248G will be active this weekend to celebrate the 248th anniversary of Gianyar City. Activity will be on 80 and 40 metres.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The CQ-M International DX Contest, NCCC RTTY Sprint, Mills on the Air, NCCC CW Sprint, VOLTA World Wide RTTY Contest, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, Arkansas QSO Party, FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint, 50 MHz Spring Sprint and the WAB 7 MHz Phone/CW are all on over this weekend.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint and RSGB 80-Metre Club SSB Championship are scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The CWops Mini-CWT Test and Phone Fray are scheduled for May 15.

The Canadian National Parks on the Air, CNPOTA, event runs throughout 2019, with special stations active from Canada's parks and historic sites.

## WICEN News

The final Dementia Australia, Memory Walk and Jog event in New south wales, is in Sydney at Leichhardt Oval #3 Lilyfield, around Iron Cove, on May 19<sup>th</sup>. WICEN NSW will also be providing assistance with some events in SE Queensland.

The BSAR Navshield is a bush navigation contest, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, held at a location to be determined, somewhere in the greater Sydney region. As well as providing support and safety for the the event, WICEN may enter a team, subject to interest. The recce is this Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

True Grit is an obstacle course running event, scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, and the OCR World Championship 24 hour is on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Both events are at Lower Portland, in outer NW Sydney. Nic VK2KXN is event commander for both of these events; let him know via email, [mcleannb@bigpond.com](mailto:mcleannb@bigpond.com) if you are available for either or both.

The Glow Worm Marathon is at Newnes, on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

The WICEN website is at [nsw.wicen.org.au](http://nsw.wicen.org.au) and includes a web contact form. Members can log in and update personal details online. Facebook users will find an official WICEN NSW page, and an informal national WICEN group.

The WICEN Mid North Coast Region meets at 3:30pm on the first Saturday of the month, at SES HQ, Central Road, Port Macquarie. The region is also running an HF net on Thursday evenings from 7pm, on the band-plan's 80 metre WICEN frequency of 3.6MHz.

WICEN ACT is part of the Canberra Region Amateur Radio Club, supporting events in the ACT and Capital Country, and on the South Coast of NSW. The BMSC National Capital Rally concluded yesterday. The SCSCC Bega Rally is on June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, and the NSSCC "Rally of the Bay" at Bateman's Bay is on the 29<sup>th</sup>. August 6 is the BMSC Narooma Rally. For more information, see the WICEN and Events pages on [www.crarc.ampr.org](http://www.crarc.ampr.org).

WICEN Victoria will be supporting the Eureka Rally on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, which is around Ballarat. The Mallee Rally has been cancelled. The weekly net is on each Tuesday at 8:30 to 9:30 pm, on 3.6MHz. More information on WICEN Victoria's, including a report on Duncan's Run, is on the website, [vic.wicen.org.au](http://vic.wicen.org.au).

## Club News

We start this week, with news from the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club. The next meeting is the May Friday night gathering, at 7pm on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, in the SES Building, Central Road, Port Macquarie.

The VK2RPM 2 Meter repeater is currently on test, operating on 147.0MHz with 91.5Hz CTCSS, until Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. During this test, the repeater on 146.7 MHz will be off the air. VK2RCN on 147.0MHz at Telegraph point remains on air, but requires 123 Hz CTCSS for access.

It's now only four weeks until the Club's 44<sup>th</sup> annual Field Day at the Wauchope showground hall, on Saturday and Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of June, during the Queen's Birthday long weekend. All of the usual field day activities will be there; remember to bring your projects for the home brew display, and there will be foxhunts on 2 and 80 metres, on both days. The Field Day dinner will be at Port Macquarie Golf Club on the Saturday night; mark your calendar now. Wauchope showground permits camping, so you can stay on site in your own motor home, caravan or tent, with power and amenities. Please book ahead, as Port Macquarie and Wauchope are very popular holiday destinations for the June Long Weekend.

