

# VK2 Notes December 2012

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As the end of another year approaches Seasons Greetings, where did the year go. The end of the year and the start of the next is when many Radio Clubs drop the meetings, often not resuming until February. All clubs are requested to send off an item to VK2WI News at [news@arnsw.org.au](mailto:news@arnsw.org.au) with meeting and holiday break arrangements. Check with your local club for their arrangements.

VK2WI News will drop the evening transmission from 30 th December for two or three weeks, schedule not yet advised as these notes were being prepared. It will be morning only at 10 am until about mid January. The first of the 2013 Trash and Treasure events at VK2WI will be on Sunday the 27 th January with some adjustments to the times. Ideally the T&T will start about 9.30 am and the HomeBrew gathering will come forward an hour to 12 noon. In early March 2013 ARNSW will be calling nominations for the committee. The AGM is set down for Saturday morning, the 20 th April 2013. An anniversary BBQ is planned for Sunday the 10 th March 2013 at the Dural site. The schedule for Foundation course and upgrade classes are yet to be advised. Check out the ARNSW web site at [www.arnsw.org.au](http://www.arnsw.org.au) for announcements.

ARNSW recently circulated their members to seek current callsign and names for a membership badge. More than half the membership responded by the cut off point at the end of October. Most badges should have been distributed by now. Recently improved toilet facilities were added to the Dural site with a unit suitable for the disabled.

The upgrade of the VK2RWI main repeaters should now be complete with stronger voices and better ears on 6 Metres – 3850 -; 2 Metres -7000 - ; and 70 cm – 8525. Consideration is being given to re-establishing the 10 Metre repeater. The former system went out of service some years back when equipment at the remote receiver end was stolen.

Various upgrades at the VK2WI site have seen many changes in the equipment. Last year the 160 metre AM transmitter was replaced with a more modern unit. Now surplus to requirements is the former transmitter. It is an AWA – J54/800, commissioned in its original life in 1951, it is being offered free to anyone who would like to give it a new home. It is not operational as some of the shielded rubber wiring has perished and shorted to its braid. It will be available for personal collection from the Dural site. The successful

applicant will need to provide transport and labour. Its all up weight is about 1000 Kg in two cabinet units on wheels and a base frame. Dimensions 1850 mm high; 1060 mm wide and 850 mm deep. Expressions of interest may be emailed to [disposals@arnsw.org.au](mailto:disposals@arnsw.org.au) with the deadline on the 10 th December 2012. A ballot may be necessary.

The Central Coast ARC has been celebrating 55 years of existence by resurrecting the Central Coast Award. Contacts are required with any of the three club stations – VK2AFY, VK2EH or VK2WFD. There are multipliers if you work a CCARC club station when it is taking part in a contest or a special event. There's another multiplier if you are running QRP or have a foundation class call. So check the contest section of the CCARC website at [www.ccarc.org.au](http://www.ccarc.org.au) for all the rules. It is now about three months until the famous Wyong field day to be held on Sunday the 24 th February 2013. Check details on [www.fieldday.org.au](http://www.fieldday.org.au) or phone 02 4340 2500. See you next year. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.