Remembrance Day Contest 2018

Congratulations again, go to VK7 as the 2018 Remembrance Day Contest Winning state. The number of logs received from that tiny island was staggering with over 36 percent of VK7 operators submitting logs. VK4 ops only registered a mere 7 percent making the local wood turner happy making a huge wooden spoon. I've heard from a "little birdie" that the VK7 input was due to Vince VK7VH getting everyone involved and to get the logs in. Well done Vince – your hard work has paid off.

Congratulations go to the following individuals; SOPH VK7VH 802, SOCW VK2GR 600, SOMX VK5LJ 872, QRPPH VK3AAK 92, QRPCW No Entry, QPRMX VK2IO 451, MS VK5ARG 875, MM VK4KW 1169. The highest scoring Rookie was won by Terry VK6FLTC with 56 points in the Single Op Phone section. Top Foundation operator was Leonie VK2FHRK with 199 points in the Single Op Phone section. Top Team was TrickyMuzzVince (VK7ZBX, VK7ZMS, VK7VH) setting a new team record with a score of 2398 points.

Browsing through the results only one score stands out above the average. A QRP stations score was well above other QRP station results and on following up the reason, VK2IO's location and large wire antennas proved fruitful at his portable location in Dharug National Park. Seven Multi-Single and six Multi-Multi stations entered using 58 operators.

As state versed state this year everyone fought against the odds in many ways. Not only was propagation poor, most southerners from VK5 and across the Tasman were affected by massive static crashes produced by several storms, lightning, high winds, snow, and very low temperatures for those braving the field day experience. As hard as it was, QRP stations felt the brunt of it all. A lot of operators mentioned the signal levels were on or just below the QRN.

Conditions meant that there were about 500 operators less than previous years. This and the poor conditions reflected below average log scores and no new records were set. The record chasing VK4KW went all out with 8 operators, three operating positions and a chaser, and fell short of the Multi-multi record by 256 points. CW operators were let down with fewer ops and long breaks between contacts. The PH:CW ratio this year is 11:1, down from 9:1 last year. Log scores were below average across the board. Seven paper logs were included in the 175 logs received. For the first time there were no entries for the QRP CW section. Operators included 10 Foundation, 15 Standard and 150 full calls.

Point's losses were mainly from incorrect copying of callsigns due to bad conditions or just not showing up in the log of the person contacted within 15 minutes each side of the noted contact time. Logging was of a high standard with portable and QRP stations correctly entered. One ham submitted a log with a specific call and at first it seemed that not many had copied it correctly. On checking it was found that all supposed miss-copied had the same call. Further checking revealed the operator had two callsigns and gave out the wrong call for almost 75% of his log, ending up in losing 126 points. It was decided to take points off rather than a disqualification for using two callsigns.

Log checking was made difficult due to operators that think they know better than the software file outputs and are changing the name of the log and/or changing header categories to non-conforming options. For example instead of leaving CATEGORY-BAND to the default ALL, the option is changed to HF. On upload of this log the system fails as HF is not a Band option and requires editing before trying again. Cabrillo is an international standard for contest logs format that allows a smooth and trouble free system of log processing. (https://wwrof.org/cabrillo/cabrillo-specification-v3/)

The rules state to put your Callsign in the email subject line and call your log 'callsign.log', but once again this is not happening making it hard for checking and following up. Surprisingly enough it was mostly the winners who failed to comply with these conditions.

The new VK Log Checker upload site worked a treat; however, a logging program missed the CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: option for single operators causing a slight problem and logs were redirected to the manager to fix and upload. Some social media chatter says it's not needed for single ops. This of course is misleading as there are some single ops using two radios and this is normal practice to include this category as part of the Cabrillo V3 formats to indicate SO2R operation. 3 operators did use this method of operating. The upload site allows the user to upload, view uploaded logs, and read the soapbox comments about the contest. Once the contest is over, logs are checked and the results are displayed. See https://contester.azurewebsites.net for more info.

Thanks go to those whom I requested a rewrite of their logs which was gladly done and resubmitted. Big thanks to those involved in getting a guest speaker for the Remembrance Day speech, especially Peter VK1PE. Peter has skills I don't.

As per usual, there is a full report and statistics on the WIA Website. Results below. Best 73 and see you next year. Alan VK4SN.

