



# SARC-NEWS



## NET CHECK-INS:

**HF Dawn Patrol** – 46 for the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Sarc Digi Net** – {see full Digi Report below}

**Wicen Net** – 7 – up coming Bom Bom

**Wed Tech Net** – 8 - Levels

**Thursday Night 70cm Net** – 7 – cold weather

**Friday Night Net** – 7

## More things to do:

### Coffee morning:

1000 on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Rous Hotel (cnr) Keen/Zadoc St. Lismore

### Lunch day:

1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

Ying's Chinese & Thai Restaurant  
142 Keen St. Lismore

## Bom Bom Horse enduro another SARC success

It was cold - down to below 5 degrees.

It was windy - gusting to over 40km/hr.

Roger VK2LRB, Paul V<sub>k</sub>2PMG, Chris VK2ACD and Duncan VK2DLR weathered the weather and delivered another successful SARC radio support for the Bom Bom Horse Enduro held today. With less than ideal numbers the bare bones operation kept track of just short of eighty rider competing on rides ranging from 20 to 80 kilometres. The relatively compact nature of the course lent itself to 2M simplex operation. Each checkpoint and base operation had its challenges.

Roger and Paul withstood the onslaught of riders, still bunched together from the start approaching them in pitch black conditions that was taxing their navigation skills. The riders were already under pressure so calling out their rider number was lower than normal on their priority list. By the time the riders arrived at Chris's checkpoint they were more spread out. However Chris had to deal with riders coming from two different directions and effectively three as the event progressed. A challenging job for two, a monumental task for one! Meanwhile back at base Duncan logged the riders times at each checkpoint and entered their progress on a tally sheet. A job that is best done by two but can be done by one if they keep their act together. There were no serious incidents but SARC handled the two requests for floats to recover horses that withdrew from the event. SARC's biggest contribution to the event was keeping track of the riders doing the longer multiple loop even. The event organisers who do a fantastic job considering how small their committee is, had to rely on SARC's monitoring to ensure that all riders had been accounted for.

Another page in the long chapter of SARC providing radio progress and welfare reporting for a community event.



## **A phone call + SARC = New licence**

A chance encounter while doing voluntary work in Queensland has lead to another foundation licence.

A dormant interest in amateur radio was re-awakened after Sue chanced to meet an amateur radio operator while working as a volunteer in Queensland.

A quick search of the Internet and a phone call from VK5WC put out traveller in touch with SARC. As flexible as ever SARC education quickly organised some study material for Sue and arranged an exam day. A week later after a couple of hours revising some of the finer points of the foundation syllabus, Sue sailed through the exam.

We can now look forward to greeting a new VK3 SARC member as soon as the paperwork gets through the system.

de Duncan

VK2DLR

SARC Education

## **DIGI-NET REPORT:**

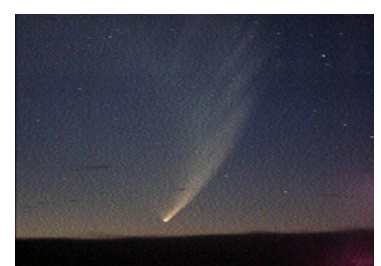
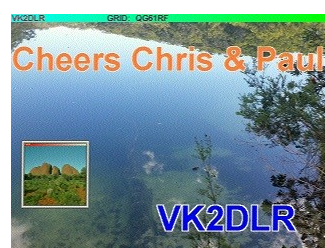
Monday 11 June 2018

For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with John VK2JWA, Steve VK2SLM, Kris VK2KWW, Duncan VK2DLR and Chris VK2ACD.

Tonight we used the analogue image transmission program MMSSTV on 2 metres USB, 145.1 MHz. SRC started things off with an image of the Flinders Ranges using mode PD180 and Duncan with a nice dolphin pic using PD240, this mode and PD290 allow the transmission of nice image sizes, it just takes longer. Chris VK2ACD has some problems with low signal strength which prevented decoding. This was soon fixed and he then transmitted with no problems. Image slant was minimal and no noise bars were seen. A very nice selection of images were transmitted. The image quality was excellent.

A very nice net finished at 9.45pm. Thanks to all those who logged in and participated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



## **SARC at Vista Point for Winter VHF/UHF Field day**

SARC members led by Graeme, VK2QJ, will be heading off to Vista Point for the field day, operating on 6m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm bands, as VK2SRC portable. The event runs for 24 hours, from noon 23June to noon 24th. It will likely be a chilly experience at a tad over 1000m at the lookout.

The grid square is QF69FU, the location is near Mt. Hyland, in the nature reserve of the same name, in the mountains west of . Go to [this website](#) for info on the area. Contacts on VHF should be fairly easy from the Casino/Lismore region as there is a reasonably clear path.

Please contact them if you can, to help with the points tally. This will be the first time SARC has done a club operation in this event. Also several club members will be operating as home stations.

Download the frequencies here (text file) –[VK2SRC-portable freqs](#). Download the rules here (pdf file) –[2018 Winter VHF-UHF Field Day Rules](#)

## **CLUB SHACK REVAMP – Web SDR and Parrot Repeater unavailable**

Plans are afoot to re-organise the club shack. This will involve having two separate areas for HF and V/UHF, with new benches, wall lining and re-arrangement of 12V and 240V power. In the meantime, the Parrot Repeater has been turned off and the WebSDR system is being relocated and will have tests done to resolve some lingering issues with drop-outs.

## **SARC CALENDAR (What's On)**

<b>What's On</b> For the full year's calendar visit <a href="http://sarc.org.au/">http://sarc.org.au/</a>	
<b>This Month</b>	<b>Next Month</b>
<b>June 2018</b> Sat/Sun 02/03 Sat/Sun 09/10 <b>Sun 10 Wicen 100</b> Sun 10 Committee Meeting 1300 Mon 11 Queens Birthday Sat/Sun 16/17 Sat/Sun 23/24 Winter V/UHF field day Sat/Sun 31/--	<b>July 2018</b> Sat/Sun --/01 Sat/Sun 07/08 <b>Sun 08 Committee Meeting 1300</b> Sat/Sun 14/15 Sat/Sun 21/22 Sat/Sun 28/29

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WINTER VHF/UHF FIELD DAY**

June 23 @ 12:00 pm-June 24 @ 12:00 pm

### **SARCFEST**

August 26 @ 8:00 am-4:00 pm

[View All Events](#) {click <<< on this link}

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