

## QRP HOURS CONTEST APRIL 2017

### Results

First place in the CW/PSK section went to Mike VK2IG who operated his FT817 from home. First place in the SSB section went to John VK2YW.

The noisy conditions turned away a lot of regular operators. There were eight entries for the CW section and six for the SSB section. No PSK contacts were reported. I was unable to join in this year to provide extra contacts, due to having a family gathering over the weekend.

### CW and PSK section

CALLSIGN	Mode	Points awarded	Place
VK2IG	CW	7	1
VK2YW	CW	6	=2
VK2JDR	CW	6	=2
VK5LJ	CW	6	=2
VK7CW	CW	6	=2
VK3ARH	CW	5	6
VK2GAZ	CW	4	7
VK3ANP	CW	3	8

### SSB section

CALLSIGN	Mode	Points awarded	Place
VK2YW	SSB	10	1
VK2IG	SSB	7	2
VK1MDP	SSB	6	=3
VK3ARH	SSB	6	=3
VK5LJ	SSB	6	=3
VK2JDR	SSB	5	6

### General comments

Several CW logs lost a point due to either the logged callsign or the number received from the other station not matching the callsign or number sent by the station worked. The sender is assumed to have sent the correct sequence number provided it is in sequence, and where errors occur it is presumed that the receiver did not log it correctly. Oddly enough there were no such errors in the SSB logs. I would have expected the reverse!

The logs were in a mixture of excel sheets and text files. None were difficult to process, but all needed to be added into an excel spreadsheet used to compare sent and received callsigns and numbers. One log was a printed sheet posted to me. (That was ok, I retyped it – but it could have been emailed as a text file. Cheaper and quicker. )

### Comments in logs

The dog chewed my log sheet. Band very noisy. Murray VK1MDP.

CW contacts with Codar AT5 transmitter 5Watt out Rx my Yaesu FT897D. QRN was very intense made operating very unpleasant so did not participate in SSB part. (David VK3APN)

FT-897 running 5 watts. 80 meter dipole. Band conditions very poor at my QTH. Garry VK2GAZ.

Enjoyable contest as usual! Significant QRN due to thunderstorm activity, and possibly not as many participants this year. Didn't hear any VK4, 6 or 8 activity. Holding the contest after the end of Daylight Saving Time is a good idea as the finish time isn't too late, and I would recommend doing this in future. (Mike VK2IG)

Rig: FT-857, Antenna: End Fed Half Wave, Power: 5 Watts, Power Source: LiFE battery, Key: American Morse Mini-B paddle. Location: Front yard, sitting in car. High noise level S8-9+ at my station in the suburbs. Thoroughly enjoyed the event. Appeared to be more stations this year than previous. Some stations way down in the noise and needed several repeats to make the contact which makes it more fun. Only operated CW and SSB. Would be great to hold another contest, start of Spring. 73 David VK2JDR

KX3 into 160m horizontal loop. Horrible conditions. Was not sure was going to be up as thunder and lightning running in the afternoon. Antenna was disconnected. The storm had passed but still had S9+ noise, static crashes 20 over. It made CW challenging but that is the point I guess. Allen VK3ARH

The band was really noisy with S7 static increasing to S9 and +20 static crashes. Even with the high level of noise I was still able to hear VK2YW John in Wagga really well and he was running 1.5 watts. I also copied VK1MPD with reasonable signal strength as well from Canberra. I was running a K3 turned down to 8 watts. Regards Lawrie VK5LJ..

Great fun but a real shame that there was not more participants. Thanks to all those who participated in the CW section of the contest. 73 de Steve VK7CW

[Next QRP Hours Contest!](#)

To be announced in September Lo-Key. Probably October and 40m, like last year.

73 Andrew VK1DA/VK2UH