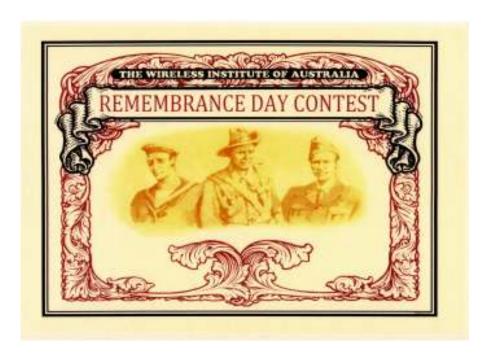
FULL REPORT 2017



by Alan VK4SN

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The Remembrance Day Contest 2017 has successfully passed, and although some thought it was quieter this year, a few records have been broken by a dedicated few. The winning State is calculated by Total points from logs submitted divided by the number of licences in each state or Territory. (Excluding beacons and repeaters as published in the WIA Callbook for that year.), and this year the VK7's proved they were worthy of the title once again. Tasmania has won the 2017 Remembrance Day Contest. An excellent effort by the VK7's as 6.3 percent of total licenced operators in that state submitted their log claiming the win hands down. Next best effort was from VK6 with 2.7 percent.

198 logs were received inclusive of 14 paper logs – 166 Advanced, 23 Standard and 9 Foundation making 19.8% of the 993 total participants. CW:SSB is at a respectable 1:9 ratio. RTTY contacts this year were prominent due to a lot of prior chatter on social media and totalled 144 contacts over the 198 logs. No logs were received from VK8 or P2. The standard of logging is outstanding with only 5 typos in logging over 25,000 contacts. That is brilliant considering only a couple of years ago some were still learning how to log a portable station correctly. 6 logs were classified as check logs due to personal requests, missing and/or incorrect data. Remember a contest is applying skills in accurate message taking and logging. It is never the job of a manager to fix your log, although they do tweak a few to get you through.

Records broken were from VK2GR in SOCW with 758 points, VK5LJ in SO Mixed with 1036 points, VK2TUV in MS with 1322 points and VK6NC with an outstanding 1437 points for the Multi-Multi section.

Comparing results for each state can be done using table 1 below.

STATE	NR of LOGS	LOGGED CONTACTS	РН	CW	RAW SCORE	WEIGHTED SCORE	Unique Participants
VK 1	3	170	155	15	207	0.55	10
VK 2	44	6645	5361	1284	10786	2.67	240
VK 3	36	3397	3129	268	4888	1.24	243
VK 4	14	2889	2699	179	3752	1.37	125
VK 5	24	2861	2516	335	4087	2.89	123
VK 6	36	4350	4282	68	5443	4.11	98
VK 7	38	4550	4183	232	6906	11.38	107
VK 8	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
ZL	2	26	22	4	30	0.01	47
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
TOTAL	197	24888	22347	2385	36099	TOTAL	993

TABLE 1

The club scene for 2017 was a lot quieter than previous years. 51 operators were spread over 8 Multi-Single and 5 Multi-Multi stations. The QRP section was represented by 13 log submissions which were 7 down on previous years. Poor conditions will make it harder for QRP stations to be heard during low sunspot activity, which was very evident to me. While operating I asked "is this frequency in use?" upon which I received a reply from a weak QRP station saying it was his frequency and nothing was happening. I worked the station and the frequency was given over to me. I then worked 34 stations in 20 minutes. Dare I ask in jest, "Is life too short for QRP?"

The highest scoring Rookie goes to VK3FMMB with 165 points in the Single Op Phone section. The top 3 Foundation licences were VK3FMMB with 165 points (SOPH), VK2FHRK 150 points (QRP PH), and VK4FILS 70 points (SOPH).

Three teams were submitted with team AREG Team 1 (VK5QI, VK3TST, VK5GR) taking the lead with 1633 points. Table 2 has all the results.

TEAM NAME	CALLSIGN1	SCORE	CALLSIGN2	SCORE	CALLSIGN3	SCORE	TOTAL
AREG TEAM 1	VK5QI	309	VK3TST	321	VK5GR	1003	1633
NSW Wombats	VK2GR	758	VK2BJ	524	VK2WQ	340	1622
31 CLUB	VK6AXB	431	VK6BDO	242	VK6ZRW	582	1255

Table 2

Good news is imminent for log scoring and evaluation to take the load off the managers. This year uploading logs to the web based server was used to check scoring and duplicates. Immediately after logs can be manually viewed and another page shows the results listed in category order. So far the system is working perfectly. By next year we hope to have statistics automatically generated which will relieve the manager of about 5 or more days work. Once the project is finished and tested, each operator will be able to upload their own log. Other contests can be added if other managers are interested. This is an Australian based initiative and is not a WIA project.