STATE	NR of LOG S	LOGGED CONTACT S	PH CONTACT S	CW CONTACT S	RAW SCOR E	WEIGHIN G FACTOR	WEIGHTE D SCORE	Percentag e of Licencees who put log in	Percentage of Participant s who put log in	Unique Participant S
VK 1	6	221	169	52	317	418	0.76	1.44	46.15	13
VK 2	37	6009	5175	834	9032	4114	2.20	0.90	20.00	185
VK 3	34	3666	3416	250	4504	4051	1.11	0.84	16.59	205
VK 4	14	2033	1875	158	1704	2801	0.61	0.50	12.17	115
VK 5	20	3066	2800	266	3444	1405	2.45	1.42	18.18	110
VK 6	25	1883	1823	15	2081	1380	1.51	1.81	38.46	65
VK 7	36	6058	5710	348	8439	602	14.02	5.98	36.73	98
VK 8	2	25	25	0	25	137	0.18	1.46	40.00	5
ZL	1	37	37	0	0	5000	0.00	0.02	2.63	38
P2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00	0.00	-	0
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L	175	22998	21030	1923	29546	19913	TOTAL	0.88	20.98	834

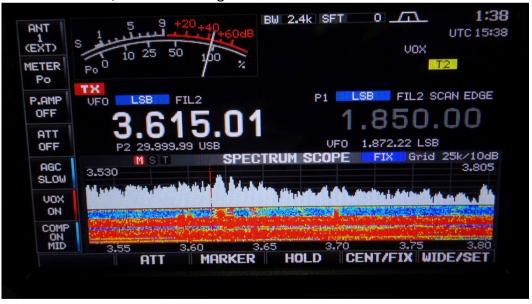
		SINGLE OF	PHONE			SINGLE OF	MIXED	SINGLE OP C	W (cont)
Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points	Callsign	Points
VK7VH	802	VK2XZ	110	VK3BCZ	40	VK5LJ	872	VK2WQ	76
VK2MT	775	VK6LL	107	VK1DW	38	VK7ZBX	842	VK2GZ	24
VK700	645	VK3LTL	105	VK6CX	37	VK7ZMS	754	VK4TT	16
VK3XV	494	VK3BMT	104	VK7KC	37	VK5SFA	725		
VK7TW	486	VK4ADC	101	VK6YTS	36	VK2AZ	678	QRP PHONE	
VK7HW	382	VK4QH	99	VK6YD	36	VK3VT	520	VK3AAK	92
VK2XAX	380	VK7LG	98	ZL3RIK	35	VK7HDM	512	VK3OAK	94
VK5DT	367	VK6QS	97	VK4FPDG	32	VK7GN	510	VK2MG	80
VK3BNR	344	VK5LOL	95	VK2JON	31	VK7BO	360	VK7NTK	56
VK2YW	328	VK7ZGK	90	VK5VC	31	VK3AWG	331	VK3FLCS	46
VK7JGD	317	VK6MM	88	VK6AB	31	VK7FB	308	VK2FRKA	34
VK2BGL	312	VK6GHZ	88	VK3DY	28	VK7ZCR	259	VK7KPC	29
VK7QP	301	VK2DEK	86	VK6ADF	27	VK3ANL	218	VK1FREB	0
VK3MB	299	VK2LEE	83	VK7KK	26	VK3SIM	215		
VK5SA	208	VK4KLC	83	VK3WMM	24	VK6DDX	184		
VK3LM	207	VK3BYY	82	VK7TU	23	VK5BC	172	QRP MI	XED
VK2FHRK	199	VK7JU	81	VK2VV	23	VK2NP	168	VK2IO	451
VK6CSW	189	VK2YE	80	VK7KW	22	VK2KMI	81	VK3HN	105
VK7DIK	185	VK6POP	78	VK5DJ	21	VK6RZ	50	VK3GK	22
VK2SS/P	177	VK6HM	77	VK7FJAM	20	VK2JDR	43		
VK3MDH	174	VK3LRE	76	VK2QN	19	VK6NAD	36		
VK7DG	168	VK6JP	72	VK5KX	17	VK1DA	15	MULTI-SI	NGLE
VK5UV	165	VK6BMW	66	VK4FLR	16	VK8RR	14	VK5ARG	875
VK3GC	161	VK3ADW	59	VK3TNL	16			VK2GGC	788
VK7RM	156	VK2BBQ	58	VK4ATH	15	SINGLE O	OP CW	VK4HH	674
VK5KBJ	155	VK2TTL	57	VK3NCC	13	VK2GR	600	VK2AWX	478
VK3AVV	142	VK6FLTC	56	VK5LG	11	VK2BJ	456	VK2BOR	326
VK7KDV	141	VK6MJC	55	VK8VWA	11	VK2PN	254	VK4BW	127
VK5YX	137	VK6MIL	52	VK4JJW	11	VK3QB	184	VK3ER	56
VK3CG	137	VK6AXB	51	VK5FBAA	10	VK7RF	36		
VK7BEN	137	VK6MB	50	VK7ZSB	10	VK2EL	148		
VK2RT	134	VK7WH	48	VK7KWB	8	VK7CW	144	MULTI-N	IULTI
VK3AMW	118	VK5XY	47	VK5UE	7	VK1MCW	134	VK4KW	1169
VK1MA	116	VK6BDO	47	VK4RJ	5	VK2BHO	120	VK2AU	898
VK2FAJM	113	VK7DW	47	VK3FBOM	4	VK2IG	100	VK4WIS	461
VK5PX	112	VK3ZPF	44	VK1DC	0	VK5DC	94	VK6AHR	284
VK5PL	111	VK7PD	44			VK3TP	86	VK2ATZ	217
VK3JK	110	VK4FNQ	43			VK7EE	82	VK6LVI	97

