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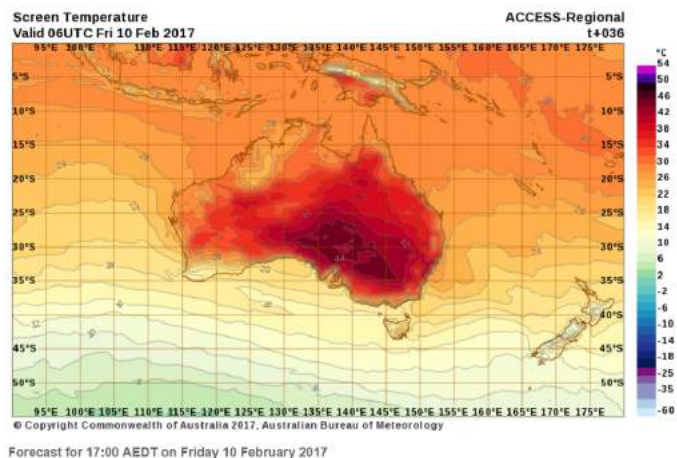
Welcome



Hello all, and welcome to the second issue for 2017 of 'Out and About in VK5', Issue 28 February 2017. The newsletter focuses on South Australian (VK5) activities relating to Summits on the Air (SOTA), Parks (including WWFF and the VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award), portable operation, QRP, pedestrian mobile, mobile, etc.

January 2017 was another relatively quiet month for SOTA & Parks activators. I suspect this is largely due to the very hot weather we've been experiencing in South Australia. The weather has certainly impacted on the regular Friday afternoon/evening events for the VK5 National & Conservation Parks ward. We are coming off the back of three 40 + C days here and it appears from the map below (dated 10

Feb 2017), the heat is across most of Australia. Wouldn't it be nice to live in Tasmania!



In this issue you can read a review of the Bitx40 transceiver by Peter VK3YE. I have just purchased this kit myself, so I found Peter's review and his associated videos to be very interesting. Ian VK5CZ tells us a little about his activation on New Years Day of Mount Nadjuri

in the Mid North of South Australia, whilst John VK5BJE tells about his activation of the Coorong National Park. I give a quick run down on the trip to the Mid North of South Australia with my wife Marija VK5FMAZ, where we activated a number of SOTA summits and parks.

A few dates to go into your calendar.....

- 18-19th March 2017.....John Moyle Memorial Field Day
- 1st-2nd April 2017.....4th anniversary weekend VK5 Parks Award
- 7th-9th April 2017.....Antennapalooza
- 19th-21st May 2017.....WIA AGM at Hahndorf, South ustralia
- 19th-20th August 2017.....International Lighthouse & Ligtship Weekend
- 22nd October 2017.....VKFF Team Champtionship
- 10th-13th November 2017.....Keith Roget Memorial National Parks Award activation weekend
- 25th-26th November 2017.....2017 VKFF Activation Weekend

The WIA AGM is coming up in May, and it is expected that a number of those attending

would like to head out on Sunday to activate a SOTA peak or a park for the VK5 Parks Award and WWFF. Myself, John VK5BJE, Adrian VK5FANA, & Peter VK5PET have offered to drive any interested amateurs to a nearby peak/park for an activation.

If you too can spare some time on the Sunday and have a vehicle, and are able to take some amateurs out into the field, please drop me an email.

Please remember that **if you have any information that you would like to see in the next issue, please send me an email to....**

vk5pas@wia.org.au

Best 73 and happy activating/chasing/hunting.

Paul, VK5PAS.



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Functions back with WWFF

By Paul VK5PAS



Thanks to much hard work behind the scenes by Andrew M0YMA, Danny ON4VT, and others the following features are now back on-line with WWFF Logsearch.....

- Top Operators
- Park to Park
- Reference Activation statistics

Snake repellent

By Peter VK5NAQ

Snakes are about and this is a fantastic recipe according to Allan Burnett from Reptile Awareness.

Might be handy.

120ml Oil of Cloves, 20ml Eucalyptus Oil, 20ml Tea Tree Oil, 20ml Lavender Oil, 20ml Sandalwood Oil.

