

SARC RADIO NET NUMBERS / CHECK-INS

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 27 - For week ending Thur 16NOV2023.

Monday – 5

Tuesday – 5 (See report)

Wednesday – 2 (See report)

Thursday (QUAD NET: See report)

- 6 - 2m Parrots Nest

- 4 - 2m Woodburn

- 2 - 6m Parrots Nest (The repeater worked fine)

- 2 - 2m Mallanganee (Also worked fine)

Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – 11 (See report)

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLICK ON EVENT NAME TO OPEN

SPRING VHF UHF FIELD DAY

NOV 25th 0100 UTC - 26th 0059 UTC
(0400 – 0359 in VK6)

CQ WW CW CONTEST

NOV 25th 0000 UTC - 26th 2359 UTC

FT8/FT4 ROUNDUP

DEC 2nd 1800 UTC - 3rd 2359 UTC

ARRL 10M

DEC 9th 0000 UTC - 10th 2359 UTC

COMMITTEE MTG + XMAS PARTY

DEC 10th Sunday @ 1200 noon.

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 14 NOVEMBER, 2023

This week, logging in with Paul VK2AMT were: Jo VK2ZJJ, Duncan VK2DLR Jeff VK2WSR and Paul VK2YVG. Paul (VK2YVG, not me!) lives in Gulmarrad. He came through Parrots Nest quite well, with only a moderate amount of path noise, and is most welcome. We hope to hear him on other club nets. We had our normal couple of rounds on Parrots Nest before we QSY'd to 80 metres.

fldigi ver4.1.27.08 - VK2SRC

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USB Call Op Az

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VK2DLR es gip VK2WSR
Thanks Duncan
Chris' ways to keep it under tight control was both a blessing
and a curse.
My thoughts on editing the web site are; that
it should be managed by several (reporters) ie education, field days, etc
with an editor overseeing the overall and checking for errors. Share the
load and responsibility.
My html learning is in regard to setting up fronts for sensor reading presentation,
weather station type stuff. My current project is to create an antenna rotator
that can be operated remotely through the web. I can now collect direction info
and drive a stepper motor. I have to marry the two together. Just a beginner though.

Back to Paul.
With gap for others.
VK2SRC de VK2WSR
Q7)~□C1/□S□.....Noise and so

and items we can run. We are getting it for free
which is remarkably generous.

I like the idea of expanding the pages.
Raspberry Pi (Pie!) and Arduino projects are numerous and would merit
some space, provided that someone looks after it. That mythical "someone!!!".
I very much like a couple more having editing privileges.
Not too many, just enough to ease the burden.
I like your ideas Jeff. You should be introduced to Rob VK2ARL.
He is into projects like yours.

Over to dir, nu.

de VK2SRC k*r

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WF 0 66 x1 NORM 1500 QSY Store Lk T/R

OLIVIA-8/500 -11.0 AFAC SQL

We used Fldigi and Olivia 8-500 on 3.590, as usual. Signals were pretty good, much the same as last week. Signals were: Duncan S3 and Jeff S3-4. The sometimes wild QSB on Jeff's signal saw the Fldigi signal-to-noise figure go from +17 to +2 and back up, in one over. Decoding accuracy stayed at 100% however, so the band is staying open nicely for us. Discussion subjects included the experiences that Duncan and I have had editing the club's website. We will take it gently at first, as

there is quite a bit to learn. There are always opportunities to include fresh pages in the website. The problem is the perennial one – who will write it and continue to supply fresh ideas, such as a Projects Page.

Dave VK2ZDR actually dropped in on the Cheerio Round. I was about to pull the pin when he dropped in for a Hello – Goodbye over. Thanks to Duncan and Jeff for their support.

Cheers from VK2AMT (as VK2SRC).

Wednesday Net Report

- Duncan VK2DLR

Two. Yes, It was just the two of us. Paul VK2AMT was busy Wednesday night so he organised Duncan VK2DLR to run the Wednesday night net on 70cm Mt. Nardi. Jo VK2ZJJ turned up. Perhaps it was the ARIA awards or the 50 over cricket. Either way we had a good old fashioned one on one yarn on 70cm. Discussion centred around the "CB for Communities" project Jo is transforming from "a good idea" into reality. The recent Optus outage reminded everyone that not all disasters are caused by nature. Jo reports that the project is progressing well although he wishes that it wasn't as intense and all consuming as it is.

Duncan was pleased to hear that message handling and log keeping have been taken lightly. The military / paramilitary message form was developed over decades and, while it is excellent for its purpose, it's just not suitable for minimally trained or untrained civilians who may go years between training and message form use. Keeping it simple but not too simple is a narrow path between "No worries mate" and "How will the Coroner's inquiry interpret this?" Log keeping is another area where simple but not too simple is the way to go. They are not just "radio logs". They are a record of events as seen by the radio operator. Log books should be a chronological record of all significant activities, Predominantly this will be radio traffic and message handling. It should also include other events considered to be noteworthy. Logging that a raft with four people and a cow on board floated past at a particular time and date may be important hours or days later.

- de Duncan VK2DLR

Thursday Net Report

- Duncan VK2DLR

Thursday Net - $6+5+2+2=15$

A grand tour of Summerland! Duncan VK2DLR started the net on 2M Parrots nest. He was joined by Jo VK2ZJJ, Paul VK2AMT, Jeff VK2WSR, Brian VK2MBJ and Dave VK2ZDR. The usual two round conversation included the news that Ross VK2ARD has waved his magic wand and the 6m repeater is back on air. The loosely named 'tri-bander net' was turned into a quad net. From 2m Parrots nest we moved to 2m Woodburn where we lost a few participants but picked up Shaun VK2DSL. It was good to catch up with Shaun again. Shaun's talk of renewing DX friendships after years have gone by is one of the joys of amateur radio. Conversations and friendship can be 'paused' while propagation and life moves on. From 2m Woodburn we moved to 6m Parrots nest and tested it out. Finally the net ended on 2m Mallanganee. The four site, two band net was a bit of a marathon. It begs the question: Should it be split into two nets? A grand tour of our three 2m sites and a 6m to 70cm tri-band Parrots Nest net? Something for further discussion.

