



Parks on the Air Voice (SSB)

Call & Response Cheat Sheet

Beginner-friendly operating guide for Parks on the Air activators in Australia

1 Initial CQ Call (Activator)

CQ Parks on the Air, CQ Parks on the Air,
this is <YOUR CALLSIGN> (and <OTHER CALLSIGNS if group>),
calling CQ POTA from AU-<PARK NUMBER>,
and standing by.

Example

CQ Parks on the Air, CQ Parks on the Air,
this is VK4MPB and VK4KLB,
calling CQ POTA from AU-1234,
and standing by.

2 Hunter Calls You

You may hear:

<YOUR CALLSIGN> this is VK4MPB

or simply:

VK4MPB

3 Activator Response

VK4MPB, this is <YOUR CALLSIGN>,
thank you for coming back to us.
You are coming in at five nine, (use the appropriate signal report here)
I repeat five nine.
QSL?

4 Hunter Reply

QSL, you are RST five eight, five eight.
Thanks for the park.

5 Confirm, Log & Close the Contact

QSL, thanks for the contact,
you're in the log.
73.

5A If the Activator Station Has Multiple Operators

When handing over to another operator at the same park:

Thank you for your contact today.
Please stand by for the next operator.
73s for now!

The next operator then gives their callsign and resumes calling CQ.

6 Calling for the Next Station

After the QSO is logged:

QRZ, CQ Parks on the Air,
this is <YOUR CALLSIGN>.

If a hunter responds, go to Step 3. If no one responds, go to Step 1.



Handling Multiple Callsigns (Hunters or P2P Activators)

This applies when **one station has more than one callsign**.

When You Might Hear This

<YOUR CALLSIGN> I have two more callsigns for you, VK4ETA and VK4GOD.

Activator Response

Copy the two callsigns.
Please confirm both callsigns again, slowly.

Exchanging Reports

VK4ETA and VK4GOD,
you are both five nine,
I repeat five nine.
QSL?

Now go back to Step 5 from the standard calls.

Remember when logging Multiple Callsigns

- Each callsign must be logged as a **separate contact**
- Applies to:
 - Multiple hunters at one station
 - Multiple operators at another park (P2P)

Park-to-Park (P2P) Contacts

A Park-to-Park contact occurs when **both stations are activating a park**.

1 Hearing a P2P Call

<YOUR CALLSIGN>, this is VK4MPB, Park-to-Park.

P2P calls are normally given **priority** where practical.

2 Acknowledge the P2P and Exchange Reports

VK4MPB, this is <YOUR CALLSIGN>,
thank you for the Park-to-Park contact.
You are coming in at five nine,
I repeat five nine.
QSL?

4 Other Activator Responds

QSL, <YOUR CALLSIGN> you are five eight, five eight.
We are operating from AU-2345.

5 Confirm Park Number & Close

QSL, VK4MPB, AU-2345 copied.
You are in the log.
Thanks for the Park-to-Park.
73.

6 Resume Normal Operations

QRZ, CQ Parks on the Air,
this is <YOUR CALLSIGN>.

Logging Requirements – Park-to-Park

Log as normal, plus:

- Other activator's callsign(s)
- Other activator's park number (AU-****)
- RST sent and received
- Time (UTC preferred)
- Band and mode

POTA will automatically recognise Park-to-Park contacts when both logs are uploaded.

Q-Codes Used (SSB)

Q-Code	Meaning	Use
CQ	Calling any station	Initial calling
QRZ	Who is calling me?	After a QSO
QSL	Acknowledged	Confirming
QRX	Stand by	Short pause
QRM	Interference	Missed copy
RST	Signal report	Every contact
73	Best regards	Sign-off

Simple Memory Flow

CQ → Callsign → RST → QSL → Log → Operator change (if any) → 73 → QRZ