

## **4<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY ACTIVATION WEEKEND – VK5 NATIONAL & CONSERVATION PARKS AWARD.**



### **SUMMARY**

Participation was down significantly compared to previous years. The reason why is not known.

A total of 20 activators took part, with all of those being VK5's, except for Tony VK3XV who crossed the border to activate 3 parks in the South East. Many thanks Tony for your continued support of the VK5 Parks Award. Of the 20 activators, 3 were Foundation licence holders.

A total of 29 different parks were activated all across South Australia, from the South East all the way up to Lake Torrens in the north of the State.

A total of 1,311 QSOs were made over the duration of the weekend. This included 410 Park to Park contacts (both VK5 Parks & World Wide Flora Fauna).

It was pleasing to see a number of interstate park activators heading out into the field, to take up the great opportunity of Park to Park contacts.

All those who took part as activators will receive a special activators participation certificate.

Here is a link to You Tube with a short video I have put together of the weekend.....

<https://youtu.be/pKuTOxAOyc0>

Thankyou to everyone for your participation.

73,

Paul VK5PAS  
VK5 Parks Award Manager  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**ACTIVATORS.....****Tony VK3XV/5**

- Lower Glenelg River Conservation Park 5CP-122 & VKFF-0905 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 48 QSOs
  - 5 Park to Park
- Penambol Conservation Park 5CP-175 & VKFF-0802 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 52 QSOs
  - 17 Park to Park
- Ewens Ponds Conservation Park 5CP-064 & VKFF-0796 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 50 QSOs
  - 12 Park to Park



*Above:- Tony VK3XV/5 in the Penambol Conservation Park. Image courtesy of Col VK5HCF*

**Bob VK5AFZ**

- Kyeema Conservation Park 5CP-107 & VKFF-0826 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 9 QSOs
  - 5 Park to Park

**Adrian VK5FANA**

- Clements Gap Conservation Park 5CP-043 & VKFF-0812 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April)
  - 58 QSOs
  - 24 Park to Park
- Minlacowie Conservation Park 5CP-135 & VKFF-0909
  - 21 QSOs
  - 9 Park to Park

**Gary VK5FGRY**

- Morialta Conservation Park 5CP-142 & VKFF-0783 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 44 QSOs
  - 16 Park to Park



