



**Wireless Institute of Australia**

# ROSS HULL MEMORIAL VHF-UHF CONTEST 2017: RESULTS

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This year the overall winner (Section A) is Ted Thrift, VK2ARA. The other section winners are Andrew Davis VK1DA and Hilary Bridel VK2IUW. Congratulations to them, and also to the other entrants who made very creditable scores. It is also pleasing to see several entries from amateurs who have not sent in a log before.

The Ross Hull Contest has been running for 67 years now. It has always been conceived as a DX contest, in honour of the late Ross A. Hull and his achievements in the study of tropospheric propagation, which helped amateurs to cover far greater distances than they had thought possible on the VHF and UHF bands.

It has also usually been quite a long contest: in earlier years it sometimes ran for as long as five or six weeks. This was so that the contest could take in the best part of the summer DX season, and it also allowed entrants to operate when they were free to do so. If the contest ran for only a few days, the odds are that it may not coincide with DX openings, or it might clash with other commitments. But with the long period combined with scoring based on the best seven days, or the best two days, just about everyone should be able to make up a competitive log at some time during the contest period. The approach is simple: operate as you normally would; work whatever DX comes along; and put it in your log. What better fun could you possibly have over the summer holidays?

As for next year, I have flagged the idea of taking a break. But I have to admit that the contest has become quite a habit. So, we'll see how things go!

Call	Name	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz	TOTAL
<b>Section A: Analog modes, best 7 days</b>												
VK2ARA	Ted Thrift	822	345	205	188	70	-	-	-	-	-	1630
VK2AH	Brian Farrar	616	351	210	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	1377
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	-	146	245	376	200	30	-	100	-	-	1127
VK1DA	Andrew Davis	76	411	435	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	1074
VK3ZYC	Jim Collins	34	258	225	112	60	-	10	10	-	-	709
VK3LM	Michael Binz	124	153	210	200	-	10	-	-	-	-	697
VK2XIC	Rob Heyer	60	111	175	192	80	-	-	-	-	-	618
VK2BLS	Darrell Harman	46	84	145	192	130	-	-	-	-	-	597
VK2FLJD	Jason Dickens	-	327	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	527
VK1RX	Al Long	34	273	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	507
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	346	66	35	8	20	-	-	-	-	-	475
VK3AV	Bernard Petherbridge	56	108	85	64	40	20	-	-	-	-	373
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	-	-	-	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	370
VK7TW	Justin Giles-Clark	-	-	-	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	230
VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	6	48	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	-	-	-	40	20	-	-	-	-	-	60
VK3UH	Ken Brown	-	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19

## Section C: Analog modes, best 2 days

VK1DA	Andrew Davis	72	384	420	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	1028
VK2ARA	Ted Thrift	416	111	55	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	650
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	88	99	85	88	70	60	60	40	-	-	590
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	-	66	115	176	120	30	20	60	-	-	587
VK2AH	Brian Farrar	286	105	65	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	504
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	346	66	35	8	20	-	-	-	-	-	475
VK1RX	Al Long	34	252	185	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	471
VK3AV	Bernard Petherbridge	56	108	85	64	40	20	-	-	-	-	373
VK3ZYC	Jim Collins	34	132	90	48	10	-	-	-	-	-	314
VK2FLJD	Jason Dickens	-	240	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305
VK3LM	Michael Binz	90	69	75	24	-	10	-	-	-	-	268
VK2XIC	Rob Heyer	16	36	60	64	30	-	-	-	-	-	206
VK2BLS	Darrell Harman	16	27	45	64	30	-	-	-	-	-	182
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	-	-	-	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	180

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VK7TW	Justin Giles-Clark	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	6	48	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	-	-	-	40	20	-	-	-	-	-	60
VK3UH	Ken Brown	-	9	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19

**Section B: Digital modes, best 7 days**

VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	84	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	22	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67

**Section D: Digital modes, best 2 days**

VK2IUW	Hilary Bridel	192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	84	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	22	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	40

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