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**State  
ARAP  
2018**

## Youth lead at Annual Report

More than 40 youth members, seven videos and a song were featured in a tight one-hour presentation at the 2018 Scouts Victoria Annual Report and Awards Presentation.

With the State election three weeks later, former Youth Affairs Minister Jenny Mikakos (above) and Shadow Minister Steph Ryan were invited to speak for a few minutes on their parties' policies for youth. Both parties also announced funding support for Scouting.

## A new brand for a new program



Scouts Australia has introduced new branding to coincide with the new program being rolled out across Australia.

The logo is a set of contour lines, mapped over the Southern Cross, and filled with the colours of the five Sections. The fleur de lis, the global symbol of Scouting, completes the logo. The new branding is derived from nature and this extends into the gumtree graphics which are often used as background.

The style guide, templates and logos are available at the brand centre at [scouts.com.au](http://scouts.com.au). Members will need to log in, using the same log-in details used to access Scout Central and online training.

## Snake up for Scouting!



*A picture of concentration, Flynn undertakes his promise*

They do a memorable investiture at 7th Cheltenham. Dane and Flynn made their Scout Promise with a bag of snakes around their necks. (This is not part of the new program.)



*An unfazed Dane is invested*



## Spreading Christmas cheer!



Victorian Scout Groups raised more than \$500,000 through Christmas tree sales in November-December. It was a booming sales period, helped by radio advertising plus social media, our website, and signage. A total of 88 Groups sold trees from 94 locations, as well as online sales. Alecia, a Scout at 13th Malvern, helped home deliver a tree to Channel 10 newsreader Jennifer Keyte.





Victorian Scouts have always been strong leaders in environmental management, and our record setting participation in Clean Up Australia Day last year was a great promotion of that fact.

In 2019 we aim to take that participation to new heights! The event will be held on Sunday March 3 2019, and we aim to beat last year's record participation and help keep our local environments clean, green and beautiful.



Make sure your Group receives the credit it deserves and let us know that you plan to participate this year by emailing me at [sc.environment@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:sc.environment@scoutsvictoria.com.au).

We have resources available to help you make the most of the event, and recruit local media to cover your participation.

**Gordon Young, State Commissioner - Environment**



## 2018 Scout Medallion Awards

Congratulations to our top Scouts who were presented with their Australian Scout Medallion certificates at Gilwell Park in November. We are all proud of your achievement!



## Youth Empowered By Street2bay Project

As Elizabeth, a Joey Scout from Hampton Scout Group, started to learn about the damage occurring in our bay and to marine animals through the Street2Bay project, she decided to find out more and take action. Starting with creating a poster for her Mob to raise awareness and help raise funds for a special research project. The project will involved lowering a fine net into the Elsternwick Canal at key times to collect and record micro plastics which are being missed by larger nets already deployed.

Her Group recognised the work Elizabeth was putting in as inspirational. So at their end of year break up, Melbourne Region Commissioner Michelle Grierson, presented her with a jar filled with money to go towards the project.

The Street2Bay project is having a profound effect on our members as they experience the true magnitude of the plastics littered in our streets and the challenges of containing it before it reaches our waterways. Port Phillip Bay is our backyard, and collectively we have the power to clean it up and retain a beautiful waterway. Scouts Victoria is leading the way, and our youth are our hope for the future.







**Brendan Watson OAM**  
Chief Commissioner,  
Scouts Victoria

*Brendan with Cub Scout Nate, from 15th Brighton at the 2018 ARAP*

## Welcome back, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers!

The summer break is over and we're heading back to school - including me (I'm a principal).

As a Scout Leader and Venturer Leader, I always liked to start the year with a few special nights.

For example, a beach night with a barbecue, or water games outside the hall with an ice-cream supper.

It's nice to ease back and enjoy some fun with Scouting friends.

You'll also find our major events for 2019 listed on the next page.

Have a fantastic year of Scouting and make the most of the opportunities offered.



## Welcome back, Leaders!

Leaders, welcome to a new year of Scouting.

To those who attended AJ2019 or the NZ Venture, thanks for giving your annual leave and your energy, plus paying the Jamboree or Venture fee, so that you could support your youth members in making the most of these life-changing opportunities.

