



Sarc Radio Net numbers/check ins:

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 71 for the week ending 8th of May.

Monday_INFO Net – 9 - News

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

Wed_70cm Net – 8 RASA Book

Thursday_(ex 6mtr) Net – 10 - Road Safety

Friday Night Net – 8 – keeping our distance (still)

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMITTEE MEETING

May 17 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

{via Zoom – at this stage}

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INFORMAL SARC ZOOM MEETING 10 May 2020

The current Covid-19 restrictions have made video conferencing necessary and the last few Sunday afternoons have seen a number of meetings arranged using the popular Zoom Video Meeting software. Once a meeting is arranged by the host, a link is emailed to participants who then log in. We have had one SARC Committee meeting using this method and a number of other informal meetings have also been held.

This afternoon’s meeting featured *Duncan VK2DLR* as host with *Jeff VK2FJRN*, *Chris VK2ACD*, *Dave VK2ZDR* and *Paul VK2PMG* also attending. The discussions were very interesting and wide ranging, including using using amateur radio while remote area travelling. Some time was spent discussing practical antenna choices for travellers who want to use amateur radio. Another popular topic was the future of amateur radio and the education necessary in the future. The level of knowledge necessary for amateur radio at different levels of proficiency was discussed and compared with the needs of emergency service groups such as SES and RFS.

A very enjoyable afternoon, the meeting went from 2.00pm to about 5.30pm. It was particularly good to have a chance to engage with *Jeff VK2FJRN* from Coonabarabran and to benefit from his extensive amateur astronomy knowledge.

Cheers, Paul PMG

CLUBROOMS CLOSED INDEFINITELY

The SARC clubrooms at Richmond Hill will be closed until further notice, due to the Covid-19 virus situation.

DIGITAL Report:

TUESDAY 5 MAY 2020

Tonight's net saw *Barry VK2VVBG, Leith VK2EA, Duncan VK2DLR, Dave VK2ZDR and Brian VK2FMAN* logging in. We had our normal couple of rounds of news and chat before changing to our normal frequency of 144.230 USB.

Both Duncan and I were looking forward to seeing Dave's images through his new macro extension tubes. These do offer the opportunity to get really up close to the natural world. There are amazing details to be seen all around us. The macro images do need a certain amount of skill and patience to ensure sharp focus and adequate depth of field. Naturally we used MMSSTV. Band conditions were exceptionally good allowing Duncan and Dave to receive images from each other better than they have seen before.

A very enjoyable net with some good quality images, helped by favourable band conditions. Thanks as always to all who logged in and participated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



SSTV from Coonabarabran

40 Metres, A path length a bit short of 500Km, Foundation level power, Mobile whip antenna, Thunderstorms in the middle and acoustic coupling couldn't stop Jeff VK2FJRN from getting a SSTV image from Coonabarabran to Lismore on Saturday afternoon. SARC member Jeff with his licence less than three months old has started dabbling in Slow Scan Image transmission.

Urged on by Paul VK2PMG and Duncan VK2DLR he's discovering there's more to amateur radio than voice to voice contacts. The image shows that it sure wasn't pristine but it's right up there with a lot of SSTV DX images.

Can I hear the voice of late member Geoff VK2AGC (SK) somewhere out there saying "Jolly Good"?



Book review - Welcome to Amateur Radio - Produced by RASA

RASA - The Radio Amateur Society of Australia has produced an electronic book titled "Welcome to Amateur Radio".

It's free to download from their web site <https://vkradioamateurs.org/> and comes in three electronic formats.

It's not a textbook, but then it doesn't claim to be one. It's 34 pages contain a lot of basic information that anyone starting out should know. Old hands will read through it and wish that this book had been around when they started. No heavy detail. Just good basic information and links to help you explore further. All those 'dumb questions' that you didn't ask because you didn't know that you didn't know. A book you can give to anyone who has shown more than idle curiosity in amateur radio. Yes; you can give it away. See RASA's words on the last page of the book. The easiest way is to send someone the URL - just like it's listed above. This Book will become part of SARC Education's reading list. It makes good background reading and will help newcomers feel more at home. RASA point out that this is version 1 of the book and they welcome your feedback. Well done RASA. This book will play an important part in providing beginners and the curious with entry level information. Free electronic access is an excellent move. No need to spend time and money on obtaining a hard copy. Besides; Have you ever tried to click on a link in a paper book? Links work much better in electronic versions.

Lismore 6-Day Weather :)

"wet stuff on the way, hey" ...?

Mon May 11	Tue May 12	Wed May 13	Thu May 14	Fri May 15	Sat May 16
 Mostly sunny	 Possible shower	 Mostly sunny	 Showers	 Showers	 Possible shower
20°C	21°C	23°C	22°C	21°C	22°C
9°C	8°C	9°C	10°C	9°C	8°C

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