Candidates for the Foundation, Standard and Advanced Licences should contact the club via PO Box 712 Port Macquarie NSW 2444 regarding training and assessments; the first assessments under the new arrangements will be held soon.

The club conducts two nets each week; the mid-week net starts at 7:30pm on Thursday nights, and the weekend net starts at 9am on Sunday mornings. Both nets are on the VK2RPM 2 metre repeater, currently testing on 147.0MHz, which requires a 91.5Hz sub-audible tone for access.

Visitors are always made very welcome at the club's monthly general meetings at 2pm on the first Saturday of each month, and at the Friday night gathering at 7pm on the evening of the third Friday of each month. The venue for all these meetings is the SES Building in Port Macquarie.

For more information about the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club, visit the website at [orarc.org](http://orarc.org). The site contains a wealth of Amateur Radio items in addition to club information. The May 2019 issue of the club's bimonthly newsletter, Oxtales, is now online soon, and past issues are available on the website as well. The club is also on Facebook; just search for ORARC.

*Submitted by Henry VK2ZHE  
For the Oxley Region Amateur Radio Club.*

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## **Illawarra Amateur Radio Society**

The Society meets on the second Tuesday evening of the month, with the next meeting on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The general meeting starts at 7:30pm, directly following the Society's committee meeting, which starts at 6:30pm.

Meetings are at the Coniston Community Hall in Bridge Street Coniston, which is just a little south of the CBD of Wollongong. The hall is located right next door to the Coniston Railway Station, so access to meetings by train is very easy.

At the next meeting two representatives from RASA, the Radio Amateur Society of Australia, will be in attendance. Ian VK3BUF and Chris VK3QB have offered to come along and both present, explain and discuss their reasons for a second representative body for Australian amateurs.

Whatever your thoughts may be about either the WIA or RASA, everyone should endeavour to best understand a diversity of views in any situation. With this in mind, attending members and visitors will be able to explore their thoughts and concerns with Ian and Chris who believe that RASA is not a divisive influence, but more a healthy competition, thus inspiring everyone to work harder for our hobby.

Following will be the usual ragchew over a hot cup of tea or coffee with chocolate biscuits.

A reminder of the Club's two weekly Nets; one being the Saturday morning Chit-Chat Net run by Steve VK2BGL. Listeners can join-in at 9:30am local time by either using one of the Club's 2 metre repeaters - VK2RMP on 6850 or VK2RUW on 6675, while out-of-towners can call-in on Echolink via VK2BGL-R. The second is the "TGIF" End-of-Week 80 metre Net run by a rotation of Club members, on Friday nights from 8:30pm on 3.630MHz, plus or minus frequency for usage.

To conclude, all listeners are invited to attend the next meeting of the Illawarra Amateur Radio Society at 7.30pm on Tuesday evening the 14<sup>th</sup> of May at the Coniston Community Hall in Wollongong.

*Submitted by Rob VK2MT  
Publicity Officer, Illawarra Amateur Radio Society.*

## Central Coast Amateur Radio Club

Remember that Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May is ITU Day, so please use the “AX” prefix whenever possible; as the saying goes: “use it, or lose it”.

The next lecture will be on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, on surface mount soldering by Graham VK2GRA; it will involve a demonstration and some practice. Don't forget that this is also the date of the Federal election, so remember: “vote early, and vote often”.

Central Coast WICEN (which has a close relationship with the Club) has a new web page; please visit [ccwicen.org.au](http://ccwicen.org.au) , with thanks due to Club webmasters Henrick VK2FTDR and David VK2VGA for setting it up.

All meetings of the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club are held at the Clubrooms in Dandaloo St, Kariong, just past the fire station. Meetings start at 1pm, preceded by the famous sausage sizzle run by master chef Steve VK2SKC, from noon, followed by Karen VK2AKB's yummy pikelets.

The Clubrooms are accessible by bus, with a stop just opposite Dandaloo St, serviced by the route 34 bus from Gosford railway station every hour; and one can usually arrange a lift back. The Clubrooms are usually open from 10.30am on Saturday, for general chit-chat and access to the Club workshop and library.

