




2025-02-11 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 **Tuesday 11th February 2025, 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: Alastair Knowles

Meeting starts: 7:30pm

▼ Attendees

- Luke Byrnes
- Matt Cengia
- Murray Taylor
- Phil Adams
- Karl Donald
- Kent Cohran
- Will Smith
- Mark Perkins
- Andy King
- Gemma Nash
- Jenny Adams
- Sarah Thom
- Douglas Ahern
- Alastair Knowles

Online

- Alan Stratford
- Damien Kuzek
- Michael Turner
- Jodie Bedford
- Ben Hamilton
- Dimitrios Karagiannis
- Alice Hayllar

▼ Apologies

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Meeting Items [↗](#)

Administration [↗](#)

Chair's Comments [@Luke Byrnes] [↗](#)

- Welcome back!
- Welcome to new members
- Get out your calendars
- Need to borrow a laptop?
- Congratulations to Jenny for 30 years of service to Scouting

SC - STEM Comments [@Andy King] [↗](#)

- Welcome back!
- Looking forward to what we can do this year, both in radio and across STEM

Previous Minutes [↗](#)

August, November Minutes [↗](#)

! Still to be resolved.

Due to late release, August minutes were not approved as an accurate meeting record at the September meeting in absence of a finance report. Note that these finance reports are now complete, however, there is insufficient time allowed for review in order for these to be approved immediately. Note that September and October Minutes were passed as of November Meeting. November minutes still to be approved after publication.

i Adoption of minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **13 - 08 - 2024** and Tuesday **19 - 11 - 2024** have been deferred to a later time.

Finance [@Gemma Nash] [↗](#)

Account	Balance on 11th February 2025
STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$10,563.76

Treasurer [↗](#)

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[Luke] Special thanks to Greg Lipschitz. Previous member who received a letter from ANZ, and followed up with them about what is required to close the account. There is a small amount of interest payable.

 [Finance Report - Jan/Feb 2025](#)

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

There is an updated process for reporting (Incident report, Child Safe report, Adult report). It is a consolidated webpage for reporting [🇦🇺 Reporting to Scouts Victoria Scouts Victoria | Australia](#). On the Scouts Victoria web page, there is a link at the top right hand corner.

Program Review [↗](#)

Amateur Radio Activities [↗](#)

Summits - [@Karl Donald](#)

- Practiced at a few summits over the break. Collected enough contacts to qualify as activations for each summit.

Bunga Camp - [@Philip Adams](#)

- This was pushed back by a week because of Jamboree, so that scouting members could attend both activities.
- We had approximately 50 participants.

Jamboree - no operators from SRU in attendance

- Radio activities were successful at the event (feedback from operators that assisted).
 - Jamboree operators were surprised by lack of awareness of JOTA amongst youth members.
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Program Enrichment [↗](#)

Just One Thing [↗](#)

Building team capability one thing at a time.

Luke would like each person to consider their “one thing” they will contribute to SRU each month. This is a self-reflection activity.

- **[Sarah]** Would like to focus on getting some training courses booked in now, while parks still have availabilities.
- **[Phil]** would like to try and get some dates for courses.
- **[Mark]** is working on finding antennas for commercial VHF frequencies that will suit us.
- **[Murray]** would like to encourage people to put activities up into confluence.
- **[Karl]** would like to set some dates for Parks & Summits activities.
- **[Gemma]** would like to run a John Moyle activity this month. Long term goal to keep on top of monthly finance activities.
- **[Andy]** would like to get the ANZ bank account sorted.
- **[Douglas]** would like to get the Mafeking amateur operator site to the point of operational.
- **[Will]** would like to work on getting Child Safe modules and Working With Childrens card done.