Remembrance Day Contest 2018 Results

TEAM NAME	CALLSIGN1	SCORE	CALLSIGN2	SCORE	CALLSIGN3	SCORE	TOTAL
TrickyMuzzVince	VK7VH	802	VK7ZMS	754	VK7ZBX	842	2398
AREG Team One	VK5ARG	875	VK5SFA	725	VK5SA	208	1808
NSW Wombats	VK2GR	600	VK2BJ	456	VK2PN	254	1310

Remembrance Day Contest 2018 Team Results

Photos from participants



Rob, VK2MT showing how bad the static crashes were.

VK2MT's Inverted Vee on 10m Squid Pole – 10km north of Grenfell NSW.



VK4WIS Team Photo's

VK4WIS TEAM

VK4LHD VK4FSCC VK4FKES



VK4PN running 160 and 80m



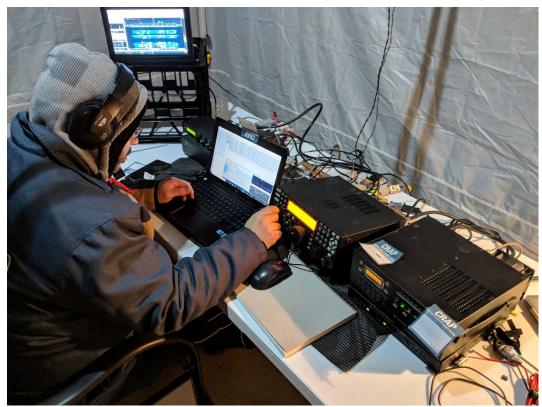


VK3ALZ Portable in Trafalgar East

VK5ARG TEAM PHOTOS







VK5ARG – VK5MTM at the controls





Left: 160m folded monopole Above: 80/40 dipole in background.

2018 LO	2018 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	112	3	17	22	9	15	20	24	1	1	0	64	
SO CW	16	1	8	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	9	
SO MXD	23	1	4	4	0	3	3	7	1	0	0	13	
QRP PH	8	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	
QRP CW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
QRP MXD	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
MS	7	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	
MM	6	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	
TOTAL	175	6	37	34	14	20	25	36	2	1	0	100	
STATE %		3	21	19	8	11	14	21	1	1	0	100	

