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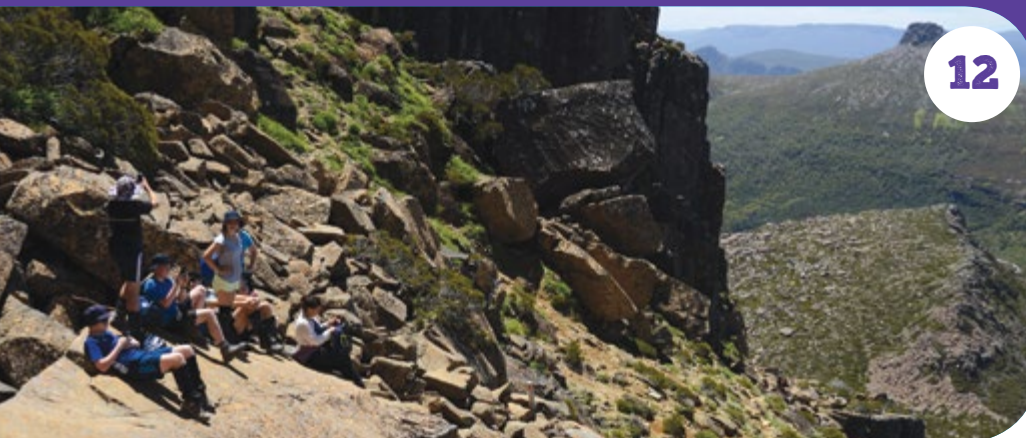
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## Launching 2019 with a bang!

Less than three weeks after the Jamboree, more than 550 Leaders travelled from across Victoria for the annual conference for Leaders of Adults. These are the Group Leaders, District Commissioners, and others who support the frontline Leaders who deliver the program for our youth members.

The program was rich and varied - like the food trucks at lunchtime - and included Groups sharing their best ideas, child safety and managing risk, the new program and adventurous activities, and much more.

A highlight was the participation of a team from Scouts SA.

The event was put together by a volunteer team led by Assistant Chief Commissioner for Group Support, Daniella Taglieri, and supported by the staff at the Victorian Scout Centre.



## Anything Goes...

Anything Goes (AG) is a fantastic weekend of adventure and friendship for our Venturer Section. Billed as the largest annual Venturer event in Australia, AG 2019 was held on the weekend of February 22-24 at Lardner Park, near Warragul.

### AG 2019 by numbers...

- 1100 youth
- 400 staff (including 72 Rovers)
- 3 non-humans registered
- thousands of donuts
- 35+ Committee members (who did a wonderful job)
- 3 Venturer Ambassadors
- 12 hours of 40kph gust winds
- \$100 raised for Lifeline
- and, a great weekend for all!







1st Glen Iris Scout Group

# Scout Christmas Trees

2018 Christmas tree sales by numbers...

- 88 Groups
- 94 locations
- \$750,000 raised
- Christmas tree searches on our website up 59.5% on 2017
- Scouts Victoria website sessions up 32.2% on 2017

## A fine fleet

1st Wantirna South now own 14 cars which they use in Scout motorsport events and their Top Gear Scout driving courses at the Rover camp, Mafeking Park, near Yea. (Look for a full report on Top Gear Scout in the next Australian Scout magazine, May 2019.)

Their newest car has a special paint job - the new Scouts Australia branding.



Narelle Bray was excited to see the new Scouts Australia logo revealed in the opening ceremony of AJ2019.

It's her 10th anniversary of being a Leader, and she knew immediately how she'd be celebrating it.

"As soon as I returned home from the Jamboree I got a tattoo of the new logo!"

Narelle, the District Leader for Cub Scouts in Casey District, is proud of her tatt. "I love the new logo."

Disclaimer:  
We are not encouraging Joeys to follow Narelle's example.

## Skinning up for Scouting!



## BP Lodge Helping Out Scouts

The annual Rover Service Award by Baden-Powell Lodge has been presented to Mullumbimba Rover Crew who contributed 2800 hours of community service over the past 12 months. This included their trip to Mongolia to help build a shelter at a campsite, as well as many local projects.

In the presence of the Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria MW Bro Keith Murray, the Lodge also donated nearly \$15,000 to three Scouts Victoria campsites.

B-P Lodge's contribution of \$5000 will assist with completing a toilet block and picnic shelter at Mafeking Rover Park, while a further \$5000 (in collaboration with St George Lodge, Dunnolly) will provide a new roof for the bush hut at Mataranka Scout Camp.

The crowd then raised a further \$2300 (\$620 from the auction, \$610 from a whip around, plus a \$1000 donation from a Lodge member) for a 20,000 litre-water tank for Mataranka. This will allow all Sections to use the park again, as well as Hoadley Hide in April.

The Grand Master then donated \$1000 for Harkaway Scout Camp, which had been broken into and vandalised over the New Year break. Not to be outdone, the 140+ in attendance contributed an equal amount from the proceeds of the raffle.







## a few words from brendan

Brendan Watson OAM  
Chief Commissioner  
Scouts Victoria

## Honoured

We were thrilled on Australia Day when a number of our members – young and older – were recognised for their contribution to the community.

They included:

- The AM (Member of the Order of Australia) has been awarded to John de Wijn QC for significant service to youth through Scouts and to taxation law. Currently Scouts Australia vice-president, John was chair of Scout Victoria's Branch Executive Committee for six years, and Group Leader at Baden Powell Park and a Scout Leader at Dandenong. John has also given considerable assistance to Scouts Australia with the Royal Commission and redress scheme. We are very fortunate to have his skills available to us.

Victorians honoured with the OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) include:

- The late Beryl Bassett who gave 60 years' service to Alpine Gateway, Goulburn Murray, Northern Region and other formations
- Marge Currie, originally a Cub Leader at Lockington, who has since given 50 exceptional years to Boroondara District in many roles, from ACSL to DC
- Geoff Hudson of Whitehorse District, the founder of Scout Adventure Racing
- Mark Hunter, Scout Leader of 1st Lang Lang
- Sonya Loader, Group Leader of 1st Ranelagh
- Kel McMeeken, for service including 1st Eaglemont, Yarra Valley Region, Hoadley Hide, and Scout Heritage

Also honoured with the AM were Graham Coates, former President of Scouts SA, and Graeme Stickland, former Chief Commissioner of WA, and current Group Leader of the Padbury Scout Group since 2000.



Many members - young and old - were also honoured for their contribution to their local community. They include:

- 1st Cockatoo Scout Kaiden Rech-Ellery is Cockatoo's Young Citizen of the Year
- 1st Cockatoo Group Leader Kirra Kruzikevic is Cockatoo's Citizen of the Year and was also nominated, along with 1st Upper Beaconsfield Assistant Scout Leader Ian Pinney, for Cardinia Shire's Citizen of the Year
- 1st Beaconsfield Rover and AJSL Meaghan Venables is Cardinia Shire's Young Citizen of the Year
- Former 1st Koo Wee Rup Group Leader (and Cardinia District Leader - Cub Scouts) June Wright OAM is Cardinia's Senior Citizen of the Year
- 1st Echuca Venturer Daniel Phyland was both Echuca and Campaspe Shire's Young Citizen of the Year
- Wangaratta Scout Abigail Berry was named Local Young Achiever of the Year by Wangaratta Rural City on behalf of the Glenrowan community
- 1st Traralgon Venturer Oscar Ewen was named Churchill Young Citizen of the Year
- 1st Yarrowonga Rover Adam Morley was named Moira Shire Young Citizen of the Year
- Warrandyte Group Leader Chris Padgham was presented with a Menzies Community Award
- 3rd Wodonga's ACSL Sheldon Smith is Wodonga's Young Citizen of the Year
- 3rd Wodonga Scout Group is Wodonga's Community Organisation of the Year – congratulations to GL Chris Pollard and all the team



Cardinia Shire's Young Citizen of the Year recipient Meaghan.



