

VK2 news – January/February 2018

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This year is the fifty anniversary since Australian Amateurs were given the privilege of establishing repeaters – although a few, like ‘Fred’ at Orange and some at other locations had already been testing the ‘waters’.

As we start into 2018 a few clubs have their meetings and activities while others delay until February. Oxley Region ARC has already commenced their activities with the monthly meeting on the first Saturday and the mid monthly on the third Friday. Another early starter is the Central Coast ARC with a lecture and demonstration on Drones on Saturday the 20 th and license assessments on Saturday the 27 th. There will also be assessments held at the 60 th Wyong Field Day on Sunday the 25 th February. This year’s CCARC Field Day at the Wyong Racecourse, which has been renovated with new facilities like the air conditioned venue which will be used by the Traders. The Flea Market will use the covered area which was previously the Trader’s area. Contact the Field Day committee for further information.

The first of the ARNSW bi-monthly Trash & Treasure will be on Sunday the 28 th January and then on the last Sunday of the odd numbered months through the year. The ARNSW Home Brew Group also meet on T&T days at Dural and they have planned their next ‘QRP by the Harbour’ on Sunday the 4 th February at the previous location in Concord,

On the 5 th of March ARNSW will commence the Monday evening Upgrade course and the first Foundation weekend on the 10 th and 11 th. Inquiries to education@arnsw.org.au On Saturday the 17 th March nominations for the ARNSW committee will close and the AGM to be held on Saturday the 28 th April. There is the regular Trash & Treasure on Sunday the 26 th March. Some new ARNSW clothing merchandise has been added to the range which can be checked out on the web site www.arnsw.org.au The 2018 edition of the ARNSW magnetic calendar has reverted back to a landscape format. Feedback on the preferred format is sought.

There are some Sydney based Foundation weekends in February with Waverley ARS on the 10 th and 11 th. and St. George ARS will have theirs on the 17 th and 18 th. I would like to hear of other assessments to include in these notes but remember the new schedule for the bi-monthly AR, so give plenty of notice.

Also in February the Hunter Radio Group start up their monthly meeting on the second Friday evening, usually at the NBN TV studios in Newcastle. They are one of the clubs providing a relay of VK2WI News through the Newcastle VK2RNC on 146.975 MHz. St. George ARS is another with the first meeting this month. Also HADARC are back but have decided to have a dinner in place of the mid monthly on the 13 th February and will resume the monthly Mt. Colah meeting on the 27 th. Their Chatswood repeater has become DMR only on 438.350 MHz with a -5.4 MHz offset.

NSW WICEN has advised that the annual Trek for Timor, deferred last year due to the bush fire risk, has been rescheduled for the 5 th of May.

Former Sydney Amateur Neil VK2TGD moved to the NT some years ago, becoming VK8NH and a resident of Katherine. Neil also became involved with the NTES and in a team of three was involved in a flood rescue in 2011 at the Edith River. Last November Neil was awarded the Governor General Commendation for Brave Conduct for his part in this rescue. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.

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UP GRADE COURSE

Monday evenings
Commencing 5 th March

FOUNDATION WEEKENDS

March, May, July
September & November

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