Mix all Ingredients and make up to 1 liter by mixing with water. Transfer to a spray gun. As water and oil don't mix you need to shake

well before spraying along your property boundaries, Pathways, rock walls and around the house, sheds, garages, aviaries etc.

Cheers,

Peter VK5NAQ

The Bitx40 transceiver-mini review

By Peter VK3YE



The Bitx40 transceiver – mini review

If you want something small and low drain for SOTA or parks portable operating, it's hard to go past the Bitx40 designed by Ashhar Farhan VU2ESE.

It's a monoband 40m SSB transceiver capable

of 7 watts output. It comes as a preassembled board and external components.

All you need to do is solder external parts eg volume and tuning controls, antenna power, speaker and microphone sockets and you are on the air.

An hour all up.

You supply the box, speaker and battery. If you're clever with the casing it can be made fairly small and only 4 or 5cm thick.

Details are at:

<http://www.hfsigs.com/>

My review of it is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EvA6Q6C2rE>

The first version cost \$US45 and had an on-board free-running VFO. It was woefully unstable.

The version of the Bitx40 available now costs \$US59 and comes with a DDS VFO which fixes this problem.

But if you want to retain the ultra-low power consumption of the original you could improve stability through other means.

The IF is 12 MHz. Which means that if you use a 4.92 MHz ceramic resonator you can cover the most popular section of 7 MHz.

Switching in extra capacitors gives additional

range – almost 100 kHz all up from 7.068 to 7.163 MHz in my version. This is good for all the popular SOTA and parks frequencies.

Details in my video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10109uelEO0>

The improvement in stability and ease of tuning is dramatic.

Let me know if you don't have a 4.92 MHz resonator as I have some spares.

There's some other modifications you can do. If you are using the Bitx40 mainly with headphones you can remove the chip capacitor between pins 1 and 8 of the LM386 audio stage (C 113). This makes the audio less harsh.

Good transmit audio quality is essential and makes the difference between being detected and being understood.

You want it to be a little peaky and sharp with emphasis around the 2kHz area. My Bitx40 started to tail off around 1.5 kHz which is too low.

Changing the 12 MHz carrier oscillator's frequency (ie raising it a few hundred Hz) helped a lot. I did this by removing the 47pF at C102 and replacing it with 27pF to shift the crystal's frequency.

Details in my video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IELJwapv5qs>

To conclude the Bitx40 is a great value rig ideal for portable QRP. Doing the above modifications will make it truly practical and a pleasure to use.

73, Peter VK3YE

Antennapalooza

By Paul VK5PAS



Antennapalooza 2017, hosted by the Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club will be held in South Gippsland, Victoria, this year. The venue is Foster, on the doorstep to the Wilson Promontory National Park. The theme is SOTA, Parks, and portable operation.

It will be held on 7th-9th April 2017.

I will be attending to deliver presentations on the VK5 Parks Awards and WWFF.

More information is available on the Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club website at.....

<http://www.ggrec.org.au/>

or by contacting Chris VK3QB at.....

vk3qb@hotmail.com

WWFF Agenda

By Paul VK5PAS



Please consider using the WWFF Agenda to alert other amateurs on your upcoming park activations.

The WWFF Agenda can be found at.....

<http://wwff.co/agenda/>

Allow some more time

By Paul VK5PAS



I've noticed of late SOME Parks & SOTA activators being very very quick on a particular band before QSYing or going QRT. Please remember that it often takes a little time from when you are spotted on parksnparks or SOTAWatch, for the hunters/chasers to come looking for you.

So if possible, please stick around on a frequency for a little while, allowing the hunters & chasers to get to the frequency and call you.

Parksnparks update

By Allen VK3ARH

Hi all,

I have been updating the Parksnparks web site. A part of the regular update in the

background addressing known bugs and tidying up some of the older pieces (user options, Shire support and location data).

Main effort has been with concentrating on extending API to support external applications. More to come once we have tested and chased away the bugs.

Blogs.

I have corrected the issue with the blog list. It now shows blogs with activity in the last 14 days. Please send me your blog details if your missing from the list and wish to be included.

APRS.

If you are using APRS or a SPOT device, send me your details and I can include a link to a map on the site. This allows chasers to monitor your progress.

Weather.

Added data from OpenWeatherMap.org so show current and 3 day forecast for the sites. This was to help with planning with erratic weather over XMAS. As all predictions, proving to be most accurate the closer to the day but a great guide.

