

November 2013 VK2 Notes

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ARNSW will be conducting a mini Field Day at the VK2WI site on Sunday the 10 th November. Free to ARNSW members with a \$10 entry to others. There will be some traders in attendance. The day will have four lecture presentations. A BBQ lunch. Bookings are required for attendance at the lectures and lunch. Email fieldday13@arnsw.org.au More details are being given via VK2WI News.

The ARNSW upgrade course will conclude in the middle of this month after the Foundation course and assessment weekend 16 / 17 which are the final for this year. The first weekend course next year will be the 18 / 19 January. The upgrade course for Standard and Advanced licenses will start on Monday the 3 rd March. With regular ARNSW assessments every two months and several clubs also providing assessments it has been decided by ARNSW educators not to conduct assessments at the 2014 Wyong Field Day. The 2014 AGM is to be held on Saturday the 3 rd May 2014. The final Trash and Treasure event for the year will be on Sunday the 24 th November from 9.30 am followed at 12 noon by the Home Brew and Experimenters gathering.

Westlakes ARC held a well attended annual field day at the club rooms last September and have advised that the 2014 event will be on Sunday 14 th September. They have a Car Boot sale scheduled for Sunday 9 th November with a 9 am start. Westlakes are back in the exam assessments and held the first in late October. Another is scheduled before the end of the year and a booking sheet for registration is in the Common Room. The assessments are for all license grades with a limit of five candidates per session.

Waverley ARS have a Foundation weekend scheduled for the 9 th and 10 th November. Oxley Region ARC plan to again have their Christmas meeting as a BBQ at Settlement Point on Saturday the 7 th December with a 9 am start. The early start helps secure the venue. The Central Coast ARC have meetings and talks every Saturday. Plans are well underway for the 2014 Wyong Field Day on Sunday the 23 rd February which is held regardless of the weather conditions. This years attendance was down a bit after some thought it was cancelled due to the weather.

The VK2WI site at Dural is in a bushland setting on a five acre allotment as are most of the neighbours. The 1 st October was a day of high winds and one of the neighbours stand of pencil pines broke off the top which fell on the adjacent 11 KV power lines. We had an interesting couple of hours while the services dealt with the resulting bushfire. The winds blew the fire down into

the old quarry after which our road is named. The fire was about 100 metres away from our property. Some years ago we installed a water tank, pump and hose reels on the property, almost had a use for them. 73 – Tim VK2ZTM.