



FULL REPORT

2014

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Congratulations this year go to VK5. Log processing over the 4 weeks has been interesting, as each time a new log was entered the leader would change. For 2 weeks the lead changed between VK6, VK7 and VK5. VK5 logs were larger than most and their state raw score was second only to VK2, however VK2 sadly lacked log submission but had an outstanding score of over ten thousand points. VK4 also had a noticeable drop in log submission this year. Once again I stress that for a state to have a chance of winning, logs need to be submitted. No logs were received from P2 or ZL although there were many ZL stations giving out numbers. Log submission time will drop from 30 days to 14 days next year as there are so few logs received in the 2nd fortnight.

Good conditions were had this year for all bands, but there was a noticeable lack of contacts on 21 and 28MHz. Contacts on these bands were down by approximately 30% on previous years.

Noticeable changes for this year is the rapid increase in CW use. There was a good increase in CW contacts on the 160-20m bands. The ratio of SSB to CW is now at 9:1 where last year was 13:1 and the year before 31:1. There were approximately 1,120 stations participating compared to last years 1375. Logs were received from 12 Foundation, 25 Standard and 174 Advanced licences making up 18.8% of actual participants. 12 paper logs and 199 electronic logs were received. Of these, 5 were treated as check logs. 127 logs contained HF contacts only, 70 contained HF VHF & UHF contacts, and 8 VHF and above logs were received.



Rob VK2MT operating portable at a sheep station 20km west of Goulburn. Not actually playing for sheep stations, Rob did well gaining 3rd place in the Single Op, Phone category.

163 operators used VKCL Logger, 25 RD Logger, 2 Excel and the rest various non conforming loggers not designed for the RD causing unnecessary work to be done by the manager. Why use loggers that don't do the job is beyond me, as good time and effort has been put into the RD loggers by our own hard working VK programmers, so lets try and support our own in future. There is no actual 'robot' for QSLing receipt of logs, and due to a windows upgrade the log

checking software would not run as expected, so many Excel formulas did a lot of log checking along with quite a bit of manual checking.

This years logs showed a proud improvement in logging techniques. The use of /P4 instead of /VK4 or similar at the end of callsigns is now almost non-existent and of course logs didn't lose as many points as in the past. Most logging errors were incorrect copying of received exchange or callsign, and failing to pay attention to what is in the entry window before pressing enter.

Interestingly, over half the paper logs received were generated by a computer, then posted to the manager. Again I stress, if you have a computer, download one of the loggers supplied and use it as they make the operators work load so easy and saves the manager many hours of tirelessly typing up your log that you could have done already.

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Congratulations to VK5. Comparing results for each state can be done using table 1.

STATE	Nr Rcvd LOGS	LOGGED CONTACTS	PH	CW	RAW SCORE	WEIGHTED SCORE	Percentage of <i>Licencees</i> who put log in
VK 1	6	956	903	53	1096	2.91	1.6
VK 2	40	7159	5828	1331	10078	2.48	1.0
VK 3	31	3214	3108	105	3785	0.95	0.8
VK 4	23	2969	2761	208	3778	1.39	0.8
VK 5	37	5651	4999	652	8655	5.92	2.5
VK 6	56	5079	5000	78	6421	4.91	4.3
VK 7	16	1963	1656	307	2640	4.68	2.8
VK 8	2	135	135	0	131	0.90	1.4

Table 1.

Individual Efforts.

The best individual effort goes to Barry VK2BJ in the SO Mixed category with a total of 1030 points, setting a new record for this category under the new rules. Steve VK6IR ran a close 2nd with 996 points with Peter VK2PR in the SO Phone category putting in a great effort of 983 points. No other individual participant came close, so it says something for staying up most of the night to get the big pointers and by working mostly HF with a sprinkle of VHF+ tossed in for good measure.

98 operators were spread over 7 Multi Single and 11 Multi-Multi stations.

VK2GGC Multi-Single station operated by VK2ZMT VK2FJ and VK2MOR produced a massive 1076 points to win their section 3 years running but just missing out on beating their all time record of 1148 for this section. Look out next year when VK2GGC will be using their new antennas. Well done.