Still working through the list so let me know of any issues new or old.

Allen
VK3ARH

4th anniversary VK5 Parks Award – Activation Weekend

By Paul VK5PAS

The 4th Year anniversary Activation Weekend for the VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2017.

If you do intend to activate a park that weekend, please drop me an email at...

vk5pas@wia.org.au

so I can add your details to the spread sheet which is being maintained to record all intended activations. The spread sheet is maintained so that everyone can see who is activating which park, and so that double up activations do not occur.

The spread sheet can be found on the VK5 Parks website at.....

<http://www.vk5parks.com/>

or in the Files section of the VK5 Parks Award Yahoo group which can be located at.....

<https://au.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sanpcpa/info>

or on the VK5 Parks Award Facebook page which can be located at.....

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528980233908284/>

PLEASE do not leave your intentions to the last minute. This is a very popular weekend, so reserve your favourite park ASAP.

A number of parks have already been nominated as being put on air that weekend. This includes a number of intended activations by Tony VK3XV/VK3VTH in the South East region of South Australia.



**VK5 NATIONAL & CONSERVATION
PARKS AWARD**

**4TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY ACTIVATION
WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 1ST AND SUNDAY 2ND APRIL
2017**

If you do intend to activate a park that weekend, please send an email to Paul VK5PAS at vk5pas@wia.org.au

More information can be found at..... <http://www.vk5parks.com/4th-year-anniversary.html>

Friday afternoon/evening events

By Paul VK5PAS



The Friday afternoon/evening events for the VK5 Parks Award have been very slow this year.

Friday 6th January 2017 was cancelled due to the extreme heat and the threat of bushfire.

On Friday 13th January 2017 the following activators took part:

- Paul VK5PAS, Salt Lagoon Islands Conservation Park.

On Friday 20th January 2017 the following activators took part:

- Les VK5KLV, Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park
- Paul VK5PAS, Warren Conservation Park.
- Adrian VK5FANA, Eastern Spencer Gulf Marine Park

On Friday 27th January 2017 the following activators took part:

- Les VK5KLV, Telowie Gorge Conservation Park.
- Adrian VK5FANA, Wills Creek Conservation Park

Weather permitting, it would be great to see some more VK5's taking part in the Friday afternoon/evening events which in the past have proven to be very popular.

Recent Park Activations

Another relatively quiet month for park activations.

Here is a list of recent park activations by VK5's (that I am aware of).....

- Telowie Gorge Conservation Park VKFF-1105, Les VK5KLV (27/1/2017)
- Wills Creek Conservation Park, Adrian VK5FANA (27/1/2017)
- Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park VKFF-1757, Les VK5KLV (20/1/2017)
- Eastern Spencer Gulf Marine Park VKFF-1706, Adrian VK5FANA (20/1/2017)
- Warren Conservation Park 5CP-247 & VKFF-0941, Paul VK5PAS (20/1/2017)

- Encounter Marine Park VKFF-1707, David VK5KC (15/1/2017)
- Encounter Marine Park VKFF-1707, Chris VK5FR (15/1/2017)
- Encounter Marine Park VKFF-1707, Paul VK5PAS (15/1/2017)
- Nixon Skinner Conservation Park VKFF-0923, Mike VK5FMWW (15/1/2017)
- Salt Lagoon Islands Conservation Park 5CP-203 & VKFF-1092 (13/1/2017)



Above:- The Salt Lagoon Islands Conservation Park. Image courtesy of Paul VK5PAS

- Morialta Conservation Park VKFF-0783, Theo VK5MTM (9/1/2017)
- Sandy Creek Conservation Park VKFF-0933, Stuart VK5STU/p (2/1/2017)
- Sandy Creek Conservation Park VKFF-0933, Nigel VK5NIG/p (2/1/2017)
- Red Banks Conservation Park 5CP-195 & VKFF-1086, Marija VK5FMAZ (2/1/2017)
- Red Banks Conservation Park 5CP-195 & VKFF-1086, Paul VK5PAS (2/1/2017)

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Above: Marija VK5FMAZ in the Red Banks Conservation Park. Image courtesy of Paul VK5PAS

- Pandappa Conservation Park 5CP-170 & VKFF-1131, Marija VK5FMAZ (1/1/2017)
- Pandappa Conservation Park 5CP-170 & VKFF-1131, Paul VK5PAS (1/1/2017)
- Caroon Creek Conservation Park 5CP-037 & VKFF-0875, Marija VK5FMAZ (1/1/2017)
- Caroon Creek Conservation Park 5CP-037 & VKFF-0875 (1/1/2017)



Above:- VK5PAS & VK5FMAZ on the way to Caroon Creek CP. Image courtesy of Paul VK5PAS

For more information on the VK5 National & Conservation Parks Award please have a look at.....

