


2024-09-10 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 **Tuesday 10th September 2024, 7.30pm** 

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 [Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(BATC\) · 1-5 Legana St, Mount Waverley VIC 3149, Australia](#) 

Chair: Luke Byrnes

Minutes: Sarah Thom

Meeting starts: 7:35pm

Meeting closed: 9:00pm

∨ Attendees

- Luke Byrnes
- Murray Taylor
- Kent Cochran
- John Zach
- Karl Donald
- Douglas Ahearn
- Adrian Robinson
- Sarah Thom
- Andy King
- Alastair Knowles

Online

- Neal Wise
- Mark Perkins
- Matt Cengia
- Philip Adams
- Alice Hayllar
- Bryan Ackerly

∨ Apologies

- Neil Wilson
 - Gemma Nash
 - Damien Kuzek
 - Col Herbert
 - Alan Stratford
 - Jenny Adams
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Meeting Items [↗](#)

Administration [↗](#)

Chair's Comments [↗](#)

- Back in action, playing catchup but lots of exciting things are coming up.
- Confluence -your help needed - new files and folders created, waiting for collaborative contribution. Feel free to start contributing to the Confluence space or ask Luke for more info if you are not familiar with this tool.
- JOTA support, badges, websites, etc. Hoping to get big success with JOTA across many sites. Still communication challenges regarding Boost event.
- Warm congratulations to the Nash family on the safe arrival of their newest little one.

SC - STEM Comments [↗](#)

- Nothing to report this month.

Previous Minutes [↗](#)

July Minutes [↗](#)

Due to late release, July minutes were not approved as an accurate meeting record at the August meeting. These can now be approved after having sufficient time for the content to be reviewed.

*It was moved by Karl Donald and Murray Taylor that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **09 - 07 - 2024** be adopted. Motion Accepted.*

August Minutes [↗](#)

These minutes will be addressed at the next meeting because the financial report for August is currently not present in the minutes.

[i](#) Motion Template:

*It was moved by mattcen and Murray that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **09 - 07 - 2024** be adopted. Motion Accepted/Rejected*

Finance [↗](#)

Account	Balance on 8th September 2024
STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$15,933.47

- Trailer repairs have recently been completed, but have not been reimbursed (\$572.90)

Replaced the springs, fitted greaseable hangers, replaced the wheel bearings and fitted a jockey wheel that adjusts in all sorts of ways to make it almost indestructible.

- More details available in the finance report.

Work Health & Safety (WHS) [↗](#)

- Please ensure you remain on top of eLearning modules including WHS as they become due.
- WHS and Child Safe Scouting modules expire after 2 years

- Police Checks

Program Enrichment [↗](#)

We have experienced an increase in requests for program delivery at Unit/Group/District events.










Luke described new template setup for tracking event requests.

- Key communication about upcoming event requests will be included in the template.
- These are listed in the menu under Active Program Support Requests. [! Active Program Support Requests](#)
- These pages are listed in event order so the top page in the list will be the next event coming up.
- After the event is finished they will be stored in an archive so they can be referred to for future events.

Support Beyond JOTA [↗](#)

Knox District Cub Scouts | 21-23/03/2025

 Owned by Luke Byrnes • Updated on 11 Feb 2025

Key information:  Refer to <https://system.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/SRV/pages/269221978> for details. 
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/KYfVrprNNHP22Hvi9>  No website available  22nd March 2025  Activities from 9am - 5pm  1.5 hour rotation  15 Cub Scouts per rotation (10-11 years only); ~60 youth members in total  \$5/ym  RAS + JOTAJOTI 2024 Badg

 Confluence

Open preview

Request for anyone who is interested to take the lead for this event. Please reach out to Luke if you are interested. John Zach and Clifford Park team will work with Luke on this and will also investigate options for John Moyle at Clifford Park 15-16 March next year.

