

"If at first you don't succeed, then Skydiving definitely isn't for you."

Flying High



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Linda Sander's Geisha Girl
Winner 'Flying High' Category

2013 Festival Of The Winds Winners.



Sarath Gunawardena's 'Cobra'
Winner 'Stretch the Imagination' Category.
Winner 'Member's Choice' Category.



Karl Longbottom's Pterodactyls
Winner 'President's Choice' Category.



Ben Modra's Dual Stunt Kite Display
Winner 'Public Choice' Category.

2013 Festival Of The Winds Winners.

Rodney Grey's Hearts—Love and Hope

Winner 'Flight of Fancy' Category.



Karl Longbottom's Doves



Karen Gerg's Tie-Died Mock Flowform

Winner 'Bondi Blonde' Category.



2013 Festival of the Winds

Our New Zealand friends again put on a fantastic display (How did that chicken manage to pass customs???) 🤔



2013 Festival of the Winds

Rob Brassington's kite trains always looked spectacular



Karl Longbottom's flight of Dragons were much loved by every boy in the crowd.



2013 Festival of the Winds

Linda's Flags were very much admired. As was Karl's expertise with the fighter kites.



2013 Festival of the Winds

While Friday and Saturday were clear with offshore breezes, Sunday was overcast with smooth onshore winds. Many locals joined in over the weekend, flying their own kites. Several even joined the AKS.



2013 Festival of the Winds

Saturday night was the traditional evening get-together and meal. Following the dinner, Karl and Sarah gave a presentation on making The Bondi Bikini kite and variants there of.

The two photos below are all I managed to take—while laughing so much!! Karl had us all in stitches explaining the finer points and features of the design.

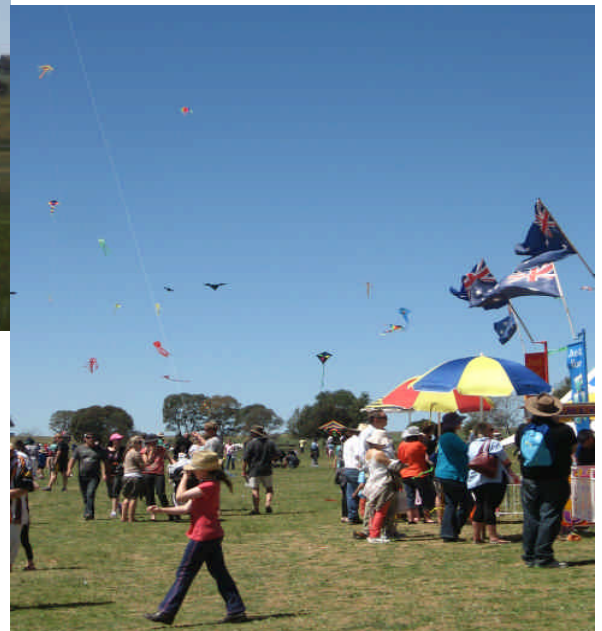


Harden Kite Festival

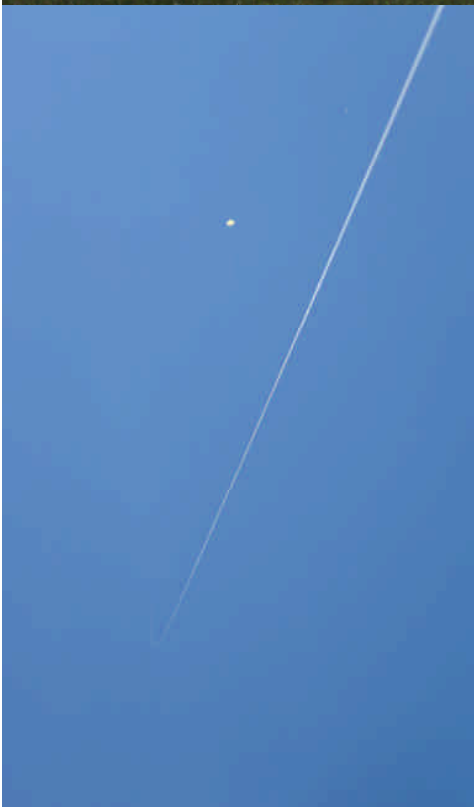
This year, Harden was a cloudless (and windless) day. Beautiful and warm with plenty of green grass to fly on. Arriving early, the kitesers set up tents, chairs et al and then waited for the wind. After a while, Mike tied a giant Bol to the back of his car and drove several laps of the racecourse. That worked so well, he then tried an Octopus.