## New halls

The coming weeks will see the launch of three exciting new Scout halls at Point Cook, Clifton Hill, and Caroline Springs.

The Caroline Springs hall is being built on land near Kororoit Creek, a significant route for three Aboriginal groups. The hall is being built with the generous cooperation of the traditional custodians of this land.

These events reflect a huge amount of work by the Groups concerned, as well as the team at the Victorian Scout Centre.

Also close to opening is the new Adventure Centre at Warburton. A team led by Brad Miles has been busy refurbishing the former chalet to accommodate Groups seeking access to local bike paths and Mt Donna Buang.



## 20219 - the conference

Group Leaders and other Leaders of Adults from around Victoria met for their annual conference on February 2. It was a busy and fruitful gathering that carried on our collective work from a year earlier. After six hours of talk, interrupted only by food vans and coffee, participants ended the day with social time with Scouting friends. A great start to a great year!



## The full Scouting journey

The longer the Scouting journey, the stronger are the lasting benefits of Scouting. It is always disappointing when a youth member retires after Cub Scouts, and misses the life-changing experiences of being a Scout. And the same goes for every Section, from Joeys to Rovers.

A team of experienced Leaders and youth members met recently for the "Journey Forum", a seminar to analyse the barriers to transition from Section to Section, through the entire Scouting Journey.

Their recommendations will be shared soon.

A separate initiative was the Group Support Committee seminar run by Yarra District. Fifty Group Support Committee members from across Melbourne attended a half-day of sessions on the functions of the Group Support Committee, financial management, marketing, fundraising, and more.

There is already strong support for further developing this concept, and trialling it in another Region, to assist other Groups to better support their Committees.

## Scout shows

Our seven annual Scout shows are now auditioning or rehearsing for the 2019 productions. Make sure at least one or more of these terrific shows are in your Section's program for term 2, 3 or 4. They are:

- Melbourne Gang Show - June 21-29
- Sunraysia Gang Show - July 6-14
- Camberwell Showtime - August 9-17
- Whitehorse Showtime - August 23-31
- South Metro Showtime - August 23-31
- Strzelecki Showtime - October

## Mob Start

We are very excited by the number of Groups who have decided to launch their own Joey Scout Mob. A Scout Group is like a family, and no family is complete without Joey Scouts.

Our 2018 Resilience Survey showed impressive results for our young Joey Scouts: they are more resilient, feel more secure, and are more confident about overcoming difficulties.

The Joey Scout program complements those very first school years and we should be offering it to all students from the age of five.



Sorrento Sea Scouts

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# New Zealand Venture



By **LISA PICKING**

While a heap of Australian Scouts were at the Jamboree dealing with the Tailern Bend dust, 500 Australian Venturers were hanging out in the lush green landscape of New Zealand!



The trip started with a pre-tour to Queenstown where everyone was welcomed to the land of the long white cloud by jumping off the plane and straight onto a jet boat for a fast-paced cruise around the rivers and into town. That kicked off four days of adrenaline-pumping activities such as skydiving, luge and paragliding.

On New Year's Eve, the 300 Aussies in Queenstown flew to Auckland to join the rest of the team and continue onto the Venture site to set up for the night and get into the opening ceremony and NYE party! The Venture, made up of Aussies, Kiwis, Brits, Swiss and Canadians, partied well into the early new year and then took off on their expeditions for a week.

Venturers could choose from all sorts of expeditions including hikes at the northernmost point of NZ and scuba diving, through to MasterChef, surfing, cycling, car maintenance and more! The expeditions covered most of the North Island giving Venturers and Leaders alike new and memorable experiences. At the end of the week,

all expeditions came back to the Venture site for five days of onsite and day trip activities including, caving, driving, bubble soccer, escape rooms, pasta making, beach visits, city visits and island hopping. Each night there was entertainment ranging from comedians, live bands and on the final night, a paint party!

After farewelling our new and old Kiwi friends from Venture, we loaded up the 12 coaches and headed down to the town of Rotorua. On the way down, there was lots of sleeping and an included activity. Contingent members had the choice of Hobbiton (movie set tour), Hells Gate (site of geothermal activity and mud pools), Gondola and luge up Mt Rotorua or a visit to Rainbow Springs in the hope of seeing a real life kiwi bird! Once everyone had gone to their activities, and arrived at their Rotorua accommodation, we had a Contingent meeting. Little did they know, Sammy J, Australian comedian, had decided to join them for the night to mark the whole contingent being together for the first time! Sammy was kind enough to hang around to meet a lot of his fans and pose for a few photos.

And the fun didn't stop there! The very next day, the contingent split into two groups to visit Velocity Valley, an amusement park that offers some truly unique New Zealand adventures including giant swing, mini jet boat, skydive simulator and the world's only Shweeb Racer (a human powered monorail racetrack). The Contingent paid a visit to the Mitai Maori







Village where we saw the local warriors paddle upstream in their waka (canoe), admired their sacred cold water spring, learnt about Maori song, dance, weapons and culture, shared a delicious Hangi meal and met some of their local glow worms.

The rest of the time in Rotorua was a reasonably relaxed affair consisting of trips into town, mountain biking, shopping, white water sledging, redwoods bushwalking and a trip to the local thermal pools for some of the Leaders to rest their weary bones. Our final night together ended with a whole Contingent dinner at the Rotorua exhibition centre where we were again welcomed by the Mitai family. The night included a 'haka off' for some of the leaders, a magnificent photo slideshow, heartfelt speeches and a few final surprises before the first of the contingent started the journey home.

NZV2019 was full of laughter, characters, mullets, new experiences and new friends. New Zealand events are run a little differently to Aussie ones but that is half the fun of an international experience, doing something different! NZ events are also the gateway to international Scouting and provide so many opportunities to grow and develop. Make sure you get to a New Zealand Jamboree, Venture or Moot when you get the opportunity!

**Lisa Picking is International Commissioner (Scouts Victoria) and Deputy Contingent Leader of the Australian Contingent to the 14th New Zealand Venture.**

*Photos: Christopher Gardner, Contingent Photographer*













# Preparing to hike, preparing for life!



1st Healesville at the start of the Overland Track

“All that is gold does not glitter, not all who wander are lost”  
J.R.R. Tolkien - Author

By DAVE BLAIR

When nine Scouts from 1st Healesville completed six days of hiking the Overland Track in the Tasmanian wilderness, all thought they had finished an amazing and wonderful journey. In part, that was true. But in years to come, I hope they realise that was not the end of a journey, but merely the beginning.

Prepare for adventure, prepare for life. Over the last 12 months, our Scouts did both. We prepared for over a year before departing on our Tasmanian adventure. We built hiking skills (Prom, Great Ocean Walk, Mt Stirling, Mt Bogong), we cooked, learned first aid, practised navigation, stumbled, fell, and got back up again. And while focus was on a walk in Tassie, our Scouts were building confidence, learning to be leaders and gaining life skills.

