

2016 Oceania DX Contest - CW station information and soapbox comments

Call	Radios	Antennas	Comment
7K1CPT	K3 5W	Dipole	
9M4CKB	FT897	Inverted vee	2nd time to jon this contest, very fun!
9M6XRO	FT-1000MP + Quadra Linear Amp 400W	2 el Lightning Bolt Quad @ 27 mh for HF + Butternut HF2V vertical for LF	Condx better than 2016 and more than doubled my score this year. I drew a blank on 10m, just loud signals from AM/FM pirates. 40m CW is already destroyed here due to the lack of a YB band plan. YB SSB & splatter every 5Khz from 7000 right thru the CW portion. Thank you to the organisers.
DD5KG	100W	Wire vertical	It is hard to work with VK or ZL with low power and wire vertical on the balcony. Fortunately, there were a few stations with big antennas able to read even my weak signals!
DJ6TK			Nice Contest again
DL9MFY		Wire loop 70m circumference @ 4mh	My wire loop antenna made it round the globe!
F-59706	TS-590	Wellbrook ALA100 loop	Very average conditions for the cw part. Fun was on 40M only - great activity from YB friends.
G4ICP			Salt marsh portable
HA3FMR	FT-847 100W	W3DZZ	
HB9IK			Had no access to SD log due to pc failure: no dupe control, no info on acitivity on bands, no help: a bad situation. I hope next time it works again. Poor condx, but I enjoyed the test.
HS0ZLM			Very poor conditions
ISOUWX	TS-570D 100W	HF fixed dipole	
IV3AOL	FT-817 5W	G3TXQ Hex Beam for 20M + dipole for 40M	
IV3DRP	FT-817 5W	G5RV	
JA1CUF			I enjoyed the contest
JA1OHP			I enjoyed the contest
JA1POS	IC-7000M 4W	Long wire	
JA1QNO	IC-706 MKII	Dipole	
JA2HNP			I enjoyed the contest - thank you
JA2KKA	IC-7100 100W	12AVQ triband vertical + inverted vee	
JA2XLV	FTDX-5000	3 el quad	Good contest
JA3JM	IC-706 50W	Vertical	
JA4BEV			I enjoyed the contest

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JA6FCL			I enjoyed the contest
JA7ACM			I enjoyed the contest
JA7ARW			Thanks nice contest
JA9EJG			I enjoyed the contest
JE1ILP	IC-7300S	8.5m LW on veranda of my apartment	
JE2CPI			I enjoyed the contest
JE3ECD			I enjoyed the contest
JE6TUP			I enjoyed the contest
JF1LMB			I enjoyed the contest
JF1OVA			I enjoyed the contest
JF8LPB	FT-817ND	End fed long wire	
JG1LPL	FT-897DM 50W	Dipole @ 8mh	
JG2RFJ			I enjoyed the contest
JG3CQJ	FTDX-3000D		
JH0ILL	IC-7000 100W	2 el yagi	
JH4PUS	TS-820	GP	For the first time I attended the Oceania contest. Thank you so much for a wonderful contest.
JH8CXW			I enjoyed the contest
JH8GEU			I enjoyed the contest
JI1RSF			I enjoyed the contest
JI2IXA			I enjoyed the contest
JK1LUY	200W	HB9CV	
JK7DWD	5W	3 el yagi	Many thanks to all who were patient with me pulling calls. Every QSO is appreciated.
JM1XTB	TEN-TEC 1340 2.5W	MFJ-1640-T (whip antenna) with radial	
JN1DNV			I enjoyed this contest
JO1JKH	FT-450M	GP	
JO1WIZ	IC-706 MK2 50W	Loaded DP	Taking part in the OCDX contest is one of the annual events in my ham life
JR0BQD			See you next contest
JR1NKN			I'm very glad to have many QSOs
JR3RIU			Lack of activity from Oceania stations
JR4BYH			I managed to make only a few QSO under poor condx this year, but enjoyed it.

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JR9NVB	TS-520	Vertical	
K1EEE			Great VK and ZL ops
K1GQ	K3	2000A 2 el tribander + 40M wires	
K3TW			Thunderstorm QRN made contacts difficult on 80M this year
N0OK			Propagation was the pits! I'm reluctant to submit a score like this but "it is what it is".
OK1MBZ	IC-751A + PA	3 el yagi	
OK1RP	5W	Wire ant @ 10 mh	Unbelievable ears of Gary, ZL2IFB aka ZM4G. After my several calls he caught me on 40M ... magic! Nice opening in the morning on 20M to kangaroo mates.
OK2QX	K3 100W	3 el beam + 54m LW for 40M	Condx no good
OM3CUG	5W	HF8V vertical	Every QSO was very nice DX contact. I cannot use QRP and vertical to work so many OC stations outside the contest.
OM8ON	FT-2000	Dipole 2 x 21m @ 30mh with 600 Ohm ladder line	
R7KO	FT-817 5W	5 el 3 band yagi	
RA1QE	IC-718 100W	80M quad	
RA3XEV	5W	Vertical	Thank you for the contest. I hope to see you in the next contest.
RA9DW			See you next time
RK3Y	TS-590S		
RK4HYT			Good contest
RN2FQ	100W	6 el 3 band yagi	Thanks for a nice contest! I will be back next year
SP9GMI	IC-7100	40M delta loop	
UA0LCZ	FT-920		
UA3ABJ	FT-1000MP 100W	4 el beam	
UA3UAD	FT-450	2 el quad	
UR4WZZ	IC-718 100W	GP + dipole	
US1IV			Thanks for contest
VE3UTT			Remote operation
VE7BGP	FT-ONE + FT-757GX		Band conditions were poor to Oceania from here. I had fun with 2 vintage Yaesu radios.
VK2ACW			Bands in reasonable condition but signals were low. Good time was had by all with antennas working well. Disappointed when received word from several JA stations that they were only communicating with other JA stations.
VK2AR	4.7W	40M magnetic loop	

