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Scouting Water Initiative

Scarf Up For Scouting

ANZAC DAY 2007 - KORUMBURRA

Hoadley Hide 2007 - the VST - Venturer Support Team

Brendan, Jackie, Peter, Maxine, Liz, Mike

National Child Protection Week '07

Commences on Fathers' Day September 2nd and runs through to September 8th and we are challenging you to put it in your diary, start planning an activity, and really get behind our campaign to create a Child Friendly Australia.

National Child Protection Week promotes our belief that it is *everyone's* responsibility to make their community child friendly. NAPCAN believes that communities which provide the opportunity for kids to be involved in decisions that affect them, communities that keep kids safe, and communities that allow kids to grow up well and so reach their potential, are communities which will prevent child abuse and neglect from ever happening in the first place.

This year we are again challenging all Australians to make a positive difference to children's lives. Will you take the child friendly challenge?

Centenary Raffle Due Date 14/05/07

The first raffle reminder letters have been sent out this week. Please read them carefully so that you don't miss out on any important information. For groups who still do not have their direct banking information completed, please do so as soon as possible.

Working With Children - Due 30/06/2007

Group Leaders are reminded that for us to continue to hold overnight activities all adults members and rovers 18 of age and over need to have the Working with Children Card or at least applied for it by the 30/06/07.

Victorian Gift Shop

Browse through our catalogue of gilwell items that can be ordered online through the [gift shop](#), which can be accessed through the Gilwell gifts icon on our main webpage at <http://www.vicscouts.asn.au> Delivery within 10 working days! Happy Shopping!

Activity Info Expo, Sun. 01/07/07

We have a couple of new activities and several new B.A.L.'s who are waiting to speak to all of the leaders.

Centenary Achievements

Australia Post has decided to release 3 stamps to celebrate the Centenary of Australian Scouting. This is a wonderful outcome for Scouting around Australia, with the stamps expected to be released next February.

The Royal Australian Mint has also agreed to release 3 commemorative coins early next year, in recognition of the Centenary of Australian Scouting. They include a \$1 uncirculated coin, a \$5 fine silver proof coin, and a \$10 gold proof coin.

Amazin Bridge

The Scouts Australia Amazin Bridge team needs some helpers for the 2007/2008 season. The Amazin Bridge team is a promotional unit of Scouts Australia - Victoria that tours the state and promotes Scouting through handcraft activities and a rope bridge. Started in 1994 the team have been promoting Scouting at events such as Australia Day, Local Fates, and Street Festivals. The team needs a few new faces to carry on the promotional work and develop Scouting across the state. Those who volunteer from the team can work anything from two events a year to all events a year, the choice is yours. Volunteers can be Venturers, Rovers or leaders including fellowship members. To join the team and mailing list contact Kevin Eddy on 9874 3252.

Upcoming events:

- Whitehorse Spring Festival 14/10
- Korumburra Show 21/10
- Whittlesea Show 2, 3, 4/11
- Australia Day - Melbourne festival - 26/1/08

NORTHERN REGION COMMISSIONER

Rod Johns has served as Northern Region Commissioner since accepting the position in November 2003. His decision to relinquish this role has been caused mainly by his transfer and change of employment duties. Craig Waters, DC Tilba Tilba District, has agreed to assume the Northern RC position. Craig has been a most successful DC for Tilba Tilba for over 10 ½ years and is looking forward to his new position and the challenges in the role of Northern Region Commissioner. Craig will assume Region commissioner role as from the 1st July 2007.

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Did you Scarf Up for Scouting in April?

Tarwin River Venturrs

Jess, Cassie, Trev and Ben - checking out Sean the Sheep at the ABC shop at Chadstone - on the way home from Blue Diamond - an excellent reason for "scarfing up for Scouting".

Suth Gippsland Scouting

Presenting Mayor Jennie Deane, South Gippsland Shire, with her Centenary scarf - at the Shire meeting on 18th April

Gaudion Rover Crew

Scott West of the Western Bulldogs Football Club and Kevin Hillier, Media Manager of the Werribee Tigers and host of the Western Bulldogs FC Footy Show were presented with Scarves by the Gaudion Rover Crew.

Image 2: From left; Edie, Bernie Finn MP, Ryan, Robert, Adrian

*Back (l-r): Iain Donaldson (RA Gaudion RC), Matthew Wightwick (ASL 2nd Footscray), John Wightwick (GL)
Front (l-r): Robert Wightwick (Crew Leader), Ian Rawlings (Neighbours), Michelle Wightwick (Asst Crew Leader), Sue Wightwick, (ACSL)*

SCOUTS TO SAVE 3000 GIGALITRES OF WATER

Media Release #1 - 04/05/07

Scouts 100 Year Anniversary

I am pleased to announce that the Australian Government will provide \$17.7 million to Scouts Australia for the installation of rainwater tanks in Scout halls across the nation. This funding will assist the Scouts to generate significant water savings while at the same time providing a tangible and ongoing demonstration of actions we can all take to conserve our precious water resources.

