

VK2 Notes November 2012

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Amateur Radio NSW in recent weeks has been providing a name badge to all current financial members. If by the end of November any member has yet to receive theirs please let the office know at office@arnsw.org.au. The VK2RWI 6 metre repeater on 53.850 Mhz has settled in well with a stronger voice and better ears. Similar improvements have been made to 7000 and 8525 in recent times.

ARNSW final activities for the year will be a Foundation Course, most likely Sunday the 18 th November and all grades of assessments on Sunday the 25 th. Also on this day will be the final Trash & Treasure for the year.

At months end Life Member of ARNSW, Bill Hall VK2XT celebrates his 100 th birthday. Bill was licensed in 1930 under the call VK2BH but the then soon to be established commercial AM station for Broken Hill wanted 2BH and as was the practice in those days call letters used by a broadcast station could not also be used by an Amateur. The PMG gave Bill several choices of alternate call and he chose his present VK2XT. Bill has had a very active life in Amateur Radio, including several years providing the QSL Bureau operations to the NSW Division.

WICEN NSW held their AGM last September with Crompton Allen VK2HRX in as President, Steven Heimann VK2BOS for Vice President. Steve Diekman VK2FSDO continues on as Secretary but no one volunteered for Treasurer. Committee Mal Alexandra VK2YVA, John Harper VK2FCOM, Andrew Vaughan VK2XPT and Al Hirschel VK2VEC. 16 operators took part in the recent Trek for Timor. Next year in September it will be held in Kangaroo Valley.

Waverley ARS has repaired the club room roof top antenna system damaged by winds a couple of months ago. New masting has even gained a bit of height for them. The Central Coast ARC has embarked on a Kit building series of projects. These include 40 metre and 20 metre SSB QRP transceivers and an antenna analyzer. They are looking for suggestions for other projects, check out www.ccarc.org.au They announced the 2013 Field Day last month in AR. The famous Wyong Field Day on Sunday the 24 th February 2013. Check out www.fieldday.org.au Westlakes ARC who provide the Outwards QSL Bureau for the WIA is an active club who meet on Saturday from 12 noon. Contact them by phone 02 4958 1588

The Hunter Radio Group meet monthly on the second Friday at the NBN Studios, Mosbri Crescent, Newcastle except January, July and December. They provide a news bulletin Monday evenings from early February to early December on 3593 kHz, Repeaters 146.900, 438.025 and 146.725 Mhz. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.