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Greetings all

- a quick update/reminder of current Venturer News - the Sept/Oct Interchange is in the mail (but no cheques) and can also be viewed on the web early next week - see www below.
- If you consider this email news of value, please forward to others and suggest that they send their email address so that they can subscribe.
- this email is sent blind copy to Venturers & their Leaders where we know of an email - it is also sent to DL(VS), ZL(VS), ARC(VS), BC, CC, ACC, ABC, RC, DC, & GL - nearly the whole alphabet - the more in the know, the better informed we will all be!
- there may be the occasional duplication of emails, but if so, read it twice and enjoy it all the more - how good is that!

AJ2007 - Elmore - only 15 months away and the Venturer team are already planning a great range of activities and fun for the Scouts. If you are interested in either of the following, make contact now! **Venturer Subcamp** c/o Christine Landsberg at christine.landsberg@cancervic.org.au and **Venturer Activities** c/o Jeff Parsons at jeffparson1@netspace.net.au

Venturer Record Book National Scout Publications are preparing for another print run of the Venturer record Book (ie Passport) and wish to be advised of any changes required. Please RSVP to me by Friday 14th October. Some suggestions to get you started are to include a 'sign-off' section for the Scout/Venturer Link badge and some minor changes to the requirements for the Youth Helpers badge on page 105 - last dot point under 'role' we need a capital Y for youth and the word 'are' is incorrectly spelt.

Mindwarp 2005 - (Ideals II) - 4th/6th November 2005. This is a fully catered Ideals II weekend at Eumeralla campsite near Anglesea - the cost of \$40 includes accommodation, meals, badge and administration. Places are available for this course. If you are interested, you need to write to have your details added to the MINDWARP database. It is a matter of the first 24, with only 2 from a Unit and the minimum age is 16 years. Remember, you still need to advise your Unit Council and the D/ZVSC of your Award scheme proposal. Several Venturers have already expressed interest, so apply now! To register, simply send your NAME, EMAIL, ADDRESS, PHONE, DoB & UNIT to MINDWARP c/o 7 Brownes Road, Anakie, 3221 or c/o abc.venturers@vicscouts.asn.au or Marion Carroll, (H) 5284 1412.

Broken River Venturer Unit presents - Halloween Ball - 5th Nov. 2005, 7pm Start - for 14 years and older Scouting members and their family (extra family members must be over 14). Halloween outfit of your choice. Accommodation is Available for leaders and Venturers if required. For ticket bookings and more information - Broken River Venturer unit c/o Will Tully - 0408 177 357.

BRANCH WANTS YOU!!!! There are many exciting new initiatives occurring within Victoria relating to the Development of Scouting. Scouting needs to grow, and where better than through involvement at the local level. So, Branch needs you - or more specifically, Venturers who are interested in graphic design, brand development, art, marketing, multimedia and other related fields to assist in the visual and concept design of the new range of

Scout publicity materials. These materials will be for the entire state and will target a diverse audience. Those interested need to be able to think 'outside the square' and have a vested interest in promoting the Scouts. It is a short-term project, and those who want to become involved or want to find out more please contact: Shannon Power, Development Officer on 0438 544 898 or shannon.power@vicscouts.asn.au. *This is not just an opportunity to grow Scouting, but for your own Award Scheme - a win/win situation!*

HOADLEY HIDE 2006 - 14-17 April 2006 "On safari through the deepest darkest jungles of Africa, I was robbed of our Scouts most precious of possessions - the Hoadley Hide shield. We are now in desperate need of great explorers to navigate and search through the jungle to recover the Hide, employing the local hunters as guides to protect them. Be wary of these local Tribesmen - the Pygmy's of Nee, the Zulus and the Werarewes. Treat them with respect and they will help you in your quest - but cross them at your peril! Let us unite the last great explorers of the world on this most important mission for Venturing. Next year at Easter, we will all meet at an assigned destination to begin the journey through the jungles to search and recover the coveted Hoadley Hide." *Col. E. W. Haskin, Tshwane - October 2005*

Sept/October 2005 Interchange is in the mail! A quick look at what is in this issue:

- **Queens Scouts 2005** - a list of the QS recipients and a picture of them at Government House last weekend - will you be at Government House in October 2006?
- **Feedback** from the DVL/VL Small Group Discussions @ the DVL Day at BHQ in April - an alternative way to manage the QS scheme at DVC etc
- **Epilepsy Foundation**, Vic. - a service opportunity
- **Bogong Rover Chalet** - available for summer trips - why not plan now?
- **Armstrong 500** was brought to you by the letter "P" - 2005 results, sponsors, and 2006 plans
- **The Promise and Law**, need not be a Chore - one person's view
- **V. G. 2005** - 2nd/4th Dec. 2005 at Pax Hill, Ballarat - early bird offer for applications before 24/10/05 \$45 per Venturer/Guide (14 - 17) & \$15 per leader - plus BONUS: 1 leader attends FREE! Applications received after early bird until 10/11/05 - \$50 per Venturer/Guide (14-17) & \$15/Leader. Email vgather@netlink.com.au or phone (03) 9733 1899 AH or (03) 9873 4369 AH. Check out our web page at vicgathering.com/
- **HOADLEY HIDE** - 14 - 17 April 2006 - more info about next year event
- **Tent It 2005** - results of this years competition
- **Lighten the Trip Fantastic** - another article in the series of how to make hiking more enjoyable
- **Venturer Leader Basic Training** - Gilwell Park - August 2005 - a short story and picture
- **Three Emus and a Koala** - four of the Venturer leaders receiving their awards at Gilwell Park! Gary Steinhardt, Berri Trump, Peter Stanek & Peter Datson.
- **Variety Club Special Children's Christmas Party - Melbourne** - The Variety Club are looking for personnel to help them set up and run their

annual Children's Christmas Party. The party will be held on Wed. 7th Dec. but assistance is also needed for Tues. 6th Dec. to set up. The Special Christmas Party will bring together over 5,500 disabled, seriously ill and disadvantaged children for a celebratory children's festival. This is an ideal community service opportunity for Venturers and Rovers. If interested, contact Dian Sheedy for application forms before 7th Nov. on 8543-9800 or dian.sheedy@vicscouts.asn.au