YOTA [↗](#)

YOTA

Owned by Neil Wilson • Updated on 11 Feb 2025

Here's something a bit left field that has potential given the Youth aspect to act as a next step for any newly licensed Scout operators. Given the dates involved, I doubt we'd want to organise anything this year, but currently the IARU R1 YOTA contest happens 3 times a year (Mar, Jul, Dec) and IARU R2 have also run small event in June while there

Confluence

Open preview

- **[Luke]** If people have comments on YOTA, please add to the YOTA page linked above. This is a European driven initiative that aligns well with the goals and activities of SRU.
- **[Sarah]** Would be good to collate a list of scouts who have helped with radio related activities, as potential members to help run future events.
- Q: **[Mark]** - Could we use extranet for youth member ages to understand which activities they could help with?
 - A: **[Luke]** - Its a possibility, but we need to be careful. Preferably, we should contact members directly and ask, rather than export as a "batch process".

Program Planning

Activities

John Moyle Field Day

John Moyle Field Day 2025

Owned by Gemma Nash • Updated on 17 Feb 2025

Key Details 📅 14-16 March 2025 📍 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BYVILCfsRWP3F2F7A> 🎯 Event Aim: Youth participation in John Moyle Field Day amateur radio competition. 🌐 Event Registration Link - https://events.scouthack.com/verify_member/?next=/events/23/ 🏷️ \$50 Resources Required Personnel Lead: @Gemma Nash (VK3GEM) Assist: @Luke Byrnes @Ben H @William smit

Confluence

Open preview

- **[Gemma]** Tentative booking at camp Warringal. Tentative access to the old hall, contingent on roof repair. Would like this to be a less-structured camp with activities that are available to youth members, but driven by what they want to do. The goal is to target this at older youth members who can have fun with radios without them having to look after younger youth.
- **[Phil]** Scouts NSW are already advertising for John Moyle.
- **[Sarah]** Perhaps for younger youth, they could book into a 1 hour session, then leave after complete.
- Q: **[Phil]** Do we have machines operating VKCL?
 - A: **[Luke]** Yes, we have a VKCL multi-ops setup available. Just be mindful that its no-longer supported and has not received any updates for some time.
- **[Luke]** I've captured the NSW advert. If others come across interesting adverts, please capture those in the wiki. From an advertising standpoint, the variety of external adverts gives us something to lean on.
- Q: **[Gemma]** We will need to sort out a scout callsign.
 - A: **[Luke]** Lets allocate VK3SAA.
- People available to help: Gemma, Luke, Ben, Will, Alastair, Damian

Knox District 10-11yo Cub Camp @ Clifford Park, 22nd March 2025


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

- **[Luke]** Targeted at older cub scouts. 4 rotations, 15 youth members per rotation, each rotation is 1.5 hours. One rotation is a break. We will run UHF / VHF in one room, HF in the other room, tech activity outside. Outside activity to be spaceship simulator (Space Nerds In Space).
- **[Karl]** if its quiet on the radio, maybe we could move off the scout park into the state park. Its very easy to get POTA contacts in the state park.
 - **[Luke]** That is a possibility. We need to be cognizant of how long it will take to get from the shack to the state park.
- **[Luke]** Note: Active program support projects are available in the folder in the left pane of Confluence. This provides an “at glance” viewable space for each activity.
- **[Gemma]** It would be good to have a “primary contact” for activities.
 - **[Luke]** We have a “lead” for each event (following scout youth terminology). But having a separate contact person is also a good idea.

FoxHunt Moorabbin & Malvern [↗](#)

 **FoxHunt Malvern and Moorabbin | 1 April 2025**

 Owned by Murray Taylor • Updated on 13 Feb 2025

Foxhunt night planned for 13th Malvern & 1st Central Moorabbin (my group) on Tuesday 1st April (highly appropriate date, also end of Term 1 in Central Park Malvern. Looking for a leader or two to help - maybe as a remote station for a chat on the radio as well. Lead, Assist... @Murray Taylor , @Karl Donald , @Alastair Knowles Remote Station: @Damien

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Confluence Open preview

- **[Murray]** Running a small activity with 13th Malvern and 1st Central Moorabin. Each hunt will take about 30 minutes.
- **[Murray]** Requesting support from other licensed leaders. Start time to be worked out.
- **[Matt Cen]** Damian is happy to help as a remote operator.
- *Assisting leaders: Karl, Alastair*


Training Courses [↗](#)


Amateur Assessors [↗](#)

Congratulations to Peter Fraser on newly becoming a qualified assessor with ACMA

Luke has (finally) put his application in. New confluence page details this process.

