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- HF Dawn Patrol** – 60 for the week ending 12th Oct.
- Sarc Digi Net** -- (see full report below)
- Wicen Net** -- 10 - Upcoming meeting
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- Thursday Night Net** -- 7 - wet weather & cross-banding radios
(see report below)
- Friday Night Net** -- 5



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Straight after this weeks net, Dave ZDR & Duncan DLR decided to do some “Digi Testing” on their own on the Moonimba 2mtr repeater. ‘We’ were both running Linux Mint with the Fldigi program freshly installed on our machines. Everything worked perfectly & we finished up just before 11pm...

[Go for a Talk in the park](#)

Into Amateur Radio? Into National Parks? Why not combine both and activate a National Park or Nature reserve. VKFF is the Australian chapter of WWFF; the *World Wide Flora and Fauna* in amateur radio organisation. Their aim is to promote portable amateur radio operation from designates national parks and protected natural areas around the world. More details are available from their web site:

<http://www.wfffaustralia.com/>

As **Ade VK4SOE** points out, another 14 new WWFF parks in and around Lismore have recently been added to the list. It's not that hard. For example Victoria Park on the Alstonville Plateau is one of the parks. You can drive there on sealed roads and it wouldn't be that hard to rack up the minimum of 10 simplex contacts on 2m to qualify as an activation. Just imagine what you could do with a bit of HF gear!

[More Info:](#)

As you might have noticed at the top of this Newsletter, the John Moyle “Presidents Cup” award has ‘finally’ turned up. We at Sarc & all our Members are very proud.

QRZ Page updated: Yes, our QRZ page was updated today, also with the Presidents Cup picture uploaded.hihi

DIGITAL MODES:

Monday 8 OCTOBER 2018

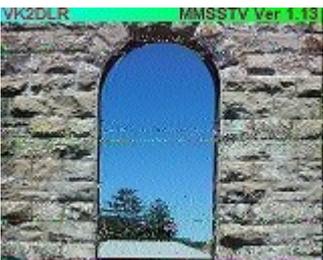
For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with Leith VK2EA and Duncan VK2DLR, Kris VK2KWW and Tom VK2FTNB. It was good to welcome Tom VK2FTNB. It was decided to try FIDigi on HF (USB). Initially, 40 metres was tried, but the woodpecker was hammering away there so we changed to 80 metres, 3590. The mode was Thor 22.

I tried a few short transmissions. Conditions were pretty horrible as it was after the passage of that strong weather system that caused such damage near Gympie. I wasn't expecting much joy but Duncan decoded my transmissions without a problem. Modes like Thor and Olivia excel in high noise conditions. Kris VK2KWW couldn't transmit as he did not have an antenna for 80m. Duncan had some problems, for some reason his rig would only transmit a solid tone, with no modulation.

This was strange, but likely just a setting. Instead of wasting net time we switched to MMSSTV. The results on that very noisy 80m band were not brilliant with some strange slant and noise bars. These images are not as nice as the ones sent on that relatively noise free repeaters much more indicative of what you seen on a HF MMSSTV call frequency such as 14230.

There was a request for some forewarning of what to expect on the next net. OK, let's try FIDigi on 40 metres again on Monday night, woodpecker permitting.

Paul VK2PMG



[JOTA-JOTI 2018 — 19, 20 & 21 October](#)

VK2SBP 1st Chinderah Scout Group is still looking for more Amateur Radio operators to help us out during JOTA 2018 so if you know any, please point them in our direction and tell them to get in touch ASAP!

Our Scout Hall is located on Chinderah Road, Chinderah NSW, just before Tweed Heads. The hall is easy to get to and is more or less opposite the BP service centre southbound on the Pacific Hwy at Chinderah. We're located about 30 seconds off the Pacific Hwy, and about 50 minutes drive north from the SARC club room at Richmond Hill.

We've got ALL the Amateur Radio equipment, including antennas already permanently set up for our Scout Amateur Radio Room so Hams don't have to bring anything, other than themselves.....they just walk in and walk out again when finished! We should also be able to provide lunch, dinner and refreshments as required. If they hold a current Working With Children accreditation, they are welcome to camp overnight if they wish! If not, Hams could just attend for an hour or two, or the whole day even...they just cant camp overnight without a current WWCC.

Apart from the usual HF bands, attending radio operators will have access to the 147.225 and 438.100 repeaters on the Gold Coast, and the 438.675 repeater at Mount Nardi. They will also have world-wide access to IRLP and EchoLink Nodes via a local 2m RF Node (operated by VK2ARS). Operators will also have access to local and international DMR Talk Groups on both the DMR-MARC and Brandmeister networks along with the Yaesu Fusion digital network thanks to our 2 x multi-mode digital HotSpots and associated equipment.

I've attached a couple of pictures of our Scout hall and Amateur Radio Room so you can see how we are currently set up.....

Regards

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[“That’s it for this week, 73”](#)

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