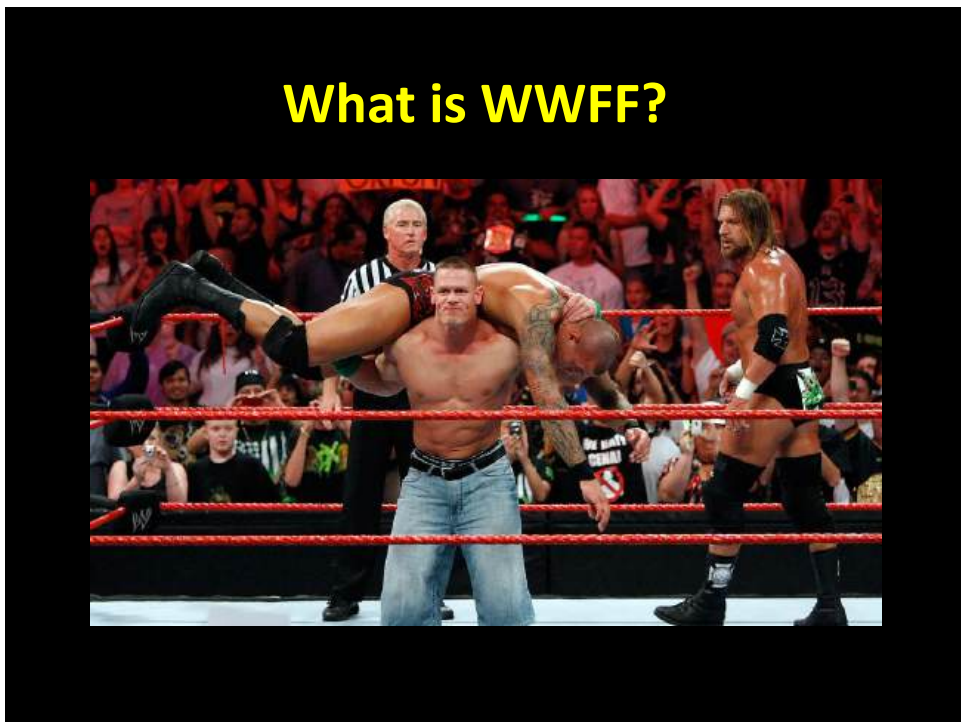


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What is WWFF?

- international amateur radio program
- 60 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)



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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 WWFF Logsearch, some through VKFF National Co-Ordinator



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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



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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



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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



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Who takes part?

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



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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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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?

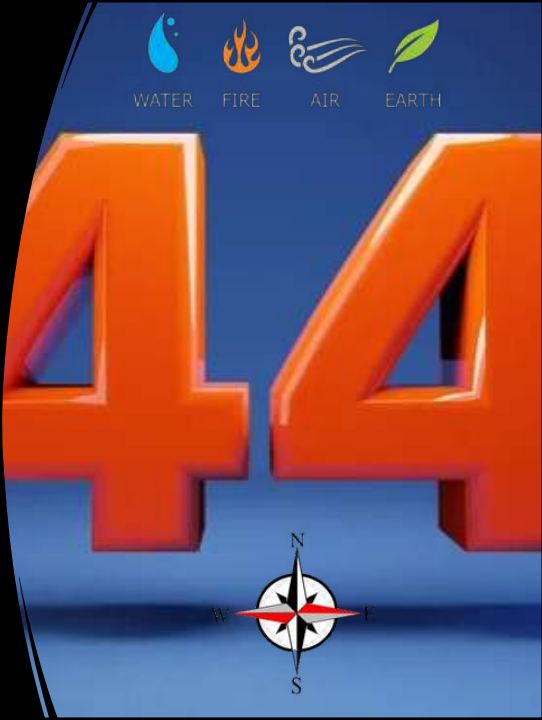
- helping the activator
- Boomerang Award
- WWFF Top Hunter
- VKFF Top Hunter



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What 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



The graphic features the number '44' in large, 3D orange letters. Above the first '4' are four icons: a blue water drop labeled 'WATER', an orange flame labeled 'FIRE', a white wind symbol labeled 'AIR', and a green leaf labeled 'EARTH'. Below the '44' is a black and white compass rose with red-tipped cardinal directions (N, S, E, W).

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Logsearch

- track your progress
- apply for awards
- free and easy to register
- As of 18th Oct 2024
 - 20,940,203 QSOs
 - 36,507 different references
 - 162 DXCC entities



The top photo shows a man in a tan shirt sitting at a green table with a radio setup in a wooded area. The bottom photo shows a man in a blue shirt and hat sitting at a yellow table with a radio setup in a grassy field.

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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?

My name is Paul Simmonds and I am a former radio hobbyist. My current radio hobby is VK5PAS Amateur Radio (sometimes called Ham Radio) is a hobby where by using a radio you can talk to other people around the world. I often operate portable from parks or recreation areas using a small portable radio and a temporary antenna. With voice or Morse code I make contacts with other amateur radio operators around the world.

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

While operating portable I am very cognizant of the environment, wildlife, other people using the area, tripping hazards, etc.

I have a WordPress site that has over 160,000 visitors where I promote the hobby of amateur radio and the environment.

Leave Only Footprints






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WWFF DX Cluster

WWFFwatch last refresh: 09:54:05 [DX Spider | [EN DE](#) | [New Spot](#) | [EBN](#) | [Search](#) | [History](#) | [GMA](#)]

18-Oct-2024 09:52 UTC: HB9HDK just worked DL8ECA/P () on 7 MHz in SSB

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|--------|------|---------|--|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| 18 Okt | 0951 | 14325 |  OE20SOTA/P | OEFF-0004 → | de YO6CFB | [gma] oeff-0004 on oe/oo-227 | → |
| 18 Okt | 0949 | 7032 |  HA5AZC/P | HAFF-0001 → | de HA4FY | [sw] haff-0001 on ha/em-103 | → |
| 18 Okt | 0947 | 7144.0 |  DL8ECA/P | DLFF-0707 → | de DL8ECA | [smw] wca dl-01963 | → |
| 18 Okt | 0947 | 7144.0 |  DL8ECA/P | DLFF-0707 → | de DL8ECA | [smw] WCA DL-01963 | → |
| 18 Okt | 0946 | 21095.9 |  HA5AZC/P | HAFF-0001 → | de MM0ZBH | [gma] haff-0001 on ha/em-113 | → |
| 18 Okt | 0946 | 21095.9 |  HA5AZC/P | HAFF-0001 → | de MM0ZBH | [gma] haff-0001 on ha/em-103 | → |
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| 18 Okt | 0944 | 7032.0 |  HA5AZC/P | HAFF-0001 → | de SE5E | [gma] haff-0001 on ha/em-103 | → |
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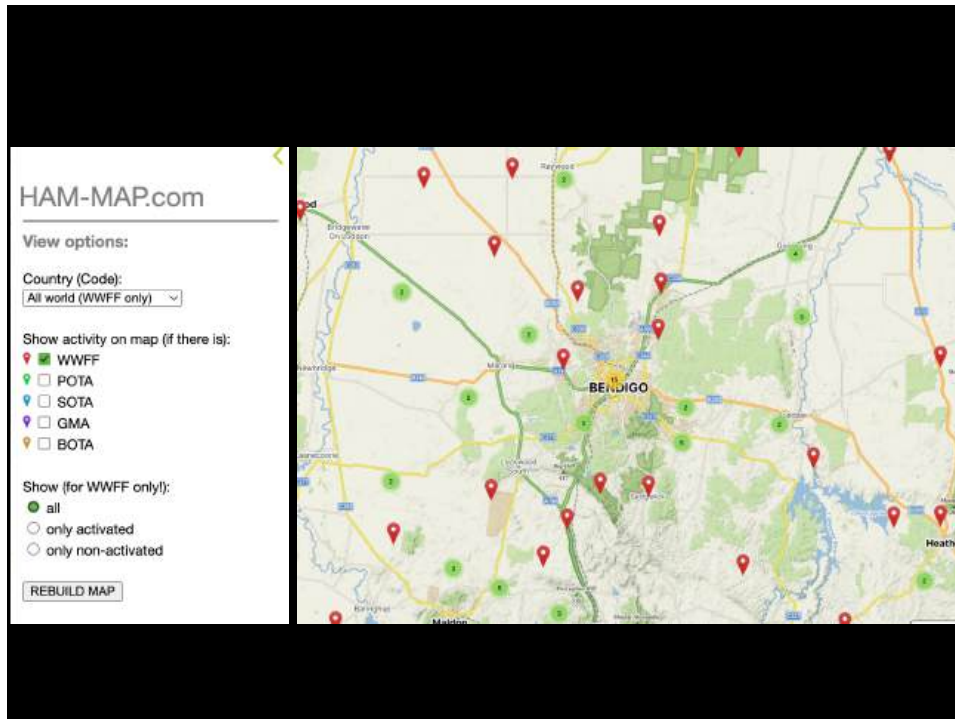
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WWFF mapping

