


2024-02-13 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 **Tuesday 20th February 2024, 7.30pm**

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 [Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(BATC\)](#)

Chair: Luke Byrnes

Minutes: Alice Hayllar

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm

▼ Attendees

In person:

- Luke Byrnes
- Matthew Cengia
- Gemma Nash
- Andy King
- Daniel Gutsell
- Douglas Ahearn
- Adrian Robinson
- Alastair Knowles
- Murray Taylor
- Ben
- Neil Wilson
- Alice Hayllar
- Sarah Thom
- Phil Adams
- Jenny Adams

Online:

- Peter MacDonald
- Juliet Montague
- Karl Donald
- Neal Wise

▼ Apologies

- Alan Stratford
 - Colin Herbert
 - Lachy Gordon
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Meeting Items

Administration

Chair's Comments

- Welcome back to 2024!
 - Key Dates for 2024:
 - John Moyle 15 - 17 March
 - Star Trek: Survival 26 - 28 April
 - ScoutHike 17 - 19 May
- Leader of Adults Conference
 - Remember we are all human, particularly on the other end of communications
- Census 2024 - continuing with Scout Radio Victoria
 - Deadline is end of March, let us know if you are planning on changing - joining or leaving the team
- Testing Confluence as a new document management service for Agenda, Minutes, events, on the back of the success of Trello.
- ACMA Updates:
 - Amateur licence no longer has a fee to hold
 - Assessments now wholly managed under the ACMA, and services are no longer provided by the AMC.
 - 1:5 ratio of assessors to participants for courses. Assessors must hold advanced certificate.
- Thankyou to Andy who has been able to procure name tapes for the team

SC - STEM Comments

- We're excited that Star Trek: Survival is back (26th to 28th April @ Mafeking Rover Park) - thank you to those who came on board over summer to support us planning various activities.
 - If you are interested in joining it is not too late
- After a hiatus in 2023 we are ramping up the STEM Youth Council during 2024. If you know of any Scouts, Venturers, or Rovers who may be interested in joining please let me know.
- Congratulations to Luke on his appointment as National JOTA/JOTI Coordinator, I look forward to seeing how JOTA continues to grow as part of our program.

Previous Minutes

Motion Template:

It was moved by ___ and ___ that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday ___ - ___ - ____ be adopted. Motion Accepted/Rejected

It was moved by Murray and Phil that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday 20-02-2024 be adopted. Motion Accepted.

Finance

| Account | Balance on 13th February 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank) | \$13,091.94 |

- We have received payment of our outstanding invoices from Scout Hike, including the historical invoices, which has given our bank balance a nice boost.
 - The first payment of our loan from Scouts Victoria was paid in early December
 - There is some clean up needed on outstanding payments/transfers from our November Foundation Course and December Marine Radio course which should be sorted this month.
 - There may be some short-term transfer of funds from SRV to STEM Events to float some Star Trek: Survival purchases. These funds, if needed, will be returned once we have income from ticket sales.
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Work Health & Safety (WHS)

- Please ensure you remain on top of eLearning modules including WHS as they become due.
 - Please let Luke know if you have not completed the 2023 Child Safe sessions.
 - Issue with reminders for Mandatory training requirements for WHS/CS autotriggered.
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Program Enrichment

Group Strategy Workshop

 [Program Enrichment | Group Strategy | Presentation Deck](#)

(Accessible after the meeting has completed)

Program Review

- Any Summer Specials?
 - 140 kids at [Bunga Arm Campground](#) great youth involvement, was great to hear their improvement and confidence grow over the event. Still had an amazing time and keen to be involved in the event despite some interesting weather during it.
 - 1st Ballam Park RadioActiv8
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Program Planning

[Trello Card Review](#)

Reviewing the following cards - the notes below are not exhaustive. For full updates on items, please refer to the relevant Trello card. Notable items are listed below.

Amateur Events

[Ross Hull Memorial VHF-UHF](#) January 2024

[John Moyle Memorial Field Day](#) March 16-17th 2024

- Great opportunity to get youth involved in amateur radio
- Aiming for a multi-site activation - this is contingent on having site leaders who are keen to make it happen
 - Possible locations: Mafeking (Rover only), Baw Baw, Rowallan, Clifford Park, Bay Park
 - Interested in leading:
 - Gemma
 - Adrian and Douglas for Mafeking

- Ben (tentatively)
 - Neil (Clifford Park tentatively)
 - Reach out ASAP if you want to help out
 - Registration can happen through events.scouthack.com
 - 24 hour contest, 4 hour blocks, Sat midday to Sun midday
 - Gemma has built documentation to help anyone who wants to take it and run
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Training Courses

Foundation Amateur Courses

17-19 November @ Camp Warringal

Participants should have been notified of their success by the ACMA.

