

VK2 Notes – April 2015

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Over Easter, the annual Urunga Radio Convention will be held at the NSW north coast village from Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon. This annual event – the 67 th - has been held since 1949. For information contact Ken Golden VK2DGT krgolden46@hotmail.com . The annual event is promoted as the Fox Hunting Field Day of Australia.

The next Foundation and assessment weekend for both ARNSW and Waverley ARS will on Saturday the 23 rd and Sunday the 24 th of May. You need to make a booking with either via their education@ email addresses. Waverley ARS offers scholarships to under 25 year old Australian citizens to obtain their first license. The ARNSW upgrade course commenced last month on Monday evenings at the VK2WI site. It may be possible for late entries to attend. Please note that there is no class on Easter Monday. On upgrade class nights, the ARNSW Library team are in attendance with the cataloguing operation now well advanced.

ARNSW will be holding their AGM on Saturday the 2 nd May 2015 in the Centenary Building at 63 Quarry Road Dural with a 10 am start. Most members will receive the reports by email. There are a few paper copies still have to be mailed out but with ever increasing costs, electronic mailing will become the only delivery method in the near future. Committee nominations closed last month.

Curtain adjustment time in VK2 and a few other States will occur on Easter Sunday morning. VK2WI news sessions will maintain the local time of 10 am and 7.30 pm. Last month ARNSW held a lecture field day. The next scheduled field day will be 28 th June.

The ARNSW Development Fund for clubs has been open since February. Applications will close at 4 pm on Friday the 10 th April. Guidelines and application forms on the ARNSW web site www.arnsw.org.au . No late submissions will be considered. ARNSW produced several batches of name badges earlier in the year. A further intake is underway and applications may be made to office@arnsw.org.au

The annual Central Coast field day at Wyong was held late February, billed as the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. The day started a bit damp first thing in the morning, which then gave way to a sunny afternoon. Attendances still seemed about normal but a few traders were absent this year. Foundation and upgrade assessments were held over the weekend with a total of seventeen candidates being put through.

The Taree club recently upgraded their 70 cm VK2REE repeater at Mt. Marie with antennas and feed lines fitted to the new tower. Check it out and provide reports to the club. Look for it on 438.325 MHz on the standard 5 MHz offset. No tones are required. Three month Solar Flux Index reports being supplied by Noel VK2FUL are being aired weekly on VK2WI News. Westlakes ARC is open every Saturday from 11 am at their York Street club rooms. General meetings are on the 1 st Saturday of the month. A 40 metre net on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am on 7.150

MHz. The Hunter Radio Group meet on the second Friday evening February to November, usually at NBN TV. They operate repeaters under the call VK2RNC on 146.900; 146.975 with echo link and 438.025 MHz. There is also a 6 metre beacon, VK2RHV, on 50.288 MHz.

The Blue Mountains ARC recently commenced an upgrade course on Wednesday evenings in the club rooms at 4 Moore Street, Glenbrook. The ARNSW Radio Home Brew and Experimenters Group meet on the first Tuesday evening of the month at Putney. They have a net on 2 metres and HF - 3686.4 and 7159 kHz - on the third Tuesday evening and have a gathering after the bi-monthly Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI Dural site. It is just two months until the annual Oxley Region ARC field day at Port Macquarie over the June holiday weekend. Hornsby & District ARC will be active on April 25th with the International Marconi day.

73 – de Tim VK2ZTM.