The Club also conducts Foundation training on an as-required basis, and a new course is coming up soon, once details with the new licencing arrangements are finalised.

The Club relays VK2WI News every Sunday morning and evening. Callbacks are taken after the morning news only, on the Somersby 6 and 2m repeaters VK2RAG on 53.725 and 146.725 MHz respectively; both repeaters require the standard sub-audible tone of 91.5 Hz.

The Club also runs a mixed-mode repeater VK2RAG on 439.950 MHz, which is connected to the P25 network; a 91.5 Hz tone is required for analogue access, and highly recommended for receiving. Also, both IRLP and EchoLink will be available soon.

There is a net every Thursday from 8pm, on the 2m repeater VK2RAG on 146.725; all members are encouraged to join (especially if Club news for the ARNSW broadcast is involved). There is also an experimental HF net on 80m, but as it is difficult to find a free frequency, the frequency will be announced on the VHF net prior. Club news is happily accepted at [publicity@ccarc.org.au](mailto:publicity@ccarc.org.au), preferably by noon on Friday. Listeners may “join” the net by email to [netmaster@ccarc.org.au](mailto:netmaster@ccarc.org.au) and their comments will be read out.

The Club also has a Facebook page: look for “centralcoastarc” and be sure to “like” it to receive further updates. There is also a Twitter account on @ccarclub [“At CC AR Club”], and a YouTube channel of the weekly streaming world-wide news via several modes which is proving to be quite popular, especially with Amateurs both interstate and overseas.

Further information about the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club can be found on the website, [www.ccarc.org.au](http://www.ccarc.org.au).

*Dave VK2KFU*

*Publicity Officer, Central Coast Amateur Radio Club.*

## Manly-Warringah Radio Society

This Wednesday the 15th, is lecture night, and representatives of The Radio Amateur Society of Australia will be visiting to present their vision for Amateur representation in Australia. Come along and hear what they have to say.

As part of the society's Scout Outreach program, a troop from 1st Forestville Cubs will be visiting on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, to get a taste of Amateur Radio. Consider it a practice run for JOTA!

Members of the Society will be here at VK2WI Dural on Sunday the 26th for the Clubs Expo, part of the WIA Annual General Meeting weekend. Come along and chat with members and learn about some of the club's many activities.

Finally, the 29<sup>th</sup> is the next Show and Tell night; the theme this time, is Interesting QSL Cards. Voting is by gold coin, with prizes for the best card and story.

Visit the society web site for other news, information about the various club projects such as the WebSDR (sponsored by ARNSW), the club YouTube channel VK2MB-TV, the club's Scouting program and much more.

The Manly-Warringah Radio Society meets every Wednesday evening at the 1st Terrey Hills Guides Hall, Beltana Avenue, Terrey Hills. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start, and visitors are always welcome. If you need directions, call in on the club's two metre repeater on 146.875 MHz, or visit the club's web site at [www.mwrs.org.au](http://www.mwrs.org.au) for more information.

*73 Richard VK2SKY  
MWRS Publicity Officer*

## Waverley Amateur Radio Society

The society is celebrating its centenary this year, and has the special event callsign VI2BV100. It is being used for the Monday night nets, so it is regularly on air at present, and will also be used for the WIA Conference weekend. Operation concludes on the last day of the conference, Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget that the Friday evening of the conference weekend, the 24<sup>th</sup> is the society's centenary celebration in the Marconi room at Sydney Town Hall with a very interesting speaker, David Dufty, author of "The Secret Code-Breakers of Central Bureau". You do not have to be attending the conference to come along and help the celebrate the Society's centenary; just register on the WIA Website.

The rest of the weekend will be interesting as well with the Saturday afternoon technical sessions and the speaker at the dinner on Saturday evening, being Dr Fred Watson, astronomer in charge of the Siding Spring observatory. This will be followed by the Sunday events, here at the home of ARNSW in Dural or the Kurrajong radio museum. Lunch on Sunday is being sponsored by ARNSW.

