



[Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:](#)

**HF Dawn Patrol** – 52 for the week ending 16th November.

**Sarc Digi Net** – (see full report below)

**Wicen Net** – 6 - Networks

**Wed Tech Net** – 4 - RF probes

**Thursday Night Net** – nil :(

**Friday Night Net** – 7 - vhf/uhf field day NEXT weekend

**Morning coffee** – 6 - Government Departments

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Spring VHF/UHF Field Day**

November 24 @ 12:00 pm - November 25 @ 12:00 pm

**WICEN NR MEETING**

December 9 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

December 9 @ 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 9 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[Sarc Christmas Party: @ {The Spotted Pig}](#)

**When:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Time of Arrival:** 11:30am//Lunch @ 12 Noon

**Depart/Closing Time:** 2:30pm

**Cost:** (Approx) \$30pp (Lunch + Cake)

**Menu:** Set, Shared Plates

**Drinks:** Cash Bar



**\*Shared Table/Plates\***

- Organic Sol Bread Roll, Butter      -Pan Seared Market Fish, Chat Potatoes, Tartare Sauce (DF/(GF))
- Free Range Chicken Chasseur (DF/(GF))      -Candied Bangalow Pork Belly, Beans, Shallots, Coriander
- Singapore Noodles (V)      Chilli (DF/(GF))
- Rustic Chips w/Aioli (V)      -Simple Dressed Salad Leaves, Chive Batons, Edible Flowers, Orange & Vanilla Dressing (GF/(V))

**\*To Finish\***      -Belgium Chocolate & Local Macadamia Mud Cake

{Vegetarians catered for Individually} [All Dietary Requirements are to confirmed 7 days prior]

**IMPORTANT:** <<<Please email the Committee ([vk2src@gmail.com](mailto:vk2src@gmail.com)) for attendance numbers>>>

[WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS:](#)

Here we have a short-term archive of SARC newsletters – each weekly issue from the start of the previous year.

If you want to find an older issue, please send a request to the committee and we can send it to you providing it is in the long term archive at the clubrooms. <http://sarc.org.au/weekly-newsletters/>

## **SK- Graeme Virtue – (ex-VK2GJ)**

The sad news reached us this week that Graeme Virtue formally VK2GJ passed away peacefully this week. Graeme was a long time member of SARC and served in many formal and informal roles as well as being a hard working and enthusiastic member. Dementia denied Graeme the opportunity to remain an active member of our amateur radio community in latter years. He is still fondly remembered by all, from the old hands who stood shoulder to shoulder with him to the young who's amateur radio journey started with formal accreditation from Graeme as a WIA assessor.

His service to Australia and Australians was as boundless as his heart. He served faithfully through war and peace; at work and whenever an opportunity arose. Graeme's career in the PMG could be formally described as a "Public Servant". That term; in it's warmest, purest, most fundamental way is perhaps the best way to describe Graeme. He truly was a "One who gave service to the Public". Graeme simply helped the community in every way he could. The more you knew Graeme, the more you realised there was so much more to know. The organisations listed in the funeral notice are like the tip of an iceberg. There were many more less visible that he quietly supported; a gentle hand that gave others a chance to stand and take another step.

The amateur radio term "Silent Key" is very appropriate as Graeme's links with telegraphy included his service in the PMG and in amateur radio. Using a "Jigger" or a straight key, Graeme sent excellent CW and in the manner of one who cared, would slow his sending to enable those of us with lesser skills to keep up.

*Rest in peace Graeme, a gentle person and always a servant of the people. - SK*

The public notice reads:

**....."Passed away on the 13th of November 2018. Much loved Husband to Joyce (Dec). Loved Father & Father In Law to June & Eric (Dec), Andrew & Fiona and Alison & Robert. Doting Grandfather & Great Grandfather to all his Grandchildren. Cherished Brother & Brother In Law to Mary & Fred (Dec), Keith & Fae, Earle & Erin (Both Dec), David (Dec) & Dawn, Joan & Brian and Diane & Barry. Aged 91 Years "Reunited with Joyce in Gods care" Relatives and Friends are invited to attend Graeme's funeral service to be held at the Uniting Church, 80 Keen St Lismore, on Tuesday the 20th November 2018 commencing at 10:30am. Graeme was a member of the Byron Shire S.E.S, Summerland Amateur Radio Club "VK2GJ" and the 41st Battalion R.N.S.W.R. Members of these associations are invited to attend.".....**

SARC members are requested to wear club polo shirts or other suitable insignia.

