

2024-06-11 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 **Tuesday 11th June 2024, 7.30pm**

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

Chair: Luke Byrnes

Minutes: Alastair Knowles

Meeting Opened: 7:34pm

▼ Attendees

- Luke Byrnes, Sarah Thom, Gemma Nash, Andy King, Mark Perkins, Murray Taylor, Karl Donald, Jackson Isted, Alastair Knowles

Online

- Damien Kuzek, Matt Cengia, Neil Wilson, Kent Cochran, Juliet Montague, Bryan Ackerley, Demitrios??

▼ Apologies

- Douglas Ahearn
 - Alan Stratford
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Meeting Items

Administration

Chair's Comments

- ScoutHike 17 - 19 May 2024
 - Thanks for those who have signed up to assist with our biggest support event of the year.
 - Please bring back radios from Scout Hike at earliest convenience.
- Uniform name tapes are still available to collect - speak with Luke.
- Thanks to Adrian and Douglas, whom have programmed new duplexers for us (VHF & UHF).
- Matty McKernan had a little boy last month - congratulations to him and his family.
- Welcome to Juliette, transitioning across to SRESU as radio team member / leader.

SC - STEM Comments

- Echo what Luke said
- ScoutHike went really well

Previous Minutes

 *Motion Template:*

It was moved by Matt Sand and Murray that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday 14 - 05 - 2024 be adopted. Motion Accepted/Rejected

Finance

Account	Balance on 11th June 2024
STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$ 11,284.09

- Fairly quiet month
- There has been a delay in our GST claim due to some hold ups with paperwork requirements from Scouts Vic accounting team. Andy and I are working to resolve this hopefully in the next month. While this delay is frustrating the upside is we may resolve some of our historical GST claims at the same time, meaning we'll see a larger reimbursement into our account in the next few months.
- Invoice has been issued to Scout Hike for our support of their 2024 event, the fastest we have issued an invoice in several years!
- Star Trek: Survival books are in the process of being finalised, there should be very little impact to Scout Radio funds (either incoming or outgoing).

Work Health & Safety (WHS)

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

Program Enrichment

1. Preparing for JOTA
 - a. Start considering where you will help, and planning for JOTA this year.
 - b. Boost will be on the same weekend as JOTA. This may be a big discussion point next month.
 - c. Repeater network to be linked between sites for JOTA.
 - d. Would like to buy Raspberry Pi's and Raspberry Pi access points for DMR for talk groups & talk zones.
 - e. Purchase of filters
 - f. Mark to borrow ICOM loaner radio
 - g. Mark/Q: How much for badges? Luke/A: No change to cost (\$2, same as national price).
 - h. Mark/Q: Will there be a badge design comp? Luke/A: No, its too late for this year. Hopefully a discussion for next year.
 - i. Murray/Q: Any cost for using callsigns? Luke/A: TBD, expected answer in July, but cheaper than before.
 - j. Murray/Q: Fox hunting gear unit cost? Gemma/A: Historically \$50 per kit.
 - k. Alastair/Q: Is there a list for all JOTA locations? Luke/A: Yes..ish, but currently offline. Will hopefully be back online by end of July.
 - l. Neil/Q: Is it possible for vkjota to cross-register with joti/jota website? Luke/A: Not in scope for website. Too difficult.
 - m. Juliette/S: there is a directory for all the registered sites worldwide, but it is only available about 3 weeks before Jota each year and is then taken down. Luke/Ack: Yes and it sucks because of that.

Program Review

ScoutHike

- Successful operational event - appeared to be our smoothest support operation event to date.
- Repeater coverage worked well. Neil's was the only site with repeater problems, which were resolved after moving the antenna.