The Overland Track is very achievable

for Scouts (and Venturers) but on longer hikes like this, the small things matter. On an overnight walk, you can get away with a blister forming or a sleeping bag that gets damp. If a rat eats all your scroggin, it's disappointing, not devastating. The key to multi-day adventures is getting all the little stuff right so your trip is comfortable and enjoyable rather than painful, epic and dangerous.

The Overland Track is the most famous bushwalk in Australia for good reason. The walk itself is stunning and a worthy goal for any Troop keen on bushwalking.

Our Scouts experienced the summits of Barn Bluff and Mt Ossa (1617m, the highest mountain in Tasmania), swimming in cold alpine tarns and



First stop, the Kitchen Hut



On the summit of Mount Ossa.

“The mountains are calling and I must go”

John Muir - Naturalist and Author





Scouts cooking their dinner with Lake Windermere in the background.



Scouts pointing to the summit of Barn Bluff.

creeks and marvelling at the unique plants and wildlife.

Learning by doing. Somewhere along the way, they also gained the experience and confidence not only of doing such a trip themselves, but to respect, support and encourage each other and to stand up and become responsible. Bushwalking is a unique teacher, one that makes us focus on the basics, the fundamentals of our lives.

"DYB, DYB, DYB" (Cub grand howl, 1980s). Reflecting on my own teenage Scouting experience, I see now it prepared me for the multitude of wilderness adventures I would enjoy – hiking, rock and ice climbing, mountaineering, sea kayaking, backcountry skiing and mountain biking in amazing places here and overseas. I now recognise the importance of the adults that led me on the start of that journey, who gave me the space to fail, but the skills and encouragement to keep going – Do Your Best.

Whatever adventure your group is into, grab it with both hands and Prepare for Life!

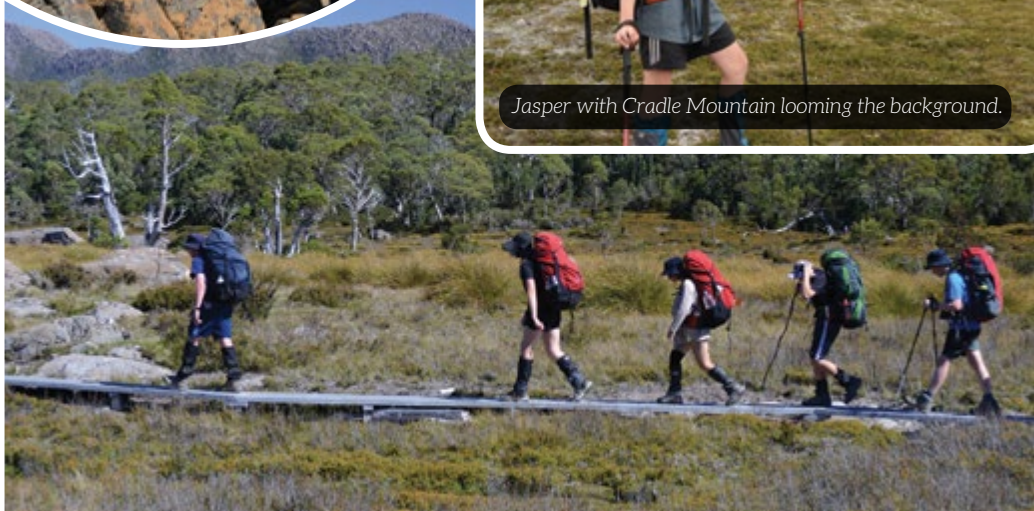
**Dave Blair (Strider), is Scout Leader at 1st Healesville.**



On the summit of Mount Ossa.



Jasper with Cradle Mountain looming the background.



A quick photo stop in front of Pelion West.

## Logistics

Overnight Spirit of Tasmania ferry Melbourne to Devonport. Public bus to Cradle Mountain. Hike. Public bus to Hobart, overnight accommodation, fly Hobart to Melbourne.

The whole trip was about \$650 per Scout.





Melbourne CBD march



Scouts marching in the CBD

# Australia Day 2019

January 26 - Australia Day - saw Scouts out celebrating across the State. From the Melbourne parade to festivals and breakfasts and ceremonies, Scouts played their part in their local community. It was also the day that many of our members were honoured with local awards or the Order of Australia. (Full list: page 6)



1st Cockatoo Group Leader Kirra received Citizen of the Year and 1st Cockatoo Scout Kaiden received Young Citizen of the Year.



Assistant Scout Leader Ian from 1st Upper Beaconsfield was nominated for Citizen of the Year, Assistant Joey Scout Leader Meaghan from 1st Beaconsfield received Young Citizen of the Year, pictured with Kirra from 1st Cockatoo.



Meaghan with Immediate Past Chief Commissioner Bob Taylor.



Sheldon from 3rd Wodong received the Young Citizen of the Year award along with his Group who received the Community Organisation of the Year award.



3rd Wodonga received the Community Organisation of the Year award.



Daniel from 1st Echuca Scout Group received Young Citizen of the Year in both Echuca and Campaspe Shire.





1st Dromana Sea Scout Group



Morwell East Scout Group



1st Myrtleford Scout Group



1st Paynesville Sea Scout Group



Allansford & Warrnambool Scout Group



1st Rutherglen Scout Group



Allansford & Warrnambool Scout Group



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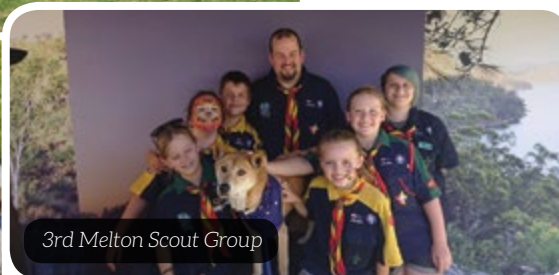
1st Belmont Scout Group



3rd Ringwood Scout Group



3rd Melton Scout Group



1st Mibroo North Scout Group



Koo Wee Rup Scout Group



5th Footscray Scout Group



Koo Wee Rup Scout Group



3rd Ringwood Scout Group



William from 1st Langwarrin at the Melbourne CBD march





# 100 years of Wood Badge training



By **JAN KERR**

It wasn't until 1918 that Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, had time to focus on a formalised training course for Scoutmasters. B-P wrote his book "Aids to Scoutmastership" and this coincided with success in finding a suitable camping spot near London to serve as a campsite for youth, and a training ground for Scoutmasters.

Through the generosity of William de Bois Maclaren £7000 was donated to purchase the 53-acre Gilwell Hall estate in Epping Forest near London. An additional £3000 was given to renovate the house.

Gilwell Park was officially opened on July 26 1919.

The first Wood Badge course, under the shade of the mighty oak tree, was held from September 8-19 1919, and included sessions based on "Scouting for Boys" and "Aids to Scoutmastership".



Scouting began in 1907, and it's now 100 years since Leaders in Scouting first strived to earn the Wood Badge, the pinnacle of the adult training program: two small carved wooden beads on a leather string. In 2019 we celebrate the centenary of the Wood Badge and the millions of volunteer Leaders who have trained to be better Leaders for the young people in their care.

The course began with B-P raising a kudu horn to his lips. (He had previously used the horn to signal the beginning of the first camp on Brownsea Island.) He blew a long sharp blast and lectures and practical work began, focusing on campcraft, nature study, general Scouting, organisation and methods of running Patrols and Troops. Pre-course reading was 'Scouting for Boys'.

With the course completed, B-P faced the question of what could be a suitable award for the participants. He decided to give each course participant two of the beads from a necklace he had procured following the South African campaign in 1888 and the defeat of Zulu Chief Dinizulu.

