

VK2 News

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Its spring – hopefully - after a cold winter in many parts of the country. At the end of August ARNSW is planning a field day on Sunday the 30 th for both new and old Amateurs who are asked to register by an email to newham@arnsw.org.au to help with planning and catering. Details have been in VK2WI News. In September there is the next Foundation weekend and assessments on the 19 th and 20 th. Bookings required by an email to education@arnsw.org.au The Trash & Treasure Sunday is on Sunday the 27 th September. A Deceased Estate provided a wide range of HP test equipment in the past few weeks.

Westlakes A R C were unable to work the Lighthouse weekend from their regular Norah Head lighthouse after their year long booking, with deposit, was over ridden by a wedding party taking all the site accommodation. This month is their annual field day on Sunday the 13 th which includes a big raffle of a radio transceiver as part of their annual fund raising.

For Clubs trying to keep a regular meeting location it is often difficult. The Manly Warringah R S for some years have had access to a Guide Hall at Terry Hills which was vacant. They then found that there were moves to have it sold. Fortunately the Scouting side took control and now they have some long term access. Don't forget their Flag Pole contest this month. Details were in the August issue of AR.

The Liverpool and District A R C is a club with falling membership and a meeting was to be held last month to determine their future. The Chifley A R C at Mt. Drutt for many years have met every Saturday in a church hall. They have developed it into an extensive station installation. The church now wants the space for other activities.

The Anderson power connectors are finding increasing use within our ranks. The Waverley A R S have developed a Powerpole Distribution Box of six fused sets of connectors which is available in kit form. Check out the details under Projects at vk2bv.org It is available from stock at \$35 plus postage. This month is also the next Foundation and assessment weekend at the Rose Bay location of the club on Saturday the 12 th and Sunday the 13 th. Bookings at education@vk2bv.org

Alan VK2ZIW, Secretary of the Blue Mountains ARC raises the problem confronting many clubs and groups with that of repeater maintenance. Alan comments that while most groups do maintain their own systems, there are less skilled people now in the two way industry and most are too busy to volunteer to take on Amateur installations. Alan notes the extensive network of the Western Australia Repeater Group which provides for a wide area of support and maintenance for their network. He asks, could VK2 establish a similar State wide support scheme ?

While on the subject of repeaters, Steve VK2MD as part of the WIA NTAC has been trying up date the details of many systems throughout VK2 and elsewhere. There were several in VK2 that he has been trying to find an email contact – if you can help with details on any system - email him at tacrep@wia.org.au

Last month saw AGM's for WICEN NSW and Oxley Region ARC. WICEN NSW has recently changed their postal address to be a neighbour with ARNSW at the Dural Delivery Centre. 2158. Their box number is 6151.

The AGM for the Oxley Region A R C was held on Saturday the 1 st August with the following officer bearers being elected. President is Lyle Smith VK2SMI who also has publicity; Vice President is Richard Court VK2CHC; Secretary is Henry Lundell VK2ZHE who also has the roles of Public Officer, Repeater Chairman, VK2BOR Station Manager and WIA Liaison delegate; Treasurer is Larry Lindsay VK2CLL and also Education Officer; Committee members are Stuart Walsh VK2FSTU, Paul Colledge VK2ICQ and also Web Master and Bill Sinclair VK2ZCV who is also Member Liaison Officer; Oxtales Editor John Hansen VK2AYQ with Trevor Thatcher VK2TT as Co-editor; Welfare Officer and Social Director is Barry Gilson VK2LBG and Club Historian is John Bailey VK2KHB. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM