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Joeys take a rest
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Clean up Australia Day

Even the very hot weather couldn't stop our Scout Groups getting out in their communities and participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Well done to all of the Groups involved and what a fantastic contribution they have made to protecting the environment!



1st Upper Beaconsfield



2019 Youth Summit

Rover Georgia from 2nd Lara and Rover Lachlan and Adult Helper Sue-Ellen from 1st Caroline Springs represented Scouts Victoria at the recent 2019 Youth Summit. The summit was hosted by Minister for Youth Gabrielle Williams MP to mark the start of Youth Week Youth Central.



Create Your AJ!

Scouts, Venturers and Rovers got together for Create your AJ. They worked hard both reviewing the last Jamboree and coming up with ways to make AJ 2022 the 26th Australian Jamboree, the best Jamboree ever. We can't wait to hear the great ideas they came up with!



100 years of Scouting: David and Jan Bryar

1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts have celebrated two much-loved Leaders marking 50 years each as Leaders in Scouting.

Jan and David Bryar were invested as Leaders on the same day – February 20 1969. Between them they have supported more than 1500 youth members through the Group.

David, or Davo as he is known in Scouting, has attended eight Jamborees as a Leader, while Jan has been to 10, including



one World Jamboree. Jan has also been a Pack Leader at nine Victorian Cuborees - she hasn't missed one since they started 29 years ago.

Both are recipients of the highest Scouting Award, the Silver Kangaroo.





1st Tulla Park



1st Whittlesea



13th Malvern were joined by Kelly O'Dwyer MP Federal Member for Higgins and Higgins Liberal Member Elect Katie Allen.



Sebastopol

Scouts "cancel" music festival

You may have read the headline or heard the story on radio: "Scouts cancel music festival".

What actually happened was that we cancelled a proposed booking at our beautiful Caringal campsite near Erica.

It was booked as reunion weekend for a wedding party from 12 months earlier.

A few weeks before the event, we learned it was actually a music event for 350-500 people, an entry fee of \$225, food stalls and bars, 50 bands and DJs performing till 4 am, and performances scheduled in the chapel.

The booking was then cancelled. No contract had been signed, no deposit paid.

Baw Baw Shire Council said no application had been received or granted for this major event, as required by law. Victoria Police said they knew only that an event was in the proposal stage.

This is a reminder to be careful with any bookings for halls or campsites. An "afternoon tea for Grandma" has sometimes turned out to be a very different event. A \$200 hire can leave a \$2000 cleanup bill - and lots of angry neighbours.



Scout data key to dragon research

By **BRUCE ELLIS**

Early in 2017 a diver in NSW noted to a research scientist at University of Technology Sydney (UTS) that there seemed to be fewer Weedy Seas Dragons around. From this chance observation, a Citizen Science research program evolved, with Volunteer Scuba Divers taking photos of Sea Dragons, and then UTS employing pattern recognition software to identify different individuals.

Scouts Victoria were in the initial group of volunteers, and working with the Victorian National Parks Association, we have run scuba dives at Flinders Pier on some 10 occasions over the last two years to take photos of our elusive State Marine Fauna emblem.

Kade Mills of VPNA, the Victorian Coordinator for the Sea Dragon program, has just shared the preliminary results of this work. Thus far nearly 100 individual Sea Dragons have been identified at Flinders and another 30 at Portsea. Eighteen individuals have been fully described, a further six partially



described (as we only got reasonable photos from one side), while four more previously described individuals have been identified. These 28 individual animals have been identified from the Scout derived photos, this is over 25% of data base. Scouts even had the opportunity to name a few of the fully identified individuals and chose Hugh (for Hugh Wetherill) and Bruce_E (for Bruce Ellis).

Scout Scuba Victoria has undertaken to visit Flinders every few months to continue the research. Of course, it's also a chance to meet more Sea Dragons, and maybe contribute some additional information to understanding that funny little animal on our State Scout Scarf.

Bruce Ellis is State Leader - Scuba



a few words from brendan

Brendan Watson OAM
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Victoria

Being Prepared

On Thursday February 28, we put out a weather alert as heat, winds and storms were forecast for some parts of Victoria. Some activities were cancelled. This is not unusual.

We don't want "cotton wool" kids. Sometimes Scouts learn more, and develop resilience, from their 'misadventures' - hikes in heavy rain, culinary disasters on camp, supporting and teaching younger members.

But we don't take unnecessary risks.

The forecast was OK for Mafeking Park near Yea, where 400 Scouts gathered on the Friday night, with Leaders and Rovers, for Top Gear Scout - a weekend of cars and driving. That changed when lightning strikes around the camp started several fires. The decision was made to suspend the activity and return home. By 11 pm, the camp was emptying. Most returned straight home, but some stopped over for coffee or spent the night at the Seymour Scout hall.

Four weeks after its abrupt closure, a rescheduled Top Gear Scout was back. A huge thanks to the organisers from 1st Wantirna South who run this popular Group-led event. You can read more about it in this issue of Australian Scout.



Caroline Springs sets a new standard



The new Caroline Springs Scout Centre opened recently. While this booming Group met in two borrowed halls, the whole Group contributed to substantial fundraising as well as being highly visible and connected in their local community.

The result of years of work and planning was the official opening of their state-of-the-art Scout hall, with thanks to Melton City Council, the State Government and the generosity of the family of the late Tom Hartley, former chairman of Scouts Victoria.

Along the way, the Group faced many challenges. The hall is situated in land with significant grasses, and a species of endangered frog, as well as indigenous heritage. The support of indigenous organisations was critical for this project to proceed and we are very grateful for their support for local Scouting.

Other Groups have also been busy. They include new halls for

- Carrum Downs
- Clifton Hill
- Point Cook

And in the longer term for

- Alexandra
- Narre Warren South

As well as major refurbishments for Scout halls at

- Ferny Creek
- Kallista
- Montmorency
- Red Cliffs
- Rutherglen

and a stunning new facility at the Warringal campsite.



New Groups coming!

In the past 12 months we have seen new Scout Groups:

- Apollo Bay
- Colquhoun Sea Scouts (Lakes Entrance)
- Kyneton

Coming soon we have new Groups at

- Lalor
- Clyde

Other fires

At the same time as we were evacuating Mafeking Park, lightning struck just outside Gilwell Park, across the creek near Block C. CFA crews accessed the fire from Gilwell.

In the nearby Bunyip State Forest is the Watson Scout Park at Tonimbuk, where the Mullumbimba Rover Crew has spent five years rebuilding the hut destroyed by a falling tree. Fire swept through the Scout camp, damaging the entrance gate and downpipes on the hut, but the hut was otherwise intact.

Our thanks to the Gembrook CFA, and to the Gilwell Park team who provided accommodation, pizzas and coffee for CFA crews fighting local fires.

Thanks also to our members who also volunteer with the CFA. When some returned prematurely from Top Gear Scout they went straight to the Bunyip State Forest fire.



Clean Up Australia

Thanks also to the many Scout Groups that were out on a very hot weekend cleaning up their local area for Clean Up Australia Day. Social media was busy with reports of great community work by local Groups.



Joeys on the hop

5th Northcote is typical of a number of Groups that have recently opened a new Joey Scout Mob. They have gone from zero to 20 Joeys in three weeks. There is a real momentum in the Joey Scout Section at present!

The best Scout Groups aspire to be complete Groups - all five Sections. This brings opportunities for youth to stay with their local Group through their Scouting journey, as well as efficiencies in the costs and shared workload of running a great Group.

We're also hearing reports of Groups looking to open second Joey Scout Mobs and second Cub Scout Packs. This issue of Australian Scout shares the experience of some Groups with multiple Sections, as well as featuring some of our newest Joey Scout Mobs. Also in this issue, you'll see a photo report on our Joey Scouts' recent Rock the Docklands adventure.



New at National

We congratulate Elston Hynd AM, former National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development, on his appointment as Deputy Chief Commissioner to Phil Harrison.



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Top Gear Scout!



By **ASH MARKS**

Scouts had a blast at Top Gear Scout, held at Mafeking Rover Park on the last weekend of March.

The weekend was packed with high octane fun, as the sound of revving race cars flooded the park. Some of the older Scouts enjoyed the full experience of getting behind the wheel of the motorsport cars themselves, as well as strapping in for hot laps around the twisting tracks.

Top Gear Scout 2019 was officially opened early on Saturday, March 30, with Jon Willis representing Branch for the opening ceremony. He then did the honours of receiving a hot lap, holding

on tight as Full Noize showed him what it could do. Jon loved his fast and furious tour, commenting that after all his years visiting Mafeking, this was the first time he'd seen this side of the park.

