

We continued trying 80 metres, as it has produced the goods over the last couple of weeks. We used Fldigi and Olivia 8-500 as usual. Duncan's first over had distorted audio and didn't decode. Both Jeff and I were using 40-45 watts. Duncan's next over was fine and decode was 100% from then on. There was an amount of fading but that didn't affect decoding accuracy, so 80 metres proved itself again. I increased power from 44 to 60 watts and that pushed my Fldigi signal to noise ration from about -10 to + 4 to +6. A very good discussion on various topics including amateur radio education. I

suppose that the Diginet is often filling the need for a Techie Net, as most nets feature discussion of technical subjects of some sort.

Once again, 80 metres, Fldigi and Olivia 8-500 are again a winning combination and Jeff's antenna allows him to participate without battling with dodgy internet connections. Thanks to all who logged in and participated.

- Cheers from VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).

Wednesday - Nardi Net Report

- Andrew VK2XI

Four on tonight's net. 2ZJJ, 2AMT, 2ARS, 2XI.

Discussed Contesting and the discontinuation of the [Fantales Lolly](#).



Thursday – Dual-Bander Net Report

- Dave VK2ZDR

2m Parrots Nest - (4) 2ZDR, 2ZJJ, 2AMT, 2DLR. Topics: Usages of SDR Dongles

70cm Parrots Nest - (5) 2ZDR, 2ZJJ, 2AMT, 2DLR, 2XI. Topics: Should repeaters have nicknames: ie Like "Sally" named for 2m Parrots.

P.S: Yes, the 2m Parrots Nest repeater has been called "sally" for many years, I'm not overly sure why exactly & even who named it that either...hihi

Editor's note: Perhaps *Sally* refers to a local parrot's nesting place. *Sally* being short for any type of willow tree, including a willow eucalyptus tree, where parrots often nest in its hollow. But then again...

Friday After Dark Net Report

- Jeff VK2WSR

The Friday After Dark Net numbers for Friday night 30-06-23 were 13.

Participants included VK2YHP, VK2ZDR, VK2MBJ, VK4FABG, VK4GCR, VK4TSA, VK4BT, VK4RE, VK2ARD, and VK2XI who was late.

Discussion included conditions; electric blankets, Music to test a sound system, promptness to nets.