- my favourite – Machal OK1SM
- <https://ham-map.com/>



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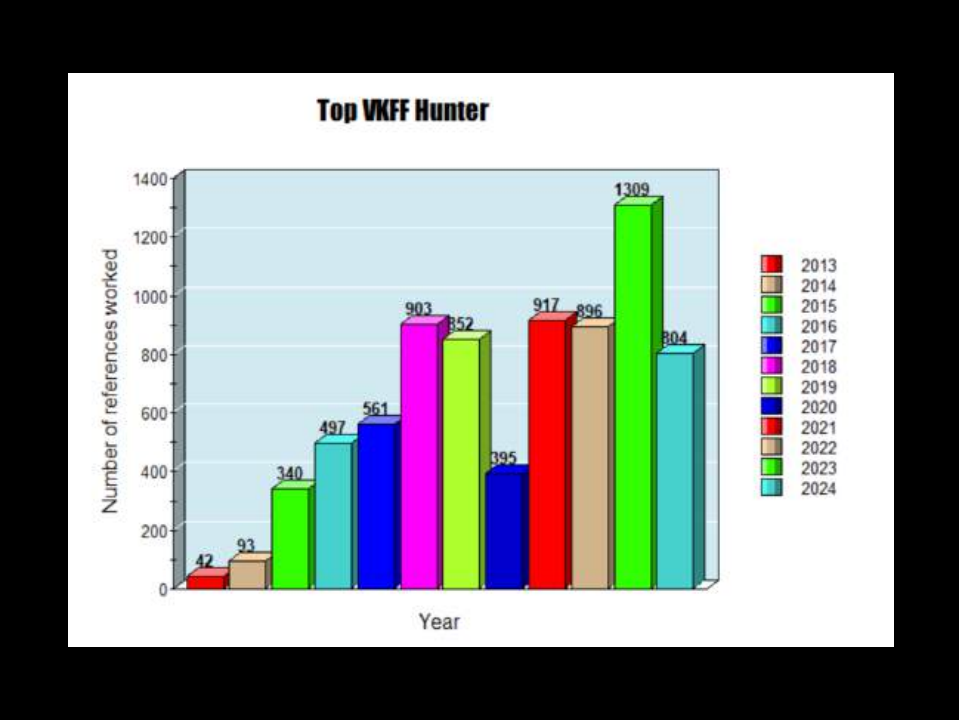


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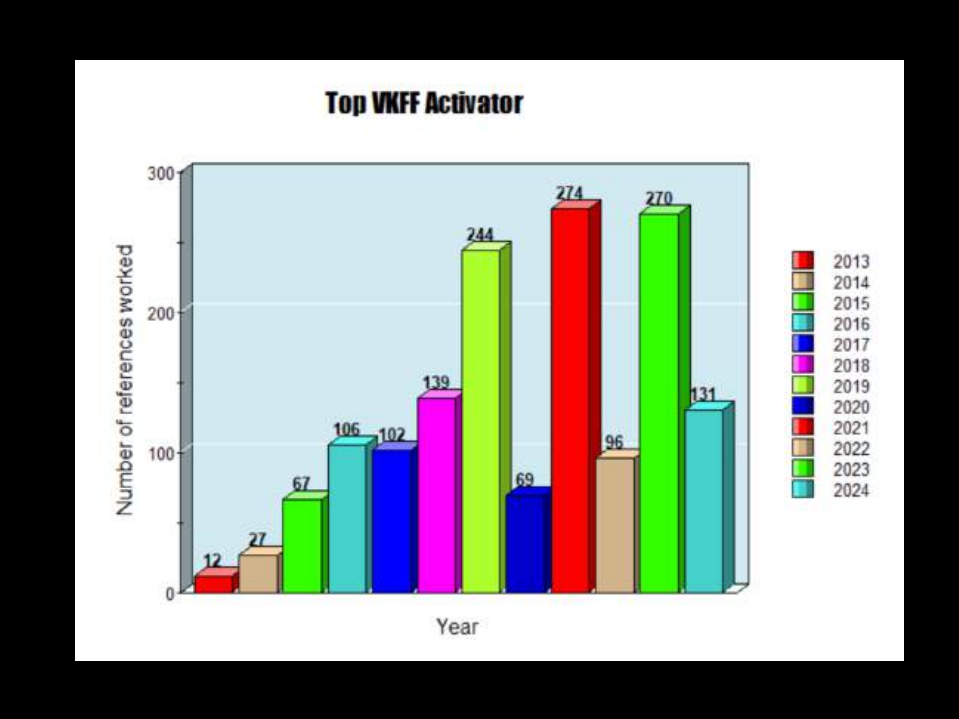
How are we tracking?

- 2013 (1st year of VKFF)
 - 25 activators
- 2024
 - 97 activators

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Facebook & Groups.io

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

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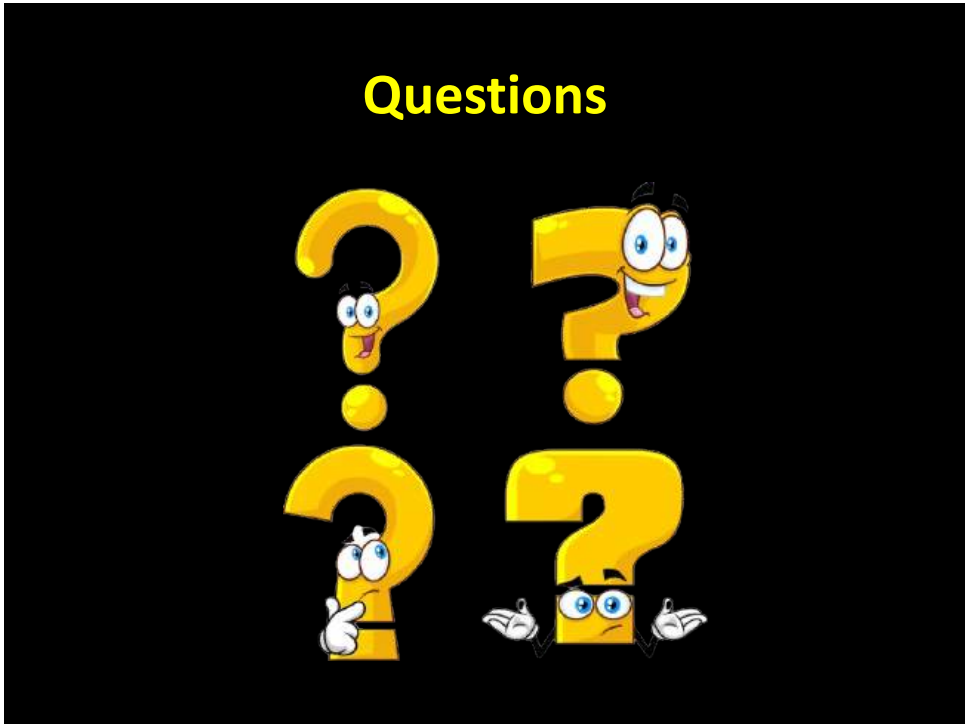
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