

2017 Oceania DX Contest - PHONE station information and soapbox comments

Call	Radios	Antennas	Comment
7K1CPT	5W	Dipole	
7K1VKU			I enjoyed the contest
7N2UQC	IC-7600	Vertical dipole	Thanks for a fine contest again
9M6XRO	My Rig Yaesu FT-920 and Quadra Linear @ 400 watts	Ant @ 27m 2-el Lightning Bolt Quad	Started badly, big distortion on my SSB. Went from bad to worse. While trying to repair my SSB connector my soldering gun blew up with bits, smoke and sparks flying everywhere. Lost Saturday night. On Sunday used Selley's Epoxy Fix to fix the SSB plug connections without soldering them! "If it's Selley's it Works" says their logo - and it did actually work :-)) I will fix it properly one day..... I then went on to make 155 Q's in pretty mediocre condx. My thanks to the Contest Organisers and 73 to all from Borneo!
9V1XX	FT-897 100W	DP	
9W2VRD			Second year to join this contest
DL6BR			My first time on 40M but bad conditions here ... see you next year in this nice contest
DU1AVC			Thank you for the opportunity to work DX
DU3/W6QT			Disappointing conditions - hope to do better next year
DU9BX	IC-740	Double Bazooka 30 ft high	Enjoyed and had lots of fun
ERC231			Was a tricky competition this year, a lot of noise from local storms on Saturday night.
G4FKA			A casual entry on two bands. Not a lot to be heard on low antennas but always good to get a few more OC stations in the log
GW4W			Very enjoyable as usual, nice level of activity
HS8JKY			First licensed on 21 July 2016
IOPNM			Enjoyed participating
IV3AOL	FT817 5W	G3TXQ Hex Beam	
JA0BJY			I enjoyed the contest
JA1CRJ			Thank you for QSO, I enjoyed the contest. See you next year
JA1JLP			I enjoyed the contest - my age 75 years old
JA1JNM			I enjoyed the contest
JA2HNP			I enjoyed the contest
JA2M WV	IC-741S 5W	40M dipole 14mh	
JA2XLV			I enjoyed the contest
JA3FRI			I enjoyed the contest
JA3IJW			I enjoyed the contest

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JA4BEV			I enjoyed the contest
JA4CQS			I enjoyed the contest
JA9CCG			Great contest!
JA9GEW			I enjoyed the contest
JE1VTZ			I enjoyed the contest
JF1LMB			I enjoyed the contest
JF1RYU			I enjoyed the contest
JG1GCO			I enjoyed the contest
JG1LPL	FT-897MD 50W	Dipole 8mh	
JG1TUC			Many thanks to all stations. I spent wonderful time and will participate in the contest next year
JG2RFJ			I enjoyed the contest
JG4AKL			I enjoyed the contest.
JH2KKW			I enjoyed the contest
JH2XQY			I enjoyed the contest
JH3GMI			I enjoyed the contest
JH4PUS	IC-756	GP	The first time I attended the Oceania contest. Thank you so much for a wonderful contest
JH6QIL			I enjoyed the contest
JI1NZA/1			I regret that number of QSO was less than last year. Although operating time was short, I enjoyed the contest
JI1RSF			I enjoyed the contest
JJ1HHJ	FT-847 50W		
JK1NJH			I enjoyed the contest
JO1JKH	FT450M 50W	GP	
JP3MFV			I enjoyed the contest
JQ1NGT	TS480	5 el Yag	
JR1JRW			I enjoyed the contest
JR1QBA			I enjoyed the contest
JR2MIN			I enjoyed the contest
JR8ORC			I enjoyed the contest
JR9NVB	TS-520	Vertical	
JS6TQS			Thanks for a fun contest! Operated from PL36wj, Uruma, Okinawa, Japan
K3TW/4			Activity and band conditions on 40M were excellent