<http://www.vk5parks.com/>

And for more information on the World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF) program, please have a look at.....

<http://www.wwffaustalia.com/>

- Mount Nadjuri VK5/ NE-058, Ian VK5CZ (1/1/2017)
- Mount Nadjuri VK5/ NE-058, Hugh VK5NHG (1/1/2017)
- Black Rock VK5/ NE-035, Hugh VK5NHG/p (1/1/2017)
- Black Rock VK5/ NE-035, Ian VK5CZ/p (1/1/2017)
- Mount Bryan VK5/ SE-001, Marija VK5FMAZ/p (1/1/2017)

Recent SOTA activations



Also relatively quiet in January on the SOTA front. Hugh VK5NHG, Ian VK5CZ, Marija VK5FMAZ & Paul VK5PAS all ventured to summits in the Mid North for the New Year rollover.

Here is a list of known recent VK5 SOTA activations.....

- Mount Gawler, VK5/ SE-013, Ian VK5CZ (16/1/2017)



Above:- Marija VK5FMAZ operating from the top of Mount Bryan VK5/ SE-001. Image courtesy of VK5PAS

- Mount Bryan VK5/ SE-001, Paul VK5PAS/p (1/1/2017)

For more information on SOTA in VK5, please check out.....

<http://www.sota.org.uk/Associations/viewAssociation/prefix/VK5>

New VK5 Parks Yahoo members

By Paul VK5PAS



Welcome to the following new members of the VK5 Parks Yahoo group.....

- NIL for this period

A reminder that the VK5 Parks Award Yahoo group can be found at.....

<https://au.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/sanpcpa/info>

It is a great way to keep up to date with the latest news, who is activating what park and when, etc.

It is FREE and EASY to join. Why not check it out and consider joining

VKFF Team Championship

By Paul VK5PAS



A heads up that the 2017 VKFF Team Championship will be held on Sunday 22nd October 2017.

More information re sponsorship & prizes will follow.



VKFF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday 22nd October 2017
0000 UTC - 0600 UTC

What is it all about?.....Over a 6 hour period, teams of amateurs compete against each other, with the goal of obtaining the most number of contacts, whilst activating from a qualifying VKFF park.

How do I take part?.....Create a team of 2 or more amateurs. Come up with a name for your team. Register with VK5PAS, VKFF co-ordinator. Head out to a qualifying VKFF park and compete against other teams of activators.

Prizes.....The winning team will receive a glass etched trophy. Second & Third place certificates will be awarded. Each team member will also receive a participation certificate.

More information?.....Detailed information on the VKFF Team Championship can be found on the WWFF Australia website at.....
<http://www.wffaustralia.com/>

2017 VKFF Activation Weekend

By Paul VK5PAS

The 2017 VKFF Activation Weekend will be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November 2017.

If you do intend to activate a park that weekend, please drop me a quick email with your intentions, so I can place the details on the activator spreadsheet.



World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF)

VKFF Activation weekend.

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th

November 2017



If you do intend to activate a park on this weekend, please send an email to Paul VK5PAS, at...

vk5pas@wfa.org.au

Winner of photo competition

By Paul VK5PAS

A total of 39 entries were received for the 2016 VKFF Annual Photographic competition, from VK1, VK3, & VK5.

The winner was judged by their peers via a Poll on the WWFF Australia Yahoo group.

The winner was Tony VK3XV/VK3VTH, with a photograph of an Australian icon, a Kookaburra at the Mount Buangor State Park. Tony will be awarded a \$50.00 gift voucher, kindly supplied by Jaycar, and a winners certificate.