As the day heated up, large thermals moved through. These generated good winds for a short period—the sky then filled with kites.



During one thermal, I managed to fly a delta directly overhead on 320m of line.



Harden Kite Festival

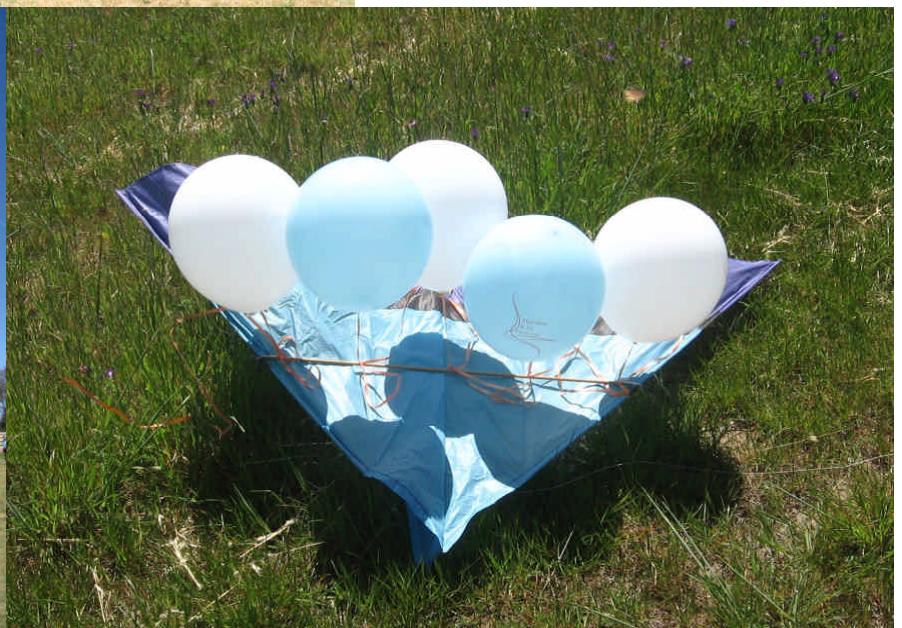


The breaks in the wind did give us the opportunity to see the other exhibits. From the rock climbing wall to the island dancers.



Even Helium Balloons couldn't get the Kites aloft.

Oh well, there's always next year!



Marulan Kite Festival

In contrast to the Harden Kite Festival, Marulan couldn't have been more different.



The flying site is a small lot surrounded by some very LARGE trees. On the day, the wind was absolutely howling resulting in several broken kites and many broken lines.

Still, I look forward to next year



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From the Hotseat

G'Day all,

It's been an interesting few months travelling around to some of the kite festivals. The Festival of the Winds -our 35th

one - was another fantastic success. Meeting new and old faces. Our International and interstate guests put on quite a show.

Travelling to some of the country Kite Festivals was a joy -the effort the organisers put into these is al-



most on par with the FOTW.

I would also like to welcome several new members who have joined the AKS.

Regards

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Coming Up

25 December

* Christmas.

Do you know of a local or interstate Kite Festival? If so, then drop me a line and I'll include it into our calendar.

Membership Report

Welcome to our newest members and thank you to those people who have renewed their membership. I will be sending out reminders when membership is due. Remember, the address for cheques or money orders is:

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