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A MAGAZINE FOR VENTURERS & ROVERS

July 2007



Venturer Leader training – Advanced Course – Pax Hill – June 2007

New Venturer web:

vicventurers.com

Check the latest info:

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- Games & Program
- Venturer Review
- Resources
- Space Olympics video
- Murray Marathon video

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Centenary items:

- *Scarf Up for Scouting* photos now on *Centenary* section of National Website. To view:
<http://centenary.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=12356315>
- 1/8/7 I/net events

Special thanks for Venturers and Leaders at AJ2007

- The article on pages 7 & 8 of this issue is about the Kaleidoscope activity at the Jamboree;
- It is the final in a series of 3 articles -Venturer Subcamp (April) & Venturer Extreme (May/June);
- Scouting is indebted to the efforts of the Venturers & Leaders who participated, but in particular:
 - Venturer Subcamp - Christine Landsberg and Donna Anderson;
 - Venturer Extreme - Bruce Ouwerkerk and Harry Kruger;
 - Venturer Kaleidoscope - Cliff and Pat Dent, Bruce Ellis; and
 - Of course, to many more Venturer and Leaders - **thank you!!**

Working With Children

Due 30th June

The above legislation introduced in 2006 details a time table when all adults supervising children are required to hold the Working with Children *Card*.

As the Scout Association programme includes overnight activities and camps our members are required to either hold the *Card* or have lodged their application for the *Card* by the 30th June 2007.

The Working with Children Act stipulates that all persons 18 years of age and over who supervise children must have the *Card*. There have been some complaints that a person, because of his or her employment, does not need the "*Card*". This has been seriously considered but to ensure that we can say without fear of contradiction that all adults have the *Card*, we expect all such members to also apply for the *Card* no matter what might be their role in scouting. Unless we insist upon this there remains the possibility that such a person might cease such employment and continue to act as an "Adult Support person" without telling us or without applying for a Working with Children Check. In this circumstance, both that leader and the Association will be in breach of the Act and can potentially face legal proceedings. All leaders are therefore asked to obtain the "*Card*" regardless of occupation.

The branch data base shows you have not been issued with the Working with Children *Card*.

I am therefore asking you to complete an Application for Working with Children Check form available from most post offices, complete it and with documents to prove the 100 points required together with a Passport photograph go to the Post Office and apply for the *Card* without delay. We tried hard to obtain a supply of the application form to enclose with this letter but unfortunately the Department did not have the number of forms we requested

When completing Section 11 on page 13 of your application form, enter both Code 10 and Code 42. For Scouting purposes, Code 10 is mandatory

There is no cost in applying for the *Card* however if you need to obtain a photograph or the Post Office needs to take a new photograph there will be a charge for that photograph.

You are asked to apply for your *Card* prior to the close of business on the 29th June 2007, if for no other reason than to ensure our youth members don't miss out on enjoying the Scout programme including overnight activities.

When you receive your Working with Children *Card* please confirm the Number and due date to your Scout Service Centre to update you membership record.

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

On the surface there would appear to be some prospect of Scouting taking advantage of this funding. If you are aware of any projects or individuals who might qualify, please forward this to them.

The auDA Foundation, which was established by .au Domain Administration Ltd (auDA) in 2005, is calling for submissions from eligible applicants to receive funding in its second round of grants. More...

Regards, Peter Newell, DC South Western

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www.scoutsnyc.com.au/newsletter/



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Victorian Venturer News

West Heidelberg Mosque

Sunday afternoon, July 29th, 2.45 – 4.15 pm
Christine, DVL, phone 9850 5045

Jerry, DVL, jerome.winston@cedre.org.my
More info provided in May/June Interchange

Venturer Leaders Wanted

"Talaskia" (Upper Ferntree Gully)

If interested, contact the Group Leader **Michelle Tanzen**
9754 8234 or 0410 588 509 jmtanzen@netspace.net.au

Leadership Course

3-5 August – Bay Park c/o Bentleigh Scout Centre



14th Australian Venture
Western Australia
4th-15th January 2009
escape2venture.com

AV09
ROAD SHOW
3/8/2007

ESCAPE TO
WESTERN
AUSTRALIA
4/15 Jan.2009

Australian
Venture AV09

The Venture is going to be
the ESCAPE! A real escape

from normal day to day life – to choose who you spend time with, to go on a major expedition or activity that YOU choose, to have a go at something new, to hang out with people from all over Australia and all over the World and, in this case, to see a part of Australia you may not have seen before. It all adds up to an exciting chance to be a part of something massive!

The AV2009 Road Show will be at Pakenham Public Hall, 3rd August 2007 @ 7.30 pm.

The hall is located at the corner of John Street and Henry Street in Pakenham.

This is the ideal opportunity to hear about the Venture, learn what a Venture is, and the amazing activities and expeditions YOU get to choose. It's different to a Jamboree because YOU get to choose what YOU do. The age requirements are: born between January 1991 and January 1995, and be a registered Venturer. There is no requirement to have 'camped' for so many nights, or achieved a certain badge level. All that is required is YOU and your enthusiasm.

So, what do we want? We extend an invitation to one and all - Units (from far and wide), as well as older Scouts who are in the age range mentioned above, along with your Leaders and parents to this information night. Contingent Leaders will be available on the night to go over costs, expenses, pre-Venture tour, etc.

