


2025-03-11 | Minutes - Monthly Meeting | Scout Radio Victoria

 Tuesday 11th March 2025, 7.30pm [🔗](#)

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

Minutes: Alastair Knowles

Meeting starts: 7:34pm

✓ Attendees

Name	Ref
Luke Byrnes	Luke
Alastair Knowles	Alastair
Murray Taylor	Murray
Kent Cochran	Kent
Ben Hamilton	Ben
Andy King	Andy
Jenny Adams	Jenny
Karl Donald	Karl
Phil Adams	Phil
Sarah Thom	Sarah
Bryan Ackerley	Bryan
Neil Wilson	Neil

Online

Name	Ref
Mark Perkins	Mark
Neil Wilson	Neil
Jodie and Kevin Bedford	Jodie/Kevin
Michael Turner	Michael
Dimitrios Karagiannis	Dimitrios

Peter Macdonald

Macka

✓ Apologies

- Erin Bedford
- Gemma Nash
- Matt Cen
- Alan Stratford

Meeting Items [🔗](#)

Administration [🔗](#)

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

- Thanks to Alastair who has taken on the role of SRV Secretary - off to a flying start.
- Emails sent to sl.commtech@scoutsvictoria.com.au will go to both Luke and Alastair

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

- Nothing to report this month

Previous Minutes [🔗](#)

August, November, February 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.

November minutes were not rectified in time to be moved last month.

[i](#) Motion - August:

*It was moved by Murray and Luke that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **13 - 08 - 2024** be adopted. Motion **Accepted***

[i](#) Motion - November:

*It was moved by Ben and Luke that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **19 - 11 - 2024** be adopted. Motion **Accepted***

[i](#) Motion - February:

*It was moved by Andy and Murray that the minutes of the Scout Radio Victoria meeting held Tuesday **11 - 02 - 2025** be adopted. Motion **Accepted***

Finance [@Gemma Nash] [🔗](#)

Account

Balance on 10th March 2025

STEM - State Radio (Bendigo Bank)	\$10,463.84
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Treasurer

There has not been a lot of financial transactions in the account this month. A few payments have been processed today which will be reflected in Xero overnight and appear in next month's reporting. This includes our next loan repayment to Scouts Victoria.

ANZ Account

Andy was able to successfully follow up with ANZ after last month's actions to resolve the issues with some of our ANZ bank accounts. Thank you to those who assisted.

@Andy King can provide more details here? (Other ANZ accounts, not just Western Vic)

The account discussed last month which was accruing fees was the Western Vic account, which ceased to be used late last year. The outstanding fees were paid, the account balanced, and closed. The two former SRV ANZ accounts (Cheque and Savings) are not accruing fees but I will organise for them to be closed over the next month.

- **Kent - Q:** What's the hold up with the other 2 accounts?
 - **Andy - A:** Taking a "one at a time" approach. It was easier to deal with the immediate problem account first. *[Action item - Andy & Gema to close 2nd account]*

Invoicing

- **Kent:** A notice from ACMA of an on-coming marine license invoice. Still yet to receive the invoice. ACMA have said not to pay until the invoice has been received.
 - **Luke:** Ideally, we'd like that forwarded to SRV, so we can pay that directly.
[Action item - Kent to forward ACMA issued marine license invoice once it arrives]

Communications

We have put some time into sorting out a team calendar. Confluence has some handy calendar functionality. We have broken these down into a "SRV public" calendar, an "SRV internal" calendar, and a "Non-SRV" calendar. This will be a single point for us to organise team commitments, and other activities that align with the team. We are exploring options to sync the public calendar with our website.

- **Neil - Q:** Could we have some means of syncing with these calendars?
 - **Alastair - A:** Yes, we can publish these.
[Action item - Alastair to publish calendar iCal URLs]
 - Non-SRV Events: <https://svstem.atlassian.net/wiki/rest/calendar-services/1.0/calendar/export/subcalendar/private/f519e13ea83d35b08c39f891a54e4009fb49bb83.ics>
 - SRV Internal Calendar: <https://svstem.atlassian.net/wiki/rest/calendar-services/1.0/calendar/export/subcalendar/private/0de5188bc3369d3968e16ca3b638eae9ea8c33ac.ics>
 - SRV External Calendar: <https://svstem.atlassian.net/wiki/rest/calendar-services/1.0/calendar/export/subcalendar/private/8884993133fe17ce86ae1b01c300310d1b10e20a.ics>

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.
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Program Review [🔗](#)

Amateur Radio Activities [🔗](#)

- **Karl:** Quick park activation last weekend, Brayside park.

Program Enrichment [🔗](#)

Practical Radio at JMFD [🔗](#)

Event Changes:

- Start from 9am Saturday morning instead
- 28h event
- Invitation is open for those looking to join.

- **Michael:** NERG is looking to take part from their clubhouse. Using our own callsigns.
- **Kevin:** Thinking of joining at Camp Warringal.
- **Luke:** We will be using VK3SAA

YOTA [🔗](#)

- **Neil:** Still to-do *[Action item - Neil to work on documentation for event]*



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

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Program Planning [🔗](#)

Activities [🔗](#)

John Moyle [🔗](#)



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/BYVtLCfsRWP3F2F7A> 🎯 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

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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 Mar 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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- **Luke:** Need some assistance running a 'baseline' activity, teaching how to use radio.
- **Luke:** Plan is to go the night before to setup.
- **Macka - Q:** Is that at Clifford Park?
 - **Luke - A:** Yes

Malvern and Moorabbin Fox Hunt 🔗



FoxHunt Malvern and Moorabbin | 1 April 2025



Owned by Murray Taylor · Updated on 20 Mar 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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Training Courses 🔗

Foundation Amateur - Future Courses

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

Please respond to Sarah Thom (via doodle poll links below) with date availability as per last meeting so we can move forward.

