

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST 2016
REPORT FOR WEBSITE

The Remembrance Day Contest 2016 was the latest version of a contest that has been around for over 70 years. Each year State vs. State battle it out on the bands to see which state can lay claim to the most radio active, and this year the VK7's proved they were worthy of the title. Tasmania has won the 2016 Remembrance Day Contest. The challenge from VK6 proved to be little more than a whimper although some booming signals came out of the West! VK6POP Bob with his new 2 element 40M delta loop was like a beacon and the Sandgroppers Team (VK6ZRW, VK6QS and VK6AXB) grabbing first place in the teams category certainly show that VK6 were gearing up for a chase for the title. But full credit must go to Tasmania the VK7 effort lead by VK7OO and a host of other operators show what can happen when a team pulls together. A noticeable decline in logs and operators may be due to the preparation for the ILLW that followed on the following weekend. No doubt extra activity is about when the weekend is shared. Estimations see about 100 less stations on air, but phone contacts and phone logs increased by 5000 and 17 respectively.

CW activity went down to 14:1 from 7:1 SSB/CW. Out of 198 logs, there were 2045 logged CW contacts compared to 3167 last year. Logs were received from 13 Foundation, 19 Standard and 166 Advanced licences making up 21% of actual participants. 9 paper logs and 189 electronic logs were received. Of these, 2 were treated as check logs due to missing information. 137 logs contained HF contacts only, 55 contained HF VHF & UHF contacts, and 6 VHF and above logs were received. No logs were received from VK8 or P2.

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

STATE	LOGGED			CW	Raw Score	Weighted Score	Unique Ops
	LOGS	CNCTS	PH				
VK 1	6	937	937	0	1055	2.76	22
VK 2	48	8747	7495	1252	12346	3.08	260
VK 3	35	4594	4361	233	6045	1.52	210
VK 4	17	2923	2749	166	3937	1.46	125
VK 5	26	4563	4382	181	5645	3.98	125
VK 6	46	5193	5189	4	6844	5.23	110
VK 7	18	2710	2501	209	4014	6.87	70
VK 8	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	4
ZL	2	48	48	0	48	0.01	35
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
TOTAL:	198	29715	27662	2045	39934		961

TABLE 1

This year showed no new surprises in scores, but credit must go to VK2AU in the Multi-Single category with 1175 points, 27 points ahead of VK2GGC's record from 2012. VK2AU Operators VK2PR, VK2KDP and VK2ND were the only ones to set a new record in 2016.

72 operators were spread over 11 Multi-Single and 4 Multi-Multi stations. The QRP section was represented by 15 log submissions which is 5 down on last year. Poor conditions will make it harder for QRP stations to be heard during low sunspot activity.

Although there is no Rookie category (IE first year as a Ham), VKHAM (.com) has kindly sponsored an award for the highest scoring Rookie. Congratulations to VK6FBJW with 267 points in the Single Op Phone section. The top 3 Foundation licences were VK6FBJW with 267 points (SOPH), VK6FMON 226 points (QPR PH), and VK2FAIB 144 points (SO PH).

Four teams were submitted with team Sand Groppers (VK6ZRW VK6QS VK6AXB) taking the lead with 1315 points. Table 2 has all the results.

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TEAM NAME	CALLSIGN	SCORE	CALLSIGN	SCORE	CALLSIGN	SCORE	TOTAL
Sand Gropers	VK6ZRW	682	VK6QS	150	VK6AXB	483	1315
AREG Mostly Harmless	VK5MTM	300	VK5GR	664	VK5AKH	294	1258
NSW Wombats	VK2GR	508	VK2BJ	478	VK2PN	178	1164
Waverley ARS	VK2BV	150	VK2VEL	102	VK2KZ		252

Table 2

Jude VK2EFM got in the mood using a 1945, 2 to 8MHz WS122. Operating on 80 and 40m only with 15W of AM. Jude said "Effective SSB Power was under 3.75W (more like 2W)!"