If you are coming along, please bring along something to share for supper. At this stage we have no idea how many are attending, but have heard from 6 other Units so far. Drop me an email on pfraser@alphalink.com.au, so we can organise a larger space if required. Otherwise, look forward to hearing more about the Venture.

YIS, Peter Fraser, Venturer Leader, Pakenham Venturers

Armstrong 500

10 – 12 August 2007

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10 – 12 August 2007

Murray Rescue

17 – 19 August 2007

Yarra Valley Initiative Course

24 – 26 August 2007

Whitehorse Showtime

Venturer Party

"My Generation"

31/08/2007

Whitehorse Centre, 397
Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Show and Party at the same
Venue, Party finishes 1 am



- Cost is \$19 per Venturer & Friends for Show & Party
- Cost is \$13 per Concession Holders or Leaders
- (if group booking of 10 or more tickets)
- Cost is \$19 for Leaders/Adults
- Theme: Glow Sticks - Bring Along and Wear
- Tickets can be ordered by: 9870-9044, 0412-458-816,
whsticketing@optusnet.com.au

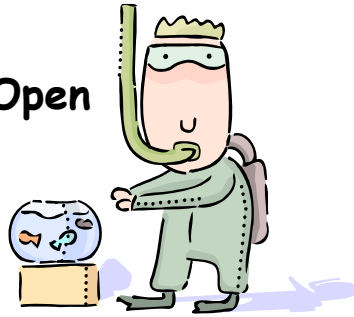
Post: 40 Cuthbert Street, Heathmont, 3135

Need more information, email Leanne
lfraser@alphalink.com.au Don't forget to quote a cast member when ordering your tickets.

***Let's make the Venturer Party
night a Sell Out!!!***

Scout Scuba Vic PADI Open Water Course.

- 8/9 & 15/12 Dec
- Cost about \$500



The course includes all books and gear hire (having your own mask is an asset), but does not include transport, accommodation or food (last year the Portsea accommodation was under \$20). It is open to Scouts (who will gain their junior open water qualification), Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and all of their families.

The first weekend is currently scheduled for Sunbury but this depends on where most of the participants come from. The second weekend will be at Portsea.

As last year, in conjunction with the second weekend, we will be offering a weekend of diving for qualified divers.

Bruce Ellis c/o gischiro@optusnet.com.au

YOUR EYES ONLY - NOW OPEN

Your Eyes Only is a grant opportunity for young people 12 -15 years to celebrate the strengths of their community by submitting a creative entry celebrating their community through their eyes. Successful applicants will nominate a community group working with young people in their community, for example a school, youth group or sporting group, to receive a donation. This donation would then be used by the community group to further its work by either purchasing much needed equipment or adding funds to an existing program.

- This is the second round for 2007.
- Entries close 17 September. Application forms and more information is available at www.youngaustralians.org
- Contact us on 03 9670 5436 to receive free posters

VG 2007

30th Nov - 2nd Dec

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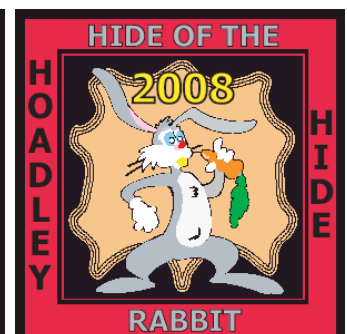
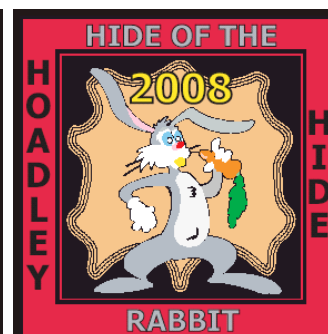
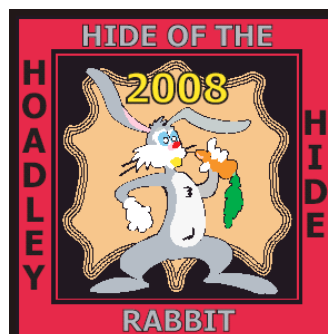
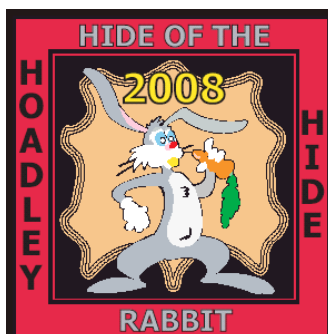
In our Centenary year, Victoria Gathering is Going to Gilwell

Back to Gilwell, happy land etc



**Aim to be there this
December!**

*More info to be
distributed soon – so
check out the August issue
of Interchange.*



The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table.

But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl! When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?"

Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up. "The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents so that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life.."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.!

I've learned that you should pass this on to everyone you care about. I just did.

NOTICE AT THE END, THE DATE THE CANDLE WAS STARTED - GONNA GIVE YOU GOOSE BUMPS.

I am not going to be the one who lets it die. I found it believable -- angels have walked beside me all my life-- and they still do.



The Candle Of Love, Hope & Friendship

This candle was lit on September, 15, 1998. Someone who loves you has helped keep it alive by sending it to you.

Don't let The Candle of Love, Hope and Friendship die! Pass It On To All Of Your Friends and Everyone You Love!

Please keep this candle alive

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend.

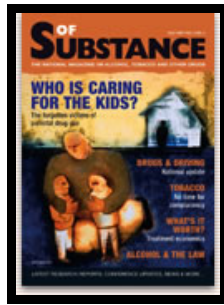
VENTURER RESOURCES - do you use them?



