



# Scout Radio Victoria

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## Minutes - April Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 11th April 2023, 7.30pm

BATCave, Legana Street, Mount Waverley

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**Chair:** Luke Byrnes

**Minutes:** Alice Hayllar

**Meeting Opened:** 7:36pm

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### Attendees

Luke Byrnes, Alice Hayllar, Matt Cengia, Daniel Gutsell, Andy King, Gemma Nash, Dimitrios Karagiannis, Murray Taylor, Kent Cochran, Adrian Robinson, Mark Perkins, Philip Adams, Jenny Adams, Peter Watkins, Karl Donald, Neil Wilson Anders Hamilton, Peter Watkins, Juliet Montague, Bibby Montague, Damien Kuzek

### Apologies

Douglas Ahern, Col Herbert, Alan Stratford, Quintin Coutinho

### Absentees

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# Meeting Items

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## Administration

### Chair's Comments

- Please join the [Trello Board](#) if you have not done so already - we would like to have this secured from Public eyes ASAP which will make it more inconvenient to join later.
  - Thanks to Daniel, Andy, Mattcen, and especially Sarah for their work on RA8 at Hoadley.
  - Thanks to Hoadley for the opportunity to run RA8 again.
  - If anyone would like to run RA8 for an activity reach out and pitch it, it is available to be used.
  - Thanks to Kent for his work contributing to comms for Hoadley's success.
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### Previous Minutes

It was moved by Matt Cengia and Andy King that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday 21st March 2023 be adopted. Carried unanimously.

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### Finance

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance on Monday 20th March 2023</b>
STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$8,840.87
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received payments from Vic Rovers for outstanding invoice this month.</li><li>• Also received payment from Lerderderg Region</li><li>• ScoutHike 2022 invoice is outstanding.</li><li>• Foundation Course made a small loss due to small numbers of participants</li></ul>	

Further details are included in the finance report attached as *Appendix 1*.

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### Work Health & Safety (WHS)

- Please ensure you remain on top of eLearning modules including WHS as they become due.
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# Program Review

## Hoadley Hide

- RadioActiv8
  - Hide Communications
  - StarLink Success
  - Invoice sent
  - Thank you to everyone involved in running RA8 and Comms for Hoadley
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# Program Planning

## Trello update

The [Trello board](#) is looking very busy with plenty of information available. Cards and templates make it easier to plan RA8 activities and for Foundation courses.

## Trello Item Review

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## Cuboree

- Kent to work with Luke to send out an eDM to known Amateurs who are Scouting members to assist with Cuboree, particularly to Venturers
  - Scout support at Cuboree as Staff - any updates?
  - Jury is still out on Scouts being able to help as activity leaders
  - Site visit on the 30th to walk around site and plan, we are not near the tower, we are on Boyd's Feild 2.
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## Amateur Events

*none for April*

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## Training Courses

### Foundation Amateur Courses

#### Foundation Course @ Bay Park, 31/3/2023 - 2/4/2023

- Six attendees successfully completed Practical Assessment.
- Thanks to trainers Phil, Luke, Kent, Sarah. Thanks to Gemma providing Catering.
- Course had 6 participants, running a small loss (~\$57) due to small numbers.
- Only one outstanding photograph
- Food was great
- Action: Remind participants to have a headshot photo to bring with them to the course.
- Dimitrios offered the Scout Hall in Oakleigh with its new kitchen as being free for radio courses if we would like.

## Foundation Course @ Camp Warringal, 2/6/2023 - 4/6/2023

Completed a budget for the course, all Foundation courses should be \$220 (excl. ACMA and Callsign costs).

- Trainers Phil, Luke, Kent, Sarah. Val Paton has been asked to Cater.
- Expecting a full course, possibly overflow - additional trainers may mean that we can increase our capacity.

Aim for a course in the West (suburban or rural) in the later half of the year - considering Geelong or Ballarat.

- Foundation courses to be planned for 2023 to accommodate:
    - ~~Interest from the 4x4 Team to host a course.~~
    - Interest from Mallee Mud Kamp attendees (x2)
    - Interest for Western Vic JOTA to have another course at Cooinda Burrong
    - Interest from MRP team members
    - Interest from Hurstbridge Scouts and Venturers
    - Follow up with registrants from previous course in Geelong who were unable to attend.
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## SRCOP

Dates proposed:

6 May 2023 @ GSWAC

Flexibility available for dates either the Saturday or the Sunday as there is also a sailing club course happening on the 7th.