[EMAIL] Rosanna Scout Group | JOTA 2024

 Owned by Luke Byrnes • Updated on 10 Sept 2024

John Zach has made contact with Rob, further discussions to evolve. On 5/9/2024, 9:41 AM, "Robert Lord" <robertlordaim@aim.com> wrote: Hi Our scout group Rosanna would like to get invokved in JOTA this year. We're keen on Clifford park since it's nearby. Looking to have about 9 attend for a day perhaps. How can we get

 Confluence

Open preview

John Zach has spoken with Rob about supporting this. There will also be an electronic activity provided.

[EMAIL] 4th Knox Cub Scouts | Term 4 Activity

 Owned by Luke Byrnes • Updated on 10 Sept 2024

From: fiona mc master <rats_rule@hotmail.com>Date: Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 8:29 PMTo: "sl.commtech" <sl.commtech@scoutsvictoria.com.au>Subject: Programme night Hi I was wondering if I could have some more information about possibly coming and providing a radio night for our cubs in term 4 please? Thank you Fiona Connolly

 Confluence

Open preview

Douglas can assist with fox hunting for this event.

Murray has a group (East Bentleigh) who he will follow up with who have expressed interest in fox hunting.

Program Review [↗](#)

Remembrance Day Contest.

1st Sandringham [↗](#)

Congratulations on coming 3rd overall and 1st in Victoria! Thanks to Karl for his active involvement in getting youth members involved in contesting.

The 1st Sandringham Scout group took part in this years Remembrance Day Contest using the callsign VK3SCS. Eleven Scouts from across the Joey, Cub, Scout and Venturer age sections, from 6 to 17yrs old, worked together to operate over the full 24hrs, building in confidence and skills as the hours passed. The Scouts picked up and ran every part of the operation from setting up the station, making the QSOs, tuning the VFO to find more stations and logging the contacts. Running in shifts at the radio the Scouts made time to be active in their off-air breaks but still checked back in regularly on how the contact count was going.

- WIA News Broadcast

Program Planning [↗](#)

Amateur Events [↗](#)

JOTA

- Karl will be doing a park activation session at Clifford Park and has approval that the Scouts in the park can contact the Scouts in the tower on separate call signs. Luke advised to setup the home station and remote station as separate JOTA sites with specific hours of operation but with the same callsign.
- Phil may be able to work a few JOTA stations from home.
- Boost conversation to happen outside of this meeting for those who have expressed interest.

VK JOTA Website and Badges

- currently being updated for 2024
- emails going out to registrants need updating too
- badge goes on sale for all other states on 20th September so aim is to have VKJOTA fully operational by that date
- badge cost will match Scout Shop prices
- what we charge for callsigns will reduce to \$20 (or free if you buy 100 badges)
 - 1. having a token cost associated with the callsign will ensure people still value the resource of the callsign
 - 2. costs for all of our callsigns has significantly dropped so we can drop this cost to \$20 (was previously \$55) and still use these funds to cover costs of other callsigns (ie. repeaters and commercial)

Training Courses [↗](#)

Foundation Amateur Courses

Foundation course was run August 18th and 19th at Sandringham.

- Thanks to Karl for his work in cultivating an environment that promotes amateur radio and helping to prepare 6 participants for this course.
- All 6 participants (4 youth, 2 adults) were successful in passing examinations.
- Neil Wilson was lead assessor, thanks to him for all of his support and for bringing along an extra assessor.
- Special thanks to Sarah Thom and Alastair Knowles for their efficient content-creation methods.

- Thanks to Damien, Karl and Alastair for their assistance in delivering course material. It was beneficial for students to get content from a range of instructors.

Future Courses

8-10 November Amateur Foundation Course at Camp Warringal. Expressions of interest to assist are welcomed.

Looking at building a LMS to support content delivery in the future.

AOCP Advanced Theory [↗](#)

Marine Radio Course [↗](#)

Beaumaris would like to run a marine course in November or early December. Phil will get back to us with more information.

