

Weekly HF Dawn Patrol – 24 For week ending Thur 28MAR2024.
 (Numbers down due to the conditions throughout this week. - Jeff VK2WSR)

- Monday – 3** ()
- Tuesday – 4** (See report)
- Wednesday – 5** ()
- Thursday- ?** ()
- - 2m Parrots Nest
- - 2m Mallanganee
- - 6m Parrots Nest
- Friday 80m (After Dark Net) – ?** ()

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

CALENDAR NOTES <

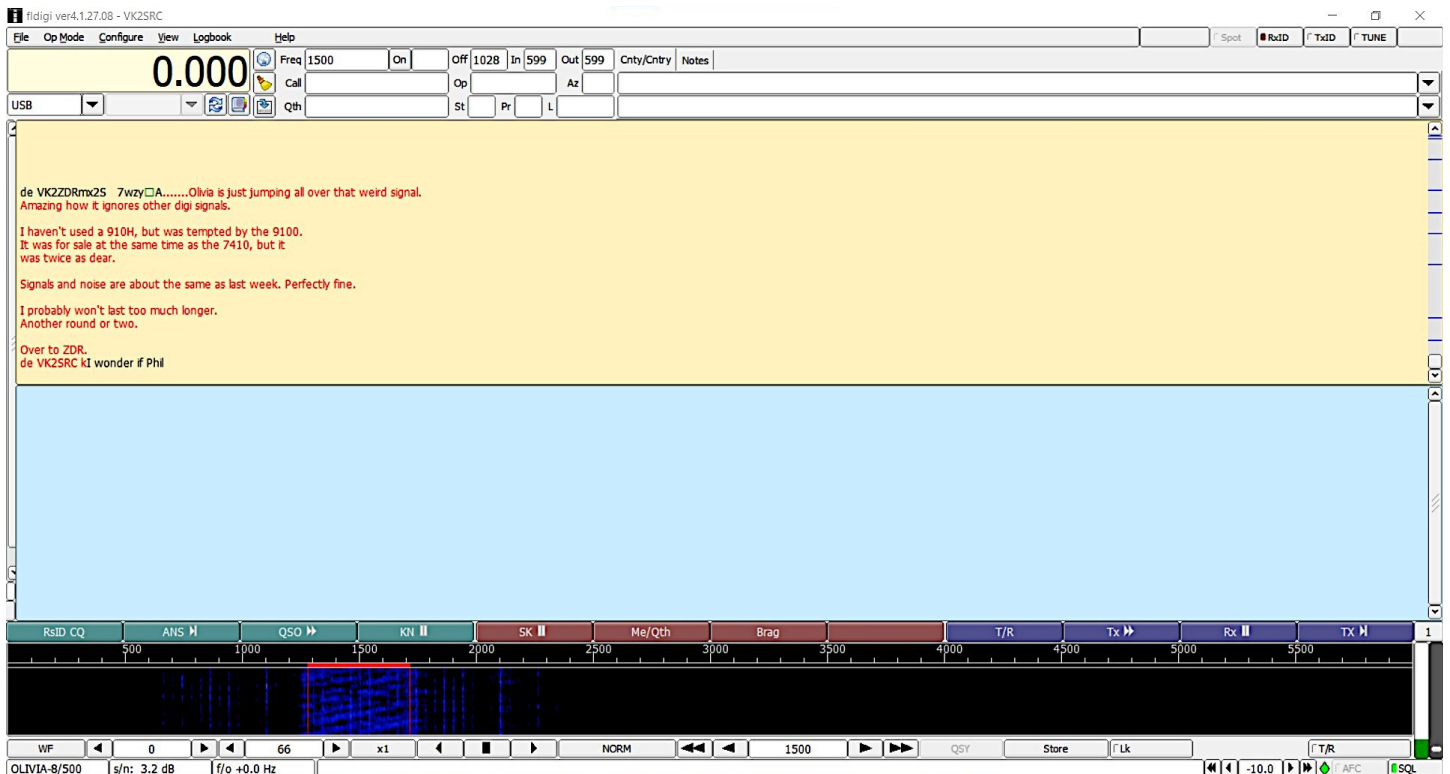
Events of interest to SARC are in **BLUE & RED**
 Other events of interest for our subscribers are in **GREEN**