January 2007



April 2007



July 2007

The July 2007 issue of *Of Substance* - the national magazine on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs - has been mailed to each D/ZL(VS), ARC(VS) and members of Venturer training team.

Why not borrow this or prior issues for Unit discussions?

Contents of July 2007 Vol. 5 No. 3

- Recent research into young people and nicotine dependence
- Who is caring for the kids?
- Alcohol and the law: can health win?
- Thinking about drinking, again
- Tobacco: no time for complacency
- 1 client, 2 needs: hep C and the AOD client
- Australia's approach to drugs and driving
- What's it worth? Resources, treatment & health

Next issue: October 2007

Best thing since sliced bread!

At the recent Venturer Leader Advanced course at Pax Hill, the course leader, Julie Gunn, displayed the two Venturer games and the participants played one of them. Overheard were these comments:



(Editor: using some poetic licence of course)

- "these are the best things since sliced bread";
- "what is sliced bread?" (a country leader) and
- "where do you get them?" (the games, not sliced).

The answer is to either:

- Go to the new Victorian Venturer web site at vicventurers.com, download them, print them on to coloured card, cut them up and play them, or,
- Simply ask your D/ZL(VS), ARC(VS) or a member of the Venturer training team if you can **borrow a copy!** (make sure they have cut them up)



Are your Venturers interested in the International Space Olympics?

It is likely too late for 2007, but check the video and info on new Venturer web.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE OLYMPICS MOSCOW 2007

Learn all you need to know about the space industry. Find out how to work and what it's like to be a astronaut (or even a cosmonaut). Visit the home of the space race technology.

Sixteen and Under of Australia have the opportunity to participate in the 15th International Space Olympics, held in Moscow City from 19-21 May 2007, Russia.

The International Space Olympics (ISO) is a multi-nation event from Russia, the USA, United Kingdom, China, Germany, Kazakhstan and Europe. It is an exciting opportunity to expose our talented young scientists and engineers to the wonders of space exploration at the home of the International Space Station.

The International Space Olympics is an annual competition for youth aged between 14 and 17 years. The competition events are in the areas of mathematics, physics, computer science, literature, life science related projects, robotics and technology and business leaving Australia for presentation in Moscow City.

The competition is traditionally tough but not impossible as demonstrated by the 2005 Australian ISOT team winning the coveted Cosmonauts Trophy, 1st place in the project section and all team members placed in the top 10 overall list of 200 participants in a final hard week involving 40 hours of intense and cultural activities and training.

• Star City is the home of all cosmonaut training.

• Rocket and Space Corporation "Energia". A space lead training program in the heart of the star city. Participants not only see but actually participate in the launch of a rocket (the first main launch used in ISOT) and all ISOT participants will fly on a Soyuz to the vehicle.

• Mission Control, the fully operational space station.

• The Moscow, the Kremlin and Red Square.

• Attend the Ballet. The 2006 team saw the Royal Moscow Ballet perform Swan Lake and Juliet a truly memorable event on its own!

• As a school, meet local and international business, talk to Russian cosmonauts and space industry specialists.

The program is one stop from 7:00 am till lights out at 11:00pm, and did I mention it's a whole lot of FUN!

The purpose of competing in the ISOs is to stimulate science and develop their critical and creative thinking skills and to increase their knowledge of Space Exploration. The competition will be judged by leading space industry and education specialists from around the world. The winners receive unique and special prizes.

The 2007 Australian ISO team is headed by Australian Professor Sachin Thangapan, SMCIT University, Space Scientist and Victorian Scout Leader.

Team coach is Mrs. Anne Brundell, Space Educator, European Space Agency, currently with The Victorian Space Science Education Centre also a Victorian Scout and Guide Leader.

Financial assistance varies from State to State, details are available from your State Branch. Applications for financial assistance can be made through Scouts International Office (Headstone, Victoria).

Cost is approx. \$5000 (AUD)

The cost include: all Accommodation, meals, transport and transfers in Russia, visa processing and application, return airfare (Melbourne, Moscow).

Not Included: Pre sport application and processing, cost associated with transport to and from Melbourne for the weekend training camp.

Are your Venturers interested in the 2007 Murray Marathon?

It is not too late for 2007, either as a participant or as support/service crew - check video and info on new Venturer web.





Australian Venture - WA - Jan. 2009

The following flyer was mailed:

- In June, to each Venturer & Scout who will be eligible to attend the Venture;
- to each Unit leader with the June issue of Interchange;
- did you get your copy? If not - give Gary a call - contact info below.

14th Australian Venture
28TH DEC '08 - 15TH JAN '09
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A bit more info...

So, are you excited about Australian Venture? Here's a little more info that you need to know:

The expected cost for Escape, including airfares, pre-tour, contingent fees, and the Venture fee is roughly \$2500.

That works out to roughly \$30 a week if you start to save now. There is also an option to remove the pre-tour to lower the cost.

As we draw closer to the Venture, prices will be finalised and will be available on the contingent website.

So what are you waiting for? Jump onto the official Escape website and register your interest, then keep an eye out in the mail for our promotional DVD. Don't forget to check out the Victorian Contingent website for all the info you need!

www.escapevictoria.com

Talk to us!

Still not convinced? Then feel free to contact us and we'll answer any questions that you have. You can drop us an email at questions@escapevictoria.com

Victorian Contingent Contact
Gary Steinhardt
(03) 9570 6519

escape

How do I escape?