Top Gear Scout 2019 had a slower start than planned, originally set to take place on the March 1-3. It failed to make it out of the gates initially, due to bushfires threatening the area which resulted in 400 Scouts and Leaders being evacuated and sent back home on the Friday night. But the Stig can't be knocked out of the race that easily, and neither can the Scouts, who returned to take on the challenges of Top Gear Scout.

"It's so much colder than last time," said Jacob. "But now it's muddy! It's heaps

slippery on the tracks, so now we skid out on the corners."

Those old enough to take part in the Junior Development Program (JDP) took to the tracks themselves in the driver's seat – many for the first time. They were in good hands, with Rovers and Leaders helping the Scouts get their heads around the controls and cars around the tracks (in one piece).

Lucy climbed out of her car, her proud grin visible even under her full-face helmet. "That was amazing, I never thought I'd be able to drive a car, but it was easy! Kinda. Brakes are tricky."

Not to be outdone, the much bigger Scouts, also known as the Rover Scout Motorsport team, showed them how to fang it around the tracks properly. It was hard to see who was having more fun – the Scouts strapped in and having the time of their lives, or the Rovers who were pushing all the limits and belting the cars around the tracks, enjoying the mud they stirred up through the afternoon.

Mud-splattered Laura could only give two thumbs up after her hot lap in Bitz. "So good," she managed to say, breathless and grinning from the ride. "Can I go again?"

Pedals hit the metal inside HG Hall as well – thankfully through a racing simulator setup courtesy of Ricciardo's Racers.





This driver's seat didn't discriminate by license, age, or driving ability, as anyone under 12 could jump in and floor it around their track of choice. Speed limits were pushed, cars were smashed, and a few Scouts even managed to complete their race!

"This is sick, it feels like a real race car!" said Will, as his simulated car smashed through a barrier.

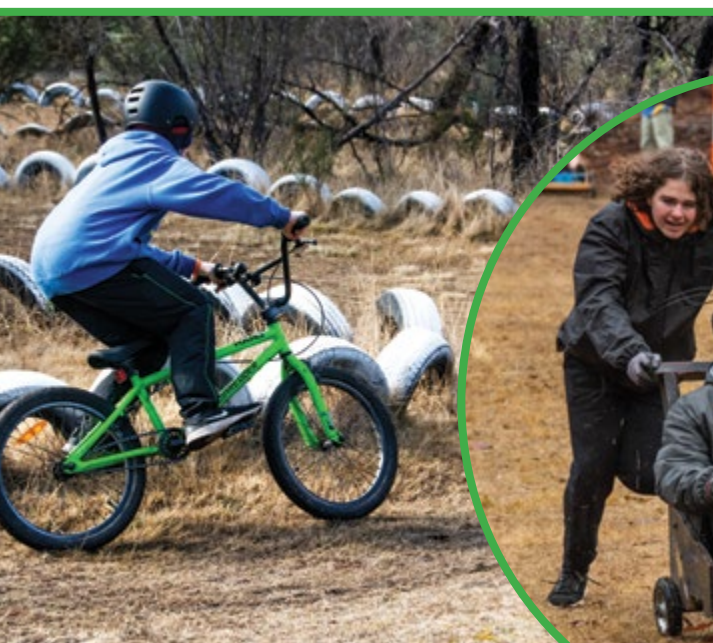
Lower gear activities kept everyone busy off the race track, with downhill BMX and BMX obstacle challenge activities, as well as billy carts and bush boards to keep adrenaline pumping. Scattered around the park was also archery, abseiling, mini golf, radio fox hunts, chariot races, and a car smash!

Activities wrapped up for the day Saturday evening, but Scouts who were still revving enjoyed a movie after dinner before hitting the pit lanes for the night.

Everyone was out of the gates early Sunday morning, refuelled and ready to floor it for a second day of fast paced activities. The Scouts were running on fumes by the time they were ready to drop camp and get ready for closing ceremony, covered in mud but ready to do it all over again next year.

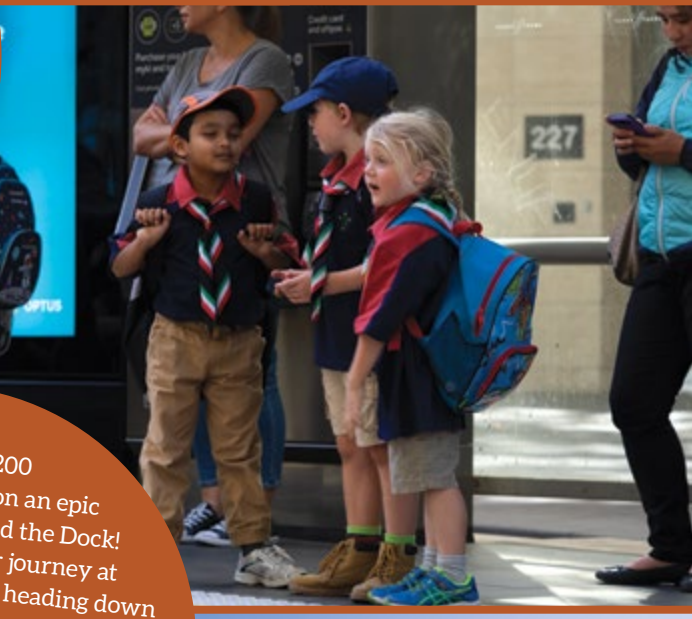
Ash Marks is an Assistant Cub Scout Leader at 5th Footscray

Photos by Collette Lark, Phill Stevens and Joh Schaap



Joey Scouts Rock the Dock!





More than 200
Joey Scouts went on an epic
adventure and Rocked the Dock!
They started out their journey at
Federation Square, before heading down
Swanston Street to have a peek at the Rail
Tunnel works. They then hopped on the
tram to Buluk Park in Docklands for a play
on the playground. The Joeys then walked
along the waterfront to Marvel Stadium
before finishing off the day with a
Hop at Docklands Park.
Photos: Sean Reefman



A New Home for Caroline Springs

By **MELANIE MOUSER & AMELIA FREIBERG**

Importance of Scouting

Each youth member and volunteer at 1st Caroline Springs Scout Group is a part of an incredible bunch of people who love and support each other through thick and thin. We are all bonded together by Scouting. Scouting means a space where everyone can make meaningful connections with each other so that we can all become a part of each other's unique stories. Our new Scout Centre is going to give the Group the ability to grow even bigger than before so we can welcome lots more wonderful people into our Scouting family.



Importance of the site

The land our new centre is built upon holds a great amount of significance to us and is portrayed in our Group scarf. The hall is surrounded by protected grasslands that give us the green stripe. The maroon represents the volcanic soils. The Kororoit Creek gives us the blue strip and runs just behind our hall. The main blue of our scarf represents Lake Caroline, which is just a fifteen minute walk away. The grasslands are home to two endangered species, the Growling Grass Frog and the Striped Legless Lizard. Not only does our site hold environmental significance, it holds aboriginal importance as well. The Kororoit Creek was used as a highway of sorts by the indigenous community. Tribes would walk along the creek and often stop on the land where our new home now stands for a break or a place to set up camp. Numerous aboriginal artefacts have been found in the area surrounding our hall as evidence that this land was once prosperous with the indigenous community.



Leaving Kings Park

Leaving Kings Park Hall was an emotional challenge for many of the 1st Caroline Springs Scout Group members. This Scout Hall was important to all of us in the Group. It was important to me because that hall was more than just a building that we have occupied for the last nine years. It was a space where people met every week, to develop long-lasting friendships and to learn life skills. Kings Park was my Scouting home for the past nine years of my life. The Hall holds countless memories. Times where I've smiled, times where I've cried, times where I've laughed until I could barely breathe. However, the facility was way too small for our rapidly growing group. Our Q-store, sheds and shipping container were all bursting at the seams with equipment for our ongoing adventures. Not to mention our pantry and resource cupboards which were just as full. Our Scout Troop lined the walls of the hall while standing on parade, barely able to make a horseshoe formation without being pressed up against the small confines of the hall. We all knew it was time for a change. So, for the last nine years, our Group Leader has worked hard to find us a place big enough for our ever growing Group. When the Scout Centre was built, and we finally had a place to call home, it was time to say goodbye to Kings Park Hall. Our Youth Council gathered a few items from Kings Park that meant a lot to the Group so that we could take them to our new home in memory of Kings Park and the role it has played in our Group. It was extremely hard to walk away from it forever. However, this was not the end of our Scouting journey. Although it may be sad to let our old hall go, we are now faced with a new beginning. A new beginning with room for new friends, new memories, new opportunities and a place to call home within our own community.

