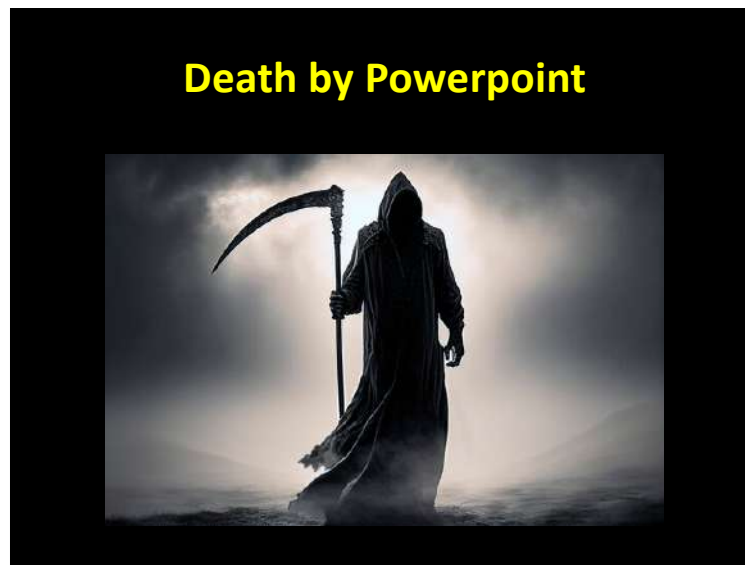




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What is WWFF?

- International amateur radio program
- 59 countries with a National program
- operate portable from designated parks

draw attention to the importance of protecting nature, flora & fauna and to encourage the development of radio skills, especially in portable operations



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History of the WWFF program

- originally known as World Flora Fauna (WWF)
- initiated by the Russian Robinson Club
- commenced in 2008
- relaunched in 2012 as World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF)
- VKFF program commenced in 2013



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Why get involved?

- high noise floor at home
- enjoy travelling to beautiful locations around Australia
- love collecting 'wallpaper'
- home brew experimentation
- pile ups and DX
- combine other interests, e.g bushwalking, 4WDing, caravanning.



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Hand in hand with other programs

- Summits On The Air (SOTA)
- Beaches on the Air (BOTA)
- Islands On The Air (IOTA)
- John Moyle Memorial Field Day
- VHF/UHF Field Days
- Int Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend



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Who takes part?

- Activators
- **Hunters** (not Chasers)
- SWL



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How does WWFF work?

- accrual of reference areas
- not point based
- Logsearch – electronic database
- awards applied through Logsearch
- only Activators upload logs
- Team of volunteers behind the scenes



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Why work the same reference again?

- helping the activator
- Boomerang Award
- WWFF Top Hunter
- VKFF Top Hunter



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What are the rules?

- ensure you are in a qualifying VKFF reference area
- ensure you are within the park boundary
- valid contact
 - include an exchange of call signs, signal report, & wherever possible the VKFF reference number
- relays are not allowed


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What are the rules?

- repeaters, IRLP, Echolink not allowed
- mobile operation is allowed
- QSL cards are not required
- consideration to other users of the park
- consideration for wildlife & environment
- leave only footprints

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Number of QSOs


- 10 QSOs – VKFF awards
- 44 QSOs – global WWFF awards
- Does not have to be in one sitting

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What does 44 mean?

- During a QSO you may hear 73 and 44
- 44 – catch-cry of the program
- First digit 4 = Water, Fire, Air & Earth
- Second digit 4 = the four points on a compass



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Global & National programs & awards

- Overarching global WWFF program
 - WWFF awards
- National programs, e.g. VKFF
 - Offer their own award certificates



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Logsearch

- track your progress
- apply for awards
- free and easy to register
- As of 23rd Oct 2023
 - 19,237, 604 QSOs
 - 34,173 different references
 - 153 DXCC entities



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Search Results

Start New Search

All-Time Mixed Mixed All Programs Hunter Activator

National Awards Special Awards QSOs References DX Entities

Water Award applications issued ONLY by month using your QRM category!

Summary Statistics for user VKSPAS (using call-sign VKSPAS, AXSPAS, VK9PAS, VISMARCONI,)

Category	Worked	Activated
References	349 WWFF-H-2444 Pending	346 / 423 WWFF-A-343 Issued
DXFF	95 DXFF-H-80 Issued	8 / 9 DXFF-A-6 Issued
Comments	7 ACTF-H-7 Issued	2 / 2 ACTF-A
Points Award		146 WWFF[Pls]-A-132 Issued
Park To Park		1012 / 1088 P2P-A-1544 Issued

Continental Statistics for user VKSPAS (using call-sign VKSPAS, AXSPAS, VK9PAS, VISMARCONI,)

AF	AN	SA	EU	NA	OC	SA
Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio	Worked / Ratio
H 3 / 2	1 / 2	4 / 7	35 / 483	121 / 2 / 2	120 / 12 / 1944	2 / 2
AF-CPH	AN-CPH	SA-CPH	Apply for EU-CPH-31	NA-CPH	OC-CPH-14 Issued	SA-CPH
A 0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 0	2 / 2	0 / 0	2 / 423	0 / 0