Term 2 - [Doodle](#)

Term 3 - [Doodle](#)

Marine Radio Course [@Philip Adams] 🔗

Haven't got a date yet, but have some interested people. Enough for 2 courses at least. Looking at July onwards. Mordialloc scout hall, 1st victoria queen scouts (albert park)

Program Support 🔗

Hoadley Hide 10-13 April 2025 🔗

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

- **Luke - Q:** Do you need people for that?
 - **Kent - A:** No, just the trailer and battery boxes.

ScoutHike 16th-18th May 2025 🔗

Reminder again that planning is underway. If you're not listed below, please let us know.

Website: scouthike.com.au

Additional availabilities:

- Neil (SP6 or SP1)
- Mark Perkins (SP3, or where I'm needed)
- Phil (happy to help at any site, but need support)
- Andy King (SP2)
- Will Smith (SP2)
- Nic Houghton (SP2)

Assisting Members [↗](#)

Member	Callsign	Preferred Location
Luke Byrnes	VK3BYR	HQ
Kent Cochran	VK3TER	HQ
Damien Kuzek	VK3DAK	4x4
Ben Hamilton	VK3VAX	SP5
Karl Donald	VK3KRL	SP4 East loop track
Amelia Haber (Venturer)	VK3AMH	
Charlie Longren (Venturer)	VK3DUK?	
Alexander Donald (Venturer)	VK3DND	
Alan Stratford	??	4x4
Alastair Knowles	VK3TTL	
Mark Perkins		SP3
Neil Wilson	VK3IG	SP6/1
Andy King Will Smith Nic Haughton?		SP2
Phil Adams		Camper trailer consideration
Matty McKernan		Camper trailer consideration

Trail Jam 18th May 2025 [↗](#)

- **Luke:** Gemma will be available to help.

ScoutHike Digital Messaging - carried forward [↗](#)

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 - carried forward

[Action - Deferred until later, to be finalised/purchased after Scout Hike]

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.

[Action - Douglas still to investigate, Adrian and Mark to still assist]

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:** JOTA
- **Kent:** There is 1 girl-guide call-sign that is allocated to a non-scout/guide person.
- **Kent:** We need to update the 'call-sign' rules document () that were put together. [Action - To update SRV call-sign document (unassigned)]
- **Bryan:** Email for membership of the group?!
 - **Kent:** This is the full list of members of the service-unit email.
- **Karl:** After census, I'd like to look at running some park patrols.
[Action - Organise parks patrols]
- **Phil:** Trans-Tasman contest (80m & 40m), coming up in July.

- **Mark:** Still following up marine antennas
[Action item - Mark to investigate marine antennas]
- **Macca:** Could we invest in a directional microphone?
[Action item - Team to investigate microphones]
 - **Phil:** Perhaps some microphones around the room, or for individuals with laptops to all join the meeting.
- **Michael:** The last few years in NSW, we've operated JOTA out of a scout hall. As of this year, we will have a new permanent amateur radio facility in operation instead.

Meeting Closed: 8:33pm

Next Meeting: 7:30pm, 8 April 2025 @ [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 11 February 2025 to 10 March 2025

Opening Balance			\$0.00	\$10,482.24	\$10,482.24
10 Feb 2025	Bank Transfer from STEM Purchases to State Radio	Card reconciliation	\$0.00	\$81.52	\$10,563.76
14 Feb 2025	Camp Warringal	JMFD Deposit	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$10,313.76
01 Mar 2025	Bendigo Bank	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$10,313.84
03 Mar 2025	Payment: Surfmoor	SRV-1173	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$10,463.84
Total State Radio			\$250.00	\$231.60	\$10,463.84
Closing Balance			\$0.00	\$10,463.84	\$10,463.84
Total			\$250.00	\$231.60	-\$18.40

Appendix 2 - Action Items from Meeting [🔗](#)

Owner	Action	Ref
Andy & Gemma	Close 2nd ANZ bank account	📄 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria ANZ Account

Kent	<i>Forward ACMA issued Marine License invoice once it arrives</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Invoicing
Alastair	<i>Publish calendar iCal URLs</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Communications
Neil	<i>Work on documentation for YOTA event</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria YOTA
Luke	<i>Finalise repeater mast upgrade - deferred till after Scout Hike</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Repeater Trailer Mast Upgrade c arried forward
Douglas	<i>Douglas to investigate getting a battery and an external protrusion for power to be provided from inside the box.</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Update to Commercial Kit
Unassigned	<i>Update SRV call-sign document -  SRV Callsig </i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Additional Business
Karl	<i>Start organising parks patrols</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Additional Business
Mark	<i>Investigate marine antennas</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Additional Business
Team	<i>Investigate microphones for online side of meeting</i>	🔊 2025-03-11 Minutes - Monthly Meeting Scout Radio Victoria Additional Business