Scout Leader Jason Freiberg



Moving in

Before our new hall could be used we had to move in all our equipment as well as furniture. While the centre was in construction, Leaders housed chairs, couches, bench seats and other things until it was ready to be moved into our new home. Over the span of numerous weekends, a group of adults came to the centre to help move in. Trailers of our equipment were brought in and the shelves of our new Q-Store were soon filled. Resources were put into the cupboards and the pantry was stocked. Soon enough everything had found its place. The days of moving were long and tiring, trying to understand the new layout of our home and how everything would fit in.



Hall opening

On March 17, our new Scout Centre was officially opened. This was a day of smiles, laughs and tears as we celebrated the opening of our brand-new home. The day commenced with a special Smoking ceremony, conducted by one of the local Aboriginal Elders, Ron Jones. After that everyone gathered inside the hall to watch a procession of Youth Council members and Leaders carry in some of the old memories from Kings Park hall. The opening was hosted by some of the longest-serving youth members of our Group. The three longest serving members of the Scout Group (myself included), who commenced their Scouting as Joeys and are now Venturers, all spoke a few words about what our home means to them. A few of our partners in the project spoke next and then it was Claire's turn to talk. Our Group Leader had put an immense amount of effort into making this new Scout Centre a reality. In her speech, Claire revealed that our new Q-Store was being named after one of our beloved committee members, Cathy Whicker, in memory of her amazing grant writing that led us to the purchasing of most of our equipment. She also announced that the hall would be named the 'Hartley Hall' after the late Tom Hartley, Victorian Scout Foundation member, who made a significant financial donation to the construction of our new home. After Claire's moving speech our new flags (Australian and Aboriginal flags) were passed through the congregation, touched by the hands of every member present that day. The flags were then broken, and the hall was then officially open. All in all, this was a very emotional and exciting day for the



Margo and Mark Hartley in front of 'Hartley Hall', named after Tom Hartley OAM who made a significant donation towards the new hall.

1st Caroline Springs Scout Group. I look forward to seeing what new memories we create in our new home.

Partners

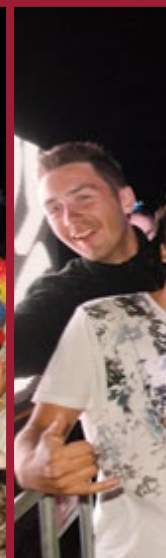
This Group has been through a lot from when we had a six month lease at Kings Park. From the start, we've been promised a hall, big enough for our growing Group and in our local area. We've seen possible sites come and go, always thinking 'we're almost there'. We have watched as the problems have arisen and have been solved as well as watched as our Leaders work hard to get us to where we are today (they even had to sing a Frozen parody). As a founding Joey of this Group, I've seen the growth of this hall and all the work that it took to get us here. It wasn't all one person, it was a team. Scout Groups can no longer build a hall with just the parents' help. We had to have the right partners and we've had some of the best. With support from Scouts Victoria, the Victoria Scout Foundation, the World Scout Foundation, State Government and the City of Melton, nine years of hard work has turned into the home the Caroline Springs Scout Group now has. They have all been extremely helpful in getting us our new home. This hall is the result of every body's hard work and dedication. We are extremely grateful for everyone's support and for the amazing centre that is now our Scouting home.

Melanie Mouser Venturer and Amelia Freiberg are Venturers at 1st Caroline Springs



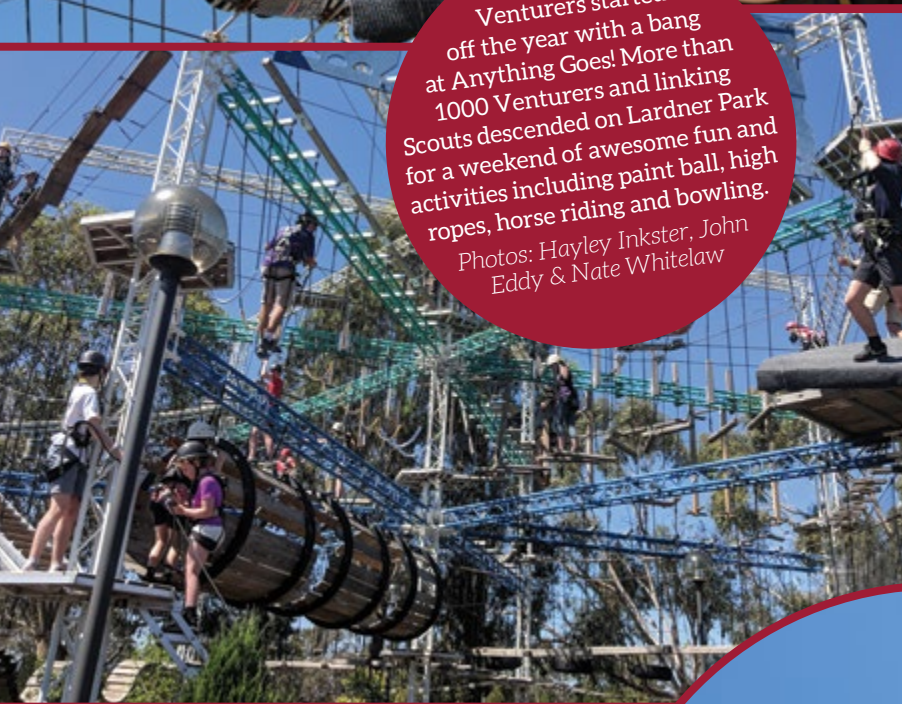
Many people attended the opening including Melton deputy mayor Cr Lara Carli, local MP the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP (Parliamentary Secretary for Treaty), and MP the Hon. Marlene Kairouz MP, Minister for Suburban Development.

Anything Goes 2019



Venturers started off the year with a bang at Anything Goes! More than 1000 Venturers and linking Scouts descended on Lardner Park for a weekend of awesome fun and activities including paint ball, high ropes, horse riding and bowling.

Photos: Hayley Inkster, John Eddy & Nate Whitelaw





Scouting in Kiribati - with our support

By **MICHAEL WONG**

In early April Victorian Leader Trainers, Julie Gunn, Garry Breadon, Keith McKenzie and Michael Wong travelled to Kiribati to provide Leader training and support to the Kiribati Scout Association. Kiribati is a small island Republic in the Central Pacific comprising 32 coral atolls with a population of no more than 120,000 people. Scouts Victoria has been supporting Scouting in this small Pacific nation since the mid-1980s.

The outcome of our visit far exceeded our initial expectations as over the course of the week 25 young and enthusiastic Leaders completed their Basic Training and two Leaders were presented with their Wood Badge and Gilwell scarf. A further milestone was achieved when Garry Breadon, State Commissioner – Adult Training and Development presented four Leaders including the Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner and National Training Commissioner with their third Wood Badge bead confirming their appointment as Assistant Leader Trainers for the Kiribati Scout Association.

As we move forward, our aim is to provide on-going support and guidance to Scouting in Kiribati so over time they become increasingly self-sufficient by training their own Leaders and Trainers which in turn provides the opportunity to grow Scouting in Kiribati.

There is a lot of work that needs to be undertaken and Scouting in Kiribati remains ever reliant on the continued support of Scouts Victoria.

Work is already underway to revise their youth award scheme to better represent their environment and needs of the Kiribati community. Simple things like having a uniform shirt and scarf, and badges that we take for granted are severely lacking for most youth members and Leaders and so we're investigating

ways of how these resources can be provided to Kiribati in a way that promotes self-reliance. For example, during our meeting with the High Commissioner of Australia we discussed providing an annual grant to assist the community develop sewing skills, for members to produce their own uniforms and scarves.

The highlight of the trip was training 25 new Leaders and appointing a team of Leader Trainers who are committed to train the next group of Leaders. This is a step in the right direction. Importantly, the Kiribati Scout Association is led by a team of National Commissioners who are passionate and committed to growing Scouting in their community and Scouting is heading in the right direction.

Scouting in Kiribati is rebuilding and needs continued support. Your Section, Group, District and Region make up Scouts Victoria and it's our collective on-going responsibility to continue to support the youth of Kiribati along their Scouting journey. So watch this space to discover ways that your Section and Group can support the growth of Scouting Kiribati.

Our unique opportunity to travel to Kiribati and train new Leaders, to help guide the National Commissioners as they rebuild, to be part of a community that is willing to embrace Scouting and share a week of fun and laughter with a group of young Leaders just makes you so proud to be a member of Scouting in Victoria. You too should be proud.