PHONE CONT	ACTS PER BA	ND PER STAT	FE - 2018									
PHONE BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE BAND
1800	880	8	370	66	129	180	3	124	0	0	0	4.2
3500	7069	44	2430	1474	628	950	401	1123	1	18	0	33.7
7000	7393	113	2236	1520	865	1214	159	1277	2	7	0	35.2
14000	1291	4	91	108	232	144	359	319	22	12	0	6.2
21000	187	0	8	0	4	22	3	150	0	0	0	0.9
28000	220	0	6	0	4	30	1	179	0	0	0	1.0
50	554	0	9	22	4	31	1	487	0	0	0	2.6
144	1939	0	9	199	5	115	623	988	0	0	0	9.2
432	1209	0	6	27	4	87	273	812	0	0	0	5.8
1.2G	246	0	10	0	0	27	0	209	0	0	0	1.2
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
TOTAL	20988	169	5175	3416	1875	2800	1823	5668	25	37	0	100

CW BAND	TOTAL	VK1	VK2	VK3	VK4	VK5	VK6	VK7	VK8	ZL	P2	PERCENTAGE BAND
1800	217	0	119	3	33	43	0	19	0	0	0	11.3
3500	949	31	450	142	79	112	8	127	0	0	0	49.4
7000	709	21	248	100	45	110	3	182	0	0	0	36.9
14000	28	0	13	0	1	1	4	9	0	0	0	1.5
21000	3	0	2	0 0	0 0	0	0	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0.2
28000 50	1 4	0 0	1 1	3	0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0.1 0.2
50 144	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.2
432	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.2
1.2G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.1
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
TOTAL	1920	52	834	250	158	266	15	345	0	0	0	100
	TOTAL B	AND USAG	E – 2018									
BAND	CONTACTS	PHONE	CW	RTTY		Same St	ate Contacts					
1800	1097	880	217	0		VK1	3					
3500	8036	7069	949	0		VK2	1719	1				
7000	8109	7393	709	0		VK3	943					
14000	1329	1291	28	0		VK4	245					
21000	190	187	3	0		VK5	774					
28000	221	220	1	0		VK6	1247					
50	558	554	4	0		VK7	3669					
144	1955	1939	5	1		VK8	0					
432	1213	1209	3	1		VK9	0					
1.2G	247	246	1	0		ZL	0					
2.3G	0	0	0	0		P2	0					
>3.4G	0	0	0	0		TOTAL	8600)				
TOTAL	22955	20988	1920	2	1							
	RATIO	PH:CW	11 : 1		_							

	RD NUMBER OF LOGS RECEIVED PER STATE												
STATE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018						
VK 1	9	6	6	3	6	3	6						
VK 2	32	51	40	41	48	44	37						
VK 3	33	30	31	40	35	36	34						
VK 4	41	34	23	16	17	15	14						
VK 5	41	38	37	30	26	24	20						
VK 6	46	59	56	58	46	36	24						
VK 7	17	20	16	19	18	38	36						
VK 8	1	2	2	0	0	0	2						
ZL	4	3	0	0	2	2	1						
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
TOTAL	224	243	211	207	198	198	174						

STATISTICS – YEARLY SUMMARY

	RD N		OF LOGS RE	CEIVED PER		Y	
Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
SO PH	163	169	135	124	141	131	111
SO CW	7	18	20	19	11	13	16
SO MXD	17	18	20	27	16	28	23
QRP PH	8	10	13	10	11	9	8
QRP CW	4	6	3	7	2	2	0
QRP MXD	3	3	1	3	2	2	3
MS	10	10	8	8	11	8	7
ММ	12	9	11	9	4	5	6
TOTAL	224	243	211	207	198	198	174

	BAD AND PAPER LOGS												
	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018												
CHECK LOG	6	5	5	4	2	6	0						
RESCORED	36	173	43	40	2	4	152						
PAPER	16	20	12	9	9	13	7						
Unique Stns	1345	1375	1120	1075	961	993	820						

SSB to CW RATIO												
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018					
SSB:CW	31:1	13:1	9:1	7:1	14:1	9:1	11:9					

		9	Same State	Contacts			
AREA	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
VK1	85	5	23	7	37	4	3
VK2	1807	2161	2516	2500	3142	2074	1719
VK3	848	940	802	1568	978	583	943
VK4	2250	2349	690	667	364	358	245
VK5	2848	2031	2853	2314	1095	322	774
VK6	5049	6164	3657	2887	3394	2743	1236
VK7	1162	378	637	1249	973	2897	3669
VK8	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
VK9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	14050	14029	11179	11192	9983	8981	8589