First, find your local Venturer unit and join up. Then, tell your venturer leader how excited you are about Venture! Then start saving, fundraising and looking forward to the biggest adventure of your life!

To register for AV09, log onto our website:
www.escapevictoria.com

So, what is a venture?

It's the major event of the Venturer Section in Australia - and it's not "just like a Jamboree" at all!

Firstly, there is more Freedom to choose. You choose who you spend time with, you choose which activities you do and you choose when you do them.

Secondly, Venturers always want more! More independence, more opportunity and more adventure. Don't worry - Team Escape are on the case - and they have made it their mission to deliver!

Plus, you go on a four day major expedition where you get to do whatever it is you love doing on a much larger scale - and hang out with other Venturers from across Australia and around the world while you do it.

So if you thought a Jamboree would be the highlight of your Scouting career - think again!

4th/15th Jan. 09

Pre Tour 28/12 - 3/01

Cost

Still to be determined but we are estimating approx \$2500 including the Pre Tour

Who Can Come?

Any Venturer aged Scout Member in the world! If you are a registered Scouting member and were born between January 1991 and January 1995 then you fit the bill! Rovers and Leaders who hold their working with children card

So what do you do at a Venture?

Or perhaps a better question is, what don't you DO at a Venture? There will be so many opportunities to do cool stuff, this is usually the hardest decision to make - what do you leave out?

'Cos you get to choose. Choose which expedition you want to do, choose which on site and off site activities you want to do and choose which of your hundreds of new mates you do them with.

Take a look at activities and expeditions pages on the escape website
escape2venture.com

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Why escape?

Escape opens up new horizons. It lets you escape from your day-to-day life. It allows you to escape to a different environment, to enjoy your freedom. After all, everyone wants to escape at sometime.

We want everyone to come along with a carefree and fun attitude - to escape the ordinary parts of life and experience the extraordinary!

While we're at it, let us introduce you to Harry. Just who is Harry? Harry is our Venture mascot, running to the west, in the colours of a brilliant West Australian sunset. Who is he named after? Harry Houdini of course - the greatest escapologist in history!

What's the plan?

Escape is being held in Western Australia from the 30th December, 2008 to the 15th January, 2009.

Days 1-6: Fly into Perth, then begin an amazing six day pre-tour through Western Australia. See what the Western Coast of Australia has to offer - from amazing formations, to stunning coastlines.

Day 7: Arrive back in Perth and drive south to the Venture site; Fairbridge Village. Settle in, meet your new best friends and be a part of the biggest pool party you have ever seen!

Days 8-13: Take off with your new friends from all over Australia and the world for your four day expedition. Wha: sort of expedition? You get to choose!

Choose either:

- Surfing, caving and abseiling in Margaret River
- Hiking the Ridge Walk in the Stirling Ranges
- A sailing adventure on the STS Looswin

Why go to W.A.?

Travelling to Western Australia for Venture will be a great chance to see and enjoy a part of Australia that you might otherwise never see. Escape will provide an opportunity to see some of the real WA - and you get to do it with your mates!

Got questions?

We've got answers! If you want to find out anything about the Venture, check out the Contingent website:
www.escapevictoria.com

You can ask questions on the forums, look at photos from past Ventures and keep up to date with all developments.

How much is it?

The base costs for the Venture are listed below:

Venturers	\$790 AUD
Unit Leaders	\$575 AUD
Service Leaders	\$475 AUD

The base cost does not include the airfares or Contingent fees. Flip to the back to see more information on the Victorian Contingent and the other costs involved.

Pre Tour Victoria contingent is running a 6 day pre tour - watch this space for more details to come soon on this or log on and register on the Victorian Contingent website escapevictoria.com to get the latest information

Contingent Contact email: contingent@escapevictoria.com phone: Gary Steinhardt - (03) 9570 6519

Venturer Leader - Advanced Training - Pax Hill – June 2007



L to R: Terry Payne, Susan Mahler, Bob Mitchell, Ian Lock, Julie Gunn, Dannie Maywood, Marion Carroll, Bruce Ellis, Jenny Tayler, Margarite Dessans, Martin Russell.



Apply now for the next Venturer Course for you:

- ♣ *Basic –29/30 Sept & 13/14 Oct 2007*
- ♣ *Advanced – 9/13 January 2008*

Venturers at AJ2007 - Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope has been one of the on-site activities for Scouts at every jamboree since 1986. Why Kaleidoscope? When an on-site activity called Kaleidoscope was cancelled before the jamboree in 1986, some enterprising Venturer leaders decided to take over the activity site and name, and use it to 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 provide an introduction to Venturing for all the prospective Venturers at a Jamboree.

In 2006 Cliff and Pat Dent were persuaded to take on the task of designing Kaleidoscope for AJ2007. Cliff used his design skills, aided by Pat's artistic skills, to produce an outstanding plan for the site, which related the Scout Award scheme to the Venturer Award scheme

showing how the Green Cord could be tied to the "Try Venturing" badge, providing a seamless linking to the next Section of Scouting.



The Venturer Award Scheme is made up of the four diamonds of the Queen's Scout Award. What Cliff and Pat planned was to divide up the site, a large marquee, into separate areas for each diamond. Different activities and interactive displays were to lead visitors through the display from one diamond to the next.