B-P directed each man to buy a leather boot lace and attach the beads to replicate what Zulu boys did as they entered manhood. The lace was thought to ward off evil spirits. When the original beads supplied by Baden-Powell ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition. Today, this symbol is recognised in most National Scout Organisations in the world for Leaders who having completed training. Because of these beads, the course came to be known as the Wood Badge Training Course.

So began the tradition of leadership training for Scouters.

Other Wood Badge training symbols are the Turk's head Woggle and the Gilwell scarf.

The Turk's head woggle was simply a piece of leather used as part of Backwoodsman training. William (Bill) Shankley from 8th Hobart, attending one of the early Scouter Courses (1920-21), tied a Turks-head with the leather and created the Woggle which replaced the slide used at the time. By the mid 1940s the woggle was worn by Leaders who had completed basic training.

The Gilwell Scarf, a scarf of dove grey cloth (the colour of humility) with a



*A photo from the first Wood Badge course at Gilwell Park in 1919.*

warm red lining (to signify warmth of feeling), with a patch of Maclaren tartan on the point of the scarf (to honour William de Bois Maclaren), is presented to recipients of the Wood Badge. This scarf signifies membership of the 1st Gilwell Scout Group.

Today there are more than 50 million Scouts - young people and adults, male and female - in more than 200 countries and territories. Some 500 million people have been Scouts, including prominent people in every field.

Wood Badge training is a Scouting leadership program and the related award for adult Leaders in the programs of Scout associations throughout the world.

Scouts Australia operates a Wood Badge Training Program for the training and development of all its Adult Leaders and meets the requirements of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

If you are a holder of the Wood Badge you are a member of 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group, a global family of thousands of adults in Scouting.

**Jan Kerr is State Commissioner - Special Duties, General Secretary of Scouts Victoria, and a Leader Trainer.**



# A day in the life of the Caving Team!

"It's like being  
born in reverse."

The Scout Leaders with us  
laughed the most at this one, we  
suspect because one of them couldn't  
wait to get home and tell his wife  
(better known as 'Mum'). You'll be  
amazed at the places you can fit,  
but you are never forced  
into it. You'll just want  
to try!

"I didn't think this  
would be harder than maths!"

The thought that someone would  
liken a crawl through a lava tube to  
quadratic equations was a surprise, but we  
got the point. Sometimes it does test your  
mind as well as your body. Caving isn't  
something many people get to do, so your  
first experience is full of surprises. Good  
ones, with lots of new discoveries.  
And by the afternoon it's more  
like a times-table.

"Do we get a gold star?"  
"Better - you get a Caving  
Badge".

Around Budj Bim there are around 150  
caves to explore (12 of them undiscovered!)  
and the Caving Team will take you to some  
of the best, each one with something dif-  
ferent to see or do. By the end of a week-  
end exploring a whole new world, you  
will definitely have earned a badge.  
And probably made some new  
friends as well.

"This has nothing  
on Tailem Bend", he said,  
slapping the dust from his over-  
alls. Sometimes it is dustier though.  
Sometimes you look like a client during  
a mud treatment at a high-end spa  
resort. But caving is a lot cheaper. The  
volcanic caves of Budj Bim are tough  
on clothes, gear and bodies. They  
were formed 30,000 years ago  
for tough Scouts, Venturers  
and Rovers.



## The Details

The Scouts Victoria Caving Team run trips from February to November. We mostly run Scout and Venturer trips, would love to hear from Rovers and now have a weekend specifically for those doing the 'new' program.

All trips are booked in advance for the following year. Bookings are open in the first week of October and sadly, we cannot take everyone - we are also open for more team members to allow us to!

The cost is currently between \$40 and \$55, which includes camping fees, helmets and all the techy gear.

More details and contact info is on the website at [www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/activities/caving/](http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/activities/caving/).







### By **MADISON PARFUSS**

Rainbow flags and loud cheers filled St Kilda on Sunday February 3 as Melbourne's 24th Midsumma Pride March went off with a bang - with walking orchestras, feather boas and Victoria's Scouts all showing support for the LGBTIQA+ community.

Despite the heat, 219 of us strode down the streets to 'Scouty' songs, stopping along the way to meet lively bystanders and supporters.

We all showed off our newly printed rainbow scarves and transgender "ally" badges as we paraded for equality and fair rights.

With our biggest turn out yet, we hope to beat it next year with our new team of organisers.

A big thanks to Wombat Lyons, the State Commissioner for Diversity and Inclusion, for all the hard work behind the scenes and to my fellow organisers for making it such a memorable day. Here's to 2020!

**Madison Parfuss is a 1st Balwyn Venturer, and a member of Scouts Victoria's Pride March Committee for 2019.**







# Proud to be Scouts







# Mexico's Scout culture camp

By **LAURENCE WILLIAMS**

Straight off the plane and onto a bus, and finally, after 25 long hours of travel, I arrived at my destination: right in the heart of the biggest expression, art and culture camp in Mexico!

Encuentro Expresión y Arte Scout (EEAS) is a camp put on by Scouts Mexico, bringing talented Mexican Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers to a new location every year to perform, be entertained and more importantly to have fun.

During my travels in the Americas, I was fortunate enough to have been invited to the 39th EEAS by a Mexican friend I met at the World Moot in Iceland last year. Little did I know what was in store: three exciting days of singing, dancing, bands, rap battles and a sharing of culture and tradition. I attended the camp with Troop Acatl 207 from Iztapalapa in Mexico City, and they instantly took me under their wing and, although I lack a lot of Spanish vocabulary, pushed past the communication barrier allowing us to get along like a house on fire.

There's something about being a Rover that instantly connects you, despite culture or language disparity, something quite unique to Scouting.

I learned a lot about what people traditionally wore (post-Spanish colonisation) in different parts of the country, their dances and songs, and I certainly learnt how to speak a lot more like the other Scouts at the camp. I ate traditional food, explored the city of Guadalajara with my host Rover Crew and got asked for plenty of selfies with the Scouts - being the only Australian Rover there certainly had its perks!

The Scouts who performed impressed me; there were lots of beautiful voices, smooth contemporary and more traditional Mexican dances, and plenty of energy in the grandstand to back them up.

Groups would enter their participants into the three-day talent contest to be assessed by a panel of judges. After the camp, winners were announced and congratulated on their stunning performances followed by an evening of celebration. The camp was a great opportunity to make new friends, greet old ones and support those courageous enough to perform.

Given the talent and creativity of our own Aussie Scouts and Guides back home in Showtimes and Gang Shows across the country, I'm surprised I have never heard of a camp of this calibre in Australia. If you already run one, or would like to start one, please let me know!

**Laurence Williams a member of the Carlton Rover Crew.**







# Ballarat's Scouting drama



By **PETER DATSON**

It is 1963, a sunny afternoon in camp with the 1st Ballarat Scout Troop. The Boy Scouts are being instructed in basic archery techniques by one of the parents.

The Scoutmaster announces, "Geoffrey, aren't you supposed to be on the archery range?"

Geoffrey casually points to his 'Master at Arms' proficiency badge on his arm and announces, "I've already got my badge!"

The next scene cuts to around the campfire with the Scouts listening to a scary yarn before bedtime. The drama continues with several boys daring others with ghost stories and then visiting the local 'haunted house', where one of the Scouts discovers a dead body. Then the Scoutmaster is found dead, killed with an arrow!

