

VK2 Notes - June

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The 2016 AGM for ARNSW was conducted on the 30 th April with 33 members attending. Thanks to all who made it on a morning where the weather was not inviting but the promised rain did stay away.

The meeting got underway at 1015 with Vice President Al VK2KAM taking the chair. There were 5 apologies and 3 proxies tabled - unlike some past meetings where there were hundreds of proxies, just for one member. The 2015 minutes were accepted and confirmed and the Presidents report was read out. Next were the other reports, these being taken as read and adopted. The annual accounts were accepted after a clarification of invested monies.

The Returning Officer Peter VK2EMU, who had manned the site gate at 6 am for any late proxies – there were none – advised that at the close of nominations that eight had been received and therefore an election was not required. All those nominating were from the retiring committee. There was one vacancy due to the late arrival of the nomination from a committee member who was away at the time. He has since been co-opted to committee. [The various positions in future notes.]

Then came the election of Returning Officers and the existing pair quickly raised their hands for re-election, being Peter VK2EMU and Eric VK2VE who feel the safe way of not being nominated to a committee position is to be a Returning Officer.

There was a presentation of award certificates to Patrica VK2JPA, who after a quarter century of submitting IPS and DX news to VK2WI News has retired from the position. The other award was to Ross Wilson VK2ER who has recently retired from being the presenter of the VK2BWI morse session on 3550 kHz, a position held for many years.

Then Geoff VK2AVR from the Manly Warringah Radio Society, a club that received a 2015 Development Fund grant, demonstrated their project of a WebSDR node. Geoff had brought the project and gave a video presentation of the construction as well as having the equipment for inspection.

In general business – Librarians John VK2LJ and Ray VK2ASE reported on the current status of library development. Paul VK2APA, our Education officer gave a report on this years progress.

The meeting ended an hour after it started and those who stayed on enjoyed a BBQ lunch. It will all occur again in a year's time.

As mentioned above, Ross VK2ER ended the 3550 morse session late last year when users dropped off. Now it is reported that Michael VK2CCW from Westlakes intends to re-establish the service on 3550 kHz at 8 pm on Mondays and Friday evenings.

While on morse code practice, it was advised in the May notes, that more text had been added to the VK2WI automatic transmission on 3699 kHz. Well, the gremlins struck and rejected the new text – a History of ARNSW – this has now been corrected, resulting in double the amount of text – round 8000 words.

Its only days to go until the 41 st Oxley Region field day over the June long weekend in Port Macquarie – see page 27 in May AR for details.

Last month the Hornsby & District ARC and Westlakes ARC had their AGM's. On Sunday the 26 th June ARNSW have planned the next in the Talk Fest series. The topics were not known when these notes were prepared. WICEN NSW have a training day planned at VK2WI Dural on Sunday the 5 th June. Over the weekend of the 2nd and 3 rd July is the annual Nav Shield operation for WICEN. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.