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## Program Enrichment

Message Handling Course requested. Phil confirmed he is able to run a course at our next meeting.

Message handling course to be done at the May meeting. Please bring Message Handling Log Sheets and Log Books if you have them at home.

ScoutHike will not necessarily use the same message handling processes than what will be in the course, pending event requirements.

Discussion on communications expectations at ScoutHike to follow in May in prep for the event.

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# Program Support

## ScoutHike 20/21 May 2023

Still working on implementation of a DMR solution.

If it doesn't come together for this year, we will use 2m Amateur as our primary service. Long term allows to not just support ScoutHike but to also provide program at it.

Hoping to have a resolution by the end of April and will be in contact with those who expressed capability to assist with ScoutHike directly in the coming weeks.

Peter Chaplin has requested to be notified of what is required - this will be done as soon as we have a plan forward, no later than end of April. 2m Amateur is a Yes, it's a matter of what we're doing commercially still to be finalised.

### Availability Summary:

- Daniel is available with no preference
- Karl is available
- Murray is unavailable - same weekend as JOTT
- Andy available and same sleep point as last time is fine
- Mark is available and has a preference for sleep point 3
- Kent is unsure, most likely only the Sunday, will know closer to the date
- Gemma is a maybe
- Phil only available if twilight sailing falls apart, will only know a week before
- Peter Chaplin has advised he is unable to attend this year, but will happily prepare the trailer for the event as required.
- Alice is doing first aid at sleep point 5
- Adrian is tentative but leaning towards yes
- Col
- Neil is planning to be there, no sleep point preference
- Requirement for Matt McKernan to be on a specific sleep point
- Neil knows 2 Venturers who are licensed and may be interested in joining
- Douglas is a maybe depending on Mafeking working bee
- Matt Cengia is a no
- Neal W is interested to learn and can probably be available

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### Youth Net - past notes

- No development at this time, to be followed up with this offline - hopefully this month.
- Echolink is a struggle with youth registering, can be overcome, however mindful it is a barrier.
- Scout radio Victoria have 4 talk groups on DMR. 1921-1924.
- It works really well, if we can link it into IRLP and Echolink, DRM bridge it will allow more accessibility. Most important thing is getting radio in hand.
- Kent has concerns around linking DMR and Echolink but is resolved happy hearing we have control over it.
- It is a well dispersed network with very limited access points.

- Would like to eventually buy some hotspots to send out with the radios.

### Comments from Peter Chaplin

Re: TG's 1921 – 1924 - VKDMR no longer supports permanently linked talkgroups. These talkgroups no longer bring up all the DMR repeaters VK3RAJ, VK3RSA, VK3RSU, VK3RYN.

To work these talkgroups, a user at both ends have to trigger the repeater within the same 10 seconds. i.e. If someone keys up VK3RAJ, only other people with VK3RAJ selected will hear the call.

For someone on another repeater, for example VK3RSA, has to key up the RSA repeater within 10 seconds of RAJ being de-keyed for the link to come up. The only talkgroup that is permanently linked is 505 resulting in everyone using it for chatter and tying up TS2 on every repeater in the country so no one can make a call to setup a QSO on a "User triggered TG" like 1921-1924.

I'm seriously considering removing these repeaters from the VKDMR network and setting them up as their own IP Site connect network with both TS1 and TS2 linked across all four sites.

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## Support Development

### Hamfests

- To-do:
  - Identify old surplus equipment
  - Booked Moorabbin table - 6th May 2023. RadioActiveScout Gazebo is able to be used indoors.

### Scout Radio Victoria Assets

#### StarLink

New box for it purchased, ethernet adapters and other kit to be ordered shortly. Interestingly had issues connecting to it this month.

#### Filters

Mark has updated extensive notes in Trello - great work! These cards are an excellent example of how to fill in detail on a Trello card, so please use them for reference if you're looking for guidance.

Looking at low band system filters, there is a supply issue as they are based in Russia. Would like to open up to the group if they want filters to be able to do a bulk order - payment to be made to the scout bank account if filters are ordered.

Probably not going to be purchased from this supplier until after the war ends if we purchase from the Russian supplier. Will need to ask branch to check with DFAT as to whether we can even trade with them in the first place.

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## VK3RRC

### Comments from Peter Chaplin

VK3RRC

This was licenced for Tree Tops as part of a project to relocate the 15m tower from Gilwell Park to Treetops. A change of management at Treetops saw the project abandoned.

The original 5 year licence was paid for by a donor.

There was then a proposal to move the project to Rowallan Scout camp, but this hasn't occurred. Mark Perkins was involved. I see in the financial reports that we paid the licence. Perhaps we label it in some way to not do so as I don't believe this project will go ahead.

This has already been paid as Mark has expressed interest in a solution that doesn't necessarily involve the tower to be transferred. Meeting on this will occur after ScoutHike, refer to Trello for details.

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## Additional Business

- Mark - I sent an email about ScoutHike - if we do go DMR it would be nice to have handhelds at the sleep points as well, this allows the ability to walk away from the base station and still hear comms.
  - Luke - Hoping to have enough radio operators so we can have multiple operators at each sleep point
- Presentation of Hoadley Hide Certificate of Appreciation to Kent: thank you for the many years of service at Hoadley Hide
- Certificate of Appreciation to the Radio team as a whole for our support to the event.
- Kent - Would like to be included in the discussion of the tower at Rowallan
- Karl - Request for information about ScoutHike
- Once we have our numbers they are allocated to Sleep Points and the sleep points will provide info on all the details for the events e.g. catering.
- Murray - anyone not going to ScoutHike and is available on Sunday 21st is welcome to come along to JOTT
- Gemma - Tuesday the 18th April is world Amateur Radio day, could this be an opportunity to promote our events and show we use radios and participate in radio events on socials possibly in Be Informed as well
- Phil confirmed World telecommunications day is the 17th May, the date for use of the AX prefix.

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**Meeting Closed:** 20:46

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 9th May

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# Appendix 1 - Finance Report

April 2023 Meeting

Prepared Tuesday 11th April 2023

## STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)

Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit	Balance
Opening Balance			0	8,840.87	8,840.87
20-Mar-23	Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio	Balance from STEM Purchases returned	0	36.7	8,877.57
22-Mar-23	Luke BYRNES (...854)	Pelican Case Purchase	320	0	8,557.57
26-Mar-23	Event Communication Solutions	Stradbroke Radio Hire	605	0	7,952.57
29-Mar-23	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Foundation Course Catering	480	0	7,472.57
30-Mar-23	Payment: Bay Park Stradbroke Cup	SRV-1101 - Stradbroke Radio Hire	0	650	8,122.57
1-Apr-23	Bendigo Bank	Interest	0	0.07	8,122.64
1-Apr-23	Payment: Will ALGAR (...685)	SRV-1102	0	25	8,147.64
1-Apr-23	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Foundation Course Catering top up	50	0	8,097.64
1-Apr-23	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	0342635071 Starlink 00466161731203	174	0	7,923.64
1-Apr-23	Starlink		174	0	7,749.64
4-Apr-23	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Foundation Course Exams and Call Signs	789	0	6,960.64
4-Apr-23	Payment: VicRovers	SRV-1034	0	562.23	7,522.87
5-Apr-23	Bay Park	Foundation Course Venue	460	0	7,062.87
5-Apr-23	Payment: Lerderderg Region Scouts	SRV-1057 - Night Owl	0	1,000.00	8,062.87
5-Apr-23	Australian Communications & Media Authority	Marine Licences	45	0	8,017.87



<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
9-Apr-23	Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio	StarLink Double Transfer Return	0	174	8,191.87
9-Apr-23	Gemma NASH	Foundation Course Catering	45.57	0	8,146.30
9-Apr-23	Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio	Balance of Catering returned to SRV	0	65.66	8,211.96
Total State Radio			3,142.57	2,513.66	8,211.96
Closing Balance			0	8,211.96	8,211.96
Total			3,142.57	2,513.66	-628.91