

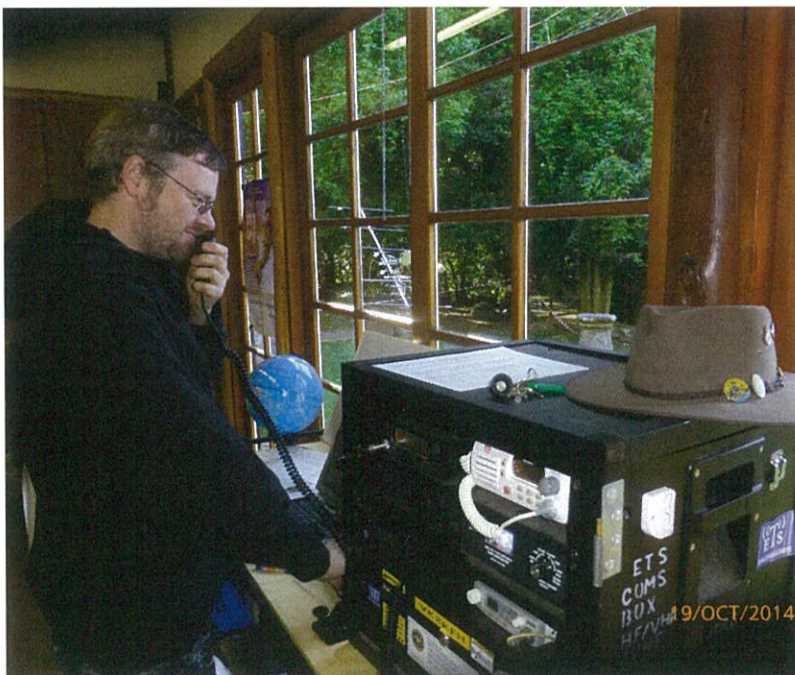


# **58<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Air / 19<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the internet NSW Report 2015**

## Coordinators report

Once again JOTA/JOTI was enjoyed by all that attended around NSW.

This year I tried to get the advertising material on JOTA/JOTI out as soon as I could, which meant I was promoting JOTA/JOTI before the World Organisation of Scouting (WOSM) had started their big push. I also spent a lot of time with the Scoutlink team before and over JOTI to get a understanding of what things are link in the world of JOTI. I pushed again for site registrations on the international JOTA/JOTI web site. Despite my attempts and promotion a lot of sites were reluctant to register, my expectations were to build on the number of sites from last year of 28 sites I was disappointed with only 12 sites across all of NSW despite my publicity. From the feedback I have received it looks like most groups were more interested in pre jamboree camps or their leaders were sent to a state leader training camp on that same week end. On the positive note the returned reports about JOTA/JOTI sites were steady at 60% this year. There were very few problems with the running of the week end apart from one large in air incident which is now in the hands of the Australian Media and Communications Authority (ACMA) for investigation which may have been a person or persons unrelated to Scouts.



For the first time in years all my normal sites for running JOTA/JOTI were closed for the above reasons so I ran a JOTA/JOTI site out of my own home solo from Grose Vale in the west of Sydney. I ran all the JOTA/JOTI services and spoke to a number in interstate, local and international scouts on line and on air. I also had lots of fun being one of the admin people on the scout link Minecraft server with approximate numbers of members around NSW at about 1000.

Karl Humphreys (BUZZ) NSW JOTA/JOTI coordinator



## Registered Sites

Call sign	Site	Nearest Town	Report received
VK2SCJ	Grose Vale NSW HQ	Richmond	Yes
VK2HZ	Blue Mountains	Springwood	Yes
VK2LE	Kurnell	South Sydney	Yes
VK2SCB	Kingsgrove	South Sydney	Yes
	Glenfield	Sydney	Yes
VK2JOB	Chinderah	Tweed Heads	no
VK2SOA	Wallsend	Gosford	no
VK2DIE	Cobargo	Bega	no
VK2BNN	Bents Basin	Penrith	Yes
VK2SDS	Dubbo	Dubbo	Yes
VK2JNN	Sydney	Sydney	no
	Austral	Liverpool	no

## Reports and Registrations

In total 12 sites registered across NSW, I suspect there may have been more who have not reported in, as a number of sites were abandoned this year due to jamboree and training courses I am not surprised by the low numbers, as for the reports we had a 60% return which was a bit disappointing.

