

SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will be held over the weekend of January 12 and 13. The rules are very little changed from last year. Please note two rule changes that were first adopted for the Spring VHF-UHF Field Day in November 2007:

- 1. Stations may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections, but only if the station actually operates for more than 8 hours.
- 2. Changing locations: It is not in the spirit of the contest for grid-hoppers to set up more than one station and move between them. The rules now make it clear that not only the operator but also the station must be moved when operating locations are changed.

Pleas note also the rule on the use of DX calling frequencies. Where possible, contest activity should focus on the recommended contest calling frequency.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday January 12 and 13, 2008.

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Sections

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Logs must be received by Monday, January 28, 2008. Early logs would be appreciated.

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

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The Summer Field Day went well. Propagation was better than usual, and there was a particularly good sporadic E opening on 6 and 2 metres that gave both portable and home stations large numbers of contacts and a bigger than usual list of grid squares.

The winners of the five sections were: Doug Friend VK4OE, Ralph Edgar VK3WRE, the Lara group VK3UHF, Alan VK3XPD, and Matt VK2DAG. Congratulations to all.

I was interesting to note that with one exception, the top scorers on each band were not the top scorers overall in their sections. It is good to draw attention to the very high scores that some entrants were able to achieve. These top scorers were: David VK4ZDP on 6 metres, Andrew VK1DA and the EMDRC VK3ER on 2 metres, Andrew VK1DA again on 70 cm, and the LUMEG group VK3UHF on 1296.

The next VHF-UHF Field Day will be the spring event next November. The dates will be confirmed a little later in the year. Please check the VHF-UHF Field Day page on the WIA web site for further details.

Call	Name	Location	50	144	432	1296	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 2	24 Hours										
VK4OE	Doug Friend	QG63, QG62	75	582	505	640	470	_	-	460	-	2732
VK1DA	Andrew Davis	QF44	79	930	890	552	-	-	-	-	-	2451
VK3BJM	Barry Miller	QF15	156	639	535	272	-	-	-	-	-	1602
VK3BBB	Brian Young	QF31	147	615	435	168	-	-	-	-	-	1365
VK2FRBS	Russell Simon	QF57	-	492	525	-	-	-	-	-	-	1017
VK5XE	Ian Northeast	PF96	140	231	315	-	-	-	-	-	-	686
VK2RS	Don Haberecht	QF33	71	330	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	521
VK5AR	Alan Raftery	PF94	30	195	180	96	-	-	-	-	-	501
VK1AI	Greg Parkhurst	QF44	165	228	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	393
VK5FAAF	Robert Allen	PF96	-	178	212	-	-	-	-	-	-	390
VK2ZSZ	Steve Zoneff	QF44	-	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Section B:	Single Operator, 8	Hours										
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	QF31	_	366	450	536	470	340	220	360	-	2742
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	QF32	172	474	455	408	-	-	-	-	-	1509
VK5OQ	Keith Gooley	PF95	65	324	240	168	-	-	-	-	-	797
VK5AR	Alan Raftery	PF94	27	171	150	96	-	-	-	-	-	444
VK3KAN	Rik Head	QF22	23	108	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	296
VK3DCQ	Trevor Haines	QF22	-	153	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	273
VK2YJS	Julian Sortland	QF56	66	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198
VK4EV	Ron Everingham	QG62	30	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24	Hours										
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VK3UHF	LUMEG (1)	QF21	207	666	805	960	960	590	360	840	220	5608
VK3ER	EMDRC (2)	QF22	239	930	865	792	-	-	-	-	-	2826
VK4WAT	TREC (3)	QH22	474	630	420	360	-	-	-	260	-	2144
VK2MA	HADARC (4)	QF46	268	585	605	584	-	-	-	-	-	2060
VK5ARC	SCARC (5)	PF94	223	798	530	168	-	-	-	-	-	1716
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 H	lours										
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VK3XPD	(6)	QF21, 22	-	504	510	600	460	450	-	460	220	3204
VK3FRC	FAMPARC (7)	QF21	161	552	515	304	-	-	-	-	-	1532
VK2MA	HADARC (4)	QF46	170	384	420	464	-	-	-	-	-	1438
VK3BJA	GGREC (8)	QF21	-	325	335	344	-	-	-	-	-	994
VK1WJ	(9)	QF44	120	252	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	622

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VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56	206	858	640	504	210	-	-	210	-	2628
VK3HZ	David Smith	QF22	-	609	715	720	-	-	-	-	-	2044
VK3BDL	Michael Goode	QF22	177	657	630	528	-	-	-	-	-	1992
VK4BEG	Russell Norton	QH22	477	594	285	216	-	-	-	-	-	1572
VK4DMC	Dale McCarthy	QH22	400	396	240	216	-	-	-	-	-	1252
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	530	420	255	-	-	-	-	-	-	1205
VK4AR	Gary Ryan	QG62	-	501	160	-	320	-	-	210	-	1191
VK3TPR	Peter Roberts	QF22	91	456	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	1047
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	QG62	373	564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	937
VK3YXC	Ken Church	QF22	35	177	320	368	-	-	-	-	-	900
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	63	396	430	-	-	-	-	-	-	889
VK4AQ	Ross Anderson	QH32	374	252	255	-	-	-	-	-	-	881
VK2TG	Robert Demkiw	QF55	35	345	440	-	-	-	-	-	-	820
VK5MCB	Michael Baldock	PF86	43	492	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	805
VK5FIVE	Rick Cybul	PF94	-	393	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	663
VK3ACA	John Adcock	QF22	-	381	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	616
VK2EAH	Andy Hood	QF56	-	282	330	-	-	-	-	-	-	612
VK3HV	George Francis	QF31	50	159	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	419
VK2ZQX	John Watson	QF58	146	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	416
VK4AAT	Terry Stewart	QG62	187	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187
VK3YFL	Bryon Dunkley-Smit	h	Check log									

- Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters' Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX.
- (2) Eastern and Mountain Duistrict Radio Club: Steve VK3AMY, Jim VK3AMN, Mike VK3AVV, David VK3DLR, John VK3PZ, Peter VK3QI, Damien VK3SOX, Jonas VK3VF, Max VK3WT, Jack VK3WWW.
- (3) Tablelands Radio & Electronics Club: John Roberts VK4TL, Trevor Gregory VK4ZFC, Dave West VK4ADW.
- (4) Hornsby & District Amateur Radio Club: Mick VK2HMS, Dave VK2FDIW, Rose VK2ANG, Steve VK2BCD, Rod VK2DAY, Compton VK2HRX, Taylor VK2FTEC, Rod VK2FDRW, Josh VK2ZJG, Mal VK2STG, Paul VK2FMAM, Peter VK2TTP, Dave VK2HSS, Pete VK2TPK, Bob VK2BMU.
- (5) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: Barry Bates VK5KBJ, Andrew Willis VK5LA, Stef Daniels VK5HSX, Peter Patterson VK5FPGP.
- (6) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3AAK.
- (7) Frankston & Mornington Peninsula ARC: Roy VK3GB, Gerard VK3GER, Andrew VK3AEJ, Stjepan VK3TSN.
- (8) Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club: Phil Pavey VK3YB, Kerri-May Pavey VK3FDSD, Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT, Doug Rowe VK3KMN, Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI, Ivan Blezard VK3ARV, Ian Jackson VK3BUF, Ross Jackson VK3ZAP, Megan Woods.
- (9) VK1YBQ: Hauke Wunderlich, VK1PAR: Al Long, VK1WJ: Waldis Jirgens.

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INAUGURAL WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

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The first VHF-UHF Field Day was run as a trial in January 1989. The response was good, so the Field Day became a permanent event. Then in 1998 Rod VK2TWR suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Spring Field Day as well. This also went well, and activity has continued to increase since then, especially over the last few years.

Now Michael VK3AAK has suggested the idea of a Winter Field Day. This is certainly worth a try, and if it goes well it could become another regular feature of the contest calendar.

This Field Day is being arranged at short notice, so please spread the word. Polling has indicated majority support for a date in early winter, and the date has also been chosen to avoid clashes with major events such as Gippstech.

The rules are quite straightforward. The wording of the details relating to the contest sections has been rearranged for the sake of clarity, but the rules themselves are the same as for previous events. A sample scoring sheet is included with the rules on the WIA web site.

I hope you will able to participate in the Field Day, and I look forward to receiving plenty of logs.

Dates - Saturday and Sunday June 21 and 22, 2008

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

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WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

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Here are the results for the inaugural Winter Field Day. Not surprisingly, activity was not at the same level as the spring and summer contests, but for first off event at a chilly time of year, it went extremely well. The winners of the five sections were: Doug Friend VK4OE; Michael Coleman VK3AAK; the crew of VK4WIE; the Geelong group VK3UHF; and Leigh Rainbird VK2KRR. Congratulations to these winners and to all who braved the elements to make this first Winter Field Day a success.

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Section B:	Single Operator, 8 I	Hours									
VK3AAK VK3WRE VK3HV VK5AR VK5OM VK4EV VK4DFG VK6ZYX	Michael Coleman Ralph Edgar George Francis Alan Raftery Jim Bywaters Ron Everingham Harry Debnam Mike Beall	QF21, 22, 31, 32 QF31 QF31 PF94, PF95 QF03 QG62 QG62 QF76, OF86	31 - 32 32 32 35	402 195 144 150 132 132 66 141	565 270 300 210 220 165 105	536 392 - - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - -	-	- - - - - -	1503 857 440 391 352 329 203 176
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 H	lours									
VK4WIE VK3JTM VK2BTW	(1) (2) Tamworth RC (3)	QG61 QF12 QF58	72 39 21	603 450 390	495 500 510	416 576 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1586 1565 921
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VK2KRR VK3AAK VK4KZR VK2EI VK3YLV VK5LSB VK3ECH VK4TJ VK2ZTY VK4FJON VK3BG VK2CZ VK1PAR	Leigh Rainbird Michael Coleman Rod Preston Neil Sandford David Timms Simon Brandenburg Rob George John Kirk Nick Repin John Cockinos Ed Roache David Burger Al Long	QF34 QF21 QG62 QF68 QF13 PF94 QF23 QG52 QG61 QG62 QF24 QF56 QF44	21 	477 309 153 264 111 195 288 237 63 141 249 78 153	430 300 315 180 265 170 180 105 130	576 376 272 - 192 - - 168 - -	- 210 - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	-	- - - - - - - - - - - -	1504 985 635 605 507 460 458 417 357 271 249 220 153
VK2ZQX	John Watson	QF58	-	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	141

- Ron Croucher VK4CRO, Ron Meiring VK4KDD, John Morris VK4MJF, Eric Fittock VK4NEF Tim Morgan VK3JTM, Dylan Cator VK3JWC, G. Richards VK3FIQ

- Tamworth Radio Club Inc John Hams VK2JH, Cris Perrett VK2FBOZ
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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The number of logs received for the Spring Field Day has increased each year for the last four years, and this year's event set another new record with a 60 per cent increase in logs compared with this time last year. The Summer Field Day has traditionally seen more activity than the Spring event, but this year's activity also breaks the previous Summer Field Day record.