These are the opening scenes to the recent 2018 telemovie 'The Blake Mysteries' set in Ballarat in 1963 during a period of other world dramas.

Scout Heritage Victoria was approached by the producers for assistance with information of uniforms, badges and what a campsite looked like in the era. The property and costume people visited the Scout Heritage Adventure Centre at Mackie Road, Bentleigh East, and got

some great ideas from our model campsite, with kitchen and gadget rack, and how to realistically stage the campfire scene.

Both Scout Heritage Victoria and the Ballarat Heritage Centre loaned items of shirts, belts, socks and 'lemon squeezer' Scout hats and provided District badges and a range of other proficiency badges to make the actors have authentic uniforms of the era. The costume supervisor loved the Leaping Wolf Badge (yesteryear's equivalent of the Grey Wolf Award) and these could be seen on several uniforms.

It has been a rewarding experience to be involved in this project where we were able to provide authentic advice and loan items from our collection to promote the rich history of Scouting – albeit with a somewhat dramatic storyline.

**Peter Datson**  
is Collection  
Manager, Scout  
Heritage Victoria.





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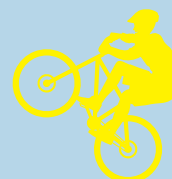
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## Spiritual Awareness

By **SUE HUMBER**

Spiritual is one of the six program objectives that occurs in Scouting through:

- Exploring Beliefs
- Stopping for Reflection
- Respect for Others
- Being Thankful

As Leaders we promise to do our Duty to our God or be true to our spiritual beliefs and therefore it is a privilege to open the eyes of our Joey Scouts to the world around them.

As our Joey Scouts grow physically and mentally, they also grow spiritually and this shows itself in the way they live and behave. We have a great influence on our youth members, we are their Role Models.

There are many ways to include the Spiritual Program Objective in our Mob meetings:

- There are 4,200 religions in the world – find out about some
- There are 195 Countries – have an International themed night
- Interact with the community you live in
- Celebrate Cultural Diversity – appreciate differences in individuals
- Invite parents and friends to be part of a program
- Pen Pals [www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/penpals](http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/penpals)
- Messengers of Peace [www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/messengers-of-peace](http://www.international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/messengers-of-peace)

**Sue Humber is State Commissioner - Joey Scouts**

### Scouts' Own can be in any Mob program

#### Jar of Marbles

You will need two containers, one clear jar that is empty and the other full of marbles and a jug of water. Joey Scouts transfer a number of marbles into the empty jar to indicate what fills up their lives, that is what they do each day. Leaders do the same. When the jar is full of marbles ask the Joey Scouts if anything else will fit in. Then pour water into the jar until it is full. The water fills all the gaps in the jar. This represents the place that Scouting has on our lives.



#### Themes to build on for a program

**Easter** – Easter is an old German word for Festival of Spring. Why?

**Songa** – Festival of Thai Buddhists. Buddhists are known for their ways of peace, kindness and caring for living creatures and living good lives.

**Sun Dance** – Celebration of the Northern American Plains Indians which calls on the creator to bless them and the whole world for harmony on earth. Dances are also held for growing good maize crops to be harvested at the end of summer.

**Ramadan** – The Islamic festival of Ramadan involves a month long fasting from sunrise to sunset. Dates and water break the fast each day as a reminder of the way Muhammad broke his fast. Families come together for the festival for thanksgiving.



#### Good Thoughts

Half fill a balloon with wild bird seed or rice. Tie off the ends and attach brightly coloured streamers. Joey Scouts write a good thought on the streamers. Then they throw the balloons to each other. If you tie a piece of string around the end of the balloon you can then twirl it around quickly and let it go flying.



# Cubs

# You can do the Outdoor

By **MICHAEL WONG**

Now Cub Scouts, this is a true story. A couple of years ago I was waiting with some parents outside my son's school before the students boarded their buses to head to camp. A parent came up to me and said that she had instructed her son, "When they have the outdoor adventurous activities make sure you hang out with the kids from Cubs because they know what to do". Here was acknowledgement that Cub Scouts had skills and qualities valued by the community and the key words that resonated with me were, "because they know what to do".

This family wasn't involved with Scouting yet the mother knew that Cub Scouts participated in adventurous activities and had adventurous skills, self-confidence and leadership qualities. She was happy for her son to participate in the adventurous activities alongside you, not as students of the same school, but as Cub Scouts.

Scouting provides opportunity to participate in, lead and assist in a diverse range of outdoor adventurous activities that youth your



age can only dream about and you discover and develop activity skills and leadership qualities that are invaluable. As a member of Scouts Victoria you can participate in air activities, cycling, caving, paddling, vertical, SCUBA diving, bushwalking and many more activities.

Sounds great I hear you say but how do we participate in these outdoor adventurous activities? Good question and the answer is, it's up to you! If you want to participate in exciting outdoor adventurous activities then have a chat with your Sixer and Second. Your Pack Sixers and Seconds meet

with your Leaders at their Pack Council to discuss activities and ideas that the Pack would like to do including outdoor adventurous activities.

And where do the Sixers and Seconds get their ideas? From you and the other Cub Scouts in your Pack. Your Sixer and Second should meet with your Six on a regular basis to discuss the outdoor adventurous activities you would like in your program. And there is no right or wrong suggestion. For all you know there may be seven other Cub Scouts in the Pack who would like to go canoeing or cycling or bushwalking.

Sixers and Seconds, NOW is the time to be meeting with your Six to chat about the Pack's next outdoor adventurous activity because Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019 is now open.

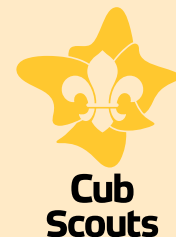
Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019 requires your Pack to participate in five activities in 2019 based around the four Challenge Areas. If you don't know what a Challenge Area is, ask one of your Leaders.





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# Adventurous Activities



## Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019 The Adventure Continues in the Cub Scout Section!

Have you heard about "Youth Leading Adult Supported" Scouting?

This is all about YOU – the Cub Scout planning, organising, managing and reviewing your activities for the Pack with the support and guidance of your Cub Scout Leaders.

In Scouting we call this Plan>Do>Review

This is a challenge for all members of the Pack. Are you up for it? How does it work?

We are challenging you to come up with five activities in 2019 based around the Challenge Areas.

- Start with your Pack Council. Time to **PLAN** who, what, when and how.
- Take some notes and make sure those activities are shown on your term Programs for everyone to see.
- Send an email to [sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au) to let the State Commissioner Cub Scouts know that your Pack is going to take up the challenge
- **DO** the activities and after each one have a chat about how it all went – this is the **REVIEW**
- Finish with another Pack Council. **REVIEW** again
  - What worked really well?
  - What could we do better next time?
  - Did the Cub Scouts enjoy the activities we planned?
  - Did the Leaders support us to achieve our plans?
- Last Step: send an email to [sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au) and tell us briefly about your amazing activities and how many Cub Scouts are in your Pack.

The 2019 Cub Commissioner Challenge badges and Certificate will then be sent out to your Pack!

To be completed anytime throughout 2019 and awarded up until the end of Term 4, 2019



**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**  
1. Challenge: An activity that will **HELP** your Community OR an activity that gives you an **EXPERIENCE** of your local community



**OUTDOOR CHALLENGE**  
2. Challenge: You **CAN** do this!... 2 x Outdoor Adventure Activities  
Try something new that you haven't done before, either with the Adventurous Activity Teams or create your own 'Outdoor Adventure'

**CREATIVE CHALLENGE**  
3. Challenge: A Pack Concert involving Cubs and Leaders. Put on a show to remember!



And Lastly ... Invite another Pack or Section to participate in one of your Challenges and have **DOUBLE** the FUN!

