

VK2 notes October 2014

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In late June ARNSW held a lecture and construction of baluns from a kit. The demand for kits was great and stock ran out on the day. Many more have been ordered to keep up with the demand and are available for members to collect, by arrangement, from the Dural site. Order via balun@arnsw.org.au. Also available are insulators and kevlar wire for antennas. The next event will be on Sunday the 9 th November and the theme is still being worked out as these notes were being prepared. Details when they come to hand will be given in the VK2WI Sunday broadcasts. The suggested November CW theme has been deferred until next year.

The next and final Foundation course for 2014 at ARNSW is over the weekend Saturday 22 nd and Sunday the 23 rd November at the VK2WI site. On the Sunday all grade license assessments are available. Bookings required for all activities education@arnsw.org.au. The next Trash & Treasure at the VK2WI site will be on Sunday the 30 th November from 0930 hours followed at 1200 by the Radio Homebrew and Experimenters Group gathering. For major equipment items available check the ARNSW web site www.arnsw.org.au

ARNSW is on Social Media on both Facebook and Twitter. Use the usual search systems for the arnsw sites.

The renovations of the VK2WI site has taken longer than planned – nothing unusual in the building game. The roof was finally finished in August. A new brick toilet building has replaced the older fibro structure. By now all the transmission services have been restored including the 2 and 70 cm beacons with new antennas. These antennas are a pair of square loops on each band. A pair for the 6 metre beacon are also being assembled and will replace the existing wire dipole.

The VK2WI 3699 morse transmission now with higher speeds and more text is back and is again being noticed with reports being received. More reports on coverage and the use listeners make of the service would be welcomed. An email to callbacks@arnsw.org.au please. At the Dural site currently there are four repeaters and six beacon services, plus the broadcast transmitters and the annual power account is now well into four figures. Hence - some acknowledgement of the use and benefit that these services provide would keep those holding the purse strings happier, if possible.

In addition to the 3699 morse and the Thursday evening VK2BWI sessions -

another source is provided by Geoff VK2BGP most evenings at 0900UT on 3539 kHz for an hour with speeds between 14 and 25 wpm. In summer he moves up to 40 metres.

The St. George ARS in southern Sydney have plans to provide a Foundation weekend towards the end of the month [October]. Also they will be providing a large JOTA station over the weekend of 18 th and 19 th October at Bonna Point reserve, Kurnell. They are seeking support and contact can be made with Paul VK2GX by email jota@sgars.org , phone 0423 454 626 or the Society site www.sgars.org

Summerland ARC have joined in balun kit building with activities at the club rooms at Richmond Hill during September. The Central Coast ARC have commissioned a new 70 cm repeater VK2RDC at Woy Woy on 438.650 MHz with a 91.5 Hz CTCSS tone required. It also has IRPL node 6217 and any questions can be directed to Doug VK2MDC. A reminder of the project night at the Hunter Radio Group meeting on Friday the 10 th October. Have you completed that project for the 'show & tell'? for the meeting at the NBN TV studios. Westlakes ARC are planning a computer basics course with Michael VK2OB commencing this or next month.

The Oxley Region ARC held their AGM on the 2 nd August with Lyle Smith VK2SMI [formally VK2FCVI] taking over the President role from Henry VK2ZHE. Lyle is also Publicity Officer. Vice President / Welfare Officer is Charles VK2KCE; Secretary and Public Officer is David VK2FRAB; Treasurer / Education Officer is Larry VK2CLL; Committee members Mark VK2FMGM, Jim VK2VIV and Paul VK2ICQ; Repeater Chairman, VK2BOR Station Manager and WIA Liason Delegate Henry VK2ZHE; Oxtales Editors John VK2AYQ and Trevor VK2TT; Webmaster Alex VK2HBF; Club Historian John VK2KHB; Social Director Barry VK2LBG and Member Liaison Delegate Stuart VK2KSM.

NSW WICEN and the regions have a busy month ahead. Illawarra Memory Walk and Northern Rivers training on Sunday the 12 th. Barrington Tops SAREX on the weekend 18 th and 19 th. Hawkesbury Canoe Classic over Saturday night the 25 th into Sunday the 26 th. At the end of August members of the Oxley Region ARC assisted with the Memory Walk in Port Macquarie. Many long time members of NSW WICEN have recently received VRA long service medals. WICEN NSW is a member squad of the Volunteer Rescue Association.