This contribution to Scouts Australia marks the centenary of world Scouting, a movement involving around 28 million Scouts worldwide and alumni estimated at more than 500 million people.

There is no more fitting way of commemorating 100 years of Scouting worldwide than helping the Scouts of Australia in this practical way to learn about and practise wise water use. Australia was one of the first countries in the world to adopt Scouting and 2008 will mark the 100th year of Scouting in Australia. To commemorate this event and to recognise the contribution that Scouting has made and will continue to make to Australia, I am also pleased to announce that the Australian Government has decided to designate 2008 as the "Year of the Scout". In addition, the Royal Australian Mint will strike a circulating coin next year to commemorate this event.

With about 60,000 currently registered members in Australia, and more than 2 million people who have been part of Australian Scouting in the last 100 years, Scouting has become the largest youth development organisation in the nation. The Government greatly values the contribution these young Australians make to their families, their communities and the entire nation.

I would also like to acknowledge the important contribution made by the 14,000 volunteers who lead Scout groups across Australia. In Scout groups right around this country, volunteers have and will continue to groom some of the most successful men and women from all walks of life.

John Howard, Prime Minister

Media Release #2 - 04/05/07

The Hon. John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia today announced a grant of \$17 million to Scouts Australia, to install water tanks and water savings devices on every Scout hall in Australia.

This initiative, which started as an idea by the Victorian Branch of Scouts Australia to install tanks on all the halls in their State, has had a flow on effect to now include close to 2000 halls within Australia.

The result will mean that Scouts Australia wide will save the equivalent of the total capacity of the O'Shannessy Dam in Victoria that holds 3000 gigalitres, within four years.

In the 100th year of Scouting world-wide, which now has 29 million members, this community effort is an example of what Scouting is all about, teaching the youth members to save water, care for the environment and be an example to other community organisations by setting the example to others.

The Chairman of Scouts Australia Victoria Branch, Mr David W. Jones. OAM said:

"Scouting is today even more relevant as it has been in the past 100 years, that is training young people to be happy, healthy citizens, who care for their community and the environment in which they live, anywhere in the world."

This is just another way of Scouts showing their commitment in the future of Australia, in the young people and in the environmental issues that face us as a nation, in the future.

When making the announcement, the Prime Minister, acknowledged the work of the Scouts in the community over the past 100 years and wished them every success for the future.

David Jones, Chairman,
Scouts

Victoria

International Scouting

3rd Asia Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts – 2007

We are pleased to announce that the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts will be organised again during the 22nd APR Scout Conference in Tokyo on 18-23 October 2007.

The event calls for the selection of outstanding Scouts in member-countries in the Asia Pacific Region with the main purpose of enhancing the image and visibility of Scouting as an educational movement and to emphasize its effectiveness in the development of young people at home, in school and in communities.

Scouts Australia was pleased to congratulate Jess Thomas from the ACT on her being awarded the APR Award for Outstanding Scouts at the 21st APR Scout Conference in Brunei.

Scouts Australia will submit one nominee to the Region and if the nominee is selected for the interview stage, the candidate will be a special observer to the Conference and Youth Forum. Scouts Australia will fund the travel and lodging of the candidate.

5th APR Regional Scout Youth Forum Japan = 12 to 15 October 2007

Delegation

Scouts Australia will be sending an official Australian Delegation to this event. The National Youth Council Chair, Nikketah McGrath will be the Delegation Leader to the 5th APR Regional Scout Youth Forum. The Delegation will be made up of 2 delegates, the National Youth Council Chair and the National Rover Council Chair and 3 observers aged between 18 and 26 years of age.

Details of Event

The International Commissioner is receiving applications to represent Scouts Australia as an observer to the 5th APR Regional Scout Youth Forum. Applications must be made in writing and must include a short resume outlining the youth members scouting history, a letter outlining why they should be selected to represent Scouts Australia and must be accompanied by the Youth Application Form.

Eligibility

Scout members, both male and female, who are members of Scouts Australia aged between 18-26 years old.

Venue

National Olympics Memorial Youth Centre (NYC), Tokyo

Theme

“Advancing towards the new Scouting century”

Cost

The participation fee is US\$100.00 for the Youth Forum only or US\$200.00 for the Youth Forum and Conference. The return airfare is at the individuals own expense.

There may be funding opportunities to assist the youth member.

For More Information

For more information please contact:

Request for home hosting for student exchange.

CAN YOU HELP?

Scouts Australia will be hosting several Venturers from England, Denmark and Japan during July/ August this year. We are in need of scouting families to host the visitors. Would you have a spare bed, want to enjoy the company of an International visitor, learn more of a different culture/or learn a new language?

Consider using the opportunity to obtain Award Scheme citizenship (4) or Service to Scouting (10hours).