How they did this was to build a bridge in the centre of the marquee, spanning a valley with water on one side, and with a mountain on the other. The bridge and mountain were designed to cover a cave, and all available surfaces were decorated with representations of the activities that could be done in achieving each diamond. All States were invited to provide photos and any promotional material that they would like displayed.

Highlights of the Adventurous Activities diamond were the scuba diver in a pool with a shark, and the potholing activity. There was information about competition hiking held in each state, including timings and inclusion in the award scheme. The Victorian Hoadley Hide shield and a New South Wales Dragon Skin t-shirt were on display as well. There was a huge display promoting the next Venture (jamboree for Venturers) to be held in Western Australia in 2008. Other badges, "extra" to the Award Scheme such as Conservation, Landcare and Interpreter were shown with relevant examples.

How did it all work? At previous Jamborees, there have been four Kaleidoscope units of twenty Venturers and two Venturer leaders staffing the display so that it could be open continuously from 9 am until 9 pm. However at AJ2007, there were not enough Activity Leaders for all the on-site and off-site activities, and Venturers were needed to help out at many other sites. This meant that not only were there only three Kaleidoscope units, but there were only fourteen, sixteen or seventeen Venturers and only one leader in each unit.

As well, the Kaleidoscope Units were rostered on to help our very small catering team in the mess tent every

day. Many of the Venturers worked on their rostered days off as well.

Continuous opening was not possible, but Kaleidoscope opened three times a day, from 9 am to 11.30 am, 1.30pm to 4.30pm and 7 pm to 9 pm (except Market day (afternoon and evening only) and each visiting Scout patrol was conducted around the site by a Venturer dressed in full uniform. On the way, the newly-trained, hard-working, fast-talking Venturers pointed out the diamonds of the Award Scheme, relating it all to the way they do Venturing in their home Units, and highlighting the differences and similarities between Scouting and Venturing. Each patrol took between 18-20 minutes to tour with its Venturer escort. Scouts who had already completed the Venture Extreme activity and could show the stamp in their Jamboree passports were awarded the "Try Venturing" Badge. All other visitors were self conducted. Approximately 8000 people visited Kaleidoscope over the Jamboree, including approximately 1100 patrols, and more than 1000 (other than scouts) visitors on market day.

One of the Kaleidoscope Venturers had been part of the team that won gold at the Moscow Space Olympics, and two other members of that team visited her at Kaleidoscope. The visiting Scouts were all absolutely stunned to meet the Moscow Olympian lass, especially as she was so tiny

The great effort that was put in designing and assembling Kaleidoscope was rewarded by the large number of visitors and their positive reaction. If more Scouts have been inspired to continue their Scouting as Venturers, and if Scout leaders have gained a greater understanding of what the next Section is all about, then it will all have been worthwhile: the wonderful Leaders who gave of their time and skills to design, set up and staff Kaleidoscope and look after the Venturers, and the Venturers who lived out their Scout promise – they gave of their best, and learned an awful lot on the way!.



Scout-Guide group travel Bus & coach snow rates 2007.

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• QUOTE RATE CODE: **SNOW0**

Days	9 seat Tarago	12/14 seat Commuter	12/14 seat New Shape Commuter	15 seat Mercedes-Benz	22 seat Toyota Coaster	25 seat Mitsubishi Rosa	30 seat Mercedes-Benz	31/35 seat MAN	38 seat MAN	54 seat MAN
2	\$448	\$558	\$600	\$650	\$740	\$798	\$1,158	\$1,270	\$1,366	\$1,659
3	\$534	\$654	\$714	\$771	\$885	\$972	\$1,464	\$1,635	\$1,797	\$2,121
4	\$620	\$752	\$820	\$892	\$1,032	\$1,148	\$1,768	\$2,000	\$2,224	\$2,620
5	\$700	\$850	\$930	\$1,015	\$1,175	\$1,320	\$2,075	\$2,365	\$2,625	\$3,098

• QUOTE RATE CODE: **SNOW1**

Days	9 seat Tarago	12/14 seat Commuter	12/14 seat New Shape Commuter	15 seat Mercedes-Benz	22 seat Toyota Coaster	25 seat Mitsubishi Rosa	30 seat Mercedes-Benz	31/35 seat MAN	38 seat MAN	54 seat MAN
6	\$786	\$948	\$1,056	\$1,134	\$1,320	\$1,494	\$2,382	\$2,730	\$3,012	\$3,572
7	\$875	\$1,043	\$1,148	\$1,253	\$1,470	\$1,673	\$2,688	\$3,094	\$3,451	\$4,112
8	\$960	\$1,136	\$1,256	\$1,376	\$1,616	\$1,840	\$2,992	\$3,456	\$3,776	\$4,528
9	\$1,053	\$1,251	\$1,359	\$1,467	\$1,755	\$1,998	\$3,285	\$3,816	\$4,149	\$4,998

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A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

The Venturer Unit was saddened to learn of the passing this week of one of it's most valuable members, **SOMEONE ELSE**.

SOMEONE'S passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. ELSE has been with the Unit since its beginning and did far more than a normal persons share.

Whenever there was a job to do, transport to be arranged or cleaning up to be done, one name was on everyone's lips; let **SOMEONE ELSE** do it.

It was common knowledge that **SOMEONE ELSE** was the largest contributor of his time to the Unit - whenever there was a need for volunteers everyone just assumed that **SOMEONE ELSE** would volunteer.

SOMEONE ELSE was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman. But a person can only do so much. Were the truth to be known, everyone expected too much of **SOMEONE ELSE**.

