



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

**Weekly HF Dawn Patrol** – 54 for the week ending 31st January

**Monday\_INFO Net** – 8 - News & Cameras

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

**Wed\_70cm Net** – 5 - Owen Gun

**Thursday\_(ex 6mtr) Net** – 5 - More hot wx

**Friday Night Net** – 2 - Minimum size net

## 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<<<<<

### Keith Virtue (formally VK2IUT) Funeral

Keith Virtue (formally VK2IUT) passed away peacefully on 30th January 2020.

Keith was the brother of *Graeme Virtue VK2GJ* who passed away just over a year ago.

Not as actively involved in SARC as his brother Graeme; Keith is well remembered for his expertise in the repair and restoration of electrical and electronic equipment.

Keith's funeral service to be held at ST Andrews Anglican Church, Zadoc Street Lismore on Wednesday 5th February commencing at 1:30pm.



## **NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (NEXT Sunday) 9th**

The *Annual General Meeting* of **Summerland Amateur Radio Club Inc.** will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 1pm, at the clubrooms, 412 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill, 2480.

The AGM will be followed by a committee meeting.

Nominations for office-bearers and committee members should be made on the official form, and must be submitted to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date and time of the AGM. If there are no written nominations, then nominations may be received from the floor.

Download the form here – [\*\*AGM NOMINATION FORM\*\*](#)

## **Impromptu Foundation Exam**

Sometimes a phone call out of the blue can lead to special times. Just over a week ago SARC Education received a phone call.

*"...G'day I'm Jeff from Coonabarabran and I'll be in Lismore next week.*

*Can I sit my Foundation Exam?..."*

The following Sunday Jeff arrived at SARC to negotiate a day for a bit of a syllabus review and the exam. Not only is Jeff a retiring Science Teacher (a good start!). He's a very serious Amateur Astronomer. Those of us at the club rooms had an extremely entertaining afternoon with Jeff showing lots of spectacular astronomy photos on his laptop and descriptions of his wireless telemetry and control associated with his gear. One of Jeff's areas of expertise is in verifying the discovery of comets and asteroids. Serious stuff indeed. Hopefully Jeff will pay us another visit in the not too distant future and can do an expanded presentation to an expanded audience.

The Exam? As usual under the AMC scheme the results won't be known until the paper is marked in Tasmania.

## **WICEN on ABC News**

As found on the WIA web site; go to:

<https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-01/amateur-radio-skills-prove-useful-during-bushfires/11903200>

Some of the words are existing public relations stuff but the ABC news item certainly paints a good picture of WICEN and Amateur Radio in general. Well done to all of those involved.

## **DIGITAL Report:**

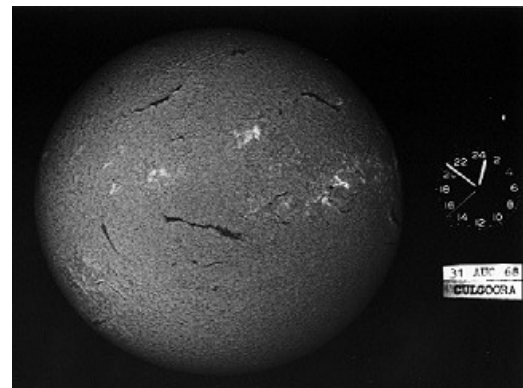
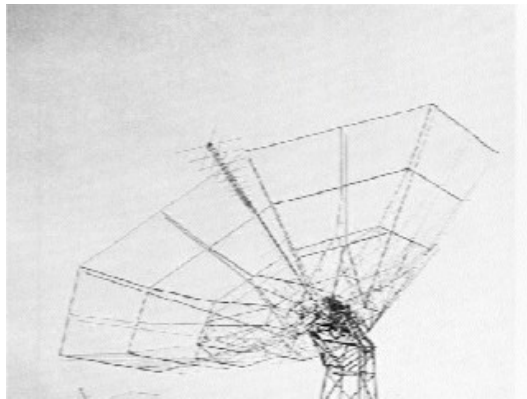
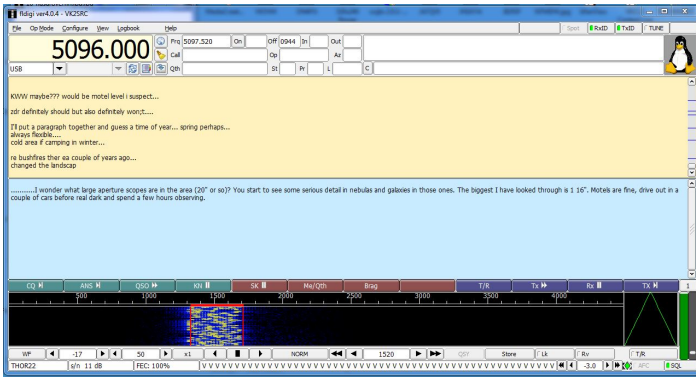
TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER 2020

This week on the Digi Net saw *Malcolm VK2OTA, Leith VK2EA, John VK2JWA and Duncan VK2DLR* Logging in. It was especially good to hear Malcolm make an appearance. After the customary two rounds of personal news and general chat, Duncan and I QSY'd to our frequency of 144.230 USB.

We used F1 Digi again, Thor 22 mode. A recent visitor to the clubrooms was Jeff from Coonabarabran, a Foundation licence candidate and, most interestingly, a keen and very knowledgeable amateur astronomer. His visit and conversation at the clubrooms inspired us enormously. Not surprisingly, the hobby of astronomy dominated the keyboard conversations.

Towards the end of the net we experimented with Thor 22's imaging mode and successfully sent and received a number of images. One memorable image was that of the sun, sent by Duncan. The monochrome image was taken in 1968 at the Culgoora Solar Observatory (between Narrabri and Wee Waa). That solar image was more meaningful than many a pretty pic of a flower or outback scene transmitted on the net. The image was 640x480 greyscale and took 12 minutes to transmit. A memorable net finished at 10.30pm. Thanks to all who participated.

*Cheers from Paul VK2PMG*



## Random websites/interesting APPS:








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“Explore live radio by rotating the globe“

## Lismore 7-day forecast

“MORE Rain on it’s way”

Sun Feb 2	Mon Feb 3	Tue Feb 4	Wed Feb 5	Thu Feb 6	Fri Feb 7	Sat Feb 8
 Sunny	 Possible shower	 Showers	 Heavy showers	 Showers	 Showers	 Showers
36°C 19°C	37°C 21°C	25°C 20°C	26°C 19°C	26°C 19°C	27°C 19°C	27°C 19°C

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