According to the rules, if the winner of Section A also enters section B, his log is excluded from Section B. That was the case this year, so the total becomes 71 logs from 67 different entrants.

It is good to see a notable increase in the numbers of both portable and home stations, with a number of callsigns appearing in the list for the first time. The geographic spread of stations is also increasing, although there are still gaps in VK6 and VK7.

Microwave activity was static, or a little lower than usual in some areas. But it is noteworthy that this year's event saw the first Field Day contact on the 47 GHz band. At the other end of the spectrum, some of the 6 metre scores were much higher than usual, and this suggests that we will see greater use of this band in future events.

Now on to the results. Congratulations to Tim Dixon VK5ZT for winning Section A with a marathon roving effort. For Section B, the prize goes to Gavin Brain VK3HY. In the multi-operator sections, the 24 hour winners were VK3UHF (operated by Chas VK3PY and David VK3QM), and the 8 hour winner was VK3XPD, operated by Alan VK3XPD and Michael VK3KH. The top home station was Matt Hetherington, VK2DAG.

The next Field Day will be the summer event, to be held over the weekend of January 17 and 18. Will it set another new record?

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	47 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24 I	Hours										
VK5ZT VK4OE VK5ADE VK1DA VK3ECH VK5AKH VK5OQ VK5AR VK2VRS VK5LA VK4HEC VK2AMS VK1XYZ VK3HV VK5FAAF VK2ZSZ	Tim Dixon Doug Friend Stuart Cameron Andrew Davis Rob George Andrew Hall Keith Gooley Alan Raftery Russell Simon Andrew Williss Ewen Cameron Mark Swannack Michael Wagner George Francis Robert Allen Steve Zoneff	PF85,86,87,94,95,96,97 QG62, QG63 PF85, 86, 95, 96 QF44 QF24 PF94, PF95, PF96 PF85, 86, 95, 96 PF94 QF68 PF84, PF85 QG52 QF68 QF44 QF31 PF96 QF44	130 57 104 51 95 88 76 32 58 24 31 25	555 450 390 747 516 369 300 537 273 426 441 279 264 108 248 162	900 645 660 655 560 425 505 505 530 250 290 155 125	912 576 808 464 640 280 560 208 496	460 290 - - - - - - - - -	-		1160 550 890 240 - 570 210 - - - -	210	3657 2948 2852 2447 1876 1867 1571 1282 1274 1014 715 600 444 401 372 183
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 Ho	-	_,	102								100
VK3HY VK3BG VK5AKH VK5DK VK3OE VK4UAT VK3EK VK5ADE VK4ALH VK3YFL VK5LA VK3LOL VK4EV VK3PRA	Gavin Brain Ed Roache Andrew Hall Colin Hutchesson Andrew Martin Allan Turner Rob Ashlin Stuart Cameron Leicester Hibbert Bryon Dunkley-Smith Andrew Williss Robert Nicoll Ron Everingham Ruben Acevedo	QF32 QF24 PF94, PF95, PF96 QF02 QF21, QF22, QF31 QG61, QG62 QF42 PF85, 86, 95, 96 QG63 QF22, QF23 PF84, PF85 QF21 QG62 QF21	124 70 74 - 96 - 98 49 70 43 - 36	471 372 276 267 387 63 255 327 234 318 300 165 111	725 515 465 550 165 400 495 315 365 365 320 175	800 712 280 256 264 264 776	320	320	210	340 210 330 - 210	-	2120 1669 1435 1327 1289 1152 919 890 808 753 708 485 322 150

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Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 Ho	ours										
VK3UHF	LUMEG (1)	QF21	121	849	1130	1152	1060	440	560	700		6012
VK3ER	EMDRC (2)	QF22	243	987	1340	1360	-	-	-	-	-	3930
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (3)	PF85, 86, 95, 96	115	489	785	1016	-	-	-	1000	-	3405
VK5OM VK1BL	(4) (5)	QF03 QF44	131 40	696 768	800 605	1200 536	210 410	-	-	350	-	3037 2709
VK1BL VK4WAT	Tableland REC (6)	QH22	220	432	510	496	410		_	260	-	1918
VK3JTM	(7)	QF12	-	432	635	808	_	_	_	200	_	1875
VK2BTW	Tamworth RC (8)	QF58	58	471	430	224	-	_	_	-	_	1163
VK2AWX	Hunter RG (9)	QF56	165	588	400		-	-	-	-	_	1153
VK3III	Wimmera ARG (10)	QF13	48	297	435	296	-	-	-	-	-	1076
VK3LCD	(11)	QF01	-	372	415	-	-	-	-	-	-	787
VK4WIE	CBRS (12)	QG62	-	417	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	737
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Ho	urs										
VK3XPD	(13)	QF21, QF22	82	363	410	624	450	440	450	450	-	3269
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (3)	PF85, 86, 95, 96	104	387	635	912	-	-	-	960	-	2998
VK3AIG	(14)	QF12	104	348	520	432	370	-	-	-	-	1774
VK3FRC	FAMPARC (15)	QF21	104	453	365	400	-	-	-	-	-	1322
VK3APC	MDRC (16)	QF21	79	135	255	304	-	-	-	-	-	773
VK2MA	HADARC (17)	QF46	38	216	190	256	-	-	-	-	-	700
VK2EH	CCARC (18)	QF56	-	234	305	-	-	-	-	-	-	539
Section E:	Home Station, 24 Ho	urs										
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56	86	666	640	688	-	-	-	-	-	2080
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	71	294	360	264	-	-	-	-	-	989
VK3KIS	Andrew Kayton	QF22	48	192	355	320	-	-	-	-	-	915
VK5LSB	Simon Brandenburg	PF94	72	348	470	-	-	-	-	-	-	890
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	37	516 300	315 425	-	-	-	-	-	-	868 705
VK5FUNE VK3CT	Darryl Ross Damien Wright	PF95 QF31	-	300 372	340	-	-	_	_	_	-	725 712
VK3C1 VK3TPR	Peter Roberts	QF22	51	249	350	_	_	_	_	_	_	650
VK4TJ	John Kirk	QG52	22	186	245	168	_	_	_	_	_	621
VK1PAR	Alistair Long	QF44	52	312	255	-	-	_	_	-	_	619
VK3DMW	Ken Brown	QF31	-	246	105	264	-	-	-	-	_	615
VK2EAH	Andy Hood	QF56	-	360	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	610
VK4FJON	John Cockinos	QG62	-	261	210	-	-	-	-	-	-	471
VK3FMCQ	Nick Kraehe	QF31	-	261	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	426
VK3BLE	Colin Pomroy	QF31	-	174	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	394
VK3XOR	Craig White	QF22	40	123	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	368
VK1WJ	Waldis Jirgens	QF44	26	114	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	280
VK2KTC	Tom Clifford	QF56	38	81	125	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
VK3DAG	Steven Hamer	QF23	45	69	115	-	-	-	-	-	-	229
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	35	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	140
VK2ZQX	John Watson	QF58	21	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
VK3KST	Tom Steadman	QF31	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120

- Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM (1)
- Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club: Mike VK3AVV, Doug VK3FSNO, John VK3PZ, Jonas VK3VF, Hannah VK3GNU, Ivy (2) VK3LNX, Peter VK3QI, Max VK3WT, Jack VK3WWW
- Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club: Iain Crawford VK5ZDB, John Ross VK5NI, Steve Mahony VK5AIM
- Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Bill Day VK3LY, Brian Farmers VK3AQX
- Ted Garnett VK1BL, Greg Parkhurst VK1AI, Andy Sayers VK2AES
- (3) (4) (5) (6) Tableland Radio & Électronics Club: John Roberts VK4TL, Dale McCarthy VK4DMC, Stuart Dunk VK4SDD, Jeff Cochrane VK4BOF
- (7) (8) Tim Morgan VK3JTM, Dylan Cator VK3JWC
- Tamworth Radio Club: John Hams VK2JH, Cris Perrett VK2FBOZ, Robert Duck VK2VRD, Alan Alderson VK2HQD, Brenda Taylor
- (9) Hunter Radio Group: T. Easlea VK2COE, G. Wrightson VK2SH, G. O'Brien VK2FA, M. Clarke VK2MJC, W. Lawrence VK2FWJL, P. White VK2YPW
- (10)Wimmera Amateur Radio Group: David Timms VK3YLV, Andy Squires VK3AS, Doug Kay VK3KAY, Neil O'Shannassy VK3UCO
- (11)Gary Smith VK3LCD, Paul Brown VK3HJV
- City of Brisbane Radio Society: Miles Colledge VK4FUST, Ross Colledge VK4WRC, John Morris VK4MJF Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3KH (12)
- (13)
- (14)John Kennedy VK3AIG, Ian Lloyd VK3IDL, Ian McDonald VK3AXH
- Frankston and Mornington Peninsula ARC: Ed VK3GD, David VK3EW, Roy VK3GB, Stjepan VK3WF, David VK3LDR Moorabbin & District Radio Club: lan Morris VK3IFM, Lee Moyle VK3GK, Gerard Werner VK3GER (15)
- (16)
- (17)Hornsby & Districts Amateur Radio Club: Steve VK2BCD, Rosa VK2ANG, Rod VK2DAY, Dave VK2HSS, Tomas VK2CCC, Mark VK2BMW, Mike VK2FNBA, Peter VK2TTP
- (18)Central Coast ARC: Dave Hardy VK2JDH, Col Matten VK2KCM

FIELD DAY WEB SITE - http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/

This site includes the rules for the next Field Day, rules and results of all past VHF-UHF Field Days, cover sheets and scoring tables, plus other information.

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 17 and 18 January 2009.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0300 UTC Saturday to 0300 UTC Sunday.

Please note that the UTC times differ from those of the Winter Field Day because daylight saving time will apply in most states.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.

E: Home station, 24 hours.

Entrants may enter more than one section.

Single operator stations: If a single operator station operates for more than 8 hours, the station may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B.

Two operators: If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other.

Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. If the winners of Section C have also entered Section D, their log will be excluded from Section D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign. *Operating periods:* Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours – please include details in your cover sheet of which 8 hour period should be used for scoring purposes.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time; frequency; station worked; serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated	+	Locators Worked	+	QSOs	X	Multiplier	=	Band Total
	(10 points eac	ch)	(10 points each)	(1	point each)				
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	Χ	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	Χ	3	=	240
70 cm etc.	10	+	40	+	20	Χ	5	=	350
Overall To	otal							=	680

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to vhf-contests@wia.org.au. The following log formats are acceptable: ASCII text, MS Office 2000 (or earlier) RTF, DOC, XLS or MDB. Logs must be received by **Monday**, 2 **February 2009.** Early logs would be appreciated.



SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Summer Field Day saw a total of 68 logs – not quite equal to the record, but very close. Propagation was variable: some operators reported ordinary conditions but others found that conditions were much better than usual. And many entrants reported high levels of actviity. It was also good to see a number of logs from stations entering the contest for the first time.

This time the most unusual feature of the results is two enormous scores by Tim Dixon VK5ZT in Section A and the Elizabeth club VK5LZ in Section C. Their operation could best be described as "extreme grid-hopping". Hats off to them for the enormous effort it would have taken for them to activate so many squares. The runner-up for Section A was Ralph VK3WRE, and in Section C it was the Lara group VK3UHF.

In the eight hour sections, Ralph complemented his second place in Section A with a win in Section B, and the runner-up was Bill VK3LY. In Section D, the winners were the VK3XPD crew, with second place going to the family station VK3ALB, who entered the Field Day for the first time.

In the home station section, top score went to Barry VK3BJM, and the runner-up was Matt VK2DAG.

Congratulations to all. I hope you will all be back for the next event, which will be the second Winter Field Day in late June.

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	TOTAL		
Section A:	Single Operator, 24 I	Hours	ırs											
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF84,85,86,87,94,95,9	F84,85,86,87,94,95,96,97, QF04,05,06											
	5 5 .	0504	246	774	1275	1976	2460	1770	2460	2460	-	13421		
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	QF31	-	306	495	704	680	550	430	440	-	3605		
VK40E	Doug Friend	QG50, QG60	-	459	740	664	550	-	- 0.40	210	-	2623		
VK3ZQB	Russell Lemke	QF11	107	285	350	648	-	-	340	490	-	2113		
VK3LY	Bill Day	QF04	137	540	745	672 904	-	-	-	-	-	2104		
VK3JTM	Tim Morgan	QF12	127 43	402 528	655	904 520	-	-	-	-	-	2088		
VK3ECH VK3BBB	Rob George	QF23			655 740	520	-	-	-	-	-	1746		
VK3BBB VK3DAG	Brian Young Steven Hamer	QF32 QF32	136 110	645 483	740 625	-	-	-	-	-	-	1521 1218		
VK3DAG VK2HRX		QF44	24	396	345	280	-	-	-	-	-	1045		
	Compton Allen	QF36			345 220	280	-	-	-	-	-			
VK2FABV VK5AR	Colin Sibraa	PF94	- 62	735 408	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	955 920		
VK5BC	Alan Raftery	PF85	62 32	282		304	-	-	-	-	-			
VK5BC VK4HEC	Brian Cleland Ewen Cameron	QG52	32 21	282 351	175 290	304	-	-	-	-	-	793 662		
VK4HEC VK5UE		PF95	2 I -	147	280	168	-	-	-	-	-	595		
VK5UE VK1AI	Colwyn Low Greg Parkhurst	QF44	28	210	260 140	100	-	-	-	-	-	398		
VK3FASW	Andre Walker	QF21	20	189	140	-	-	-	-	-	-			
VK3FASW VK2YJS	Julian Sortland	QF56	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189 81		
VKZYJS	Julian Sortiand	QF56	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81		
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 Ho	ours												
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	QF31	-	306	495	704	670	540	430	430	-	3575		
VK3LY	Bill Day	QF04	81	402	745	472	-	-	-	-	-	1700		
VK3KVB	Barry Maskell	QF23	43	348	455	360	-	-	-	-	-	1206		
VK3YFL	Bryon Dunkley-Smith	QF22	45	396	515	-	-	-	-	-	-	956		
VK2CU	Justin Lavery	QF59	-	474	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	924		
VK3HHJ	Dean Emmins	QF12	57	342	495	-	-	-	-	-	-	894		
VK5AGZ	Derek Reuther	PF85, PF95, PF96	-	273	380	168	-	-	-	-	-	821		
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	QG61	119	291	370	-	-	-	-	-	-	780		
VK5BC	Brian Cleland	PF85	21	237	165	272	-	-	-	-	-	695		
VK5AR	Alan Raftery	PF94	57	291	305	-	-	-	-	-	-	653		
VK5NI	John Ross	PF94	47	126	445	-	-	-	-	-	-	618		
VK3HV	George Francis	QF31	44	138	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	582		
VK4WRC	Ross Colledge	QG62	33	186	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	459		

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Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 Ho	Multi Operator, 24 Hours											
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (1)	PF84,85,86,87,94,95											
VK3UHF	LUMEG (2)	QF21	254 110	810 774	1305 1195	1993 1432	2460 980	1770 700	2460 800	2460 1020	- 240	13511 7251	
VK5SR	SERG (3)	QF02	201	1017	1320	1320	620	490	590	660	-	6218	
VK3ER	EMDRČ (4)	QF22	300	981	1565	1920	-	-	-	-	-	4766	
VK3TU	(5)	QF01	61	594	915	1088	630	330	330	530	-	4478	
VK1DA	(6)	QF44	95	762	955	616	320	-	-	210	-	2958	
VK3MV	(7)	QF32	130	774	770	736 328	-	-	-	-	-	2410	
VK5ARC VK4WIE	(8) CBRS (9)	PF94 QG63	137 146	897 663	1000 915	328 504	-	-	-	-	-	2362 2228	
VK2LSB	(10)	QF54	32	1086	215	-	_	_	_	_	_	1333	
VK4CZ	(11)	QG51	70	447	420	360	_	_	_	-	_	1297	
VK2BTW	Tamworth RC (12)	QF58	66	405	355	184	-	-	-	-	-	1010	
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Hou	urs											
VK3XPD	(13)	QF21	48	354	575	912	660	440	330	550	210	4079	
VK3ALB	(14)	QF11	-	489	780	656	-	-	-	340	-	2265	
VK3APC	MDRC (15)	QF21	85	264	545	344	-	-	-	-	-	1238	
VK3FRC	FAMPARC (16)	QF21	116	369	425	304	-	-	-	-	-	1214	
Section E:	Home Station, 24 Ho	urs											
VK3BJM	Barry Miller	QF22	99	672	775	984	-	-	-	-	-	2530	
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56	124	699	805	712	-	-	-	-	-	2340	
VK3BDL	Mike Goode	QF22	133	537	820	832		-	-	-	-	2322	
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	QF22	-	405	515	728	580	-	-	-	-	2228	
VK4JMC	John McPherson	QG62	60	693	860	400	-	-	-	-	-	1613	
VK4CP VK2DVZ	Adam Maurer Ross Barlin	QG62 QF68	79 24	423 618	530 470	480 392	-	-	_		-	1512 1504	
VK3VFO	Nick Kraehe	QF31	64	702	560	- 392	_			-	-	1326	
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	284	354	455	232	_	_	_	_	_	1325	
VK3DMW	Ken Brown	QF31	-	321	330	536	_	-	-	-	-	1187	
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	29	510	260	-	230	-	-	-	-	1029	
VK5LSB	Simon Brandenburg	PF94	65	420	510	-	-	-	-	-	-	995	
VK5ALX	Alex Glinski	PF86	33	249	335	-	-	-	-	-	-	617	
VK3XOR	Craig White	QF22	52	243	260	-	-	-	-	-	-	555	
VK1PAR	Al Long	QF44	47	336	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	553	
VK1WJ	Waldis Jirgens	QF44	34	264	245	-	-	-	-	-	-	543	
VK5OM	Jim Bywaters	QF03	-	231	275 140	-	-	-	-	-	-	506	
VK3KST VK2KTC	Tom Steadman Tom Clifford	QF31 QF56	28 59	210 117	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	378 306	
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	59 54	138	105	_	_	-	_	-	-	297	
VK5NY	Roger Bowman	Check log	54	100	100							251	

- Elizabeth ARC: VK5ZDB Iain Crawford, VK5AHV Will Anthony, VK5AKH Andrew Hall (1)
- (2) (3) Lara UHF and Microwave Experimenters' Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX
- South East Radio Group: VK5DK, VK5HMW, VK5XCP, VK5GL, VK5HCF, VK5EE, VK5NC, VK5HDW, VK5KET
- (4)Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club: VK3AVV Mike Subocz, VK3Ql Peter Forbes, VK3WT Max Chadwick, VK3WWW Jack Bramham.
- Bert Gnaccarini VK3TU, Ken Jewell VK3NW/VK3AKK (5)
- (6)Andrew Davis VK1DA, Dale Hughes VK1DSH, Andy Sayers VK2AES
- (7) Peter Young VK3MV, Gavin Brain VK3HY

- (8) South Coast ARC: VK5LA Andy Willis, VK5KBJ Barry Bates, VK5HSX Stef Daniels
- City of Brisbane Radio Society: John Morris VK4MJF, Mike Cooper VK4MX, Colin Cortina VK4MIL (9)
- (10)Stuart Bayliss VK2LSB, Kirk Mercer VK2FKAM
- (11)Scott Watson VK4CZ, Alan Meek VK4WR, Graeme Hope VK4FI, Campbell Watson
- (12) Tamworth Radio Club: VK2WJD Lindsay Murphy, VK2FBOZ Cris Perrett, VK2FOG Brian Pearce, VK2VRD Robert Duck
- Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Peter Roberts VK3TPR, Michael Coleman VK3KH (13)
- (14)Lou Blasco VK3ALB, Nik Presser VK3NJP, Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN, Ingrid Blasco VK3FGRL, Michael Blasco VK3FMIC
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Some Comments on the 2009 Summer Field Day

VK5ZT

This is a considerable expansion on my Spring field day effort. Preparations for this took nearly 2 weeks working all available time on the project and requiring significant equipment constructions. Lucky I was on leave at the time. Despite better reliability we still lost a receiver by Sunday morning and needed to modify the 5.8 GHz radio to improve audio quality.

I carried a full tool kit in the boot, including a Hitachi 100 MHz oscilloscope. 240V power was available in the car to run one of the receivers (and the CRO if needed). Despite working with 5LZ, there was very little pre-contest testing as I live 150K from the city!

I commandeered my wife's car for the contest. It's a black 2001 Falcon and when it was covered with antenna systems (some attached to the window with double sided tape!) it was often mistaken for a police vehicle on the highway, prompting drivers around me to be very speed conscious... until they saw the pink numberplate covers! I drove and worked alone for the duration of the event. An Engel fridge in the boot kept me supplied with food and cool drinks. Well over 1000kms was travelled.

