

## VK2 Notes May 2013

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In March ARNSW had a Anniversary BBQ to celebrate it being 103 years since the formation of our organisation. It was a well attended day with a range of activities for all. The harmonics had a jumping castle, all had an excellent catered lunch and a world class magician entertained all in the afternoon. There was a raffle for a pair of strippers – for wire that is. There was also an occasion to celebrate the recent 100 th birthday of Life Member Bill Hall VK2XT.

This month ARNSW has a Foundation weekend on the 18 th and 19 th May at the VK2WI site. Assessments for all license grades will be held on Sunday the 19 th. Bookings by email to [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au) are required for all these activities. On Sunday the 26 th it will be the regular bi-monthly Trash and Treasure at the VK2WI site at Dural.

Fisher's Ghost ARC had their AGM at the end of February with the 2013 committee being President Ian VK2MCI; Vice-President Craig VK2KDP; Secretary Lynn VK2FLMK; Treasurer Wal VK2ZWK; Publicity and IT Manager Peter VK2TQ; Social Secretary Derrick VK2DEK and general committee member Bruce VK2FCAB. The Club's Public Officer and QSL Manager is Ted VK2AU. Long standing Club member Chris Newton VK2JCN was given life membership for his many contributions to the Club and to the amateur radio community. Most meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at a Campbelltown High School. The club looks after the Cataract Scout Park radio shack where they had a working bee in March.

In March the Hunter Radio Group had their AGM at the NBN Studios in Newcastle, their usual meeting location. Patrons are Norm Stanley VK2BNS and Les Baber VK2RJ. President Len Daley VK2ZFD; Vice President Maurie Jones VK2CD; Secretary / Treasurer Rodney Prout VK2CN; Repeater Officer Greg Williams VK2HT; Beacon Officer Grahame O'Brien VK2FA; Contest Coordinators Grahame O'Brien VK2FA and Jamie Campbell VK2YCJ; Broadcast committee Maurie Jones VK2CD, Michael Morrell VK2CMM, Peter Sturt VK2ZTV and Rodney Prout VK2CN. Social Secretary Pauline Jones VK2GTB. Programme officer Len Daley VK2ZFD. Their weekly news net VK2AWX is at 1930 hours Monday evening.

On the Mid North Coast the 70 cm VK2RMY on 438.075 Mhz on Mt. Yarrahapinni has returned to service. It currently does not require a CTCSS tone. It shares the site with the 2 M 146.875 repeater.

The Waverley ARS at Rose Bay in the Sydney eastern suburbs has a Foundation weekend scheduled for the 11 th and 12 th May. Contact [education@vk2bv.org](mailto:education@vk2bv.org) The Oxley Region ARC is well into the Standard class on Friday evenings at the Port Macquarie SES. This class should end in August and they are taking numbers for both Foundation and Advanced classes. Next month the annual field day on the Queen's Birthday long weekend is at the Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving hall. It is across two days with a dinner on the Saturday night.

The Mid South Coast ARC will have their quarterly meeting on the second Saturday in May in Milton. Further down the coast, the Far South Coast ARC based round Bega is a small club of 15 members who are finding its a financial strain operating a repeater advises Secretary Ken VK2CRN. The solar powered repeater VK2RWP on 6825 is linked with the network in the Snowy Mountains. Perhaps more local Amateurs could assist the club by becoming members.

Peter Jensen VK2AQJ presented a talk on the First Fifty Years of Military Radio to HADARC at their March general meeting. Peter is well known for producing many books on various radio topics. Due out next month will be his latest publication, Wireless at War. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM