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2018 TRANS TASMAN CONTEST - SOAPBOX COMMENTS

OPERATORS: VK1FMGG

SOAPBOX: First contest..had a good time!

OPERATORS: VK1HW

SOAPBOX: Some shocking signal, Contest Club Station Operator using 4kHz (TTBF)

SOAPBOX: again during a contest, what a shocker.

SOAPBOX: Stations unable to net on frequency, I thought it is being taught

SOAPBOX: on the easy peasy license courses.

SOAPBOX: Put a 1/2wave 80m inverted L up to improve on my score. Had a ball. TNX

OPERATORS: VK2ACW - VK2XPH VK2JDS VK2MTJ VK2FGAZ VK2EJM VK2AMV VK2FJP

SOAPBOX: Very enjoyable evening for our group operating our club call.

SOAPBOX: A bit of radio play, a nice roast dinner, and great conversation.

SOAPBOX: A nice casual evening for us all, what more could you want.

OPERATORS: VK2AKB

SOAPBOX: Thankyou for the contest, very enjoyable

SOAPBOX: 120W - CW, 200W SSB, Broadband dipole

OPERATORS: VK2AOJ - VK2YK, VK2PE, VK2FAJM, VK2FRKO

SOAPBOX: Great contest but lacking stations to work. Most stations went off air at 1100

OPERATORS: VK2AZ

SOAPBOX: First time I have entered this contest. Had fun.

SOAPBOX: Great to see lots of people about. Conditions were fair but I struggled

SOAPBOX: to work multipliers from my suburban location.

SOAPBOX: Would love to see additional multipliers per mode.

OPERATORS: VK2EL

SOAPBOX: 100w, mag loop on balcony

OPERATORS: VK2FRKA

SOAPBOX: This is my first time trying a contest I hope that I did it right ,not sure if

OPERATORS: VK2IG

SOAPBOX: Station: TS-480HX @ 5W output, 40m dipole, 80m OCF dipole

SOAPBOX: Thanks to all the stations who worked my QRP signal, and thanks to

SOAPBOX: the contest manager(s) for running the contest.

OPERATORS: VK2IO

SOAPBOX: Operated portable at Cattai National Park VKFF-0092 (QF56KK).

SOAPBOX: Rig was a KX3 and antenna was a double-sized ZS6BKW 10m high.

SOAPBOX: Propagation was great allowing running even on 5 Watts and it

SOAPBOX: was good to work into ZL and VK6 on 80m. 160m proved useful too.

SOAPBOX: Not much time devoted to 40m due to foreign contest activity.

SOAPBOX: Another very enjoyable TransTasman!

OPERATORS: VK2KDP

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SOAPBOX: Bit slow at times, but very busy others.

OPERATORS: VK2LEE

SOAPBOX: GREAT CONTEST- EXCELLENT CONDITIONS ON 80 Metres all night -

SOAPBOX: 2 Hour Blocks is the way to go - Many stations giving out numbers right to the e

SOAPBOX: My computer locked up at 1300z -took Me 30 minutes to get it back &

SOAPBOX: somehow I had two number 101s?? but I did give out the correct numbers

OPERATORS: VK2MB - VK2XE VK2TMF VK2ZZM VK2UCT VK2JNA VK2THT VK2FGWP

SOAPBOX: The Manly Warringah Radio Society operated portable at Berrima Scout Camp.

SOAPBOX: It was very cold and got down to -7 degrees C overnight. Froze all the pipes.

SOAPBOX: It was great to see so many stations on 160m. We would love to have the

SOAPBOX: real estate to have a full time antenna for this band in Sydney.

SOAPBOX: Thanks for having this contest as its a great incentive to operate bands

SOAPBOX: that many club members and other amateurs rarely operate.

OPERATORS: VK2MG

SOAPBOX: Operating portable in Dharug National Park VKFF-0139 Grid Loc QF56mo

SOAPBOX: FT818 with a linked dipole 9m up on a squid pole tied to trees either side.

SOAPBOX: Heavy static in ZL made it difficult for Low Power stations in VK

SOAPBOX: In hindsight I should have set the FT818 to 5W instead of 6W so I could claim QRP

OPERATORS: VK2MT

SOAPBOX: Operated portable from the back seat of the car.

SOAPBOX: Got rather cold & windy as the night progressed.

SOAPBOX: Previously tested antenna decided not to allow tuning on 160m.

SOAPBOX: Despite the 10:1 VSWR made a VK4 contact on 160m with just 5 watts.

SOAPBOX: To better suit 40m propagation & the ZL's bedtime, should the Contest start 2 hours

OPERATORS: VK2PX

SOAPBOX: TransTasman Low Band SSB

SOAPBOX: The use of Phonetics needs to be promoted.

SOAPBOX: The audio quality of some operators is

SOAPBOX: less than ideal

OPERATORS: VK2RAS - VK3QB

SOAPBOX: Great Contest! Looking forward tonext year already.

