

# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

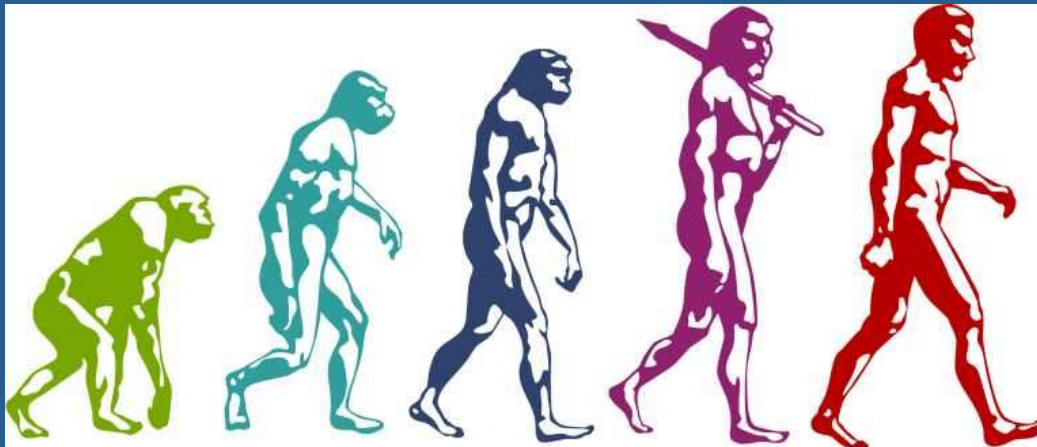


*Presented by Paul VK5PAS*



# History

- No SA park award existed prior.
- Commenced April 2014
- KRMNPA
- WWFF



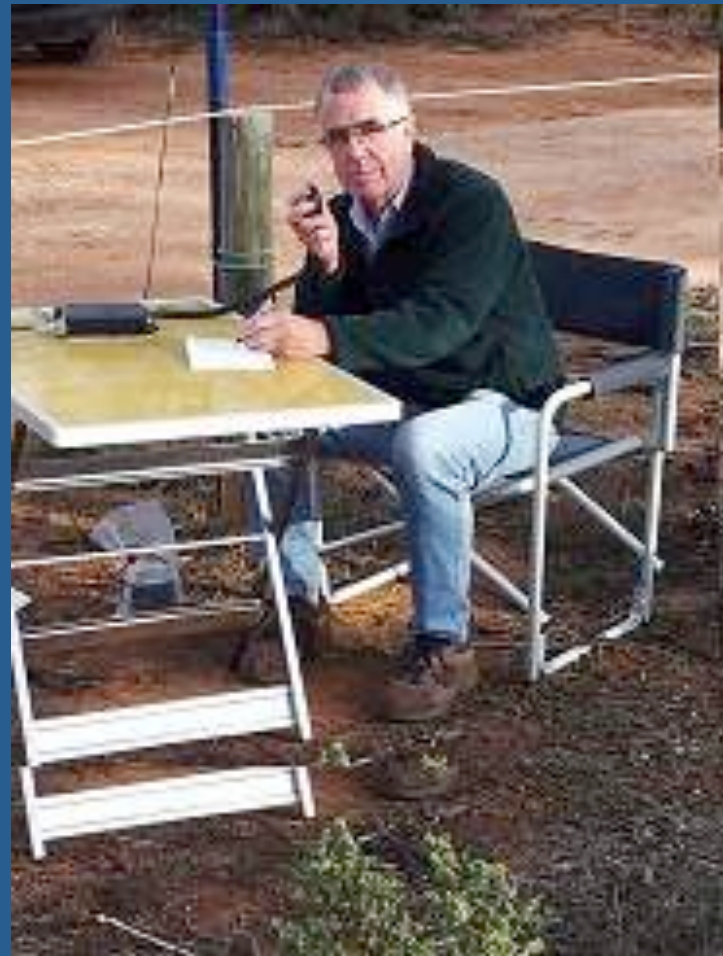
# Aim

- The aim of the Award is to encourage portable operation by amateur radio operators from within South Australia's 21 National Parks and 266 Conservation Parks



# Who can participate?

- **Activators**
- **Hunters**
- **SWLs**



# Why get involved?

- Fun
- Noise floor
- Experimentation
- Pile ups
- Wallpaper
- Great way to see the State
- Combine other interests
  - Bushwalking, photography



# What do I need?

## ➤ Transceiver

- Anything that will go portable
- FT817nd
- Elecraft KX3



## ➤ Antenna

- Linked dipole

## ➤ Power source

- SLAB, LIPO, LiFePO



# Basic rules

- Must be **National Park** or **Conservation Park**
- No mobile
- Strictly portable
- No repeaters, IRLP, Echolink
- NP – 2 points
- CP – 1 point



# Basic rules

- Each park can be activated for points, each 12 calendar months
- 1 QSO deemed to be activation
- Each park can be worked as a Hunter for points every UTC day.