Logging software versions varied from early versions to the latest releases. Please make sure you have the latest software as early versions are not up to speed with scoring and other changes. Please DO NOT make changes to the header except for the Soapbox comments. Changes and deletions made by the user only increases workload having to correct headers so the log is accepted. 2017 will see the first available upload to the computerised log checking system. Logs that do not conform to the latest formats will be rejected until corrected and reloaded. I had to make many corrections to log headers for testing the new computerised system. The software writers have spent many hours so the output conforms to Cabrillo format. VKCL and RD Logger have already been tested and passed with flying colours. Some multi-multi stations prefer to use N1MM as it allows full network integration, CW and RTTY sending and receiving, automated CQing and voice keying and automated callsign entry in the logging window when clicking on a callsign while in CW or RTTY windows. Preliminary testing was done this year and finalisation of the User Defined software will be completed ready for next year. Thanks to those assisting with the project: KJ4IZQ, G4OGB and the N1MM guys, VK4TS and VK4SN.

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2016 Remembrance Day Contest Results.

SINGLE OP PHONE								QRP PHONE	
Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points
VK2MT	926	VK3AV	157	VK3FLCS	62	VK6LDX	8	VK5WTF	313
VK3SIM	833	VK6QS	150	VK3NCC	60	VK6PAW	7	VK6FMON	226
VK7OO	688	VK2KTT	147	VK6DF	60	VK6MMB	6	VK5FTCT	143
VK6ZRW	682	VK3KTO	147	VK3ASU	59	VK2HFF	5	VK6FLAB	127
VK1HW	641	VK2MK	146	VK6CG	55	VK5GP	5	VK2EJW	124
VK2HBG	616	VK2FAIB	144	VK4MON	54	VK6XL	5	VK7NTK	82
VK5CB	561	VK6TKR	139	VK3DY	53	VK6AS	3	VK7TW	51
VK3XV	526	VK5HEL	135	VK3YYR	52	SINGLE OP CW		VK3YE	44
VK6AXB	483	VK4FAAS	134	VK2EFM	51	Callsign	Points	VK2FENG	43
VK7ZMS	482	VK2NP	133	VK2JCC	50	VK2GR	508	VK3TWO	25
VK3AVV	440	VK5KX	133	VK2AEJ	49	VK2BJ	478	VK3FDAP	12
VK3BL	431	VK6MM	133	VK5NEX	48	VK2KJJ	246	QRP MIXED	
VK2BGL	428	VK6YD	133	VK6AG	45	VK2PN	220	Callsign	Points
VK5PAS	426	VK3GWG	130	VK7ZCR	45	VK2WQ	215	VK2IO	573
VK6CSW	419	VK7RM	125	VK6BMW	43	VK3QB	210	VK3GK	88
VK7HW	415	VK3FADM	123	VK3WMM	41	VK7CW	178	MULTI-SINGLE	
VK5DT	412	VK3ADW	118	VK6SN	37	VK2AYD	166	Callsign	Points
VK7ZBX	402	VK6JP	117	VK5MK	35	VK7RF	166	VK2AU	1175
VK7VH	382	VK2DEK	116	VK3JWT	35	VK2EL	148	VK2GGC	909
VK3GC	373	VK3ANL	114	VK6KFD	34	SINGLE OP MIXED		VK4HH	662
VK5QJ	365	VK7QP	114	VK6GD	29	Callsign	Points	VK4ADC	601
VK6BDO	338	VK6KW	114	VK1DW	27	VK5LJ	856	VK2EWC	493
VK5BC	326	VK4CL	110	VK2HX	26	VK5GR	664	VK6AHR	431
VK5MTM	300	VK4DA	105	VK4FPDG	25	VK2IUW	634	VK3ER	316
VK5AKH	294	VK4ATH	103	VK5HM	25	VK7GN	316	VK2AOJ	167
VK6RC	294	VK4JK	103	ZL1N	25	VK3VT	269	VK2BV	150
VK6FBJW	267	VK2LEE	93	VK5DP	24	VK2BPL	260	VK2ACW	144
VK6HDX	257	VK3AMW	90	VK7DW	23	VK4AMG	219	VK4SAA	102
VK1JP	235	VK6VP	88	VK4FILS	23	VK5SFA	179	MULTI-MULTI	
VK6POP	229	VK6TV	88	VK7FM	23	VK4FW	143	Callsign	Points
VK6BI	219	VK2EXA	84	ZL3CC	23	VK3HY	116	VK4TS	1233
VK3GTS	213	VK4ZJ	82	VK4PQ	21	VK2VEL	102	VK2AWX	1037
VK3LM	203	VK6WE	80	VK2ACD	20	VK6NU	83	VK6NC	648
VK6MB	203	VK6DT	80	VK6EK	20	VK3LRE	73	VK2BOR	341
VK2QV	196	VK1MT	79	VK2CZ	18	VK3ZAP	57	QRP CW	
VK5PX	192	VK6TU	79	VK5LOL	18	VK3DGN	27	Callsign	Points
VK2VE	189	VK5DJ	77	VK2ZCM	15	SINGLE OP CW		VK2IG	176
VK3JK	189	VK2QH	76	VK6LO	14	Callsign	Points	VK3CTM	116
VK2SS	180	VK2FHRK	74	VK6NK	13	VK2IG	176	VK3AGQ	96
VK6USB	177	VK1NS	73	VK5SE	11	QRP CW			
VK2AOR	175	VK2LX	72	VK5WP	11	Callsign	Points		
VK7ZGK	164	VK4FLR	68	VK6DK	11	VK2IG	176		
VK6NI	160	VK7IF	65	VK6AIF	10	VK3CTM	116		
VK7FB	158	VK6CN	63	VK2EY	8	VK3AGQ	96		