## Things that worked / could be improved

### Worked

1. From all reports I have seen there were no problems at JOTA/JOTI sites in NSW this year.
2. Most groups were able to register on line without issues
3. All but one of report came in on time
4. On air and on line conversations from NSW sites were well executed and supervised by radio operators/ and leaders

### Improvements

1. Education of Training team not to run major courses over the JOTA/JOTI week end





2. Education of District leaders so they can combine Pre jamboree camps and JOTA/JOTI and not cancel JOTA/JOTI
3. More NSW JOTA/JOTI sites needed in 2016.
4. More reports and registrations in 2016
5. More communications (possible forum) between groups around NSW before JOTA/JOTI
6. Sharing of ideas between groups

### **Results of Points of focus for NSW JOTA/JOTI team for 2015's JOTA/JOTI**

1. Registrations: Poor - response due to factors with in the state
2. Reports: Poor - (same as above)
3. Publicity for JOTA/JOTI : Mid - was more publicity this year than years before but still not enough
4. Finding more radio operators: Good - Have started training scout members to be radio operators 5 so far more courses are in the pipeline
5. Education for radio operators (so they do not miss use the call channels on HF): Excellent – No miss use of call channels detected this year
6. Compliance with the NSW working with children regulations: Good – Despite a lot of push back and complaints the new regulations were put in place
7. Possible help from telcos for Internet access to halls: Poor – Did not get a chance to look into this year.

### **Points of focus for NSW JOTA/JOTI team for 2016's JOTA/JOTI**

1. Registrations
2. Reports
3. Education of training team and district leaders
4. Publicity for JOTA/JOTI, need to get more out to members on Facebook / web sites at camps etc
5. Finding more radio operators, continue with the training program.
6. Continued Compliance with the NSW working with children regulations
7. Possible help from telcos for Internet access to halls
- \*. Communications between Regions about JOTA/JOTI

### **Site Reports (As submitted) Attached**

# 2015 JOTA Report

For  
HUME Region, NSW Scouts, Australia  
Thrills & Skills camp  
at  
Glenfield Scout Activity Centre. Cambridge Ave, Glenfield NSW 2167

Thrills and Skills is a camp run annually by Hume Region Scouts to introduce the concept of Scouts to the Cub Section members which aims to increase the uptake of Scouts instead of dropping out. The weekend is a combination of 28-30 activities of which 4 were taken up with JOTA Activities.

The camp had 188 Cubs and Scouts, 31 Patrols ranging from 4-8 Cubs & Scouts, with total people in camp just short of 300 people. Ongoing photos and information has been posted all weekend to our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/groups/gsac-hume>

JOTA Activities were very well supported by operators from Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club Inc <http://www.fgarcl.net/> with 4 operators, Frank VK2FRW the current Club President, Craig VK2KDP, Wal VK2ZLW, Derick VK2DEK. Other operators onsite for assistance Jacquie VK4FJAQ, David Snr VK2FDRU and myself VK4VKG recently moved to NSW await WIA Callsign recommendation to get a NSW callsign.

The station consisted of 4 separate operator positions over the weekend. An Icom 706 with ATU, an Icom 9100, Yaesu FT-857d and Yaesu Desktop, there were other radios there as well. We had a variety of Antenna's – 2 x Diamond CP6 HF Vertical, 40m OCF Dipole, 40m Loop, Diamond X7000 VHF/UHF/SHF and a 2m Flowerpot Antenna which we used for Satellite reception work, Funcube was the great talking point of the weekend. Additionally there was a couple of videos that showed operation of Amateur Satellites and another station overview from a quadcopter. The videos were aimed at giving the youth members an overview of how Amateur Radio works. We also had a Tape Measure 2m Yagi and Byonics Fox to allow a simple fox hunt by the youth members with great success. Every group with instruction was able to track the fox. This will become a permanent activity for Glenfield Scout Activity Centre that youth members will be able to participate in any time of the year when they are camping.