		RD PH	ONE CONT	ACTS PER B	AND		
PHONE BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1800	818	404	701	710	860	988	880
3500	8690	4490	5619	6097	7327	5677	7047
7000	16849	14565	10847	9351	12334	8824	7388
14000	4257	3939	2740	2078	3553	2115	1291
21000	414	355	206	197	96	85	187
28000	199	267	205	192	94	139	220
50	490	243	326	318	284	486	554
144	3416	3015	2369	2383	1948	2199	1939
432	1776	1510	1176	1377	1021	1456	1209
1.2	18	71	106	97	138	228	246
2.3	0	32	30	10	0	12	0
>3.4	0	32	40	14	0	36	0
TOTAL	36927	28923	24365	22824	27655	22245	20961

	RD CW CONTACTS BY BAND								
CW BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
1800	88	95	127	318	205	269	217		
3500	546	545	810	861	680	751	949		
7000	516	1173	1444	1531	1095	1080	709		
14000	23	110	130	260	59	62	28		
21000	6	56	28	39	3	20	3		
28000	5	55	12	30	2	21	1		
50	6	40	26	32	1	18	4		
144	0	59	48	36	0	29	5		
432	4	54	37	31	0	30	3		
1.2	0	14	20	10	0	21	1		
2.3	0	31	20	9	0	12	0		
>3.4	0	32	20	10	0	36	0		

RD TOTAL CONTACTS PER BAND							
BAND	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1800	906	499	828	1028	1066	1259	1097
3500	9236	5035	6429	6958	8011	6438	8014
7000	17365	15738	12292	10915	13430	9917	8104
14000	4280	4049	2870	2339	3614	2179	1329
21000	420	411	234	238	99	109	190
28000	204	322	217	222	96	167	221
50	496	283	352	350	285	508	558
144	3416	3074	2417	2419	1948	2266	1955
432	1780	1564	1213	1408	1021	1522	1213
1.2	18	85	126	107	138	279	247
2.3	0	63	50	19	0	24	0
>3.4	0	64	60	24	0	72	0
TOTAL	38121	31187	27088	26027	29708	24740	22928

Team Winners								
YEAR	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		
2018	3	TrickyMuzzVince	VK7VH	VK7ZMS	VK7ZBX	2398		

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			
ММ	2017	VK6NC	1437			

MULTI OP STNS					
YEAR	CLUBS ENTERED	NR OF OPS USED			
2012	22	103			
2013	19	82			
2014	19	102			
2015	17	72			
2016	15	72			
2017	11	51			
2018	12	55			

	CATEGORY WINNERS. 2012 Onwards													
CATEGORY	2012		2013		2014	ļ	2015	5	2016	5	201	7	2018	8
SOPH	VK7NET	1055	VK2TQ	841	VK2PR	983	VK5CB	930	VK2MT	926	VK2MT	974	VK7VH	802
socw	VK7RF	180	VK5NE	542	VK2GR	482	VK5LJ	598	VK2GR	508	VK2GR	758	VK2GR	600
SOMX	VK6ZRW	891	VK5ZD	1024	VK2BJ	1030	VK5SFA	764	VK5LJ	856	VK5LJ	1036	VK5LJ	872
QRPPH	VK6FLAB	259	VK6FMON	448	VK5FDEC	294	VK5FDEC	311	VK5WTF	313	VK2AOJ	422	VK3OAK	94
QRPCW	VK3QB	222	VK2ONZ	131	VK3AGQ	104	VK5NE	424	VK2IG	176	VK2IG	170	-	0
QRPMX	VK2IG	176	VK5ZT	810	VK5ZT	489	VK5ZT	567	VK2IO	573	VK7NTK	380	VK2IO	451
MS	VK2GGC	1148	VK2GGC	983	VK2GGC	1076	VK2WG	361	VK2AU	1175	VK2TUV	1322	VK5ARG	875
мм	VK4XA	935	VK5AKM	1050	VK4WIL	1153	VK2GGC	1267	VK4TS	1233	VK6NC	1437	VK4KW	1169

