

VK2 Notes August 2012

Tim Mills VK2ZTM

vk2ztm@wia.org.au

Quite a bit of club activity this month. The Orange & District ARC have their AGM planned for Friday the 3rd August. For the past few months the club has been in caretaker mode. The Oxley Region ARC will have their AGM on Saturday the 4th. The Mid South Coast ARC have their quarterly meeting at Milton on Saturday the 11th. On Sunday the 12th, Summerland ARC have the annual SARCFEST at the Richmond Hill club rooms. The weekend 11/12 is also the RD Contest with the new starting time. VK2WI will be transmitting the opening address.

The following weekend is the Lighthouse and Lightship operation which includes HADARC at the Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour. Waverley ARS will go to Macquarie Lighthouse at South Head. Manly Warringah RS to the Barranjoey Lighthouse at Palm Beach. Central Coast ARC will team with Hellenic ARA to again activate Newcastle's Nobby's Head Lighthouse. Oxley Region ARC will go to the Tacking Point Lighthouse in Port Macquarie and Summerland ARC to some of the far north coast Lighthouses. Who else has a Lighthouse? Advise VK2WI News at news@arnsw.org.au so that your group gets some publicity.

At months end the Blue Mountains ARC have WINTERFEST at their new club rooms – 4 Moore Street, Glenbrook – on Sunday the 26th. WICEN has the week long Shahzada horse enduro 27th to 31st August. The St. George ARS VK2RLE 6800 Heathcote repeater has moved from its home of many decades. It is now at a lesser location within the same region. The move was necessitated by ongoing difficult access and requirements at the host site.

In September Waverley ARS has a Foundation weekend on the 8th & 9th. Westlakes ARC have their annual field day on Sunday the 16th at the Teralba club rooms. Westlakes have the monthly meeting on the first Saturday afternoon. They are also open every Saturday from noon. Tamworth Radio Club meet on the first Friday evening at the rear of the Tamworth Hospital. Manly Warringah RS had their AGM last month. They again have available a Youth Grant for a young person to undertake getting an Amateur License. Check them out at www.mwrs.org.au

The Oxley Region ARC conducted another successful annual field day across two days of the June long weekend. 84 registrations were logged including Peter VK8ZPB who was returning home after attending the WIA AGM in Mildura. This was the second year that the Tacking Point Life Saving Club Hall had been again used and it was enjoyed by all attending. This venue had

been used for some past field days and then they had been held until recently at the Sea Scouts hall near the CBD where parking and crowds had become difficult. At least this year the rain held off until the event was over. The ORARC in late June commissioned their second APRS site located to the north of Port Macquarie with VK2RCN-1. This system fills the gaps not being covered by VK2RPM-1 located to the south. The region now has full APRS coverage.

Earlier in the year Amateur Radio NSW put out a request for back copies of Silicon Chip for the library. Two almost complete sets were donated. From one set the only issue missing is November 1989. If anyone happens to have this issue that is no longer required we would be most grateful to have same. Please advise by an email to office@arnsw.org.au Callbacks are again being taken on the VK2WI news bulletins on 20 metres, conditions permitting. The frequency is 14.170 Mhz. This is in addition to those taken on all other frequencies in use. The photo's in the June issue of Jeff VK4XJJ were provided by Erik VK2EJH. The next Foundation course and assessment days at VK2WI will be next month on Sunday the 23 rd and 30 th respectively. The Trash & Treasure for September will also be on the 30 th. The mobile number to reach ARNSW has been terminated for the moment. Telephone contact is via the office number 02 9651 1490 which goes to a message bank. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.