Michael Wong is Assistant Leader Trainer – Cub Scouts

The Victorian Leader Trainers with the President of Kiribati.

It's never too early to think about **Festive Fundraising!**

By CHLOE WEBB

Is your Group thinking about selling Christmas trees but don't know where to start? We know it's early, but competition can be fierce in the festive marketplace so here's a few tips to help you achieve some great fundraising!

1. Plan early! Many Groups start to plan around August, some even earlier. If this will be your first time selling trees, the sooner you start planning the better.
2. Find a supplier. There are plenty of Christmas tree farms around the State, build a relationship with them so you can continue to secure great trees and a good rate each year.
3. Chat to other Groups who have successfully sold Christmas trees. They can help point you in the right direction and if they're nearby, you might even be able to team up with them.
4. Determine a location. Some Groups find their hall to be a suitable place to sell their trees, others prefer busy roadside locations or even the

Stats from 2018

- Last year 88 Victorian Scout Groups sold Christmas trees in 94 locations across the State.
- In total they raised around \$750,000.
- Some Groups raised more than \$20,000!

Benefits

- Brings Leaders, parents and youth together to work on a task and gives everyone a chance to meet and connect.
- Helps to raise funds for equipment, hall upkeep and event attendance just to name a few.
- Great way to raise awareness of your Group and Scouting in the community.
- Reach potential new members (remember if your Group isn't suitable, recommend another Group or send them to our website)

Bunnings carpark. Wherever you are, make sure it is easily accessible and won't become a problem for transporting trees. Some Groups sell from more than one location, it is up to you what will work best.

5. Many Groups take pre-orders via websites like TryBooking. Some don't sell from physical locations at all and purely take online orders and deliver the trees. Decide what will work best for your Group.
6. Communicate with the Group. Start a roster and get as many helpful hands as possible. And don't forget to include your youth members... could you resist a Joey Scout selling a tree twice their height?
7. Be LOUD! Promote your Christmas tree sales before December. Speak to your local newspaper, post it on your Group's Facebook page or other local area Facebook pages. If you can, some roadside signage is always a winner, chat to your local real estate office about a community board.
8. Tell Scouts Victoria! In late October or early November we'll put a call out in Be Informed for your sale details to list on our website so keep an eye out!

Words of wisdom from 13th Malvern

With more than 40 years of Christmas tree selling experience, 13th Malvern could be considered experts. They sell in Central Park, East Malvern typically over three weekends starting in early December. While many of their customers are now third generation, their success has not been overnight, here are some of the lessons they have learnt:

- Choose a highly visible location with easy car access – parks and busy roads are ideal (don't forget a council permit).
- Quality trees will encourage repeat customers.
- Develop a professional set of signage with assistance from a local real estate agent. Our local agent funds five real estate boards and even provided a set of banners and



How does Scouts Victoria help?

- Listing on the Christmas trees page of the Scouts Victoria website. This page received more than 13,000 views in December 2018.
- General promotion including sponsored posts on the Scouts Victoria Facebook and Instagram pages directing people to the Christmas trees webpage. Remember to send photos to marketing@scoutsvictoria.com.au so we can share them!
- General radio promotion directing listeners to the Christmas trees webpage. In 2018 this radio promotion increased the webpage views by 59.5% from 2017. We'll do this again for 2019!

signs to use at the sale site.

- Offer an alternative to cash payments. We used the foursquare app last year and 50% of sales went through it!
- Make sure trees are clearly arranged by size for customers. Get the supplier to colour code the trunks based on size or have something on site ready to quickly sort the trees by size on delivery. We use pre-measured old broomsticks.
- Don't be afraid to upsell, we have small and large tree stands and offer home delivery.
- Tree sales are a great opportunity for recruitment for the start of the following year, have a brochures available for each Section, include contact details and meeting times and have an offer like 'first three nights free'. Track interest with a form so you can collect contact details and follow up before Term One starts.
- Have fun! Adding some Christmas cracker humor into the mix and decorating yourself and the sale site for the season adds to the experience for both the Group and the customer.

Chloe Webb is the Marketing Coordinator at Victorian Branch

World's Greatest Shave

Scouts from around Victoria helped contribute to cancer research by participating in the World's Greatest Shave!



Jess, 2nd Blackburn



My name is Jess Manns, this year I did the World's Greatest Shave.

After having a tough past year, with my family having to go through our own cancer story, I decided that it was my turn, to do my part and show support for all the amazing work that the organisations, foundations and charities do. To not only research for cures and treatments for patients, but also the work they do to provide care and support for those patients and their families who are suffering cancer, through support groups, financial aid, helping with accommodation for those who live far away and so much more. As well as, to show my unwavering support of my brother and how proud I am of his strength last year.

Emma, 3rd Melton



Emma McLean, a Cub from 3rd Melton, held a fund-raiser to raise money for those fighting blood cancer. On March 17 Emma shaved her head in support, raising \$1100 to donate toward the World's Greatest Shave. A great effort!

The Galloways, 1st Doreen



Scout Xavier, and his brothers, Cub Scouts Shannon and Riley from 1st Doreen Scout Group grew their hair for more than two years with a plan to shave it all off to donate for wigs and also

raise \$3000 for Cancer. Their Mum (and Group Leader) Dinnae promised to shave her head too if they hit their goal.

The family have had a few experiences with Cancer, some with negative endings but also some with positive ones. These experiences inspired them to put their hair to good use, so there can be more positive stories and less of the negative ones.

Here's Xavier's account of their past two years:

“At first, when my brothers and I started growing our hair, it was fun. I hated getting my hair cut, so growing it out meant that I didn't have to deal with that. By early in 2017, our hair was long enough that we had to start brushing it, and that wasn't fun at all... it was painful. Eventually, because of our school's uniform



Lakeside Pakenham

Lakeside Pakenham Scout Group made a great contribution to this year's World's Greatest Shave, participating in two events for the occasion.

On Thursday the Scouts met at Pakenham

Lakeside Primary

School, where they could donate \$5 to the cause and get their hair sprayed with different colours of their choice. The hair spray was kindly donated by the Indian Association of Cardinia Casey.

Saturday was the main event with Scouts meeting at the Boulevard Barbers in Pakenham Lakeside. Younger members and female Leaders from the Group opted to have their hair sprayed a variety of col-

ours, even adding a fleur de lis here and there, while a few of the male Leaders decided to have their hair and beards shaved off. These brave souls went from having a full beard and hair to almost bald. When asked if he thought his children would recognise him Kaa (Trent) replied, "I don't think they will recognise me at all". And he was right, his young son took several minutes of coaxing before believing that the bald man in front of him was actually his father.

One brave Joey Leader, Wombat, decided to take it a step further and have his legs waxed too. Wombat was interviewed beforehand and asked about why he decided to wax his legs, he replied "Well it's for a good cause, and good laughs". He was also asked if he believed it

would hurt, he replied "Nah. Never". After around 20 minutes his eyes were watering and he was close to giving up. A couple of other Leaders decided they wanted to do the last one on video. They made sure it was really slow and Wombat was in so much pain.

We would like to thank the Lakeside Boulevard Barbers and Indian Association of Casey Cardinia for helping make these events possible.



rules, we had to start tying our hair back. It would get frustrating to manage, especially on camps. Jamboree was especially hard because of how the dust made everyone's hair tangly and unruly. Even though my mum and I were in different Sub-Camps, she ended up braiding my hair because she was worried that we would have to shave it at Jamboree and lose all the hair I'd grown out!

It was two and a half long years of tying it back, brushing it, and growing it out to get it to the right length to donate our hair. As the big day drew nearer, my friends started to panic about what I was going to look like with short hair and if I would still be the same old Xavier. I was panicking too! On the actual day, a few of our friends showed up to help braid our hair so that it could easily



be donated, and others just came to support us. We also had many that tuned into my mum's Facebook live stream. After it was all done, we had three bags filled with 60 braids of hair, and more than \$3500 in donations were made to our page. The money will go to fund cancer research, education, and support, and the hair will make wigs to give to people with cancer. It was amazing to finally cut it, and now I have a head full of fuzz! 99

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Great, Big Groups

Many Groups in Victoria have two Cub Scout or Scout sections. How do they work, and is it worth it?



1st Gisborne

By JAYNE GUILMARTIN & STEVE MURPHY

1st Gisborne have had two Cub Packs since 1990. Population was growing as well as local interest in Scouting so they started a second Pack. A few years later, they needed to start a second Scout Troop to cope with all the Cubs linking! Having two Sections helps with Venturer, Rover and Leader numbers as well.