AVERAGE SCORE / LOG						
SECTION	2016	2017	2018			
SOPH	160	110	121			
SOCW	253	209	188			
SOMX	256	368	342			
QRP PH	108	134	54			
QRP						
CW	129	129	0			
QRP						
MX	331	241	278			
MS	468	538	475			
MM	815	688	606			
	315	302	258			

SOAPBOX COMMENTS

This log is from a SOTA activation I was doing at the time of the contest. I was using an FT817 and a 40w amp, SINGLE-OP VK1DA powered by LiFePO4 battery. The summit was Pheasant Hill, about 1km north of the southern border of the ACT and MIXED at about 1440m ASL and ambient temperature around 3 or 4 C. email: andrew.vk1da@gmail.com SINGLE-OP VK1DW Considerable static and noise plus poor propagatgion. VK6 not heard on any band. SSB SINGLE-OP My keys for this contest was an RAF Air Ministry Key Type D, REF 10F/7373 WWII Vintage and a US Army J-5-A VK1MCW CW Order No 2670 NY 41 Also WWII vintage (made 1941) MULTI-OP VK2ATZ 3 submitted logs joined by manager and uploaded. SSB SINGLE-OP What a struggle. Hi static during the evening and night. Weird conditions on 40m on Sunday. Signals just on or below VK2AZ MIXED the noise level. Very few people to work from the 4 to 6am period. SINGLE-OP VK2BBQ Many thanks to the organisers. SSB SINGLE-OP Radio TS990 Antennas Dipoles for LF and 2el Yagi for HF The heavy and continuous static crashes made the contest VK2BJ very hard work, especially on 160m Disappointing level of CW activity Be back next year though ! CW SINGLE-OP Operated from retirement village balcony, using mag loop antennas. VK2EL CW MULTI-OP VK2GGC Multi op single TX, Had fun and only operated SSB. Good luck to all. MIXED Team leader for the NSW Wombats. VK2BJ and VK2PN being the other members for 2018. Tough conditions this SINGLE-OP VK2GR year with heavy QRN on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Extremely poor HF high band conditions. There CW apperred to be many less CW operators compared to last year.

Ţ	VK2IG	SINGLE- OP CW	Had only Saturday night available for contesting, so came up to give out some numbers. 80m QRN worsened as the night went on. Station: TS-480HX @ 120 W output, 80m OCF dipole. Thanks for running the contest - fun as always, and see you all next year!
•	VK2IO	SINGLE- OP MIXED	Operated portable at Dharug National Park VKFF-0139 (QF56MO). Rig was a KX3 running 5 Watts. Two antennas were used: a double-sized ZS6BKW 9m high and regular ZS6BKW 9m high. VK port-a-log CONTEST was used for logging on my Android phone. Strong QRN throughout the contest reduced the QSO rate however the weather was fine and sunny so another enjoyable RD from the field. Photos here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/bYjV5DmdogQbGxwB9
ľ	VK2JON	SINGLE- OP SSB	johsharpe@gmail.com
Ţ	VK2LEE	SINGLE- OP SSB	Lightning crashes on Saturday night on 80m were over S9 making most contacts very difficult if not impossible. Conditions on 40m on Sunday - I could hear stations working Stations who had the frequency but couldn't hear who they were working!!!V Poor conditions from My location.
٦	VK2MG	SINGLE- OP SSB	The static really hurt as a QRP station. Operated portable from Mount Bouddi in Bouddi Natgional Park - VKFF-0049
•	VK2MT	SINGLE- OP SSB	Operated portable 12v/solar power 15klms nth of Grenfell central NSW. Strong winds required 8 guy ropes & a shorter height on squid pole. Wind, rain & sleet with 0 degree temps. Wind chill was -5 at 2.30am. But all the above was fine compared to the huge & lengthy static crashes we all endured from Saturday PM to Sunday AM. Overnight contacts were less probably because of this noise level. Great Contest & thank-you to the organisers for your efforts.
٦	VK2PN	SINGLE- OP CW	Conditions quite poor. Hard going due to QRN. Some contesters could do with training beforehand.
		SINGLE- OP SSB	My first RD Contest. 80m and 40m bands were relatively noise free. I will try to participate in the contest again next year.
Ţ	VK2SS/P	SINGLE- OP SSB	Woke up to snow on Sunday morning !
1	VK2TTL	SINGLE- OP SSB	Sat 80M Some success and enjoyment had for a few hours with heavy stactic crashe Sunday 40M as day progressed signals improved with constant stactic crashes. Other bands 20m few stations heard, 15m JA's heard. Antenna a fan dipole at 8m with 60m RG8. It was great to catch up with the regulars and first timers.
Ţ	VK2YW	SINGLE- OP SSB	Good fun - havent seen pileups like that on 80m for many years :0)