Future Courses

Course calendar for 2024 to be considered after JOTA. Some work to be done to see if we can get the LMS set up this year.

AOCP Advanced Theory

Details are available in the [Advanced Licence Trello card](#)

Marine Radio Course

SRCOP

9th December at the GWSAC

ACMA Assessor Update

Phil has incremented his training capability and received a *Notice of Accreditation - Specialist* designation.

Please contact Luke if you also wish to become a Trainer for our Foundation Amateur Radio courses.

Interested in possibly at courses:

- Ben, Murray, Douglas, Adrian, Neil Wilson, Matt, Alice, Sarah, Damien
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Program Support

ScoutHike

Event occurs 17 - 19 May 2024 (card to be created).

We have confirmed our rate for our assistance is \$4.50/ym, which brings us about \$3,600 - \$6,000 of revenue that is used to pay back the loan for commercial equipment and to use the funds to increase our operating capabilities for the event. This also incentivizes our team to encourage participants to attend so that we increase our revenue and expand our asset purchase capability (new Amateur Radios/Towers!) for example.

Further units to be purchased in the coming weeks as we've had an offer to purchase some additional units at a very agreeable amount (still to be finalised), including both Handheld VHF DMR and Mobile VHF DMR Transceivers.

Preliminary show of hands of those available to assist please?

- Ben, Alastair, Neil W, Gemma (maybe), Sarah (maybe), Douglas (in event support), Adrian (probably assisting Douglas), Karl

Night Owl

- Night Owl will be the same weekend as last year - 2nd weekend of September. Reach out if you are interested in helping out
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Support Development

Silent Key Estate (Murray Taylor)

I have been contacted by a member of the Moorabbin & District Radio Club to help him sell off his radio equipment, and his tools, and a few other items. Due to family reasons he is moving into a retirement village and cannot take it all with him.

Please consider this list below (I have some photos also - samples attached) and if you want to purchase items, contact me and I will put you into contact with him. He says that he is looking for 'reasonable' offers, but can discuss if need be. Purchased items to be collected from Cheltenham, near Moorabbin airport.

▼ The List

- Icom 751a with Icom PSU (fully working, needs a little mod to the display, has a new memory module)
- Standard C168 HT by Marantz - 5 watt o/p with full manuals etc, can tx on 60-160 MHz (he is looking for the accessory hand mic also)
- *** Fully assembled Windom antenna (similar to an OCF Dipole) covers 40 - 20 - 10 metre bands, has 4:1 balun and attachment tails
- AV-CN200 Cross needle SWR/PWR meter, 1.8MHz - 200 MHz, 600W max (the switch also says 3kW?)
- MFJ ATU - Model unknown, but in use with the Icom
- 10/11m Dipole, using loaded whips
- Small 2 element antenna, currently up on a short mast (spider-beamish ??)

The List (Tools) -- * = 20V battery power (most are mfr Workzone) - could be useful for SRV to get a 'complete' set of battery tools for projects etc....

- Chainsaw *
- Hedge trimmer *
- Circular Saw *
- Jigsaw *
- Angle Grinder *
- Orbital sander *
- Nail gun *
- Drill(s) *
- Pressure water spray *
- (At least 2 others) *
- 3 off 20 V Batteries *
- 3 off chargers *
- Bluetooth amp *
- 2 off tool boxes with hand tools etc
- other hand tools (saws and stuff - ask)

The List (other stuff)

- Reflector Telescope (8" I think)
- Powertec PSU 13.8V 12A
- 150W DC-AC inverter
- "Massive unregulated PSU" - that's all I know ;-)

- Air compressor (WorkZone C4/2017)
- Jasic Inverter Welder - stick and TIG capable - touch strike, not high freq
- Picket Driver (star pickets)
- picket driver(s) for garden stake - 2 off I think
- 2 road bicycles with derailer gearing (he is not selling his top bike - \$8k and about 1 kg dripping wet - verry nice)
- Some camera gear - saw a Canon 350D, and some Practika items
- Assorted Aluminium stock - mostly square tube - good for Yagis
- Coil of RG58CU Mil spec coax
- Coil of rotator cable ~50m and some rotator bits
- Some boxes of 'useful bits' - connectors etc etc

Radio Band Pass Filters

Neil has procured some band pass filters for testing.

Duplexer Purchase

We acquired 3 second-hand duplexers for a very reasonable price to try and retune and test for our repeater(s). These will be tested for the VHF DMR repeater, not specifically for ScoutHike but for the other ad-hoc uses we make of it.

