

2024-11-19 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 Tuesday 19th November 2024, 8.00pm 

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 [1st Diamond Creek Scout Hall · Campbell Street Reserve, 45 Challenger St, Diamond Creek VIC 3089, Austral](#)
 

Chair: Luke Byrnes

Minutes:

Meeting starts: 8:32pm

∨ Attendees

- Luke Byrnes
- Mark Perkins
- Karl Donald
- Andy King
- Matt Cengia
- Ben Hamilton
- Murray Taylor
- Gemma Nash
- Alastair Knowles
- Neil Wilson

Online

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∨ Apologies

- Philip Adams
 - Sarah Thom
 - Damien Kuzek
 - Alice Hayllar
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Meeting Items

Administration

Chair's Comments

- Thanks to STEM for letting us use their space for a BBQ.
- Apologies for lack of comms over the past month. Was hit with illness only days after the last SRV meeting.
- A new national amateur radio badge is coming, which will more closely align with the new STEM program. Hoping to have a national consultation process within due course.

SC - STEM Comments [↗](#)

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Previous Minutes [↗](#)

August, September, October Minutes [↗](#)

Due to late release, August minutes were not approved as an accurate meeting record at the September meeting in absence of a finance report. The same has occurred for the September meeting. Note that these finance reports are now complete, however, there is insufficient time allowed for review in order for these to be approved immediately. This can be actioned if the team are comfortable to review and support what has been provided, or delayed until the November meeting for comprehensive review.

Note that October may be passed provided sufficient people support the document as published, particularly considering the minimal impact to the fund position.

i *It was moved by mattcen and Karl that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meetings held Tuesday **10 - 09 - 2024** & Tuesday **08 - 10 - 2024** be adopted. Motion Accepted*

Finance [↗](#)

Account	Balance on 19th November 2024
STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$10,892.77

- Approximately 10x hard cases were purchased for the Commercial Radio equipment to assist with field delivery - a significant upgrade from the shopping bags previously used! Demonstration on a station setup using the case is provided.
- More details available in the finance report.
- National JOTA eDM for MailChimp was sponsored by Scout Radio Victoria.

Treasurer

- Callsigns were paid just prior to Oct meeting
- JOTA Badges were also purchased. Invoices for badges used will be issued based on information confirmed at tonight's meeting.
- \$1635 of outstanding invoices currently on our books.

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 [↗](#)

Communicating as a Team [↗](#)



Internal Comms Plan



Owned by Matthew Cengia • Updated on 7 Oct 2024

Historically Scout Radio Victoria has used mailing lists (most recently via groups.io) for internal communications. There are a couple of challenges with this: Due to the disparate choices of email providers, email delivery can't be guaranteed, and it's impossible to know if somebody has been delivered, let alone seen or read, an email We only have

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- Microsoft Teams is not an option due to not everyone having a Scouts Vic account, and there being licensing issues causing people to be excluded.
- An email / invitation will be sent out shortly in order to get everyone set up on Matrix, if you feel like you need any extra support in this process and setting it up please reach out and we will support you.

Program Review [↗](#)

Amateur Events [↗](#)

JOTA 2024 [↗](#)

- We have a small excess of badges in Vic. We will look at avenues for where to place these. There was greater turnout at Queensland, so we may ask if they would like some to be redistributed there. Alternatively, we may sell these at The Scout Shop.

Invoices for the following sites will be issued this month. Please ensure your numbers are correct by updating the table below. To do this, **leave** the original number of badges that you were issued, and advise how many you **returned** to SRV at November in the appropriate column. This will allow us to retain visibility of prediction vs actual results for further planning.

The following events and sites are known to Scout Radio Victoria for the 2024 event. Please add details where they are missing if necessary.

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Site	Members	Badges Issued	Badges Returned	Badges Purchased	Callsign Requested vs maintained	Invoice Generated
1st Vic Sea Scouts	@Murray Taylor @Damien Kuzek @Kent Cochran	200	156	44	VK3CUB VK3SDJ	Yes
Mafeking Rover Park	@Douglas Ahearn @Mathew McKernan	50			VK3SCM	
Clifford Park	John Zach @Alastair Knowles	50	18	32	VK3SCP	Yes
Treetops Scout Camp	Mark Perkins @Neil Wilson	200	100	100	VK3SAH	Yes
Clive Disher Campsite	Don Ripper	80	0	80	VK3SCD	Yes

