

VK2 News

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The annual Development Fund donation to clubs provided by ARNSW this year has been made available to the following clubs. Each payment covered part of the cost for a club project with the balance provided by the recipient. For 2015 there was Waverley ARS for a replacement video projector. Oxley Region ARC for a repeater up grade with the new modes and Manly Warringah RS to establish an open access web based SDR facility. The next Development Fund application period is scheduled to be released in February 2016.

Marcus VK2SK of Bathurst has been providing a relay of the Sunday sessions of VK2WI News to 17 metres on 18.125 MHz. Reports to Marcus or email to callbacks@arnsw.org.au Illawarra ARS is one of the relay sources of VK2WI News through their repeaters VK2RUW on 146.975 to the south of Wollongong and VK2RMP on 53.65 and 146.85 MHz to the north of Wollongong. The two metre repeaters are linked to Echolink stations VK2MT-R and VK2BGL-R which also carry the news. ARNSW held a lecture event on Sunday the 28 th June with three testing speakers with subjects of Valve and semiconductor testing, fault finding in transceivers and checking co-ax cables. The next event is scheduled for Sunday the 8 th November. The Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group evening meeting on the first Tuesday of the month has moved location to the home of Eric VK2VE in Denistone.

VK2WI News has weekly the Solar Flux Index update provided by Noel VK2FUL which uses data obtained from <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/usaf-45-day-ap-and-1107cm-flux-forecast>]

Manly Warringah RS had their AGM last month as well as a Foundation and assessment day. This month club station VK2MB will be active from the Barrenjoey Lighthouse at Palm Beach for the Lighthouse weekend. In September their Flagpole Contest which coincides with the international Talk Like a Pirate Day. Towards years end they have a real challenge when they host a “Build from e-waste” night.

In July Jeff Pages VK2BYY launched his novel the “Plight of the Tivinel” through Zeus Publications. This is the fifth novel since Jeff released his first – Barefoot Times – in November 2004. barefeet@bigpond.net.au

Westlakes ARC have moved their monthly meeting to the second Saturday. HADARC who meet at a council hall on a Tuesday now have to conclude their meetings by 10 pm instead of 10.30 pm as previous. This is because of a little known by-law regulating the operating hours of public halls. The Oxley Region ARC held their 40 th annual field day over the June long weekend at a public school hall in Port Macquarie. It was a good event with 80 registrations over the two days. Rain on the Saturday had an effect on the field events. There was a good attendance at the dinner on Saturday evening. Sunday was a sunny day. Next year, in June, the field day returns to the surf club hall which was unavailable this year due to renovations being carried out.

The Waverley ARS held their annual auction last month in the hall portion of their Rose Bay club room building. They have a Foundation and assessment weekend scheduled for the 12 th and 13 th September. They have a Shack Night on the first Wednesday. The monthly meeting is on the third Wednesday. The Project Day is on the first Saturday afternoon. Most Tuesdays have a daytime working bee in the club house.

The Albury Wodonga ARC had their AGM last month with the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday evening in the 1 st Lavington scout hall in Mutsch Street. Projects this year will include a new multi mode repeater on 6 – 2 -70 plus D star and it will carry the VK1WIA news session. The weekly nets have 147 MHz Monday at 8 pm; 7047 kHz Tuesday at 8 pm and 3555 kHz Thursday at 8.30 pm.

This is a busy month on air with the RD Contest and the Lighthouse weekend in the same time slots and on similar frequencies. Good operating. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.