

## **VK2 news – June 2017**

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Time for a spell of winter and that's when the Oxley Region ARC conduct their annual Port Macquarie Field Day, again this year at the Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club hall. Held over Saturday and Sunday of the June long weekend with a wide range of activities, some details are to be found in the May issue of AR Magazine.

ARNSW held their AGM at the end of April and details in future notes. There has been some work carried out at the VK2WI site when steel pipe bollards were installed in front of the Centenary Building veranda to protect the support poles from reversing vehicles. Late last year the entry into the property had a concrete slab installed to improve the gutter crossing angle. There was still a strip of dirt between the slab and the sealed portion of Quarry Road which was starting to develop pot holes. At the end of April this strip was replaced with an asphalt surface.

ARNSW is planning another in the Talk Fest series on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. VK2WI News will carry the details. Consideration is being given for a trade display later in the year at the Dural site. The next Foundation weekend at ARNSW is July the 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bookings can be made by email to [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au) It is eleven years since ARNSW sold its property in Wigram Street, Harris Park. The last event there was an evening Experimenters and Home Brew gathering. These gatherings continued at various locations but in recent times attendance had dropped off and have now been terminated. These days they have a meeting at VK2WI after the bi-monthly Trash & Treasure on Sundays. They have an on air net on first VHF followed on HF on the third Tuesday evening each month. The next days for both these activities will be at the end of July.

Some Foundation weekend this month are with the Blue Mountains ARC on the 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> June. Waverley ARS on the 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>. WICEN have events in June with a Memory Walk and Jog for Alzheimer Australia NSW at Port Macquarie on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. True Grit at Lower Portland over the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>. Nav Shield on the 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>. The BWRS have changed their name to BSAR – Bush Search and Rescue New South Wales Incorporated. They have resumed first aid training and details at [bwrs.org.au](http://bwrs.org.au)

Waverley ARS and HADARC ARC have recently had their AGM's. Waverley has a Shack Night on the first Wednesday. HADARC provided operation in the annual International Marconi Day in April with their call sign VK2IMD. Manly Warringah RS has a lecture on Fox Hunting on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Fishers Ghost ARC at Campbelltown have their meeting on the last Wednesday of the month. Near to Campbelltown is Camden where a local antenna manufacturer – Mobile One – was located. It is understood that they recently ceased production. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.