

## VK2 Notes May 2012

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This month ARNSW will conduct the bi-monthly Trash & Treasure on Sunday the 27 th May at the VK2WI site. Included in activities will be assessments for all license grades. In the early afternoon the Radio Home Brew and Experimenters Group hold their meeting. The previous Sunday, the 20 th, will be a one day Foundation course. 8.30 am start. Inquiries by phone 02 9651 1490 or email [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au) Check out Training and Exams on the web site [www.arnsw.org.au](http://www.arnsw.org.au) If you are aware of anyone wishing to undertake a Foundation course or other assessments please advise them that these are available at ARNSW, Dural. For those in the eastern suburbs of Sydney the Waverley ARS has a Foundation weekend on the 12 th and 13 th May.

At the close of nominations for the 2012 / 2013 committee of ARNSW there were less than that required for an election. The AGM was held last month. The Sunday evening news bulletins in both VK2 and VK4 on 160 metres have at times clashed in the time slot. Both transmitters in use are crystal locked with VK2 on 1845 and VK4 on 1843 Khz. VK4 have tried the evening transmission as the morning coverage has been very poor. Now that standard time and winter conditions have returned, staggered time slots may resolve the clash or now that winter is coming their morning coverage may improve. The VK2WI news is automatically relayed through several repeaters round Sydney. One of these is the St.George Mt. Bindo 660 in the western Blue Mountains. A fault has developed in the linking transfer which will have to wait until they next pay a maintenance visit. The repeater itself is still OK.

The Fishers Ghost A R C recently held their AGM where Life Membership was bestowed on Ted Powell VK2AU and Luis Cifuentes VK2TAR. The FGARC has just celebrated their 30 th birthday. They mounted a display at the Campbelltown library in three glass cabinets of a wide range of radio equipment and associated Amateur Radio material for the last two weeks of March. More information can be found at [www.fgarc.net](http://www.fgarc.net)

Syd Griffith VK2AHF last March was appointed as Chief Technology Officer for the New South Wales Police. He had previously been awarded the Australian Police Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

The ARNSW Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group meet on the first Tuesday evening of the month. Have a net on the third Tuesday evening on 2 metres followed by 80 metres and gather at VK2WI Dural on the afternoon of

the bi-monthly T&T Sunday. Last year they ran a successful challenge to make a receiver capable of picking up the VK2WI broadcasts on 80 metres. This year Peter VK2TPM has suggested another challenge – to make an AM transmitter for 40 metres for the frequency of 7.125 Mhz.

The Illawarra ARS for the past six years have met at the Visitors Centre Industry World in the suburb of Coniston. From April they have a new venue on the second Tuesday evening of the month. The Society thanks the generosity of B.H.P., Blue Scope Steel and Industry World for the old venue. Next month the annual Oxley Region ARC field day at Tacking Point, Port Macquarie over the June holiday weekend.

The Central Coast ARC commissioned their 6 metre repeater located at the Somersby site at the end of March. Identified as VK2RAG, it is on 53.725 Mhz and needs a 91.5 Hz CTCSS tone. Linked access to one of their 70 cm repeaters will follow – most likely 439.725. There are plans to provide a relay of VK2WI News through it. The hard work of Don VK2ZCZ, Bob VK2ZAR and many others got the project up and running. A photo display is to be found at [www.ccarc.org.au](http://www.ccarc.org.au)

WICEN NSW have some major activities in the next few months. BWRS Navshield July 7/8; Shahzada week commencing August 27 th; Trek for Timor September 15 th. [www.nsw.wicen.org.au](http://www.nsw.wicen.org.au)

From late January in NSW and in some other States all Police Officers have become radio inspectors. In other States this appointment is at Sergeant or higher ranks. You will find the announcement in the Commonwealth Gazette 25 th January. The Planning System Review undertaken by the NSW Government last year where many VK2 Amateurs made submissions on antenna mast structures was considered at the end of the review period to be outside the 'guidelines'. In later advice from the Review panel this may now be addressed in a Green Paper due for release about now. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.