

## VK2 Notes – July 2016

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Hello as we move into the second half of 2016. A report on the recent ARNSW AGM was covered in last month's notes. With the same committee members for this year they have the same positions. Mathew Magee VK2YAP is President, VK2WI broadcast editor and engineering; Al Hirschel VK2KAM is Vice President, treasurer and talk fest coordinator; Peter Zielinski VK2VG is junior vice president; chief assessor and security; Tim Mills VK2ZTM Secretary and property officer; Mark Blackmore VK2XOF is the VK2WI station engineer and trash & treasurer officer; Paul Anslow VK2APA is chief educator; Ken Rayner VK2BBQ is also education and assistant talk fest coordinator; John Harper VK2LJ heads the library team and Bob Yorston VK2CAN provides membership and welfare support.

ARNSW has just held one of the regular 'talk fests' and the next, planned for the end of August, is expected to have a Foundation license theme. Later in this month of July there is another of the bi-monthly Foundation course weekends and all grade assessments on the 23rd and 24th. Booking by an email to [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au). The next Trash & Treasure is on Sunday the 31st July. This is followed by the regular Home Brew and Experimenters Group gathering. Also on the same day there is a planning meeting for JOTA. Details of all these activities are given in VK2WI News.

VK2WI News is relayed automatically – morning and evening - by various 6 and 2 metre repeaters in the Hunter Region, Central Coast, Illawarra and Western Blue Mountains. On many mornings a relay is also conducted via the Tamworth repeater.

In May HADARC held their 39 th AGM with most of the existing committee standing for a further year. John Bishop VK2ZOI continues as president. There are some changes planned which are advised in their monthly newsletter QUA. In the year ahead HADARC plans a rewrite of the rules to upgrade the 1987 version to current requirements. This is also HADARC's 40 th Anniversary and a number of celebratory events are planned.

In June the Oxley Region ARC held their annual field day over two days of the long weekend. They recently moved the Sunday morning club net back to the VK2RPM 146.7 repeater after a few months using the VK2RCN 7000 system. The Waverley ARS club has recently established an analogue FM and digital C4FM repeater on 70 cm [438.1125] on a high CBD site. Currently using the 5.4 MHz offset, it is planned, along with other 70 cm systems at the same site to move all to the 7 MHz offset at a future date. Reports are sought via the club's website contact pages. Waverley held their AGM at the recent May meeting.

David VK2FLDW Secretary of the Mid South Coast ARC advises that the Club has a new postal address of P. O. Box 437 Nowra 2541 along with a new email address of [miscarcinc@gmail.com](mailto:miscarcinc@gmail.com) This club holds quarterly meetings on the second Saturday, the next will be in August. at the Huskisson Community Hall in Dent Street, Huskisson with an 11 am start. Manly Warringah Radio Society record many of their lectures and these

can be found on Youtube by searching for VK2MB-TV. They meet each Wednesday evening in Terrey Hills. They have a “Test Gear” theme night planned for the 29 th June. Check them out at [www.mwrs.org.au](http://www.mwrs.org.au)

Recently some exams for the US license were conducted in Sydney as reported in June AR. More are planned and information about these exams can be obtained from Julian VK2YJS. [vk2yjs@gmail.com](mailto:vk2yjs@gmail.com)  
73 – Tim VK2ZTM.