



## **Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:**

**Weekly HF Dawn Patrol** – 48 for the week ending 6th of March

**Monday\_INFO Net** – 6 - News & it's hot

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

**Wed\_70cm Net** – 7 - Mowing & DX contacts

**Thursday\_(ex 6mtr) Net** – 6 - Travel plans & memories

**Friday Night Net** – 5 - Short sharp storms

### **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

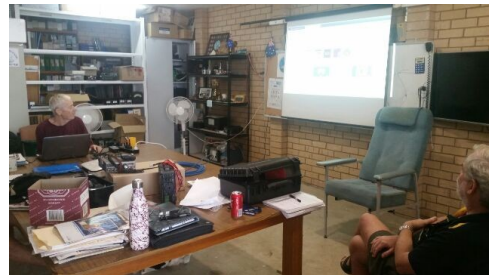
Ying's Chinese & Thai Restaurant  
142 Keen St. Lismore

## **>>>>>News Items<<<<<**

### **Build a Website Using WORDPRESS:**

An excellent presentation by *Chris VK2ACD* on the use of WordPress as a website creation and editing software. Chris started by describing just how easy and cheaply you can create your own website. Do you realise that registration of a web domain name and annual costs to use a commercial web server are similar to the ACMA costs for your amateur radio licence?

He then demonstrated how easy it is to use WordPress to maintain our club web site. The handful of us watching realised that web editing isn't that far removed from the skills many of us already have with word processors.



For those not familiar with WordPress go to: <https://wordpress.com>

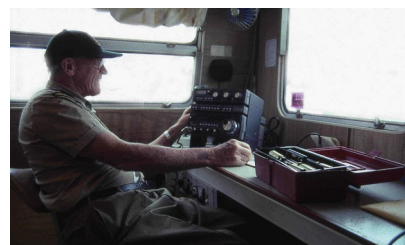
It's free, open source software that dominates web site creation and editing.

Thanks Chris for an hour of demystifying web site editing and a look behind the scenes of the web pages we use every day.

### **Flashback**

From the early 2000's. John VK2JWA in the WICEN caravan using a Yeasu FT707 with FC707 tuner.

The caravan eventually decayed from rot and rust.



*Photo by VK2ACD*

## International Women's Day

SARC would like to use the occasion of International Women's Day to acknowledge our female members and their contributions over many years. While few in number the gentlewomen amongst our membership have contributed to SARC in many ways. At least three have been part of the SARC committee executive and others have shone brightly by actively and enthusiastically taking part in events. Many others work quietly in the background by supporting their male amateur radio operators.

SARC has no sexist agenda but it is up to each and every one of us to ensure our words, attitudes, actions and inactions are inclusive. Impassive neutrality is not enough. We need to actively welcome those who enter our male dominated hobby. An amateur radio operator is a mind at the other end of a radio link. May that mind be as open and tolerant as mine should be.

Gentlemen! Today is a very good day to thank the Gentlewomen in your life and their contribution to your enjoyment of amateur radio. To channel the late Wane Green W2NSD editorials in 73 Magazine; .."By reading this you are obliged to thank a Gentlewoman for her contribution to your life within the next 24 hours"...

## DIGITAL Report:

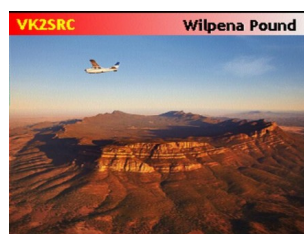
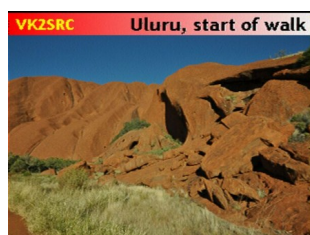
### TUESDAY 3 MARCH

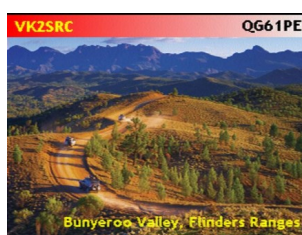
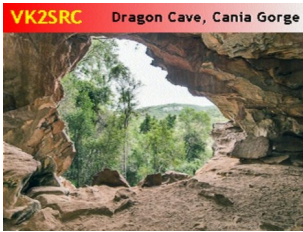
Tonight *Leith VK2EA, John VK2JWA, Duncan VK2DLR and Dave VK2ZDR* logged in. The net followed the recent pattern with just Duncan and I ready to transmit. Following the usual news and personal chat on Parrots Nest, Duncan and I QSY'd to "our" frequency of 144.230 USB.

MMSSTV was the software used, that suited me just fine as I had a bout of the flu. The tune button on MMSSTV produces a nice synchronisation tone on 1200Hz that can be used for fine tuning if necessary. The 1200Hz tone reduces slanted images to a minimum if stations participating keep it on 1200Hz, any slight amount that remains is caught by the automatic slant reduction feature. The images were mainly from outback travels Duncan and I have both done and brought special memories to both of us. The mode we used was SC2-180, a nice one that produces good sharp images.

A very good night ended at about 10pm. Thanks to all who logged in and participated.

*Cheers from Paul VK2PMG*





## Trans Tasman Contest

The SARC Committee Meeting proposed a weekend campout at the Black Rocks Campground, Bundjalung National Park, south of Evans Head. The weekend is to encourage participation by club members in the Trans Tasman Low Bands Challenge. The details below were obtained from the WIA website. Interested members please indicate their participation via email to the Committee.

Trans Tasman Low Bands Challenge

*Contest Manager*

*Alan Shannon VK4SN*

From 2018 this contest is an official WIA Contest and will count towards the Peter Brown Contest Champion Awards.

Contest Introduction

**Next contest - 18 JUL 2020**

The contest has an aim to encourage Low Band activity Trans-Tasman that is between VK and ZL

Only contest bands 160 80 and 40M are allowed with SSB, CW and Digital (RTTY OR PSK)

***Aim Of The Contest***

Work as many VK and ZL Prefixes and as many different stations on 160m 80m and 40mtrs in a short evening contest.

## Lismore 7-day forecast

Sun Mar 8	Mon Mar 9	Tue Mar 10	Wed Mar 11	Thu Mar 12	Fri Mar 13	Sat Mar 14
Cloudy	Showers	Possible shower	Possible shower	Possible shower	Possible shower	Mostly sunny
26°C 19°C	24°C 18°C	25°C 17°C	26°C 17°C	26°C 17°C	26°C 16°C	28°C 15°C

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