

## **VK2 Notes – June 2015**

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The 2015 **ARNSW AGM** was held on a wet Saturday morning in early May with 33 members in attendance at the VK2WI Dural site. The meeting was held in the Centenary Building. President Mathew VK2YAP opened the meeting at 1010 hours. After apologies and proxy distribution a presentation was made to John Veters VK2JV for over seven years of being the VK2WI News compiler, a position that John recently stood down from to have a break. This role has been taken over by Mathew VK2YAP who hopes that he will occupy for a shorter period. We do need others to come forward and assist.

Returning to the business at hand the meeting worked through the regular matters of an AGM like accepting the Presidents report, the other reports and annual accounts. ARNSW being a small company is now exempt from Audit requirements, only having to be reviewed on an annual basis. No election was required this year as the existing committee were the only applicants. Returning Officer Peter VK2EMU and alternate Returning Officer Eric VK2VE were both re elected to the respective positions.

The meeting then came to a series of presentations from Clubs who were recipients of the 2014 Development Funds provided by ARNSW. The first was a video presentation from the mid north coast Oxley Region ARC who replaced a borrowed Echo Link installation with a dedicated club owned system. Next was WICEN NSW who have constructed a compact repeater equipped trailer for field deployment. The Hornsby and District ARC set up equipment dedicated to a portable station system for field day and demonstration use rather than having to borrow member's equipment whenever something was on. The fourth club receiving a 2014 grant was Waverley ARS who established a D-Star repeater system to cover the Sydney CBD and a APRS gateway on the edge of the CBD. The 2015 applicant's are currently being assessed.

In general business there was a report on the Library upgrade progress. The Home Brew Group were moving to a new evening meeting location. The installation of security cameras on the Dural site was explained along with brief reports on the Education, Trash & Treasure operation and Broadcast coverage, which includes a new relay being introduced on 17 metres.

The meeting concluded 70 minutes after the start with most members staying on for the BBQ lunch which ended with ice cream – now a standard requirement at Dural gatherings. A big thanks to all who braved the adverse weather to attend.

**ARNSW** has another in the Field Day series at the end of the month, Sunday the 28 th June. The theme is expected to be how to test valves, semiconductors and co-ax in a series of three lectures. As usual - please register an interest in attending by an email to [fieldday@arnsw.org.au](mailto:fieldday@arnsw.org.au)

An important event this month is the annual Field Day of the **Oxley Region ARC** in the mid north coast town of Port Macquarie over the June holiday weekend, Saturday the 6 th and Sunday the 7 th. Note a change of venue only for this year to the

Hastings Public School on the corner of Woniara Parkway and Hillcrest Avenue. Both days have the usual fox hunts. The annual dinner on Saturday night at the Tacking Point Golf Club. Traders and disposals on Sunday. Next year – 2016 – the Field Day returns to the Surf Club which is currently being renovated.

Clubs and groups are reminded that both these notes and the VK2WI News sessions are a source of letting others know about your events and activities. Give a couple of months notice, where practical, to the email address at the top of this column or closer the event with a news item to VK2WI at [news@arnsw.org.au](mailto:news@arnsw.org.au) . It pays to inform.

No need to remind most readers that the **VK2WI News** network has extensive coverage by on site transmitters and remote repeater relays. A new relay has been recently provided by Marcus VK2SK of Bathurst onto 17 metres – 18.125 MHz USB. Reports are welcomed either direct to Marcus or the ARNSW email for reports [callbacks@arnsw.org.au](mailto:callbacks@arnsw.org.au)

The **ARNSW** Radio and Home Brew Group have a meeting on the first Tuesday evening each month. For the past four years this has been hosted by Seppo VK2SMA at his QTH. With a recent change in Seppo's work pattern the gathering has moved QTH to that of Eric VK2VE and Megan VK2FGGL at Denistone. There is a net on the third Tuesday evening, repeater 7000 in Sydney and then HF on 80 and 40 metres and a bi-monthly meeting after the Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI site.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.