The most challenging part of the event was activating gridsquare QF06. A quick look at a map will show you it is essentially uninhabited and comprised of mallee scrub. It was dark as we entered it via about 18km of corrugated, bulldust covered tracks with roos, rabbits, owls etc making appearances. Travelling alone over such terrain (the 5LZ team were about 10K away at the time) was rather daunting. It was 4WD country and I was in a family sedan running low profile tyres! I suspect the corrugations contributed to the failure of the 3.5 GHz receiver system.

The planning, preparation, expense (in both time and \$\$\$) and the sheer overall physical effort required mean that this is highly unlikely to be done again (at least not by us). We have decided to stick to a less ambitious program for future contests.

VK3DMW

What a fantastic event for all those who played the 24 hours - good propagation, good weather and plenty of stations. Although my log is very small, I managed to add six new squares to my tally and every contact attempted was successful, even from my meagre 70cm setup (75w to a vertical colinear). The huge signals from the Mt Gambier group on 2m, 70cm and 23cm this morning were a great surprise. I thought 23cm to Mt Gambier from Yarram would be very difficult, but in the end it was easier than falling off a log - and less painfull. All in all, a most enjoyable and satisfactory weekend for me, in spite of the many interruptions to radio operations.

VK1DA

This year the field day presented an additional challenge for me because we were scheduled to move house during the week prior to the field day. I managed this by moving the field day equipment to the garage of the new house before moving anything else. It all sat on the side of the garage and we carried everything else past it for the next week. By the 5th consecutive day of moving boxes of household goods between houses I didn't feel too keen on the field day as I was very tired. However Dale 1DSH was keen to participate and my wife encouraged me to go ahead with the plan as she knows how much I enjoy these events.

I made a few equipment changes this year and I had help from Dale 1DSH for the whole event. Also Andy 2AES visited the site from late afternoon Sat through to mid morning on Sunday. Andy brought his 5 year old son Tom, who at various times went walking in the bush with Andy, sat in the tent watching the radios, and for some relaxation, settled down on the floor of the tent with his Lego. It's a long time since I've had a 5 year old on a field day with me.

On the whole I think interest and support for the event is improving but the use of the suggested calling frequency still causes a lot of problems because of people conducting QSOs on that frequency and in some cases, multiple QSOs for minutes at a time.

VK2DAG

This one seems to have more "Bums on Seats" which is great. There appeared to be no 2m Es around and from my QTH there was a little inland troppo. There seems to be a lot more 23cm activity which appears to be a trend. I will have to get 13cm going right if I want to remain competitive. My 70cm and 23cm scores where higher then my 2m score so that show the value of the higher bands.

VK2LSB

We operated from QF54ET on the escarpment above Milton/Ulladulla on the NSW mid south coast. This was our first contest and we had heaps of fun and a decent amount of contacts, some personal best distances and learnt miles of stuff. Looking forward to the winter contest

VK4ZDP

I had a great time with some good openings.

VK5ARC

Conditions were hot, with good conditions in the morning on both days we worked into both Victoria, and also Western Australia on both 2m and 70cm. Very enjoyable.

VK3WRE

One of the best microwave events of recent years at my end of the circuit.

VK3XPD

We added a new member to our team this time, Peter VK3TPR in an endeavour to encourage a new operator into uWaves. He had a ball. We were also visited by members of VK3APC, the Moorabbin club operation which we discovered were positioned within 1 km of us. They observed for over an hour, and became so interested in what we were doing on uW, they have invited us to address their club on the subject of "Working the higher bands." Now that is what a FD is all about.

We would also like to add the anecdotal observation that this would have to be the most participated FD we have been involved in. Lots of new stations. That is exciting.

One final comment. There has been endless hours of chatter on the Reflector about the rules. It is our team's belief that the rules are fine, just as they are. They are easy, and new participants find them readily understood.

VK3BJM

Sadly just a home station - my intention was to finish fitting a new 25w PA to my 2.4 GHz transverter. Then fit the feed horn to the 5.7 GHz dish... then... well, you get the idea - wander between shack and shed, handing out the odd number as time permitted. Ended spending most of the 24 hours in the shack, on the radio.

Loads of activity - conditions variable - seriously good to the SW; not so flash to the NE. Very disappointed not to have managed to work Andrew VK1DA on 23 cm. Best contact - possibly the 23 cm contact with Gavin and the crew at VK3MV on Mt Blue Rag - they had no problems hearing my 60 watts, but I just couldn't get their report and sequence with their 10 watts, on voice. (I got the callsigns on a fluke QSB peak.) Gavin went to the key and even then it took 3 or 4 attempts before I got all the digits. That was mighty satisfying.

Though working VK3TU on 23 cm from QF01 to add a new grid locator to the tally was kinda nice, too!

VK3YFL

It was a great event, with plenty of activity and me choosing yet another new location, but deciding to stay put for 8 hours rather than grid hopping as I've done in the past. My location was at the Frank Thompson Reserve which is part of the Kinglake National Park. It's good for a West through South takeoff, but I found the going hard to the East and North. Unfortunately it also had a disadvantage of being sandwiched between two commercial two way radio towers and I suffered some interference from that.

I think the next step is computer logging in the field, as I found when doing the log for scoring after the event that I had a couple of duplicates.

While there seemed to be plenty of activity for the field day, there does seem to have been a lack of stations wanting to exchange Ross Hull numbers and so it will be interesting to see the level of logs submitted for that.

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Wireless Institute of Australia

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 June 2009.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Please note that the UTC times differ from those of the previous Field Day because daylight saving time does not apply this time.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
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- E: Home station, 24 hours.

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General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

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Contest Exchange

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Repeat Contacts

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Logs

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Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

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x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

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	(10 points e	each)	(10 points each)	(1	point each)				
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70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	Χ	5	=	350
etc.									
Overall T	otal							=	680

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

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Wireless Institute of Australia

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

This year's Winter Field Day saw less than usual activity – except in the home station section. Not a surprise, because the weather was cold, and so was the propagation.

The winner of Section A was Doug Friend VK4OE, and in Section B, Tim Dixon VK5ZT took the honours again. In the multioperator sections, top scores went to the Elizabeth club VK5LZ, and to the VK3XPD team. In the home station section, the winner was Andrew Martin VK3OE. Congratulations to all, and I hope you will all thaw out soon.

The next event will be the Spring Field Day, to be held on the weekend of November 28 and 29.

			MHz	MHz	MHz	MHz	GHz	GHz	GHz	GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24	Hours									
VK4OE VK3DAG VK4ALH VK4CP VK4HEC VK2FABV VK3SI VK2YJS	Doug Friend Steven Hamer Leicester Hibbert Adam Maurer Ewen Cameron Colin Sibraa Glenn Reynolds Julian Sortland	QG62, QG63 QF32 QG63 QG61 QG52 QF36 QF31 QF56	87 82 21 48 48 - 41	417 498 309 378 390 441 228 120	530 560 255 355 410 225 265 105	724 384 392 328 - -	450 - 210 - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - -	210 - 210 - - - -	2418 1524 1397 1109 848 666 534 225
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 H	ours									
VK5ZT VK3HY VK5AGZ VK1DA VK5AR VK4ADC VK2CU VK1DSH VK2JH	Tim Dixon Gavin Brain Derek Reuther Andrew Davis Alan Raftery Doug Hunter Justin Lavery Dale Hughes John Hams	PF85, PF95, PF96 QF32 PF85, 86, 94, 95, 96 QF44 PF94, PF95 QG61 QF59 QF45 QF58	87 74 33 34 68 48	294 267 315 399 258 294 252 210 141	460 330 475 310 365 225 105 165 170	376 488 - - - - 168 -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - - -	1217 1159 823 743 691 567 525 375 311
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 H	ours									
VK5LZ VK4WIE	Elizabeth ARC (1) CBRS (2)	PF95 QF53, QG62, QG63	77 -	324 555	475 395	368 168	-	-	-	-	1244 1118
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Ho	urs									
VK3XPD VK5LZ VK3AWS VK2HZ	(3) Elizabeth ARC (1) WANSARC (4) BMARC (5)	QF21 PF95 QF22 QF56	41 77 45	345 324 186 144	485 475 175 185	448 368 240	320 - - -	- - -	-	210 - - -	1849 1244 646 329
Section E:	Home Station, 24 Ho	ours									
VK3OE VK3WT VK3VFO VK2XTT VK5LBJ VK4VDX VK5ADC VK3ACA VK5FXYL VK3HV VK4CZ VK5ZD VK3KST VK5NE VK2FUEL VK2AMS VK5FPAW	Andrew Martin Max Chadwick Nick Kraehe Tim Tuck Darryl Ross Roland Lang Dave Carr John Adcock Jade Ross George Francis Scott Watson lain Crawford Tom Steadman Paul Roehrs David Porter Mark Swannack Paul Schulz	QF22 QF22 QF31 QF56 PF95 QG62 PF95 QF22 PF95 QF31 QG62 PF95 QF31 PF95 QF56 QF68 PF95	47 - 49 - 43 - 61 49 34 33 28 24 - 9	357 285 393 438 240 366 216 303 186 192 180 111 150 72 132 96 171	370 310 380 285 395 295 310 240 320 250 160 175 140 170	448 528 176 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -					1222 1123 998 723 678 661 587 543 506 491 374 319 318 266 247 226 171

- (1) Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club: Keith Gooley VK5OQ, P. Roehrs VK5NE, I. Crawford VK5ZD, W. Anthony VK5AHV, S. Mahony VK5AIM, A. Hall VK5AKH.
- City of Brisbane Radio Society: R. Meiring VK4DD, J. Morris VK4MJF, R. Croucher VK4CRO A. Devlin VK3XPD, P. Roberts VK3TPR, M. Coleman VK3KH.

- (4) Western and Northern Suburbs ARC: W. Bruce VK3VCL, V. Mong VK3DKM, J. Karr VK3FMPB.
 (5) Blue Mountains ARC: Richard Neilsen VK2LET, Mark Bryan VK2FMJB, Tracey Bryan VK2FTBH, Felicity Austen VK2FACW, Andrew Vaughan VK2FACV

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY

This year ballots were taken on the VK-VHF email reflector and the VK Logger, to find the most popular date for the next Spring Field Day. The clear winner was the last weekend in November. See you then.

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Wireless Institute of Australia SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Please note changes to the wording of the rules under "Operating Periods" below.

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Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 November 2009.

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

When the date of the Spring Field Day was moved later in the month of November, it was expected that this change might provide better weather (and propagation). This was not to be. Much fun was had and many excellent contacts made, but most entrants – especially in VK5 – reported dreadful weather. There were strong winds and rain in areas which only a fortnight before had been suffering a record heat wave!

