

Jota 2018 Mooroopna Scout Hall Sunday 21st. October.

Bruce Darren and John arrived at the scout hall at 8.30am. and set up a G5RV antenna along with the club HF radio and a 2m. Radio and antenna.

The Leaders of the cubs and scouts arrived at around 10.30, after the cubs and scouts arrived the days activities' started. Along with their arranged activities they took turn in talking on our transceivers from time to time. Radio conditions were not good on HF. But after putting out several calls we eventually were able to contact a station in Tasmania and another in Goolwa in SA, several of the children present lined up to try their hand at talking into a mike. Along with these two contacts our scouts and cubs spoke made contact with a scout group at Castlemaine via the Bendigo 2M. repeater.

Later in the day there were no signals on HF to be heard so Darren tried 70cm. IRLP and made contact with KE8 HEV Andy in the USA. The children spoke with him for some time with interest exchanging times, weather and location etc. Although the day started slowly with only these two contacts in the morning this hour with Andy in the afternoon from the USA more than made up for a slow start to the day. Andy did a great job involving the scouts and cubs in keeping the conversation going. Andy said he was speaking to them from yesterday, they had trouble working this out but all enjoyed this conversation with Andy from USA. One of the scouts present stated it was cool to be able to talk to someone on the other side of the world.

A good day was held for all.