Instead of forming two different Scout Groups, we have one strong Group that is active and supported by the local community. There is no need for two committees, two Group Leaders or two sets of equipment. Although you do need more equipment than the average Group. That's the biggest drawback; the logistics around camps and activities with more than 50 people. Every event becomes a mini Jamboree!

The Cub Sections work together and share all programming, camps and out

of hall activities. Across two packs we have 11 active Leaders who all share the workload. We generally hold joint pack council meetings, and pick term themes together. With 11 Leaders, each Leader only needs to write one program per Term! We generally do

joint camps, pack holidays, and out of hall activities.

The Scout Sections run their programs independently, with one more heavily focused on sailing and water activities, and the other on climbing, biking and hiking. Places for activities are also offered to the other Troop which has the obvious advantage of giving youth members more choice.

Jayne Guilmartin is the Group Leader and Steve Murphy the Assistant Group Leader at 1st Gisborne

Baden Powell Park Scout Group

By MIKE BEADLE

We've had a second Cub Pack for many years and relaunched our second Scout Troop in 2010 when our numbers hit over 60 youth members. We asked an experienced Leader to start it off and offered senior Scouts the chance to be inaugural Patrol Leaders and build the new Troop. Initially it took careful management to develop the new Troop, just like starting any new Section or Group but it is now flourishing with over 30 youth in each Troop.

1st/14th Brighton

By JANET CARDELL

Rather than divide into two different Sections, we all meet together. With over 100 Scouts (yes, that's right. More than 100 Scouts!) and over 70 Cub Scouts, it is an amazing effort in logistics. An excellent team of Leaders with a mix of experience and energy run a program well-supported by the Patrol system. The Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders form a Leadership Team and are included in the planning, have additional training in the skills involved and operate the review system.

Janet Cardell is the Group Leader at 1st/14th Brighton

There are a few challenges; we need to be aware of rivalry and it can be difficult fitting all the weekly meetings onto the calendar!

Some great benefits though – choice of night means we don't lose youth members to other activities and regular joint activities means more opportunity to make new friends!

Mike Beadle is the Group Leader at Baden Powell Park



What is the Victorian Scout Foundation?

The Victorian Scout Foundation (VSF) assists Scouts Victoria with the financial challenges associated with getting more kids and adults into Scouts and keeping them there!

There are many things that are needed to make Scouting happen in local Groups - kids and Leaders of course, but then there is equipment, membership fees, training costs, insurance, hall renovations and maintenance etc. - the list is endless and fundraising is undertaken by virtually all Scout Groups to finance these needs.

That's where the Victorian Scout Foundation helps. Each year the VSF contributes approximately \$500,000 to the Scout Association in Victoria. This money comes from returns on funds invested by the VSF. The Foundation is a 'capital fund' preserving its donated funds in perpetuity and sending the earnings to the Scout Association. By supporting the Association financially, the VSF reduces the financial demands on each Scouts Victoria member. For example, in 2018 the Foundations contribution helped pay for the Scouts & Schools Monster Raffle, Leader training, Gilwell Park, Youth Program review, property restoration grants, the Scout Heritage

Centre and grants to new Scout Groups to get established. Set up in 1985, the Foundation now has over 230 members and has given a total of \$6.8 million to the Branch over that time.

One of the special examples of the Foundations contribution is the Scouts & Schools Monster Raffle, held each year. The Foundation contributes approximately \$60,000 each year to finance the ticket printing and major prizes. Scout Groups sell the \$2 raffle tickets, at no cost or risk to themselves, and get to keep the full \$2. How's that for a good deal! But consider this, the Scout groups achieve around \$600,000 total earnings each year from the raffle, which means that for every \$1 the Foundation gives to the Raffle, local Scout groups turn it into \$10 for themselves. Now that's teamwork! The Foundation's financial contribution to local Scouting via the Raffle is significant and may well be a part of why Scouting in Victoria has been in growth for the last 12 years-something in Australian Scouting unique to Victoria.

In recent years, the Raffle has also been made available to schools and community groups - Rotary, Lions, Guides and others have sold tickets to support their own needs. The Association makes these



1st Chelsea Scout Group selling Monster Raffle tickets at their local shopping centre.

tickets available to help all youth and community groups in Victoria, but in this case the non-Scout group keeps only \$1.50. This is because we know that the actual costs embedded in a raffle ticket are 50c. Nevertheless, \$1.50 is still an excellent return on a \$2 ticket and we have many testimonials about the popularity of the raffle in schools and the community. And don't forget - those thousands and thousands of raffle tickets appearing in schools and community groups across Victoria each year all carry our Scout brand!

To support the Foundation and help all Scout Groups keep the costs down and membership up, why not join the Foundation yourself? See the following page for details.

You might also encourage your own school or community group to get involved with this year's Scouts and Schools Monster Raffle - it'll help them and us! Go to www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/monsterraffle



The Foundation contributes significant funds to Leader Training.



How you can contribute to the Foundation

The Foundation accepts donations of any amount, but if you want to contribute more to Scouting in Victoria, consider becoming a Foundation member, or making a bequest.

Membership Levels

The Foundation offers various giving levels for membership as follows:

Governor	\$25,000
Fellow	\$10,000
Member	\$2,000
Associate	\$600

Each membership pledge is payable in five annual instalments. So for example, an Associate would pay \$120 per annum over five years.

Tax Appeal

The end of the financial year is a great time to consider making a donation to the Foundation. To make a contribution please go to www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/donate

Bequests

If you are considering including a bequest in your will to the Victorian Scout Foundation, you can contact the

Foundation for the choice of wording in a bequest. (The Victorian Scout Foundation recommends that you seek independent financial and legal advice in regard to the implications of making gift or bequests of these types.)

You may choose to discuss your wishes or ideas with Dion Ellis, Foundation Secretary at vsfdirector@scoutsvictoria.com.au

All communications about bequests are treated in the strictest confidence



The Victorian Scout Foundation contributes yearly to the Scouts Heritage Victoria Centre and Archives.

Raffle Referral Reward Program



Each year around 100 schools and community groups raise funds through the Scouts & Schools Monster Raffle. They get back \$1.50 for every \$2 ticket sold. However, there are thousands of schools and community groups across Victoria who are yet to participate.

If you are in Scouting then you are community minded. You may know a school or community group that could benefit by being part of this year's Scouts & Schools Monster Raffle.

Get a **NEW** school or community group to place an order in this year's raffle by the end of May 2019 and you will receive a \$50 Bunnings gift voucher.

More detailed information and rules are available at www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/rafflereferralrewards

Your reward is waiting!

*Please note, exempt from this program are schools or community groups that have participated in one or more raffle over the previous three years (2015-2018).

Way to go, Joeys!

5th Northcote

By **MICHAEL WONG**

Congratulations to the Groups across Victoria who have successfully launched their new Joey Scout Mob. Awesome! By great teamwork and commitment of parents and Leaders within your Groups, as well as support from District and Region, we now have new Mobs of smiling Joey Scouts enjoying new adventurous experiences, participating in diverse outdoor activities, making new friends and most importantly, just having fun.

There are also other Groups both country and metropolitan who are about to launch their new Mob in the coming weeks and we wish you every success. To Groups who are considering starting their own Mob, a big tip, don't delay! There is no time like the present to start your new Mob because we know that a new Joey Scout Mob will benefit your Group and the youth of your community.

For information on how to start your Joey Scout Mob send an email to Michael Wong, New Youth Program Implementation Coordinator at michael.wong@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Michael Wong is the New Youth Program Implementation Coordinator



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There are many ways for your Joey Scouts to engage in the community as part of their challenge areas, and many different types of community. There is our Scouting community where we enjoy activities with the other Sections and other Groups. Some other common communities we encounter are school, religion, sporting and neighbourhood. Communities don't always need to be local. They are a small or large social unit that has something in common. Communities have a familiar interest that brings them together to support each other.

The supporters of a football team can be called a community because they share a common interest or doctors because they share the common values of saving lives.

As human beings, we need a sense of belonging and that sense of belonging is what connects us to the many relationships we develop. A community brings people together.

Here are some ideas for community activities to do with your Joey Scouts.

Within Scouting

- Bring a friend night- show others what we do in Scouting.
- Nights with the other Sections – Joey Scouts love having nights with the older Sections. Ask your Venturer Unit to run a disco for them or help on a camp, even come help the Joey Scouts clean up the

local environment or to sell raffle tickets together.