Boost	Steve Pemberton	~10			VK3SAT	Yes
1st Sandringham Scouts (also at Clifford Park) and doing a park activation in Warrandyte State Park	@Karl Donald	30	15	15	VK3SCS	Yes
Western Vic	@Andy King David Timms	50	0	50	VK3SAW	Yes
Mildura	Steven Munro	30 + 25 (to be sent)	0	55		Yes
1st Mt Evelyn	Barry Kennedy	50	0	50	-	Yes
Loddon Mallee Cubs	Margaret Keech (via Murray)	50	0	50		Yes
Montmorency Scout Group	Lorraine Novak	14	0	14		Yes
Warrandyte Scout Group	Franc	20	0	20	-	Yes

JOTA Review [↗](#)

- **Mark** (treetops)
 - Managed to contact all over Australia, and internationally.
 - Rotated UHF/VHF, and HF which worked well. Scouts were operating themselves with little assistance from leaders.
 - Hard to find people on local repeaters. On HF, waterfall was super handy.
 - Only really doing voice at the moment. It would be good to expand to a few other things. Maybe some digital modes?
 - **Q:** How many operators were there at boost?
 - **Luke:** There were 2 operators assisting at Boost.
- **Karl (cubs)**
 - Made enough contacts to qualify the “park”, but it was quite quiet.
 - Received some certificates, which will be presented to the cubs this week.
 - John Zac was quite impressed.
- **Kent Murray**
 - Murray needs to make sure his radio is programmed prior to Jota next year.
 - Youth had lots of fun.
 - Had some great hiding spots for fox hunting.
- **Alastair**
 - Had the tower set up
 - John Zac was “bemused” that Karl was making contacts down the bottom of the hill but John was struggling a bit
 - Was making a compass; parts came in the day before and fell back onto another project instead. Compass parts are ready to go for next year.
 - Had a fun time
- **Andy**
 - Small camp in the Grampians, smaller than usual. Very casual camp.

- Contacts were entirely domestic.
- Horsham College donated some new computers, they worked well.

- **Michael**

- Our region runs 2 bases primarily.
- Went reasonably well.
- Local club's repeater had technical issues, which made things a little bit harder.
- Made contact with a number of bases around the Sydney area.
- Ran a zoom meeting over the weekend. Had 3 scout groups throughout England take part, and a scout leader from Kenya whom we spoke with.
- What impacted us the most was the time difference between us and the rest of the world.
- Overall, ran on: Repeaters, HF, Zoom, Phonetics, and Morse.

Radios from Icom [↗](#)

Icom radio for JOTA has been returned with thanks for the loan to Treetops for 2024.

Training Courses [↗](#)

Foundation Amateur - Future Courses

Course was cancelled due to low numbers - very much due to the depressed JOTA experience in VIC for 2024.

Aiming for last weekend of Feb for replacement date. A firm date is yet to be confirmed. Hesitant for it to be pushed back into March, due to other large commitments (15-16 John Moyle, 22-23rd Knox District Camp).

AOCP Advanced Theory [↗](#)

Marine Radio Course [↗](#)

Phil has corresponded with some members interested in engaging in this course, looking at November dates for an event, potentially the 24th November.

Program Planning [↗](#)

Program Support [↗](#)

Gilweroo [↗](#)

Radios provided via Event Comm hire + repeater trailer. Successful event. Thanks to [@Mathew McKernan](#) for delivering these to the event, much appreciated.

ScoutHike Digital Messaging: [↗](#)

Scout hike digital data comms - where are we at. What is planned for s/h 2025. Is packet an option.

Kent

- **Luke:** Plan would be to do it over IP. The key part is the work that needs to be done first. Would need consultation with Scout Hike stakeholders for what they need.
- **Matt:** Would like for us to put together a 'proof of concept' radio-to-radio comms to test first.
- **Kent - Q:** What radios are we intending to use?
 - **Luke / Matt:** Hytera Radios. This will simpler to deal with than alternatives like packet radio. We are able to talk IP with hyterras. Other digital modes require a lower-level of comms.

- **Luke:** Have had preliminary discussions with the powers at be over acquiring some type-approved DMR handhelds.

Repeater Trailer Mast Upgrade:

These are the options for wind up masts:

7.8m

<https://www.telcoantennas.com.au/telescopic-winch-up-mast-7.8m-extended-length>

- Weighs 132Kg. Can take 50Kg head load.
- The website doesn't seem to want to calculate shipping - freight from QLD might be an issue #roadtrip?

\$2,530.00

Spigot

We would need a spigot as well - a two post might be better than the one post.

If you wanted two antennas, you'd put an outrigger pole across the two spigot posts and the two antennas at the end to allow appropriate separation/isolation.

Having the outrigger secured to two spigot posts would stop it twisting.