I hope you are now rested, and back to normal work and family life.

I also hope you have a great program organised with your youth members for Term 1 and beyond.

Forward planning takes the stress out of weekly planning and weekends away, allows you to share the load with others, and leads to stronger attendance at these events.



## Pick up the phone

Leaders, and Patrol Leaders, and Unit Council: as we resume for 2019, please phone anyone who misses your first week back.

Make sure they know that Scouts is back.

It's easy to miss a week or two in the transition to school after the long summer break.

## AJ2019

Over 10 days in January, 3440 Victorian Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders enjoyed great adventure and the occasional challenge at AJ2019 at Tailem Bend.

We returned home stronger and wiser, and ready to tackle 2019 with optimism, resilience and good humour.

I was proud to be Chief Commissioner among such a happy and generous team.

Thanks to the Victorian Contingent team for their incredible coordination, and to all the line Leaders, service Leaders, and Patrol Leaders for your dedication and hard work.

You can read more about the Jamboree by downloading the 10 editions of the Jamboree newspaper The Daily Bunyip at [www.aj2019.com.au/newspaper/](http://www.aj2019.com.au/newspaper/).

You can also order a souvenir copy via the AJ2019 website.



*Brendan presents Kasey from Troop C107 with her Australian Scout Medalion*





## 14th NZ Venture

Congratulations too to the hundreds of Victorian Venturers and Leaders who enjoyed weeks of adventure and tours in New Zealand. From expeditions all over NZ, to Phase 2 of the Venture at Kaiwaka, to the post-tour, it's been a blast.



## AJ2022

AJ2019 finished with the presentation of the flag of friendship to the four youth members of the Victorian State Scout Council - Vanessa, Jayden, Jim and Adam. That's because the next Jamboree is ours!

The location is close to being finalised, but the team is already taking shape.

They include Chief Director Joan Dillon, Assistant Chief Director Kieron Younger, Deputy Chief Director Russell Bradd, Admin Services Director Nikki Coffey, Finance Director Carol Kemp, Operations Director Peter Duckworth, Program Director Jon Franklin, and Support Services Director Dan Voet.

You can sign up for an occasional AJ2022 newsletter at [www.aj2022.com.au](http://www.aj2022.com.au).

This email will give updates on people, program and more.



## Leader of Adults conference

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As we go to press, numbers are huge for the February 2 conference for Group Leaders (and AGLs and LiCs) and other Leaders of Adults.

This is a great way to start the year with shared ideas, the latest news, and a burst of enthusiasm.

## Scout ID 2019

At the Leader of Adults conference on February 2, Group Leaders will be given your Group's Scout ID cards.

These should be given out the first week back for all Sections.



## Mob Start

I am also very excited about the significant number of Groups starting or re-starting a Joey Scout Mob in early 2019.

They will be assisted by special resources provided by Scouts Victoria.

It's great for Groups to have a Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop, but I'd urge all Groups to try to operate their own five Sections - Joeys to Rovers.

There are efficiencies in finances and work-sharing when a Group grows.

And youth members are more likely to stay and get more from Scouting if they can continue in their own Group.

Scouting begins at age five when young people start school and are offered a range of extra-curricular activities, particularly sports.

Joey Scouts should be an option in every one of the 400 local communities where we operate.



# Mob Start

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# The 25th Australian Jamboree!



## AJ2019 Rocks South Australia

By NICK BROWNE

The 25th Australian Jamboree at The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend saw more than 10,000 Scouts from all over Australia and around the world enjoy 10 days of amazing activities in the South Australian sun.

The success of the Jamboree was a testament of the hard work of Chief Director Reg Williams and his extraordinary team of Scouting and community volunteers.

The windy weather meant a LOT of dust, but also lowered the temperature to a usually comfortable level, especially in the evening. The Scouts still enjoyed their overnight stay in a greener envi-

ronment at Woodhouse Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills. Other off site activities were "Wet 'n' Windy" at Wellington on Lake Alexandrina and "Metro Mania" at a variety of locations in Adelaide.

Back at The Bend, patrols experienced onsite activities from abseiling to BMX bikes to building "Solar Buddy" lights for energy-poor communities as a community service. And every night the South-Australia.com Arena came alive with entertainment.