Sharing second place was Peter VK3ZPF with a photograph of a butterfly at the French Island National Park, and Marcus VK3TST/5 with a photograph of his antenna tie point at the Sandy Creek Conservation Park. They will each receive a certificate.

Sharing third place was Chris VK3PAT with a photograph of Millers Hut in the Avon Wilderness Area, and Andrew VK1AD with two photographs taken in the Kosciuszko National Park. They will each receive a certificate.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all those who entered.

More information can be found at.....

<http://www.wwffaustalia.com/2016.html>



The VK5 Parks Award Facebook site can be found at.....

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528980233908284/>

New VK5 Parks Facebook members

By Paul VK5PAS



The VK5 Parks Facebook site now has a total of 89 members all across Australia, Europe & USA.

Welcome to the following new members to the site....

➤ Terry VK5ATN

Recent Award recipients

By Paul VK5PAS



Here is a list of South Australian amateurs who have recently qualified for award certificates for SOTA, WWFF, VKFF, VK5 Parks, and KRMNPA.

Interstate recipients of the VK5 Parks Award are also included.

If you do receive a certificate, please drop me an email to let me know, with preferably a copy of the certificate, so I can include it here.

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Summits on the Air (SOTA)

- NIL known

World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF)

- **David VK5PL**
 - Global Park to Park 44
 - VKFF Hunter Honour Roll 300



- **Bob VK5AFZ**
 - Gold VKFF Hunter



- **Paul VK5PAS**
 - URFF-0173 certificate
 - VKFF Activator Honour Roll 150





- **Peter VK5PET**
 - Bronze VKFF Activator
 - VKFF Hunter Honour Roll 100

- **John VK5BJE**
 - VKFF Hunter Honour Roll 300



- **Mike VK5FMWW**
 - Sapphire VKFF Hunter



Top VKFF Activator & Top VKFF Hunter

By Paul VK5PAS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following.....

Rob VK4AAC - Top VKFF Activator (having activated 106 VKFF references).

Mick VK3PMG - Top VKFF Hunter (having worked 498 VKFF references).

VK5 Parks Award

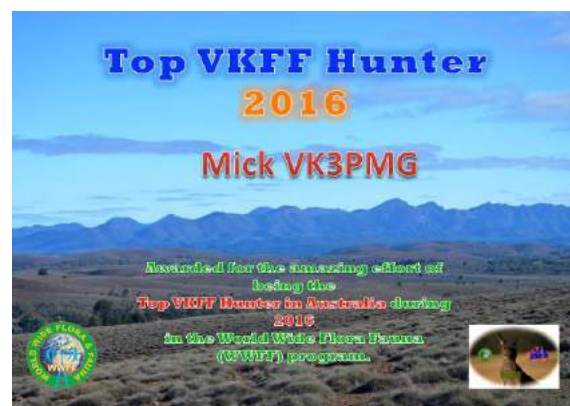
- **NIL KNOWN**

Keith Roget Memorial National Parks Award.

- **NIL KNOWN**

Other.

- **NIL KNOWN**



Mount Nadjuri SOTA 2017

By Ian VK5CZ

After the SOTA frenzy on Black Rock Hugh and I enjoyed a coffee break in Orroroo then took the scenic drive past Hogs Head summit to show Hugh the access gate to that summit. We turned off at Hornsdale Corner and headed up through the very new wind farm on the Nadjuri Range for the last activation on our way home.



Sorry about these photos my poor old camera is really hard to keep going it now has a fault opening the lens at times and I really must get a new one before I go activating again.

It is a short hike from the ute probably one kilometre or so and not a big climb to the summit. We did not stay long as it was quite hot by now and very windy, we managed a short score of contacts each with only one S2S this time as most of the morning activators had moved on too.



Black Rock is Off in the distance from here this summit is about 20 km north from Jamestown.

It was nice to get some new chasers this time on 40m and I even made contact with VK5NWE and VK5IS on 2m with my hand held rig.



We used Hugh's KX2 for this activation and went tag team on the mic working the chasers quickly and getting under way home. It was a great day out with lots of activity for SOTA and the unseasonal cold weather made it possible to get to a couple summits we may not normally access during summer. Probably run up another 300 km on the Colorado for the day in

the quest for Old Goat. I am now 607 activating points .