The multi-multi category was a very nail biting race for 1st. A new record of 1153 points was set by VK4WIL operated by VK4QH VK4SN VK4MN VK4FRRW VK4BYX and VK4BF. VK5LZ operated by VK5KK and VK5FSKS was close behind with 1143 points.

VK4WIL Multi-Multi shack made up for 4 positions. A mixture of coax stubs and band pass filters allowed operation on all bands without interference to one another.

The QRP section was represented by 17 log submissions. Once again the Mixed section saw the best performance by Tim Dixon VK5ZT with 489 points.

Although there is no Rookie category (IE first year as a Ham), VKHAM (.com) has kindly sponsored an award for the highest scoring Rookie. This year, VK3FQSO VK4IMH VK5FDEC VK6FMTG VK6LAB VK6PXF VK6VIK VK6AG & VK6MMB took part. Congratulations to Damien VK5FDEC with 294 points in the QRP Phone section.

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VK4WIL 7Mhz position



Figure 1 VK4WIL 14 & 3.5Mhz position. The big black box contains switchable coax stubs for 160-10m.

The top 3 Foundation licences were VK5FDEC 294 points (QRP PH), VK2FMAD 253 points (SOPH), and VK2FLJD 96 points (SO PH).

Four teams were submitted with team Elizabeth ARC 1 (VK5ZD VK5ZT VK5NI) romping in with 1436 points, followed by NSW Wombats (VK2GR VK2IR VK2AWD) with 963 points.

See Table 2.

TEAM NAME	OP 1	OP 2	OP 3	TOTAL
Elizabeth ARC 1	VK5ZD	VK5ZT	VK5NI	1436
NSW Wombats	VK2GR	VK2IR	VK2AWD	963
Elizabeth ARC 2	VK5FDEC	VK5HP	VK5KX	955
Bad Weather	VK2SON	VK2JDS	VK2TUT	385

Table 2

BAND	TOTAL CONTACTS	PHONE	CW
1800	828	701	127
3500	6429	5619	810
7000	12292	10847	1444
14000	2870	2740	130
21000	234	206	28
28000	217	205	12
50	352	326	26
144	2417	2369	48
432	1213	1176	37
1.2G	126	106	20
2.3G	50	30	20
3.4G	60	40	20
TOTAL	27088	24365	2722

Table 3

ALL TIME RECORDS. 2012 Onwards

CATEGORY	YEAR	CALLSIGN	SCORE
SOPH	2012	VK7NET	1055
SOCW	2013	VK5NE	542
SOMX	2014	VK2BJ	1030
QRPPH	2013	VK6FMON	448
QRPCW	2012	VK3QB	222
QRPMX	2013	VK5ZT	810
MS	2012	VK2GGC	1148
MM	2014	VK4WIL	1153

Table 4

A full list of statistics, photos and other information is 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's are available.

Thanks to VK2MT, VK4DMC (pics in downloadable file) and VK4WIL, for supplying photos. See table 5 for the complete list of operator results. Best 73's, Alan Shannon VK4SN

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LOGS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY PER STATE												
Category	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE CATEGORY
SO PH	135	2	21	20	15	20	44	11	2	0	0	64
SO CW	20	0	9	0	1	5	2	3	0	0	0	9
SO MXD	20	0	5	4	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	9
QRP PH	13	1	1	4	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
QRP CW	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
QRP MXD	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MS	8	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
MM	11	1	1	0	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	211	6	40	31	23	37	56	16	2	0	0	100
STATE %		3	19	15	11	18	27	8	1	0	0	100

PHONE CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
PHONE BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	%
1800	701	3	213	12	116	193	113	51	0	0	0	3
3500	5619	215	1837	834	525	1111	690	400	7	0	0	23
7000	10847	649	3453	1786	1412	1774	1050	702	21	0	0	45
14000	2740	35	248	334	670	432	763	151	107	0	0	11
21000	206	1	7	6	1	151	24	16	0	0	0	1
28000	205	0	11	13	0	160	10	11	0	0	0	1
50	326	0	4	11	6	180	62	63	0	0	0	1
144	2369	0	28	67	26	461	1636	151	0	0	0	10
432	1176	0	24	35	4	350	652	111	0	0	0	5
1.2G	106	0	3	10	1	92	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.3	30	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.4	40	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	24365	903	5828	3108	2761	4904	5000	1656	135	0	0	100