According to the rules, the winners of Sections A and C are barred from also entering Sections B and D. So, this time the total number of logs was 57. First place in Section A again went to Tim Dixon VK5ZT, with Gavin Brain VK3HY getting top score in Section B. In the multi-operator sections, the winners were VK5LZ, the Elizabeth Radio Club, and VK3ALB, the Blasco family station. The winner of the home station section was Ross Keogh, VK3MY. Congratulations to all, and I hope you will all be back for the Summer Field Day on 16/17 January.

The rules for the January Field Day will be the same as for previous events, but there will be some minor changes for the Winter Field Day in late June. These changes will be publicised by early April.

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24	Hours									
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF85, PF86, PF93, PF9					1740		1740	1000	0.410
VK3JTM VK4CP VK3DAG VK5LA VK5ARC VK1DA VK4OE VK2AMS VK4NMC VK4NE	Tim Morgan Adam Maurer Steven Hamer Andy Williss SCARC (1) Andrew Davis Doug Friend Mark Swannack Bryan Cunnington Mick Marinkovic	QF12 QF61, QF62, QF63 QF32 PF85, PF95, QF05 PF94 QF44 QF59 QF68 QH22 QG62	183 66 165 118 179 35 48 50 52 20	642 324 441 435 486 399 246 321 282 93 78	1035 535 585 540 560 475 235 225 175 155	1448 624 544 576 352 288 264 168 240	1740 520 - - - - 340 - - -	210 210 -	1740 - - - - - - - - -	1630 350 - - - - 210 - -	8418 2419 1735 1669 1398 1341 1330 1182 747 300 203
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 Ho	ours									
VK3HY VK3YFL VK4ADC VK5LA VK5OQ VK3DAE VK2JDH VK4EV VK2YJS VK5KPR	Gavin Brain Bryon Dunkley-Smith Doug Hunter Andy Williss Keith Gooley Dean Emmins David Hardy Ron Everingham Julian Sortland P. Banks	QF32 QF22 QG61 PF85, PF95, QF05 PF95 QF12 QF57 QG63 QF56 PF87	95 68 137 76 73 - 58 - 56	348 276 258 321 222 255 210 135 108	545 450 340 450 290 395 295 225	424 560 392 352 296 - 176	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	1412 1354 1127 1123 884 723 681 418 108 56
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 Ho	ours									
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (2)	PF85, PF86, PF93, PF	178	582	1000	1432	1740	-	1740	1740	8412
VK3UHF VK3ER VK4WAT VK3ALB VK4WIS VK3APC VK2AES VK1BL VK2MA VK2MA VK2MER VK3LY VK4WIE VK2HZ	LUMEG (3) EMDRC (4) TREC (5) (6) SCARC (7) MDRC (8) (9) (10) HADARC (11) (12) (13) CBRS (14) BMARC (15)	QF21 QF22 QH22 QF11 QG63 QF22 QF45 QF44 QF56 QF55 QF03 QG62 QF56	79 228 536 - 214 113 38 35 123 42 79 78	645 837 591 459 633 390 492 234 459 579 300 219 171	830 1080 790 630 725 545 415 210 450 480 415 135 250	920 1144 776 832 456 720 240 304 424 224 456	780 580 - - - 250 340 - - -	210	370	420 390 - 240 240 - -	4444 3869 3113 2581 2028 1768 1675 1573 1456 1325 1250 432 421

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Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Hou	urs									
VK3ALB VK3BJA	(6) GGREC (16)	QF11 QF21	33	333 249	515 260	608 184	-	-	230	340	2026 726
Section E:	Home Station, 24 Ho	urs									
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	QF22	43	390	590	696	420	-	-	-	2139
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	314	438	595	424	-	-	-	-	1771
VK3XPD	Alan Devlin	QF22	-	195	385	568	350	-	-	210	1708
VK3VFO	Nick Kraehe	QF31	52	399	370	296	-	-	-	-	1117
VK5MWH	Mark Hutchinson	PF94	48	264	400	264	-	-	-	-	976
VK4FNQ	John Goldfinch	QG39	151	192	240	280	-	-	-	-	863
VK3KIS	Andrew Kayton	QF22	68	201	245	336	-	-	-	-	850
VK5NE	Paul Roehrs	PF95	70	345	430	-	-	-	-	-	845
VK5LSB	Simon Brandenburg	PF94	43	261	375	-	-	-	-	-	679
VK5MEF	Matthias Fresacher	PF95	-	240	360	-	-	-	-	-	600
VK5LD	Dale Loffler	PF96	72	195	300	-	-	-	-	-	567
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	33	171	120	192	-	-	-	-	516
VK3FZ	Roger Stafford	QF22	44	138	205	-	-	-	-	-	387
VK3TOM	Tom Steadman	QF31	33	150	165	-	-	-	-	-	348
VK5FPAW	Paul Schulz	PF95	-	159	165	-	-	-	-	-	324
VK1WJ	Waldis Jirgens	QF44	-	144	115	-	-	-	-	-	259
VK3HV	George Francis	QF31	33	105	115	-	-	-	-	-	253
VK2ZQX	John Watson	QF58	-	135	110	-	-	-	-	-	245
VK5FMPJ	Patrick Morgan	PF94	-	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	159
VK4ATH	Tom Hatton	QG62	148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148

- South Coast ARC: Barry Bates VK5KBJ
- (2) (3) Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club: Iain Crawford VK5ZD, Andrew Hall VK5AKH
- Lara UHF Microwave Exp Group: Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX, Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM
- Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club: Mike Subocz VK3AVV, Peter Forbes VK3QI, Max Chadwick, VK3WT, Jack Bramham (4) VK3WWW
- Tableland Radio and Electronics Club: John Roberts VK4TL, Dale McCarthy VK4DMC, Stuart Dunk VK4SDD, Trevor Gregory VK4ZFC
- Lou Blasco VK3ALB, Nik Presser VK3BA, Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN, Michael Blasco VK3FMIC (6)
- Sunshine Coast ARC: Wayne Shaw VK4WS, John McPherson VK4JMC, Richard Philp VK4RY, Bill Booth VK4WB, Cec Tysoe VK4FMUZ, Leicester Hibbert VK4ALH
- Moorabbin and District Radio Club: Lee Moyle VK3GK, Ian Morris VK3IFM, Gerard Werner VK3GER
- Andy Sayers VK2AES, Dale Hughes VK1DSH (9)
- Ted Garnett VK1BL, Greg Parkhurst VK1AI (10)
- Hornsby and District ARC: VK2DAY, VK2FMAM, VK2ANG, VK2BCD, VK2HRX, VK2TTP, VK2MTX
- (12) Kirk Mercer VK2MER, Stuart Bayliss VK2LSB
- Bill Day VK3LY, Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Brian Farmers VK3AQX (13)
- City of Brisbane Radio Society: R. Croucher VK4CRO, J. Morris VK4MJF, D. Bumpstead VK4DJB, K. Myers VK4GC
- (15) Blue Mountains ARC: VK2ZIW, VK2AOR, VK2BOS, VK2FTTP, VK2FACW, VK2FTMA, VK2FMJB
- Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club: Phil VK3YB, Geoff VK3ZGW, Chris VK3QB, Albert VK3BQO, Megan VK3HOP, Helmut (16)VK3DHI, Max VK3TMK

VHF-UHF FIELD DAY NEWS

2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

Do you intend to participate in all three VHF-UHF Field Days in the coming year? Here is an extra incentive for you. Special certificates will be awarded in December 2010 to the entrants who have participated in all three 2010 Field Days.

MICROWAVE CHALLENGE – JANUARY 2011

The Summer Field Day for 2011 will cover all bands as usual. But it will also include a "Microwave Challenge", with special certificates to be awarded to the participants on microwave bands. So if you have been planning to add microwave gear to your station, now is the time to start preparing!

FIELD DAY WEB SITE

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

SPECIAL 2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

Do you intend to participate in all three VHF-UHF Field Days in the coming year? Here is an extra incentive for you. Special certificates will be awarded in December 2010 to the entrants who have participated in all three 2010 Field Days.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 January 2010.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Please note that there is now a 3 hour difference between the eastern states and Western Australia, because daylight saving time no longer applies in WA.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.
- E: Home station, 24 hours.

Entrants may enter more than one section.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours, and select which 8 hour period they wish to claim for scoring purposes.

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If the winner of the 24 hour section has also entered the corresponding 8 hour section, his log will be excluded from the 8 hour section.

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Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

General Rules

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No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time; frequency; station worked; serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated	+	Locators Worked	+	QSOs	X	Multiplier	=	Band Total
	(10 points eac	ch)	(10 points each)	(1	point each)				
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	Х	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	Χ	3	=	240
70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	Χ	5	=	350
etc.									
Overall To	otal							=	680

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Summer VHF-UHF Field Day attracted 86 logs this time, which is another new record. Congratulations to all. See you again in June. Remember that stations entering all three 2010 Field Days will receive a special certificate in December. The certificates will be based on callsign, so to be eligible you must operate under the same callsign each time.

A change for the Winter Field Day will be the introduction of a new Rover section. Full details will be published in Amateur Radio magazine and on the WIA web site.

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24 H	ours									
VK5ZD VK4OE VK5ZT VK3LY VK5LD VK2DAG VK5AKH VK3VCL VK5OQ VK3FEMT VK2YJS	lain Crawford Doug Friend Tim Dixon Bill Day Dale Loffler Matt Hetherington Andrew Hall Wayne Bruce Keith Gooley Stewart Wilson Julian Sortland	PF95, PF96 QG61, QG62 PF84, 85, 95, 96 QF04 PF96 QF57, 58, 67, 68 PF85, PF95 QF12 PF95 QF22 QF56	85 83 54 158 78 55 89 - 49	378 363 258 480 378 396 318 258 231 378 75	485 555 405 710 515 425 390 415 330 270 115	680 648 744 704 648 528 480 472 464	540 530 540 - - - - - - - - -	650 210 650 - - - - - - -	-	360 - - - - - - - - -	2818 2749 2651 2052 1619 1404 1277 1145 1074 648 190
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 Hou	ırs									
VK5ZT VK3HY VK3BJM VK3YFL VK2DAG VK5LD VK4ADC VK2HRX VK5AKH VK2TDN VK1AGP VK2TRF VK5HZ VK5FXYL VK4NA VK3TOM VK5KLV VK3SF VK4JAZ VK5FPAW/2 VK2GX	Tim Dixon Gavin Brain Barry Miller Bryon Dunkley-Smith Matt Hetherington Dale Loffler Doug Hunter Compton Allen Andrew Hall Dave Nelson Greg Parkhurst Jack Swart Darryl Ross Jade Ross Alan Wills Tom Steadman Les Virgo Ross Sargent Grant McDuling Paul Schultz Paul Howarth	PF84, 85, 95, 96 QF32 QF23 QF22 QF57, 58, 67, 68 PF96 QG61 QF56 PF85, PF95 QF56 QF44 QF56 PF95 PF95 QG62 QF31 PF87 QF22 QG62 QF56 QF56 QF56	21 159 21 70 44 58 186 50 54 - - - 21 32 - 21	216 441 330 288 309 288 312 411 225 171 390 72 174 102 96 72 165 63 36	270 640 490 300 350 340 320 260 305 260 320 110 235 165 160 120	544 688 592 592 528 544 392 320 448 296	420	530		230	2001 1928 1643 1250 1231 1230 1210 1041 1032 957 749 412 409 267 256 213 197 63 63 36 21
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 Hou	irs									
VK3UHF VK3ER VK3ALB VK4WIS VK3TU VK3JTM VK5ARC VK1DA VK4WR VK5SR VK3ATL VK3APC VK2MA VK2HZ VK5LZ	LUMEG (1) EMDRC (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) SCARC (7) (8) (9) SERG (10) GARC (11) MDRC (12) HADARC (13) BMARC (14) Elizabeth ARC (15)	QF21 QF22 QF11 QG63 QF01 QF12 PF94 QF44 QG61 QF02 QF11 QF22 QF56 QF56 PF94	106 264 - 193 - 56 203 39 137 - 32 160 189 151 40	780 969 684 657 366 342 672 696 546 243 381 348 582 270 288	1030 1245 850 730 555 465 790 760 635 355 615 535 440 290 340	1352 1416 1192 752 600 696 680 392 792 352 560 688 176	1030 1050 840 630 590 620 - 210 210 430	470 230 - - 230 - - - - - - - -	740 230 360 - 460 - - - 320 -	860 - 770 460 500 360 - 230 - 440 470 - 220	6368 5404 4696 3422 3301 2539 2345 2327 2320 2140 2058 1731 1607 711 668