A full list of statistics, photos and other information will be available on the WIA RD website in PDF format. Awards will be sent from the W.I.A office for all major 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Downloadable PDF certificates for individual state placing will be available. See below for full list of scores.



VK2JDS and crew, part of the VK2TUV team setting a new Multi-Single record. (vk2tuv.jpg)



VK3TST Portable. (vk3tst.jpg)

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2017 Remembrance Day Contest Results.

		SINGLE OP	PHONE			SINGLE C	OP CW	QRP PI	HONE
Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points
VK2MT	974	VK1DW	103	VK5HAE	30	VK2GR	758	VK2AOJ	419
VK3XV	625	VK2DEK	102	VK7CL	28	VK2BJ	524	VK3TST	321
VK4ADC	540	VK2VV	95	VK3DY	27	VK2WQ	340	VK2FHRK	150
VK7VH	478	VK6AN	80	VK3FLCS	26	VK7RD	222	VK2YW	95
VK6AXB	431	VK6TV	80	VK5DJ	26	VK5NE	212	VK7TW	93
VK7HW	407	VK6ADI	78	VK4FPDG	26	VK2KJJ	208	VK5MTM	64
VK7JGD	364	VK2QV	75	VK7SA	25	VK2EL	154	VK3OAK	42
VK6CSW	344	VK1HW	74	VK5SE	24	VK7AD	114	VK3SMC	13
VK7DIK	337	VK4FILS	70	VK6QK	24	VK6AAK	108	VK7FREU	11
VK5QI	309	VK7DG	70	VK7GG	24	VK1FWBK	30		
VK4PDX	283	VK6JP	69	VK2YX	23	VK2BJT	26	QRP	cw
VK3LM	275	VK2JCC	64	VK5KDK	22	VK7RO	20	VK2IG	170
VK700	275	VK2TTL	60	VK7WH	22	VK2PN	2	VK3AGQ	88
VK2BGL	260	VK6ZIC	59	VK7DC	22				
VK4NM	244	VK3MCD	55	VK2VOL	21			QRP M	IXED
VK6BDO	242	VK6BMW	55	VK3LCW	20	SINGLE OF	MIXED	VK7NTK	380
VK3AVV	235	VK2UVP	55	VK3VGB	20	VK5LJ	1036	VK3YE	102
VK5DT	220	VK4LAT	54	VK5HEL	20	VK5GR	1003		
VK5KX	220	VK6FGGL	53	VK6JY	20	VK2AZ	778		
VK7QF	212	VK6ZMS	53	VK3JWT	19	VK2CU	726	MULTI-S	INGLE
VK7KAJ	198	VK7DW	52	VK5KIK	18	VK7ZBX	718	VK2TUV	1322
VK7RM	187	VK5MCB	50	VK6LO	17	VK7ZMS	689	VK2AU	1178
VK6QS	183	VK2ZCM	45	VK7TU	17	VK6ZRW	582	VK3CML	629
VK6VP	183	VK5XY	45	VK7PD	16	VK7HDM	573	VK2GGC	537
VK3FMMB	165	VK7BG	45	VK5PL	15	VK7BEN	536	VK4BW	214
VK7IF	161	VK2HHS	44	VK2HAX	15	VK3SIM	532	VK6ARN	197
VK6DDX	146	VK2PX	44	VK2UTL	14	VK4SN	462	VK5PX	115
VK3JK	143	VK6SO	43	VK5UE	14	VK3AMG	340	VK5BRL	108
VK7ZGK	142	VK3TNL	42	VK6SN	12	VK4SC	303		
VK5JW	141	VK7JU	41	VK6CG	11	VK2BPL	299	MULTI-I	MULTI
VK3LRE	139	VK4FLR	40	VK6AIF	9	VK3AUQ	258	VK6NC	1437
VK6MM	138	VK6MJC	40	ZL1SHP	9	VK6GHZ	201	VK4HH	916
VK7FB	134	VK7KC	39	VK6HV	8	VK3AWG	181	VK2AWX	753
VK3ADW	133	VK2MK	38	VK2BBQ	6	VK3ELH	173	VK5GRC	241
VK7ZCR	131	VK3AMW	37	VK2HEK	2	VK3VT	165	VK6WH	91
VK2TS	124	VK5KLD	36	VK7EV	2	VK6RC	158		
VK6WE	124	VK3FI	35	VK2XSE	1	VK4TMZ	155	CHECK	LOGS
VK6USB	122	VK6NK	34			VK2JDR	109	VK2HEL	
VK3ASU	121	VK3MEG	34			VK3WE	81	VK2EMU	
VK5LA	112	VK6EK	34			VK6NU	74	VK7HSL	
VK7QP	111	VK3NCC	32			VK2BFC	71	VK4AAN	
VK3MHY	111	VK5AZL	31			VK3ZAP	37	VK3FBNR	
VK2LEE	105	VK7KW	30			VK3ZAI VK3GK	36	VK2FF	
VK4ADF	105	VK7KW VK3ZPF	30			ZL2AQL	21	VIX.11	
V N4ADF	103	VNJLFF	30			LLZAUL	21	L	