AJ2019 was an experience the Scouts will never forget. Roll on 2022 in Victoria!

**Nick Browne is District Commissioner of Yarra District.**



## There and Back Again - A Scout's Tale

By TOBY ANDERSON, C658, Tasmania

The trip was pretty good actually. We left Ulverstone at 7 am and Mum drove me to the airport at Devonport. Our plane left Devonport at about 9 and we flew to Melbourne. We had a few hours at Melbourne Airport before we got the connecting flight to Adelaide. We were all very well-behaved at the airport.

Arriving in Adelaide was a bit of a shock, as the climate was so different. We had to wait outside for the bus in 32 degree heat - but it was only 13 degrees when we left Tasmania. I fell asleep on the bus to Tailem Bend and then, when I woke up I didn't know where I was!

We were all pretty tired when we got to the site in the afternoon, but luckily our Leaders had flown in a couple of days earlier and so our site was mostly set up.

I'm finding dust in the depths of my bag!

## WHO

Peak arrival day was Friday January 4 when 7800 arrived in 159 buses and seven planes.

From Australia		From overseas	
Victoria	3440	Austria	1
NSW	3130	Bangladesh	129
SA	1157	Canada	3
Qld	1082	Germany	1
WA	685	Denmark	1
ACT	423	Finland	1
Tas	249	Fiji	5
NT	60	Indonesia	69
National	21	Korea	11
VIP	3	Liberia	5
Total	10,250	Sri Lanka	35
		Norway	2
		Nepal	1
		New Zealand	72
		Papua New Guinea	3
		United Kingdom	105
		Total	444

**Grand total - 10,694**





## Girt by rocks and dust, plus dirt

By MORGAN MAYOR, A435, Queensland

So girt means "surrounded" right? Well, here at the 25th Aussie Jamboree, we are girt by rocks, dust and dirt.

Here, I've noticed, there are three types of dirt. A brittle, pale yellow type, a hard dark brown and a thin dusty, reddish-brown type.

Then there are the rocks. In Tailem Bend, there are two types of rocks. The type you can peg through and the type you can't. At least, those are the only two that matter to us hardworking Scouts during the Jamboree.

Let's not forget about the dust. Type 3 dirt can turn into dust so easily. Almost as easy as catching a Leader sleeping. It depends on the place and time.

Future lesson: an article like this should be in the first edition of the Jamboree newspaper, so we had some warning!



## Around the Site

By MAJA WILLIAMS and BEN MILES, C331, Victoria

2019's Australian Jamboree in Tailem Bend has been the experience of a lifetime. The campsites, although dusty and on hard ground, were a place to calm down between the constant activities running through the day. Allawah Mall was a place of excitement at night and a great way to hang out with friends. Speaking of the Mall, the food there was tasty and there was a variety of take away food you could spend your money on. The donuts they were selling were some of the best we had ever had. The sweet cinnamon sugar coating was delicious. You could also visit the Contingent Headquarters to learn about the various contingents from all over Australia and the world and do cool hangout activities like the stunt jump.







## Onsite Activities

By **THOMAS WOODMAN** and **JACOB ANG, D536, Victoria**

The onsite activities at Jamboree were incredible. It's such a pity that you don't get to stay longer to really appreciate the amount of time and effort that has gone into them.

The onsite activities all ran in a similar fashion with there being different options for the Patrols, where some activity choices could have stuff like soldering electronics and wood working, courtesy of Trades and Hi-tech, and other activities had giant games like Chess and Jenga. One of the activity highlights I would have to say would be car smashing (and I think you can guess why) as well as the muddy activities in The Cube and I think that many of my friends would agree that it was one of the muddiest activities.

Overall the onsite activities at Jamboree were an absolute blast, and I think that everybody is hanging out for the next time they get to smash some cars.



## FOOD

AJ2019 consumed 20 tonnes of food each day.

This was delivered by 16 semi-trailers each day.