We don't measure the success of our JOTA Station by the amount of contacts but more by the quality of the contacts and getting all the youth members to have a go at talking to someone via radio. 22 contacts were made via 2m, HF on multiple bands and via IRLP node we had in the camp. The list of contacts not in any order are VK2MT, VK2FOWL, VK2TG, VK3SAW, VK3SAT, VK3SBG, VK7FLFG, VK7WCN, VK3SCD, VK2IY, VK2HRD, VK2ZSW, VK2GGC.

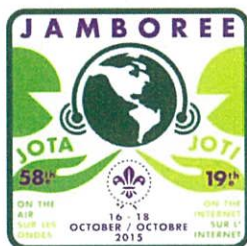
I find several things that were of concern to me as an Amateur Operator as well as involved in Scouting. Using IRLP connecting to the 9091 Conference server which was a place to find contacts I found that some people made it very challenging as they would find a contact then continue that contact on the server rather than disconnecting their node and connecting directly, this made it hard to break in and find people who wanted to communicate with JOTA Stations other than random node dialling. I think as JOTA Organisation, Coordinators and Amateur Radio Operators we need to do more to help JOTA Stations and Operators in ensuring that everyone can share what we have and make it work. HF worked very well everyone played fair and did QSY off the calling frequency.

Then dialling several nodes looking for people to communicate with I found a forceful disconnection from a repeater for what reason I am still not sure then another node had issues with inappropriate language and behaviour that is not gentlemen for Amateur Radio and then extremely inappropriate for youth members. This is something that happens that we can't control but should be aware of and would be un-necessary if the calling node was available for calling.

The event as a whole was a great success with everyone having the opportunity to communicate via RF as well as play with some other stuff. Ongoing this will be the start of a great addition to Glenfield Scout Activity Centre with permanent Amateur Radio activities as well as Antennas and equipment in a dedicated Amateur Radio room to allow ongoing year round activities as part of the whole range of youth related activities onsite. We are greatly appreciative of Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club for assisting us in this 2015 JOTA event and would like the opportunity ongoing to have their involvement in the planning and use of the station year round.

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**58<sup>th</sup> Jamboree On The Air  
JOTA 2015 REPORT  
17-18th OCTOBER 2015.  
Bonna Point Reserve Kurnell NSW**



This is the twenty first year a JOTA station has been operating as part of the Endeavour District Boree Regatta and the 7th year the station has operated from the Bonna Point Reserve, Kurnell location. The activity is organised by The St George Amateur Radio Society Inc, (SGARS)

The Boree Regatta committee provided the station with tents, tables, and chairs.

The initial JOTA team, John VK2EKG, Peter VK2JTV, Chris VK2FCJH and Brian VK2GCE arrived on site at midday Friday to start assembling the station. These amateurs were shortly joined by Paul VK2GX and Steve VK2UHI, who also came with a mobile winch-up tower, for one of the two VHF antenna systems. The tower had been provided by Peter VK2EMU. Aerials were set up on masts and on ropes between trees. Two tents, supplied by the Boree, one 4m x 4m and one 5m x 5m were erected by Leaders with assistance from the JOTA team.

One HF (High Frequency short wave) and one VHF (Very High Frequency like FM), systems were set up in each of the two tents. With two stations in each tent it can become very noisy so for this year particle board baffles were placed down the centre of each tent to give sound isolation. This worked very well.

The weather was sunny and warm and sun screen and wide brimmed hats were a must. Rain was predicted. Fortunately this fell overnight and did not affect JOTA.

A number of the team stayed overnight in the two JOTA tents or their own small tents.

There is no power on site so four large 12 volt batteries were installed. Tent lighting was with 12 volt LED (Light Emitting Diode) flood lights. This was an upgrade from the LED down lights used last year. All radio equipment was powered from 12 volts. A 240 volt generator was also installed a short distance from the tents for backup power.

