

Results of the 2023 Low Band Contest – 1/2 April

VHF-UHF-SHF-EHF Contests, as administered by the Auckland VHF Group Inc; on behalf of all VHF groups, including all New Zealand radio amateurs and supported by NZART.

Overall Winner	Station	Points
	ZL2VS	306
	ZL1SWW	236
	ZL4SY	230
	ZL1DI	208
	ZL1GSG	94

Band winner	Station	Points
6 m (50MHz)	ZL2VS	12
	ZL1DI	3

Band winner	Station	Points
2 m (144MHz)	ZL2VS	254
	ZL4SY	185
	ZL1SWW	153
	ZL1DI	87
	ZL1GSG	40

Band winner	Station	Points
70 cm (432MHz)	ZL1DI	118
	ZL1SWW	83
	ZL4SY	45
	ZL1GSG	54
	ZL2VS	40

Greatest DX	Stations	Distance
6 m	ZL2VS – ZL50ALW	16 km
2 m	ZL2VS – ZL1SWW	413 km
70 cm	ZL1SWW - ZL1AKW	210 km

Active Stations (23 in total)

ZL1AKW, ZL1BK, ZL1DI, ZL1GSG, ZL1NL, ZL1PDT, ZL1RDW, ZL1SWW, ZL1THH, ZL1SKL,
ZL1WIS, ZL1XRZ
ZL50ALW, ZL2MF, ZL2SP, ZL2TGC, ZL2VS
ZL3AIC, ZL3JJ, ZL3OY, ZL3RC
ZL4ES, ZL4LV, ZL4SY

Operator Comments

The contacts were a bit slow but picked up on the Sunday. The weather wasn't great, got soaked putting up the antennas and taking them down with high winds and light snow in between with rain going sideways at times.

Reasonable turnout and some good DX had. Only did the Sunday morning as the Saturday clashed with a friends birthday party. Left half of the 2 m antenna at home so only 4 elements. Highlight was working royden ZL2VS at 413 km. Good to test the 3.4 GHz transverter as well with Greg so good to activate that band.

I wasn't able to put up any decent antennas this time which limited how far I could work. Weather conditions on Saturday were unpleasant but Sunday was great

I ran out of time to go to Mt Ruapehu. A few FM contacts and a short trip to Pukematekeo for a 3.4 GHz gear test with ZL1SWW. You never know, might have been the last 3.4 GHz QSO...

The first time we've seen Digital Modes for a long time.

Thanks to all that participated

Greg, ZL1GSG

Simon, ZL1SWW

Call	QTH	Altitude	Band	QSOs	Transceiver	Power	Antenna
ZL1DI	RF73JB	110 m	50 MHz	2	IC-705	10 W	Vertical Whip
Hilsborough Cemetry, Auckland			144 MHz	25	IC-705	80 W	Vertical Dual-Band
			432 MHz	23	IC-705	10 W	Vertical Dual-Band
ZL1GSG	RF73IC	50 m	144 MHz	15	IC-705	10 W	Vertical Dual-Band
Mt Albert, Auckland			432 MHz	13	IC-705	10 W	Vertical Dual-Band
ZL1GSG	RF73GC	333m	144 MHz	5	IC-705	10 W	Maspro Dual band
Pukematekeo, Auckland			432 MHz	3	IC-705	10 W	Maspro Dual band
ZL1SWW	RF73IR		144 MHz	23	IC-706Mk2G	30 W	4 el Yagi
Rodney Road Ridge			432 MHz	8	IC-706Mk2G	18 W	11 el Yagi
ZL2VS	RF70RB	448m	50 MHz	10	IC-706	100 W	Dipole
Mt Curl, Marton			144 MHz	29	IC-706	100 W	5 el Yagi
			432 MHz	11	FT-817	5 W	15 el Yagi
ZL4SY	RE43VO	10 m	144 MHz	12	FT-726	50 W	8 el Yagi
Kaka Point, Catlins			432 MHz	2	FT-726	45 W	6 el Yagi