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STATISTICS

STATE	NR of LOGS	LOGGED CONTACTS	Н	CW	RAW SCORE	WEIGHING FACTOR	WEIGHTED SCORE	% of Licencees who put log in	% of Participants who put log in	Unique Participants	Longest Ham years
VK 1	3	170	155	15	207	377	0.55	0.80	30.00	10	38
VK 2	44	6645	5361	1284	10786	4038	2.67	1.09	18.33	240	70
VK 3	36	3397	3129	268	4888	3949	1.24	0.91	14.81	243	69
VK 4	15	2889	2699	179	3752	2739	1.37	0.55	12.00	125	53
VK 5	24	2861	2516	335	4087	1415	2.89	1.70	19.51	123	62
VK 6	36	4350	4282	68	5443	1325	4.11	2.72	36.73	98	59
VK 7	38	4550	4183	232	6906	607	11.38	6.26	35.51	107	95
VK 8	0	0	0	0	0	139	0.00	0.00		0	0
ZL	2	26	22	4	30	5000	0.01	0.04	4.26	47	49
P2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.00	0.00		0	0
TOTAL	198	24888	22347	2385	36099	19590	TOTAL	1.01	19.94	993	95

LOGS RECEIV	ED BY CA	TEGORY	PER STA	TE								
Category	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE CATEGORY
SO PH	131	2	24	22	9	17	28	28	0	1	0	66.16
so cw	13	1	7	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	6.57
SO MXD	28	0	5	8	4	2	4	4	0	1	0	14.14
QRP PH	9	0	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	4.55
QRP CW	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.01
QRP MXD	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.01
MS	8	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4.04
ММ	5	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2.53
TOTAL	198	3	44	36	15	24	36	38	0	2	0	100
STATE %		1.52	22.22	18.18	7.58	12.12	18.18	19.19	0.00	1.01	0.00	100

PH CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE

PHONE BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	ZL	%
1800	988	0	298	210	119	88	98	175	0	4.44
3500	5677	43	1884	988	716	741	624	667	14	25.52
7000	8824	104	2887	1704	1310	1406	525	880	8	39.67
14000	2115	8	130	127	525	279	887	159	0	9.51
21000	85	0	12	0	1	0	17	55	0	0.38
28000	139	0	12	1	0	1	22	103	0	0.62
50	486	0	12	7	0	0	148	319	0	2.18
144	2199	0	17	48	2	1	1212	919	0	9.89
432	1456	0	13	38	0	0	704	701	0	6.55
1.2G	228	0	12	6	0	0	45	165	0	1.02
2.3	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.05
>3.4	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.16
TOTAL	22245	155	5325	3129	2673	2516	4282	4143	22	100

CW CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE

CW BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	ZL	%
1800	269	0	165	27	28	47	2	0	0	11.45
3500	751	9	385	80	56	109	21	87	4	31.97
7000	1080	6	512	161	91	173	36	101	0	45.98
14000	62	0	42	0	4	6	9	1	0	2.64
21000	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.85
28000	21	0	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.89
50	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.77
144	29	0	13	0	0	0	0	16	0	1.23
432	30	0	13	0	0	0	0	17	0	1.28
1.2G	21	0	12	0	0	0	0	9	0	0.89
2.4	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.51
>3.4G	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.53
TOTAL	2349	15	1248	268	179	335	68	232	4	100