CW CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
CW BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	%
1800	127	0	90	0	18	13	5	1	0	0	0	5
3500	810	13	436	8	91	126	37	99	0	0	0	30
7000	1444	40	751	94	81	252	32	194	0	0	0	53
14000	130	0	41	3	18	51	4	13	0	0	0	5
21000	28	0	2	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	1
28000	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	26	0	1	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	1
144	48	0	7	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	2
432	37	0	3	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	1
1.2G	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1
2.4	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1
3.4G	20	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2722	53	1331	105	208	600	78	307	0	0	0	100

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TOTAL BAND USAGE			
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW
1800	828	701	127
3500	6429	5619	810
7000	12292	10847	1444
14000	2870	2740	130
21000	234	206	28
28000	217	205	12
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144	2417	2369	48
432	1213	1176	37
1.2G	126	106	20
2.3G	50	30	20
3.4G	60	40	20
TOTAL	27088	24365	2722
	RATIO	PH:CW	9 : 1

Same State Contacts	
VK1	23
VK2	2516
VK3	802
VK4	690
VK5	2853
VK6	3657
VK7	637
VK8	1
VK9	0
ZL	0
P2	0
TOTAL	11179

Approximate Unique Stations	
VK1	20
VK2	254
VK3	252
VK4	162
VK5	160
VK6	140
VK7	73
VK8	7
VK9	0
ZL	52
TOTAL	1120

VK1 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	23
VK2	281
VK3	238
VK4	105
VK5	144
VK6	68
VK7	74
VK8	4
VK9	0
ZL	19
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW
1800	3	3	0
3500	228	215	13
7000	689	649	40
14000	35	35	0
21000	1	1	0
28000	0	0	0
50	0	0	0
144	0	0	0
432	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

VK2 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	229
VK2	2516
VK3	1417
VK4	1007
VK5	946
VK6	390
VK7	518
VK8	28
VK9	0
ZL	104
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW
1800	303	213	90
3500	2273	1837	436
7000	4204	3453	751
14000	289	248	41
21000	9	7	2
28000	11	11	0
50	5	4	1
144	35	28	7
432	27	24	3
1.2G	3	3	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

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VK3 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	126
VK2	870
VK3	802
VK4	373
VK5	456
VK6	287
VK7	262
VK8	14
VK9	0
ZL	22
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	12	12	0
3500	842	834	8
7000	1881	1786	94
14000	337	334	3
21000	6	6	0
28000	13	13	0
50	11	11	0
144	67	67	0
432	35	35	0
1.2G	10	10	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

VK4 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	78
VK2	866
VK3	553
VK4	690
VK5	365
VK6	203
VK7	134
VK8	24
VK9	0
ZL	55
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	134	116	18
3500	616	525	91
7000	1493	1412	81
14000	688	670	18
21000	1	1	0
28000	0	0	0
50	6	6	0
144	26	26	0
432	4	4	0
1.2G	1	1	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

VK5 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	117
VK2	958
VK3	705
VK4	413
VK5	2853
VK6	355
VK7	192
VK8	25
VK9	0
ZL	30
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	206	193	13
3500	1237	1111	126
7000	2026	1774	252
14000	483	432	51
21000	177	151	26
28000	172	160	12
50	205	180	25
144	502	461	41
432	384	350	34
1.2G	112	92	20
2.3G	50	30	20
3.4G	60	40	20

VK6 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	50
VK2	340
VK3	359
VK4	203
VK5	287
VK6	3657
VK7	115
VK8	16
VK9	0
ZL	43
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	118	113	5
3500	727	690	37
7000	1082	1050	32
14000	767	763	4
21000	24	24	0
28000	10	10	0
50	62	62	0
144	1636	1636	0
432	652	652	0
1.2G	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