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KK4BZ	TS-570S 80W	G5RV at 35 ft in trees	Thanks for the fun!
OK4DZ			Better conditions than last year
PA9S			Nice to attend to this Oceania contest from The Netherlands. Really Joyful ...!!
SP1FPG	80W	20m LW	
SP1JQJ	TS-990	Vertical	
SP9FMP	FT-857	Dipole	
UA0-107-181	IC-756PRO		
UA3ABJ	FT-1000MP 100W	4-el beam	
US1IV			TNX for CONTEST!
UT8UF	IC-756PROIII	4 el yagi	
VK2AU			Great contest. Exceeded last years score by a few hundred thousand. Surprising.
VK2AZ	IC-7100-80W	Wire antennas 80M Inverted L	Hard going. It was frustrating listening to the local stations running beams. I could only hear a few of the stations they were working. For this reason I tried to concentrate on multipliers as much as possible. Surprised anyone could hear me on 160M with my 80M inverted L. Thank you to the 160M stations for their perseverance
VK2BBQ			Thanks for organising this great contest. Next year I hope to better my score! The dedication of volunteers is greatly appreciated.
VK2BFC			Great contest in poor conditions
VK2DCR			A quick half an hour at the end
VK2LEE			Excellent contest as usual - I didn't work any stations on Sunday due to My Log disappearing on my computer. A great disappointment after staying up late saturday night. It looks like I have found the log.
VK2TTL			Thanks for the contest, conditions were not too bad and I was able to get some time off to put an hour in on Sat and a few on Sunday avo.
VK2YJS	FT-857D	40M + 20M dipole	
VK3DQW			Portable at 'Kangaroo Lodge'
VK3ER			Conditions were poor but made as many contacts as I could in the period on air
VK3IO			This year was not great conditions, with some high QRN on the low bands, but not too bad on 40M. In the future, a directional type beam antenna would be nice and I will try and make one for the CW section next weekend. Thanks for all who did call me, especially to those who gave me number 001. For the time I had available, it was a good contest and a lot of fun. 73's and hope to qso again in the next contest.
VK3MHZ		60m wire anetnna	First time in contest

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VK3MI	Flex-6300 90W	Multiband inverted vee with apex at 20m AGL	
VK3NCC			Antenna problems not diagnosed until after the contest was disappointing for me. Bands were very quiet and few signals, plenty of patience on the part of the people at the other end of the QSO. As usual, thanks to all who make the contest possible.
VK3ND	IC-706MKIIG	80M Dipole + OCFDipole	Located portable at San Remo Victoria - very very wet weekend
VK3NRW			The contest and the operators were very enjoyable as usual but bands on Sunday were very poor. I had very bad electrical static which made operating virtually impossible. Will try again next year with fingers crossed.
VK3XV			Only 160M antenna available at the moment. Hard going!
VK4FG			First Oceania DX contest as full call and high power, previous call VK4LAT. Enjoyed the change to the SOAB HP category, had a great battle keeping up with my multi-op partner, Andrew VK4NM. Prop was much better than 2016 with good openings on 10M & 15M, QRN played havoc on 80M & 160M most of the night with storms in outback VK4, then another storm late Sunday afternoon saw operations curtailed on a mad EU dog pile on 15M. Thanks to the committee for their hard work on organizing the OCDX contest.
VK5PL		OCF dipole	Conditions were not too bad, but only having an OCF dipole limited my DX contacts
VK5UE			Only got a few hours at end but made interesting contacts
VK6ARN	FT-857D + IC-746	200m vee beam +G5RV	We operated our station portable from Wandoo National Park. We alternated between a Yaesu FT857d connected to a 200m V-Beam constructed from 400m of low resistance polyrope (130 Ohm / km), strung between three trees about 4-10m above ground and an Icom IC-746 connected to a G5RV about 10m above ground. The Lamb Roast was delicious, conditions were great and the V-Beam screamed into Europe both afternoons. Thank you to all stations who responded to our CQ! Operators: Bob VK6POP / Onno VK6FLAB.
VK6DW			Bands seemed very noisy this year. A lot of QRN. Fun as usual.
VK6WE			Difficult conditions with QRM and QSB
VK7GN			Not great conditions but to be expected at this point of solar cycle
VK7VH			Only had a short time available. However, great contest and worked some good stations. Hope to spend more time in the contest next year. Thanks to all that I worked. Also, thanks goes to the contest managers.
VK8HPB			Good contest - be back next year
VK8RD			Terrible propagation up here in the top end. Saturday was a waste of time on the on the bands. No VKs heard at all. Very few JAs.
VU2UR			Enjoyed another Oceania contest
YB0ANN	FT-817ND	Mobile whip	

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YB5OUB			If possible, I suggest to extend the contest priod time to 48 hours. It can help if the contestant can only attend single band. Thanks.
YD1IUK	FT-747GX		My first DX contest
YD1SDL/2			There was a power outage happening during the prime hours (0900 UTC - 1400 UTC) missed the 40M opening to NA and JA. Keep going strong during the rest of the contest despite of slight misfortune.
YD2EEE			This is my first in this contest after 25 years to be a SWL
YP8W	SDR2	Yagi	My first OCEANIA contest. Hard for a QRP station but found some LP opening to VK.
ZL1EL	K3	ZS antenna	Audio absorbed by band conditions even though signal strengths high
ZL3PAH			Not much time avaiable for me to operate so just a token entry
ZL3VZ			Much better conditions than last year. Enjoyed the contest
ZL4YL	K3 + KPA500	2 x 2 elements	Sorry for the trouble with my microphone. Seemed like a contact issue but could not locate it.