- **[Phil]** ACMA have revised all assessments, and will issue new assessments on the 12th of February.

 **Becoming an Assessor**

 Owned by Luke Byrnes • Updated on 11 Feb 2025

The following documents provide details on how to become an Amateur Radio Assessor. Information <https://www.acma.gov.au/amateur-radio-accredited-assessors> Application form PDF form: <https://www.acma.gov.au/publications/2024-02/form/application-become-accredited-assessor-under-radiocommunications-accreditation-amateur-radio-examinations-rules-2023> Onl

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Foundation Amateur - Future Courses

Interest remains for Foundation Courses, as the previous course was cancelled due to low numbers.

- **[Sarah]** Term 2 & 3 are the better courses to operate at due to the better weather attracting more outdoor activity participation.
- **[Luke]** Key question is when are we thinking. Location is subject to when we are available.
- **[Phil]** There were also discussions of possibly having something out east, e.g. Sale or Tarralgon.

- **[Sarah]** Location is also contingent on the number of participants. Some places require booking out more space than we would require, given the number of participants we expect.
- **[Luke]** Lets get a Doodle Pole out to set dates.
- **[Phil]** Could we put out an expression of interest independent of a set date to gauge geographical interest?
- **[Luke]** The primary concern is, we are limited by facilities that legally allow us to stay overnight. This is a local council WHS restriction. Many scout halls are not adequate.
- **[Luke]** Advertising and expressions of interest are lower priority, and can occur later.
- **[Sarah]** We should still set dates and locations, but maybe we could ask for EOIs from groups (i.e. activity groups).
- **[Luke]** We could consider it. Lets get a doodle pole out to set dates as a starting point.

Term 2 Doodle Poll - [Doodle](#)

Term 3 Doodle Poll - [Doodle](#)

Marine Radio Course [[@Philip Adams](#)] [↗](#)

- **[Phil]** I need to chase up those who expressed interest, to set a date and location.
- **[Luke]** Lets discuss this once the meeting has concluded.

Program Support [↗](#)

Hoadley Hide 10-13 April 2025 [↗](#)

Repeater trailer requested, no other assets required at this time.

- **[Douglas & Kent]** Looking at using Star Link.
- **[Kent]** They would like some street lights. Will borrow the lights and batteries from SRV
- **[Gemma]** This year will be Jupiter themed.

ScoutHike 17th May 2025 [↗](#)

Planning is underway, they would warmly welcome our assistance with the event again this year. Third weekend of May as usual.

Who is available?

Name	Callsign	Preferred sleep point	Vehicle
Kent Cochran (Pending Election)	VK3TER	HQ	Big Red Tent
Philip Adams	VK3JNI		Ranger + Camper
Alastair Knowles	VK3TTL		Pajero
Andy King + Will Smith	VK3KAJ	SP2	[Grey] Triton
Douglas Ahearn (Pending MRP Requirements)	VK3DXA	Comms Support	Prado #NotALandCruiser
Gemma Nash (last resort)	VK3GEM		2WD, depending

Ben Hamilton	VK3VAX	SP5	Triton, 2WD, high ground clearance.
Mark Perkins	VK3XMP	SP3 ???	2wd, Commodore

- **[Kent]** There may be a federal election around the time of Scout Hike.
- **[Luke]** Douglas will be our field support for the weekend.
- **[Karl]** Tallarook is now on the POTA list.

Melbourne Region TrailJam May 18th [↗](#)

LIC @Murray Taylor If you are NOT at Scouthike, I will have some checkpoints needing operators

- **[Murray]** This is the event that was previously known as Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT)
- **[Gemma]** happy to assist if not at Scout Hike (fingers crossed!). Also happy to mentor any Venturer operators.

ScoutHike Digital Messaging [↗](#)

Remains to be investigated; further details to follow consultation with EventComms Pty Ltd.