# Levels (Australia)

❖ Bronze

10 points

❖ Silver

20 points

❖ Gold

35 points

❖ Platinum

50 points

❖ Diamond

70 points (incl all 21 NPs)



# Endorsements

- QRP
- CW
- Single band operation
- VHF/UHF only (no repeaters)
- Other endorsements considered



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Paul SIMMONDS,  
VK5PAS**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and  
achieving  
**"PLATINUM"**  
level as an **"ACTIVATOR"**.



Awards Manager

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Larry MUNNS,  
VK5LY**

For contacting portable stations from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"PLATINUM"**  
level as a **"HUNTER"**.



Awards Manager

21st October, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**John DAWES,  
VK5BJE**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"GOLD"**  
level as an **"ACTIVATOR"**.



Awards Manager

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Colin HUON,  
VK5HCF**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"BRONZE"**  
level as an **"ACTIVATOR"**.



Awards Manager

29th July, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Neville GOVAN,  
VK5WG**

For contacting portable stations from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"SILVER"**  
level as a "HUNTER".



Awards Manager

4<sup>th</sup> October, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Brian CLARK,  
ZL2ASH**

For contacting portable stations from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"BRONZE"**  
level as a "HUNTER".



Awards Manager

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014



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**John DAWES,  
VK5BJE**

For contacting portable stations from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"GOLD"**  
level as a "HUNTER".



Awards Manager

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Brian MIDDLETON,  
VK5FMID**

For contacting portable stations from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and achieving  
**"PLATINUM"**  
level as a "HUNTER".



Awards Manager

15<sup>th</sup> August, 2013



# Other certificates

- **Park to Park**
  - Making contact with an activator in another park
- **Uniques**
  - A list of different parks.



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Larry MUNNS,  
VK5LY**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and making contact with other VK5 park stations,  
and achieving

**"DIAMOND"**

level in the "PARK TO PARK" category.



Awards Manager

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

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**Paul SIMMONDS,  
VK5PAS**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and making contact with other VK5 park stations,  
and achieving

**"SILVER"**

level in the "PARK TO PARK" category.



Awards Manager

5<sup>th</sup> September, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

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**Larry MUNNS,  
VK5LY**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks,  
and making contact with other VK5 park stations,  
and achieving

**"PLATINUM"**

level in the "PARK TO PARK" category.



Awards Manager

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Colin HUON,  
VK5HCF**

For operating portable from  
South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and making  
contact with other VK5 park stations, and achieving

**"BRONZE"**

level in the "PARK TO PARK" category.



Awards Manager

8<sup>th</sup> August, 2013



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Darren JURY,  
VK5DT**

For contacting portable stations from South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and making contact with 5 unique National Parks and achieving

**“BRONZE”**

level in the “NP Uniques HUNTER” category.



Awards Manager

27th April 2014



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Peter WATKINS,  
VK3TKK**

For contacting portable stations from South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and making contact with 25 unique Conservation Parks and achieving

**“BRONZE”**

level in the “CP Uniques HUNTER” category.



Awards Manager

22nd April 2014



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Tim HANN,  
VK5AV**

For contacting portable stations from South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and making contact with 7 unique National Parks and achieving

**“SILVER”**

level in the “NP Uniques HUNTER” category.



Awards Manager

13th April 2014



# VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award

Issued to.....

**Tim HANN,  
VK5AV**

For contacting portable stations from South Australia's National & Conservation Parks, and making contact with 50 unique Conservation Parks and achieving

**“SILVER”**

level in the “CP Uniques HUNTER” category.



Awards Manager

13th April 2014



# Some tips - Activators

- **Equipment**
  - **Antenna**
- **Check propagation conditions**
- **Time of day/Band openings**
- **Other activators**
  - **Park to park contacts**
- **Notify people of your intentions**
  - **Yahoo group, parksnparks**
- **Try different bands**
  - **Further afield VKs, DX**



## Some tips - Hunters

- Check Yahoo group, parksnparks
- Consider an SMS group
- Use the local repeater
- DX cluster
- Don't keep the activator to yourself

## Other info

- ❖ 7.100 mhz (40m)
- ❖ Award website
  - <http://vk5parks.com>
- ❖ Yahoo Group.
  - <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/sanpcpa>
- ❖ Parks n peaks
  - <http://www.parksnpeaks.org>

# Progress

- Over 130 certificates issued
- New Zealand recipient
- 79 members – Yahoo group
- UK followers on Yahoo group



# The future

- Database
- Phone app
- Additional certificates
- IOTA expeditions
- Field Day contest



# Questions?

