



# SARCNEWS



## NET CHECK-INS:

Wia National News – n/a

Dawn Patrol - 40 check-ins to the Dawn Patrol (week ending 25th August 2017)

**NOTE:** see “bom” photo >>> showing why numbers were a bit low...{ed}>>>

Sarc Digi Net - 5 ("digital modes" report below)

Wicen Net - 5 (Show, Tell & Sell day)

Wednesday Tech Net – 6 (Show, Tell & Sell extended planning)

Thursday Night Net - 6 (storms & weather systems)

Friday Night Net – 4



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

[www.sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/](http://www.sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/)

## 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

## Shown, Told & Sold

About 50 people took advantage of a clear blue sky to come along to SARC's “Show, Tell & Sell” day. Our good friends from the Clarence Valley were there in strength as were our northern neighbours from Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The day was promoted as a chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones and have a good yarn. No repeater time outs, no band fades but a good bit of QRM from everyone else having a good time. With the telling part of the day being handled by everyone; the showing part consisted largely of two digital stations set up to talk to each other.

Chris VK2ACD, Paul VK2PMG and Duncan VK2DLR sat down with curious individuals and gave them some insight into how the stations operated. Nothing beats face to face, hands on learning when it comes to the mix of hardware and software available today. Dave VK2ZDR showed just how small and economical a Raspberry Pi can be a computer system. A handful of people doing the telling and a handful were doing the selling.

The star seller had to be Darren VK2AUX who kept things moving in SARC's bargain basement. Darren worked on the principle that the only way to make the basement floor visible was to keep the bargains rolling. Glad to see some of that stuff go to good homes because most of what's left will head for the great e-waste trailer in the sky.

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The handful of private sellers in attendance seemed to have a good day also with a lot of gear changing hands.

Special thanks to Elizabeth "E2R" (Mrs. VK2DLR) and Lachlan VK2FOOD for superb catering that gave us the strength to talk a bit longer and take 'just one more look' at the goodies on display. A very good day out indeed. Our thanks to those tireless SARC members who work quietly in the background to make days like this happen. They are the magic that makes SARC special.

de Duncan VK2DLR



## DIGITAL MODES:

Monday 14 August, 2017

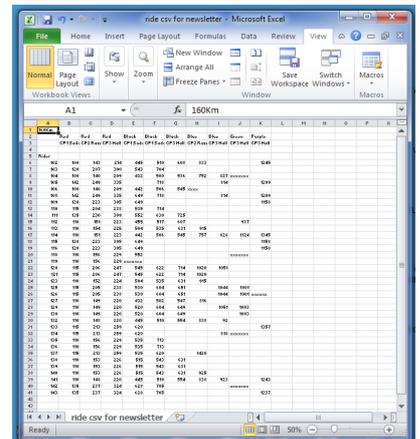
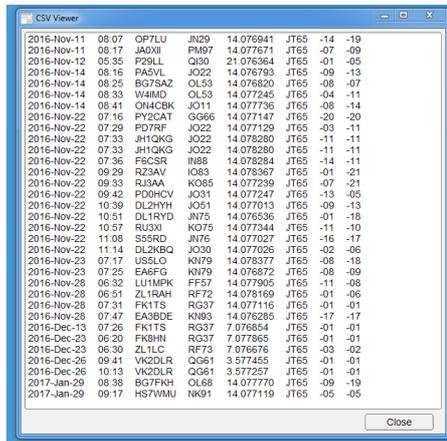
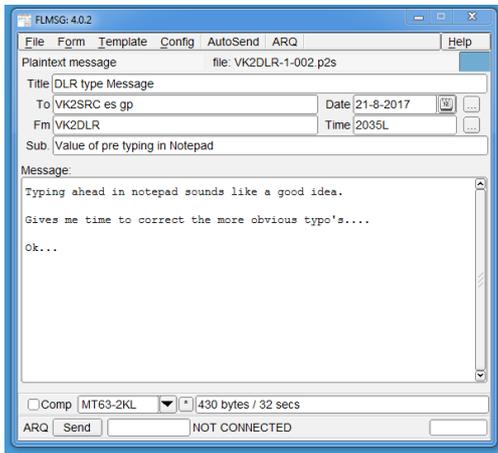
For tonight's net we had VK2PMG/SRC as net control with John VK2JWA and Leith VK2EA logging in. Also joining us for the digital transmissions were Chris VK2ACD and Duncan VK2DLR.

Tonight we decided to use Fl-Digi on the Woodburn repeater, 147.250. The first couple of overs were in Thor 16 and were 100% successful. The main part of the evening was spent working with message forms, using Fl Message. We had tried this once before and I wanted to have another practice. Duncan started off with the Plaintext Form, which is filled out with the basic information that would be needed, for example, on a horse enduro. Any basic message could be sent via this program. Other forms available in Fl Message include a netlog form and quite a few others. The modem used to transmit it was MT63-2KL, which fills up the bandpass area nicely and allows a pretty quick transmit time. One form we tried was the .csv. An Excel spreadsheet can be saved in .csv format and transmitted. The station receiving the .csv can then export the file in the normal Excel format of rows and columns. One application of this would be a spreadsheet file of a contest log or a horse enduro file of riders.

A very successful night with 100% decode from everyone. The net closed at 9.55 pm. Thanks to all who participated.

Cheers from VK2PMG

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**COMING UP SOON:**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 10 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

# What's On

For the full year's calendar visit <http://sarc.org.au/>

## This Month

### August 2017

- Sat/Sun 05/06
- Sat/Sun 12/13
- Sun 13 Wicen 1000
- Sun 13 SARC Mid year Meeting 1300
- Sun 13 Committee Meeting 1300
- Sat/Sun 19/20 ILLW Lighthouse weekend
- Sat/Sun 26/27
- Sun 27 SARC Show, Tell & Sell

## Next Month

### September 2017

- Sat/Sun 02/03
- Sat/Sun 09/10
- Sun 10 Committee Meeting 1300
- Sat/Sun 16/17
- Sat/Sun 23/24
- Sat/Sun 30/--

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