At the Regatta Registration tent, Groups made their JOTA booking at the same time as they were registering for the Regatta. This worked very well. The JOTA call sign used this year was VK2LE, which is the SGARS call sign.

By 10am Saturday, the station was up and running. Elizabeth Legg, an Ex-Leader with Bundeena Guides, had again volunteered to assist us with liaison with the groups at the Regatta. This worked very well and Elizabeth was a great asset to the smooth running of the activity.

The Fox Hunt activity was again organised for this year and was run by different amateurs during the day. This activity went very well. The Fox Hunt is a hidden transmitter which is found by using direction-finding radio equipment. There are two hidden transmitters. The Fox Hunting systems have been improved and updated over the years and are now quite robust. One transmitter was, however, put out of action by an enthusiastic hunting group, but the problem was quickly rectified and the unit returned to service.

Interest in JOTA and the Fox Hunt activity was high and the 1<sup>st</sup> group arrived at 10:30am and were eager to start. The booking sheet was booked solid for the JOTA activity but fortunately a few groups missed their slots which gave the operators time to have something to eat and a cool drink. Each booking was a Group of about 10 for 1/2 an hour. This proved to be a good size and adequate time for all to have a go. Each Leader was given JOTA badges for their group.

During the day, more amateurs arrived to assist. Ian VK2LOG and his wife Robyn VK2FTWO (both are scout leaders) plus Greg VK2GSB, Cameron VK2CKP and his 8 year old son, Patrick VK2FPAT. Patrick has held a Licence since August this year. Olivier VK2SHM and Ken VK2BBQ also arrived.

The last group was booked for 9pm and when they finished the station closed at 9.30pm.

During the evening we had a visit from Michael Turner, VK2WMT. Michael is the Scouts Southern Met Districts Special Duties Commissioner for JOTA. Michael and Paul, Paul is the SGARS JOTA Co-ordinator, spent some time discussing Amateur radio, Scouting and Guiding matters. At this time we also had a visit from two scout leaders Daniel and Carolina, from Brazil, who had come with Michael. They had visited last year.

For this year we had introduced the opportunity for scouts and guides to earn additional proficiency badges. For the guides there was the Air Explorer and World Explorer badges and for the scouts there was the Communications Proficiency and Technology Proficiency badges. We had four guide and five scout participants for these badges. JOTA and the Fox Hunt activities are ideal opportunities to qualify for these badges.

The JOTA station re-opened at 9.00am, Sunday. Interest is usually light on Sunday and we had no group booked for the 9.00am slot, but from 9.30am we were again busy with both JOTA and Fox Hunt groups.

#### Event Contacts

On VHF, Very High Frequency, six different stations were contacted around Sydney. Stations from Austral and Narrabeen were worked, some being contacted more than once. These contacts used radio repeaters, which is a system used by amateurs to extend the range of this type of two-way radio.

Also on VHF, five stations outside NSW and three from overseas were worked using a combination of VHF radio and Internet connections known as Internet Radio Linking and Echo Linking. Stations in Cottesloe WA and Chicago USA were worked.

On HF, High Frequency Short Wave, conditions were only fair and any contacts made were difficult. A total of eleven Australian JOTA stations were worked in NSW, VIC, WA and SA. Two overseas JOTA station were contacted in New Zealand.



Young Patrick McKay was involved with the Fox hunting activity and observed firsthand what happens at JOTA. On Sunday Steve's 7 year old son Thomas, also attend. Both Patrick and Thomas assisted with the station pack up.

The station closed at 2.00pm.

The event was attended by a total of 430 Guides, Scouts, Junior Guides, Cubs, Pre-Junior Guides, Joeys and Leaders from the Regatta, which is an excellent result for the 58<sup>th</sup> JOTA at the Boree.

The Boree BBQ was very much appreciated by the JOTA volunteers.

Report prepared by John Gibling VK2EKG

for The St George Amateur Radio Society JOTA Team.

