

VK2 Notes – May 2015

Tim Mills VK2ZTM

vk2ztm@wia.org.au

The 2015 AGM for Amateur Radio New South Wales is scheduled for 10 am on Saturday the 2 nd May at the VK2WI site, 63 Quarry Road, Dural. Members who plan to attend the AGM and have received the annual reports by email are reminded to download a copy, if required, and bring it with you on the day. The nominations this year were all from the existing committee members, so no election was required.

The next Foundation course conducted by ARNSW is this month over the weekend of the 23 rd and 24 th May. All assessment grades are available on the Sunday. Make a booking by an email to education@arnsw.org.au . There is an attendance limit that can be handled with both the course and assessments. Over the same weekend, the Waverley A R S will have a Foundation course and assessments. Make a booking with them by an email to education@vk2bv.org The annual Waverley auction is scheduled for Saturday the 4 th July. The Blue Mountains upgrade course is well under way at the Glenbrook club rooms on Wednesday evenings. www.bmarc.org

The next ARNSW Trash & Treasure is on the last Sunday of May, the 31 st. A note to those who wish to apply for disposal items featured on the ARNSW web site. Read the instructions carefully and note that any inquiry is only accepted by email. The Disposal section is unable to accept telephone inquiries.

The ARNSW March Field day on various data modes was well attended. The next will be on Sunday the 28 th June. The topics are still being determined. Last year there was a successful event when the topic was baluns. ARNSW members are still able to apply for balun kits and kevlar wire. Email your order to balun@arnsw.org.au

A month to go until the Oxley Region ARC Field Day over Saturday the 6 th and Sunday the 7 th June, the Queen's Birthday long weekend. There is a change of venue for this year while the Surf Club is being renovated. This year it's at the Hastings Public School which is on the corner of Woniora Parkway and Hillcrest Avenue, Port Macquarie. The Saturday evening dinner, as usual, at the Tacking Point Golf Club which is at the southern end of town. VK2WI News will have more details and reminders throughout this month.

WICEN NSW is surveying on the 3 rd of May for this years Navshield with the event scheduled over the weekend of the 4 th and 5 th July. Hunter WICEN is looking for new members, contact Barry VK2BZ. Westlakes ARC will have their AGM on Saturday the 2 nd May at 1.30 pm at the Teralba club rooms and a car boot sale is scheduled for the 9 th May.

The Hunter Radio Group held their AGM on the 13 th March with the following positions for the next year. Patrons are Norm Stanley VK2BNS and Les Baber VK2RJ. President is Len Daley VK2ZFD with Rodney Prout VK2CN in the role of Secretary / Treasurer. Repeater Officer is Greg Williams VK2HT and Beacon Officer Grahame O'Brien VK2FA. Contest Officers are Jamie Campbell VK2YCJ and Grahame O'Brien VK2FA. Broadcast and Web Master Tony Dodds VK2ABM, Social Secretary Pauline Jones VK2GTB and Events Co-ordinator Len Daley

VK2ZFD. The Groups meets on the second Friday evening at NBN TV Studios from February to November.

In last months notes there was a report about repeaters for the Taree club. Ross VK2DVZ has supplied further information and the changes that they have made. Recently the Mt. Marie repeaters left the expensive site and now all the club's systems reside at Mount Ganghat. Here, under the callsign of VK2REE is 2 metres on 146.675 MHz which requires a 123 Hz tone and will accept both C4FM Digital and conventional FM signals. Currently the output is conventional FM. Also there is the previous 70 cm repeater on 438.325 MHz with the standard 5 MHz offset. The Taree club no longer hold the previous repeater call signs of VK2RET and VK2RRE.

In late March the Summerland ARC converted their Lismore repeater VK2RSC on 6800 to a stand alone solar system. By going "off grid" the Club will save about \$1K annually in power and access charges. Last month a meeting was held to elect three new Trustees to the Club..

The HADARC group recently had a busy time interacting with the public at two displays mounted in the local shopping mall and an open night at their Mt. Colah meeting location.

Also in late March a group of Batemans Bay Amateurs on the VK2 south coast met to form a local club. Twelve signed on to form the club which will be known at the Batemans Bay Amateur Radio Society advised Stewart Smith VK2HDV. Contact address is P. O. Box 3150 Batehaven NSW 2536.

If the plans are still in place, Dick Smith VK2DIK will be aero nautical mobile over both the VK5 and VK6 portions of the Nullabour conducting a survey for a future operation. He will, when practical, operate on a fixed channel of 14.146 MHz. The operation is between the 6 th and 15 th of May. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.