The Jamboree shopping list included:

- 55,000 apples
- 45,600 eggs (3800 dozen)
- 5000 kg of tomatoes
- 7500 kg of potatoes
- 72,000 slices of cheese
- 8600 loaves or 189,200 slices of bread
- 2500 tubs of margarine
- 550 slabs of chocolate cake
- 6000 litres of ice cream
- 5 pallets of frozen ice-cream birthday cakes
- 15,200 litres of milk
- 4.1 kms of sausages

There were 237 Troops - including about 1500 Scouts and Leaders - with special dietary requirements.



# LOGISTICS

- 50,000 kg of ice (50 tonnes) was used over the Jamboree
- 1.5 million litres of water was used each day
- 1.5 million litres of sewage was created each day
- 1.5 giga watts of electricity were created, using 25 generators

They also organised the construction of a temporary two-week city:

- 108 portable buildings
- 110 marquees
- 276 showers
- 421 toilets



## Offsite Activities

By JOSEPHINE EBERLE, D643, NSW

For me, Jamboree has been absolutely amazing but the best part was definitely the off site activities: Metro Mania, Wet 'n' Windy and Woodhouse.

Metro Mania was our Troop's first day away. The bus trip was a little longer than expected but totally worth it. Once we got to Adelaide we were in and out of shops, even chemists for lip balms and sunscreen. Everywhere you went there were people looking at you and others honking their car horns but it felt awesome to be apart of such a big group of people, Scouts!

Wet 'n' Windy came two days after that, our Troop was really excited and couldn't wait so some of us slept in our swimmers! We got there a little late and missed out on our first activity but it didn't matter because we slept on the grass, without the worry of dust! We had fun doing the land games and the big waterslide. The rafting was definitely the best. We worked really well as a team and ended up earning the Wet 'n' Windy badge. Our entire Troop slept on the bus on the way home because we were all so tired!

The morning of Woodhouse started a little late but we were relieved that the tents were already set up when we got there. We went to the tube slides first and did it about 10 times, they were so much fun. After that we went to the labyrinth during the 'theme park' activity. We got stuck a couple of times but we're pretty sure we got all the answer mostly correct, hahah! We got a go on the giant swing and I got to pull the rope. I scared my friends so badly but scared myself even more! We had our dinner and talked outside our tents for a while before going to bed. The next morning we got to have a sleep in which felt amazing!







## Badges and Badge Swapping

By CHRISTIAN HUXLEY, C660, Queensland

Jamboree has been a wonderful experience for me. One of the many activities was badge swapping. The idea of badge swapping is that you can swap with your mates or with people you just happen to walk by. Badge swapping is lots of fun because there are so many of them. It is cool that badges come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and categories. I love badge swapping because you can have a collection of a wide variety of badges and still have more to collect. Some badges are really rare. Among the really rare badges are some of the AJ2019 keyhole badges. There are only a handful of each of these badges. Some of the AJ badges include sub camp badges, activity badges, or just badges for hygiene and other things like that. When I've finished all of my swapping I like to either keep them in a badge folder or sew them onto a blanket.

By BENJI BUTLER, D209, ACT

The hardest badge was Camp Chief. I had to wait at his office for two hours or so and he only had a couple. He originally told us he didn't have any but when we told him we had waited for two hours he gave us one. I would have traded with about thirty people to get all the badges. My favourite is the Entertainment badge and it took me until day eight to get all the badges, with the Camp Chief being my last. At Hi-Tech, I glued my fingers together so I had to go to medical, so the rest of my Patrol worked together so that I could get the badge. I'm going to put them all on a blanket when I get home. Luckily they're iron on. I had to go to the Mall every day to get them all and I made a few visits to badge swap tent. I always traded one for one, so I had to talk to lots of people I didn't know to swap. I also collected all the contingent badges.





# Entertainment

By **KIMBERLEY O'MARA D209, ACT**

The International Night was my favourite night entertainment at AJ. The singing and dancing were really good and it was really cool seeing all the different cultures that were here. I also really enjoyed 'AJ's Got Talent' on Saturday night. AJ offered a variety of different sorts of entertainment every night. I mainly went to the main stage because the vibe was really cool and a bit like a music festival, but the things at the BendFM were also really interesting and it was sometimes hard to choose what to watch. We sort of wished the magician was bad because that would have been funny, but he was actually good and we're still wondering how he did it all.

