

VK2 News

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This month [July] at ARNSW there will be the regular bi-monthly Foundation course weekend on Saturday the 18 th and Sunday the 19 th. There will be assessments for all grades on the Sunday. Bookings are required for these sessions by an email to education@arnsw.org.au There is a limit on the number who can be handled over the weekend, hence the need for bookings. However, with most of these events there are a few who book but don't show and don't advise. The Education Team is looking at ways to reduce the no shows. The bi-monthly Trash & Treasure is set down for the following Sunday - the 26 th. The Library team reported at the end of May that they think they have all the magazines – some 15,000 – logged into the computer. Now they will have to start on the books. Some new shelving has been obtained and installed. There is more to be installed later in the year.

ARNSW having had their AGM in early May had the existing committee members again nominate for this year. Everybody was happy with their portfolios so this year the President role remains with Mathew VK2YAP who also looks after VK2WI Engineering and Broadcasts . Al VK2KAM is Senior Vice President and Treasurer. Peter VK2VG is Junior Vice President and Education Assessments. Tim VK2ZTM is Secretary and Dural Property Officer. Paul VK2APA is Course Supervisor. Mark VK2XOF handles Trash & Treasure, Deceased Estates and VK2WI Engineering. John VK2LJ heads up the Library Team. Bob VK2CAN has Membership and Welfare and Ken VK2BBQ covers Public Relations.

The 2015 ARNSW Development Fund grants for this year will be going to three clubs. Details had not been released as these notes were prepared. There have been some adjustments and additions with antennas at the VK2WI site. Two groups of multi band VHF / UHF verticals and HF dipoles have been installed on the Centenary Building for both the Library and Classroom to assist with the practical assessments. A similar set have been added to the VK2WI building for a future general station. The VK2RSY 2 metre and 70 cm beacons have been changed back to the original crossed dipoles until the new antennas can be mounted on a higher support. The new metal roof distorted the pattern of the experimental square loop antennas which had been installed. The VK2RSY 6 Metre beacon operates on a wire dipole which previously looked north and south. With some tree work about to be undertaken it was moved to new support trees with the main lobe now looking east and west.

The Waverley ARS will be having this years annual auction on Saturday the 4 th July at their Rose Bay club rooms. Go to their web site for details. A mid morning start. They had their AGM in May with no change in office bearers. Also in May the Hornsby & District ARC had their AGM with no changes in the principal office bearers. For this year Secretary Bob VK2ZRM is calling on members to provide a range of short talks for the HADARC monthly meetings. The Hunter Radio Group will have their Ladies Day lunch on Saturday the 11 th July at a new venue in Cardiff. Check details via the Monday evening VK2AWX news session.

WICEN NSW now has over 150 members and will be assisting the BWRS Nav Shield exercise over the weekend of the 4 th and 5 th July. The postal address for WICEN NSW Inc has been changed to P. O. Box 6151 Dural Delivery Centres NSW 2158. The former address was with the Regents Park post office which is being closed. In April, the former Omega tower in Eastern Victoria as reported in WIA National news, was felled for safety reasons!. In Sydney the large microwave tower in the Eastern Suburbs near Bondi Junction has had its top removed and now is a shadow of its former self with only a ring of vertical antennas and cell phone panels. This was part of the former Telstra coastal microwave network through the Central Coast to Newcastle.

The bi-annual SMPTE trade event for the entertainment industry will be in Moore Park Sydney on the 14 th to 17 th July. Jeff Pages VK2BYY who writes novels in his spare time has another in the Barefoot services in the proof reading stage. It will be published in the next few weeks.

ARNSW with its bi-monthly Trash & Treasure service accepts both donations and Deceased Estates for resale. Major equipment on offer is listed on the ARNSW web site. www.arnsw.org.au , check here for the details. Those interested in applying should carefully read the associated notes and email disposals@answ.org.au Note that this is the only contact method for this service as telephone calls have to be retrieved from the message bank which introduces a delay as well are having to be forwarded to the section. There are occasions where other family members have the problem of to do with your equipment should anything happen to you. Make them aware of the contact details - if in Sydney - for ARNSW or the local Amateur Radio club in your area. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.