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Remembrance Day Contest - Introduction - 2024

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(Competition starts: Saturday 17th August 2024, 0300 UTC / 1300AEST)

Peter Ellis VK1PE

Welcome in 2024 to the Remembrance Day Contest, Australia’s biggest and most significant annual amateur radio competition. I am Peter Ellis VK1PE, formerly a full-time officer in the Navy, Reservist, and civilian officer with Defence. I retired in the last year on the anniversary of joining the Navy 48 years ago.

Each year we pause to consider the roles that amateurs played in World War II, and we honour the passing of the brave service men (and we know of no women) who were killed during the hostilities. But, if you need reminding, the idea of the contest is to have fun. For this 24 hours, the bands will be at their busiest for the whole year, so please be involved.

The rules for this weekend’s contest were published on the WIA website, *wia.org.au*. Participate or just listen, but enjoy this 24 hour contest; but, with even 30 minutes on air - particularly by submitting a log - your involvement will make a difference. Is this your first RD? Have you done many RD Contests? This contest for us Amateurs, just it has been every year since the late 1940s.

We conduct the RD Contest for 24 hours on the weekend closest to the day called VP Day – Victory in the Pacific Day, 15 August 1945. This day formally marked the end of World War II.

Each year in the RD we spend a little while quiet contemplating prior to its 0300 Zulu start, remembering those people who didn't make it back but whose efforts helped to save our nation; then, after 0300 Zulu we celebrate by competing together for up to 24 hours in a state versus state race to win the most on air contacts.

This year, we will hear a reading of the names of Amateur Radio operators known to have been killed during WW2, and from the President of the WIA, **Scott Williams VK3KJ**.

[reading of the names of the fallen Amateurs](#)

PE: his year, a senior military officer who I had approached finally had to withdraw from giving the opening speech, and my backup person also had a last minute conflict. So...

Hello, this is Scott Williams VK3KJ and President of the Wireless Institute of Australia.

On behalf of the WIA, the Board of Directors and all of our members, I extend a very warm welcome to all those participating in this year's Remembrance Day Contest.

This important Contest commemorates Amateur Radio operators that lost their lives serving their country. The 15th of August or the weekend closest to this date marks the date that hostilities ceased in the Southwest Pacific region.

This year the contest will take place on the 17th and 18th of August, commencing at 0300 UTC and concluding the following day at 0300 UTC. There is no better way to mark the significance of this event and reflect on the sacrifices made, but to get on air, make a few contacts and activity participate in the contest.

Please take a moment to remember those who lost their lives and served our nation.

We look forward to your active participation in the contest on the 17th and 18th August and behalf of all of those at the WIA, thank you for your support of the contest and we wish you all the success.

Good luck.

Radio Amateurs of Australia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea, on this weekend nearest the anniversary of VP Day, the **Remembrance Day Contest** for **2024** is -- **Open**.

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