What's New on the Web this Month? - www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers

- Venturer Calendar 2006 (Draft), FAMILY NEWS - Sept. 2005 issue, Vic Gathering: vicgathering.com/

What's Still on the Web this Month? - www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers

- GAMES/PROGRAM IDEAS, TRY Venturing info kit, QUALITY SCOUTING 2005, Interchange - all issues, mid 2001+

Some excerpts from the Venturer Calendar - also on the web: From/To/Event/Who/What/Where/Contact/Phone

- **15-Oct-05** 16-Oct-05 JOTA & JOTI International 48th annual event Various Peter Fraser 9707 2417
- **15-Oct-05** 16-Oct-05 Unit Management Course Northern Benalla Heathmont S.Centre 9298 5050
- **15-Oct-05** QS Dinner Yarra Valley Karralyka Centre, Ringwood Donna Anderson 9733 1899
- **16-Oct-05** Young Leader Course NorthWest Koolamurt Essendon S.Centre 8331 8000
- **16-Oct-05** Stonnington Cup South Metro Water activity - Canoe Albert Park Lake David Winwood 9571 2487
- **19-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Yarra Valley 1st Ringwood, Bedford Road Heathmont S.Centre 9298 5050
- **21-Oct-05** 23-Oct-05 Canoe Level 1 Charge Cert. Western Western Water Activities tba Rob Mitchell 5461 1397
- **22-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Northern Region ARAP St. Josephs, Wedge St, Benalla Jackie Whan 5439 3228
- **23-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Geelong Environ. Centre, Eumeralla Damien Quick 0418 370 096
- **24-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations South Metro Coatsville Bowling Club Mackie Road, East Bentleigh Bentleigh S.Centre 8575 4000
- **26-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Hoadley 7.15 for 8pm St Columbia's, Essendon Essendon S.Centre 8331 8000
- **26-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Western Ballarat Essendon S.Centre 8331 8000
- **28-Oct-05** 30-Oct-05 Canoe Level 1 Charge Cert. Northern Upper Murray District Chiltern/Murray River Brian Harrison 0421 979 452
- **30-Oct-05** Annual Report & Presentations Eastern Annual Report Monash Uni, Churchill Maxine Gibson 9799 1012
- **4-Nov-05** 6-Nov-05 Ideals Course Vic.Venturer Council Mindwarp - Ideals II Eumeralla - near Anglesea Marion Carroll 5284 1412
- **11-Nov-05** 13-Nov-05 Canoe Level 1 Charge Cert. Western Western Water Activities tba Rob Mitchell 5461 1397
- **12-Nov-05** 13-Nov-05 Sailing Level 1 Charge Cert. Northern Upper Murray District Lake Hume Brian Harrison 0421 979 452
- **18-Nov-05** Annual Report & Presentations Branch - Events Review of 2003/04 BHQ Alston Park 85439800
- **18-Nov-05** 20-Nov-05 Leadership Course Yarra Valley Maroondah District Healesville Heathmont S.Centre 9298 5050
- **19-Nov-05** Young Leader Course Western c/o Ian Collins Stawell Essendon S.Centre 8331 8000

- **20-Nov-05** Hide Site Visit #1 Hide Team Site inspection Contact Hide team for location Harry Kruger 5250 3619
- **23-Nov-05** Annual Report & Presentations WestCoast Essendon S.Centre 8331 8000
- **25-Nov-05** Corporate Lunch Branch - Marketing Fundraiser Sofitel Hotel Sue Seletto 9811 3500
- **26-Nov-05** 27-Nov-05 Sailing Level 1 Charge Cert. Branch - Sailing 1st of 2 weekends Paul Peeler 9596 3370
- **26-Nov-05** AV2006 - NSW - Vic team Vic.Venturer Council Info session David Griffiths 9752 6657
- **2-Dec-05** 4-Dec-05 VG 2005 - The Gathering! Yarra Valley Activity & relax camp Pax Hill, Ballarat Rob Evans 0418 532 505
- **3-Dec-05** 4-Dec-05 Canoe Level 1 Charge Cert. Northern Upper Murray District Lake Hume Brian Harrison 0421 979 452
- **5-Dec-05** International Volunteer Day National na
- **9-Dec-05** 11-Dec-05 Canoe Level 1 Charge Cert. Western Western Water Activities tba Rob Mitchell 5461 1397
- **10-Dec-05** 11-Dec-05 Sailing Level 1 Charge Cert. Branch - Sailing 2nd of 2 weekends Paul Peeler 9596 3370
- **21-Dec-05** END TERM 4

And if you are in need of more reading material about Scouting/Venturing, check the following sites:

- Interchange - Rover/Venturer news, 11 issues a year - calendar/events/resources/ideas mailed to each Unit/Crew -available in 2 versions - full or reduced (no pics) - www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers/Venstuff/interchange2005.php
- Venturer web page - under review for Sept - currently <http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/Venturers/index.php> for coming events and web links - includes major events info, so start planning now if you are interested. Also - 2005 Venturer calendar.
- Scouts Australia Newsletter - keep up with the National News - www.scouts.com.au
- AV2006 - Australian Venture - Sydney - January 2006 - www.venture.scouts.com.au - Venturer age youth members

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