

## October 2013 VK2 Notes

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The Oxley Region ARC held their AGM in early August with some changes in their office bearers.

President is again Henry VK2ZHE with Treasurer Keith VK2FKJA continuing. There is a new Vice President Larry VK2CLL and Secretary David VK2FRAB. New on the committee are Paul VK2PPP and Alex VK2HBF and Charles VK2KCE returning. Retiring from the committee were Bruce VK2HOT, Arthur VK2ATM and Bill VK2ZCV.

The following ORARC members were awarded Life Membership, Allan VK2OA and Jim VK2FJKD. There are also two Clubman of the Year being Larry VK2CLL and Henry VK2ZHE

The ORARC has moved their Friday evening training into an Advanced course. Their Xmas meeting will be held on Saturday the 7 th December at the Settlement Point picnis area.

Jeff Pages VK2BYY is putting pen to paper or should that be fingers to the keyboard with another novel in his 'barefoot times' series. Jeff said recently that he had created enough for the next book in the series which he hopes will be finished next year with a release in 2015. Check out [www.barefoottimes.net](http://www.barefoottimes.net) for his previous productions.

WICEN NSW held their AGM last month. This month major events include the Memory Walk in the Illawarra on the 13 th, the Barrington Tops SAREX aircraft search and the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Westlakes ARC held their annual field day last month. Summerland ARC held their SARCFEST in August which was opened by federal member Janelle Saffin. Last month they held a meeting to elect Trustees for the club. Blue Mountains ARC have scheduled Foundation courses on the second weekend of the even months which will be the 12 th and 13 th this month. The Manly Warringah RS have developed a new contest based on the use of portable flagpoles as antenna masts. They had the first contest last month. Check out [www.mwrs.org.au](http://www.mwrs.org.au) . A recently formed group in Sydney is the Sydney Amateur Radio Group. Their web site is [www.meetup.com/Sydney-Amateur-Radio-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Sydney-Amateur-Radio-Group) and their publicity officer is Peter VK2GPH on 0411 473 696 .

The Central Coast ARC have advised next years Wyong field day will held on Sunday the 23 rd February rain or shine at the Wyong Race Course. Their AGM was held mid August with only minor position changes as the club entered their 57 th year. They have meetings every Saturday with an important lecture scheduled for October 26 th when Karen VK2AKB will

present "EMR Awareness"

Waverley ARS has a Foundation weekend scheduled for the 9 th and 10 th November. Details at [education@vk2bv.org](mailto:education@vk2bv.org) The Armidale and District ARC has reactivated a 2 metre repeater with plans for one on 70 cm. An Amateur from the region was keen to get the former club back in action but unfortunately Roger Chubb VK2GFE became a Silent Key last May. Other Amateurs in the district rallied to his ideals and now there are over 26 involved. The repeater has been located at a local FM broadcast site with antennas sharing the transmission tower. Rick VK4HF/2 heads the new team.

ARNSW final Foundation weekend for the year will be 16 th and 17 th November with assessments for all license grades on Sunday the 17 th. Bookings at [education@arnsw.org.au](mailto:education@arnsw.org.au) . The final Trash and Treasure for the year is on Sunday the 24 th November. A mini field day for ARNSW members is planned for Sunday the 10 th November 2013 to be held at the VK2WI site. ARNSW is looking at introducing a Grant Scheme to operate within VK2 next year.

Check out the latest news on VK2WI Sunday at 10 am and 7.30 pm. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.