VK3ALB	Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	TOTAL
VKAWIE CBRS (16) QG62 246 384 175 496 - - 210 1511 VK2AWA Contest Group (17) QF56 248 513 340 264 - - 1365 VK4SN (18) QG62 223 285 300 - - - 808 VK5OM (19) QF02 - 165 215 - - - 380 VK2AWI ARNSW (20) QF22 73 537 875 1176 880 - - 3541 VK3MY Ross Keogh QF22 73 537 875 1176 880 - - 3541 VK3MY Ross Keogh QF22 73 537 875 1176 880 - - 3541 VK3LH Michael Coleman QF21 44 282 410 568 460 - - 270 1763 VK3LZDB	Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Hou	rs									
VK3MY Ross Keogh QF22 73 537 875 1176 880 - - 3541 VK3KH Michael Coleman QF21 44 282 410 568 460 - - 1764 VK3XDB Russell Lemke QF11 - 228 365 560 - - 570 1723 VK3ZDD David Purkis QH32 179 429 670 2566 - - - 1534 VK3XPD Alan Devlin QF22 - 207 400 560 - - 220 1387 VK2AMS Mark Swannack QF68 51 450 415 144 160 - - 1220 1387 VK2BDS David Scott QF68 50 411 220 148 - - 11099 VK2JDS David Scott QF46 34 480 230 352 - - 1099	VK4WIE VK2AWA VK4SN VK5OM	ČBRS (16) Contest Group (17) (18) (19)	QG62 QF56 QG62 QF02	248 223	384 513 285 165	175 340 300 215	496 264	-	-	-	210 - - -	1511 1365 808 380
VK3KH Michael Coleman QF21 44 282 410 568 460 - - 1764 VK3ZOB Russell Lemke QF11 - 228 365 560 - - 570 1723 VK2ADP David Purkis QH32 179 429 670 256 - - - 570 1723 VK2AMS Mark Swannack QF68 51 450 415 144 160 - - - 1220 1387 VK2AMS Mark Swannack QF68 51 450 415 144 160 - - - 1220 VK3FF Peter Freeman QF31 106 258 300 448 - - - 1112 VK2JDS David Scott QF68 34 480 230 352 - - - 1099 VK2JDS David Raining QF68 34 480 230	Section E:	Home Station, 24 Hou	rs									
VK4EKA Dougal Johnson QG62 21 168 189 VK3FZ Roger Stafford QF22 21 39 110 170	VK3KH VK3ZQB VK4ZDP VK3XPD VK2AMS VK3PF VK2EI VK2JDS VK3VFO VK2KRR VK4TJ VK2MER VK5NE VK5NE VK5NE VK5ALX VK2TG VK4AR VK3KIS VK5NY VK2BHO VK4FNQ VK3HV VK1PAR VK2NR VK2JTV VK3TOM VK5FANA VK4MHZ	Michael Coleman Russell Lemke David Purkis Alan Devlin Mark Swannack Peter Freeman Neil Sandford David Scott Nick Kraehe Leigh Rainbird John Kirk Kirk Mercer Paul Roehrs Simon Brandenburg Dale McCarthy Alex Glinski Robert Demkiw Gary Ryan Andrew Kayton Roger Bowman John Hodkinson John Goldfinch George Francis Al Long David Porter Peter Mahoney Tom Steadman Adrian Addison Brendan Cannon	QF21 QF11 QH32 QF22 QF68 QF31 QF68 QF31 QF34 QG52 QF55 PF95 PF94 QH22 PF86 QF55 QG62 QF22 PF94 QF55 QG29 QF31 QF31 QF34 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31 QF56 QF31	44 179 51 106 50 34 73 44 38 63 39 120 69 69 55 38 34 47 64 83 26	282 228 429 207 450 258 411 480 450 339 282 429 402 363 327 249 198 207 117 99 168 192 111 192 105 153 81 225 96	410 365 670 400 415 300 220 230 235 290 235 445 290 390 390 330 165 190 135 170 125 105	568 560 256 560 144 448 168 352 176 368 304 208	460			570	1764 1723 1534 1387 1220 1112 1099 1096 1059 920 910 910 882 762 710 657 592 536 466 405 391 364 353 275 273 229 225 201
	VK4EKA	Dougal Johnson	QG62	21	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	189

- Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters Group: David Learmonth VK3QM, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX, Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club: VK3AVV M. Subocz, VK3QI P. Forbes, VK3WT M. Chadwick, VK3WWW J. Bramham (2)
- Lou Blasco VK3ALB, Nik Presser VK3BA, Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN, Michael Blasco VK3FMIC
- Sunshine Coast ARC: Wayne Shaw VK4WS, John McPherson VK4JMC, Cec Tysoe VK4FMOZ, Bill Booth VK4WB, Richard Philp VK4RY, Leicester Hibbert VK4ALH, Kirsty Golder, Dave Carr
- Bert Gnaccarini VK3TU, Ken Jewell VK3NW
- (6) (7) VK3JTM: Tim Morgan, VK3YLV: David Timms
- South Coast ARC: VK5KBJ, VK5HSX, VK5LA
- Andrew Davis VK1DA, Dale Hughes VK1DSH
- Alan Meek VK4WR, Adam Maurer VK4CP
- South East Radio Group: Colin Hutchesson VK5DK, John Drew VK5DJ, Tim Hann VK5AV, Ian Bishop VK3FNBL, Trevor Niven VK5NC (10)
- Geelong ARC: Garry Allwood VK3FWGR, Lee de Vries VK3PK, Dallas Jones VK3DJ (11)
- Moorabbin & District Radio Club: lan Morris VK3IFM, Lee Moyle VK3GK, Gerard Werner VK3GER (12)
- (13) Hornsby & District ARC: Rod VK2DAY, Paul VK2FMAM, Steve VK2BCD, Paul VK2PDS, Peter VK2TTP, Dave VK2FDIW, Dave VK2DMH, Justin VK2CU
- (14) Blue Mountains ARC: VK2AOR, VK2FTTP, VK2LET, VK2FMJB
- (15) Elizabeth ARC: Bruce Gauci VK5VAB, John Ross VK5NI
- (16) City of Brisbane Radio Society: John Morris VK4MJF, Ron Croucher VK4CRO
- (17) VK2AWA Contest Group: VK2BD, VK2IM, VK2OJ, VK2VK, VK2BPL, VK2FHRK
- (18) VK4SN, VK4TI, VK4HAM
- (19) Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Den Sharp VK3FDAS
- (20) Amateur Radio NSW: VK2JDH, VK2JDD, VK2KCM



WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

There has been one major rule change for the next Field Day: the introduction of a separate section for rover stations. This new section will allow portable and rover stations to compete against other stations that have similar scoring potential.

The rover section will apply to all stations that operate from more than two grids, or change location more than twice. This allows stations in the regular Portable sections to change location once, and return to the original grid square, without being required to enter the Rover section.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 19 and 20 June 2010

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.

E: Home station, 24 hours.

F: Rover station, 24 hours.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours, and nominate which 8 hour period they wish to claim for scoring purposes.

Entering more than one section: If a portable station operates for more than 8 hours, it may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections. If the winner of a 24 hour portable section has also entered the corresponding 8 hour section, his log will be excluded from the 8 hour section.

If a portable or rover station spends part of the contest period operating from his home station, he may also enter the home station section.

Two operators: If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other.

Multi-operator stations: Portable stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

Rover stations: The Rover section is for all portable or mobile stations that operate from more than two locator squares or change locator squares more than twice.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Portable stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

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Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If either station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time; frequency; station worked; serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each 4 digit locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

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Band	Locator Activate		Locators Worked	+	QSOs	X	Multiplier	=	Band Total
	(10 point	ts each)	(10 points each)	(1	point each)				
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	Х	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	Χ	3	=	240
70 cm etc.	10	+	40	+	20	Χ	5	=	350
Overall T	otal							=	680

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WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Winter Field Day saw a significant jump in activity, with some participants reporting more activity than in the last Summer Field Day. According to the rules, the winners of Section A or C are excluded from Section B or D. This resulted in a total of 72 logs, which is very encouraging. Another interesting feature is the further increase in VK5 activity. The new Rover category attracted three entries, and the rover activity has been a scoring bonus for other stations as well.

The section winners were:

Section A - Iain Crawford VK5ZD;

Section B - Dave Nelson VK2TDN;

Section C – the Blasco family station VK3ALB;

Section D – Alan Devlin and Michael Coleman operating as VK3XPD;

Section E - Ross Keogh VK3MY; and

Section F - .Tim Dixon VK5ZT.

Congratulations to all, and I hope you will all back for the Spring Field Day on November 20/21. Remember that you will receive a special certificate if you are able to participate in all three Field Days in this WIA centenary year.