- Buddy nights- join with another Mob and see what programs they are doing.
- State, Region or District activities – these are a great way to meet lots of new friends as well as have an awesome adventure
- Participate in a JOTT (Jamboree on the trail), JOTA (Jamboree on the air) or JOTI (Jamboree on the internet)
- Encourage Joeys to celebrate World Scout Day on August 1 and wear their scarves to school.

Locally

Sometimes active Scouting being seen is what the local community needs.

- Penny hike – an urban hike where your direction is decided by the toss of a coin at each street corner.
- A hike in your local reserve or park.
- Visits to local shops, libraries, museums, places of interests, bee keepers, local fruit and vegetable growers, famers, vets, hospitals or animal shelters. These are all great ways for the Joeys to be seen and to learn about their local community.
- Visit the local religious centres – this is a great way to promote inclusion in our program and religious awareness.
- Participate in local events like ANZAC day marches.



- Catch public transport.
- Visit your local SES, fire department, police station or paramedics

Internationally

- Run a program based on another country – learn all about the food and traditions of other cultures. Get your Joeys to choose a few countries to visit.
- Enjoy international events – Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, St Patricks Day, St Georges Day.

Community service

- Visit a nursing home and read to the elderly, decorate their doors for the holidays or put on a performance for them.
- Collect donations for people in need, or local charities.
- Collect rubbish at your local park or beach.
- Tree planting.
- Volunteer at a community garden.
- Create a Messengers of Peace project.
- Get involved with a community group that helps the environment.
- Create care packages to send to soldiers.
- Have a blanket drive for the homeless.
- Paint over graffiti in your neighbourhood.





By MICHAEL WONG

As a Cub Scout, what do you think it means to be part of a community? What are examples of how you are part of a community in your day to day environment? Do you even consider that you're part of a community?

Community is one of those words we hear every day and to be fair we should find out what the word "community" means so that you can identify examples around you.

Community can be defined as "a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common". It can also mean "the condition of sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common". Well that's a handy start. A group of people living in the same place or sharing a common interest.

That must mean my family is a community as we live in the same place, our house or that my class at school is a community because we all share the same classroom and live in the same suburb. Even my Six at Cub Scouts can be a community because we live in the same suburb as well. Right?

Yes, you're quite right. Your family, your class mates and even the whole school is a community because you share the same place or happen to live in the same suburb. These are examples of what most people associate with being a community.

But you said community can also mean sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common. Does that mean my Pack is a community because we share a common interest in Scouting? And what about my chess club at school? Does that make us a community?

Right again. Being a member of the Pack and the chess club are examples of community because you share a common interest.

Now comes the hard part. Can you think of other examples of community? To help you along the way, do you think these might be examples of community?

Action – Can a group of people trying to bring about change be considered a community? You might be part of a group wanting the local council to turn a vacant block of land into a playground. Does that make you a community? Certainly does.

Place – Communities can be made up of people brought together by geographic boundaries. At Cuboree you camp with Cub Scouts from other Packs within a defined campsite with prearranged space between other Packs. Each Pack has its own camping area. The fact that you are camping within a defined area with other Cub Scouts forming a Pack then make you a community? Yes it does.

Practice – Communities can be people in the same profession or who undertake the same activities. People who have the same type of job such as doctors, teachers or firemen can be a community. Even your Pack Leaders are a community because they undertake the same activity by volunteering as Leaders.

Circumstance – Communities of people who are connected by an event or action. Hmm, tricky one. How about people who are stranded at the train station because their train is running late. Does this event make the group of people waiting for their train a community? Or how about a group of Cub Scouts that

attended the 2017 Cuboree. Are those Cub Scouts a community because they have Cuboree 2017 as a common event? Certainly does.

Now it's your turn, can you think of examples of communities based on action, place, practice or circumstance? Think of the activities that you are involved in, people of your neighbourhood or places you have been. Can you think of a group of people that make up a community.

Community is all around us in so many different forms and examples and you can be part of more than one community. Have a look back at our examples, the examples that you discovered and see how many of those communities you belong to.

Community is a big part of Scouting. At our core, it is a major component of the Purpose of Scouting with our aim to assist you to become respectable citizens of your local, national and international communities and its one component of the Scout Method, Community Involvement. And so it should be. We are part of the Worldwide Scout Movement which in itself is a community. A community that brings people together.

Community is also one of our Challenge Areas and you'll recognise that Pack programs have activities that involve being in the community, engaging in projects and partnerships, increasing our knowledge of the environment and active citizenship. All within a community.

So a challenge for your Pack Council. We want you to help your Leaders plan imaginative and stimulating activities in your community that are Adventurous, Fun, Challenging and Inclusive. Give you Leaders ideas about how the Pack can be involved in communities of all kinds.

We also want you to upload photos of your Pack or Six engaging in community activities to the Our Program webpage to show other Packs the wonderful range of community that surrounds us. Remember, a community brings people together and builds responsibility.

Michael Wong is the State Leader - Program Support Specialist - Cub Scouts

LOCAL LOOK

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1st Upwey

Somewhere under the rainbow Upwey Cubs roam, planting native flowers till the night time sends them home!



1st Alfredton

Working towards the Joey Buddy Badge, 1st Alfredton Joeys hosted a joint night with 1st Mt Clear Joeys, and what a MESS it turned out to be! Feet, arms and elbows covered in paint, faces covered in custard or shaving cream and Cheetos and hands covered in pancake mix. To finish off, a "clean-up" was needed, and what better and fun way than to have a water fight!



1st Bentleigh

1st Bentleigh Cubs have had some fun nights recently, including a water night at their local park where everyone got thoroughly soaked (including the Leaders)! The also had a glow in the dark tiggy night using glow sticks in their hall.





1st Trafalgar

On March 21, the older youth of the Trafalgar Scout Group along with the local Rover Scout community ran an event that celebrated Trafalgar's multicultural community, as part of Harmony Day celebrations. The Group offered a range of activities including children's colouring in, African Drumming workshops with Rokeby drummer Roger Terrill and

activities where the community could leave messages celebrating our cultural diversity.

"Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone which are the same values as we make with our Scout Law and Promise" said Tamara 15, Venturer Scout at 1st Trafalgar Scout Group, "thank you to those in the community who join us to celebrate the rich cultural diversity that makes Australia a great place to live."

The Harmony Day celebrations were open to all in the community, and supported by Baw Baw Shire Council and Scouts Victoria.



Tamara (Venturer Scout), Liam (Rover Scout) and Aaron (Rover Youth Helper)



1st Newborough Cubs Celebrate Cultural Diversity

1st Newborough Cubs held a cultural diversity night to celebrate Harmony Day. The Cubs began the night by singing 'I am Australian', then shared their own families' stories of migration. The Cubs were excited to discover how many different nationalities they descended from including Chinese, Dutch, English, Irish, Scottish, Canadian and Maltese.

They then played a game of 'Ki-O-Rahi', a traditional Maori ball game. But the highlight of the evening was a huge multicultural feast! Among the offerings were Chinese dumplings, Figolli (Maltese biscuits), Boterkoek (Dutch butter shortcake), Wieners (German sausage), Chicken tefteli (Russian meatballs) and the humble British scone with jam and cream. It is safe to say that no one left the Scout hall feeling hungry!



Cooper brought along some delicious footy franks.



Ashley and mum Adele love the humble British scone with jam and cream.



Bart brought Chinese dumplings to share with his fellow Cub.



Aidan cooked up some delicious chicken tefteli (Russian chicken meatballs).



Budding young chef, Zac prepared 'figolli' which are traditional Maltese biscuits eaten at Easter.





1st Ranelagh

Grey Wolves abound! Three Cub Scouts have gained the prestigious Grey Wolf Award at 1st Ranelagh. Congratulations to Madison, Olivia and Anna.

Previous Akela, Wayne Hicks, and current Akela, Matt Davies, jointly presented the Cubs with their certificates on a fun-filled evening, after which celebrations continued with some lovely cake!



Traralgon

Lorrel Samson OAM retired from the role of Traralgon Group Leader after 23 years at a huge Group function attended by District, Region and State Leaders. Lorrel built up the Group to the strongest in country Victoria and, nearing 60 years as a member, she will continue to support the Group and Birmingham Park Campsite from the Strzelecki District ASF.



13th Malvern

13th Malvern Scouts recently held a sausage sizzle at Carnegie Central shopping centre, where they also sold Anzac badges and Monster Raffle tickets.

Money raised will help fund their expedition to Kandersteg International Scout centre in mid 2020.



1st Riddells Creek

Five of our newest Scouts were on top of the world when they experienced a very unique investiture, being invested on the Melbourne Star! 1st Riddells Creek joined our friends from Macedon Ranges District for a "Skate & Stars" night at Docklands to celebrate the end of term. Our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders did a fantastic job advancing two Cubs and investing three Scouts, especially as they were competing with the attraction of the city night lights!