If you are able to assist please contact Julie Gunn, Branch Commissioner International email

bc.international@vicscouts.asn.au or phone 5248 3171.

VENTURER ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE
ATTENTION ALL ELIGIBLE VENTURER LEADERS
Members of the Venturer Training Team extend an invitation to you to participate in the Venturer Advanced to be held at Pax Hill, Ballarat on June 8/9/10/11 and 23/24. Meet like-minded people, challenge yourself, enjoy the food, friendship and fellowship that this course has to offer. If this is for you then apply now by completing an application form (TRI) . Need more info. Refer to page 146, 147 and 149 2007 Victorian Info Book Look forward to seeing you there.

Venturer Review - Open Forum #2

Sunday 1st July at BHQ Waverleu – all welcome

Each D/ZVC and RVC to bring their outcomes

0900 for 0930 til 1230, then lunch and activity EXPO

Venturer Review - Open Forum #2

Victorian Venturer News

Another Anderson!

Matt, Donna, Rochelle, Mikayla, Tamiaka & Shereen would like announce the safe arrival of another Anderson - **A BABY GIRL - KAYLEY** who arrived on 26/4/07, at 8.13am, weighed 8lb 7oz or 4kg, and is 51cm long.

JUNE 2007

Temple Beth Israelis now on 1st June.

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JULY 2007

Deep Thought - 'The Question!'

Boroondara Personal Growth: Ideals 1 Course

Friday 13th July to Sunday 15th July 2007

Do you want to know the meaning of life, the universe and everything? Well, we probably won't be able to tell you that, but we will help you develop a better understanding of yourself and how you relate to those around you. This Ideals Weekend is a challenging and fun weekend, where you will examine religion, sex and relationships, Scout Promise and Law, drugs and other current moral and social issues. The Programme involves a mix of videos, games and discussions. The course is guaranteed to be an interesting weekend!

Cost: The weekend will cost \$45.00. Payment is to accompany your application form (cheque made out to '1st Hawthorn Venturer Unit') and a receipt will be issued.

Times: Course starts Friday evening 13th July 2007 & finishes mid afternoon on Sunday 15th July 2007.

Location: The course is held at Elliott Lodge, Healesville (1st Hawthorn / Scotch Scout Property). This is a residential weekend course.

We will supply you with a map showing directions to the property, when we send you the pre-course material. The pre-course material will be sent out to you during the week immediately prior to the Course.

Note: Some preparation before the weekend may be required. Attendance does not guarantee a pass.

It is strongly recommended that you do the pre-course preparation prior to the weekend, as there will be limited free time available during the Course. This will include contacting other participants.

Transport: Venturers will be required to make their own way to the course (or organise transport for your Unit members). It is approximately a 75 minute drive from Box Hill.

Course Contact - Robert Evans (Course Leader): 0418-532505 Mobile or email gfd@gfd.com.au

Applications: **Applications, due by the 1st July 2007, are to be made on the application form and are to be posted, complete with payment, to 'Deep Thought 2007', P.O. Box 330, Moe, 3825**

Ideals resources sent recently to each DVL(VS) and ARC(VS)

The April 2007 issue of *Of Substance* - the national magazine on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs - is now available. The new issue is packed with the latest national and international news, events, research and resources for the sector. Feature articles include:

Hepatitis C: Improving access to treatment

Injecting drug users are currently at the greatest risk of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, however, the rate of treatment uptake for those with chronic HCV infection is remarkably low. In the first of a two-part series on HCV, Libby Topp discusses the need for integrating Hep C treatment services into AOD agencies and other primary health care settings.

Indigenous people in prison: the role of drugs and alcohol

Don Weatherburn, Director of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, argues that alcohol and drug abuse in Aboriginal communities is a leading cause of the over-representation of Indigenous Australians in prisons.

Cultural change: tackling drinking habits in NZ

Sandra Kirby from the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand outlines an innovative strategy for changing NZ's binge-drinking culture.

Drug use and the workforce: a risky mix

Ann Roche examines the illicit drug and risky alcohol use patterns of the Australian workforce and its impact on the workplace. Donna Bull argues that the workplace provides a significant and legitimate opportunity for intervention.

A drink, a smoke, a joint: new stats on student drug use

Victoria White and Jane Hayman discuss the latest statistics from the Australian Secondary Students' Alcohol and Drug Survey (ASSAD).

Co Holders 2007

28th Glen Eira
Warragul B
Phoenix Mentone A

Runners UP 2007

Double R
1st Craigeburn/1st Sunbury A
4th Knox B
1st Hawthorn
1st West Waverley Koorunga
1st/14th Brighton
Watsonia Venturers

My Mate Noel

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Noel, the computer guy, to come over. Noel clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error." I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID ten T error? What's that, in case I need to fix it again?" Noel grinned. "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote down I D 1 0 T. I used to like Noel.