*Above:- Set up of Gary VK5FGRY in Morialta CP. Image courtesy of VK5FGRY*

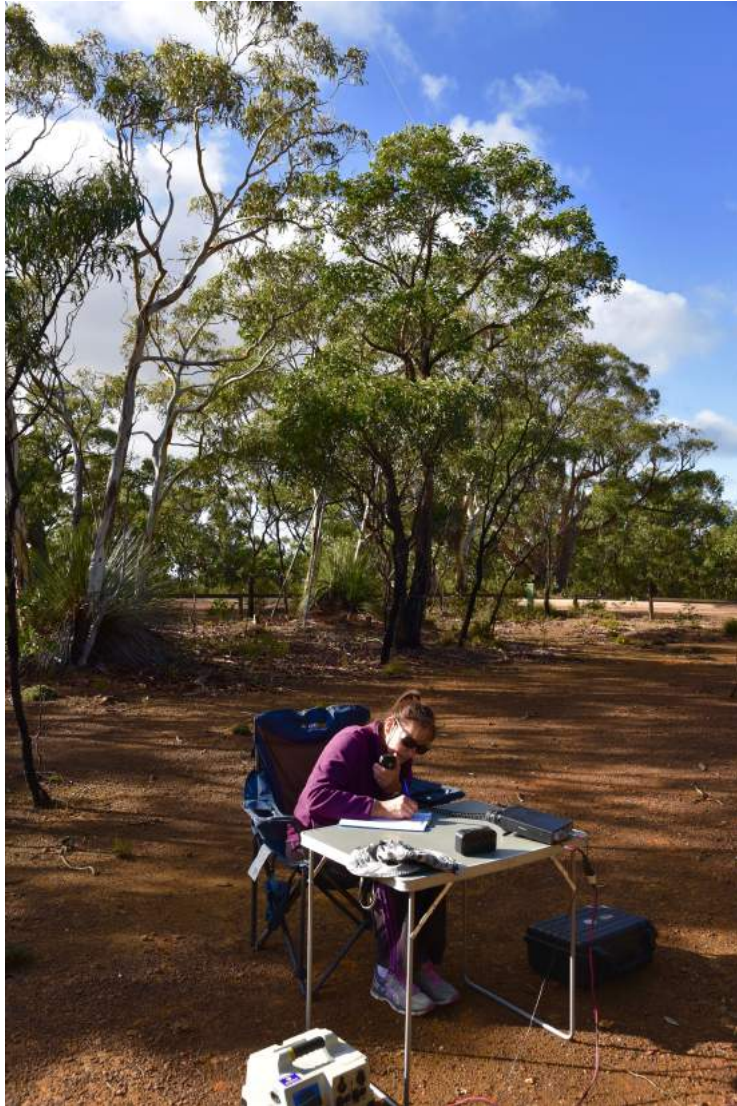




*Above: Gary VK5FGRY's antenna at Morialta CP. Image courtesy of VK5FGRY*

### **Marija VK5FMAZ**

- Deep Creek Conservation Park 5CP-054 & VKFF-0780 ( Sat1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 26 QSOs
  - 2 Park to Park
- Talisker Conservation Park 5CP-223 & VKFF-0790 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 61 QSOs
  - 17 Park to Park
- Waitpinga Conservation Park 5CP-243 & VKFF-0940 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 51 QSOs
  - 14 Park to Park
- Eric Bonython Conservation Park 5CP-062 & VKFF-0877 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 47 QSOs
  - 10 Park to Park



*Above:- Marija VK5FMAZ in the Talisker CP. Image courtesy of VK5PAS*

### **Chris VK5FR**

- Morgan Conservation Park 5CP-141 & VKFF-0911 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 52 QSOs
  - 18 Park to Park

### **Norm VK5GI**

- Hesperilla Conservation Park 5CP-090 & VKFF-1038 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 48 QSOs
  - 14 Park to Park



**Greg VK5GJ**

- Hesperilla Conservation Park 5CP-090 & VKFF-1038 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 48 QSOs
  - 14 Park to Park
- Stipiturus Conservation Park 5CP-220 & VKFF-0936 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 42 QSOs
  - 20 Park to Park

**Col VK5HCF**

- Tantanoola Caves Conservation Park 5CP-225 & VKFF-0804 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 14 QSOs
  - 10 Park to Park
- Gower Conservation Park 5CP-079 & VKFF-0798 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 8 QSOs
  - 6 Park to Park



*Above:- Col VK5HCF in the Gower Conservation Park. Photo courtesy of VK5HCF*

**David VK5HYZ**

- Mount Remarkable National Park 5NP-015 & VKFF-0360 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 23 QSOs
  - 7 Park to Park

**Les VK5KLV**

- Munyaroo Conservation Park 5CP-154 & VKFF-0920 (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 45 QSOs
  - 18 Park to Park

**Peter VK5KPR**

- Munyaroo Conservation Park 5CP-154 & VKFF-0920 (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 6 QSOs
  - 6 Park to Park

**Matt VK5MLB**

- Onkaparinga River National Park 5NP-019 & VKFF-0402 (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 14 QSOs
  - 4 Park to Park



*Above: Matt VK5MLB on air in the Onkaparinga River National Park. Image courtesy of VK5MLB*



The photograph shows a collection of amateur radio gear laid out on a blue and grey bag on a bed of dry leaves. In the foreground, a black microphone with a coiled cable is connected to a green logbook. The logbook is titled "Amateur Radio Logbook - Call Sign: SAP 019" and features a grid for recording contacts. A black radio unit with a digital display and various knobs is positioned behind the logbook. The entire setup is outdoors, suggesting a field station or a portable radio operation.

*Above:- the shack of VK5MLB at Onkaparinga River NP. Image courtesy of VK5MLB*



**Andrew VK5MR**

- Lake Torrens National Park 5NP-013 & VKFF-0278 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 84 QSOs
  - 30 Park to Park



*Above:- The set up of Andrew VK5MR at Lake Torrens. Image courtesy of VK5MR*



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**Tony VK5MRT**

- Bullock Hill Conservation Park (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 32 QSOs
  - 10 Park to Park
- Bullock Hill Conservation Park (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 20 QSOs
  - 11 Park to Park

**Paul VK5PAS**

- Deep Creek Conservation Park 5CP-054 & VKFF-0780 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 59 QSOs
  - 5 Park to Park
- Talisker Conservation Park 5CP-223 & VKFF-0790 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 98 QSOs
  - 25 Park to Park
- Waitpinga Conservation Park 5CP-243 & VKFF-0940 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 51 QSOs
  - 17 Park to Park
- Eric Bonython Conservation Park 5CP-062 & VKFF-0877 (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 69 QSOs
  - 11 Park to Park