<https://www.telcoantennas.com.au/spigot-for-winch-mast>

\$110.00

We would have to review the storage locker on the drawbar to install it there.

Maybe build a storage inside the trailer.

- **Luke:** Current Mast and Trailer are in desperate need of repair or replacement. The current antenna mast on the trailer will require significant cost to bring it back to a serviceable condition, so much so that it would be worth-while replacing it instead. Recommend purchasing the trailer proposed above as a viable option.

Update to Commercial Kit

Any update from @Douglas Ahearn :

@Douglas Ahearn to investigate getting a battery and an external protrusion for power to be provided from inside the box. @adrian to assist Douglas, @mark to penetration and structural test the device.

Support Beyond JOTA

[EMAIL]Geelong Peninsula District Venturers | Celebration assistance



Owned by Luke Byrnes • Updated on 8 Oct 2024

From: GPDV Unit <gpenventurers@gmail.com>Date: Monday 7 October 2024 at 2:14 PMTo: "sl.commtech" <sl.commtech@scoutsvictoria.com.au>Subject: Geelong Peninsula District Venturer Unit 20 year celebration I'm just emailing to enquire about the scout radio team possibly attending our 20 year celebration on November 16, this year, please. It would be

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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

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[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> <mailto: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

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[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

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Support Development

Puffing Billy

Occurred on 27/10/2024  [Puffing Billy Running Festival 2024](#) for details.

- **Murray:** Went well. Should ask youth to come and assist. Were a little light-on with operators this year.

Additional Business

- **Murray:** Need to work on publicity for engagement with youth members with license for engagement and assistance with.
- **Mark:** Have some old "boat anchor" radios if someone wants them.
- **Mark:** Sherbrook river girl-guide camp site. Accom cost \$10 for scouting \$20 for non-scouting. Minimum cost for accom is \$30 per night. Trees for hanging up antennas.
- **Kent - Q:** 2m Hyterras were mentioned earlier. How many do we want?
 - **Luke - A:** 36 radios?! About ~\$2000 per radio. To justify a purchase, we need enough to facilitate program.
 - **Kent - Q:** And base stations?
 - **Luke - A:** Handhelds are the priority at the moment.
- **Neil:** I'll put together some documents for next month, TBD discussion.
- **Ben:** Boost next year, changing date?
 - **Luke:** Many discussions over the past few months over boost. In talks with boost stakeholders, and will put together documentation over reduction of numbers over the past few years with Boost on the same weekend as Jota.
- **Gemma:** Are we having a Christmas party?
 - **Luke:** Yes, will we have it at Weelers Hill?
 - **General consensus:** Change of scene would be good.
 - Taste Dumplings Burwood?!

- **Luke:** Thank you for your patience this year. Hoping next year will be exciting. It will be a big year, and its going to hit hard and fast. No star-trek survival next year. Think about John Moyle.

Meeting Closed: 10:27pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 10 Dec 2024 @ ... Some food venue? [📍 Scouts Victoria, Branch Activity Training Centre \(BATC\) · 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 08 Oct 2024 to 19 Nov 2024

Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit	Running Balance
Opening Balance			\$0.00	\$13,575.69	\$13,575.69
08 Oct 2024	Scouts Victoria	Old training course fees	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$13,425.69
08 Oct 2024	Scouts Victoria	Old training course fees	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$13,275.69
09 Oct 2024	Payment: Ian BENSON (...590)	SRVE-316	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$13,375.69
09 Oct 2024	Inspire Apparel	JOTA Badges 2024	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	\$10,735.69
12 Oct 2024	Payment: Amelia HABER (...764)	SRVE-308	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$10,785.69
12 Oct 2024	Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio	Balance card	\$0.00	\$195.35	\$10,981.04
12 Oct 2024	Scouts Victoria	Repeater Trailer insurance	\$183.15	\$0.00	\$10,797.89
14 Oct 2024	Payment: Lerderderg Region Scouts	SRV-1158	\$0.00	\$1,140.00	\$11,937.89
18 Oct 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to	National MailChimp	\$44.02	\$0.00	\$11,893.87

	STEM Purchases				
25 Oct 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Starlink	\$174.00	\$0.00	\$11,719.87
31 Oct 2024	Payment: Scouts Victoria c/o Kate Leyden	SRV-1159	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$11,889.87
01 Nov 2024	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$11,889.97
16 Nov 2024	Event Communication Solutions	Gilweroo radios	\$951.72	\$0.00	\$10,938.25
Total State Radio			\$4,292.89	\$1,655.45	\$10,938.25
Closing Balance			\$0.00	\$10,938.25	\$10,938.25
Total			4,292.89	1,655.45	(2,637.44)