



## SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS / CHECK-INS

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 23 For week ending Thur 28DEC2023.

Monday –

Tuesday – (See report)

Wednesday – ()

Thursday- 13 (See reports)

- 5 - 2m Parrots Nest

- 5 - 70cm Parrots Nest

- 3 - 6m Parrots Nest

Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – 5 (See report)

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

SARC repeater information: <https://sarc.org.au/repeaters/>

## CALENDAR NOTES

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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ROSS HULL CONTEST

JAN 1<sup>st</sup> - 31st

### ARRL RTTY ROUND-UP

JAN 6<sup>th</sup> 1800 UTC - 7<sup>th</sup> 2359UTC

### VK SUMMER VHF / UHF FIELD DAY

JAN 13<sup>th</sup> 0100 UTC - 14<sup>th</sup> 0059 UTC  
(0400 - 0359 in VK6)

### YB DX CONTEST

JAN 13<sup>th</sup> 0000 UTC – 2359 UTC

### COMMITTEE MEETING

JAN 14<sup>th</sup> 1300 hrs

### AUSTRALIA DAY (AX PREFIX)

JAN 26th

## Tuesday - Net Report

## DIGITAL MODES

- Duncan VK2DLR

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER, 2023

No DigiNet on Tuesday night - Too soon after Xmas lunch!!

A reminder that The SARC DigiNet is held on Tuesday nights at 2000. We usually start with a few minutes of talk and organising on the Parrots Nest 2M repeater. Then we QSY to a 'digital' frequency. For a while now we've been using 3.590 MHz (USB) starting with Olivia 8/500 mode. All are welcome. Remember that all three classes of licence can now use digital modes so Foundation licence holders are most welcome. If you want to simply 'listen in' then the computer / tablet / smart phone can be as simple as straight "acoustic coupling". Acoustic coupling is fancy technical talk for "put the microphone of the computer near the speaker of the radio".

That's a great way of checking out digital modes and SSTV (Slow Scan TV) - an Amateur Radio term for sending single images over voice width audio channels. SWLs are welcome to listen in also. It's only later when you get seriously serious that you need to consider a proper TX/RX/PPT interface between your radio and computer.

Here are a couple of pages of good information on SARC's own website:

Digital Modes: <https://sarc.org.au/fl-digi/>

Image Modes: <https://sarc.org.au/image-modes/>

de Duncan VK2DLR

## Thursday Net Report

- Duncan VK2DLR

Thursday Net Numbers 5+5+3 = 13

Nets between Christmas and New Year are notoriously small. On Thursday, Paul VK2AMT, Jo VK2ZJJ, Shawn VK2DSL, and Dave VK2ZDR joined Duncan VK2DLR for a true-to-name Tri-band net. With participants tired from the sectional round of visits, friends, relatives, parties and travel; we opted for a simple 3 band, one site net.

As normal we started off on 2M Parrots Nest for a couple of rounds. Shawn reported that the 2M signal was particularly strong that night. Ducting perhaps? There has been a mixed bag of unusual propagation of late. When we QSY'ed to 70cm Parrots Nest Shawn again put in an excellent signal. An example perhaps of 70cm knife edge diffraction out performing 2M.

The final repeater for the night was the 6M Parrots Nest repeater which also performed well. A short net but a rewarding one to finish the year.

13??? An unlucky number??? In the world of AI and high tech electronics such superstitions are scorned upon. Unless you were involved in the near catastrophic disaster of the Apollo Moon mission that came after Apollo 12 and before Apollo 14. Let's finish the year with an excerpt from a Goon Show script....

Neddie: Well it looks like we'll have to walk back to the fort.

Eccles: How far is it?

Neddie: About 13 miles.

Eccles Oh! 13; that's unlucky!

Neddie: Alright make it 14 miles then.

Eccles: See! I told you it was unlucky. Now we're an extra mile further away.

de Duncan VK2DLR  
(and Goon Show fan)

**Friday After Dark Net Report - Jeff VK2WSR**

Dave 2ZDR ran the After Dark Net with Jim 2YHP, Tom 4HTE, Ralph 4GCR and Peter 4BT joining in. We had a late start but ended up having many rounds and welcomed Tom to our net (1st timer)

Cheers  
VK2ZDR Dave  
the ZuluDoctoR

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



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**Sorry, no SPOT THE DIFFERENCE this week.**

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