

SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS / CHECK-INS

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 37 - For week ending Thur 25MAY2023.

Monday – 6 ()

Tuesday – 5 ()

Wednesday – 2 (Only 2 on tonight's net. All are welcome to join in)

Thursday- (Dual-Bander)

- 4 – 2m Parrots Nest. ()

- 4 – 2m Mallanganee (Hogarth Range). ()

Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – 7 (Quite noisy band conditions)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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VK SHIRES CONTEST

JUN 10th 0000 UTC – 2359 UTC

COMMITTEE MEETING

JUN 11th @ 1300-1600 hrs

ALL ASIAN DX CONTEST

JUN 17th 0000 UTC- 18th 2359 UTC

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY

JUN 24th @ 1100 hrs - 25th @ 1100 hrs

[SARC WEBSITE FIELD DAY INFO](#)

CALENDAR NOTES

Events of interest to SARC are in **BLUE & RED**

Other events of interest for our subscribers are in **GREEN**

Tuesday-Net Report

DIGITAL MODES

- Paul VK2AMT

TUESDAY 23 MAY, 2023

This evening, Paul VK2AMT as VK2SRC welcomed: Dave VK2ZDR – ready to go!!, John VK2ZJJ, Andrew VK2XI and Jeff VK2WSR. It was nice to hear Andrew coming in on 2 metres. Lots of crackles but nicely readable. As usual, after a couple of overs on Parrots Nest 2 metres, Dave and Jeff followed me to 40 metres, 7.048 USB for another session with Fldigi and Olivia 8-500..

Dave and I were having very similar decoding problems. I increased power to about 80 watts – crazy – but it helped. We both also fiddled with Signalink settings and RF gain. The Signalink receive control ended up near maximum. RF Gain was turned down to reduce band noise. I increased RF Gain when Jeff was transmitting and reduced it when Dave was transmitting. That showed how difficult the conditions were. The conversation was excellent, as always, with the recent Girard SF Enduro being discussed.

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I think that Julie trying for the Foundation would be very good.

Signals are -10 to -11, so very low down.
I am quite happy to go to 144.230 if things are too crook.
Let me know if that's better.

I decoded Dave OK after a bit of RF twiddling.
Running 80 watts this over, way too much.

Over to WSR, ZDR.

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OLVIA-8/500 | s/n: -1.8 dB | f/o +0.0 Hz

Thanks to both Jeff and Dave for persisting when conditions were unfavourable. It will be good to be able to use VHF – 144.230 USB for at least some of the net. What's wrong with having a dual bander Diginet, starting on 40 metres then on to VHF?

-Cheers from Paul VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).

ACMA Update 23 May 2023

- Duncan VK2LDR

Take a look at the latest ACMA Amateur Radio related update <https://acma.createsend1.com/t/d-e-vljltjl-l-r/> if you've now already done so.

The Australian Maritime College (AMC), has decided not to extend its deed for the provision of amateur licensee services beyond February 2024.

The ACMA is taking this opportunity to review how it deals with Amateur Radio.

Key Issues under consideration include:

- ACMA to deliver Amateur Radio licensing services themselves rather than 3rd party deeds of arrangement.
- New licence accreditation process using ACMA volunteer assessors.
- Better alignment of qualification levels
- ACMA to issue qualifications and callsigns.
- Public consultation / comments likely in August 2023.

ACMA Update - The VK2DLR view

The following is a personal view from Duncan, VK2DLR and does not represent any official position taken by SARC or SARC Education.

The latest ACMA Amateur Radio related update <https://acma.createsend1.com/t/d-e-vljltjl-l-r/> makes for a fascinating read and fodder for all sorts of speculation.

No more "Deeds of Arrangement"? That's a major policy change. Instead of outsourcing Amateur Radio services, the ACMA intends to go back to doing it themselves. The ACMA hasn't been all that happy with the service provided by the WIA or the AMC under their deeds of arrangement. They were also displeased with the squabbling between the WIA, RASA and other representatives on their now disbanded Amateur Radio Syllabus Review Panel. Perhaps the ACMA was sick of "herding cats" and decided that the best approach was to 'do it inhouse'?