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URFF	4	URFF-H	0 (0)	URFF-A
VEFF	0	VEFF-H	0 (0)	VEFF-A
VKFF	1908	VKFF-H-HR[1900] Issued	415 (417)	VKFF-A-HR[400] Issued
VKFF	59	VKFF[MRPA]-H-51 Issued	37 (37)	VKFF[MRPA]-A-30 Issued
YOFF	2	YOFF-H	0 / 0 (0)	YOFF-A
YOFF	2 / 12	YOFF[WRFF]-H	0	YOFF[WRFF]-A
YUFF	5	YUFF-H	0 (0)	YUFF-A

Select '2016' or later for annual award

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Promote our hobby

- talk to onlookers
- explain what you are doing
- sell the hobby of AR
- ask if they would like to say 'hi' on air
- talk with National Parks staff
- carry promotional material with you

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What am I doing?

The name is Paul Simmonds and I am a landscape photographer and amateur radio operator. My website is www.psimmonds.com or VK5PAS. Another Radio Operator called Steve Butler is a Radio Simmonds member. I "take photos on air" - I often capture pictures from people at outdoor events using my portable radio as a secondary camera. With an air on air I can connect with other amateur radio operators around the world.

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I have undertaken hundreds of portable activities from parks and reserves all across Australia.

What operating portable is every aspect of the environment, wildlife, other people using the area, hiking, forestry, etc.

I have a WildPass site that has over 140,000 visitors where I promote the hobby of amateur radio and the environment.

Leave Only Footprints

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The VKFF program

- Australian Flora & Fauna – abbreviated as VKFF
- authorised partner of WWFF & recognised National program
- VKFF commenced in March 2013
- National Co-Ordinator & State/Territory Reps & Treasurer
 - 2017 State Reps appointed



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The VKFF program

- WWFF Australia bank account
 - very kind donations
 - Treasurers Report at end of financial year
- issue our own National award certificates
 - most of those through Logsearch, some through Nat Co-Ordinator



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Special VKFF program events

- VKFF Activation Weekend
- VKFF Team Championship
- National Bird Week
- National Tree Day
- National Wattle Day
- World Ranger Day



The image shows two trophies for the 2017 VKFF Team Championship. The left trophy is for the 'Alberta' winners, Maria UCHENKO & Paul VIKTORIA. The right trophy is for the 'British Columbia' winners, Paul VIKTORIA & Maria UCHENKO. Below the trophies are two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'Tree Day 2022' in Fraser, BC, featuring a large tree and the text 'The Fraser Valley VKFF'. The right poster is for 'National Wattle Day 2022' in Victoria, BC, featuring yellow wattle flowers and the text 'The Victoria VKFF'.

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The VKFF Team

- VKFF National Co-Ordinator, State/Territory reps, Treasurer
- meetings held via Skype
- discuss issues via groups.io – VKFF Think Tank



The image displays ten small portrait photographs of the VKFF team members, arranged in two rows of five. The top row shows four men and one woman, and the bottom row shows three men and two women.

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VKFF State/Territory reps

- upload logs for activations in their State/Territory
- issue awards for amateurs in their State/Territory
- answer queries relevant to their State/Territory
- assist in research/adding new parks

The slide features a central black text box with yellow text. To the left is a close-up of red flowers, and to the right is a photo of a wooden building in a park with a sign that reads 'Jackwood Forest Recrea'.

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VKFF National Co-Ordinator

- maintains the WWFF Australia website
- maintains the WWFF Australia Facebook page
- implements special awards & special events
- issues national awards
- issues all awards for overseas applicants
- assists in research/adding new parks
- liaise with Govt agencies

The slide features a central black text box with yellow text. To the right is a colorful poster for '2023 National Bird Week' and 'VKFF Hunter Award (Honour roll)'. The poster includes a large image of a booby, smaller images of various birds, and text mentioning 'Past ALANKO OH1MM' and '100 different VKFF areas'. Logos for WWFF Australia and the ICAO are visible at the bottom.

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What parks qualify and how are parks added?

- original list created in 2008 (WFF) & carried over to 2012 (WWFF)
- January 2014 – over 100 VK parks added
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) category associated with park
 - Protected Planet & CAPAD
- 500 new parks per year



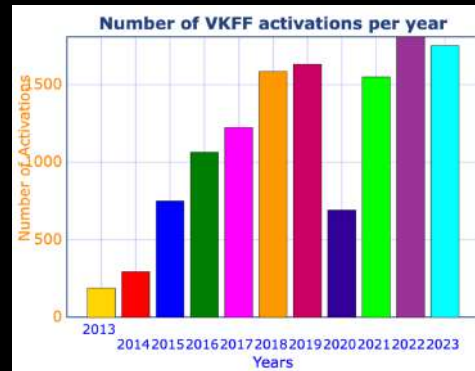
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Spreadsheet



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VKFF statistics – number of activations per year



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10-year anniversary of VKFF

10TH
ANNIVERSARY



- about 6,500 VKFF certificates have been issued since March 2013

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Facebook & Groups.io

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

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