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VK3AAK SSB SINGLE-OP Wow there was a lot of static crashing after midnight. SINGLE-OP MIXED Thanks, organisers! VK3ANL SINGLE-OP A GOOD TIME WAS HAD, ALTHOUGH THE STATIC CRASHING WAS CHALLENGING AT TIMES. VK3BMT SSB SINGLE-OP VK3BYY Single Operator - Phone SSB SINGLE-OP CONVERTED FROM PAPER LOG BY MANAGER VK3DY SSB MULTI-OP Had to enter 2m and 70cm contacts manuely as system could not change to 2m and 70cm. VK3ER SSB SINGLE-OP Fun contest. Decided to enter the QRP section and found it tough going. Missed out on the extra points on offer after 1 VK3FLCS SSB am by not having an 80m antenna.But that should be rectified come the 2019 contest. SINGLE-OP VK3GC Another great RD contest, just a shame I wasnt able to commit more time this yea SSB Thanks for administering the 2018 RD Contest. I took the opportunity to try out my homebrew QRP (5 watts SSB/CW) rig under crowded band conditions on 80 and 40, with good results. Having triple points 0100-0600 local Sunday SINGLE-OP morning really made the early hours busy with stations, I kept working new calls until 2:30am and would do this again. VK3HN MIXED Please preserve this night owl bonus. I also liked exchanging 'cumulative years of license holding' rather than serial numbers. I had to include CATEGORY-TRANSMITTER: tag in order to submit this log. This is an error as this tag only applies to multi-op stations. SINGLE-OP Thanks for running a great contest Thankyou to VK3AVV for creating VKCL4 logging software VK3MB SSB SINGLE-OP Didn't have a litle of time available, so just a few contacts only. Well worth the time, very friendly contacts. Will try VK3NCC SSB and organise time better next year. Cheers to all. SINGLE-OP Great fun as usual for the RD. Conditions were trying with lots of QRN on 80M in particular Had some computer VK3VT MIXED issues including loss of cat control hence actual frequencies were not shown at times.

VK3ZPF	SINGLE-OP SSB	Only able to work 1 hour of contest. Lots of static crashes on 80m Logged using VK port-a-log - contest version
VK4FPDC	G SINGLE-OP SSB	Icom 7100 + 43' Vertical (10 watts)
VK4HH	MULTI-OP MIXED	Good contest in spite of storm noise on the lower bands
VK4WIS	MULTI-OP MIXED	It was a great contest. I only wish that I could have had more operators.
VK5BC	SINGLE-OP MIXED	Enjoyed contest in limited time I had available
VK5DC	SINGLE-OP CW	Thanks for putting on this friendly contest. I enjoyed the chance to get back into CW and improve my skills.
VK5DJ	SINGLE-OP SSB	Bands were quiet but usual friendly contacts
VK5FBAA	SINGLE-OP SSB	First time using HF RD competition, I think I have made some mistakes
VK5KX	SINGLE-OP SSB	Could only operate for a short time this year :-(
VK5LG	SINGLE-OP SSB	PAPER LOG SENT AND CONVERTED BY MANAGER No space on 7125 for AM Crystal locked equipment. Could have done a lot more but for LSB stns on 7125 and 7130. For an RD contest it would be good if stns were aware of AM as it is the only frequency war time AM gear can be used because of crystals. Collins T47 (US Navy WW2) 80W DP.
VK5LJ	SINGLE-OP MIXED	Lots of 20 over 9 static crashes made the contest challenging. A few more Ops would help fill in the quiet times but otherwise a good contest.
VK5SFA	SINGLE-OP MIXED	160 metres & 80 metres on a 3 metre diameter,2 turn Magnetic Loop!
VK5UE	SINGLE-OP SSB	Noise level on 40 a bit highat my QTH

