



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

**Weekly HF Dawn Patrol** – 65 for the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Monday\_INFO Net** – 8 - News

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

**Wed\_70cm Net** – 10 - Time to tidy up

**Thursday\_(ex 6mtr) Net** – 7 - Road safety

**Friday Night Net** – 8 - cold nights ahead

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

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

{via Zoom - online}

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

### Coronavirus and SARC Update 03 March 2020

SARC clubrooms remain closed. The restrictions applying to movements and gatherings have been eased slightly in NSW. However when we consider that many of our members are in a vulnerable age group and have underlying medical conditions a more cautious approach is appropriate. SARC clubrooms are likely to remain closed until after restrictions on places like "pubs and clubs" have been eased. The SARC calendar has not been updated but it is unlikely that any event requiring face to face gatherings is going to take place for the remainder of 2020. Events where remote participation such as field days and contests are ‘likely’ to take place specially under modified conditions. :)

Settle in for the long haul and enjoy the many aspects of Amateur Radio that you can do from home.

Good luck to us all.

**Duncan VK2DLR, SARC President 2020**

### The Committee Meeting that wasn't...

Ah! Those well laid plans..... Way back in 2019 the date for the SARC committee meeting for May 2020 was set as Sunday the 3rd. That date carefully avoided Mother's Day and some Horse Endurance Rides. OK... it was just two weeks after the April meeting which was moved to avoid Easter ... It'll work...

Then the Coronavirus comes along and we switch to virtual meetings.... Still OK.....

Come meeting time and all unravels.... Despite the meeting being arranged as in the past some of us couldn't join in and others weren't available...

In the end we decided to postpone the meeting until 1300 on Sunday 17th May - two weeks time.

When we finally got together - about an hour later than planned - we had a general open discussion. Two of the topics included:

**Sunday afternoons at virtual SARC.** A few of us have been getting together via the Zoom meeting application and having an informal chat, show and tell, demonstration of things at home. We're working on a way of expanding them to cover more club members without be taken over by 'outsiders'. A work in pprogress.

**North West NSW Radio Tour.** A few of us are interested in a tour of Narrabri / Culgoora, Coonabarabran / Siding Spring / Mopra at some time. The inspiration for the tour comes from the optical and radio telescopes at those locations. We'd probably rule out Parks Radio Telescope as it would be better included in a Parks - Canberra - Sydney tour.

There's no serious planning at this stage but a week in the West when we're free to travel again sounds inviting. In the mean time checkout:

Web site: <http://www.solarsystemdrive>. A good bit of fun. {Hmm... A radio contact from each 'planet' .... variation of SOTA or Nation Park Activations??? } my mind does wander ...

*de Duncan VK2DLR*

## **DIGITAL Report:**

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2020**

Tonight joining *Paul VK2PMG* as *VK2SC* were *Leith VK2EA*, *John VK2JWA*, *Duncan VK2DLR*, *Dave VK2ZDR* and *Pat VK2FAAD*. As usual, we had our customary two rounds of personal news and chat before Duncan and Dave joined me on “our” frequency of 144.230 USB.

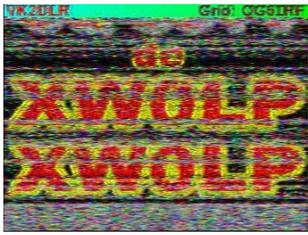
The program we used was MMSSTV, our favourite rugged imaging program that just keeps working. We had been hearing news that Dave had purchased 3 extension tubes for his camera, so we were looking forward to some good closeup photos. These macro-photography devices allow for some amazing images but there is a constant battle between depth of field and available light. Hand holding the camera and achieving sharp focus in the zone you want is tricky. Dave’s first images were really good and we look forward to lots more. Duncan had one image that he received on 14.230, the SSTV call frequency from XW0LP from Laos. Well done.

A very enjoyable net using my favourite program, lots of interesting images. Thanks to Dave and Duncan for their support and to all who logged in.

***Cheers from Paul VK2PMG***



*{more Digi Pix next page}*



## Radio Direction Finding via the internet

Always wanted to locate a radio station but lacked a directional antenna and another receiving station?

**Ade, VK4SOE** has pointed out this very interesting article: <https://www.rtl-sdr.com/>

It's amazing what you can do with the internet now days. There are a lot of people out there who set up receivers and connect them to the internet for all to use.

Check it out while you're holed up in your anti-virus fortress.

## Lismore 6-Day Weather :)

"from 7 to 6 days, why"...?

{Yes, it's a test}

Mon May 4	Tue May 5	Wed May 6	Thu May 7	Fri May 8	Sat May 9
 Mostly sunny	 Showers	 Possible shower	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny	 Mostly sunny
22°C	21°C	23°C	24°C	25°C	26°C
8°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	10°C	12°C

## CLUBROOMS CLOSED INDEFINITELY

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

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