Check Logs: VK5NIK, VK1PE - Missing info. Incomplete data, Empty info in header.

To view the website we have beta tested ready for next year, please visit
http://hamclubs.info/scorer/?contest_id=VK-RD&year=2016&info=WIA

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 will be available.

Best 73's, Alan Shannon VK4SN

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BAND AND MODE USAGE BY STATE - Taken from logs received.
Note that not all loggers differentiate between CW and RTTY

VK1 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	37
VK2	279
VK3	215
VK4	119
VK5	145
VK6	68
VK7	64
VK8	2
VK9	0
ZL	7
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	0	0	0	0
3500	314	314	0	0
7000	573	573	0	0
14000	50	50	0	0
21000	0	0	0	0
28000	0	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0
144	0	0	0	0
432	0	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

VK2 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	297
VK2	3142
VK3	1788
VK4	1235
VK5	1173
VK6	451
VK7	552
VK8	18
VK9	0
ZL	84
P2	1

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	488	352	136	0
3500	2715	2281	434	0
7000	4965	4314	651	0
14000	513	488	25	0
21000	11	8	3	0
28000	8	6	2	0
50	10	9	1	0
144	27	27	0	0
432	8	8	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

VK3 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	199
VK2	1486
VK3	978
VK4	464
VK5	796
VK6	285
VK7	343
VK8	3
VK9	0
ZL	35
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	81	61	20	0
3500	1228	1162	66	0
7000	2750	2604	146	0
14000	361	360	1	0
21000	4	4	0	0
28000	2	2	0	0
50	6	6	0	0
144	103	103	0	0
432	51	51	0	0
1.2G	8	8	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

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VK4 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
Prefix	Nr
VK1	105
VK2	1062
VK3	508
VK4	364
VK5	446
VK6	215
VK7	161
VK8	10
VK9	0
ZL	48
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	145	126	18	1
3500	772	696	72	4
7000	1278	1214	63	1
14000	719	704	13	2
21000	1	1	0	0
28000	0	0	0	0
50	3	3	0	0
144	5	5	0	0
432	0	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