Additional Business

Meeting Closed:

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 12 March 2024 @ [Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(BATC\)](#)

Appendix 1 - Finance Report

Scouts Victoria STEM State Radio - Monthly Finance Transaction Report

For the period 14 November 2023 to 12 February 2024

| Date | Description | Reference | Debit | Credit | Running Balance |
|------------------------|--|--|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Opening Balance | | | \$0.00 | \$7,787.34 | \$7,787.34 |
| 14 Nov 2023 | Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio | 0379622933 Return excess fund 00466161731203 | \$0.00 | \$57.32 | \$7,844.66 |
| 14 Nov 2023 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0379568596 Bbq 00466161731202 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,744.66 |
| 14 Nov 2023 | Kent COCHRAN (...314) | | \$42.40 | \$0.00 | \$7,702.26 |
| 15 Nov 2023 | Payment: Peter Chaplin | SRV-1137 | \$0.00 | \$55.00 | \$7,757.26 |
| 15 Nov 2023 | Payment: Atticus WHELAN (...324) | SRVE-271 | \$0.00 | \$220.00 | \$7,977.26 |
| 16 Nov 2023 | Gemma NASH | | \$14.40 | \$0.00 | \$7,962.86 |

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| 16 Nov 2023 | Bayside District JOTA | JOTA Badges return | \$30.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,932.86 |
| 19 Nov 2023 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0380450046 Foundation Course 00466161731202 | \$657.50 | \$0.00 | \$7,275.36 |
| 20 Nov 2023 | Event Communication Solutions | | \$440.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,835.36 |
| 20 Nov 2023 | Philip Adams | Marine Course costs | \$115.50 | \$0.00 | \$6,719.86 |
| 21 Nov 2023 | Scouts Victoria Comm Tech | Starlink | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$6,919.86 |
| 21 Nov 2023 | Val PATON | Nov Foundation Course Catering | \$440.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,479.86 |
| 23 Nov 2023 | Payment: Clifford Park Activity Centre - JOTA Patrol Activity Camp | SRV-1130 | \$0.00 | \$115.00 | \$6,594.86 |
| 23 Nov 2023 | Camp Warringal | INV10297 | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,584.86 |
| 24 Nov 2023 | Payment: Kaylene MORTER (...057) | SRVE-275 | \$0.00 | \$220.00 | \$6,804.86 |
| 25 Nov 2023 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0381519780 Starlink 00466161731203 | \$174.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,630.86 |
| 27 Nov 2023 | Payment: Gilweroo | SRV-1142 | \$0.00 | \$550.00 | \$7,180.86 |
| 01 Dec 2023 | Bendigo Bank | Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.06 | \$7,180.92 |
| 03 Dec 2023 | Payment: Scouts Victoria | I249859 | \$1,132.65 | \$0.00 | \$6,048.27 |
| 05 Dec 2023 | Payment: Boost | STEM-0021 | \$0.00 | \$2,198.75 | \$8,247.02 |
| 06 Dec 2023 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0383431283 Boost STEM funds 00466161731203 | \$1,268.75 | \$0.00 | \$6,978.27 |
| 07 Dec 2023 | Payment: ScoutHike | SRV-1120 | \$0.00 | \$4,740.00 | \$11,718.27 |
| 07 Dec 2023 | Payment: ScoutHike | SRV-1036 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$13,718.27 |
| 10 Dec 2023 | Philip Adams | Marine Course costs | \$398.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,320.27 |
| 20 Dec 2023 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0385941184 Starlink 00466161731203 | \$174.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,146.27 |
| 01 Jan 2024 | Bendigo Bank | Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.11 | \$13,146.38 |
| 06 Jan 2024 | Payment: Castlemaine JOTA JOTI | SRV-1134 | \$0.00 | \$375.00 | \$13,521.38 |
| 28 Jan 2024 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0392218257 Nametapes 00466161731202 | \$58.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,463.38 |
| 01 Feb 2024 | Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases | 0392834313 Starlink 00466161731202 | \$174.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,289.38 |
| 01 Feb 2024 | Lin Wan | Duplexers purchase | \$118.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,171.38 |
| 01 Feb 2024 | Bendigo Bank | Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.11 | \$13,171.49 |
| 07 Feb 2024 | Outdoor Instant Shelters | Gazebo Walls | \$280.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,891.49 |
| 08 Feb 2024 | Payment: Vic Gathering | SRV-1147 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$13,091.49 |
| Total State Radio | | | \$5,627.20 | \$10,931.35 | \$13,091.49 |
| Closing Balance | | | \$0.00 | \$13,091.49 | \$13,091.49 |