UPCOMING EVENTS
 CLICK ON EVENT NAME TO OPEN

- EA RTTY CONTEST**
 APR 6th 1200 UTC - 7th 1200 UTC
- VK QRP HRS 80m CONTEST**
 APR 13th 1000-1059 UTC_CW/Digital
 1100-1159 UTC_SSB/Digital Voice
- JIDX CW**
 APR 13th 0700 UTC - 14th 1300 UTC
- COMMITTEE MEETING**
 APR 14th 1300 HRS
- WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY**
 APR 18th
- CQMM CW CONTEST**
 APR 20th 0900 UTC - 21st 2359 UTC

Tuesday - Net Report **DIGITAL MODES** - Paul VK2AMT
TUESDAY 26 MARCH, 2024

For this evening's Diginet, Paul VK2AMT as VK2SRC welcomed Jo VK2ZJJ and Pil VK2YGF. As usual we had a couple of rounds on the Parrots Nest 2 metre repeater before I QSY'd to 40 metres, 7.050 USB. I was expecting Dave VK2ZDR to be on frequency waiting.



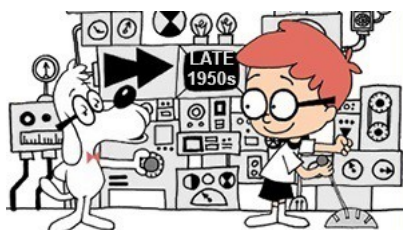
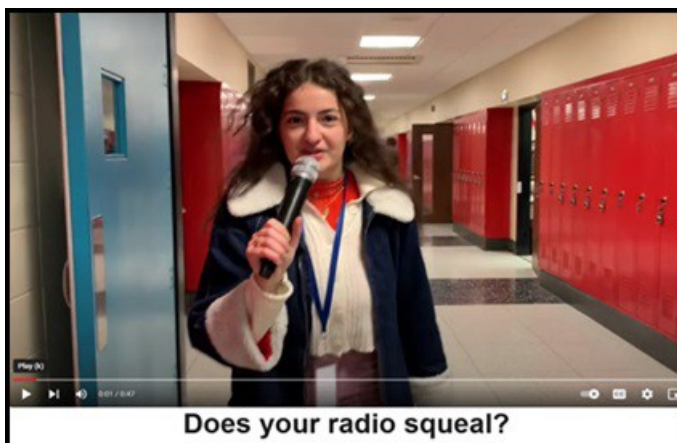
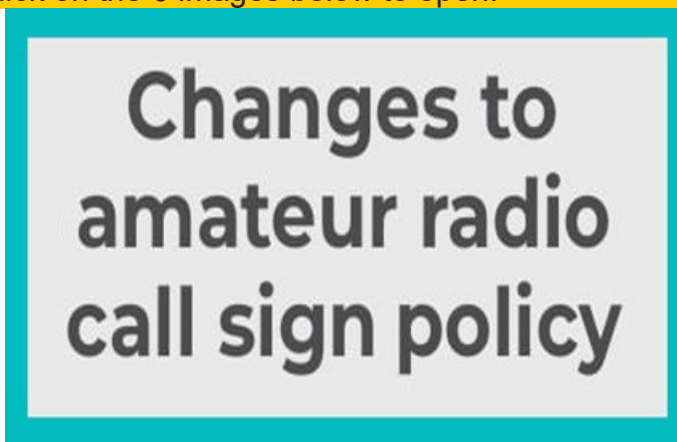
Dave was there for our session using Fldigi and Olivia 8-500. It was good to hear Phil VK2YGF there. Perhaps one day he will be ready to participate in the digital portion of the net. According to Dave both Phil and Shane VK2HAZ were both decoding us both just fine. Jeff V2NU was away so it was just Dave and I. One topic that was brought up was the possibility of a short net, possibly after a regular net, the devoted to MMSSTV. That is definitely a good idea, even though HF and its attendant noise does degrade the quality of SSTV images quite a bit. The mode is definitely still fun to do. It does require some planning to gather suitable images. The net did experience a few minutes of

