

VK2 notes August 2014

Tim Mills VK2ZTM

vk2ztm@wia.org.au

In late June ARNSW held a lecture and construction of baluns from a kit. The demand for kits was great and stock ran out on the day. More have been ordered and are available for members to collect from the Dural site. Order via balun@arnsw.org.au Also available is kevlar wire for antennas and insulators. The next event will be on Sunday the 9 th November and the theme may be CW.

The next ARNSW Foundation course is over the weekend Saturday 20 th and Sunday the 21 st. September at the VK2WI site. On the Sunday all grade license assessments are available. Bookings required for all activities education@arnsw.org.au The next Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI site will be on Sunday the 28 th September from 0930 hours followed at 1200 by the Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group gathering.

The renovations of the VK2WI site has taken longer than planned – nothing unusual in the building game. The final roof had not been fitted by the end of June and this prevented the return of co-ax's for the higher HF bands and the 3699 kHz morse transmission. Antenna faults had developed with the 10, 2 and 70 beacons and they have been off air pending repairs. It is interesting that the service most missed has been the 3699 morse practice transmission. We did not know that so many were making use of it. There has been a request to include speeds higher than 15 wpm in the transmissions and this is being looked at to see if it is possible with the present system. A reminder that the operator morse sessions provided by Ross VK2ER on behalf of ARNSW on Thursday at 2000 hours on 3550 kHz – VK2BWI.

This is a busy month on air for some with both the RD Contest and Lighthouse operation on the same weekend in overlapping time slots. If you are operating on this weekend take time to give a contact to both events.

Jamie VK2YCJ on behalf of the Hunter Radio Group is working on developing a whisper hf beacon for operation in the Hunter Region valley. One of its feature will be its operation from solar cells.

WICEN NSW have the Trek for Timor on the 20 th September in the Blue Mountains. During August September and October there are Alzheimer's Australia Memory Walk and Jog events in Port Macquarie, the Hunter, Inner Western Sydney and North Wollongong. These are fairly short events. Details for all events to be found at www.nsw.wicen.org.au The annual Hawkesbury Canoe Classic is over Saturday night the 25 th October. The

WICEN AGM voted in Steven Heimann VK2BOS as President; John Harper VK2LJ Vice President; Steve Diekman VK2MCA as Secretary and Doug Rosser VK2DCR is Treasurer. Committee members are Crompton Allen VK2HRX, Jan van Ekris VK2FEB, Irene van Ekris and Al Hirschel VK2KAM.

The Oxley Region ARC have their AGM on the 2 nd August at the SES meeting location.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.