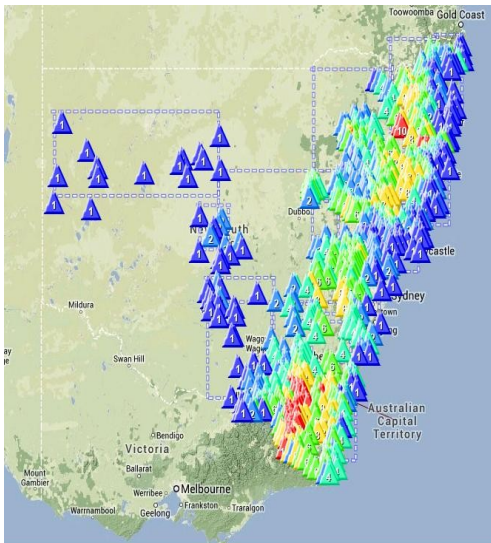


Fresh air + good fun  
+ radio = **SOTA**

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*The award ethos is that at least the last part of ascents should be "human powered". Operation from or in the vicinity of motor vehicles is not allowed for SOTA.*



For more details, visit  
[www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk)

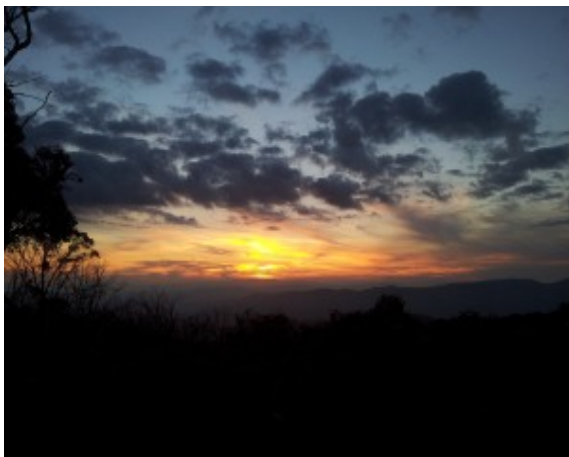
# Summits on the Air (SOTA)

*An exciting award  
scheme for radio  
amateurs*



Australia edition

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Summits on the Air (SOTA) is an award scheme for radio amateurs and shortwave listeners that encourages portable operation in mountainous areas. SOTA has been carefully designed to make participation possible for everyone – this is not just for mountaineers! There are awards for **Activators** (those who ascend to the summits) and **Chasers** (who can remain in the comfort of their radio shacks!).

## How to start participating

All the information you need is on the SOTA web site. The rules contain a list of qualifying summits, together with their locations. Each summit earns the activators and chasers a score related to the height of the summit.

Certificates are available for various scores, leading to the prestigious “**Mountain Goat**” and “**Shack Sloth**” trophies.



An honour roll for Activators and Chasers is maintained on the SOTA database ([sotadata.org.uk](http://sotadata.org.uk)) Internet access is a requirement for SOTA logging.

## What equipment do you need?

Activators will need a radio station that is portable. All bands and modes can be used from a 2m HT to small HF equipment (often QRP) all is possible. Chasers simply need their normal home station. Currently most activity in Australia is on 40m SSB and 2m FM simplex although other HF bands are often tried on activations. Some CW is used but in contrast to Europe phone makes up by far the majority of contacts.



## Activity alerts

Part of the fun is contacting other SOTA participants. To make this easier, we have an Internet reflector on which you can post activity “alerts” before you go, you or others can post “spots” when you are on the air and you can post a report of your trip once safely back home.

## Is it popular?

SOTA was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2002 and has since spread to 90 associations around the world. In October 2013 there are over 6700 registered users, over 3200 activators and more than 62000 qualifying summits and all of these numbers continue to grow.

For more details,  
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website:

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