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Greetings all - I am forwarding this email and attachment, as requested by Alston, so that it gets to as many members as possible - please forward to others in Scouting, and apologies for cross sending of the information.

Regards,

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Hi

This morning I attended the launching of the Commonwealth Games Volunteer Program at which Peter Costello, Steve Bracks and Raelene Boyle were the main speakers. At the end of the ceremony I was given a "Volunteer update which will appear in The Age Newspaper tomorrow morning.

Application forms for Volunteers wishing to volunteer their services for the event will open from next Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2005.

Attached is an advertising paper received from the Organising Committee for volunteers which will be in Monday's paper. We are allowed to use it for our members but it cannot be changed altered etc and it is propose to use it as either a page or insert in the April Scout Magazine which may be too late. If you listen to today's speakers, applications will open and close on the same day because of all those wanting to be part of the event.

All Volunteers need to be aged 18 years or more at the time of the Games so we need to get the message to as many of our members as possible including those venturers who will be 18 years at the commencement of the Games.

Some 12 months ago I offered the Scout Association, Victorian Branch support and have spoken to the organisation on a couple of times since that date. Prior to Christmas it was suggested and I agreed that perhaps Rover would be ideal for flag ceremonies and the carrying of them.

Today following the launching of the official volunteer drive I have emailed after speaking to Patrick McCormick, the person I have been talking to at the Commonwealth Games office officially offering our Rovers service as volunteers for the games and asking them to record receipt of this offer.

It would appear other interested adults will need to make their own individual applications to ensure selection and I would ask all applying to mention scouting in their application form.

Emailing is the quickest way to get this message to the vast number of our members but we need to be aware of the needs of those not in the system. Although at Branch we have a number of email mailing lists I am well aware that each of you at the Region and Branch level have are more extensive mailing list.

I am therefore only sending this email to Branch and Region Commissioners, Staff and members of the Branch Executive Committee but ask each and everyone of you to on forward this email and attachment to everyone in scouting for whom you have an email address.

**Region Commissioners please on forward to your District Commissioners and Group contacts**

**Scout Service Centre staff are asked to print this email and attachment and place in all mail outs and pigeon holes over the coming weeks.**

**Branch Commissioners please send to those who report to you**

We owe it to all members to let them know their services are needed and give them the opportunity to participate as individuals and families if they so desire.

The IT Department will be asked to also place on the Branch Website and also have a reference to thesite in the January newsletter to Groups

Regards

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