**PERSONAL GROWTH CHALLENGE**  
4. Challenge: Cub Scouts to Create and run a program around 'Breaking the Cycle.'

But how do you plan five activities when there are only four Challenge Areas? That's right, we want you to plan five activities. A Community Challenge activity, a Creative Challenge activity, a Personal Growth Challenge activity and two Outdoor Challenge activities.

For Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019 we want you to plan two brand new outdoor adventurous activities that the Pack hasn't tried before either with the Adventurous Activity Teams or by creating your own outdoor adventure. Two brand new activities because we know that there are so many great activities for your Pack to try. As well as being adventurous, we also want your outdoor adventurous activities to be fun, challenging and inclusive.

So what do you do next? Who knows what Plan>Do>Review> means? Plan>Do>Review> is the process that will help your Pack complete the Challenge.

For the Challenge, PLAN means your Pack Council taking the time to PLAN who, what, when and how. This where the detail of the activities is decided and don't forget that your Leaders are there to provide support and offer guidance.

Then the exciting part, the DO. Do each of the activities and after each activity have a chat about how it all went? Did we all have fun, how could we improve the activity – this is the REVIEW.

Then back to the Pack Council for a further REVIEW. Ask some open questions such as what worked well or did the Cub Scouts enjoy the activity? Did our Leaders support us to achieve our PLAN?

Scouts have always enjoyed participating in outdoor adventurous activities and we know You cAAn come up with some fantastic activities that are adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive.

Make sure you put your Cub Challenge poster up in your hall and encourage everyone to get involved!

For details on the Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019 visit the Cub Scout section in the Scouts Victoria website and don't forget to email our State Commissioner Cub Scouts at [sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:sc.cubs@scoutsvictoria.com.au) that your Pack is taking up the Cub Commissioner Challenge 2019.

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



# Venturers

# Max Out a

By CHRIS ANDERSON

Victorian Venturers has a number of fantastic State-wide events that run throughout the year. In order to encourage more Venturers to get the most out of their Venturing, the Victorian Venturer Council launched a new initiative at Vic Gathering last December called the 'Big Five'.

The Big Five intends to help Venturers 'Max Out as a Venturer Scout' by giving them the opportunity for Max Activities, Max Fun, Max New Friends.

As the name suggests, there are five events to attend throughout the year to complete the 'Big Five'. The events are (in calendar order):



## Vic Gathering (December)



The first event for this year's 'Big Five' has already happened, but if you missed it last year, you'll be able to complete the set at Vic Gathering 2019 - [www.vicgathering.asn.au](http://www.vicgathering.asn.au)

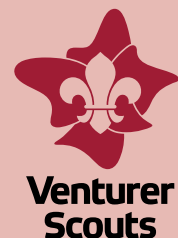
## Anything Goes (February)



This event has also already happened, but next year, remember to start the year off with a bang at Anything Goes, with loads of activities and over 1000 of your Venturer friends! - [www.anythinggoes.net.au](http://www.anythinggoes.net.au)



# as a Venturer Scout!



## Hoadley Hide (Easter)



Get out in the outdoors over Easter at Hoadley Hide; compete against other teams of Venturers hiking between different stunts (all designed around a common theme) over the weekend to try and become co-holders of the Hoadley Hide. You can also complete both your Venturing Skills and Initiative badges - [www.hoadleyhide.com.au](http://www.hoadleyhide.com.au)

## Armstrong 500 (September)



Similar to Hoadley Hide, Armstrong 500 is a competitive initiative course, but unlike Hoadley Hide, Leaders and Rovers can complete against the Venturers! The terrain and challenges are generally a bit different too. Armstrong 500 also allows you to complete your Initiative badge - [www.armstrong500.com](http://www.armstrong500.com)

## Scout Shows (June - October, location dependent)



Creative Arts are also a part of the Venturer program, so to encourage participation in this, the final part of the 'Big Five' requires Venturers to either take part in, or go and see one of our amazing Scout Shows:

- Melbourne Gang Show (June) - [www.gangshow.org](http://www.gangshow.org)
- Sunraysia Gang Show (July) - [www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au](http://www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au)
- Camberwell Showtime (August) - [www.camberwellshowtime.com](http://www.camberwellshowtime.com)
- Whitehorse Showtime (August) - [www.whitehorseshowtime.org](http://www.whitehorseshowtime.org)
- South Metro Showtime (August) - [www.southmetroshowtime.org](http://www.southmetroshowtime.org)
- Strzelecki Showtime (October) - [www.facebook.com/strzeleckishowtime/](http://www.facebook.com/strzeleckishowtime/)

Many of these shows have a specific 'Venturer Night' you can attend that includes a special after party for Venturers as well - another great opportunity to catch up with all the friends you've made at the other events!

There are lots of other events on the Venturer calendar throughout the year, but these five have been chosen as they're open to Venturers from across Victoria, and there's no cap on the number of Venturers that can attend them. If you'd like to know about other Venturer activities that have limited places available, you can check out the Venturers Victoria website: [www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/events/venturers/](http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/events/venturers/)

So if your Unit doesn't have all the 'Big Five' events on your long term program, why not? Put them into your Program, and make sure as many of your Unit as possible get the opportunity to 'Max Out as a Venturer Scout'!

**Chris Anderson is Venturer Scout Commissioner - Melbourne Region**



# LOCAL LOOK

Send photos and captions to  
[editor@australianscout.com.au](mailto:editor@australianscout.com.au)

## Lakeside Pakenham

Families from Lakeside Pakenham Scout Group got together for a day out at Bunyip State Park. Joeys, Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a walk through ferns, completed an obstacle course, played some soccer and of course had some food! What a great day!



## Brickvention 2018

Carlton Scouts were lucky enough to attend Brickvention late last year. And even had a fleur-de-lis logo made for their stand!



## Sir Dallas Brooks Rover Crew...

held a Stir-Fry-off at the recent Surfmoot where two cooks took to the kitchen to prove that their version of the traditional dish is tastier and better to eat.

Both teams cooked their hearts out, and their hard work paid off...but ultimately, the best stir-fry was the friends they made along the way!







## 1st Belmont

Leader Kylie Rose, along with Ruby, Oscar and Angus put together a brilliant eye-catching Scout display in the local library's foyer to help inform their community about Scouting. We're told the photos don't do the display justice so why not head down and check it out.



## Sale Scout Hall

Sale Scout Group recently completed an excellent new outdoor facility around the Scout Hall. It was constructed over time by the Sale Group Support Committee on the vision of former Group Leader Wayne Bell and the late John Leslie, a Scout icon in the District.

Michael Baden Powell opened the hall, he is pictured with wife Joan and former McMillan District Commissioner Morris Holmes.



## 1st Caroline Springs

Well done Erica from 1st Caroline Springs who organised a collection of goods for 'Backpacks 4 VIC Kids' as part of her Joey Promise Challenge, and was able to deliver a box almost as big as her!



## 3rd Croydon

Scouts at 3rd Croydon put their knowledge into action working together to construct a raft. The Troop still have some work to do but then it will be down to the lake!







## Carlton Rover Crew

Carlton Rover Crew enjoyed a weekend getaway to the beach, spending their time swimming, mountain biking and visiting local heritage sites. And they even found time to elect their new Crew Leader Em!