VK7 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	55
VK2	482
VK3	343
VK4	123
VK5	187
VK6	122
VK7	637
VK8	2
VK9	0
ZL	8
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	52	51	1
3500	499	400	99
7000	896	702	194
14000	164	151	13
21000	16	16	0
28000	11	11	0
50	63	63	0
144	151	151	0
432	111	111	0
1.2G	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

VK8 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	2
VK2	27
VK3	23
VK4	34
VK5	25
VK6	15
VK7	6
VK8	1
VK9	0
ZL	2
P2	0

BAND USAGE			
BAND	CNTCTS	PH	CW
1800	0	0	0
3500	7	7	0
7000	21	21	0
14000	107	107	0
21000	0	0	0
28000	0	0	0
50	0	0	0
144	0	0	0
432	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0

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MULTI OP STNS		
YEAR	CLUBS ENTERED	NR OF OPS USED
2012	22	103
2013	19	82
2014	18	98
2015		

ALL TIME RECORDS - Since 2012			
CATEGORY	YEAR	CALLSIGN	SCORE
SOPH	2012	VK7NET	1055
SOCW	2013	VK5NE	542
SOMX	2014	VK2BJ	1030
QRPPH	2013	VK6FMON	448
QRPCW	2012	VK3QB	222
QRPMX	2013	VK5ZT	810
MS	2012	VK2GGC	1148
MM	2014	VK4WIL	1153

CATEGORY WINNERS						
CATEGORY	2012		2013		2014	
SOPH	VK7NET	1055	VK2TQ	841	VK2PR	983
SOCW	VK7RF	180	VK5NE	542	VK2GR	482
SOMX	VK6ZRW	891	VK5ZD	1024	VK2BJ	1030
QRPPH	VK6FLAB	259	VK6FMON	448	VK5FDEC	294
QRPCW	VK3QB	222	VK2ONZ	131	VK3AGQ	104
QRPMX	VK2IG	176	VK5ZT	810	VK5ZT	489
MS	VK2GGC	1148	VK2GGC	983	VK2GGC	1076
MM	VK4XA	935	VK5AKM	1050	VK4WIL	1153

PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED



Rob VK2MT's operating from a sheep property 20klms west of Goulburn. The part of the property that he stayed at is called the "Yurt Farm". Each Yurt has a theme & the one he stayed in is called the Japanese Yurt with murals of Mt Fuji, the Bullet Train & Kabuki dancers! The two antennas were a non-resonant vertical with a remote antenna tuner at the base, plus a 102' G5RV in an Inverted Vee configuration. Rob says, as usual the RD Contest was a lot of fun, with some good conversations & friendships being created that were "rekindled" every 3 hours.



My camp on the banks of the Normanby River. (Full of Crocs. - no swimming Hi Hi)

Dale, VK4DMC says he operated from the War Veterans Retreat, Pandanus Park on Cape York Peninsula. Pandanus Park was originally established for Viet Nam veterans but now is open to all war veterans from other conflicts e.g. Iraq, East Timor, Somalia, Rwanda, Afghanistan. He was involved in other activities over the weekend and could not really get to serious about the contest.



OPERATOR COMMENTS

VK4AHW - Had a Great time

VK5ATU - DID THE RD GO FOR LONGER THIS YEAR ? 24HRS AWAKE FOR THE CONTEST + 24HRS TO CATCH UP ON MY SLEEP.

Another fun weekend of radio. Participated in the ILLW with the Waverley club on Saturday from the Macquarie lighthouse in Sydney. Got home afterwards and installed new multiband

trap dipole and then operated in the RD in Spurts over the next 12 hours or so using FT817ND barefoot. Conditions seemed to be very good this year and I really enjoyed the operation I did.

73....Eric VK2VE.

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Highly enjoyable experience. Having contests scheduled gives me a real reason to make the effort to get active. thanks Colin VK3NCC

Nice contest for the weekend. Find time for both the contest & our annual dinner Both very enjoyable. VK2KJJ

Always enjoy taking part in the RD contest. Thank you for organising it all.

