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SARC NEWS



Good evening, this weeks Newsletter has lot of “reading material” for your enjoyment... :)

Cheers
Dave VK2ZDR
{editor}

NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News – n/a

Dawn Patrol - 46 check-ins to the Dawn Patrol for the week ending 21 April 2017.

Sarc Digi Net - (see "digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - 7 (Girards horse enduro)

Wednesday Tech Net - 7 (Echolink and cross banding) {more information below}

Thursday 6Mtr Net – 6 (new released radios..)

Friday Night Net - 5

For all ‘net’ times & frequencies please check out the sarc website:

www.sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/

More things to do:

Coffee morning: 1000 on the 1st Wednesday
of the month
Rous Hotel 44 Keen St. Lismore

Lunch day: 1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
Yings Chinese Restraint
142 Keen St. Lismore

Help Wanted:

I am looking for helpers for a Horse endurance ride 27,28 May up here in Brisbane at Spring Mt.
More details if you want – or - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1376202769068295/>

Regards
Peter Richens – VK4FSD
Ph 0427600181

[X-banding on Wed Tech Net: \(via IRLP and two repeaters\)](#)

This week we tried & tested something a little different..

Ross (ARD) was over in NZ & logged into our IRLP system (via his Mobile Phone) that is currently on our 70cm Parrots Nest repeater. 439.950FM

I have a Yaesu FT-8800 dual-band radio that I “cross-banded” 70cm into the 2Mtr repeater also at Parrots Nest.

Ross could then join into our weekly Tech Net whilst mobile in a different Country & through two linked repeaters, only ‘con’ was the 3-4 second delay for the IRLP to ‘drop’ & for the x-band radio to also drop & reset...

It worked (lets say) Perfectly....no issues or problems at all..

de Dave ZDR

[DIGITAL MODES:](#)

DigiNet - Want to listen in?

This weeks Diginet fizzed as Paul VK2PMG was away. So in lieu of his report here's Duncan's take on what we use and where to find us.

Most of us are raw beginners when it comes to digital modes and image transmission. In the true tradition of Amateur Radio self help and learning a handful of us gather on air on Monday evenings and help each other along.

We focus on using the following software. Others can debate the strengths and weaknesses of the software available but we've settled on these three packages as we can get them running and the more familiar each of us is with them then the more we can help each other.

Digital Modes: Fldigi <http://www.w1hkj.com/> Works well in many digital modes and is regularly updated.

SSTV: MMSSTV <http://hamsoft.ca/pages/mmsstv.php> Works well with an excellent auto mode selector for reception.

Image/File Transfer: EasyPal <http://www.vk3evl.com/> The author is SK but it's an excellent bit of work - especially on low noise paths.

Our normal practice is to meet & greet at 8:00pm local time on Monday evenings on the Lismore 146.800 repeater then QSY to Woodburn 147.250MHz for liason etc.

Our digital signals are usually found on the Woodburn repeater or on either 3.625MHz USB or 145.250MHz FM.

Most of us use Signalink interfaces from Tigertronics <http://www.tigertronics.com/> between our transceivers and computers. A simple audio patch cord is all you need to listen in. Other combinations of hardware and software undoubtedly work but by using the above it's been easier to help each other learn.

Duncan
VK2DLR

MORE INFORMATION:

Silent Key:

Our thoughts are with the Kohlbach families who's mother Marie passed away peacefully in Lismore during the week. John VK4JJK and Peter VK4PI have been involved with the Summerland Amateur Radio Club for decades. Like many locals, pressure of work has moved them out of Summerland. Their loss is great. Our loss is that their links back to this area have grown thinner. No longer present but always resting gently on our memories.

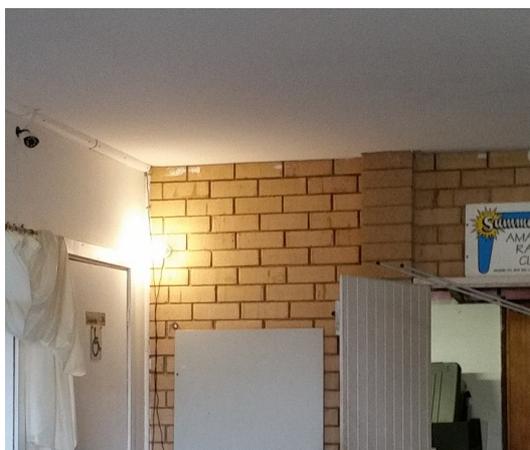
Club Room Update:

Today at Sarc, Duncan DLR & Dave ZDR decided to added a 'pilot light' to the back inside wall of the club room to warn that the rear workshop light was turned ON. Many times the back light was left on for a few days due to not being able to see from the front doors that it is actually still on, so hopefully this will help out...(yes, a simple timer would have helped but this was easier & cheaper) hihi (photo attached) >>>

General info:

Leith VK2EA should be back on HF again. He'll be using a short trapped vertical and doesn't expect to bend any s-meter needles.

De Duncan
VK2DLR



COMING UP SOON:

What's On	
For the full year's calendar visit http://sarc.org.au/	
This Month	Next Month
April 2017 Sat/Sun 01/02 Sat/Sun 08/09 Sun 09 <u>Wicen AGM 1000</u> Sun 09 <u>Committee Meeting 1300</u> Sat/Sun 15/16 Sat/Sun 22/23 Tue 25 Anzac Day (<u>AX Prefix</u>) Sat/Sun 29/30 Sat/Sun 29/30 <u>WICEN Horse Enduro</u> (Girard)	May 2017 Sat/Sun 06/07 <u>BARC Brisbane Hamfest?</u> Sat/Sun 13/14 Sun 14 <u>Committee Meeting 1300</u> Sat/Sun 14/15 Tue 17 World Telecommunications Day (<u>AX Prefix</u>) Sat/Sun 20/21 Sat/Sun 27/28

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