1st Upwey's Pack Council built themselves a Faraway Tree, as part of PC4. They use it to enter the Hall for Cubs each week.

## 1st Upwey

1st Upwey had an awesome time participating in Suburban Adventure Racing. The event was hosted by Heathmont Scout Group, which gave them a chance to explore the local native bushland and creek.



## 1st Epping

A proud new addition to 1st Epping Scout Group is Joey Scout Lachie. Lachie will be joining his older brother Jimmy, a Cub and dad Tim the Group Leader.







## Barry's Reef Scout Camp

Barry's Reef Scout Camp has recently undergone major renovations, improving an already excellent Scout facility. It offers a total of 34 beds, as well as a large camping area, plus outdoor and indoor activity areas. Nestled in Wombat State Forest just an hour and a half from Melbourne, it is a great place for all age Sections to stay.

# Founders Day

## South Gippsland District

South Gippsland District Scout Groups celebrated Founders Day by running a water day at Walkerville South beach with Scouting members from Joeys to Rovers.

There were around 150 members competing in activities such as cardboard boat races, an iron person race, sand castle building and of course raft building. The Scouts built and raced their rafts, before giving the Joeys and Cubs a chance to have a ride. A big thank you to all of the Leaders and adults who helped out on the day.



## Frankston District

Frankston District's Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers got together for their annual Founders day Celebration. Activities on the day included catapults, Billy kart racing, bouldering, crate stacking and archery. Plenty of fun was had by all involved!





# Adults in Scouting

## Long Service Awards

### December

#### 5 Years

**Dean Bree**, Adult Helper, 1st Yea  
**Karen Chan**, Adult Helper, 1st Reservoir  
**Julie Gates**, PJSL, 2nd Lara  
**Glenys Lejins**, Group Treasurer, 1st Seymour  
**Kelly O'Dwyer**, Office Bearer, Melbourne Region  
**Darren Prins**, Group Treasurer, 1st/3rd Cheltenham

#### 10 Years

**Susan Cugley**, JSL, Bundoora

#### 20 Years

**John Gates**, VL, 1st Highton  
**Margaret Williams**, ASL, 1st Cavendish

#### 30 Years

**Kathleen Niblett-Graham**, DC, Otway Plains District

### January

#### 5 Years

**Paul Bailey**, Adult Helper, Bairnsdale  
**Danielle Bain**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Highton  
**Michelle Beadle**, Group Treasurer, Narre Warren  
**Neil Bouvier**, Adult Helper, Aspendale

**Elizabeth Breakey**, ASL, 1st Belmont  
**Kerry Cardwell**, Group Secretary, 1st Tally Ho  
**Charlie Choo**, Adult Helper, Carlton  
**Braydon Cocks**, Adult Helper, 1st Ballam Park  
**Alison Cox**, CSL, 1st Belmont  
**Nicole Cox**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Ranelagh  
**Bernard Cram**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Kilmore  
**Lisa Crunden**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Mount Evelyn  
**Alfons Graaf**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Mount Evelyn  
**Mark Harris**, ASL, 1st Beaufort  
**Tjon Kim**, ASF-Boroondara  
**Robyn Knight**, Adult Helper, 1st Lilydale  
**Paul Knight**, Adult Helper, 1st Lilydale  
**Dale Krumins**, Group Support Committee Property Maintenance, QM Stage  
**Jenny Lee**, Group Treasurer, 1st Mount Waverley  
**Chris Loader**, ASL, 1st Ranelagh  
**Baggette Lorimer**, PSL, 1st Wantirna South  
**Dig Lorimer**, ASL, Narre Warren  
**Alex Magri-Olson**, ASF-Casey  
**Fadi Malek**, ALS, St Mina Hallam  
**Hayden Marcollo**, TASL, Box Hill North  
**Shannon McGrath**, ACSL, 2nd Korumburra  
**Scott McLean**, PGL, 4th Ringwood

**Cameron McPhee**, ASL, 1st Upper Beaconsfield  
**Michelle Morris**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Highton  
**Ian Mortlock**, PDL - Venturers, Casey District  
**Michael Nagy**, TASL, Dingley  
**Bernardo Oliva**, Group Rostered Parent, Dingley  
**Carleea Ould**, AJSL, Baden Powell Park  
**Gemma Pavone**, ASF-Rover Fellowship  
**Michelle Pryor**, Group Secretary, 3rd Noble Park  
**Allen Rolton**, ASL, Richmond  
**Katrina Russell**, Group Support Committee Fundraising, 1st Lilydale  
**Keith Russell**, ACSL, 1st Lilydale  
**Kris Ruuska**, Adult Helper, 4th Ringwood  
**Simone Spence**, ACSL, Warrandyte  
**Julie Taylor**, Adult Helper, 1st Eastern Park  
**John Taylor**, Group Treasurer, 1st Heatherdale  
**Nicole Vernal**, AJSL, 1st Tally Ho  
**Annette Voss**, Group Rostered Parent, Sale  
**Jo Walz**, Group Chairman, 1st Belgrave South  
**Kathryn Ward**, Adult Helper, 1st Monbulk  
**Tanya Waters**, Group Support Committee Member, 4th Mordialloc

#### 10 Years

**Timothy Allchin**, SL, 1st Upwey  
**Ceri Braithwaite**, AVL, 1st Beaconsfield  
**Rob Bucher**, PASL, Baden Powell Park  
**Loz Clarke**, PDL - Scouts, Casey District  
**Robert Cox**, AAAL - Air Activities, Air Activities Team  
**Brett Davis**, Group Support Committee Property Maintenance, South Metro Showtime  
**Mark Edwards**, TASL, 1st Gembrook  
**Carmen Gosstray**, Adult Helper, 1st Stratford  
**Darren Grubb**, AVL, 1st Mitcham  
**Stacey Herring**, PGL, Narre Warren South  
**John Long**, ASF-Geelong Rivers  
**Gordon Mannings**, ASL, 1st Belmont  
**Andrew McAleer**, Adult Helper, 1st Sandringham  
**Paul Mooney**, PDL - Venturers, Geelong Rivers District  
**Adrian Ohlsen**, Honorary Commissioner, Vic Branch  
**Maree Pascoe**, DL - Cub Scouts, South Gippsland District  
**Dorothy Pearce**, Group Auditor, 1st Beaufort  
**Max Pfitzner**, ASF-City Of Knox



Sale AJSLs Kloe Brand and Rebecca Duck proudly receiving their Joey Wood Badge Certificates following the scarf and bead presentations from State Commissioner The Hon Michael Baden-Powell, among the first Leaders to receive these in this Wood Badge Centenary year.



