



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

**Weekly HF Dawn Patrol** – 63 for the week ending 14th August.

**Monday\_INFO Net** – 12 - News and VK2SLM (SK)

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

**Wed\_70cm Net** – 10 - RD contest

**Thursday\_(old 6mtr) Net** – 9 – Remembering Steve SLM

**Friday Night Net** – 8 - SLM funeral service

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ILLW

August 22 @ 10:00 am - August 24 @ 10:00 am

Mon Aug 17	Tue Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thu Aug 20	Fri Aug 21	Sat Aug 22
Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
21°C	23°C	24°C	21°C	20°C	18°C
7°C	6°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	6°C

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

### **Steve Myers VK2SLM (SK)**

Sad news reached SARC this week with the passing of *Steve Myers VK2SLM*. He had earlier held the callsigns *VK2JSM* and *VK2NLT*.

Over the years Steve held the formal club positions of President, Packet Radio Officer and Net Controller. His passing marks the end of the Packet Radio era with APRS the only surviving variation. As the years wore on Steve took his place amongst the “active elders” of the club and until recently ran the Friday night 2 metre net. Advice and snippets of information flowed freely as he shared his knowledge and experience. Steve typified the amateur radio spirit in showing just how much you can achieve despite limited health and finances.

Always family orientated Steve and family were regulars at SARC family days and hamfests. In later years Steve, with his late wife Sue attended SARC monthly coffee mornings and lunches. Sadly Sue lost her battle with cancer last October and Steve never really recovered from his loss. Burdened with his own health problems, he passed away days after the anniversary of Sue's birth and their wedding anniversary. Our thoughts go out Steve's family and friends and in particular their children *Nathan, Kylie and Robert* .

Steve's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 10 am at Casino Lawn Cemetery.**

*(The cemetery is at 15 Reynolds Road, Casino, off the Summerland Way towards Lismore.)*

Social distancing will apply and those of us there will stand on behalf of those who cannot attend.

Club polo shirts would be appropriate attire...

### **SARC TO TAKE PART IN LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND**

The club will be activating lighthouses at *Cape Byron* and *Ballina*, and the *Evans Head* light.

*See our website for more information.*

# DIGITAL Report:

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST, 2020

This week joining Paul VK2PMG as VK2SRC were Duncan VK2DLR, John VK2JWA, Pat VK2FAAD and, later on, Shane VK2HAZ. There were the customary two rounds of personal news and chat before we QSY'd to the SSTV call frequency of 14.230 USB. Both Duncan and I tried to tempt Pat into trying digital modes but no bites yet!

We used MMSSTV MR140 with Duncan using the new updated Yoniq version of the original program. This new one worked perfectly with my original version. Jeff VK2FJRN from Coonabarabran was standing by on 14.230 USB to see if he could copy a transmission. I tried 3 images at 100 watts which Duncan received perfectly (2 metre quality) but Jeff had no luck. I don't know what antenna Jeff used. The mobile phone was used as a go-between. Since that wasn't working for him we went to 144.230 USB for the remainder of the net. The rest of the evening went perfectly with quite a few images sent and received. The update (Spanish original with English as a language option) seems to work perfectly well. A good net finished at about 10.30pm. Thanks to all who logged in and participated.

Cheers from Paul VK2PMG



## Our Disclaimer:

The opinions expressed by contributors in SARC NEWS are theirs alone and do not reflect the opinions of the Summerland Amateur Radio Club or its Members. SARC is not responsible for the accuracy of any of the information supplied by the contributors... :)