

December 2013 VK2 Notes

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Seasons Greetings. ARNSW next Foundation course will be the 18 th and 19 th January 2014 with assessments on Sunday the 19 th January. The first Trash and Treasure will be on Sunday the 26 th January 2014. The 2014 AGM will be on Saturday the 3 rd May 2014. The Monday evening upgrade course will commence on the 3 rd March 2014. VK2WI will have morning only broadcasts on December 29 th and January 5 th and 12 th. The evening news will resume on the 19 th. ARNSW is also wishing to establish a gardening group for the Dural site. Work is being undertaken to get the library working and seeking help from members for form a working team.

The Hunter Radio Group celebrated their 90 th anniversary last October. It started as the Newcastle and District Radio Society on the 13 th October 1922 in the suburb of Hamilton. There were 70 enthusiasts in attendance under the chairmanship of Lionel Swain. In the 1950's they became the Hunter Branch of the NSW Division and then the Hunter Radio Group in the 1980's.

The Oxley Region ARC will have their Xmas party on Saturday the 7 th December at Settlement Point. On Sunday the 8 th the Oxley club will be manning the sausage tent at the local Bunnings. Such activity is a good way of fund raising. Westlakes ARC meet every Saturday from 11 am, have the monthly general meeting on the first Saturday and have recommenced exams assessments. WICEN NSW has had a busy time with involvement in the annual search for lost aircraft VH-MDX and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classics in October.

The Central Coast ARC operate ATV from their Kariong site each week on the high end of 70 cm. They have readjusted some antennas to provide a signal into Woy Woy. They have recently commissioned a 23 cm voice repeater on 1273.4 Mhz on the standard 20 Mhz offset. No tone is required. The club is open on Saturday from 10.30 am and Friday from 7.30 pm. Chris VK2YY conducts assessments, inquire at vk2yychris@gmail.com For contact with the club ccarc.org.au Remember the annual Wyong Field Day on Sunday the 23 rd February 2014, rain, hail or shine.

Waverley ARS has a project day on the first Saturday afternoon, a working bee on Tuesday but check first via VK2ROT and if you require exams inquire via education@vk2bv.org Fishers Ghost ARC cover south west Sydney with meetings on the last Wednesday night of the month. Contact via www.fgarc.net

St. George ARS operated their 19 th JOTA from Kurnell with over 1000 Scouts and Guides attending the two stations operating on battery power. The Illawarra ARS meet on the second Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Coniston Community Hall in Bridge Street Coniston. It is next door to the Bridage Theatre on one side and the Coniston Railway station on the other.

Several clubs continue to produce a downloadable newsletter like Westlakes each month with a 24 page edition. HADARC has QUA with 6 pages monthly and Oxley Region each odd numbered month with 12 pages. Remember that some clubs will not be having a January meeting and all clubs are asked to advise VK2WI News = news@arnsw.org.au = of their meeting arrangements for the next couple of months. 73 Tim VK2ZTM.