VK5UV	SINGLE-OP SSB	LOTS OF QRN. HAD A VERY IRATE, ANGRY JAMMER FOR 10-15 MINUTES ON 40M SATURDAY EVENING. LOTS OF FOUR LETTER EXPLETIVES AND ABUSE. HE QUESTIONNED IF I "NEW THE WAR WAS OVER"WHY WAS I DOING CONTEST- HINTED THAT KOREAN OR VIETNEM WAS THE REAL WAR. THEY WERE THE "HEROES". I MOVED TO ANOTHER BAND. VERY NASTY AND SPOILT THE CONTEST. ALSO VERY SAD. NO IDENTIFICATION OR CALL SIGNS. THANKYOU, 73'S
VK6BDO	SINGLE-OP SSB	email huskn@wn.com.au
VK6CSW	SINGLE-OP SSB	Thanks for yet another great RD contest, Alan, but I thought that the number of participants in WA was rather lower than in previous years. Notwithstanding, I had lots of fun and enjoyed every minute.
VK6DDX	SINGLE-OP MIXED	Another great RD Contest. Thank you to the WIA Contest Manager and VK4SN for the RD support material and web page information. Transmitters were; HF-TenTec Eagle, VHF-Icom IC-7000.
VK6FLTC	SINGLE-OP SSB	My first RD contest. Converted to VKLC from paper copy. I trust all is in order and there are few mistakes. Will be on the ball next year. Tks
VK6LVI	MULTI-OP MIXED	Great contest, always a struggle from VK6
VK6MJC	SINGLE-OP SSB	Thanks for organising the contest. HF conditions difficult, however, still enjo 73 Mike
VK6MM	SINGLE-OP SSB	Operated from 188 Culeenup Road North Yunderup WA 6208
VK6POP	SINGLE-OP SSB	Thanks for the contest. I seem to be running out of stamina these days.
VK6YD	SINGLE-OP SSB	Paper log sent and converted by Manager
VK6YTS	SINGLE-OP SSB	Remembrance Day Contest
VK7DIK	SINGLE-OP SSB	Plenty of participation in the times I was on air.
VK7EE	SINGLE-OP CW	Paper log received and converted by the Manager

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VK7FB	SINGLE-OP MIXED	HF very noisy so not many contacts there.
VK7FJAM	1 SINGLE-OP SSB	Very enjoyable contest and my first experience on HF with the use of an end-fed random wire and a 9:1 unun I constructed during the contest.
VK7GN	SINGLE-OP MIXED	Went out to operate at the remote shack. Sunday am 1 degree C - at lest we didn't get snow Saturday evening it was2 deg when I had to go and fix the 160 matching box at the base of the vertical. I was really glad to get back to the wood stove
VK7HDM	SINGLE-OP MIXED	log re-done to add missing G after 1.2
VK7JGD	SINGLE-OP SSB	Thanks to all involved in putting on another great RD Contest Plenty of statio Antennas HF 10m 15m 20m triband 3el beam 80/40m dipole east west 40/20m dip 2m/70cm x300 vertical 70cm 7el yagi 6m halfwave vertical TXs ICOM 7300 YAESU FT 897D Thanks to all on the air Garry VK7JGD
VK7JU	SINGLE-OP SSB	First 22 contacts I mistakenly gave out sequential report. OOps.
VK7KC	SINGLE-OP SSB	Enjoy the Contest. Limited time to take part this year. QRN.
VK7KDV	SINGLE-OP SSB	ENJOYED THE CONTEST
VK7KPC	SINGLE-OP SSB	Good contest thanks
VK7KWB	SINGLE-OP SSB	PAPER LOG SENT AND CONVERTED BY MANAGER
VK7LG	SINGLE-OP SSB	Notes attached
VK7NTK	SINGLE-OP SSB	I hereby certify that I have operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest. Thomas Karpiniec operating as VK7NTK/Q
VK7RF	SINGLE-OP CW	Thanks again for another great RD Contest I expect to be back again in 2019. 73 Rob VK7RF

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SeaCONVERTED FROM PAPER LOG BY MANAGERVK7TWSingleop
SeaTanks Alan, very much appreciate the effort put into the RD Contest.VK7TWSingleop
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