OPERATORS: VK3ER

SOAPBOX: VERY BUSY TONIGHT WITH TWO CONTESTS GOING AT THE SAME TIME.

OPERATORS: VK3HOP

SOAPBOX: I need to get better at this. Lol!

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OPERATORS: VK3SAT - VK3JNI VK3ZPF VK3MDR VK3FBAF

SOAPBOX: Operated from the Guide and Scout Water Activities Centre.

SOAPBOX: Very poor conditions on 40m

SOAPBOX: No antenna available for 160m

SOAPBOX: Introduced a 12 year old Scout to Amateur Radio contesting

SOAPBOX: The Scout absolutely loved it!

OPERATORS: VK3YE

SOAPBOX: A fun contest - thanks!

OPERATORS: VK3ZZX

SOAPBOX: Great contest

OPERATORS: VK4HG

SOAPBOX: Casual contesting, great competition. 80 meters only. Long wire and ATU.

OPERATORS: VK4KW - VK4BAA VK4MZ VK4NEF VK4SN VK4TS

SOAPBOX: Fantastic night. Ran 3 permanent positions as MM. Bands seemed

SOAPBOX: to be playing well especially on 160m where we made over 100 contacts.

SOAPBOX: 62 contacts were to ZL spread over 3 bands. 40M 4SQ, 160 and 80m
Verticals

SOAPBOX: Fan dipole on 160/80/40m. FT5000, FT1000, FLEX 6400.

OPERATORS: VK4WIS - VK4LHD VK4PN VK4FSCC VK4FKES.

SOAPBOX: Contest conducted at the Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club

OPERATORS: VK5ARG - VK5AKH VK5SFA VK5QI VK5MTM VK5GR VK5IX VK5ZM

SOAPBOX: A nice relaxed evening at Steve VK5SFA's QTH. Setup a few 80m

SOAPBOX: antennas for the event, and used Steve's existing 160m mag loop

SOAPBOX: and SteppIR.

OPERATORS: VK5LJ

SOAPBOX: A excellent night for contesting with very low band noise.

SOAPBOX: Good concept, great fun.

OPERATORS: VK6FVIA

SOAPBOX: great contest

OPERATORS: VK6NI

SOAPBOX: Good participation this year and conditions reasonable

SOAPBOX: Indonesian contest shut down 40m in the evening

OPERATORS: VK6POP

SOAPBOX: Good contest. Opening block had 40m and 80m romping in.

OPERATORS: VK6QM

SOAPBOX: Great night thanks and conditions were fair

OPERATORS: VK7GN

SOAPBOX: Shared our remote station with Linda VK7QP, half an our on half an hour off.

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SOAPBOX: Worked okay and we both had fun!

OPERATORS: VK7HW

SOAPBOX: Worked on 80M only, last 2 hour block

SOAPBOX: Good signals from all areas

SOAPBOX: Inverted V Antenna

SOAPBOX: IC7000 running 70W

OPERATORS: VK7JGD

SOAPBOX: A LATE START SO 40M NO GOOD ONLY HEARD ASIAN STATIONS CALLING CQ
CONTEST

SOAPBOX: 160M AND 80M QUITE BUSY AND A BIT OF FUN THANKS FOR THE CONTEST LOOK
FORWARD TO

SOAPBOX: NEXT YEAR AND WORKING 40M MAYBE WITH AN EARLIER CONTEST START ???.

OPERATORS: VK7VH

SOAPBOX: 40m was, again, dismal. It is time to re-think this contest. A separate
40m

SOAPBOX: contest is a must. Start at 3.00pm local until 7.00pm local. 4 1 hour
sections.

SOAPBOX: Create the main Trans Tasman Contest as a stand alone 80m/160m contest.

SOAPBOX: What ever happens in the future, the contest manager should look at a
total

SOAPBOX: revamp. If it continues as is, it may die.

SOAPBOX: Having said that, I will always remain a strong supporter of the Trans
Tasman

SOAPBOX: Contest. Long may it live, in what ever guise is needed to ensure its
future.

SOAPBOX: To the contest manager, thank you for your dedication and hard work.
Known that

SOAPBOX: we appreciate what you do in managing this great contest.

OPERATORS: ZL1FAB

SOAPBOX: First contest - hope the log is okay!

SOAPBOX: Kenwood TS-520 + homebrew 10m-40m EFHW!

SOAPBOX: 40m poor after 10:00 UTC, 80m suffered varying degrees of QRN

SOAPBOX: Not many fellow ZL's from what I heard

SOAPBOX: Count me in for next year :)

OPERATORS: ZL1SWW

SOAPBOX: 80/40 M TRAPPED DIPOLE.

SOAPBOX: IC-756 PRO3 - 100 WATTS.

OPERATORS: ZL3VZ

SOAPBOX: Operated from RE68x1 using FT1000 (100W) and dipole antennas.

SOAPBOX: Conditions better than last year with 40m open longer and more stations
workable

SOAPBOX: on 160m. Considerable noise on the two lower bands at my location,
however.

SOAPBOX: Enjoyed the contest - thanks to the organisers.