Now **SOMEONE ELSE** is gone. Who is going to do the things **SOMEONE ELSE** did?

When you are asked to help, remember that we cannot depend on **SOMEONE ELSE** any longer. Isn't it about time that **YOU** stopped volunteering **SOMEONE ELSE** to do the jobs????

(Anon)



Rover Region Round Up.

Aussiemoot:

The BRC Chairman is seeking Rovers to attend the 'Youth Forum' that takes place as part of Aussiemoot. If you're a Rover going to moot and would like to express your views on Roving in Australia. Email brc.chairman@vicscouts.asn.au

In general, Victoria has a very large contingent attending; the team are still adding more Victorian's to the list. Visit www.aussiemoot.com to join.

Crew Forums:

Some regions have started and it is on the way for others. This is your opportunity to make a difference to the strategies of Rover communication; marketing and operations will ensure the continued growth of our section. Look out for an invite from your region Chairman soon.

David Lyons



Envirover – Roving Australia's premier environmental education course, started in 2002, is hitting high gear after yet another immensely successful year. After a bumpy start Envirover ran with 16 Rovers at Mafeking Rover Park between the 30th of June and the 1st of July. The participants were from quite a broad range of backgrounds and areas, including Kylie and

Neil from New South Wales, representatives from the Mafeking and Bogong Committees, and some who were just curious why I was dyed green at Mudbash.



The program for the weekend ran well. We had Rod Drew, the CEO of Field and Game Australia giving us a presentation on hunting, hunting management practices and why hunters consider themselves conservationists. Candy DiCamillo stepped in with only a few weeks notice to run a session on man's impact on the environment and how it can be managed, and found us several small saplings which we potted and are now planted safely in Rover gardens around Victoria.

Kirsten Hogan from Water Watch ran a great discussion on flooding and water issues in Victoria, before taking us down to the dam so we could test it for salinity, turbulence and have a look at the incredible amount of tiny wildlife living in it.



Other activities for the weekend included discussions on major environmental issues, brainstorming solutions to problems, running a debate about water management (desalination plant versus a pipeline – tough call!), discussions about green alternatives and things you can do to make a difference and, inevitable, we watch Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'.

Sadly our attempt at creating some mean, green solar ovens from everyday household supplies were hampered by the fact we live in Victoria – but clouds, wind and even rain couldn't stop us getting a nice brown



skin on our bread dough. Success!

Happy Valley Rover Guild were on site once again supplying us with some of the best catering I've ever had at a camp, and everyone agreed it was a fantastic effort. Thanks guys!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Envirover 2007 a success, including Vic BRC, Craig Olsen our

Victorian Environment Commissioner, Katie, Neil and Kylie from NSW, all our awesome Rover participants, and especially Kristen Knight who helped me prepare and run the course

Yours in EnviRovering,
Gordon Young, Environment Officer,
Victorian Branch Rover Council
brc.environment@vicscouts.asn.au

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Scouting Sunrise, World Jamboree 2007, Centenary Events

The Centenary Year of World Scouting has seen many local and National events taking place around the world. From July 27 to 8th August, the World Jamboree is on in England, and to add to the excitement normally associated with a world jamboree, the Jamboree and associated Centenary Celebrations will be on-air and online. Below I describe these, and how to participate.

World Jamboree

27 July - 8 August: both the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Chelmsford in the United Kingdom and Brownsea Island will be on the air with their own, fully equipped amateur radio stations. Both will offer a radio programme to the participating Scouts. The stations are operated by an international team of Scout radio amateurs. The staff at GB100J offer a full radio-scouting set of activities to all Jamboree participants.

- The station is located at Central Plaza of the camp site. <http://home.tiscali.nl/worldscout/index.htm>
- **Contact the World Scout Jamboree on Amateur Radio (HF):** Visit www.scouts.com.au JOTA-JOTI section for frequencies.
- **Echolink:** (Amateur Operator-Only Internet Software): via node 259814, PA5UL or via the local repeater in Chelmsford node 265297, MB7IDA. at 144.8375 MHz.

Special transmission from World Scout Jamboree:

- Saturday. 28 July 19.45 GMT Jamboree Opening live on Community Channel. <http://www.communitychannel.org/content/view/1486/75/>
- 1st of August, 06:45 GMT Sunrise Ceremony on Community Channel.
- 1st of August, GB100J will take part in Network.
- Saturday 4 August, GB100J will contact Internat. Space Station and later lead the at 22:00 GMT. Echolink 131124. Net Control PA3BAR
- Sunrise Network 1 August 2007

Bob Bristow, JOTA-JOTI Coordinator, 11 July 2007

Hello from Scout Radio International HQ

We are literally 1 week away from the World Jamboree celebrating the 100 years of Scouting. Not only that! As I type this email and send it out across the globe we are 11 days, 8 hours and 20 minutes away from the Scouting Sunrise. This event will be not just the biggest event in Scouting but the world's largest celebration. Imagine 30 million Scouts from every corner of the globe renewing their Scout Promise – On my Honour.... Every scout united. One World one Promise.

Showing in a world divided by terrorism and war, exists a peace movement with youth and adults from all diversities, religions and backgrounds saying they will obey the Scout Law, and be a friend to every other person no matter what country class or creed they belong to.

100 years ago Baden Powell the founder of Scouts experimented with a camp on Brownsea Island, who would have thought in a 100 years Scouting is not recognised in only 6 countries. We can assure you Scouting exists, the only difference is that it is underground simply because the government in that country does not recognise the voluntary youth movement.