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[www.facebook.com/sgars.org](https://www.facebook.com/sgars.org)

**JOTA 2015 STATIONS CONTACTED BETWEEN  
10.30am EDST 17 Oct 2015 and 2.00pm EDST 18 Oct 2015**

<b>2 metres VHF Radio, NSW, around Sydney.</b>			
VK2FOWL	Austral	VK2MB	Terrey Hills
VK2SCB	Kingsgrove	VK2FSLC	Kellyville
VK2SBS	Narrabeen	VK2BV	Rosebay

<b>2 metres VHF Radio, using Internet Linking and Echo Link systems.</b>			
KB9EZZ	Chicago, USA	HB9S	SWITZERLAND
VK6ARG	Rockingham, WA	ZL1AB	Albany, NZ
VK6SG	Cottesloe, WA	VK5SBP	Adelaide, SA
VK3KHS	Albury, Vic	VK3FD	Donvale, Vic

<b>AUSTRALIAN &amp; NEW ZEALAND STATIONS contacted using HF, Short Wave Radio.</b>			
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES</b>		<b>QUEENSLAND</b>	
VK2GGC	Hunter Valley		
VK2EXA	Albury		
VK2EP	Coffs Harbour		
VK2MNM	Murwillumbah		
<b>VICTORIA</b>		<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>	
VK3SCG	Gilwell Park	VK6GGS	Perth
VK3SCP	Clifford Park	VK6NG	Perth
VK3SCD	Longford		
VK3SBG	Murrumbena		
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</b>		<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>	
VK5SBP	Glenelg		
<b>TASMANIA</b>		<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	
		ZL3AQ	Ashburton
		ZL1BCO	Lake Taupo

## 2015 JOTA PARTICIPANTS

Girl Guides		Scouts	
Pre Junior Guides (Gumnuts)	5	Joeys	15
Junior Guides (Brownies, Possums)	35	Cubs	56
Guides	113	Scouts	126
Senior Guides (Ranger)	0	Venturers	0
Leaders, Guides	35	Leaders, Scouts	45

**Total                      430**

JOTA Radio Operators and Assistants Team		
Name	Call sign	
Paul Howarth	VK2GX	
John Gibling	VK2EKG	
Cameron McKay	VK2CKP	
Patrick McKay	VK2FPAT	
Greg Bain	VK2GSB	
Chris Howarth	VK2FCJH	
Peter Mahoney	VK2JTV	
Brian Clarke	VK2GCE	
Ian Moggs	VK2LOG	Scout Leader
Robyn Moggs	VK2FTWO	Scout Leader
Ken Rayner	VK2BBQ	
Olivier Mehani	VK2SHM	
Steve Sheekey	VK2UHI	
Thomas Sheekey		
Elizabeth Legg		

JOTA Radio Official Visitors		
Name	Call sign	
Michael Turner,	VK2WMT	Scout Special Commissioner
Daniel Galdino	PU2TSB	Scout Member (Brazil)
Carolina		Scout Member (Brazil)



## **58<sup>th</sup> JAMBOREE ON THE AIR & 19<sup>th</sup> JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET**



### **REPORT 2015**

#### **KINGSGROVE JOTA/ JOTI BASE - 17-18 OCTOBER 2015 – CALLSIGN VK2SCB**

This year the Base again operated from Kingsgrove which meant all the computer equipment and radio gear and Aerials had to be transported to the 4<sup>th</sup> Kingsgrove Scout hall and setup after scouts finished late on the Friday night and then all taken back after packing up on the Sunday. Friday night was spent setting up the computers and setting up some of the Radio Aerials with the HF Vertical 5 Band Antenna set up on Saturday morning.

The Kingsgrove Base Operating from approx.. 10am Saturday until just after Midnight and then on again Sunday from 10am until approx.. 3pm. Again this year I was able to visit the Boree Regatta base run by the members of the St George Amateur Radio Society Inc. I also took the 2 visiting Brazilian Scout Leaders ( one who is a Radio Amateur ) with me visit the operators they spoke to

At the Boree Regatta Base ( at Kurnell – Bonna Point).