TOTAL BAND USAGE

BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	cw	RTTY
1800	1259	988	269	2
3500	6438	5677	751	10
7000	9917	8824	1080	13
14000	2179	2115	62	2
21000	109	85	20	4
28000	167	139	21	7
50	508	486	18	4
144	2266	2199	29	37
432	1522	1456	30	36
1.2G	279	228	21	29
2.3G	24	12	12	0
>3.4G	72	36	36	0
TOTAL	24740	22245	2349	144
	RATIO	PH:CW	9:1	

Same Stat	e Contacts
VK1	4
VK2	2074
VK3	583
VK4	358
VK5	322
VK6	2743
VK7	2897
VK8	0
VK9	0
ZL	0
P2	0
TOTAL	8981

	RD NUMBER OF LOGS RECEIVED										
STATE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017					
VK 1	9	6	6	3	6	3					
VK 2	32	51	40	41	48	44					
VK 3	33	30	31	40	35	36					
VK 4	41	34	23	16	17	15					
VK 5	41	38	37	30	26	24					
VK 6	46	59	56	58	46	36					
VK 7	17	20	16	19	18	38					
VK 8	1	2	2	0	0	0					
ZL	4	3	0	0	2	2					
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0					
TOTAL	224	243	211	207	198	198					

	RD NUMI	BER OF LO	GS RECEIVI	ED PER CAT	EGORY	
Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
SO PH	163	169	135	124	141	131
so cw	7	18	20	19	11	13
SO MXD	17	18	20	27	16	28
QRP PH	8	10	13	10	11	9
QRP CW	4	6	3	7	2	2
QRP MXD	3	3	1	3	2	2
MS	10	10	8	8	11	8
MM	12	9	11	9	4	5
TOTAL	224	243	211	207	198	198

		BAD A	ND PAPER	LOGS		
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CHECK LOG	6	5	5	4	2	6
RESCORED	36	173	43	40	2	4
PAPER	16	20	12	9	9	13
Unique Stns	1345	1375	1120	1075	961	993

SSB to CW RATIO							
2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017							
SSB:CW	31:1	13:1	9:1	7:1	14:1	9:1	

Same State Contacts							
AREA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
VK1	85	5	23	7	37	4	
VK2	1807	2161	2516	2500	3142	2074	
VK3	848	940	802	1568	978	583	
VK4	2250	2349	690	667	364	358	
VK5	2848	2031	2853	2314	1095	322	
VK6	5049	6164	3657	2887	3394	2743	
VK7	1162	378	637	1249	973	2897	
VK8	1	1	1	0	0	0	
VK9	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ZL	0	0	0	0	0	0	
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	14050	14029	11179	11192	9983	8981	

	RD PHONE CONTACTS PER BAND								
PHONE BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017			
1800	818	404	701	710	860	988			
3500	8690	4490	5619	6097	7327	5677			
7000	16849	14565	10847	9351	12334	8824			
14000	4257	3939	2740	2078	3553	2115			
21000	414	355	206	197	96	85			
28000	199	267	205	192	94	139			
50	490	243	326	318	284	486			
144	3416	3015	2369	2383	1948	2199			
432	1776	1510	1176	1377	1021	1456			
1.2	18	71	106	97	138	228			
2.3	0	32	30	10	0	12			
>3.4	0	32	40	14	0	36			
TOTAL	36927	28923	24365	22824	27655	22245			

	RD CW CONTACTS BY BAND								
CW BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017			
1800	88	95	127	318	205	269			
3500	546	545	810	861	680	751			
7000	516	1173	1444	1531	1095	1080			
14000	23	110	130	260	59	62			
21000	6	56	28	39	3	20			
28000	5	55	12	30	2	21			
50	6	40	26	32	1	18			
144	0	59	48	36	0	29			
432	4	54	37	31	0	30			
1.2	0	14	20	10	0	21			
2.3	0	31	20	9	0	12			
>3.4	0	32	20	10	0	36			
TOTAL	1194	2264	2722	3167	2045	2349			

