



## SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS/CHECK INS

**Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 39** - For week ending Thur 29SEP2022.

**Monday – 3**

**Tuesday – 6**

**Wednesday – 3**

**Thursday- (The Tribander)**

- 5 – 2 metres Woodburn.

- 3 – 6m Parrots Nest.

- 4 – 70cm Parrots Nest.

**Friday 80m Net – 10**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCEANIC CW CONTEST

Sat 8 OCT @ 06:00 UTC –

Sun 29 OCT @ 06:00 UTC

[See link below](#)

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Sun 9 OCT @ 1300 -1600 hrs

**SARC nets and times** <https://sarc.org.au/nets-broadcasts/>

## CALENDAR LINKS

**OCEANIC DX CONTEST:** <https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/>

**Tuesday-Net Report**

**DIGI NET**

**- Paul VK2AMT**

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 2022

Tonight, joining Paul VK2AMT as VK2SRC were John VK2ZJJ, Jeff VK2WSR, Duncan VK2DLR, Chris VK2ACD and Dave VK2ZDR. We had a very interesting session on our Woodburn repeater. Only Duncan was free to do digital, so we QSY'd to our old VHF frequency of 144.230 USB.

We used Fldigi and Olivia 8-500. Choosing VHF rather than HF was an easy one, as there was strong storm activity near the Gold Coast leaving heavy static crashes. I like to use 80 metres because of its strong ground wave propagation but that band is affected by storms.

Much of the discussion between us centered on SARC Ed thoughts and also the upcoming Girard State Forest horse enduro. There is quite a lot of planning involved in setting up a portable amateur station in the bush. It is a very interesting exercise in using VHF (normally) in such terrain with tree cover plus hills and valleys and signals from different directions.

Another good session with Duncan. Many thanks! We may have to investigate alternative frequency options during the storm season. 80 and 40 metres HF are excellent but sometimes noise affects decoding accuracy.

- Cheers from Paul VK2AMT (as VK2SRC)

## Change of Guard on Dawn Patrol

**- Duncan**

Some may be aware that there has been some changes to the Dawn Patrol recently. Perhaps the most significant is the retirement of Chris Bourke VK4YE from coordinating the Dawn Patrol.

Chris first called into the Dawn Patrol in December 2010. Leith VK2EA (SK) was the net controller of a small gathering each morning.

Leith continued to coordinate the net until January 2013 when he relocated to a more restricted living arrangement prohibited the erecting of an antenna capable of carrying the frequency, so Chris took up the mantle and Leith retired from duties after 30 years.

Chris had a brief respite while Cathy VK2NCR took over running the Dawn Patrol from February to June in 2013. He continued until January 2014 when Cathy again re-joined as a controller after Duncan VK2DLR helped her solve her antenna issues. Chris and Cathy shared the duties until September 2016 when Cathy decided to retire from the role.

Apart from the occasional interstate and overseas trip Chris continued to coordinate the net every

weekday morning until VK2 Daylight Saving started in October 2021. At this time the Dawn Patrol dropped back to 4 days a week and Chris was assisted by Noel VK4CW and myself VK2WSR.

Chris had maintained that with the commencement of Daylight Savings in 2022 he would be stepping down from a role in the controller team, and has now done so.

On behalf of SARC I would like to thank Chris VK4YE for his service to the Dawn Patrol Net. He has welcomed many participants with enthusiasm. He operated in sometimes difficult conditions to make sure all felt included as part of the group. Chris was always up to providing advice, sometimes with scant regard for the vagaries of political correctness. He could, however, be relied on as a straight shooter

It is now time for others to take on the role, but I'm sure Chris will be heard from time to time on Future Dawn Patrols.

Thank you Chris.

Submitted by Jeff VK2WSR

**Important Notice:** The Dawn Patrol will now be commencing at 6am in VK4 and 7am in VK2 as of Monday 3rd of October due to Daylight saving. 20:00 UTC

– Jeff VK2WSR.

## REPORT - TERC Enduro 2022

- Chris VK2ACD

A SARC team of 4 headed out on the weekend to Girard State Forest for the Tenterfield Endurance Riders Club event. We set up a base station with VK2DLR and VK2FOOD, and 2 checkpoint stations, CP1 'Crossfire' with VK2AMT and CP2/3 'Lohses' with VK2ACD.

Riders were met with on and off drizzle for the Saturday 20Km and 40Km rides, and all went well with no incidents. Then steady rain set in overnight, making for a cold damp camp, and after awakening at 0500 for the start of the 80Km ride, the news came that the rest of the event was cancelled due to slippery track conditions.

Comms were on 2m FM. There were occasional problems with fading in the wet conditions, but overall things went well. Thanks to the SARC team for another successful, albeit shortened event.

pic 1 - at base, checking rider lists, Duncan VK2DLR and Lachlan VK2FOOD





pic 2 - checkpoint 1 set-up by Paul VK2AMT



OTHER INTERESTING BITS Click on image below to open.



6-DAY LISMORE (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2480 for East Lismore).



# 4-CAST

## Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 4 Oct	Wed. 5 Oct	Thu. 6 Oct	Fri. 7 Oct	Sat. 8 Oct	Sun. 9 Oct
						
Max (°C)	23	22	22	24	25	25
Min (°C)	7	9	11	11	12	15
Chance of rain (%)	5	40	80	70	50	90
Rainfall range (mm)	0	0 to 2	0 to 3	0 to 1	0 to 1	3 to 15

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**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE** The bottom image has 10 alterations. Can you spot them?



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