AMC declined to extend the current arrangements? I (DLR), had hoped that the AMC, as part of the University of Tasmania would have grasped the opportunity to bring Amateur Radio qualifications into the National Accreditation Scheme. The best result on that point has been the alignment of the Advanced syllabus with the HAREC International Syllabus. Even this appears to be ACMA driven. The AMC seemed to have at least three staff involved at least part time in their Amateur Radio venture. It could not have been profitable. Parts of the examination process and syllabus production gave rise to speculation that their venture was not particularly well funded.

ACMA volunteer assessors? That's an interesting development. Does that imply that the ACMA has been largely satisfied with the collective performance of the WIA/AMC volunteer assessors? The term Volunteer Assessor triggers thoughts of the "Volunteer Examiners" used in the USA. The announcement that the ACMA is preparing examination material and operational guidelines for accredited assessors is intriguingly general. No doubt we'll know more by August when the call for public comments is made.

As always; we live in interesting times. Let's hope that the matter is resolved by February 2024 and we don't have a period where nothing happens.

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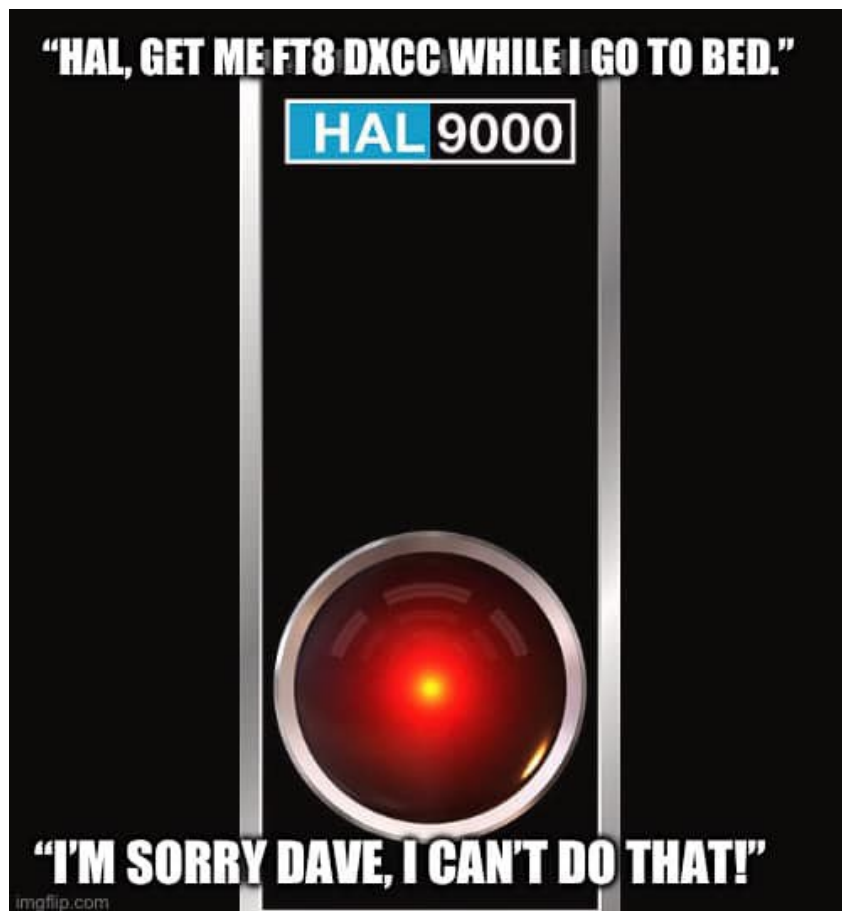
6-DAY LISMORE (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2480 for East Lismore).



Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 30 May	Wed. 31 May	Thu. 1 Jun	Fri. 2 Jun	Sat. 3 Jun	Sun. 4 Jun
Max (°C)	22	23	24	23	21	22
Min (°C)	3	4	7	6	8	9
Chance of rain (%)	0	5	5	20	70	80
Rainfall range (mm)	0	0	0	0	0 to 1	0 to 5

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