	RD TOTAL CONTACTS PER BAND							
BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
1800	906	499	828	1028	1066	1259		
3500	9236	5035	6429	6958	8011	6438		
7000	17365	15738	12292	10915	13430	9917		
14000	4280	4049	2870	2339	3614	2179		
21000	420	411	234	238	99	109		
28000	204	322	217	222	96	167		
50	496	283	352	350	285	508		
144	3416	3074	2417	2419	1948	2266		
432	1780	1564	1213	1408	1021	1522		
1.2	18	85	126	107	138	279		
2.3	0	63	50	19	0	24		
>3.4	0	64	60	24	0	72		
TOTAL	38121	31187	27088	26027	29708	24740		

CATEGORY WINNERS. 2012 Onwards												
CATEGORY	2012	2	2013		2014	1	2015	;	2010	6	201	7
SOPH	VK7NET	1055	VK2TQ	841	VK2PR	983	VK5CB	930	VK2MT	926	VK2MT	974
socw	VK7RF	180	VK5NE	542	VK2GR	482	VK5LJ	598	VK2GR	508	VK2GR	758
SOMX	VK6ZRW	891	VK5ZD	1024	VK2BJ	1030	VK5SFA	764	VK5LJ	856	VK5LJ	1036
QRPPH	VK6FLAB	259	VK6FMON	448	VK5FDEC	294	VK5FDEC	311	VK5WTF	313	VK2AOJ	422
QRPCW	VK3QB	222	VK2ONZ	131	VK3AGQ	104	VK5NE	424	VK2IG	176	VK2IG	170
QRPMX	VK2IG	176	VK5ZT	810	VK5ZT	489	VK5ZT	567	VK2IO	573	VK7NTK	380
MS	VK2GGC	1148	VK2GGC	983	VK2GGC	1076	VK2WG	361	VK2AU	1175	VK2TUV	1322
ММ	VK4XA	935	VK5AKM	1050	VK4WIL	1153	VK2GGC	1267	VK4TS	1233	VK6NC	1437

Team Winners								
CATEGORY	TEAMS ENTERED	TEAM NAME	CALLSIGN	CALLSIGN	CALLSIGN	SCORE		
2012	7	Wallaroos	VK4GH	VK4TS	VK7NET	1898		
2013	5	West Oz Winners	VK6MAB	VK6BDO	VK6TWO	1797		
2014	4	NSW Wombats	VK2GR	VK2IR	VK2AWD	1020		
2015	6	Elizabeth ARC	VK5ZT	VK5ZD	VK5NE	1736		
2016	4	Sand Gropers	VK6ZRW	VK6QS	VK6AXB	1315		
2017	3	AREG Team 1	VK5QI	VK3TST	VK5GR	1633		

ALL TIME RECORDS. 2012 Onwards								
CATEGORY	YEAR	CALLSIGN	SCORE					
SOPH	2012	VK7NET	1055					
socw	2017	VK2GR	758					
SOMX	2017	VK5LJ	1036					
QRPPH	2013	VK6FMON	448					
QRPCW	2015	VK5NE	424					
QRPMX	2013	VK5ZT	810					
MS	2017	VK2TUV	1322					
MM	2017	VK6NC	1437					

MULTI OP STNS							
	CLUBS ENTERED	NR OF OPS USED					
2012	22	103					
2013	19	82					
2014	19	102					
2015	17	72					
2016	15	72					
2017	11	51					

PICTURES

VK2TUV







VK2TUV Ops around the campfire.

VK3TST Portable.





VK2CU

VK2CU from home location pointing towards VK2TUV all bands 160 through 75GHz





VK2MT out at the usual sheep station



SOAPBOX COMMENTS

CALLSIGN: VK2AWX

SOAPBOX: Many thanks to all for your participation and logistical support.

CALLSIGN: VK2AZ

SOAPBOX: FT-102, IC-7100 40m dipole, 80m inverted L used on 160m also. SOAPBOX: Surprised anyone could hear me on 160m with my 80m antenna.

SOAPBOX: Goal was to beat last years score, and achieved that.

SOAPBOX: Thanks to the contest manager and helpers.

CALLSIGN: VK2BFC

SOAPBOX: had a great time this year, poor conditions but still fun

CALLSIGN: VK2BJ

SOAPBOX: Very slow going and poor conditions on HF bands. No activity to speak

SOAPBOX: of on VHF/UHF Enjoyable nevertheless.

CALLSIGN: VK2BJT

SOAPBOX: Suffering jet lag from an overseas flight, I only caught the last 2 hours of the SOAPBOX: contest and did not check for rule changes. Thus I have mistakenly used the old SOAPBOX: sequencial QSO numbering system. My appologies. Please use this log submission for

SOAPBOX: cross checking, but I don't mind if it is left out of the final scoring, being an

SOAPBOX: invalid entry. The post contest entry made me aware of my error. Fun contest, thanks.