Program Support [↗](#)

Night Owl (13-15 September) [↗](#)

- Advised this is in fact running for 2024 - looking for those who can assist in setup and management of comms for the event.
- Held Saturday 14th September, finishing early hours 15th Sept.
- See [🦉 Night Owl 2024 Project Overview](#) for full details this week.
- Some locations are only accessible by foot.
- Request from Luke for anyone who is able to help, particularly with getting radios set up in the field on Saturday afternoon.
- Karl and his newly qualified operators from Sandringham will be at HQ helping with RadioActiv8 check-ins.
- Time slot issues were experienced at Night Owl last year but not at Scout Hike this year so should be okay for this year.

Top Gear (20-22 September) [↗](#)

Request to hire Star Link

Gilweroo (15-17 November) [↗](#)

Request to hire event communications DMR fleet of radios and Star Link

Contesting email [↗](#)

Karl has put together some great Parks and Summits program information in confluence. Great start, keep up the contributions.

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

When you log a contest outside of scouting, it can be very difficult especially when using multiple call signs. To make it easier, we are looking into creating a single email address or alias to encompass all the call signs.

Boost [↗](#)

Nothing heard to date

Support Development [↗](#)

Puffing Billy [↗](#)

Postponed to 26th to 27th October. Request for support from our team on Sunday 27th.

Move to Confluence [↗](#)

TL:DR; Content now starting to flow, expanding access, please advise your Atlassian preferred email address if you don't have access yet.

Please enter your contact details into the Team Directory [📄 Team Directory](#)

Additional Business [↗](#)

Kent - thank you for the use of VKS737 system

Karl - bayside district are interested in radio program offerings for a district camp next year, more details to follow

Alastair

- ACMA assessor update, email from a few weeks ago, they are waiting on information to go through form Services Victoria
- Call out a few weeks ago about antenna purchases, Karl has brought one tonight to demonstrate in case anyone else is interested, if you would like one speak to Alastair, he is going to put through a purchase (2m, 70cm, variety of connectors)

Bryan

- experiencing difficulty hearing what is said when meeting online. Bryan has noted degradation in quality over an extended period. Bryan feels that is is not worth him attending meetings online because he can't hear anything.
- Luke said that he is happy to look into alternatives and wanted to acknowledge the good work Matt Cengia does in providing AV support at most meetings when is able to attend in person.
- Mattcen notes - there are only *two* systems we've ever used for video conferencing: the system currently in use right now, and the one I have when I'm there; I've been there *most* months the last 18 months; if there's been any degradation in that time, I don't know why that would be.
- Luke noted that we have tried a table top microphone previously but it did not work well in this space because it was so echoey.
- Luke has asked Kent for his assistance in looking into improving this for future meetings.

Congratulations to Douglas on his appointment to role of Mafeking Chair!

Meeting Closed:

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, ~~15 October 2024~~ 8th October 2024 @ [📍 Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(B ATC\) · 1-5 Legana St, Mount Waverley VIC 3149, Australia](#)

Appendix 1 - Finance Report [↗](#)

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

For the period 13 August 2024 to 10 September 2024

Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit	Running Balance
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Opening Balance			\$0.00	\$16,281.33	\$16,281.33
13 Aug 2024	Camp Warringal	Deposit - November Booking	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$16,081.33
13 Aug 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Starlink	\$174.00	\$0.00	\$15,907.33
20 Aug 2024	Payment: Mitchell WEST (...570)	SRVE-313	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$15,957.33
21 Aug 2024	Payment: Lis DONALD (...273)	SRVE-305	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$16,007.33
21 Aug 2024	Payment: Alexander DONALD (...433)	SRVE-314	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$16,057.33
22 Aug 2024	Payment: Robin YOUNG (...496)	SRVE-315	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$16,107.33
23 Aug 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Starlink August	\$174.00	\$0.00	\$15,933.33
01 Sep 2024	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.14	\$15,933.47
10 Sep 2024	Phillip Brown	Trailer Repairs	\$572.90	\$0.00	\$15,360.57
Total State Radio			\$1,120.90	\$200.14	\$15,360.57
Closing Balance			0.00	\$15,360.57	\$15,360.57