Scouting Radio has been broadcasting for over 2 years. We are an independent internet radio station by Scouts for Scouts listened to by over 160,000 global listeners on a daily basis. We shall be covering the Scouting Sunrise as it happens in every corner of the globe. We shall provide audio photos and videos of events across the world. We cant do this without listeners input - what's important is your input to the day

Live coverage of the Sunrise on Scouting Radio shall begin on the eve of the main event (Brownsea Island GMT time). We hope Scouts from around the globe will contact our station and tell us what they love about scouting, what they are doing for the sunrise, and send us messages that we can relay to our audience across the world. Anyone with internet access can click "Listen Live" and enjoy the sounds of Scouting Radio, whether they are Scouts, former Scouts, and parents or hopefully Scouts of the future.

On the day we have exclusive interviews with special guests. We would love to hear from you. Are you a Scout, a Parent, a former Scout or simply a person who admires the Scouting Programme for what it does? Have you photos, audio or videos you would like to send us?

- www.scoutingradio.com chat room
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Yours in Scouting, Justin Dawson, Station Manager

Venturers, Rovers & Leaders

You don't need an Antenna like this to get into Amateur Radio

Now it is even easier to join other Scouts in Australia and millions of other interested operators world wide, with you own Amateur Radio Licence.

Worried about "Duty of Care", Amateur Radio is worthy of consideration for providing communications for that remote activity or campsite.

You may choose to gain the qualification and establish a Amateur Radio Station in your Hall or campsite and use one of the VK3S_ _ _ Callsigns. . If you have a recent model Computer, Internet, Sound Card and a Headset Microphone you can get yourself on air via Echolink, with-out even putting up an antenna on the house..

For anyone interested in dipping their toe in the wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio, the Foundation Licence is the ideal place to start. The foundation course run by the SRESU is conducted by Scouting people for Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders. Scouting Parents and Friends are welcomed to apply, acceptance of applications is subject to course number limitations. The Course follows the syllabus laid down by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Assessments are conducted by WIA/ACMA approved Assessments Procedures.

Scheduled Foundation Training Dates for 2007 are as follows:

- ♣ 25th & 26th of August - Location N.E. Suburbs - Wattle Glen Scout Hall.
- ♣ 24th & 25th of November - Location S.E. Suburbs - BATC - Mt Waverley

Please forward your TR1 applications three weeks prior to the course.

Please mail your application and fee to:
SRESU Victoria,
PO Box 269, Box Hill, Victoria, 3128.



Scout Radio & Electronics Service Unit

Scouts Australia - Victorian Branch



Invite you to attend our new Foundation Amateur Radio Training Course.

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The Training will enable you to obtain your first licence with a little reading and one weekend's study.

Having your own Amateur Radio Licence will open new doors for you including:

Internet / Computer linking of Radio
 Your own Jamboree on the Air station
 Communications with out Mobile Phones

Radio Direction Finding - Fox Hunting
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 New career opportunities

Do I need to be a Tech-Head to learn Amateur Radio?

No, many young people are now passing the new foundation licences.

I tried CB Radio and it just did not work.

With your new knowledge as an Amateur Radio operator, you will understand what and how it works. You can use the right frequencies for the job.

Can I get a Badge for my Uniform?

Yes, there is a new special badge that can be only be worn by all Qualified Amateur Radio Operators, it can be worn by Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and by Leaders.



My Uncle is a Ham Radio Operator, is this the same? Can I talk to him?

Ham Radio and Amateur Radio are interchangeable names that describe our Hobby. Yes you may be able to work your Uncle at the right time of the day.

Will an Amateur Radio Licence help if there is an Emergency in the Community?

Yes it can, when other formal communications systems fail. Following the big Hurricane Katrina in USA, Amateur Radio provided the only communications for many communities for many days.

Do I need to learn Morse Code?

No, Morse Code is no longer required to hold a Amateur Radio Licence in Australia.

Can I use my Amateur Licence outside of Scout Activities?

Yes, you can use your licence to talk to Amateur Radio operators world wide over the air or via a special internet link even with out having a radio.

Where can I get more information?

An information pack on the Foundation licence is available to download here:
<http://www.sresu.asn.au/index.php?p=training-foundation>