Mike VK6MJC

AN EXCELLENT FRIENDLY CONTEST- AS USUAL - AND WITH GREAT CONDITIONS ON 40 AND 80M - BUT ONLY ONE CONTACT ON 15M. SEE YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR
VK2LEE

Not as many contacts avail due to International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend on the same weekend as the RD. VK6YA

Elecraft K3 , 100W, open-wire fed doublet, 8 metres high. VK7AD

Another enjoyable contest, a few more CW participants would be great to help fill the night in..!! There were a few stations that seem to be using sequential numbers so just recorded as such. All in all, a good way (excuse) to spend 24 hrs on the radio. Regards Lawrie. VK5LJ.

Thanks for the contest Alan, the club had fun testing our new (reworked and operation beam and dipoles and new 400w amplifier) club activity and engagement for members was a bit low, but as a single radio setup its hard, we will investigate multi rig gear setup next contest to try and encourage and engage more members. thanks again for running the comp, VK3ER

The RD is such a great contest and I had a great time again. Thanks to everyone
VK3LM

It was another good contest. I was pleased to finish on some 'round' numbers for the contacts and score. I enjoy going in this contest every year. VK7KC

Thanks for a fine contest again.

It was great to hear so many CW stations active. Band conditions were good too.

73, Ian VK2BJT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to running this contest. It has been a great weekend! Now, for some sleep. Kind Regards. Ken Rayner. VK2BBQ

Have sent log for your great contest. Shame it is on the same weekend as the Light house weekend. Regards Gerald Bonnington
VK2HBG.

VK2AWD - Enjoyed working CW friends - a little slow at times - higher HF conditions were poor.

VK2/VK5NE - Operating Portable from my Motor home from Guyra Summit Caravan Park, Guyra NSW.

VK3LDR - There were a few other "007 agents" out there, and even one also called Dave! Did not operate dedicated the whole time due to family responsibilities. Lack of activity on anything higher than 20m, a little disappointing. Band conditions seemed ok, not much band interference and man made interference

A most enjoyable RD contest. Peter, VK5PX

G'day Alan, and fellow contest organizers. Had a blast, can't wait for next year. Darren
VK5DT

Thanks for running the RD contest. When I wasn't at the EMDRC club rooms I handed out a few points from home. Peter VK3PH

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The only down side was the behaviour of one very active VK2 station who seemed to become quite aggressive causing deliberate QRM after I refused to change bands for an "arranged" QSO with him. Totally out of the spirit if not the rules of the Contest. Rob.

I am a newbie, and was not a contest participant, but rather was activating SOTA Summits, but several contacts also exchanged RD info. I have submitted the log only by way of confirmation of the QSOs. I appreciate that I do not have enough contacts for a valid submission in my own right. Best wishes. Scott VK2SWD

Please find attached my Remembrance Day Contest 2014 log in Cabrillo format as required. Thanks to VK5DJ RD log software - sure beats doing logging by hand with check tables etc. Thank you for another great contest. It was good to hear a few familiar call signs that I only ever hear in this Contest.

Getting up at 2.30am was worth it. It also reacquainted me with the 80m band noise and conditions.

I trust all is in order with the log and many thanks for this year's RD Contest. 73 de VK6DDX

VK2MT: Another great contest. Operated portable from the Goulburn Yurt Farm. As there is no 240v, took a generator & solar panels. The generator failed while the solar panels couldn't do much with the rain that started Saturday. Had to ration the available battery capacity over the 24 hours, adjusting the RF power control down to 25 watts lots of times, but conditions were favourable. Packing-up all the cables, solar panels, squid poles & antennas (vertical & inv V) wasn't much fun in the rain, but the contest enjoyment made up for the wet!

VK3AGQ Good conditions for a QRP contest.

Always enjoy taking part in the RD contest
Thank you for organising it all
Mike VK6MJC

First Activation from Barrow Island. KX3 (5W) and 40m linked dipole. Very chuffed to have worked plenty of OM's from Perth. 73's Heath VK3TWO/VK6TWO

VK2BJ My first real effort in RD and it was a very enjoyable and friendly contest. Quite a few stations did not realise the basis for the serial number was your years licensed so that different numbers were received for subsequent QSO's with the same station. I decided to have a few hours sleep overnight and that was probably a mistake as I missed out on a lot of triple point QSO's. VK Logger performed well but it has totally miss-scored as my computer runs on GMT and it assumed that was EST.

THE END