VK5 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
Prefix	Nr
VK1	155
VK2	1146
VK3	933
VK4	521
VK5	1095
VK6	400
VK7	274
VK8	11
VK9	0
ZL	28
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	225	198	27	0
3500	1122	1082	40	0
7000	2320	2218	102	0
14000	623	611	12	0
21000	25	25	0	0
28000	29	29	0	0
50	28	28	0	0
144	92	92	0	0
432	67	67	0	0
1.2G	32	32	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0
5.7G	0	0	0	0
10G	0	0	0	0

VK6 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
Prefix	Nr
VK1	87
VK2	481
VK3	358
VK4	240
VK5	440
VK6	3394
VK7	160
VK8	8
VK9	0
ZL	22
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	47	47	0	0
3500	1110	1108	2	0
7000	687	687	0	0
14000	1032	1030	2	0
21000	45	45	0	0
28000	45	45	0	0
50	128	128	0	0
144	1418	1418	0	0
432	643	643	0	0
1.2G	33	33	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

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VK7 State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
VK1	59
VK2	542
VK3	444
VK4	177
VK5	290
VK6	158
VK7	973
VK8	1
VK9	0
ZL	21
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	80	76	4	0
3500	746	680	66	0
7000	851	718	133	0
14000	278	272	6	0
21000	13	13	0	0
28000	12	12	0	0
50	110	110	0	0
144	303	303	0	0
432	252	252	0	0
1.2G	65	65	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0

ZL State Contacts	
Prefix	Nr
Prefix	Nr
VK1	2
VK2	12
VK3	9
VK4	8
VK5	7
VK6	7
VK7	3
VK8	0
VK9	0
ZL	0
P2	0

BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	0	0	0	0
3500	4	4	0	0
7000	6	6	0	0
14000	38	38	0	0
21000	0	0	0	0
28000	0	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0
144	0	0	0	0
432	0	0	0	0
1.2G	0	0	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0



Steve, VK700 gained 3rd place in the SOPH section, and has sent in a photo of his magnetic loop antenna.

Steve said "The photo is of my 160m/80m magnetic loop antenna which I built specifically for the RD contest. The plan was to use it on both 160m and 80m but conditions were such that I didn't need it on 80m, so it was used only on 160m. I scored 110 points from 33 QSO's on this antenna."

Well done Steve and thanks for the photo.

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OTHER STATISTICS.

LOGS RECEIVED BY CATEGORY PER STATE						Note: VK0 Credited to VK7. VK9 Credited to closest mainland state.						
Category	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE CATEGORY
SO PH	141	6	26	22	11	20	41	13	0	2	0	71
SO CW	11	0	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6
SO MXD	16	0	3	5	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	8
QRP PH	11	0	2	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	6
QRP CW	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
QRP MXD	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MS	11	0	6	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
MM	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	198	6	48	35	17	26	46	18	0	2	0	100
STATE %		3	24	18	9	13	23	9	0	1	0	100

PHONE CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
PHONE BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE BAND
1800	860	0	352	61	126	198	47	76	0	0	0	3.1
3500	7327	314	2281	1162	696	1082	1108	680	0	4	0	26.5
7000	12334	573	4314	2604	1214	2218	687	718	0	6	0	44.6
14000	3553	50	488	360	704	611	1030	272	0	38	0	12.8
21000	96	0	8	4	1	25	45	13	0	0	0	0.3
28000	94	0	6	2	0	29	45	12	0	0	0	0.3
50	284	0	9	6	3	28	128	110	0	0	0	1.0
144	1948	0	27	103	5	92	1418	303	0	0	0	7.0
432	1021	0	8	51	0	67	643	252	0	0	0	3.7
1.2G	138	0	0	8	0	32	33	65	0	0	0	0.5
2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
5.7	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	27675	937	7493	4361	2749	4402	5184	2501	0	48	0	100

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CW CONTACTS PER BAND PER STATE												
CW BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE BAND
1800	205	0	136	20	18	27	0	4	0	0	0	9.9
3500	680	0	434	66	72	40	2	66	0	0	0	32.9
7000	1095	0	651	146	63	102	0	133	0	0	0	53.0
14000	59	0	25	1	13	12	2	6	0	0	0	2.9
21000	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
28000	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1
50	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
432	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
1.2G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
3.4G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
5.7	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
10	10	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
TOTAL	2065	0	1252	233	166	201	4	209	0	0	0	100

