



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 61 for the week ending 14th of February

Monday_INFO Net – 6 - News

Tues_Sarc Digi Net – full “*Digital Modes Report*” below

Wed_70cm Net – 3 - Rain

Thursday_(ex 6mtr) Net – 5 - Rain & Mowing

Friday Night Net – 3 - Quiet time

More things to do:

Coffee morning:

1000 on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Caroona Retirement Village
Café
65 Rous Road Goonellabah

Lunch day:

1200 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

>>>>>News Items<<<<<

Graham Noble - SK

News reached us this week of the passing of **Graham Frank Noble**. Old hands will remember Graham by the callsign **VK2FN**. Graham relinquished his callsign a few years ago when failing health forced him to downsize and move to Macksville where he was closer to family. The WW2 Spitfire pilot turned peacetime school teacher as a friendly quiet voice that articulated the thoughts of an enquiring mind. Graeme always strove for precision reproduction of audio signals whether they were the communications quality audio of amateur radio or from another of his favourite pass-times; music.

Graham's funeral service was held yesterday (Saturday) at Macksville.



SUBS REMINDER

A reminder that club subscriptions were due on January 1.

Download the 2020 Info Brochure with Membership form here –

[Membership + Information 2020](#) **DOWNLOAD**

DIGITAL Report:

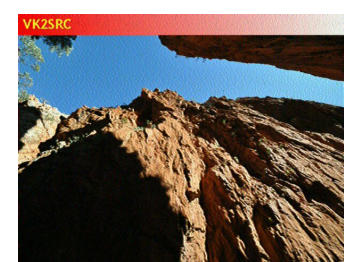
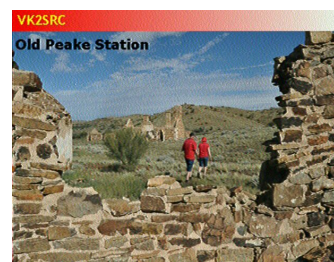
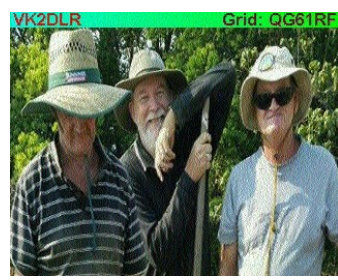
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Tonight, for the Digi Net, we had *Leith VK2EA, Duncan VK2DLR, John VK2JWA and Dave VK2ZDR* logging in. As usual we had a couple of rounds of personal news, Duncan was the only operator ready to transmit, so we QSY'd to our normal frequency of 144.230 USB.

We decided to use MMSSTV this week, I don't take much convincing to use it as it is a particular favourite of mine, in spite of the fact that it has not been updated for a long time – it just works so well, particularly through interfaces such as the Signalink. It is much more trouble to make the software trigger transmission through the modern rigs such as the Icom 7410 and Yaesu's 991A, which use virtual Com ports installed via a driver.

We used a variety of modes, such as MR140, MP140 and SC2180. The last mode is a new one for us and proved to be excellent, transmitting images that were better in quality. The SC2180 mode image size is 320x256 and it takes 182 seconds to transmit. Compare that to Martin 2 mode which takes only 58 seconds to transmit the same size image. The improvement in quality was clearly seen in the images. An interesting net with good experimentation, but relaxing as well. Thanks to all who logged in and participated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG.



Sydney Amateur Radio Ferry Contest

I am writing to announce the fifth annual Sydney Amateur Radio Ferry Contest which will take place on Sydney Harbour on Sunday March 8th 2020 from 10:00 to 16:00 local time. This unique contest aims to gather hams to Sydney Harbour and invites them to make VHF/UHF contacts from any of the system's ferries and wharves.

Operation is restricted to hand-held radios (any mode) and can include repeater, simplex or "eyeball" (a handshake) contacts. Contestants can obtain points multipliers by working multiple ferries and multiple wharves during the six hour contest. A number of awards, including the prestigious "Worked All Ferry Lines" are available.

The event is being run by the Waverley Amateur Radio Society (VK2BV) and we will be running a club station at Rose Bay Ferry Wharf for the duration of the contest. We hope to eyeball as many contestants as we can during the day.

Please pass this email on to your friends and radio club members and encourage them to take part. If you have a club meeting, a net or other event between now and the contest, we would appreciate a mention as well. Please consider promoting the contest through your club website or Facebook page.

This is a fun contest for the amateur radio community but also a great way to promote amateur radio to the community at large.








Full contest details are at <http://www.vk2bv.org>. If you have any questions prior to the event then please direct them to the Contest Managers – Rob Halliday VK2XRH (rob@hallidays.id.au), Laurie Gordon VK2GZ (laurieg@optushome.com.au) or Tony Monger (vk2kz@me.com).

73

Rob Halliday
VK2XRH Secretary - Waverley Amateur Radio Society

Lismore 7-day forecast

"More Rain on the way...?"

Sun Feb 16	Mon Feb 17	Tue Feb 18	Wed Feb 19	Thu Feb 20	Fri Feb 21	Sat Feb 22
						
Possible shower	Possible shower	Possible thunderstorm	Possible thunderstorm	Possible shower	Showers	Showers
29°C	29°C	31°C	33°C	27°C	26°C	24°C
20°C	20°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	19°C
80%	60%	30%	40%	50%	90%	90%
10-20mm	1-5mm	< 1mm	1-5mm	1-5mm	10-20mm	10-20mm

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