

November VK2 Notes

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This month [November] at ARNSW is full of activity. On Sunday the 8th there will be another in the field day format with the emphasis on the family. For the OM's in the morning Peter Jensen VK2AQJ will talk on 'portable military and clandestine developments' and the children will have face painting, hair glitz, balloon sculpting and other activities. There is a catered lunch so members must register by an email to fieldday@arnsw.org.au. In the afternoon for all there is a magician. More details have been given in the Sunday VK2WI News.

The September Trash & Treasure was well attended and a lot of equipment found new homes. The Home Brew meeting after the T&T was also well attended where the main lecture was on Smiths Charts given by Roger VK2KXG.

Later in the month at ARNSW there is the Foundation course and assessments on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd November. Booking are heavy but inquiries to education@arnsw.org.au Sunday the 29th will be the final Trash & Treasure for the year. Then it all starts again in January 2016. The ARNSW 2016 magnetic calendar will be sent to members before the end on the year.

In the past two year ARNSW has conducted a Development Fund to assist VK2 clubs. A decision about 2016 is yet to be made but it is expected that details will be notified in the January / February issue of Amateur Radio magazine.

Summerland ARC at Lismore in northern VK2 held a successful Standard course in late September. They have an Advanced course planned for the week 2nd to 8th November. Inquiries via education@sarc.org.au A SARCFEST is planned at the Richmond Hill Community Centre on Sunday the 28th August 2016.

While some clubs grow there are others that fall on hard times. The Liverpool & District ARC with falling membership and loosing a meeting place are planning a wind up meeting this month.

The Armidale ARC held their AGM in late September; St. George ARS with help from Waverley ARS provided an assessment for nine candidates from the UNSW School of Electrical Engineering who were all successful; The Oxley Region ARC have been upgrading various facilities with the repeaters and the web site. Their Christmas party will be held on Saturday the 5th December.

The newly formed Bateman's Bay Amateur Radio Society have meetings every second Wednesday of the month at Maring Rescue, Hanging Rock at 6.30 pm. The club call sign is VK2BAY. They have established a 2 metre repeater on 147.075 MHz at Mt. Wondorra. President is Rob Loftus VK2ADG and email contact with the club is robloftus@tpg.com.au

This month the Mid South Coast ARC have their quarterly meeting on Saturday the 14th; Waverley ARS have a Foundation and assessment weekend on the 14th and 15th. Inquiries by an email to education@vk2bv.org; WICEN NSW have an exercise at Jenolan Caves with the Cave Rescue Squad on the 31st October and the

1 st November.

73 – Tim VK2ZTM.