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

Kent

Repeater Trailer Mast Upgrade [↗](#)

- **[Luke]** Primary concern with the existing trailer is safety. Threads to bolt mast to the trailer have shreaded. A ratchet strap is currently used to secure the mast to the trailer.
- **[Phil] Q:** Could we re-thread bolts / holes?
 - **[Luke] A:** Yes, but the integrity is of concern. There are also other issues with the existing mast (currently does not fully extend).
- **[Luke]** Due to budgetary constraints, we will wait until after Scout Hike to finalize a purchase.
- **[Douglas] Q:** What about weight carrying capacity of the trailer?
 - **[Luke] A:** The plan would be to remove the trailer box to re-balance the trailer, with the weight of the new mast on the front. Batteries at the back will ensure balanced weight.
- **[Douglas] Q:** Could we opt for the "cable down the centre" mast option?
 - **[Luke] A:** Its possible. Lets investigate further for a full kit-out out-of-band of the meeting.

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.


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.

Additional Business

Carried over: 

- **[Douglas]** Scout Radio logos have been sent to Luke to be able to put on confluence. Multiple versions have been created ie. greyscale, colour etc. 
- **[Murray]** I've put together a little logo-kit.
 - **[Luke]** Initial thoughts are it looks good. to review further.
- **[Mark] - Q:** Element login?
 - **[Luke] - A:** Yes. For anyone who would like access, come visit me after finishing the meeting.
- **[Karl]** To run a camp for Cubs / Scouts / Venturers, around October time.
- **[Karl]** Would like to add an event across multiple sections at a district level. Looking to run the Radio Activate activity.
- **[Gema] - Q:** Can I use the new logo?
 - **[Luke] - A:** Yes. I still need to publish these, but I will send them ASAP

Meeting Closed: 9:36PM

Appendix 1 - Finance Report [↗](#)

Narrative Report [↗](#)

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

For the period 19 November 2024 to 10 February 2025

Date	Description	Reference	Debit	Credit	Running Balance
Opening Balance			\$0.00	\$10,938.25	\$10,938.25
19 Nov 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Post-JOTA BBQ	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$10,738.25
19 Nov 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	MailChimp - national	\$45.48	\$0.00	\$10,692.77
19 Nov 2024	Gemma NASH	Badge Sales	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10,702.77
22 Nov 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Starlink	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$10,507.77

01 Dec 2024	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$10,507.87
03 Dec 2024	Payment: Scouts Victoria	Loan Repayment	\$1,132.65	\$0.00	\$9,375.22
04 Dec 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	JOTA badges postage	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$9,300.22
04 Dec 2024	Payment: Sunraysia District JOTA JOTI	SRV-1169	\$0.00	\$118.00	\$9,418.22
05 Dec 2024	Payment: 1st Mt Evelyn Scout Group	SRV-1170	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$9,526.22
08 Dec 2024	Payment: 1st Warrandyte Scout Group	SRV-1172	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$9,566.22
10 Dec 2024	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Dinner	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$9,316.22
11 Dec 2024	Luke BYRNES (...854)	End of Year Dinner Reimbursement	\$247.15	\$0.00	\$9,069.07
13 Dec 2024	Payment: Clifford Park Activity Centre - JOTA Patrol Activity Camp	SRV-1163	\$0.00	\$84.00	\$9,153.07
13 Dec 2024	Payment: Loddon Mallee Cubs	SRV-1171	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$9,253.07
15 Dec 2024	Payment: Montmorency Scout Group	SRV-1161	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$9,289.07
21 Dec 2024	Reconciliation adjustment		\$0.00	\$10.00	\$9,299.07
21 Dec 2024	Payment: Gilweroo	SRV-1160	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$10,649.07
01 Jan 2025	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$10,649.15
20 Jan 2025	Payment: 2nd Mornington Sea Scouts	SRV-1166	\$0.00	\$28.00	\$10,677.15
31 Jan 2025	Bank Transfer from State Radio to STEM Purchases	Starlink	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$10,482.15

01 Feb 2025	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.09	\$10,482.24
Total State Radio			\$2,340.28	\$1,884.27	\$10,482.24
Closing Balance			\$0.00	\$10,482.24	\$10,482.24
Total			\$2,340.28	\$1,884.27	(\$456.01)