1st Somerville

Congratulations to Lincon from 1st Somerville Joey Mob, for planning and running his final night at Joeys, before moving up to Cubs next term.

The Joey Scouts raced Billy carts and played games in the park, it was an absolutely fun packed night, a big thank you to Lincon!



Narre Warren South

Gary Ford is the sixth Queen's Scout at the Narre Warren South Venturer Unit. He transferred from 1st Hampton Park Scout Troop after competing his Australian South Medallion.

Pictured is the Group Leader Stacey Herring, Melinda Perry, his Cub Leader at Hampton Park, Andrew Stelling, Narre Warren South Assistant Venturer Leader and George Hooton, his Hampton Park Scout Leader.



1st Upwey

1st Upwey recently held their first ever Joey Scout camp! It was a great experience for the Joeys. 1st Upweys Venturer Unit helped out for the weekend, making it a great Group activity!



1st Kerang

Cubs from 1st Kerang have been busy collecting bottle tops to contribute to the Helping Hands Innovation project. The project melts down the bottle tops and turns them into prosthetic hands for children in India and Cambodia. Eight kilograms of bottles tops have already been sent, with the Cubs adding two more buckets full.

Photos: Gannawarra Times



Adults in Scouting

Long Service Awards

February

5 Years

Jonas Anderson, ASL, 5th Footscray
Christon Batey-Smith, Group Rostered Parent, 1st/14th Brighton
Dave Bromage, SL, 1st Ranelagh
Christopher Brown, ASL, 2nd Anza
Natalie Burke, Group Rostered Parent, 19th Camberwell
Ian Corless, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Drysdale
Ainsleigh Cu, Adult Helper, 1st Vermont
Benedict Davie, AJSL, 1st Ballan
David Fair, Group Support Committee Fundraising, 3rd Beaumaris
Brian Gemmell, Group Chairman, 1st Mount Waverley
Steven German, GL, Lakeside Pakenham
Angela Gibbon, ACSL, 1st Baulkamaugh
Leanne Harbert, Group Support Committee Member, Sale
Matt Head, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Modewarre
Helen Jacobe, PAGL, 1st Maroondah
Tanya Joiner, Group Secretary, 1st Trafalgar
Natalie Kenward, JSL, 1st Cranbourne
Patrick King, PAVL, 3rd Ringwood East
Merita Mannings, Group Secretary, 1st Belmont
Brian Martin, ASL, Aspendale



Graeme McConalogue, ASF-Casey
Sally Roosa, ASL, Portland
Felix Rzezniczak, Adult Helper, 1st Keilor Village
Gurbir Sandhu, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Caroline Springs
Karen Sant, Adult Helper, 1st Caroline Springs
Alexander Toogood, PCSL, 1st Cockatoo
Jason Webber, Group Support Committee Member, 3rd Croydon
Emma Williamson, Adult Helper, 3rd/4th Colac

10 Years

Sarah Archard, ACSL, 1st Barham
Braham Ciddor, AVL, 1st Gembrook
Tegan Kinney, JSL, 1st Sandringham
Doug McKiggan, Adult Helper, 1st Beaumaris
Jane Morf, PGL, Waverley Valley
Kylie Peek, PAVL, 1st Doncaster East
Brad Peters, Provisional Project Commissioner, Vic Branch
Catherine Shield, AVL, 4th Brunswick
Sarah Sytema, PGL, 1st Werribee
Dale Weber, ASL, 3rd Wodonga
Linton Wright, VL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

15 Years

Patricia Johnstone-Wade, ASF-Mt Baw Baw
Brett McGowan, Group Auditor, 1st Wheelers Hill
Anthony Moon, ACSL, 2nd Korumburra
Heather Nash, Group Support Committee Member, Heany Park
Laurine Tatum, Branch Activity Specialists, Scout Band



Scouts from 1st Koo Wee Rup recently ran a training session for new adult Leaders in the District. They taught important technical skills like knotting, basic navigation and emergencies, before assessing and signing them off on each skill. It was a fantastic and productive evening, and will no doubt be the first of many youth-led training sessions in the District.

Ian Thorne, State Leader-Bushwalking, Bushwalking Team

Sean Van Geyzel, Group Support Committee Member, Whitehorse Showtime

Cher Whillas, Adult Helper, Baden Powell Park

Alison Woodhead, Joey Scout Commissioner-Region, Vic Branch

20 Years

Perri Brooks, Group Secretary, 1st Carrum Downs
Margarita Dessens, PRA, 1st Gisborne
John Fisticchia, CSL, 17th Essendon
Carolyn Lade, AVL, 1st Traralgon
Karen Toddie, ASF-Upper Murray

25 Years

Jon Franklin, GL, 2nd/3rd Bayswater
Lawrence Norton, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, 4th Preston

30 Years

Scott Matthews, SL, 1st Eltham
Peter Washusen, Branch Council Member (4E) - Elected Lay Member, Vic Branch

35 Years

Bryan Brew, ASF-Geelong Rivers
Maurice Eagle, Group Chairman, 1st Romsey
Graeme Legge, District Executive Committee Member, Cardinia District

40 Years

Garry Breadon, State Commissioner-Adult Training & Dev, Vic Branch

45 Years

Sally Smith, GL, 9th Brunswick

50 Years

Jan Bryar, DL-Cub Scouts, Banyule District
David Bryar, State Leader-Sailing, Sailing & Power Boating Team

March

5 Years

Stephanie Clark, ASF-Hume
Patrick Cuddihy, ACSL, 1st Kew
Tanya Docherty, Group Secretary, 15th Essendon Sea Scouts
Anthony Docherty, Group Support Committee Hall Hire Contact, 15th Essendon Sea Scouts
Huw Evans, TASL, 9th Caulfield
Geoff Gartly, PGL, 5th/6th Moorabbin Central
Michael Healy, ASL, 1st Greenhills
Moray Hughes, ASL, Deepdene

