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VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND (Press Release/Update): Competition Winners DL1MGB, April 1st, 2014 - Sometimes it pays off when you read the DX news. So it did with the latest news on the 2014 Lagunaria DX Group DXpedition to Lord Howe Island. We asked about the correct history behind the suffix of our assigned callsign VK9DLX.

If you apply for a 3-letter-suffix callsign in Australia, the first letter has to show the license class. And the second letter (of the VK9ers) stands for the territory. We made the first experience when we went to Norfolk Island in March 2007: VK9DNX. Somehow we found it funny afterwards. In October 2008 we were on Willis Island: VK9DWX. The information about the suffix could have been found on <<http://df3cb.com/vk9dnx/>>.

For the first three DXers who would send us the correct history (that includes also the complete history) about the suffix, we promised a ZL8X foto book as a reward. These three DXers were:

Gary DF2RG  
Val LZ1VB  
Markus OE6MDF

Congratulations! In total there were five postings. Thanks for participation! The winners will receive their books in the next days. All others still have the chance to order it online:

<http://zl8x.dl1mgb.com/fotobook/index.php>

Feel free to visit the DXpedition website on <<http://www.lordhowe2014.org>> and subscribe to our newsletter to stay informed.

No idea who the Lagunaria DX Group is?  
Just visit <<http://www.lagunaria-dx-group.org/>> and learn more about the group, the people behind it and their goals.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). Gene, K5GS, sent out the following on April 1st:

1. We are getting into what will be our routine for the remainder of the operation. The team members are in good spirits, handling their maintenance tasks and operating during their assigned shift. The team is split into two shifts, to give 24 hour coverage.
2. Propagation has been excellent, we're hearing the world. The high bands in particular are very productive.
3. While we are satisfied with our rates, we believe they can be better with your help:
  - On SSB do not continually call. Sending your call once or twice when the op calls QRZ is sufficient. What's happening is far too many of you are calling when you should be listening. Even if the op calls you the chances are you'll still be calling and miss your chance. This is a real problem with the EU pile-ups. EU pile-ups are very slow and tiring for the ops, especially on SSB.
  - On CW many people send their call 2 - 3 times AFTER the op has

- called you. The op already has you in the log, if an op isn't sure of your call sign he'll ask for a repeat. Do not send your call sign multiple times after being called.
4. You may wondering why some of the ops standby for VK. Australia is our host country yet its ops have great difficulty breaking through the pile-up because of their proximity to Mellish Reef. Sometimes people don't understand this and cause deliberate QRM. This behavior will not be tolerated, if jamming occurs the op will QRT.
  5. We heard a pirate using VK9MT during a CW pile-up. What more can we say.
  6. The weather continues to be a challenge. Temperatures during the day are very hot and the wind never stops. We spend time every day repairing antennas and resetting guy stakes. The island is a big sandbar and sinking a guy anchor into a solid base isn't possible.

The team eager to get you in the log, you can help them by following the op's instruction..... Team Mellish 2014

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