Thanks Mike for the access to this summit .

Thanks to the chasers and S2S contacts

Thanks for reading my Blog.

73 Ian vk5cz .

Trip to the Mid North

By Paul VK5PAS

Marija VK5FMAZ and I would like to thank all the chasers and hunters who called us whilst we were away over the New Year period.

We stayed 2 nights at the old miners cottages at Burra in the Mid North of South Australia. Whilst away we activated a number of summits and parks including:

- Brown Hill Range VK5/ SE-004;
- Mount Bryan VK5/ SE-001;
- Caroon Creek CP VKFF-0875 & 5CP-037;
- Pandappa CP VKFF-1131 & 5CP-170; and
- Redbanks CP VKFF-1085 & 5CP-195.

We travelled to some amazing spots in the Mid North. This included a trip along the Dare Hills 4WD circuit, a 165 km loop which took us

through the famous Collinsville Station and some remote countryside.



Above:- amazing countryside along the Dares Hill Circuit.



Above:- On top of Brown Hill Range amongst the wind farm.

We made a total of 361 QSOs on 80, 40, 20 and 15m SSB, including 81 Summit to Summit contacts, and 8 Park to Park contacts.



Above:- Operating in Caroon Creek Conservation Park.

Further info & photos of each activation on my Wordpress site which can be located at.....

<https://vk5pas.org/>



Above:- View from Dares Hill out towards the north east.

Again, thanks to everyone who called, and particular thanks to those who took the time to spot us.

73 & HNY 2017, Paul VK5PAS

Coorong National Park

By John VK5BJE



After leaving Bendigo we drove to Ballarat. We decided to go back to that city and see our University friends for a second time on this trip. We had another really splendid evening discussing the past and the future. But before visiting our friends we travelled to the Ballarat Botanic Gardens. We used to visit the gardens back in 1970 to 1972 when we lived near Ballarat.



The photo above shows Lake Wendouree and Mt Warrenheip (SOTA summit VK3/VC-019) in the distance. I have previously activated Mt Warrenheip and I aim to go back there one day.



The Botanic Gardens are well worth a visit and the displays were excellent.

On the 10th we left Ballarat and took a new route via Skipton, Hamilton and Colleraine to Kingston SE for our last night away. We had an early night at Kingston SE and we thought we could reach the **Coorong National Park** in time for the local net at 08:00 hours SA time.

I was keen to have one final radio experience before travelling home and as we managed to get away from Kingston SE reasonably early I thought we could get to the southern end of the park before 08:00 South Australian time so I could join the net on 3.594 Mhz. I could not get all the way to Salt Creek and found a clearing just off the road not far past the southern boundary of the Park. It was just a mini activation as we wanted to do a walk at Salt Creek. I set up and tuned on 3.594 Mhz and called in at 21:38.

I worked the following stations:

VK5ZK, Garry 59 56

VK3LY, 59 59 Bill

VK5FD/5, Allan portable at Morgan 59 52

VK5KGP, Graham 59 55

VK5TW, Trevor 59 41

VK5KAA, Gordon 59 Gordon is plagued by noise and could not copy my signal.

21:48 VK5AWP, Peter 59 56

22:03 VK5ST, Steve 59 56



This photo shows the sun setting over the ocean at Kingston SE.



Looking over the Coorong from the walk at Salt Creek.



Memorial to Colin Thiele.



Salt Creek joining the Coorong Lagoon.



Crested Tern fishing.

I watched the Crested Tern fish. She made three runs over the water just on the seaward side of the bridge and on each occasion dived almost vertically on the up-stream side into the water and on the three occasions emerged with a small fish. As you can see from my photo the upstream water was clearer and calmer.



Half way point on the walk.

The name of the walk is Ngrugie Ngoppun meaning Good Walk. It leaves on the northern side of Salt Creek and proceeds to the Lagoon and returns on the southern side of the Creek. I estimate that the walk is about two kilometres is clearly marked and easy but very enjoyable. The memorial to Colin Thiele can be found on this walk. Thiele was an author and educator and wrote many books. Perhaps his best remembered is Storm Boy also made into a great film.



Salt Creek and the replica oil well in the distance.