- Approximately ~1100 youth members in attendance.
 - Luke/S: Any further feedback most welcome, ~~please email Luke~~. We will create a space (confluence page) to share that.
 - Please return equipment to Legana Street, preferably ASAP.
 - Please send through logs.
 - Mark/Q: Would it be a good idea to capture feedback from each sleep point for future reference? Luke/A: By all means, put together your own report, but may be difficult to capture across all sleep points.
 - Neil/S: We had 2 venturers, they both loved it. We should be looking at how to involve other youth members for other events. Luke/S: They did a very good job at managing comms. Only thing to be mindful of is to keep a boundary between 'venturers' as youth vs staff; but fantastic example of youth driven, adult supported.
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Program Planning

Amateur Events

Trans Tasman Low band - 20th July 6pm - Midnight.

- Luke/Q: Anyone have any plans to operate something that weekend? (crickets)
 - Luke/S: Winter VHF/UHF field day in September.
 - Neil/S: Treetops will run a Patrol Activity Camp on this weekend for the event.
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Training Courses

Future Courses

TBC post-ScoutHike

- Foundation and Marine radio hopefully June/July
- Phil will likely be out of action mid August until possibly late September
- New exam papers have been released but there was a stuff up, so keep an eye out
- If we want to do it on computers it will need to be pre loaded

Luke: Would like to get a course up and running, just need time to find a date.

Foundation Amateur

AOCP Advanced Theory

Marine Radio Course

Program Support

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.
- Mark will get clarification from Sandra.

AJ2025

- AJ2025 is coming up start of next year, who is interested in supporting an amateur radio station?
 - Neal is registered.

- General lack of interest in attending due to distance/other commitments to Scouting.
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Support Development

Duplexer

Mini VHF duplexer worked on by Adrian and Douglas.

Radio Band Pass Filters

Need to purchase more of them.

Move to Confluence

We will be moving our IP and changing our processes from Trello into Confluence. While the new space does not do the same tracking specifics that Trello offered, much of what is provided in Trello will work better in the documentation space that Confluence provides.

Further, Confluence will feature database capabilities from June, meaning that we can leverage such a resource to maintain information consistently across the SRV space and match the productivity we gained when we first used Trello.

Additional Business

Karl: Would like to create task ID for POTA, but have no access for registration for email address.

Andy: Luke has been in his role for 3 years - Congratulations.

Alastair: Page about electronics kits on the SRV website, who is responsible, and is anything happening on this space. Andy: Website currently outdated, lets have a chat outside this forum. Always happy to have people help.

Alastair: Any updates surrounding element for comms? Luke: Coming with the confluence changes in the next fortnight.

Mattcen: Night Owl 7th & 8th of Sep

Juliette: Can we talk about geolocation at some stage? Luke: Yes.

Dmitrios:

1. Could you please change my email to: dimitrios.karagiannis@scoutsvictoria.com.au and sent an invitation for "trello"
2. If the team or anyone is selling a radio we'd love to buy (9th Oakleigh) and me personally

Bryan: I don't seem to be getting any comms from SRV. Luke: Will look into it. Bryan: Preferred email address has whitelist, please advise correct details when available. Luke: Roger, will advise.

Bryan: Received an email saying that Puffing Billy will be on again this year. Are we doing anything about that? Luke: Yes, details to come in the next week or so. Bryan: Ok, I'll put my hand up to help out with that.

Meeting Closed: 8:36pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 9 June 2024 @ [Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(BATC\)](#)

Appendix 1 - Finance Report

Scouts Victoria STEM **State Radio - Monthly Finance Transaction Report**

For the period 15 May 2024 to 11 June 2024

Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit	Running Balance
Opening Balance			\$0.00	\$11,817.99	\$11,817.99
17 May 2024	Peter Chaplin	Trailer tyres reimbursement	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$11,457.99
01 Jun 2024	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$11,458.09
03 Jun 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	0414373462 Starlink 00466161731202	\$174.00	\$0.00	\$11,284.09
Total State Radio			\$534.00	\$0.10	\$11,284.09
Closing Balance			\$0.00	\$11,284.09	\$11,284.09