Kirsty Jennings, Group Rostered Parent, 2nd Clifton Hill

Daniel Lane, Group Rostered Parent, Deepdene

Vicki Mau, Group Rostered Parent, 2nd Clifton Hill

Christopher McColley, Camp Committee Member, Noonameena

Sally McKillop, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Barwon Heads

Leah Moody, Adult Helper, 1st Eltham

Andrew Pelletier, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Glen Iris

Anne Richardson, Group Treasurer, 1st Bentleigh

Adam Scott, TASL, 9th Caulfield

Emma Smart, Group Support Committee Hall Hire Contact, 2nd Clifton Hill

Reshma Sood, Group Rostered Parent, Deepdene

Ben Stanyer, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Point Cook

Shane Sullivan, ACSL, 1st Donald

Cindy Tai, Group Treasurer, 15th Essendon Sea Scouts

Carrie Thomas, PGL, 2nd Clifton Hill

Warren Whibley, ACSL, 1st Glen Iris

Roger Wilson, ACSL, 4th Williamstown

10 Years

Ben Brook, ASL, 1st Eaglemont

David Davies, District Personnel Committee Member, Werribee Plains District

Melissa Douglas, District Secretary, Wimmera District

Andrew Goddard, PGL, 1st Eltham North

Crissi Guarrella, AJSL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

Paul Marley, DL-Scouts, Hume District

Mark Richardson, Group Chairman, 1st Elwood

15 Years

Eric Affleck, DL-Cub Scouts, Tilba Tilba District

Erolyn Blythe, Badge Examiner, ASF-Ballarat

Debbir Packer, PDL-Adult Training Support, Werribee Plains District

Bev Trotter, ASF-Banyule

20 Years

Rob Arends, Camp Committee Member, Rowallan Rec. & Adv. Camp

Giang Dang, ASF-Moreland-Darebin

Gregory Hollett, PGL, 1st Barwon

Michelle Wightwick, CSL, 2nd Footscray

25 Years

Ken Bannan, PDL-Scouts, Banyule District

Rick Heness, ACSL, 1st Irymple

Debbie Nisbet, DL-Development, Glen Eira Stonnington District

Jennifer Waters, ASF-Tilba Tilba

30 Years

Robert Friedrich, Adult Helper, 1st Seymour

Janice Kinloch, ASF-Scout Heritage Geelong

Lorene Quick, District Personnel Committee Member, Boroondara District

John Wightwick, DC, Kariwara District

35 Years

Heather Stringer, District Personnel Committee Member, Moonee Valley District

40 Years

Jim Hunter, ASF-Geelong Peninsula

Wood Badge Awards

February

Joey Scout

Heidi Bell, AJSL, 3rd Croydon

Michelle Jansen, JSL, Berwick Central

Bel Shields, AJSL, Narre Warren

Cub Scout

Dianne Adams, ACSL, 1st Kialla

Christine Almaraz, ACLS, 1st Doncaster East

Dan Page, ACSL, 1st Moonee Ponds

Scout

Anne Bakker, PVL, Mulgrave

Gareth Becker, SL, 1st Red Hill

Georgina Bennett, ASL, 1st Mount Evelyn

Megan Clark, ASL, Narre Warren

Daniel Dalla Valle, ASL, 1st Morwell

Greg Davies, ASL, 1st Wheelers Hill

Samantha Hamilton, PSL, 1st Gembrook

Cameron Nowell, PGL, 1st Reservoir

Nadine Shipsey, ALS, 1st Emerald

Jason West, ASL, Red Cliffs

Venturer

Paul Baillie, PDC, Kingston District

Jesse Carter, AVL, 1st Upper Beaconsfield

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Rover

Janette Crimmin, PDL-Scouts, South Western District

Kieron Younger, ACSL, 2nd/3rd Bayswater

Group Leader

Matt Lancaster, PGL, 3rd Doncaster East

March

Joey Scout

Jade Wallace, AJSL, 1st Koo Wee Rup

Cub Scout

Rhydian Clarke, ACSL, 1st Hastings

Bethany Leach, ACSL, 1st Hastings

Scout

Rivka Bortnoski, ASL, Narre Warren South

Hamish Green, ASL, 1st Point Cook

John Heap, ASL, 1st Balwyn

Venturer

Goatee Cawthorne, PDL-Venturers, Greater Dandenong District

Stuart Clancy, AVL, 1st Kilmore

District Leader/Commissioner

Barbara Allford, DL-Adult Training Support, Monash District

Nick Browne, DC, Yarra District

Daryl Gresty, DL-Scouts, Kariwara District

Group Leader

Jeremy Dickson, GL, 1st Kilmore

Adventurous Activity

Mark Perkins, AAL-Radio & Electronics, Radio & Electronics Team

Katherine Price, ASL, 4th Williamstown



Trainees on a recent Scout Outdoor Training course at Eumeralla enjoyed this innovative PowerPoint presentation.

The Adventures of Courtney the Cooker!

By PENNY ATKINSON

I should introduce myself, my name is Courtney and I am a two burner gas cooktop. I live in the 3rd Croydon Scout Group Q Store cages. I regularly go on working holidays.

This is a story of one of my many adventures.

So in December 2018 I got a calling for another assignment. I'm going on a mega road trip to Tailem Bend Jamboree SA.

Yahoo!!! I'm soo excited to yet again service several Scout Group and to get out of the cages. So I get thrown in this very dirty very dark wooden crate, Soo dark!!! I can't see anything! Not even a window seat - "Not happy Jan"!!!

I finally escape from the dirty dusty crate after a long ride and sitting idle with no lighting - Landing at Tailem Bend SA. I get to meet other Scouts from Doncaster, Kallista, Monbulk & Selby. How much fun is this going to be!!!

Boy was I wrong, I had to work overtime and more. I thought this was going to be a cool holiday. Boy was I wrong, hot and dusty. YUCK YUCK and more YUCK. I started to conk out - Damn dust started to clog up my burners.

I'm SO offended - I thought I was going to Woodhouse too. But NO I had to stay at dust central. The other Patrols left me stranded so I had to stay... sadly.

So after almost two weeks I'm thrown into the crate AGAIN of which I have a love hate relationship with. Sooo dark I can't see and it SMELLS from all the stinky camp gear thrown on top of me. Help me help me I need to get out, no matter how much I yell no one can hear me.

Why does this always happen to me! It seems like I'm in here for an eternity.

I am summoned again... I'm needed for my duty for 3rd Croydon.

I'm wanted at Mafeking Rover Park for the annual 3rd Croydon Family Camp. Most importantly the delicious Sunday night spit roast. But the problem is I'm lost and I don't know where I am.

I'm a wanted cooker I hope...

So a good two weeks before the 3rd Croydon Family Camp things are getting a little concerning. I am still not found. I often wonder when and how I will be found. Could I be at Kallista, Monbulk, Doncaster or Selby Scout Halls? Who knows.

I'm definitely not at 3rd Croydon where I belong ...

After the word got out to the Jamboree Leaders - the hunt is on! It's getting desperate now - I'm urgently needed at Mafeking!

So Damian the Jamboree Troop Leader informed 3rd Croydon he can save the day and thinks he has found me. Nice one Damian!

So the Thursday night before the Mafeking trip Damian has kindly offered me a limo ride to Mooroolbark after his night at Kallista Scout Hall. The Damian Limo rolled up at 10.30pm at Mooroolbark as planned - all is going well you think, BUT NO.

So apparently I'm still lost and cannot perform my duties. "I'm not thrilled at ALL".

I'm feeling pretty bad around now. I don't know where I am and I can't do my job.

Damian the Kallista Scout Group Leader has saved the day once again, he has lent a supa dupa works burger three burner cast iron cooktop to 3rd Croydon.

Now I'm feeling sad - I'm getting replaced by a super upgraded model.

Don't you know us cookers can talk and I'm not feeling great about this. Mr Upgrade is getting all the attention.

So apparently the "Super Upgrade" model did a stellar job at Mafeking. (Well done smarty pants)

I'm getting a little scared now, I think I will never be found and made redundant.



During the long weekend and about over a month of being lost somebody claims to have found me.

I'm getting little excited could I be going home? My hopes are high.

I finally turned up at the Doncaster Scout Hall hiding behind a trailer. How long have I been there I wonder.

After being held hostage (joke joke) at Doncaster Scout Group I was set free by the bestest Leader ever - David. Doncaster had a case of the guilts and decided to return me home to my family.

No ransom was needed. (YET)

I got a sweet taxi ride in a black Holden Crewman to Box Hill to be transferred to a wind up toy (Toyota Prius) for the final part of my journey back home to 3rd Croydon.

So after a four month road trip, being locked away in darkness, filled up with dust, lost and being made redundant I'm finally getting home safe and sound.

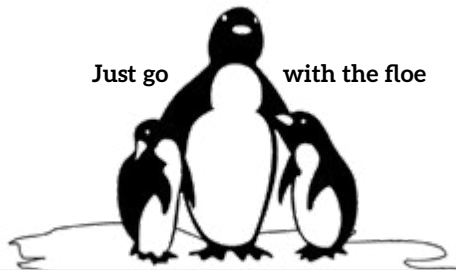
Back in my 3rd Croydon cage ready for my next adventure.

Penny Atkinson is a Scout at 3rd Croydon



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Monthly BLAST

May 2019

What happens in the Q-store, stays in the Q-store

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Group Leader's report to the Committee, May 2019

Term 1 was in summary, and I'm confident Term 2 will be déjà vu all over again. I'm indebted to Assistant Group Leader Bosun McPrussick, the driving inertia behind our Group.

Program

Easter camp was a great opportunity to get some dust out of the Jamboree tents. Some of the Scouts must be showering too - their Taillem Bend tan has almost gone.

The Venturers had their usual success hiking. That's a euphemism for going off grid for three days and turning up in time for the bus home.

Marketing

Our slogan 'The world's most liveable Scout Group' is certainly paying dividends. Maybe it's election fatigue and people just need something to believe in.

Registrar

The growing youth numbers have created opportunities for a Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar to handle new registrations and finalise Census in a timely manner. Unfortunately, ASIC doesn't permit me to handle money or forms. (That last item must remain within the Group, or Scout HQ will want my Silver Wombat back.)

Hall maintenance

The Hall Maintenance team reports an increase in graffiti. On the positive side, it is of better quality. Not just tags, but proper pieces. The one of Bagheera on a Harley is particularly realistic; the piercings follow your eye as you move around to view it.

Budget

Akela is going through an Alexander the Great phase. She's put in a request

for 10 kms of rope to make a Gordian knot. Untying it will be the Pack's Term 2 program.

The increasing youth members mean we can afford it. Heck, we might finally get that Bose sound system for the Leader den. The hot tub on the roof. New shirts.

Accommodation

The second and third Joey Mobs have asked if they can take over the Rover Den. They suggest the Rovers could meet under the barbecue pergolas, or in their Mudbash cars. The Joeys have challenged them to a debate but the Rovers aren't falling for that again.

But the biggest issue is fitting everyone in the hall. To stimulate community interest we started a rumour that we were building a new hall. Now we may actually have to build one.

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