Totally Wild on Channel Ten at 4pm

Tuesday 8 May until Tuesday 15 May (including 7.30am on Saturday 12 May) as Scouts at the Australian Jamboree (AJ2007) will feature.

Knox Leadership Course
Now on 1-3 June 2007

The BIG BURGER CHALLENGE

What is it?

Dandenong Venturer Unit is challenging you to make a bigger & better burger than they can.

What do you need?

Imagination, food and a bar-b-que (BYO Gas BBQ)

When is it?

7.30pm, Friday 27th July 2007

Where is it?

Dandenong Scout Hall
100 McFees Road, Dandenong. Mel Ref 90 D/E 1

What are the Rules?

1. Single Burger Bun.
2. Raw Ingredients Only.
3. All food to be cooked on the night.
4. Burger must be eaten.
5. Multiple levels of ingredients allowed
6. Burger must be 'free standing'
7. Burgers are judged as soon as completed

Burger Judging Criteria

Height, Weight & Presentation

Prizes

Trophies for Tallest, Heaviest, Presentation and Champion Burger (also gets 100 + Chuppa Chupps)

Entry Fee payable on the night \$5.00 per Unit / Crew

Contacts are Goatee (Ian) 0406 280 037
Chris 0425 710 077 email cira@ihug.com.au

Anzac Day - 25/4/7

Tarwin River Venturers acted as the catafalque party at the Korumburra Cenotaph. Cassie Stampton, Mark Ferguson, Michael Wyhoon, Cameron Hattam and Trevor Wyhoon spent the previous evening learning of the traditions, responsibilities and honour in acting as the catafalque party to a cenotaph - a tradition dating back over 2,000 years. They then guarded the cenotaph during the Dawn Service, attended by over 200 members of the Korumburra community

SCUBA

Scouting Out a Good Dive

by Bruce Ellis ALT, DVL Macedon Ranges

In January 2006, I had the pleasure of being the line leader for a Unit of 28 venturers when they undertook an open water diving course as part of the 13th Australian Venture. It was made even more memorable when, during their first skills session a pod of dolphins swam through the group. For many of us, it was one of those very special events. Unfortunately for one very blonde Venturer, the dolphins passed within 2 metres of her, but she missed them so completely that, when she was asked what she thought of the dolphins, she asked "what dolphins?"

We had such fun that we decided to run our own PADI Open Water Dive Certification Course. I supposed that the second weekend in December ought to have been a suitable time for the school time part of an open water diving course. However, we weren't expecting 41 degree days sitting in a stuffy Scout Hall. The chance of heat stroke was reduced somewhat by cooling dips in the local pool during the skills sessions.

The third Saturday in December saw us in beautiful Portsea. It was early enough in the season that there were no crowds, but we still got magnificent weather.

Portsea pier was voted by one dive magazine as among Australia's top ten shore dives. It really is one of the more interesting pier dives around – with a good population of Leafy Sea Dragons, as well as the usual population of fish, sponges, star fish, sea horses, crabs etc. So we started our diving beside the Pier.

Then it was off on the boat to some of the more picturesque parts of Port Phillip Bay -the South Channel Fort, and Pope's Eye. There we were treated to a fantastic collection of fish. It was nesting time for the Scaly Fins, so everywhere we went there was the bump of small attacking kamikaze fish. Under rocks there were resting banjo sharks and nesting porcupine fish. As we looked further round the rocks, we came across a very beautiful yellow and brown nudibranch (a 3 cm aquatic relative of a slug) laying eggs that looked like a strip of yellow plastic foam. In the channel running beside Pope's Eye, there was a huge school of sea pike who obediently lined up for a series of photos. To top it all off, there were adult Australian Fur Seals and their pups basking on the rocks.

We had a series of idyllic dives in perfect conditions - even the visibility was reasonable at 15 metres.

Of the people on the course, all have now passed and are proud owners of their Open Water Dive Certifications. For a couple, there was a need for another day's diving, as the skills didn't come as easily as they might. What a shame that our friendly dive shop has a policy of giving students as many dives as it takes to obtain the skills and gain their Open Water Certification, so the extra gear and dive time was free!

We hope that the Venturers who qualified at the Venture, the large number of interested Leader, Rover and Venturer divers

already in Scouting and our new group of Leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Scouting families will form the nucleus of "Scout Scuba Victoria" operating out of the Hoadley Region. In addition, we hope we can use the buying power of a large group of regular divers to provide well priced dive courses (using PADI qualified instructors and their insurance) and maybe 4 dive charters in Port Phillip a year.