SOAPBOX: Best 73, Ian vk2bjt

CALLSIGN: VK2EL

SOAPBOX: OPERATED FROM RETIREMENT VILLAGE, USING IC7300 AND

SOAPBOX: MAG LOOP ANTENNAS ON BALCONY. THANKS TO ALL, ESPECIALLY

SOAPBOX: VK4SN!

CALLSIGN: VK2FHRK

SOAPBOX: Found the contest this year very slow. Lots of noise on 40m.

SOAPBOX: Also discovered a few stations, that may have NOT read the rules and just gave o

SOAPBOX: Cheers Leonie VK2FHRK

CALLSIGN: VK2GR

SOAPBOX: VK2GR was again leader for the NSW Wombats team with Barry VK2BJ SOAPBOX: and David VK2WQ being the other team members. The bands were

SOAPBOX: very quiet with only a little QRN on 160m at my rural QTH.

SOAPBOX: The night hours really paid good score dividends for me this year while

SOAPBOX: still managing to get 3 hours sleep. An enjoyable contest

SOAPBOX: I like to actively participate to acknowledge the WWII signals operators SOAPBOX: who mentored me in my early years, these being VK2EO, VK2PF and VK2OI.

CALLSIGN: VK2IG

SOAPBOX: Tcvr: TS-480HX @ 5W output.

SOAPBOX: Antennas: 80/40m - 80m OCF dipole; 20m - 5-band spiderbeam yagi. SOAPBOX: Heard only 3 contest stations on 20m on Sunday, but couldn't work.

SOAPBOX: Was called by VK6 in answer to my CQ on 20m! SOAPBOX: Thanks to all those who answered my QRP signal.

SOAPBOX: Thanks to the organisers for managing the contest this year.

CALLSIGN: VK2LEE

SOAPBOX: Still the Great friendly contest - Noise level here over 9 at midnight!! SOAPBOX: Heard many contacts where one operator told the other that the SOAPBOX: exchange number was years as a licenced ham, and didn't change with

SOAPBOX: each contact .. Hi Hi.

CALLSIGN: VK2MK

SOAPBOX: Operating portable in Georgetown, Cape York, Far North Queensland

CALLSIGN: VK2MT

SOAPBOX: Operated portable again from a sheep farm 20klms west of Goulburn

SOAPBOX: Used 2 antennas - Random length dipole & a 20m vertical

SOAPBOX: No 240v - Used 450aH of 12v batteries & 600 watts of solar panels SOAPBOX: Band propagation reasonable, but a bit quiet on Sunday morning

SOAPBOX: Lots of enjoyable contacts

SOAPBOX: If it wasn't the sheep & kangaroos nudging the antenna guy ropes

SOAPBOX: it was the high winds.

CALLSIGN: VK2TTL

SOAPBOX: Thanks for the contest this year. Was able to spend a few hrs on Sat SOAPBOX: night on 80M, and an hour on Sunday morning before the fencing.

SOAPBOX: Conditions were reasonable. Cheers

CALLSIGN: VK2TUV

OPERATORS: VK2JDS, VK2MTJ, VK2MTM, VK2AMV, VK2ASY, VK2EJM, VK2FGAZ, VK2XPH, VK2TUV

NAME: Amateur Radio Central West Group, C/- Lindsay Harvey

SOAPBOX: Multi Operator, Single Transmitter, Worked portable QF46PU SOAPBOX: Great Contest, was great fun to activate the higher Microwave bands

SOAPBOX: for the first time (That we are aware of) during an RD Contest

SOAPBOX: Campoven cooked roast lamb is the best

SOAPBOX: 73 de Dave, Terry, Gordon, Lindsay, Kim, John, Garry, Phillipa, 2nd John, & Saul (The Dog)

CALLSIGN: VK2WQ

SOAPBOX: I enjoyed the contest. The 3 hour blocks seem to be a reasonable choice for CW.

SOAPBOX: Where were the ZL stations?

SOAPBOX: Member of the NSW Wombats team headed by VK2GR

CALLSIGN: VK2YW

SOAPBOX: All contacts made from FT-817 running 5watts. Antenna - Link dipole for 40m/80m.