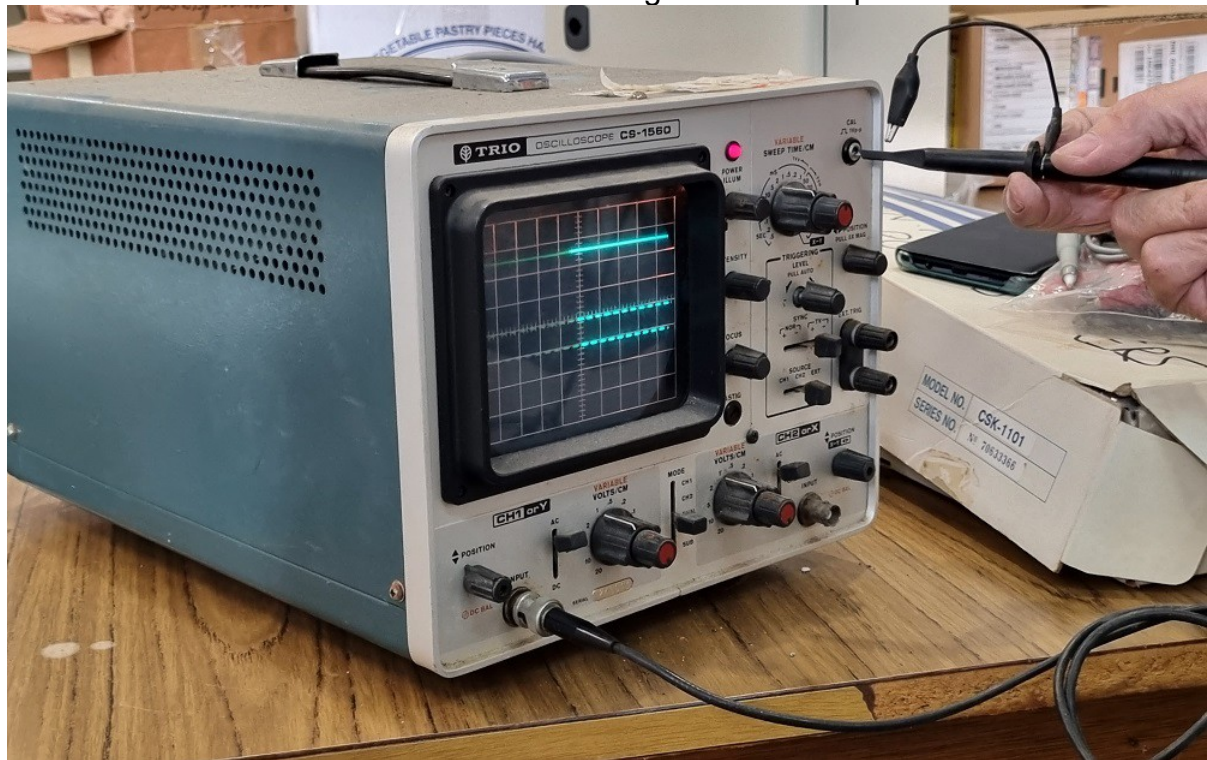
SARC Club News Briefs

- Paul VK2AMT

Rob VK2ELH and Duncan VK2DLR reattaching the dipole at the clubrooms to a post in the screw-in ground anchor.



Duncan VK2DLR testing an oscilloscope.



UK Licensing Changes

- John VK2ZJJ

A good read here everybody.....<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/consultations-and-statements/category-2/updating-amateur-radio-licensing-framework>

OTHER INTERESTING BITS Click on the 2 images below to open.



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



Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 4 Jul	Wed. 5 Jul	Thu. 6 Jul	Fri. 7 Jul	Sat. 8 Jul	Sun. 9 Jul
Max (°C)	16	23	25	21	20	20
Min (°C)	9	9	8	7	4	5
Chance of rain (%)	95	80	30	5	5	5
Rainfall range (mm)	2 to 10	0 to 6	0	0	0	0



YL Raisa is 😊 feeling excited.

DMR: now I tried it myself and ask for your opinion:

is it a "fake ham radio" or an opportunity for our hobby to grow? 😊

In the photo - one of my first VHF activity, I climbed a hill, not far from St. Petersburg, to try to open the repeater from a distance of 60 km and it turned out after some manipulations with the antenna (vertical polarization + very accurate direction to the repeater).

As I understand it, there are several options for working on VHF, for example:

- directly between stations;
- through a repeater (or other "reflector" - meteorites traces, Aurora, Moon)
- DMR technology. In the case of this digital technology, both hams "shoot" to the repeater via real VHF, and then the Internet is used to cover the main distance, thus it is a mix of Real Ham Radio and the Internet.

At first glance, as the Germans say, this is "ERSATZ", that is, a substitute. Something not quite real from the position of classical Amateur Radio.

On the other hand, I made several such QSOs and I was impressed - with the help of DMR with simple and cheap equipment and a short antenna you can get the opportunity to make "DX QSO" (I put it in quotes not by chance), while the communications themselves take place in full accordance with the traditions of the Amateur Radio, real licensed call signs are used and almost the same algorithm of operating.

I think that through this path, new people can become interested in our hobby and gradually come to the desire to get rid of the Internet as intermediary and use the natural ionosphere to jump into the world of full-real Ham Radio! 😊

... thanks to Oleg Belousov R1CBU for the station as a gift and new impressions 😊



Above is from Facebook

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE The right-hand image has 10 alterations. Can you spot them?



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