

JOTA 2026 On-Air Activity – GROUP BRIEFING

Welcome to **JOTA** – your **Jamboree On The Air**. Shortly you will be operating an amateur radio station and speaking with other Scouts and Guides. They could be somewhere local, interstate or overseas – depending on what station we make contact with.

The theme for this year's JOTA is:

‘A Peaceful and Inclusive World’

which aligns well with one of the key tenets of Amateur Radio which is:

‘International Goodwill’

where through casual conversations, contest and international contacts, operators foster cross-cultural friendships and global camaraderie. It also aligns with this year's Boree Regatta theme of:

‘Everything Aussie: Celebrating Adventure, Friendship and the Great Australian Spirit!’

My name is _____ and I'll be your licensed Amateur Radio operator

OR

Your licenced Amateur Radio Operator will be _____.

Once we establish contact with another station, we will get you speaking to the other Scouts/Guides. The idea is to have a conversation with another Scout/Guide. So, think about questions you'd ask any other Scout or Guide and be prepared to answer questions yourself.

Amateur radio is different to using a mobile phone. You have to 'take turns' – the other station will speak and you'll listen. Then, you'll speak and they will listen. When it is your turn to speak, you will need to HOLD IN the button on the side of the microphone or handheld radio and then speak slowly and clearly into the microphone. We will assist you where necessary. At the operating desk, we also have a sheet with some questions to prompt your conversation. When other people are actively communicating, please be quiet. After a while, we still 'swap' operators so that all of you get a turn.

If you have any questions, please ask us – we are here to help.