- de Duncan VK2DLR

Friday After Dark Net Report

- Dave VK2ZDR

This week, we had 11 on the net: 2ZDR Dave (net controller), 2VBG Barry, 2YHP Jim, 4CW Noel, 4HIB Ian, 2MBJ Brian, 4TSA Steve, 2NU Jeff, 2XI Andrew, 4EEE Alan & 2TTL Rhod.

Great turn out with everyone easily making it over the QRN.

- Cheers VK2ZDR Dave the ZuluDoctor

SARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

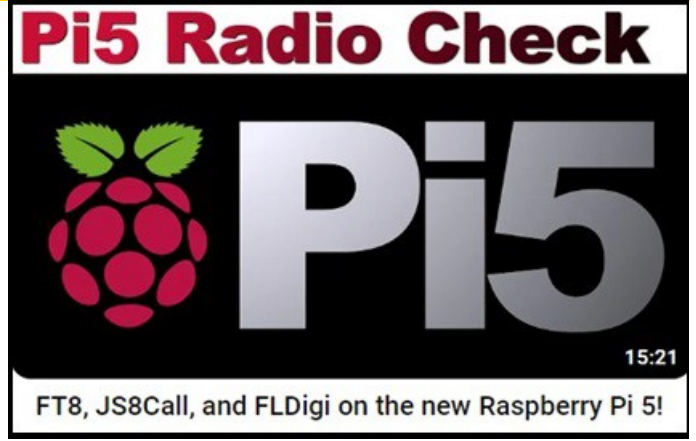
REVISED

- Paul VK2AMT

The Christmas Party Notice needs a small revision. I forgot to include the entry fee (\$5)...

It was decided at the Committee Meeting to hold a Christmas Party this year. It will be held on Sunday December 10, at the clubrooms, 412 Richmond Hill Road. The entry fee is \$5 per person. There is a Committee Meeting on that day but it will be moved to 12 noon. The party will start when that meeting is finished, hopefully before 1pm when the party is planned to begin. The event will be catered for, so anyone intending to attend are asked to send an email to: vk2src@gmail.com, confirming names of anyone planning to attend.

OTHER INTERESTING BITS Click on the 5 images below to open.



<<< Drying wet electronics

The Make Tech Easier people have a short item on drying electronics.

It's not exactly groundbreaking but the use of crystal style kitty litter was a new one for me. I'm glad they promote switching off and removing batteries if possible. Removing any potential differences is critical to minimising corrosion.

- de VK2DLR

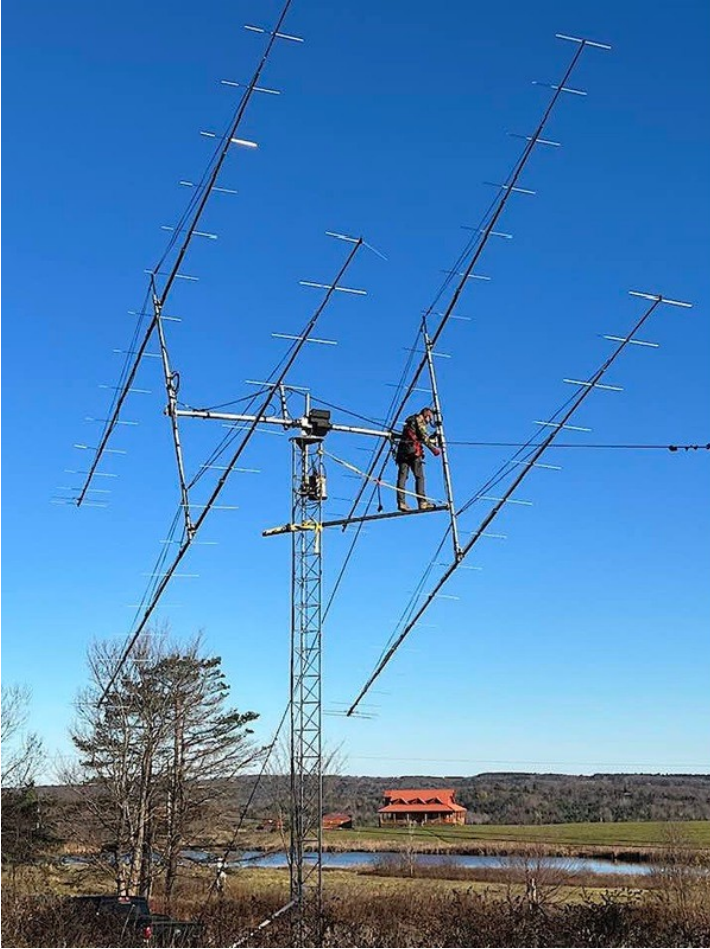
6-DAY LISMORE (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2480 for East Lismore).



Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 21 Nov	Wed. 22 Nov	Thu. 23 Nov	Fri. 24 Nov	Sat. 25 Nov	Sun. 26 Nov
Max (°C)	25	27	25	24	22	26
Min (°C)	15	17	16	16	15	14
Chance of rain (%)	70	70	60	40	30	20
Rainfall range (mm)	0 to 6	0 to 10	0 to 8	0 to 2	0 to 1	0

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



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