*Above:- Paul VK5PAS in Eric Bonython CP. Image courtesy of VK5PAS*



**Peter VK5PET**

- Cleland Conservation Park 5CP-042 & VKFF-0778 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 22 QSOs
  - 12 Park to Park



*Above:- Peter VK5PET in the Cleland Conservation Park. Image courtesy of VK5PET*

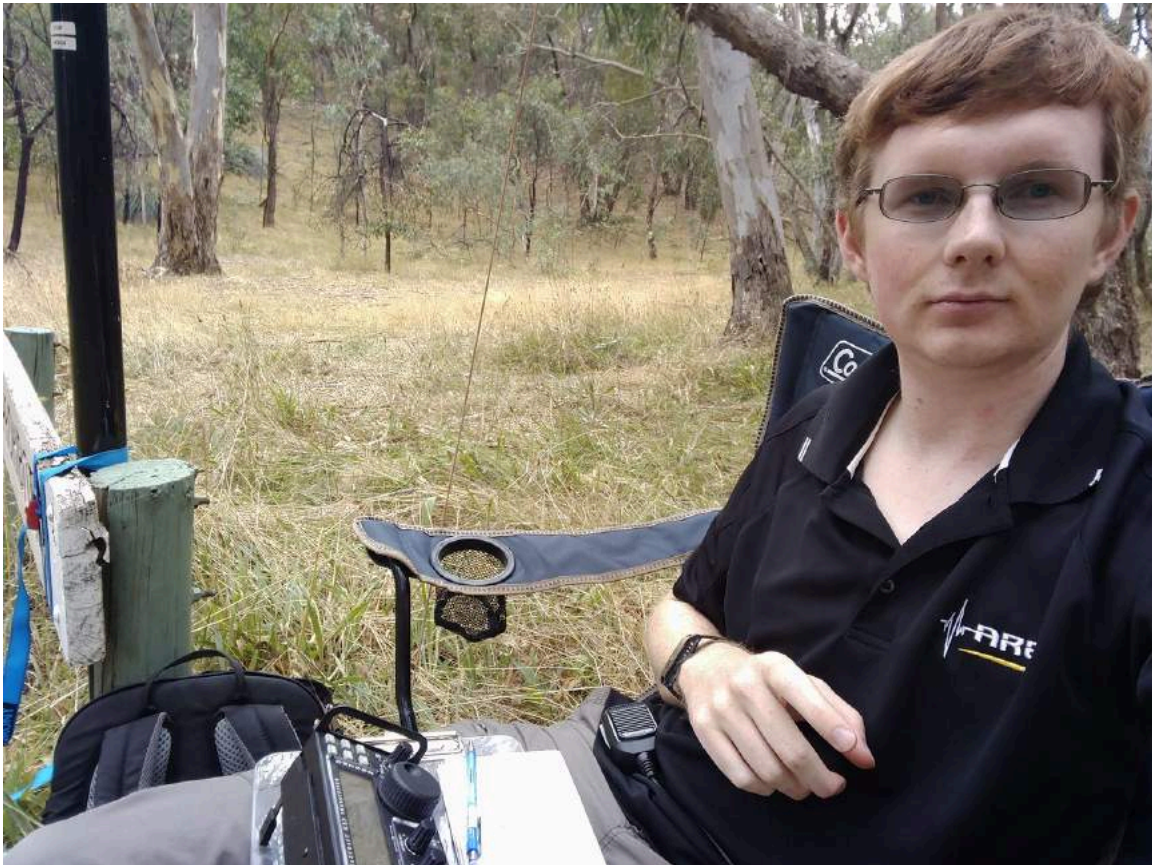
**Mark VK5QI**

- Cromer Conservation Park 5CP-049 & VKFF-0779 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 8 QSOs
  - 6 Park to Park
- Warren Conservation Park 5CP-247 & VKFF-0941 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 10 QSOs
  - 5 Park to Park
- Hale Conservation Park 5CP-086 & VKFF-0889 (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 5 QSOs
  - 2 Park to Park



*Above: - Mark VK5QI's Elecraft KX3 in action. Image courtesy of VK5QI*





*Above:- Mark VK5QI on air. Image courtesy of VK5QI*

### **Ray VK5RR**

- Hogwash Bend Conservation Park
  - 10 contacts
  - 4 Park to Park

### **Greg VK5ZGY**

- Lake Frome Conservation Park (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 36 contacts
  - 9 Park to Park
- Beachport Conservation Park (Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017)
  - 20 contacts
  - 5 Park to Park
- Carpenter Rocks Conservation Park (Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)
  - 20 contacts
  - 10 Park to Park