Interested? Contact drbruce@gisbornechiropractic.com.au, or Trevor Clark at trclark@ssc.net.au

Andrew - Venturers CAN talk underwater

Dive 6 - Getting ready to go diving

Dive 8 - the class and friends

Gannawarra - The V-Team lives here - Venturers at AJ2007

Venturers have been going along to jamborees since 1986 when some Venturer leaders took over an activity site to put on an activity staffed by Venturers which would showcase the Venturer Section to the Scouts and the Scout leaders. It was so successful that at every jamboree since then, Kaleidoscope has been there, run by Venturers and Venturer leaders to promote Venturing. Since 1989, more and more Venturers have come along to Jamborees not only to work on Kaleidoscope, but also in the role of Service leaders to assist in activities not run by the Venturer section. At AJ 2007, the Venturer section ran Kaleidoscope as well as an on-site activity called Venturer Extreme, and helped to run many of the other on-site and off-site activities.

The Venturer sub-camp, known as *The V-Team* was made up of 365 Venturers and 40 Venturer Leaders, allocated to Activity Units of approximately 20 Venturers with one adult leader. As at a Venture, Venturers and Leaders were asked to provide their own 2-3 man hike tent to be their "personal space" during their stay. They were allocated their own showers and toilet facilities – allegedly "the cleanest in the camp"!

The V-Team was fed in a huge mess tent where a dedicated catering team of Leaders led by Jeanette Morris prepared and served meals, from breakfast at 6am for Venturers who had to catch a bus to off-site activities at 6.30 am to late dinners for those who were working late shifts on the newspaper and radio, and suppers for those coming back after 11 pm from our nightly trip to "The Zone" in Bendigo. What an amazing effort! The catering team was assisted by duty units from the three Kaleidoscope units.

There were twenty Jamboree Venturer Units. Nine of these units worked at Venturer Extreme, the on-site activity base designed and run by the Venturer Section to provide lots of action, excitement and mud for the Scouts. Three of the units worked at Kaleidoscope, the on-site activity designed by Venturer Leaders to showcase the Venturer Section to Scouts and Scout Leaders. The other units were made up of Venturers working on Kevin the newspaper, Radio Roadkill, Wet, Wild and Windy, Bushwacked, Carnival, Heritage and Hospitality, IT, International and JOTA, Riverforce and

Rocksports, Motorsports and Transport, the Arena and Bendigo, X-site and the Yakkery. Venturers helped out with Catering at BP House, VICCON, the Leaders' Tucker tent and the Venturer sub-camp.

Venturers helped Scouts on to buses, served welcome coffee and chocolate milk, and sold souvenirs at VICCON HQ; prepared, served and cleared away meals at BP House, the Leaders' Tucker tent and at the Venturer Sub-camp; entertained at the Arena, interviewed at Radio Roadkill, took pictures and wrote articles for *Kevin the newspaper*; helped Scouts into safety gear, watched over Scouts in canoes or kayaks, and encouraged Scouts to participate in an activity; they even helped out in the hospital.

Venturers provided invaluable services and assistance in all areas of the jamboree. They worked from 9am to 5pm daily, and many had a trek back to Gannawarra sub-camp for lunch in the middle of the day. Their willingness and readiness to work hard was greatly appreciated and generated many wonderful comments from Activity leaders they worked with.

"...impressed with their willingness, cheerfulness and maturity..."

"The Venturers were wonderful"

"...most of them worked on their days off..."

"...not only turned up on time every day, but worked very hard the whole time..."

It wasn't all hard work for the Venturers. Every evening a bus load of headed for a 2 hour session at *The Zone* in Bendigo, and there were a few night sessions of Laser Skirmish as well. On their day off many headed for the nearest swimming pool to cool off, after visiting the nearest launderette to get their clothes clean. The Venturers had their own frat tent with the latest DVDs, music and comfy chairs for socializing, rest and relaxation. The West Australian contingent put on Venturers-only discos, and all contingents had receptions for their Venturers to meet with their Contingent Staff. Thanks go to the wonderful Leaders who, together with the Venturers, made up The V-Team, the best sub-camp at AJ2007 !!!

Christine Landsberg

MUDBASH

The committee have used the April BRC meeting to remind crews of the rules for GENERATORS. A reminder to all crews, that all generators on site must be sufficiently muffled and have a fire extinguisher available at proximity to them. This must be sufficient for the size of the generator and consider factors such as amount of fuel on site. Please note, all fuel must be in an approved container and must be secure from theft or unauthorised use.

OLAVE PROGRAM (Girl Guides)

The Olave Program has two upcoming events being run for OP and Rovers. It would be great to get as many Rovers there as possible to support these events as Olave Program members always attend and support Rover events.

'ROPE' (Rover and Olave Program Event) - The nightclub party bus is now booked! Ticket will include entry to 4 clubs and a drink ticket for every venue! Saturday 8th September (not Thursday 14th June as on Rover fixture). More details to come...

'Fun and Freeze' - The girls' getaway where everything is optional! (The only compulsory factor is being female!) Do you want to ski? - That's an option Do you want to sit in the lodge and socialise? - Also an option! Where? WF Waters Ski Lodge, Mt Baw Baw When? 17 - 19th August 2007 Cost? \$120 (includes accommodation and food for the weekend)

So come and join us for this relaxing (or energetic - up to you!) weekend and support the Olave Program.