It was another successful weekend with some good contacts made on the radio side. But we did note at times during the weekend when we had youth members at the base that it was difficult to find other local JOTA Stations. There was considerable background noise levels on the HF Bands which did not help and made it difficult to work some JOTA stations contacted on HF except to exchange callsigns and some details. The Kingsgrove base could handle more participants and will work on at increasing particularly Scout participation in 2016.

We did hear a number of other JOTA stations talking to each other on 2m and HF over the weekend but as they already had contacts we did not always wait to try and contact them when they finished as some contacts were lengthy.

Kaylene is a valuable member of the JOTA/ JOTI Team and a guide member from Lane Cove who is the JOTI co-ordinator for the Kingsgrove Base and guide contact person for the Kingsgrove base. Kaylene promotes the Base widely through Guiding.

#### **JOTI – ( IRC – Scoutbank)**

Co-ordinated and JOTI report by Kaylene Beddie

The computers were set-up after the Scouting meeting on the Friday night and we ended up

Having 4 computers available for JOTI.

**Saturday:** local ( nsw) 3 illawarra, albury, narrabeen

interestate 12 ( qld, vic, wa, sth aust

international 28 ( NZ, Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, UK, England, Pakistan, Philippines, Cyprus, Malaysia, Venezuela, sth Africa

unknown 19

**sunday**

local zero

interestate 8 ( hobart, brisbane, darwin, perth, adelaide, mildura)

international 46 ( Indonesia, Pakistan, Bosnia and herigonizia(sic), Sweden, sth Africa, Italy, England, wales,Scotland, Norway, Malta, jersey,nz, Spain, Portugal, Singapore,turkey, Finland, Bangladesh, Oman, Nigeria, Namibia, Holland, Cyprus, USA, Tunisia.

unknown zero

jid puzzle thing we didn't participate much because of ppl pestering us for it b4 chatting we did exchange the following codes 5IT54C, 5Gb1ZI, 3AU2OP, 5MT46U, 5JE57T,5BA61L

One of the things we do at our jota station is to have a set of both a world atlas and an Australian road atlas by both the computers and the radios. Both youth and leaders ( and the team!) are able to look up where they are chatting to.

### **JOTA ( Amateur Radio – callsign VK2SCB)**

Amateur Radio – co-ordinated by Michael VK2WMT with also Licenced Amateur Stephen Brown VK2TJC. Also we had a visiting Brazilian Radio Amateur Daniel PU2TSB who operated on the 2m Radio at Kingsgrove during his visit.

### **Radio Contacts**

#### **HF ( Long Distance )**

4 Interstate Contacts ( NSW-1, QLD-1, VIC-2, )

1 Overseas Contacts (San Diego California)

#### **2m Radio (using local Repeaters)**

5 local radio contacts (Kurnell – Boree Regatta VK2LE )

### **2015 Participation Numbers ( Total = 36)**

5 JOTA/ JOTI staff members/ operators

### **Guide Participation** -( Total = 15 Guide youth + 4 Leaders)

1<sup>st</sup> Earlwood Guides 2 Leaders and 10 Guides

Glebe Junior Guides 2 leader and 5 Guides

### **Scout Participation** - (Total = 7 Leaders and 0 Scouts)

4<sup>th</sup> Kingsgrove – 4 Leaders , 2 Parents

1<sup>st</sup> Alfords Point – 2 Leaders

Sydney District – 1 Leader

### **Visitors = 5**

From

Michael Turner VK2WMT ( South Metropolitan Scout Region JOTA/JOTI Co-ordinator)

## JOTA/JOTI Group Report Form

Please complete and return this report **before 3 NOV**

Post completed report to: your region office, region JOTA/JOTI coordinator, or NSW international team member or e-mail a report containing this information to: [Karl.humphreys@bigpond.com](mailto:Karl.humphreys@bigpond.com)

The leader co-ordinating the JOTA/JOTI activity will need to collect the information from the radio and/or Internet operators to complete this report. Your anticipated assistance is greatly appreciated. Your report will be used in the Branch and National reports. Including your yarns, photographs, newspaper articles etc. This may be sent to the World Scout Bureau. Pictures of your event are also welcome and helpful

Group: B M A R C Sat only - 10 till 4pm District: \_\_\_\_\_

Area/Region: No HF operational from 10 till 12.