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VK2BJ			What a difference a week makes! Conditions were much better generally than the SSB contest the week before. However, 160M and 80M were unusable for a large part of the contest due to extreme static. 40M and 15M were the bands to be on for points and multipliers.
VK2EL	FT-897DM 50W	Magnetic loop	Operating from balcony in retirement village
VK2IG	TS-480HX 120W	80M inverted vee + 40M dipoles + 20M-10M 5-band spiderbeam	Only operated during 0850-1400 UTC 08 Oct 2016 and 0540-0800 UTC 09 Oct 2016. I was pleasantly surprised by condx. Thanks for managing the contest this year!
VK2IO	KX3 5W	ZS6BKW inverted-Vee on an 8m telescopic pole	Operated from Malabar Headland National Park VKFF-1176 QF56PA. Weather was sunny, cool and very windy. Activation duration was 6.5 hours, contesting for 5.3 hours. Bands used: 40M, 20M and 15M. On 10M JAs were heard in another contest. Enjoyed working DX using QRP with much improved conditions compared to the SSB contest.
VK3IO			Lost electrical power supply for the last six hours of contest, due to stormy weather here. So I missed many possible contacts. No damage here, so I was lucky. I hope next year will be better. Thanks for all those who exchanged numbers with me. Surprisingly good band conditions.
VK3MI	Flex-6300 90W	Inverted-vee fan dipole + terminated loops for low band RX	Conditions seemed much better this year with more QSOs on 160M, 80M and 10M. But, as usual, there were a few challenges! My main vertical antenna collapsed in severe winds that battered Melbourne a few days prior to the CW contest. I hastily installed an inverted-vee style fan dipole antenna as an alternative to the vertical. The centre of the dipole was only 6 metres above the roof of our two storey house so it was not very efficient on the low bands - but at least it allowed me to make some QSOs in the contest. The wild weather also caused a major power outage on Sunday afternoon which forced me finish the contest prematurely and meant that I was unable to take advantage of the enhanced propagation at our sunset. Despite these setbacks it was a lot of fun and I look forward to a more successful entry next year!
VK3TZ			Just a few QSOs to make an entry as contesting virtually impossible from this QTH now due to LED lighting QRM - usually at S9 and upto 20dB over. Hopeless!
VK4FFAB			My received numbers are all wrong so just make this an observation log.
VK4JAZ	FT-817 5W		
VK4LAT			Way better conditions than phone weekend, had some fun with this one, thanks to the ocdx committee for all their hard work!
VK6AAK			Thanks for the contest
VK7GN			Just back from UK on Saturday afternoon. Definitely suffering jet lag! Any errors are purely mine as I struggled to concentrate for a complete QSO HiHi!
VU2UR			Enjoyed another OCDX contest
YB0ANN	FT-817ND 5W	Mobile whip	
YB2ECG			Nice contest, just joined for a moment
YO3JW		GP	Short windows for GP antenna operation!

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YO4SI	TS-450SAT 100W	Multiband dipole FD4	
YP5A	FT-950 + PA 300W	Dipole	
YT9M			Nice Contest. See you next year.
ZL1DCO			First DX contest, enjoyed it very much, even though I could only do a couple hours on the last night. Found the contest website instructions very easy to follow with great info. Many thanks.
ZL2AGY			Horrendous QRN on the lower bands, and below average conditions as well made it quite challenging, but fun as always. Roll on next year!
ZL2JU			Conditions not at all good. Saturday evening not so bad but difficult to be heard on Sunday evening.
ZL3VZ			Somewhat chaotic when the DX turned up on nearby frequencies.
ZL4YL			My second entry in Oceania DX. This time I'm allowed to operate on all bands. Did not operate the whole night as I had to go to school again on Monday. 73 Xenia, ZL4YL, 15 years
ZM4G	K3 + 1 kW amp	Fullwave wire loops on 80M and 40M + 5 el 15M monobander + 2 el tribander	Got up at 2:30am to hammer the low bands, only to find 80M unusable due to high QRN from a storm front linking Auckland to Brisbane. 40M wasn't so bad, aside from the over-the-horizon radar that rudely intrudes on a daily basis.