Places are limited - so please email your interest to Nicola Lister (Victorian Olave Program Chair) at nicola.lister@hotmail.com, including your email, contact phone and postal address so she can get more information to you.

ROVER DEVELOPMENT

The BRC will be holding a Strategic Planning Weekend for all BRC Office Bearers, Incoming Office Bearers, BRC Subcommittee and Region Chairmen at Bay Park, Mt Martha on the weekend of May 19th & 20th. We will be creating a new strategic plan for Victorian Rovers over the next few years.

HOADLEY HIDE & STRADBROKE CUP

A huge thank you to all Crews and Rovers who attended Hoadley Hide at Mt. Disappointment and Stradbroke at Gilwell Park. Reports from both events have been great with the Rovers contributing well.

FLY THE FLAG

The National Rover Council (NRC) is preparing to launch the national 'Fly the Flag' project in early 2007. This project is in the vein of the triple j 'Beat the Drum' project, where Scouting members are encouraged to find ways to display the Scout Flag or create a fleur de lis in highly visible locations. This would be run as a competition with submissions entered and prizes allocated for the best entry.

Dale Wilkinson is our Branch Coordinator.

Anyone who wishes to assist Dale can contact him at rovers.eastern@vicscouts.asn.au.

17th Australian Rover Moot Aussiemoot - 2007/08

Participants from around the world will experience 14 days of endless fun and adventure, including a New Year's Eve Party and 5 days of expeditions to suit all tastes. The Moot site is bushland at the Newington Armoury, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay, Sydney. It's close to public transport and an ideal launch pad to explore all that New South Wales has to offer.

Victorian Rovers can attend as participants (18-25 year old registered Rovers at the time of the Moot), Leaders from all sections can attend as Moot Staff or Expedition Staff (Over the age of 26 years registered Scout Member). Venturers aged 17 who will be 18 by December should also keep this event in mind.

The Victorian team have been out and about, selling the fun of Aussiemoot and would happily answer your questions. They can be found in Promotional gear at all Rover events- Rover dinner and Mudbash are the next two on the list. You can also find the Victorian team online on www.vicrovers.com

Visit www.aussiemoot.com for Expedition details and don't miss this special Scouting event. What better way to start the 2nd century of Scouting in Australia.

Hoadley Hide

Hoadley Hide 2007 was held over the Easter weekend with a special centenary of Scouting theme: Blue sea island. It's an annual Scouting activity (started back in 1952) and can be described as a "large scale" Initiative Course for venturers but the weekend is also an important event for Leaders, Rovers and even OP Guides.

The Hide is organised by the Victorian State Venturer Scout Council of Scouts Australia and runs over the

Easter period from Good Friday until Easter Monday. Venturer Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the state (and from other states of Australia) come to take part in this exciting activity that is a highlight of the Venturing year.

About 400 venturer Scouts and Girl Guides between the ages of 14 to 18 years attend the activity, which is supported by 300 adult Leaders, Rovers and lay staff. The event is co-ordinated by the Hoadley Hide Team under the direction of the Hide Chief.

Venturer Teams were made up of 4 to 6 members and they are self contained, supplying their own food and shelter in tents. Teams hike over a course of about 20 square kilometres and attempt up to 20 Activities sites (Stunts) that operate throughout the Mt Disappointment area.

Venturer Teams were encouraged to visit as many stunts as possible over the period of the Hide and use their initiative and Scouting skills to complete various tasks. The stunts are a variety of activities and include fun, brain work, real life emergencies, pioneering and some with physical elements that test a range of skills and teamwork.

Stunts are run by Rover Crews or groups of Leaders. A competition is run where venturers vote at the end of each day for what they feel is the best stunts these scores are added to those of the activities Coordinators that visit every stunt and judge based on a range of areas. Items like stunt decorations, crew costumes, how well the stunt fits the theme and alike.

On Monday morning, the results were known. The overall best stunt was the Mentone Leaders. The team of leaders from the Scout Groups in and around Mentone ran a Pirate based stunt including a competition to guess how much treasure was on the pirate altar. The stunt was enjoyed by venturers especially for the 'Pirate talk'.

In Hoadley Region, the best stunt was run by the OP Guides. OP Guides are women aged 18 to 30 who are members of Guides Australia. This year the stunt was staffed by Guides from across Melbourne and called "Dictatorship for dummies". The stunt ran through all the things you would need to know if you were to rule Australia. Such as how to guide the blind followers and how to bomb small countries. The stunt included a version of the game show "GO GO STOP", Sling shots to shoot small sponges and a boat from which you could tip children over aboard.