Leader compiling report: Rick Allan VK2CMA

Scouting Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 404 A Nth Rd LONDONDERRY Postcode: 2753

After hours phone No.:( ) 0422 966206

Email: rick.allan1@iprimus.com.au

We participated in a (Please circle): JOTA (radio only) JOTI (internet only) JOTA & JOTI

Scout Groups that Participated	Joeys	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers	Leaders	Guides	Non Members
<u>1st Hawkesbury</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>1st Erskine Park</u>		<u>11</u>			<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
<u>1st South Penrith</u>		<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>1st Blaxland</u>		<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>		
<u>1st Springwood</u>		<u>8</u>					
<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>					<u>3</u>		

TOTAL: 52

Please attach a copy of information if any photographs or newspaper clippings were published as part of your event.

Name of Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date published: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of contacts made -

	JOTA Contacts		JOTI Contacts/Activity	
	Scout/Guide	Non Scout/Guide	JOTI chats	Scout/Guide websites 'hit'
No. of Australian contacts	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
No. of overseas contacts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3 (IRLP)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total No. of contacts	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	

JOTA STATION INFORMATION

Station Manager/Operator in charge of station: Rick Allan VK2CMA

Number of operators: 3

Station call sign(s): VK2 HZ JOTA station location: Glennbrook

JOTI BASE INFORMATION

JOTI Base Location: Glennbrook

Main Nick Name Used: N/A (IRLP)

Person in charge of computer activities: N/A

Number of IT staff: Nil

Please list overleaf or attach sheets detailing your interesting JOTA/JOTI activities, highlights, and memorable contacts.



## Humphreys, Karl

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**From:** Karl Humphreys [ets0@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 November 2015 8:20 AM  
**To:** Humphreys, Karl  
**Subject:** Fwd: JOTA Report

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Brett Nicholas <brett@vk2bnn.net>  
**Date:** 5 November 2015 at 19:58:08 AEDT  
**To:** ets0 <ets0@bigpond.com>  
**Cc:** Kim Loane <kim.loane@bigpond.com>  
**Subject:** JOTA Report

Hi Karl

JOTA 2015 report:

1st Greystanes scouts ran JOTA in conjunction with 1st Tambourine Bay and 3rd Merrylands. We ran JOTA as a family camp located at Bents Basin on the Western edge of Sydney. It was a relaxed weekend with a good mix of radio and other camping activities.

All the scouts camped for the weekend had quality contacts with other scouts. We had a mix of 2m and HF contacts with local, Brisbane and NZ groups. On Saturday evening I worked NP4A Pedro on the Caribbean island of Puerto Rico on 40m. NP4A was not a JOTA station and had a large pile up. This meant the scouts did not get the opportunity to speak with Pedro. However there was the excitement in the shack when we broke the pileup and Pedro came back to our call. This was certainly a high lite for me.

Other radio related projects were, lashing three spars and a fiberglass pole together to build and erect a 15m mast. This mast was used to support a 40m Delta Loop antenna. We also built a tape measure beam and did some basic ARDF activities.

Although we had low attendance numbers for the weekend all the scouts had a great time and a fun weekend. One factor that may have limited numbers was all the groups have had a busy term with a number of camps and in particular Jamboree shakedown.

Attendance numbers were:

1st Tambourine Bay  
3 scout, 2 cubs, 1 leaders & 3 parents

1st Greystanes  
2 Scouts, 2 cubs, 1 Joey, 3 leaders

3rd Merrylands

2 scouts & 1 leader  
There are some photos on our facebook page. There were some photos taken of the scouts

using the radios however due to the poor light they were of poor quality.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stGreystanesScoutGroup/>

Thanks  
Brett

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This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>



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Once again the NSW JOTA/JOTI Team, Thanks to all those who made JOTA/JOTI the great event it is again this year.

Bravo

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