or ring Philip A.H. on 03 94383013

Victorian Venturer Calendar - July 2007 +

More info available at vicventurers.com

From	To	Event, Conference, Meeting or Course	Branch, Region, District or Zone	Location	Contact Person	
27-Jul-07		Big Burger Competition	South Metro	Dandenong District	Chris Steuart Smith	5996 1337
27-Jul-07	29-Jul-07	Landcare Tree Planting	Western	TBA	Rob Mitchell	5461 1397
28-Jul-07	29-Jul-07	Centenary Camp/Activity	Eastern	Morwell	Ian Newnham	5633 1147
28-Jul-07	7-Aug-07	Jamboree - England	International	United Kingdom	Julie Gunn	5248 3171
28-Jul-07	7-Aug-07	Join in Jamboree	International	Everywhere	Julie Gunn	5248 3171
28-Jul-07	29-Jul-07	Training of Trainers, Part 3	South Metro	East Bentleigh	Bentleigh S.Centre	8575 4000
29-Jul-07		Ideals - mosque visit	Yarra Valley	West Heidelberg	Jerome Winston	9435 8048
1-Aug-07		World Scout Day	National	Na		
3-Aug-07	5-Aug-07	Leadership Course	South Metro	Bay Park,	Bentleigh S.Centre	8575 4000
4-Aug-07		Centenary Camp/Activity	West Coast	c/o Emu	Ros Bamford	5560 5215
5-Aug-07		Youth Helper Course	Geelong	Geelong	Western S.Centre	8379 6222
10-Aug-07	12-Aug-07	Armstrong 500	Yarra Valley	Dandenong R	Denis Toogood	5968 9552
10-Aug-07	12-Aug-07	I'Glute - Snow tour/camp	Ski Touring	Mount Stirling	Roger Harrop	0400 839 307
10-Aug-07	12-Aug-07	Initiative Course	Yarra Valley	Dandenong R.	Denis Toogood	5968 9552
11-Aug-07	12-Aug-07	Initiative Course	Hoadley	Wombat Forest	Mark Kaufman	5429 5613
12-Aug-07		Training Team meeting	Training	BHQ	Training Office	8543 9804
17-Aug-07	19-Aug-07	Landcare Tree Planting	Western	TBA	Rob Mitchell	5461 1397
17-Aug-07	19-Aug-07	Murray Darling Rescue	Environment	Mafeking	Craig Olsen	5968 5869
17-Aug-07	25-Aug-07	Showtime	Yarra Valley	Athenaem Theatre	Heathmont S.C.	9298 5050
18-Aug-07		Youth Helper Course	Yarra Valley	Heathmont	Heathmont S.C.	9298 5050
21-Aug-07		Hide Team meeting	Hide Team	Conference room	David Griffiths	9752 6657
24-Aug-07	26-Aug-07	Initiative Course	Yarra Valley	TBA	Doug Waldron	9762 6137
24-Aug-07	1-Sep-07	Showtime	Yarra Valley	Whitehorse Centre,	Kieran Van Geysel	9806 1562
25-Aug-07	26-Aug-07	Admiral Napier Cup	South Metro	Albert Park lake	David Winwood	9571 2487
25-Aug-07		Snow 'Ski & See'	BSki Touring	Mount Baw Baw	Roger Harrop	0400 839 307
25-Aug-07		XC Ski Basic & Advanced	Ski Touring	Mount Baw Baw	Garry Breadon	5776 9579
31-Aug-07		QS nominations due @ BHQ	VVC	Na	Neil Weatherill	8543 9806
31-Aug-07	8-Sep-07	Showtime	South Metro	Alexander Theatre	Bentleigh S.Centre	8575 4000
2-Sep-07		FATHERS' DAY				
7-Sep-07	9-Sep-07	Caving - instruction & trip	Caving	Buchan	Erica Baddeley	9808 7248
7-Sep-07	8-Sep-07	Unit Management Course	Yarra Valley	Mitcham	Heathmont S.C.	9298 5050
8-Sep-07	9-Sep-07	Abseiling - Guide Course	Abseiling	INFO Book	Stan Stevens	9731 0421
8-Sep-07	9-Sep-07	Initiative Course	Northern	Tba	Armin Durr	5435 3795
8-Sep-07		Youth Helper Course	South Metro	East Bentleigh	Bentleigh S.Centre	8575 4000
14-Sep-07	16-Sep-07	Canoe/kayak Level 1 course	Western	Eddington	Rob Mitchell	5461 1397
14-Sep-07	16-Sep-07	Leadership Course	Hoadley	Treetops	Western S.Centre	8379 6222
15-Sep-07	18-Sep-07	Beyond Bogong - Advanced	Ski Touring	Mount Bogong	Roger Harrop	0400 839 307
15-Sep-07	16-Sep-07	Rockclimbing - Top Rope	Rockclimbing	Summer Day V.	Alan Holt	bal.rockclimbing@vicscouts.asn.au
15-Sep-07	16-Sep-07	Training of Trainers, Part 3	Yarra Valley	Heathmont	Heathmont S.C.	9298 5050
16-Sep-07		Good Service Awards 2007	Events	Gilwell Park	Neil Weatherill	8543 9806
18-Sep-07		Hide Team meeting	Hide Team	Conference room	David Griffiths	9752 6657
21-Sep-07		END TERM 3				
22-Sep-07	23-Sep-07	Abseiling - Guide Course	Abseiling	INFO Book	Stan Stevens	9731 0421
22-Sep-07	30-Sep-07	BARCOM # 1	South Metro	Murrabit/Swan Hill	Alan Ireson	9579 1695
22-Sep-07	23-Sep-07	Rockclimbing - Top Rope	Rockclimbing	Summer Day V.	Alan Holt	bal.rockclimbing@vicscouts.asn.au
22-Sep-07	23-Sep-07	Unit Management Course	Eastern	Bell Park, Nyora	Bentleigh S.Centre	8575 4000
22-Sep-07	29-Sep-07	Venturer Ski Week #2	Rovers	Bogong Rover C.	Bookings officer	0407 242 538
24-Sep-07	28-Sep-07	Sailing Course	Western	Cairn Curran	Rob Mitchell	5461 1397
29-Sep-07		AFL GRAND FINAL		MCG		
29-Sep-07	7-Oct-07	BARCOM # 2	South Metro	SwanHill/WoodW.	Alan Ireson	9579 1695
29-Sep-07	30-Sep-07	Bluff Bash - Advanced	Ski Touring	Mount Bogong	Roger Harrop	0400 839 307

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