The runner up best stunt for our region was Keith Farquhar Rover crew with "Uncle Gary's Lovely bunch of coconuts" and yes the song was playing on loop over a PA at the stunt. The site was theme that Gary Howard

– the Rover Advisor, had become a Coconut farmer, and the venturers were hearing to work the farm. The stunt involved the venturers harvesting coconuts from a tree, moving them around with our using there hands and building a Newton's cradle.

Rovers and Leaders don't only work on stunts; many support roles are required for an event of this size. The Berembong Rover crew were amongst the many Rovers who form the VST. The VST (Venturer Support Team) hike along the roads as the venturers and can assist any unit in difficult such as calling in first aid or welfare. The Berembong Rovers wore Aussiemoot shirts and used the event as a change to promote the moot to venturers currently 17 who will be Rovers before the end of the year.

At the final parade the competition awards are presented to crews winning best stunt. All leaders and Rovers who worked on Hoadley Hide were thanked for there time and effort.

What makes Hoadley Hide different each year are the themes that are dreamed up to add fun and excitement to the event. Some of the past themes have been On Location, Revolution, Crusades, Federation, Space Trek. Teams and Stunt Crews dress up and the stunts are "dressed up" in keeping with the theme each year. This brings lots of fun and good vibes to the event. The 2008 theme was announced as the Hide of the rabbit!

Hoadley Hide is a popular activity and all Hoadley Leaders and crews are invited to be involved in the 2008. Rover crews can gain information from the HRRC (Region Rover Council) and Leaders can contact the Assistant Region Commissioner for Venturers – details in the Info book.

The 2008 Hoadley Hide will be one of the biggest Hoadley Hides in recent years and Oana will print reports from the region venturer council and Rover council about the event to keep you up to date. Information can also be found on www.hoadleyhide.com and in Interchange Magazine.

Crap Movie Night - Fri 15 June

When: Friday 15th June

Time: From 7pm

Where: Gaudion (2nd Footscray) Scout Hall, Barkly St, West Footscray

BYO: Drinks & Nibblies

Cost: \$5 entry or \$10 if you plan to sleep over, inc. breakfast

RSVP: Michelle 0414 319 912 or Robert 0405 351 454

Night includes trivia, competitions, games, raffles & more. Come dressed as your favourite movie character
Win great prizes during the night

So don't miss the 5th Annual Crap Movie Night - purchase your ticket today!

Cheers, 'Chelle

Bogong Chalet

The Autumn Edition of the Bogong Bulletin is now available for download on the website at <http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au>

The website also has a final wrap up of the impact of the 2006-07 fires and the status of the forthcoming winter parties. Three weeks have the required 10 participants and applications are coming in thick and fast. Get yours in soon. The summer season at the chalet finishes next weekend when the winter's food goes in and the chalet is left in readiness for the coming snow. El Nino is over and the Bureau of Meteorology has stated that 2007 should be a more 'normal' year so we are looking forward to a reasonable snow season.

Ski Expo is on again on the 13 June 2007 at EMC in Deepdene in Melbourne. Always a great night and a chance to catch up on the gossip, latest gear with expert advice. The season opens with the Victorian Snow Venture on 30 June 2007.

See you on the snow

Mick Simpson
Secretary
Alpine Rover Crew

National Course for Leader Trainers

Easter 2007 - Gilwell Park

"Yellow Unit Rocks" - most of the leaders in our Unit were associated with the Venturing Section, well, 2 Venturers, 2 DLATs - Sue Hoerber often assoc with Venturing, a RLAT, and a BC(CS), but nearly all really Venturing people.

Which Crew is Best for Me?

So the next mission in your trek along the Roving journey is to find a Crew that best suits your needs. When looking for a Crew, have a look at the activities they do - do they specialise in a particular area, do they welcome you, is their program what you are looking for? Most Crews have pre investiture requirements, generally called Squire Training; this is what you can expect when you join a Crew.

The Rover program was originally based on the legend of St George. The story tells of George the Knight who came to the rescue of a Princess who was condemned to death by a dragon. George exposed himself to great risk and speared the dragon. In this legend Baden Powell recognised values and ideals of courage, heroism, sacrifice and belief in a higher good, which he wanted to pass on to young people. This formed the basis on which the Rover Crews operate. St George is the patron saint of Roving and Scouting.

When you join a Rover Crew you are usually invested as a Squire and are required to complete your Squire Training. The Squire Training requirements will vary from Crew to Crew and as an absolute minimum should be the same as the Rover Skills badge. The Squire training program should be able to be comfortably completed in a six month period. It is not designed to "turn Rovers off" but rather to enhance their skills so they can make a contribution to the Crew and Roving. There should be an opportunity for the Squire to reflect on the Scout Law and Scout promise from an adult perspective. Some examples of the requirements of a Squire Training programme can also include basic Scoutcraft, an outdoor expedition and a project that would be of benefit to the Crew.

