



## ***Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:new nets this week***

**Weekly (mon-fri) HF Dawn Patrol** – 54 week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

**Monday\_INFO Net** – 7 - News

**Tues\_Sarc Digi Net** – full “*Digital Modes Report*” below

**Wed\_70cm Net** – 4 - Teeth

**Thursday\_(ex 6mtr) Net** – 5 - Flame heated soldering irons

**Friday Night Net** – 5

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 12 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## **News Items:**

### ***Good results for SARC in John Moyle***

The full results are out for the 2019 **John Moyle Field Day**. The club station **VK2SRC** came a very close second in category, while several members scored well. Also our southern neighbours from the Clarence did well, taking 1st place 6 hour portable multi phone all band. Here's a summary:

**VK2SRC** 2nd place 24-hour portable multi-op phone all-band 3354 points

**VK2ZDR** 1st place 24 hour home all mode VHF 244

**VK2DLR** 4th place 24 hour home phone all band 186

**VK2ELH** 3rd place 24 hour home phone VHF 468

**VK2ACD** 4th place 24 hour home phone VHF 317

**VK2CDG** 7th place 24 hour home phone VHF 120

**VK2CLR** 1st place 6 hour portable multi-op phone all band 258

***Congrats to all...***

## LICENCE ASSESSMENTS – update 8th April.

We are still waiting for the system to be up and running by the University of Tasmania / Australian Maritime College . All SARC education services are on hold while we wait for developments. The AMC website says “AMC Amateur Radio is currently working with stakeholders towards a phased introduction of all services as diligently as possible. The re-establishment of the assessor’s register is currently underway. Examination services will start on 25 February with a series of short trials to test the processes. Your understanding is appreciated.”

VK2DLR Duncan and VK2ACD Chris have been approved as assessors under the new arrangements. . There may be changes to the syllabus so SARC will not run any courses until we know what needs to be covered. We do know that the assessment costs will go up quite a lot. See the website at <http://www.amc.edu.au/industry/amateur-radio>

## DIGITAL MODES

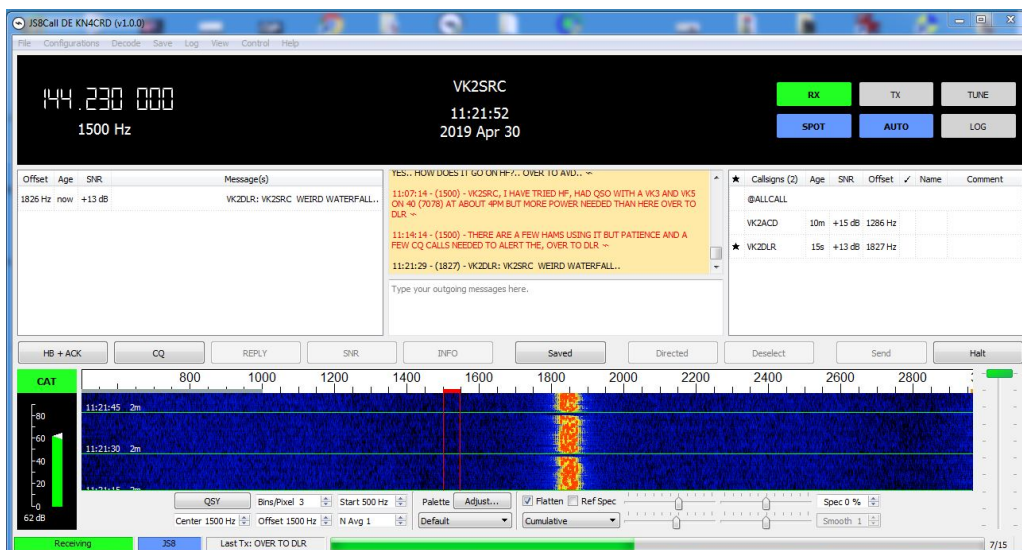
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After the large rollup checking in last week, it was back to more normal numbers. Joining Paul VK2PMG as VK2SRC were Leith VK2EA, Duncan VK2DLR, John VK2JWA, Kris VK2KWW and Chris VK2ACD. Once again, we continued experimentation with JS8 Call.

We QSY’d to the frequency of 144.230 and used USB. Kris VK2KWW was with us and decoded us 100% but could not hear me. I think that is caused by the large hump of real estate between our two stations. I am literally on the other side of the hill. I think we need to have a separate repeater frequency for the voice transmissions so that Kris can participate. On a previous net with this mode, the JS8 Call transmissions were decoded perfectly even though voice transmissions between Kris and myself were inaudible, both ways. I think that this demonstrates the tremendous game-changing advantages that slow speed narrow bandwidth digital transmissions can offer.

The net was spent familiarising ourselves with the software, literally learning as we go, as I had no special knowledge or insights into it, and we all helped each other, something that I am very much in favour of – we all benefited from that approach. Thanks as always to everyone who logged in, it is genuinely appreciated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



## **IRLP + ECHOLINK**

Today at the club rooms, Ross ARD & Dave ZDR started working on the 'fix' for the IRLP & Echolink system to get it up 'n' running once again. After many "head bangs" & such things, it (the system) still refused to PLAY nicely with us, still unsure why the Port Forwarding settings keeps failing...

BUT we will sort this out soon & let you all know via this Newsletter & the Sarc Website...

{stay tuned}

## **MEMBERSHIP – have you renewed?**

The April 1 deadline for membership renewal has passed. If you were a member in 2018, but have not renewed, your membership is now cancelled, as required by the club constitution. To renew or join, go to here – [sarc membership info](#).

## **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.

The newsletter is edited and distributed by Dave, VK2ZDR. Contributions should be sent to [sarcnews@gmail.com](mailto:sarcnews@gmail.com)

## **Licence fee increases**

News from the WIA that the ACMA has released their latest Apparatus Licence Fee Schedule. From the 5th April 2019 your amateur licence renewal will cost \$55 per year (up from \$52). A new licence will cost \$80 per year (up from \$76).

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