TOTAL BAND USAGE				
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY
1800	1066	860	205	1
3500	8011	7327	680	4
7000	13430	12334	1095	1
14000	3614	3553	59	2
21000	99	96	3	0
28000	96	94	2	0
50	285	284	1	0
144	1948	1948	0	0
432	1021	1021	0	0
1.2G	138	138	0	0
2.3G	0	0	0	0
3.4G	0	0	0	0
5.7G	0			
10G	0			
TOTAL	29708	27655	2045	8
	RATIO	PH:CW	14 : 1	

Same State Contacts	
VK1	37
VK2	3142
VK3	978
VK4	364
VK5	1095
VK6	3394
VK7	973
VK8	0
VK9	0
ZL	0
P2	0
TOTAL	9983

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RECORDS - 2012 Onwards

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

RD NUMBER OF LOGS RECEIVED PER CATEGORY					
Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SO PH	163	169	135	124	141
SO CW	7	18	20	19	11
SO MXD	17	18	20	27	16
QRP PH	8	10	13	10	11
QRP CW	4	6	3	7	2
QRP MXD	3	3	1	3	2
MS	10	10	8	8	11
MM	12	9	11	9	4
TOTAL	224	243	211	207	198

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

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

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

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

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

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CATEGORY WINNERS. 2012 Onwards										
CATEGORY	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
SOPH	VK7NET	1055	VK2TQ	841	VK2PR	983	VK5CB	930	VK2MT	926
SOCW	VK7RF	180	VK5NE	542	VK2GR	482	VK5LJ	598	VK2GR	508
SOMX	VK6ZRW	891	VK5ZD	1024	VK2BJ	1030	VK5SFA	764	VK5LJ	856
QRPPH	VK6FLAB	259	VK6FMON	448	VK5FDEC	294	VK5FDEC	311	VK5WTF	313
QRPCW	VK3QB	222	VK2ONZ	131	VK3AGQ	104	VK5NE	424	VK2IG	176
QRPMX	VK2IG	176	VK5ZT	810	VK5ZT	489	VK5ZT	567	VK2IO	573
MS	VK2GGC	1148	VK2GGC	983	VK2GGC	1076	VK2WG	361	VK2AU	1175
MM	VK4XA	935	VK5AKM	1050	VK4WIL	1153	VK2GGC	1267	VK4TS	1233

Team Winners						
CATEGORY	TEAMS ENTERED	TEAM NAME	CALLSIGN	CALLSIGN	CALLSIGN	SCORE
2012	7	Walloos	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

ALL TIME RECORDS. 2012 Onwards			
CATEGORY	YEAR	CALLSIGN	SCORE
SOPH	2012	VK7NET	1055
SOCW	2015	VK5LJ	598
SOMX	2014	VK2BJ	1030
QRPPH	2013	VK6FMON	448
QRPCW	2015	VK5NE	424
QRPMX	2013	VK5ZT	810
MS	2016	VK2AU	1175
MM	2015	VK2GGC	1267

Operator comments follow:

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Operator Comments:

VK2AOR

Thanks for a great contest and easy to use software.

VK2ACW

MULTI-OP

BAND CONDITION POOR DURING CONTEST

VK1HW

Nice Contest, thoroughly enjoyed it. Tnx

VK2BOR

OPERATORS: VK2ZHE VK2SMI VK2ZSW VK2VIV
VK2ICQ VK2ATM VK2CRF VK2CHC

Great to have the RD on a separate weekend to the ILLW this year. Very enjoyable RD.

VK2AYD

It would have been nice if a small group of frequencies for RD could be specified on 20/15/10. With the International WWDX Contest running simultaneously it was off putting for RD contesters to use these bands. Not a difficult task and pre planning pays. I used only a 160m dipole for all bands. It didn't work..!

