

International Marconi Day (IMD) 2018 – Operating Information

International Marconi Day is an annual event held to celebrate the anniversary of Marconi's birthday on 25 April 1874. It is generally held on the (UTC) Saturday closest to his birthday.

This year IMD is on (the UTC day) 21 April 2018, **The UTC day starts at 10 am on the Saturday (21 April) to 9.59 am on the Sunday (22 April) our time.**

HADARC is the holder of the Australian Marconi Day station licence – VK2IMD. .

VK2IMD is the only IMD station in Australia. HADARC gains this privilege because of the wireless communication experiments conducted personally between Earnest Fisk and Marconi in 1918. Fisk established the Australian end of the experiments at his home in Wahroonga giving the historical significance to our local area.

On 22 September 1918, the first direct wireless message was transmitted from the United Kingdom to Australia. The message, sent to Australia from the Australian Prime Minister Billy Hughes whilst he was visiting the UK at the end of World War I, was transmitted by Marconi from Waunfawr (near Carnarvon) Wales and was received by Earnest Fisk at Wahroonga , near Sydney, NSW, Australia.

VK2IMD has been an IMD award station since 1994. Each IMD award station taking part in International Marconi Day has a personal connection to Marconi by being an area involved with Marconi's early experiments. VK2IMD was originally operated by the Wahroonga Amateur Historical Radio Association and this association subsequently became part of HADARC.

VK2IMD Co-ordinator. Bob VK2KAZ is the HADARC coordinator for VK2IMD operation. To volunteer for a roster spot or if you need to contact him use the following e-mail address (which is distributed to the IMD team): imd@hadarc.org.au or 'phone 94562936 0r mobile 0409983473.

IMD AWARDS. Contacts with VK2IMD count toward qualifying for an IMD Award. Details of the awards are on the IMD website:- <http://gx4crc.com/imd-award/> .

LOGS. You must keep a log to verify contacts for QSL and Award purposes. **Logs must record contacts in UTC time.** A suggested log pro-forma is posted on the HADARC website:- http://hadarc.org.au/documents/VK2IMD_LogSheet.pdf .

Other forms of log sheet can be used provided your log includes the information on the pro-forma.

Completed Log sheets are to be submitted to the co-ordinator or the committee ASAP after the event.

QSL CARDS. There is a special VK2IMD QSL card. **Normally VK2IMD will QSL via bureau.**

1. If contacts want to QSL direct, their QSL must be accompanied by a Self Addressed Envelope, stamped if from VK or with two green stamps or two valid IRCs.
2. The address for direct QSL requests is VK2IMD HADARC
PO Box 362, Hornsby NSW 1630 Australia
3. Direct QSLs which don't have SAE and postage will be processed and returned via bureau.

More Information. The HADARC IMD page is:- <http://hadarc.org.au/imd.html> .

More information on International Marconi Day, other participating award stations, the history and the awards can be found at the official IMD website:- <http://gx4crc.com/gb4imd/>.

You would like to have a VK2IMD QSL? As a VK2IMD rostered operator, if you want to get a VK2IMD QSL card you need to have a logged contact with the VK2IMD award station. One way you can do this is for an incoming next-rostered-operator to have a (logged) contact with the outgoing-rostered-operator (or vice-versa). In any case, to achieve an orderly change-over, consecutive operators on a band/mode should do an on-air change-over to ensure that only one VK2IMD operator is on the band/mode at any one time. But, of course, you can contact VK2IMD at any time you hear it on air during the UTC day and there will be other IMD stations operating world wide.

Go for it!