But before all that, this coming Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 7:30pm, is the May monthly general meeting of the society for our centenary year. As always, the tea and coffee will be available during and after the meeting. Many will also gather prior to the meeting in the RSL next door from about 6:00pm for some dinner prior to the meeting. All are welcome to join us.

The Morse code group meets on the first Sunday of each month at Rose Bay. Anyone with an interest in CW, or Morse code is welcome; whether you're a beginner, want to brush up or re-learn Morse code, CW enthusiasts of all skill levels meet to swap ideas and experiences and learn about operating and contesting. The group meets 11am on the first Sunday of every month at the Rose Bay clubrooms and everyone is invited, even if you aren't yet licensed. Contact by email to [morsecode@vk2bv.org](mailto:morsecode@vk2bv.org) or just drop in when we meet on a Sunday morning.

As usual, the clubrooms are open most Tuesdays for all those able to get there or just skipping work for the day, from about 10:00am to about 3:00pm.

The next shack night is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th starting at 7:30pm. The next project day is on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, commencing at 1:30pm and going through to about 4:00 or 5:00pm

Assessments under the Australian Maritime College have commenced and the Society's next Foundation weekend is scheduled for September 14th & 15th. See the website for details of how to reserve your place. Note that under the new system, the team needs to have the numbers for assessments at least sixteen days prior to the scheduled date of the exams, so registrations need to be made early.

Don't forget the club's weekly net on the VK2RBV repeater on 438.1125MHz with -5.4MHz offset and 91.5Hz tone from 8:00pm every Monday, currently using the special callsign VI2BV100.

There is full information about the Waverley Amateur Radio Society on the website at [vk2bv.org](http://vk2bv.org). It includes the capability to renew membership, purchase items or book and pay for courses or assessments online. There is also an enquiry form on the site, which is normally actioned within a day or two.

*73 from Eric VK2VE  
Broadcast Publicity Officer*

## Hornsby and Districts Amateur Radio Club

The next meeting of the Club is an informal gathering, at 8pm on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. It is at Mt Colah Community Centre, near the northern end of Pierre Close, opposite the eastern entrance of Mt Colah Station. The AGM is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

The Club runs three nets each week, including on public holidays. Monday's net starts at 8pm on the VK2RNS 2 metre repeater, 147.250MHz No tone is required, but a 91.5 Hz tone is sent. The 80 metre net is on Wednesday evenings on 3608.5 kHz, also from 8pm, and Morning Tea with HADARC is on or near 7106 kHz from 9am on Fridays.

HADARC's website is at: [www.hadarc.org.au](http://www.hadarc.org.au). The club has a group on Facebook, which can be found by searching for VK2MA, and on twitter, @VK2MA.

*Submitted by Julian VK2YJS  
HADARC Publicity Officer.*

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## Summary of coming events;

### May

Illawarra ARS Meeting at Coniston on the 14<sup>th</sup>

HADARC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>

Manly-Warringah lecture night on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Waverley ARS meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>

ITU Radio Day – you can use the AX prefix – on the 17<sup>th</sup>

Oxley Region ARC Friday Night Gathering on the 17<sup>th</sup>

WIA AGM and Conference in Sydney, 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>

ARNSW Trash & Treasure and Radio Experimenters Group on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Westlakes ARC open day and boot sale on the 26<sup>th</sup>

HADARC AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Manly-Warringah show and tell night on the 29<sup>th</sup>

### June

BMARC Working bee at Glenbrook on the 1<sup>st</sup>

BMARC Monthly meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>

ORARC Field Day, Wauchope showground hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Bookings for ARNSW July Foundation course close on the 28<sup>th</sup>

### July

Blue Mountains ARC Monthly meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>

BMARC Club visit to the Kurrajong Radio Museum on the 15<sup>th</sup>

ARNSW Foundation and licence assessment weekend, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

ARNSW Trash & Treasure and Radio Experimenters Group on the 28<sup>th</sup>