VK2BJ

My entry is CW only and it was a bit slow most of the time. I listened on VHF and UHF from time to time ready to call but I did not hear a single signal up there. I brought out my bug key towards the end of the contest to add a little variety. VKCL worked perfectly. I worked two or three stations including a P29 who could not be persuaded to reveal the length of time they had been licensed. Very few newcomers took part on CW and there were a few unorthodox types of exchange. Overall it was enjoyable as I always enjoy CW contests.

VK2EL

Operating from multi-storey retirement village, FT897 and mag loops.

VK2EWC

VK2BFC, VK3PTE

Great contest 3rd year for vk2bfc 1st year for vk3pte. Very little rtty this year but a few cw ops out there. The two of us used an FT-950 with a variety of dipoles and verticals. Hope to have a bigger setup for club entry next year.

VK2FENG

Output power 5W PEP 40m dipoles, spider beam for 15m. Thanks for running the contest this year!

VK2GR

Team leader for the "NSW Wombats" Other members are Barry VK2BJ and Patrick VK2PN. The CW rates were slow at the start and extremely slow at the end of the contest.

VK2HFF

Mobile op. My first time active on air in years. Stumbled across RD contest activity by accident so joined in for 30 minutes.

VK2IG

Transmitter output power: 5W Average Antennas - 160m: 80m inverted V with ATU, 80m: inverted V, 40m: 2 x dipoles, 20m: Spider beam. Only operated on the Saturday so Helen VK2FENG (my XYL) could operate on Sunday. Thanks for running the contest! 73.

VK2MT

For the fourth year operated portable from the middle of a sheep farm 20klms west of Goulburn. No 240v available, so station & laptop powered from 12v SLA & solar panels. G5RV used for 20/40/80m & helically wound vertical & ATU for 160m. My only problem for the weekend was due to a mob of sheep. Didn't realise it when I set up on Friday night, but the G5RV was in the middle of a sheep path. This wasn't a problem until dusk on Saturday when a huge mob blindly walked into the guy ropes & support pole. A hurried exit from an on-air contact followed by me yelling & running towards them as one got entwined in a guy rope. Fortunately the support pole stayed up until the guy was retensioned. Had a great time on the Contest with lots of pleasant contacts & time for some chatting. Especially liked getting calls from QRP stations running 2 watts or crystal locked. One fellow even went QRP "portable" in his backyard for the fun of it.

VK2PN

Team leader VK2GR Members VK2BJ, VK2PN. The QSO rates were slow. Conditions of 160, 80 and 40 m were good. Had a problems with setting up SD logger and also the N1MM. VKCL saved the day for me. (thanks Mike).

VK2VE

Thoroughly enjoyed the contest again. I think this is my best score ever but it's my best score yet.

VK2WQ

Enjoyable contest

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VK2ZCM

Thank you for the contest. Sorry I got called away to do some farm work. Looking forward to next Year

VK2GGC

VK2ZMT, VK2MOR, VK2PV

We had fun and enjoyed the contest. About time it wasn't held on same weekend as the ILLW lol.. Oh and we only operated SSB no CW or RTTY

VK2NP

Had great fun very friendly competition. Difficult to run decent HF antennas at the Villa here

VK3FLCS

First time competing in a contest. Great to learn all about it. Enjoyed it !

VK3GK

Hard work with 5w QRP, especially on the low bands.

VK3VT

Once again the RD was great fun but family commitments meant I was unable to operate for the full 24 hours.

VK3YE

A good contest with good conditions. Pedestrian mobile on beach between Chelsea and Mordialloc with centre loaded vertical and salt water contact.

VK2LEE

Excellent Friendly Contest as usual - Great conditions on 40 & 80m

VK4ADC, VK4FNDG

Excellent conditions this year, really enjoyed it - so did Nick the second operator.

VK3NCC

Hi and thanks to all who make this Contest possible. A great opportunity to get out and about and to remember and contemplate what other amateurs have done in the past to make Australia what is today and that we can live comfortably in relative safety and peace. Operated fully portable, batteries and Solar charging @Malangane Lookout New South Wales.

