

VK2 Notes – March 2016

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On Sunday the 6 th March ARNSW has planned another in the seminar talk fest series. Topics were not known as these notes were being prepared but by now details will have been given both in the VK2WI News and by email. For catering purposes, advice on your attendance is desirable and can be emailed to fieldday@arnsw.org.au

On Monday the 7 th March ARNSW commences their upgrade course mainly for those Foundation licensees who wish to move up to Standard or Advanced. The course is conducted each Monday evening, except public holidays, between 7 and 9 pm at the VK2WI Dural site. It concludes in November. Those without a Foundation are welcome to attend. More information is available on the ARNSW web site www.arnsw.org.au Bookings are required and these can be by email to education@arnsw.org.au

Still on education the next Foundation weekend provided by ARNSW is on the 19 th and 20 th of March. All grade assessments are conducted on Sunday the 20 th. Again bookings are required by email. The January Foundation course had all five candidates achieve success. The Summerland ARC in northern VK2 have a Standard course planned for the 7 th to the 10 th March, followed by a Foundation course on the weekend of the 12 th and 13 th March. Westlakes ARC have another Morse session on the Saturdays afternoons in late February and early March. The next ARNSW Trash & Treasure event is on Easter Sunday at VK2WI. These events are always held on the last Sunday of the odd numbered month, rain, hail, shine or public holiday. In the late morning a BBQ is provided for those remaining and at noon the ARNSW Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group meet.

Members of ARNSW are advised that the 2016 AGM is scheduled for Saturday morning the 30 th April 2016 at the VK2WI site. At the AGM a new committee is to be appointed. Nominations are now open for those members who wish to be on the committee for the year 2016 and 2017. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the web site www.arnsw.org.au or from the divisional office. Nominations close at midday on Saturday the 19 th March 2016 at 63 Quarry Road, Dural. – Peter O'Connell VK2EMU, Returning Officer.

In late December ARNSW members and VK2 clubs were sent the 2016 magnetic calendar. There were only a few returns of those who moved address without notification. It is hoped that they did tell ACMA, otherwise they may find their prized call goes to a new owner. Keep checking the ACMA register just to make sure their computer keeps including your call – sometimes they fall out. Be aware of your renewal date.

For the past two years ARNSW has provided to some clubs a development fund grant. There will not be one made available this year as a major communication upgrade is planned for the Dural site.

The Easter weekend has the Urunga Convention on the VK2 north coast held at the Senior Citizens hall in Bowra Street, Urunga. It has been held annually since 1949. Gather there on Saturday the 26 th and Sunday the 27 th. For details contact Ken VK2DGT on 02 6652 3177 krgolden46@hotmail.com

Karl VK2KFH, the NSW JOTA / JOTI Coordinator would like to let the Amateur community know that a new web site for Radio scouting and JOTA / JOTI for NSW has been launched. The address is www.nswjotajoti.org

It's a few months down the track but keep the June long weekend free for the Oxley Region field day held in Port Macquarie. This year its back at the Tacking Point Surf Club, following last years renovations to the Surf Club.

The Waverley ARS has an inaugural competition on Sunday the 13 th March. It is with the Sydney ferries over 6 hours with the aim of making as many contacts as possible with and between stations portable on Sydney ferries or wharves. It is a VHF and UHF contest and repeaters are allowed. See the club web site – vk2bv.org - for details or last month's AR Magazine. You can ride the ferries for the \$2.50 fare - all day. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.