interference by a band of close spaced tones almost 2KHz wide. Those tones can be seen on the photo accompanying this report. Olivia 8-500 just clobbered the interference. Olivia is almost immune to real interference from digital tones or transmissions of any sort.

Another good net. Thanks to Dave for being there. It saves me from the task of writing up something to replace this report! Thanks also to all who logged in and participated by way of receive decode.

– Cheers from VK2AMT (as VK2SRC)

OTHER INTERESTING BITS Click on the 6 images below to open.



WABAC MACHINE

Click here to see where it will take you

Redcliffe and Districts Radio Club



REDFEST 2024

When: Saturday 6th April 2024 Location: St Michael's College Caboolture

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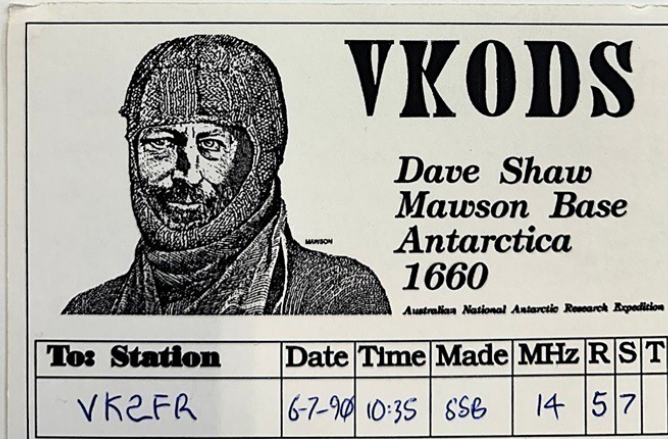
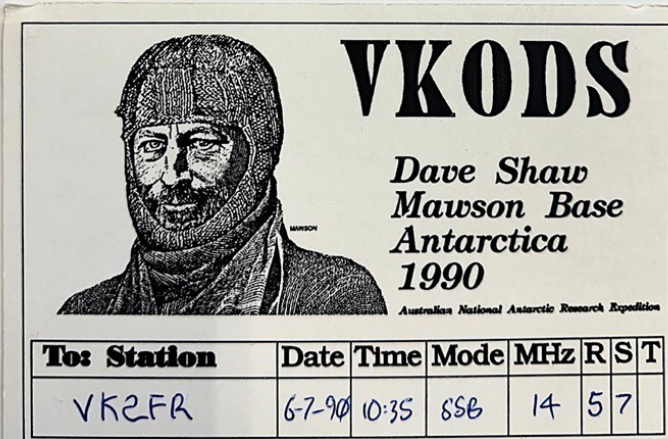
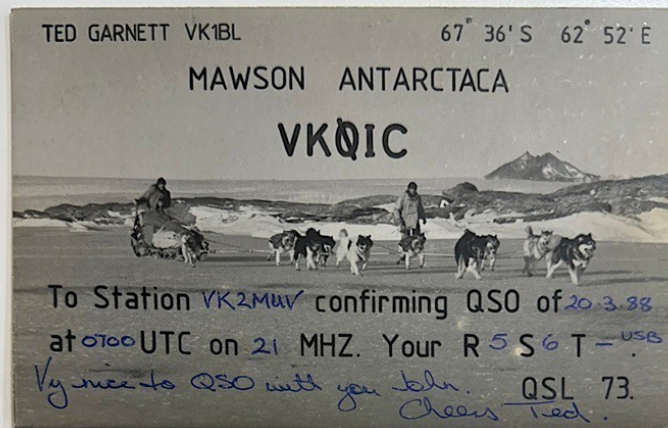
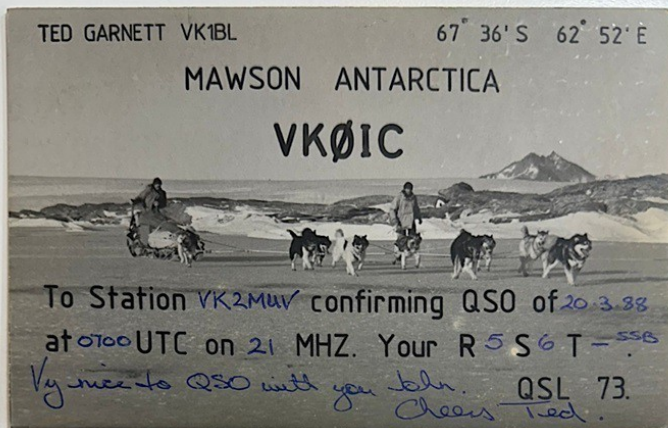
6-DAY LISMORE (FORECAST). Click image to open METEYE (2480 for East Lismore).