**John Reisinger**, PDL - Cub Scouts, Strzelecki District

**Peter Ritchie**, AVL, Mentone

**Alan Stratford**, Camp Committee Member, Noonameena

**Kelvin Thomson**, Branch Council Member (4E) - Elected Lay Member, Vic Branch

**Mark Vella**, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, 1st Ferntree Gully

**Steve Weaver**, PDL - Cub Scouts, Moreland-Darebin District

**Kimberley Wells**, Branch Council Member (4E) - Elected Lay Member, Vic Branch

### 15 Years

**Lesley Bennett**, Group Support Committee Member, Guide & Scout Water Activities Centre

**Andrew Cook**, ACSL, 1st Yarram

**Catriona Ebling**, District Personnel Committee Member, Otway Plains District

**Marion Jansen**, ASF-South Gippsland

**Robert Johnstone-Wade**, ASF-Mt Baw Baw

**Bilby Kent**, PDL - Joey Scouts, Glenelg River District

**Tiny Little**, ASF-Casey

**Neville Tait**, Group Support Committee Fundraising, 1st Yarrunga

**Ivan Webster**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Vermont

**Kerrie Willmott**, JSL, 1st Craigieburn

**Daniel Wilson**, ASL, Heathmont

### 20 Years

**Nicole Klep**, DL - Cub Scouts, City Of Knox District

**Alan Loney**, ASF-Scout Heritage Geelong

**Heather Matthies**, ASF-South Gippsland

**Nigel McConnell**, ASL, 1st Timboon

**Dale Reynolds**, ASF-Lake Eppalock Campsite

**John Shackleton**, Group Support Committee Hall Hire Contact, 1st Ranelagh

**Robert Wilcox**, AVL, 1st Upper Beaconsfield

### 25 Years

**Bruce Durant**, ASL, 1st Ferntree Gully

**Joanne McDonald**, AVL, 1st Traralgon

**Duncan Merrillees**, PASL, 7th Ringwood

**Paul Smith**, TAVL, 1st Drouin

### 30 Years

**Karoline Bennett**, ASF-Victorian Branch Gang Show

**Margaret Fairhurst**, District Executive Committee Member, Casey District

**Andy Mafriaci**, AGL, 4th Ringwood

**Malcolm McCann**, ASF-South Gippsland

**Rodger O'Hara**, Honorary Commissioner

**Paul Tripp**, SL, 1st Mount Evelyn

### 35 Years

**Paul Crane**, GL, 1st West Waverley

**Judith Stedman**, CSL, 1st Baulkamaugh

**Craig Whan**, RC, Loddon Mallee Region

### 40 Years

**David Beanland**, Office Bearer, Vic Branch

**Lyn Donald**, ASF-Monash

**Kenneth Kinloch**, Region Chairman, Geelong Region

**Deirdre Lancaster**, District Commissioner, Sherbrooke Forest District

### 60 Years

**Kees Klep**, Camp Committee Member, Mt Dandenong Region

**Ray Shew**, Honorary Commissioner

## Woodbadge Awards

### December

#### Cub Scout

**Michael Pearce**, ACSL, Narre Warren South

#### Scout

**Cathy Cook**, ASL, 1st Yarram

**Jo Nickson**, ASL, 1st Traralgon

**Dave Farley**, ASL, 1st Traralgon

**Chris Bland**, ASL, 1st Glen Iris

#### Venturer

**Sue Adams**, GL, Manningham Tende Beck

**Nick Friedrich**, AVL, 1st Seymour

#### Group Leader

**Rod Watson**, GL, 1st Drouin

#### District Leader/Commissioner

**Melissa Duguid**, PDC, Alpine Gateway District

**Lisa Basler**, DL - Adult Training Support, Alpine Gateway District

### Adventurous Activity

**John Zach**, Activity Leader - PA Camps, Mt Dandenong Region

### January

#### Joey Scout

**Rebecca Duck**, AJSL, Sale

#### Cub Scout

**Marita Fry**, ACSL, Sale

#### Scout

**Timothy Daly**, ASL, 1st Wheelers Hill

**Mark Harris**, ASL, 1st Beaufort

**Andrew Clark**, ASL, 1st Altona

#### Venturer

**Jon Hemphill**, AVL, 1st Bennettswood

#### Group Leader

**Victoria Aumann**, AGL, Berwick Central

**Vanessa Fleming-Baillie**, PGL, Dingley

#### District Leader/Commissioner

**Terri Verberne**, PDC, Maroondah District



# 1st Inverloch's Jurassic Adventure!

## By 1st INVERLOCH SCOUT TROOP

On Sunday February 17, six Scouts and two Leaders from 1st Inverloch Scout Group went dinosaur hunting in the You Yangs, with thanks to the Bushwalking Team.

We knew it would be a great day as the detail of the information given prior to the event was incredibly thorough and very funny.

The team proved to be very knowledgeable, caring and patient with the dinosaur hunters, teaching, encouraging and supporting both Scouts and Leaders. The communication, professionalism and cohesiveness of the Bushwalking Team was admirable.

The confidence that each of us, both Scouts and Leaders, have taken from this event is enormous and we could not thank the team enough for their skill and hard work in assisting us to successfully hunt and find dinosaurs.

We travelled to the You Yangs to participate in a dinosaur hunt. There were things from velociraptors to pterodactyls. We had about six hours to find 24 dinosaurs hidden around the search area, although we weren't allowed to see the stegosaurus! The day taught and consolidated our navigation skills and gave us

confidence in hiking and independence. There were two HQs that would refill us with water and make sure we were travelling smoothly.

In total we found five dinosaurs. Along the way we were struggling but luckily we happened to walk past a member of the Bushwalking Team, David and his son Mitch. David and Mitch were nice enough to offer to help us find some dinosaurs. They helped us revise and consolidate our knowledge on navigation, map reading, compasses etc.

There were smooth parts and rough patches. The majority of the day was great but things such as overheating and dehydration were a big thing (not to mention trying to avoid being

eaten or attacked by the dinosaurs.) All of the members of the dino hunt had such a great idea as to run such a fun and different activity.

We were on the road driving there for approximately 2.5 hours there, then for six hours we were hunting dinosaurs. While we were hunting we did lots of bush bashing and when we found a dinosaur we weren't allowed any closer than 1 metre away from the dino. After we finished hunting we drove another 2.5 hours home. There were lots of blisters created on people's feet on the day.

We had to get up at 6 am, walked all day, and eventually got back at 7 pm. On the way home our worn out minds got dinner from McDonald's and we couldn't wait to get home and get to bed.

**Oscar, Kenny, Charlotte, Tullee, Sebastian and Leigh are Scouts at 1st Inverloch.**

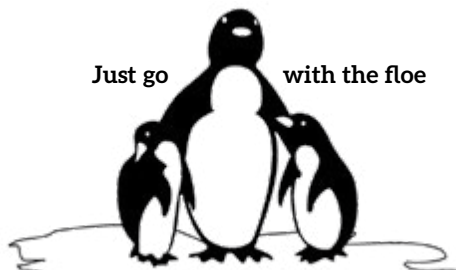






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## MILLENIAL RAFTING

By PHOEBE RITALIN, Patrol Leader, Bay 13 Lycanthropes

The new youth-led District Raft Race is off to an empowering start.

PLs from across the District met over smashed avocado and chai lattes to frame new rules that will allow agency for all participants.

In brief:

1. All rafts must be sustainable.
2. All rafts must be bio-degradable. Any timber must be sourced from renewable sources.
3. Patrols must Instagram and Snapchat their progress every two minutes.
4. Each Patrol needs a Patrol Leader and a social media producer.
4. Rafts will not be judged. They will

simply be encouraged to be the best raft they can be.

5. For rafts to be able to float is preferred but not mandatory. (We can't be floatist.)
6. No Viking rafts or pirate rafts or other cultural appropriation.
7. No potions or spells or other tricks from Harry Potter (or Wicca-pedia).
8. Trigger warnings before rapids.
9. No entry fee for companion animals (last year a Venturer tried to take us to the Human Rights Commission to get his \$2 back).
10. All Patrols will win a pennant showing their finishing place, but all places from 1 to 80 will be equal.
11. Parents cannot help with raft construction.

12. Parents can help after the raft 'race' with cleaning up, loading trailers, transport, and buying icecreams.

13. There is no rule 13.



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