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24	4 Hours										
VK5ZD	lain Crawford	PF95, PF96	81	330	540	608	640	660	640	660	640	4799
VK4OE	Doug Friend	QG61, QG62	61	348	480	672	680	450	-	450	-	3141
VK3JTM	Tim Morgan	QF12	21	501	665	936	570	-	-	340	-	3033
VK4HBO	James Kop	QG61, QG62	-	234	375	264	440	-	-	-	-	1313
VK3ECH	Rob George	QF23	-	366	415	352	-	-	-	-	-	1133
VK3VCL	Wayne Bruce	QF12	-	300	415	360	-	-	-	-	-	1075
VK5FANA	Adrian Addison	PF85	-	396	625	-		-	-	-	-	1021
VK2AMS	Mark Swannack	QF68	29	126	150	232	250	-	-	-	-	787
VK1PAR	Al Long	QF44	14	360	355	-	-	-	-	-	-	729
VK5FPAW	Paul Schulz	PF94, PF95	-	240	345	-	-	-	-	-	-	585
VK1AGP	Greg Parkhurst	QF44	61	222	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	553
Section B:	Single Operator, 8	Hours										
VK2TDN	Dave Nelson	QF56	_	192	285	352	210	_	_	330	_	1369
VK5AKH	Andrew Hall	PF95	60	333	390	320		220	_	-	_	1323
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	QF33	32	330	465	472	-		-	-	-	1299
VK2HRX	Compton Allen	QF56	58	309	355	536	-	-	-	-	-	1258
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56	-	159	250	384	220	-	-	220	-	1233
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	QG61	118	240	320	464	-	-	-	-	-	1142
VK3YFL	Bryon Dunkley-Smitl	n QF22	47	249	330	488	-	-	-	-	-	1114
VK5LA	Andrew Williss	PF85	-	300	380	432	-	-	-	-	-	1112
VK5OM	Jim Bywaters	QF03	21	249	350	440	-	-	-	-	-	1060
VK2GG	Dan Joyce	QF56	22	108	180	192	210	-	-	330	-	1042
VK5HZ	Darryl Ross	PF95	-	198	320	272	-	-	-	210	-	1000
VK4UH	Kevin Johnston	QG62	79	246	330	280	-	-	-	-	-	935
VK5AR	Alan Raftery	PF94, PF95	66	339	505	-	-	-	-	-	-	910
VK1BL	Ted Garnett	QF44	33	138	235	-	210	-	-	210	-	826
VK5FANA	Adrian Addison	PF85	-	336	490	-	-	-	-	-	-	826
VK5OQ	Keith Gooley	PF95	47	180	265	280	-	-	-		-	772
VK2GOM	Rob Greaves	QF56	-	114	185	-	-	-	-	330	-	629
VK5FMJF	Matt Ferris	PF95	-	225	355	-	-	-	-	-	-	580
VK2CQ	Dave Maloney	QF55	-	78	130	-	-	-	-	230	-	438
VK1DA	Andrew Davis	QF44, QF45	-	153	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	358
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	-	111	245	- 272	-	-	-	-	-	356 272
VK2CZ VK3SF	David Burger	QF56 QF22	-	63	-	212	-	-	-	-		63
VK3SF VK2TRF	Ross Sargent Jack Swart	QF22 QF56	_	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
VINZINE	Jack Swall	Q1 30	-	03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	TOTAL
Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 H	Hours										
VK3ALB VK3UHF VK4WIS VK5LZ VK4WIE VK3ER VK2FIL	(1) LUMEG (2) SCARC (3) Elizabeth ARC (4) CBRS (5) EMDRC (6) (7)	QF11 QF21 QG63 PF85 QG62 QF21, QF22 QF46	21 136 100 121 58 24	552 333 324 462 402 207 456	795 430 445 565 450 300 320	808 656 480 488 616 352	500 560 500 - - -	210 340 - - -	220 330 - - - - -	460 450 460 - - -	- - - - -	3335 2990 2685 1615 1589 917 800
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 He	ours										
VK3XPD VK4CZ VK2EH VK1DSH VK2MA VK3BJA	(8) (9) CCARC (10) (11) HADARC (12) GGREC (13)	QF21 QG63 QF56 QF45 QF56 QF21	88 47 23 42	309 189 213 81 159 141	355 295 185 140 230 105	456 376 288 - -	430 210 - 210 -	210 - - - - -	210 - - - - -	320 210 - 210 -	- - - -	2290 1368 733 664 431 246
Section E:	Home Station, 24 H	ours										
VK3MY VK5NE VK3VFO VK3PF VK5VCO VK4TJ VK3TPR VK4ZDP VK3KH VK2MER VK5MEF VK5LSB VK4KZR VK5MEF VK3HV VK4NA VK5FD VK5FD VK5FXYL VK3FDNO VK3TOM VK2NR VK3BG	Ross Keogh Paul Roehrs Nick Kraehe Peter Freeman Paul Mullins John Kirk Peter Roberts David Purkis Michael Coleman Kirk Mercer Neil Sandford Simon Brandenburg Rod Preston Matthias Fresacher George Francis Alan Wills Allen Dunn Jade Ross Dean Webster Tom Steadman David Porter Ed Roache	QF22 PF95 QF31 QF31 PF95 QG52 QF22 QH32 QF21 QF55 QF68 PF94 QG62 PF95 QF31 QG62 PF95 QF31 QG62 PF95 QF31 QG62 PF95 QF31 QF24	22 62 39 21 42 47 - 102 44 52 32 - 52 54 38 - 29 - 21	510 471 618 495 447 285 294 339 249 276 171 195 216 297 354 237 189 195 213 165 147 63	620 500 625 515 645 345 305 350 305 155 310 270 305 200 195 240 105	904 344 240 280 400 472 184 376 344 240 168	450 			210		2506 1587 1522 1311 1134 1077 1071 1020 975 969 868 705 676 647 586 561 532 500 413 389 387 189
Section F:	Rover Station, 24 H	ours										
VK5ZT VK5AGZ VK2VVV	Tim Dixon Derek Reuther Ross Masterson	PF85,86,87,95,96,97 PF85,86,87,94,95,96,97 QF45, QF55, QF56	142 165 67	483 534 276	785 860 405	1144 1088 536	640 - -	1400 1360 -	640 - -	640 - -	640 - -	6514 4007 1284

- Lou Blasco VK3ALB, Nik Presser VK3BA, Peter Westgarth VK3APW, Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN, Michael Blasco VK3FMIC
- (2) (3) Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters' Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM
- Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club: Harvey Wickes VK4AHW, Leicester Hibbert VK4ALH, Trevor Humphrey VK4FGTS, Cec Tysoe VK4FMOZ, Wayne Shaw VK4WS, Mike Little VK4YFL, Kirsty Golder
- Elizabeth ARC: Bruce Gauci VK5VAB, John Ross VK5NI, Wayne Rankin VK5LWR
- City of Brisbane Radio Society: John Morris VK4MJF, Miles Colledge VK4FUST, James Young VK4FJLY, David Noble VK4KSY, David (5) Colledge VK4WRC, lan Melville VK4FABD
- Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club: M. Subocz VK3AVV, M. Chadwick VK3WT, J. Bramham VK3WWW
- (7) Phil Derbyshire VK2FIL, Colin Sibraa VK2FABV, Paul Thomas VK2WPT
- (8) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3KH
- (9) Scott Watson VK4CZ, Alan Meek VK4WR, Campbell Watson
- Central Coast ARC: VK2JDH, VK2KCM, VK2JDD, VK2ARE
- (11) Dale Hughes VK1DSH, Dimitris Tsifakis VK1SV
- Hornsby & District ARC: VK2DAY, VK2TTP, VK2FDIW, VK2FMAM (12)
- Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club: Mike Ide VK3KTO, Albert Hubbard VK3BQO (13)

Summer Field Day: Score Correction

In the published results for the Summer Field Day, Matt Hetherington VK2DAG entered two sections, but his score was accidentally omitted from one of them. His scores should have been 1404 points for Section A and 1231 points for Section B.

SPECIAL 2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

Do you intend to participate in all three VHF-UHF Field Days in the coming year? Here is an extra incentive for you. Special certificates will be awarded in December 2010 to the entrants who have participated in all three 2010 Field Days. The certificates will be based on callsign, so to be eligible you must operate under the same callsign each time.

MICROWAVE CHALLENGE – JANUARY 2011

The Summer Field Day for 2011 (January 15/16) will cover all bands as usual. But it will also include a "Microwave Challenge", with special certificates to be awarded to the participants on microwave bands. So if you have been planning to add microwave gear to your station, now is the time to start preparing!



SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The rules for this Field Day are the same as for the Winter Field Day last June.

I have received a query about the right contest category for club station operating from its clubrooms (i.e. from the "home" location of the club callsign). Does this qualify as a portable station?

According to the rules, a station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. But this would disallow anyone from setting up a portable station at club premises, even if they did not make use of equipment that was already installed at the site. So I think the most suitable ruling is this: if a station makes any use of equipment or antennas that were previously installed at the site, that station would have to enter the home station section. If the equipment and antennas used for the Field Day are brought to the site, the station qualifies as being portable.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 November 2010

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday. Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Please note that there is now a 3 hour difference between the eastern states and Western Australia, because daylight saving time no longer applies in WA.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.
- E: Home station, 24 hours.
- F: Rover station, 24 hours.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours, and nominate which 8 hour period they wish to claim for scoring purposes.

Entering more than one section: If a portable station operates for more than 8 hours, it may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections. If the winner of a 24 hour portable section has also entered the corresponding 8. hour section, his log will be excluded from the 8 hour section.

If a portable or rover station spends part of the contest period operating from his home station, he may also enter the home station section.

Two operators: If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other.

Multi-operator stations: Portable stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign. *Rover stations:* The Rover section is for all portable or mobile stations that operate from more than two locator squares or change locator squares more than twice.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Portable stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If either station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time; frequency; station worked; serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each 4 digit locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m 2 m 70 cm 23 cm Higher x 1 x 3 x 5 x 8 x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated	+	Locators Worked	+	QSOs	X	Multiplier	=	Band Total
	(10 points	each)	(10 points each)	(1	point each)				
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	Х	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	Χ	3	=	240
70 cm etc.	10	+	40	+	20	Х	5	=	350
Overall To	tal							=	680

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to vhf-contests@wia.org.au. Acceptable log formats include: ASCII text, RTF, DOC, DOCX, XLS, MDB, PDF, or any Open Document format. Logs must be received by **Monday**, **7 December 2010**. Early logs would be appreciated.

FIELD DAY WEB SITE - http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/

This site includes the rules for the next Field Day, rules and results of all past VHF-UHF Field Days, cover sheets and scoring tables, and other information.

SPECIAL 2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

A reminder - special certificates will be awarded in December 2010 to the entrants who have participated in all three 2010 Field Days. To be eligible you must operate under the same callsign in all three Field Days.



SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Spring Field Day was very well supported, with a total of 98 logs received. This is another record. I am looking forward to wearing my fingers down typing up the results for well over 100 logs next January! The rules for the Summer Field Day will be the same as for the Spring event, with the addition of an optional extra "Microwave Challenge" certificate for stations operating on 1296 MHz and higher bands.

Call	Name	Location	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz	TOTAL
Section A:	Single Operator, 24 I	Hours											
VK5ZD	lain Crawford	PF95, PF96	91	438	685	912	930	960	930	900	890	-	6736
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56, QF57	73	516	705	768	540	430	430	430	420	-	4312
VK3JTM	Tim Morgan	QF12	74	480	615	952	880		490	490		-	3981
VK4OE	Doug Friend	QG61, QG62	35	300	375	472	620	450	210	450	330	-	3242
VK3WRE	Ralph Edgar	QF31	-	348	405	584	570	210	330	440	-	-	2887
VK1DA VK5LD	Andrew Davis	QF44	46	687	605 765	368	210	210	-	210	-	-	2336
-	Dale Loffler	PF96	83	462 450	765	936 832	220	-	-	-	-	-	2246
VK5LA VK5OQ	Andy Williss Keith Gooley	PF85 PF95	- 47	450 351	605 545	63∠ 544	320	330	-	220	-	-	2207 2037
VK3CQ VK3LY	Bill Day	QF03	89	498	585	760	_	330	_	220	_	_	1932
VK5TX	Ben Hennessy	PF95	51	423	450	616	_	_	_	_	_	_	1540
VK5FANA	Adrian Addison	PF85	-	537	830	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	1367
VK3FEMT	Stewart Wilson	QF22	_	675	670	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1345
VK4TJ	John Kirk	QG52	21	255	370	168	330	_	_	-	_	_	1144
VK1BL	Ted Garnett	QF44	24	75	125	168	210	210	_	210	_	-	1022
VK5AIM	Steve Mahony	PF95	80	63	110	648	-	-	-		-	-	901
VK1AGP	Greg Parkhurst	QF44	26	315	2850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	626
VK5AGZ	Derek Reuther	PF94, PF95	66	174	365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	605
VK2LSB	Stuart Bayliss	QF55	-	237	105	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	510
VK4HEC	Ewen Cameron	QG52	-	267	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	502
VK2FWB	Fred Baker	QF46	21	231	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	466
VK3VCL	Wayne Bruce	QF22	-	180	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	345
Section B:	Single Operator, 8 Ho	ours											
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF56, QF57	57	291	470	560	430	430	430	430	420	-	3518
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	QF32	99	552	645	760	-	-	-	-	-	-	2056
VK2TDN	Dave Nelson	QF56	-	270	410	448	220	-	220	400	-	-	1968
VK2GG	Dan Joyce	QF56	35	141	230	320	220	-	220	410	350	-	1926
VK3YFL	Bryon Dunkley-Smith	QF22	58	354	460	584	-	-	-	380	-	-	1836
VK5LA	Andy Williss	PF85		366	490	680	210	-	-	-	-	-	1746
VK5LD	Dale Loffler	PF96	59	288	470	760	-	-	-	-	-	-	1577
VK2CQ	Dave Maloney	QF55, QF56	23	141	230	320	-	-	-	390	320	-	1424
VK2TRF	Jack Swart	QF55, QF56	23	129	195	304	-	-	-	390	330	-	1371
VK5TX	Ben Hennessy	PF95	46	342	320	544	-	-	-	-	-	-	1252
VK3UBM VK2GOM	Michael Borthwick	QF21, QF22	21	252	240 230	272	330	-	-	400	-		1115
	Robert Greaves	QF56 PF95	- 71	171		-	220	-	-	400	-	-	1021 922
VK5AKH VK5FANA	Andrew Hall Adrian Addison	PF85	/ 1	366 330	485 540	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	922 870
VK3FANA VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	QG61	49	237	305	272	-	-				-	863
VK4ADC VK3BG	Ed Roache	QF23	71	393	303	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	752
VK1PAR	Al Long	QF23 QF44	12	366	365	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	743
VK5AR	Alan Raftery	PF94. PF95	-	285	440	_	_		_	_	_	_	745 725
VK3RU	David Williams	QF23	-	288	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	523
VK1AGP	Greg Parkhurst	QF44	19	198	250	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	517
VK5KPR	Peter Banks	PF87	21	129	105	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	255
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	-	96	105	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	201
VK3SF	Ross Sargent	QF22	-	72	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182

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Section C:	Multi Operator, 24 Ho	ours											
VK3UHF VK3ER VK3ALB VK4WIS VK5LZ VK4WIE VK4WAT VK2AWX VK2MA VK3APC VK1MAD	LUMEG (1) EMDRC (2) (3) SCARC (4) Elizabeth ARC (5) CBRS (6) TREC (7) HRG (8) HADARC (9) MDRC (10) (11)	QF21 QF22 QF11 QG63 PF85 QG62 QH22 QF57 QF56 QF21 QF44	102 182 99 92 59 92 107 85 90 80 22	738 744 621 327 378 465 351 375 357 486 273	935 1020 675 470 575 505 455 480 570 430 60	1192 1328 1040 456 504 440 472 352	940 800 720 620 - - - - -	790 230 - 340 350 - - - -	920 470 620 - 349 - - -	1040 480 490 470 - - -	540 - - 330 - - - - -	540 - - - - - - - - -	7737 5254 4265 3105 2206 1502 1385 1292 1017 996 355
Section D:	Multi Operator, 8 Ho	urs											
VK3ALB VK5SR VK3KH VK3BEZ VK5OM VK2KCM Section E:	(3) SERG (12) (13) EZARC (14) (15) (16) Home Station, 24 Ho	QF11 QF02 QF21 QF31 QF03 QF56	93 32 32 67	435 390 399 429 178 315	525 525 535 520 280 370	856 664 720 456 360	620 460 680 - -	210	430 440 - - - -	430 450 350 - -	-	- - - -	3389 3171 2716 1472 818 685
	,			000	0.45	1000	700						0050
VK3MY VK5LSB VK5VCO VK5NE VK2MER VK4ZDP VK5MWH VK2KRR VK5ALX VK3KIS VK2ZTV VK3VFO VK4VDX VK2EI VK3ACA VK2TG VK2HRX VK3WT VK3WT VK4HBO VK4NA VK3GK VK5FPAW VK3HV	Ross Keogh Simon Brandenburg Paul Mullins Paul Roehrs Kirk Mercer David Purkis Mark Hutchinson Leigh Rainbird Alex Glinski Andrew Kayton Peter Sturt Nick Kraehe Roland Lang Neil Sandford John Adcock Robert Demkiw Compton Allen Michael Coleman Max Chadwick James Kop Alan Wills Lee Moyle Paul Schulz George Francis	QF22 PF94 PF95 PF95 QF55 QH32 PF94 QF34 PF86 QF22 QF57 QF31 QG62 QF68 QF22 QF55 QF56 QF21 QF22 QG62 QG62 QG62 QF21 PF95 QF31	78 38 65 - 101 74 - 33 - 54 29 46 29 - 22 36 32 - 63 75 - 60	609 459 426 456 537 330 369 315 219 306 330 372 378 375 312 243 144 240 192 297 201 189 246	845 665 620 640 665 495 500 340 425 315 345 440 200 290 240 250 320 350 250	1008 600 640 504 320 536 184 448 376 336 224 184 	790						3252 1802 1724 1665 1522 1462 1127 1103 1053 957 929 903 848 842 815 774 743 730 728 698 680 616 539 556
VK2NR VK2AMS	David Porter Mark Swannack	QF56 QF68	11	228 156	245 170	- 48	- 80	-	-	-	-	-	473 465
VK5HZ VK3PF VK3TOM VK3XH VK3ZHQ VK5FXYL VK3AKT	Darryl Ross Peter Freeman Tom Steadman Joe Walsh Eric Warren-Smith Jade Ross Kevin Trevarthen	QF95 QF31 QF31 QF22 QF22 PF95 QF22	27 37 32 -	147 78 135 123 90 69	305 120 145 120 140 110	184 - - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	-	- - - - -	452 382 307 280 262 179 24
Section F:	Rover Station, 24 Ho	urs											
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF85, 86, 87,	95, 96, 104	97 444	745	976	910	1020	1000	900	890		6989
VK3AKK	Ken Jewell	QF11, 12, 21,		132	/45 -	910	910	540	650	900	540	540	2402
VK2VVV	Ross Masterson	QF46, 54, 55,	56, 57 68	366	550	736	-	540	- 000	-	J4U -	540	1720
VK2UVP	Vic Pisani	QF56, QF57	21	174	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355

- (1) Lara UHF & Microwave Experimenters Group: Ken Jewell VK3NW, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX, Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth
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- Tableland Radfio & Electronics Club: Dale McCarthy VK4DMC, Stu Dunk VK4SDD, Jeff Cochrane VK4BOF, John Roberts VK4TL
- Hunter Radio Group: VK2SH, VK2FA, VK2FERM, VK2FWJL, VK2FBAI, VK2YCJ, VK2CLH (8)
- Hornsby & District ARC: Justin VK2CU, Bob VK2BMU, Peter VK2TTP, Colin VK2JCC, Mike VK2MTX, Dave VK2FDIW
- Moorabbin & District Radio Club: Ian Morris VK3IFM, Gerard Werner VK3GER
- Shane Goodwin VK1MAD, Matthew Bowman VK1MAT (11)
- South East Radio Group: Colin Hutchesson VK5DK, Trevor Niven VK5NC, Steven Smith VK5GL, Andrew McKinnis VK5KET, (12)Tony Hutchison VK5ZAI, Ian Bishop VK3FNBL
- (13) Michael Coleman VK3KH, Peter Roberts VK3TPR
- Eastern Zone ARC: Glenn Reynolds VK3SI, Nick Kraehe VK3VFO, Simon Beeching VK3FCAL, Dean Webster VK3NFI, (14)Molly (The Dog)
- (15) VK5OM: Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Brian Farmers VK3AQX, Peter Sherlock (SWL)
- (16) Colin Matten VK2KCM, Ed Durrant VK2ARE

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	tion operated from	n the following		Postcode:
grid loc	ators:	_		Postcode:
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SCORING TABLE

Band	Locators Activated 10 points each	Locators Worked 10 points each	QSOs made 1 point each	Total		Band Multiplier		Band Total
50 MHz	+	+	=	:	Х	1	=	
144 MHz	+	+	=	:	Х	3	=	
432 MHz	+	+	=	:	Х	5	=	
1296 MHz	+	+	=	:	Х	8	=	
2.4 GHz	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	
3.4 GHz	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	
5.7 GHz	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	
10 GHz	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	
24 GHz	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	
Higher	+	+	=	:	Х	10	=	

FINAL TOTAL

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