Forecast for East Lismore

	Tue. 2 Apr	Wed. 3 Apr	Thu. 4 Apr	Fri. 5 Apr	Sat. 6 Apr	Sun. 7 Apr
Max (°C)	29	29	23	24	26	27
Min (°C)	15	18	18	17	16	15
Chance of rain (%)	20	90	95	90	70	50
Rainfall range (mm)	0	2 to 15	9 to 45	5 to 25	0 to 9	0 to 1

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



Answer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SjqSvFVInXGItVD5d8OnIVsզ_vnLQLm/view?usp=sharing

POLICE STOP APRIL 1 "WASP INVASION" RADIO BROADCAST

"AUCKLAND STAR"

1 APR 1949

City police this morning took action to stop radio announcements that "a swarm of wasps one mile wide was approaching the city from the south."

This April 1 hoax was so "successful" that the Central Police Station and other stations were kept busy answering telephone inquiries from perturbed residents in the track of the so-called "invasion expected between St. Heliers and Sandringham."

"We had to telephone Station IZB twice to tell them to stop the broadcast," said a police officer. The police thought the joke was "a silly one."

Residents were advised by the announcer to:

- Close windows and doors.
- Smear jam and honey on pieces of paper and place these outside windows.
- Not to venture outside unless necessary.
- Tie string round trouser bottoms and wear gauntlet gloves and a hood over the head.

From the number of calls received between 7.30 and 8.15 it was evident that the broadcasts had been taken seriously by many people. A few of these believed that it might have been an "April fool" joke, but with wasps in the news they wanted to make sure.

Others remembered the effect of the broadcast in the United States, of the "invasion" from Mars, and the atom bomb "attack" over the air in South America.

Police had no difficulty in convincing inquirers that the announcements were a hoax, and that there was no "police patrol car in the area reporting the wasp invasion."

Likewise, the Department of Agriculture had no trouble in explaining to inquirers that it had not issued any instructions to the radio station how to deal with the wasps.

The announcer, it was reported, had declared the department would explain how to deal with wasps if they settled, and that it would send an officer to any household to deal with the pests.

One woman asked whether she should risk sending her children to school.

Every day the department answers numerous inquiries from residents about wasps, and it was prepared to give advice any time, an official said.

For once the Health Department was not worried with inquiries. "People must know that wasps don't come within our province," said an executive.

Inquiries made from several of the major schools in the southern suburbs indicated that there were only the usual number of absentees, and few children had arrived late.

In many households children beat their parents in linking the broadcast with All Fools' Day.

No information concerning the broadcast could be obtained from the radio station, and its manager could not be contacted.

Later in the day an apology for the hoax was broadcast—with a reference to people "being stung."