VK4ATH

Thanks for another great contest this year, I had other commitments so i could not do the full contest , But it was very good to see a lot more people here on the bands,

VK4CL

Excellent band conditions, especially on 40m, made it great fun.

VK4SAA

VK4KY VK4FY VK4FZ VK4HAH

We activated the Murrenbong Scout Campsite for the contest from their site at 135 Scout Rd Kurwongbah

VK5AKH

Portable Station Near Sedan in South Australia

VK5KX

Another enjoyable & friendly RD Contest.

VK5NE

My first RD contest from a retirement village, but not retired from contesting. Just practising for next year.

VK5PAS

Yaesu FT-857d, 40 watts, 20/40/80m linked dipole. Portable in the Totness Recreation Park VKFF-1754

VK6AHR

VK6DW, VK6PWD, VK6ZMS, VK6YJ, VK6XCJ, VK6AAH

Great Contest, thanks.

VK6CSW

Thanks for a great contest - lots of fun

VK6NC

Great contest enjoyed by NCRG members this year, Huge effort by some with full overnigher pulled by Stu VK6BG. We had a lot of fun operating in the contest and even had sweatbands for those pileups :D. A lot of members involved and a lot of activity due to the contest, great times had by all. Thanks to the organisers!

VK6NI

The 1AM to 6AM bonus points sure boosted the score! Propagation to Eastern states from the west was better this year

VK6SN

CONDITIONS NOT TO GOOD BUT VERY ENJOYABLE AGAIN

VK7FB

Great fun and looking forward to next year

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VK7HW

Hi, I had forgotten to switch on Omni rig on a restart so contacts 2 to 5 are estimated times but if you cross reference those stations logs I am sure they will show me working them. Thanks for your efforts.

VK7IF

Good contest but seemed to be fewer participants than previously. Where are all the F calls? I had some clock problems and some times may be incorrect.

VK7RF

Thanks for another great RD Contest! See you again next year.

VK6FLAB

Hard going this year from a contact perspective, but from a creature comfort angle I managed to combine the best of contesting with the best of being at home. First contest that I've completed entirely from my QTH.

VK6AXB

Good to be back in the city and using my own call sign after three years as part of the VK6CLL team at Cape Leeuwin doing ILLW and RD on the same weekend. Thanks again for your efforts as contest manager.

VK5BC

Good contest, seemed to be lack of ZL's

VK2EFM

I used a 1945 WS122, the radio is essentially unrestored and only repaired to remain operational. The radio was re-designed in Australia to make the radio more rugged/suitable for the tropics and based upon the WS22 from the UK.

My father obtained the radio in the early 1970s, and in the early 80s when I received my novice call the radio was made operational and briefly used. Fast forward to 2015, my father gave me the radio and I made the radio operational again by fixing an open circuit meter. In 2015 I made 46 contacts in the RD contest and this year I made 51 contacts, with most contacts on 80m.

The radio produces about 15W of AM, and with 60% modulation has a SSB power of just over 2W. To make a contact with an SSB station, the BFO feature required for CW is used to resolve the SSB signal. Once the receiver is tuned properly, the transmitter must be then netted (tuned to the same frequency) as the receiver. This all takes about two minutes... you then hope the radio doesn't drift too much during the QSO. I also used

a crystal on 80m, on 3.615MHz. The biggest buzz, was calling CQ on 80m on 3.615MHz and having quite a few stations answer me. Given the low power I was surprised to work a VK7 and a few VK5s. I later found one of the VK5s (VK5WTF, Marcus) that answered my CQ call was using an FT817 on SSB. Thinking of the radio operators back in WWII, using this style of radio, it would have been hard work under the trying conditions.

VK2IO

Operated at Maroota Ridge State Conservation Area VKFF-1348 locator QF56LL using Elecraft KX3 @ 5W output. Antennas: ZS6BKW inverted-Vee at 9m and double-sized ZS6BKW inverted-Vee at 12m. Fine weather and good propagation made for a great contest!