We set off from Salt Creek where we had lunch and then home after some routine shopping at Stirling. We were away for 26 days and travelled 4,400 kilometres in our Patrol. While the prime purpose of the trip was to see our family in Sydney, we also saw friends, a relative in Bendigo, went bird-watching and played radio from nine different portable locations – all great locations. Unfortunately I was unable to access the two pre-programmed DMR repeaters in Sydney. That will have to wait until next time. Once again thanks to all of the chasers.

Editors note.....Check out John's excellent Wordpress site at.....

<https://vk5bje.com/>

Chasing overseas SOTA & WWFF

By Paul VK5PAS

LIFE IS SIMPLE



www.dxzone.com

If you have worked an overseas SOTA or WWFF station, please send me the details to....

vk5pas@wia.org.au

...and I will include it here.

To work the SOTA & WWFF DX, keep an eye on SOTA Watch....

<http://www.sotawatch.org/>

And WWFF Hamspots.....

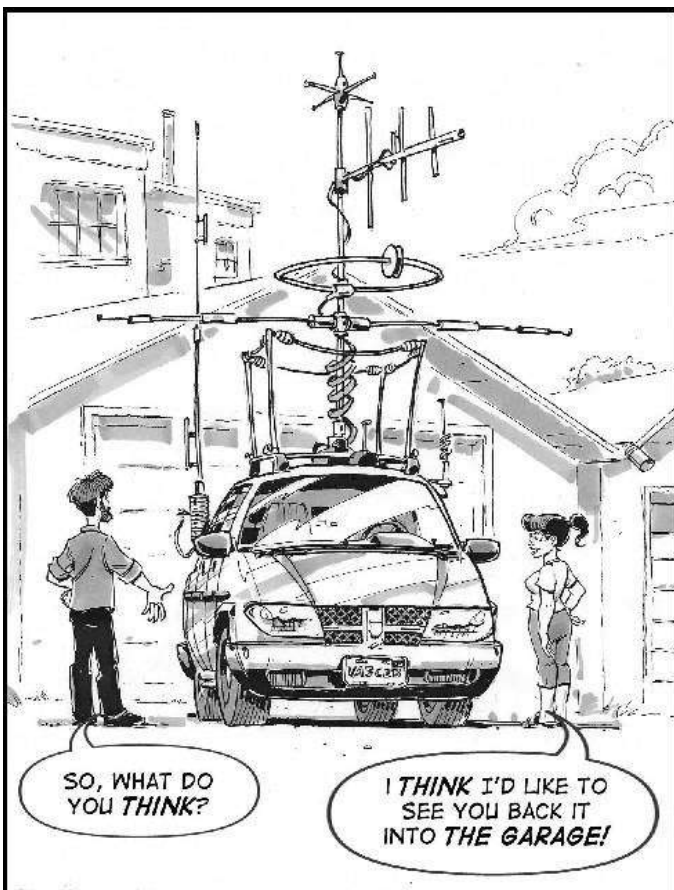
<http://hamspots.net/wwff/>

Below is a list of VK5 to DX (SOTA, Parks, IOTA, etc, contacts) that I am aware of.

Paul VK5PAS.

- ZL2ATH/p, SOTA ZL1/ WL-059, 15m (8/1/2017)
- ZL2ATH/p, SOTA ZL1/ WL-059, 20m (8/1/2017)

Ham humour



Ian VK5IS sent me this link.....

<https://youtu.be/52NGdr1QE7k>

Latest videos

By Paul VK5PAS



If you have put together a You Tube video, or spotted a video of interest somewhere, please let me know.

VK5NIG & VK5STU at Sandy Creek CP

<https://youtu.be/WVYo8SyoMM4>

Victorian Local Govt Challenge

By Paul VK5PAS

This unique and exciting **once off** special operating award has been initiated by Amateur Radio Victoria to encourage on air activity based on communicating with and between the

79 Local Government Areas (LGA) in the State of Victoria, during the 2017 Calendar year. The “2017 Challenge” will encourage both Portable and Base activity with VK3 stations.

More information can be found at.....

<https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards>

Park closures

By Paul VK5PAS



With the hot weather conditions we have been experiencing, many South Australian parks have been closed. To keep up to date with closures, check out the following website.....

<http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/parks/Safety/park-closures>

National Parks SA Facebook site

By Paul VK5PAS



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