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VK2DLR

## **NEWS ITEMS:**

### **Spring VHF/UHF Field Day**

It's that time again, next weekend **24th & 25th November** is the *Spring Field Day* starting Midday Saturday, finishing Midday Sunday.

Pat VK2FAAD, Dave VK2CDG, Graeme VK2QJ (possibly David VK2FDJB) will all be heading to Vista Lookout (1310m ASL) to activate the VK2SRC call in this event.

This event activation will be dedicated to the memory of Geoff VK2AGC who was always there to provide contacts for these Field Day event, also quite a bit of Geoff's equipment will be used during this event not only at Vista but among others operators in the area.

Planned frequencies, first frequency will be used unless busy.

6m USB **50.150MHz - 50.200MHz** Graeme (David)  
2m USB **144.150MHz - 144.200MHz** Pat  
2m FM **146.500MHz - 146.550MHz** FM Pat  
70cm USB **432.150MHz - 432.200MHz** Dave  
70cm FM **439.000MHz** Dave  
23cm USB **1296.150MHz - 1296.200MHz** Graeme

We should be setup late Friday afternoon/night for testing.

We have all been very busy over the past months putting together new setups for this event so please come up on air and give us a call.

Hope to hear you during the event, Graeme VK2QJ



### **ALSO**

***A news item on next weekends VHF/UHF Spring Field Day and VK WWFF Parks Activation Weekend. It also offers up an excuse to come join DLR & E2R for a picnic in Victoria Park.***

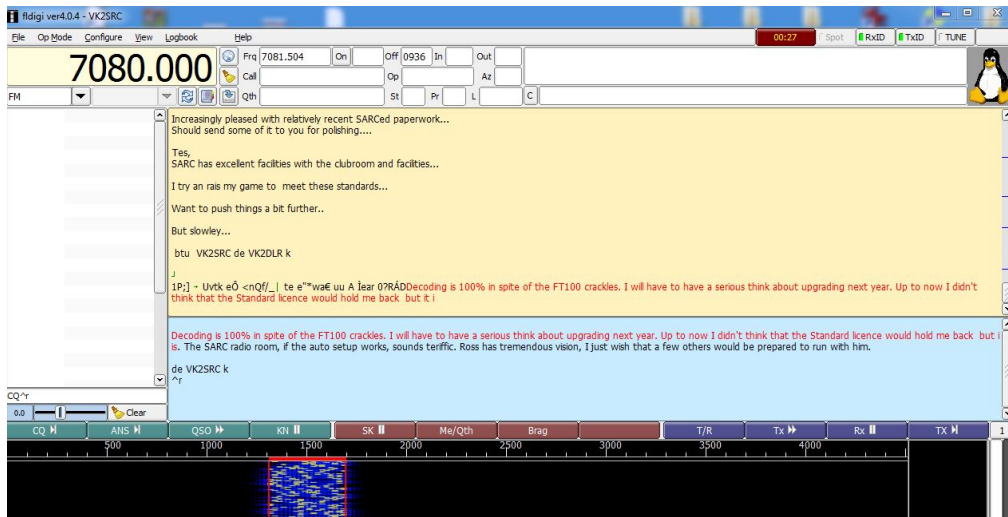
***Cheers, Duncan***

## **DIGITAL MODES: Monday 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with Duncan VK2DLR and John VK2JWA logging in. As Duncan and I were the only two ready to transmit using digital modes, we QSY'd to the Woodburn repeater for the net.

Fl Digi was the program we used, just to keep it simple. We started with Thor 22. Fl Digi was chosen because neither Duncan or I were 100%. The Christmas rush at work for me and SARC Ed duties for Duncan led to a fair bit of tiredness. Nevertheless it turned into a very enjoyable and interesting net. The conversation flows very easily when Fl Digi is used as it is truly "conversational". The image accompanying this report shows a light tan coloured box, this is where the decoded messages you receive are displayed and the light blue box is where you type in your messages. The long narrow box at the bottom is the "waterfall" and shows the digital signal being received. Fl Digi is by far the easiest piece of software to start with. We usually use Thor 22 as the mode because of its excellent performance when noise is around. Anyone who wants to start with digital modes will find that help and advice will be given to get you under way. Thanks to Duncan for being there and to John for logging in.

Paul VK2PMG



**"then came this funny bit":**

**from Ross ARD**



**"That's it for this week, 73"**

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