CALLSIGN: VK3AGQ

SOAPBOX: A good contest. Thanks to all.

SOAPBOX: 73

CALLSIGN: VK3FLCS

SOAPBOX: 2nd year in contest. Enjoyed the short time I was able to compete.

OPERATORS: VK3FMMB SOAPBOX: HAD FUN. OVER.

OPERATORS: VK3LM

SOAPBOX: On hast to click log to log a contact! Great 160M activity.

OPERATORS: VK3MCD

SOAPBOX: First time entrant, enjoyed participating

OPERATORS: VK3NCC

SOAPBOX: Thanks to the organisers!!

SOAPBOX: Got a lot of people out and operating.

SOAPBOX: Very Enjoyable

CALLSIGN: VK3YE

SOAPBOX: Good contest. Evening spent at home & morning pedestrian mobile on beach.

OPERATORS: VK4FPDG

SOAPBOX: VERY ENJOYABLE CONTEST!

CALLSIGN: VK4HH

OPERATORS: VK4DI VK4ZD

SOAPBOX: Good activity in spite of challenging condx.

OPERATORS: VK4LAT

SOAPBOX: Thanks to Al vk4sn for doing a great job

SOAPBOX: on the contest

OPERATORS: VK4NM

SOAPBOX: My first RD contest, enjoyed the short time I spent on radio. Look forward to p

CALLSIGN: VK5GR

SOAPBOX: Thanks for a fantastic contest again this year. I do think to SOAPBOX: help promote more RTTY that a seperate digital modes section SOAPBOX: would be good. The effort to setup RTTY is not rewarded unless SOAPBOX: you also work CW. Thanks to the WIA and the organisers again for

SOAPBOX: RD 2017.

OPERATORS: VK5KX

SOAPBOX: Great friendly contest, didn't hear any VK8's.

OPERATORS: VK5NE

SOAPBOX: Very disappointed with the VK5 participation this year. SOAPBOX: Surprising conditions due to the recent solar acivity.

OPERATORS: VK5PL

SOAPBOX: Conditions not very good so I got a bit bored and did not get back to the contes

OPERATORS: VK5UE

SOAPBOX: Lot of noise on bands

CALLSIGN: VK6ARN

OPERATORS: VK6POP, VK6PAW

SOAPBOX: Operated phone only - dunno why it says "mixed mode". i EDITED TO "Phone"

SOAPBOX: Operated from QTH. Severe weather warnings cancelled plans for portable operatio

OPERATORS: VK6CSW

SOAPBOX: Thanks for a great contest, most enjoyable.

OPERATORS: VK6DDX

SOAPBOX: Thanks for an enjoyable contest. It is the first time in several years

SOAPBOX: that for work reasons I was able to take part. Everyone's behaviour was great a

SOAPBOX: participants were friendly. Thank you as Contest Manager for the

SOAPBOX: orgnisation and management. A great contest and while band conditions SOAPBOX: have changed I still get the same thrill taking part as I did in 1970s as VK7UX.

OPERATORS: VK6MJC

SOAPBOX: Enjoyed the contest even though HF band conditions were challenging.

SOAPBOX: Thank you for organising the contest cheers 73 Mike

OPERATORS: VK6SN

SOAPBOX: I could only work for a short time but enjoyed it again.

OPERATORS: VK7BEN

SOAPBOX: 1st RD since rule changes couple of years ago. great contest as result!

SOAPBOX: strong vk7 presence on VHF+ bands.

SOAPBOX: can't wait till next year

OPERATORS: VK7FB

SOAPBOX: Great contest as always - much enjoyed

OPERATORS: VK7JGD

SOAPBOX: THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT RD CONTEST SOAPBOX: POSSIBLY A PERSONAL BEST WITH ALL THE SOAPBOX: EARLY MORNING CONTACTS AND THE STATIONS SOAPBOX: ON 160 METERS GOOD TO HEAR CHEERS GARRY

CALLSIGN: VK7RD

SOAPBOX: Another great RD Contest!

SOAPBOX: Propagation condx not too good but maybe they will improve for next year.

SOAPBOX: Many thanks

OPERATORS: VK7VH

SOAPBOX: Another great contest

OPERATORS: ZL1SHP

CLUB: Tauranga Emergancy Communications Group

SOAPBOX: RF82BH

SOAPBOX: Aussies played a good game. Cheers for listening close to my portable station.