Once you have completed the Squire Training and the Crew is satisfied with the standards, you are ready for investiture as a Rover. The Rover investiture ceremony is the culmination of a lot of hard work by the

individual and should be treated as a special occasion by the Crew. It should be held in a place that is significant to the individual or the Crew members. The Rover Squire should spend some time alone, prior to the ceremony, to allow some reflection on their life, where their life is headed and if they are prepared to be invested making the Scout Promise from an adult point of view.

The investiture ceremony is only attended by invested Rovers, adding to the mystery and giving Squires something to aim for. The ceremony is based on the investiture of Knights in ancient times.

Whilst the majority of Crews follow the above processes, there are some which are less formal. If this is the Crew for you there should still be a period of "getting to know you" time. The Rover Skills badge should be completed prior to investiture (as a minimum). The investiture ceremony is less formal, but still needs an affirmation of the Scout Law and Promise. The Crew will adapt the investiture according to its traditions and members needs.

There are many varieties of Rover Crews out there. There are Crews that specialise in a range of activities, Crews that are more traditional than others and Crews that are more informal than others. The important thing is that no matter the style of the Crew, they all provide the Rover Program in their own way. There is a choice, so make sure you look at all your options before you decide on the Crew for you.

Craig Whan, BC Rovers, Victoria

*BC Rovers to BC Venturers 'which is the best crew for me'
Says BC Venturers to BC Rovers 'maybe that one over there'*

Centenary of Scouting resources

26 and 10 pages of ideas on the web

A SCOUT CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Over the last 10 years the Pyrenees Venturer unit and Avoca Scout Group have planted in excess of 120,000 trees, 30,000 last year.

This years target is **40,000**.

SO JOIN US IN THIS YEARS GLEN DHU CHALLENGE

We have 3 plantouts planed for this year.

22-24 June

27-29 July

17-19 August

(subject to prior rainfall)

WE WILL PROVIDE

All meals – that's right **NO** charge.

Trees – lots of trees.

Planting equipment.

Toilets and Showers – Hot.

A very unique setting.

YOU NEED

Normal camping equipment.

Personal clothing.

Lots of energy.

FOR FULL DETAILS

AND REGISTRATION FORMS

Contact – Pyrenees Venturer Unit

C/- Rob Mitchell- wateractivities@bordnet.com.au

BADGE WORK

Venturers – Subject to your ARCVS and Units approval 1 weekend equals 10 hours community service.

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JOTA-JOTI BADGE 2007

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE – YOU CAN HELP!

The JOTA-JOTI badge, like other event badges, is to go off the uniform and become a camp blanket/camp shirt badge. The downside is you don't get to wear it. The upside is we can make it bigger and better! This year is the 50th JOTA, and the 11th JOTI, so we'd like to have a nice bright badge to mark the occasion. The theme for JOTA-JOTI is "Around The World In 50 Hours". Here's where you come in. We are seeking your design ideas for the 2007 JOTA-JOTI badge.

Design Rules:

- The badge is 50mm square, or 50mm diameter if you want round.
- You can use only three colours
- Don't include real fine detail, especially tiny text – it doesn't show up very well on the badge.
- The design must reflect 50th JOTA, and maybe it should also reflect the Centenary of Scouting.

FLY THE FLAG

WIN COOL PRIZES!

Like doing wacky and zany things?

Want to show the world just how cool Scouts REALLY are?

Want to win some cool prizes for you, your group and mates?

Then you better FLY THE FLAG!

What Do I Have To Do??

You need to form a team of Scouts (any Section) and find unique ways to make the World Scout logo or fleur-de-lis as publicly visible as possible. Then take a photo of the unique or widely viewed place that the logo/flag appears and send it in!

It's a great way of displaying our pride, giving exposure to the Scout Movement, and promoting World Scouting's Centenary in 2007 and Australia's Centenary in 2008. Guidelines restrict teams to legal and safe measures in their promotion of the logo or flag.

Conditions

1. Competition closes 31 August 2007
2. Send entries to flytheflag@scouts.com.au
3. Entries which cannot be sent via email should contact 0402 647 363 for postal or fax details.

So get out there and show us where you can *Fly the Flag*

• The badge is used by Scouts and Guides so it needs to incorporate both logos.

• You don't have to be good at drawing – we want your ideas.

There will be a prize for the person who made the winning design. The winning design will be used for the 2007 JOTA-JOTI badge and promotional purposes for JOTA-JOTI. The designer of the winning entry will be acknowledged and the design published in Scouts Australia national and state publications and websites.

All entries become the property of Scouts Australia, and Scouts Australia retains all rights to the design, use and reproduction of the design.

Entries must be made on the attached form, and emailed to jota.joti@scouts.com.au or posted to: Bob Bristow, JOTA-JOTI Coordinator

Lot 32 Cameron Road, Gidgegannup WA 6083

The Closing Date for entries is June 15th 2007. There will be a winning prize of a copy of the *Fieldbook for Australian Scouting*.

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