

## VK2 notes June 2014

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In March ARNSW held an antenna day of lectures with practical construction. At the end of this month [June] another day is planned, the theme this time is Baluns. Those interested in attending on Sunday the 29 th June should email their booking to [balun@arnsw.org.au](mailto:balun@arnsw.org.au) and request that a balun kit be held for you. The VK2WI broadcasts will advise more details.

ARNSW held their AGM on Saturday the 3 rd May 2014 at the VK2WI site. Committee nominations closed in late March with nine nominations, the number required to form a full committee, so an election was not required. The meeting was over in an hour. Details in a future issue. The ARNSW Monday evening class will have a one week break on the holiday on the 9 th June.

The original VK2WI building was constructed in the mid 1950's. It has become time for some renovations and during this period some of the services like repeaters, beacons and broadcasts have to be suspended while work is carried out.

After a year of mail redirection for Westlakes ARC after the closing of their local Teralba post office, they have advised that the only mail address now in operation is P. O. Box 5 Boolaroo NSW 2284. Westlakes have just concluded celebrating their 50 th birthday.

The Hunter Radio Group has been producing CTCSS Encoders which have been so popular that additional production runs were required. They meet on the second Friday evening. Next month they will have a Ladies lunch in place of the meeting. Details on their Monday night news net.

Rotarians have one of their international conferences in Sydney late May and early June. Part of their activities include Amateur Radio where they have been allocated a special event callsign -VI2R. A unique call in line with special event callsigns issued elsewhere in the world, advises Peter VK3KCD.

Peter VK2PR advised recently that the mode of P25 now has 10 repeaters on-air in the Sydney region. Recently a Facebook group has been set up for those interested - to be found at "Sydney P25 HAM Radio User" They also have a net Tuesday at 8 pm on Horsley Park P25 repeater 438.1375 MHz with a NAC of 293.

Waverley ARS is offering scholarships valued at over \$200 to enable a number of young people under 25 not in full time employment to obtain their first license and be supplied with a radio at no cost. The scholarship has been funded by the sale of a recent Deceased Estate donation. Email [education@vk2bv.org](mailto:education@vk2bv.org) if interested. The annual Waverly auction is next month – July.

The Central Coast ARC have shifted the project group meetings from Friday evening to Saturday mornings at 1000 hours. This is included in the general Saturday get together. They have a 23 cm repeater on 1273.400 MHz on test and welcome reports to Don VK2ZCZ at [ccarc@ccarc.org.au](mailto:ccarc@ccarc.org.au) Work is already under way for next years Field Day scheduled for late February 2015 at Wyong.

Blue Mountains ARC held their AGM on the 2 nd May. Details later. The Hellenic ARA operated from Bare Island IOTA OC-171 on Botany Bay for Anzac Day under the call AX2CL. HADARC had their AGM in late May. WICEN NSW has involvement in the annual BWRS Nav Shield on the weekend of 5th and 6 th July. The Urunga Convention was successfully held again over Easter. An annual event since 1948.

It is only days to go until the 39 th annual Oxley Region two day field day at Port Macquarie. See the details in the May issue of the AR magazine. The event will again be held in the Tacking Point Surf Live Saving Club hall in Matthew Flinders Drive, Lighthouse Beach, which is at the southern end of town. The Field Day dinner will be at the Port Macquarie Golf Club, also on the southern edge of town on the road to Laurieton, on Saturday evening. This is all over the June long weekend, Saturday the 7 th and Sunday the 8 th. As Port Macquarie, on the mid north coast of VK2 is a popular destination, book your accommodation as soon as possible. Check out the Oxley web site [www.orarc.org.au](http://www.orarc.org.au) 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.