The shows:

- Opening and closing ceremonies, with music performers
- Live bands (three nights)
- DJs and discos
- Aerial show
- Movie night and cosplay characters
- International show
- Showtime: magician, hypnotist
- AJ's Got Talent
- Trivia show
- Air guitar contest
- And more!

The stage of the main arena, the SouthAustralia.com Arena:

- \$5 million worth of production equipment - southaustralia.com arena
- Five semi trailer load of equipment to build the stage
- 20 external contractors for a week to set up
- 50 external contractors to set up and erect the arena on January 2

A second, smaller performance area is The Bend FM Stage.



## Pranks of Jamboree 2019

By **CONNOR THORLEY, JAKE SMITH and ARDEN LEE, A103, NSW**

Jamboree was lots of fun. Besides the activities we were set to do, we enjoyed playing pranks on our fellow Scouts.

Some of our pranks may be pretty gross or just odd but we Scouts found much joy in them. The most popular one was Pegging which is basically putting a peg on someone and making them return it to your Troop which is written on the peg. Others that were discovered later on were unlocking toilets and showers, hiding badges, putting water on everyone and many more. But the one that was immediately at our disposal was putting rocks and dust in everything if it wasn't already there (although it usually was).



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By **EDWARD KRUTSCH**

On November 30, around 20,000 brave Australian school students across the country went on strike to call on the Government to address the issue of climate change.

I'm pleased to say I was one of many students who spent a day on the steps of Melbourne's Treasury Building to call on the government to think about the future of our planet and address the issue of climate change with real action.

As a young person and a Scout, the environment has always been important to me. In fact it was Scouting that grew in me a true love for the outdoors, wildlife and the natural

# Scouts on strike!

environment. Like many Scouts, from time spent on camps when I was younger, to my more recent work to achieve my Queen's Scout, the great outdoors has been central to my years in Scouting. I have grown a deep love for the natural environment.

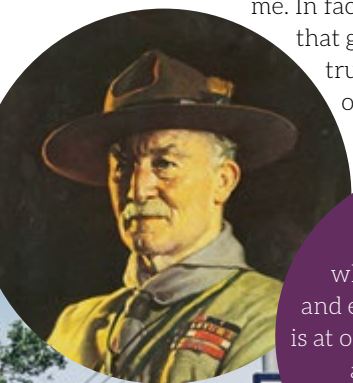
However, all too often our natural environment is threatened by the actions of humans, from the logging of native forests to the burning of fossil fuels and the wasteful use of plastics that end up in our waterways. Our natural environment is under threat.

Based on my love for the environment, seeing this slow destruction of our planet has

forced me to get involved with protecting it. For my Environment badges, I worked on projects with Neil Blake, the Port Phillip Baykeeper, to address the issue of micro plastics on the beaches of Port Phillip.

Since then, I have slowly become more involved with environmental causes. Most recently, I've been focusing on the generation-defining issue of climate change, which is undeniably the biggest threat to the sustainability of not only our planet but also our people.

Unfortunately, climate change is all too often largely left unaddressed by our politicians. This issue puts our futures as young people in jeopardy, while Governments choose to prioritise profit and



“For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the forest is at once a laboratory, a club and a temple.”

**Lord Baden-Powell,  
Founder of  
Scouting.**







“ I remember we built a raft and took it from the Central Coast down to Sydney. It was an incredible adventure. Another time, when I was about 10 or 11, I accompanied a Queen's Scout from Bundeena, through the Royal National Park, and then up the escarpment. It gave me a lot of self-esteem. It's that side of Scouting that attracted me. I liked the philosophy and altruism, but it also gave me the chance to test myself in the bush. ”

**Peter Garrett, former Environment Minister, president of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and lead singer of Midnight Oil.**

self-gain before looking after the natural environment that is so centric to our existence.

Luckily, young people are beginning to catch on to this incredible injustice and are starting to fight back. That's why those brave 20,000 Australian school kids took a day off school. They want to see the Government begin to consider our futures.

Just because these young people can't vote shouldn't mean they can't have their voice heard.

Since finishing school I've begun volunteering with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC). From getting involved with their student leadership program while in high school I have become increasingly more active in the fight for action on Climate Change. Thus I was invited to speak at the school strike in Melbourne and also lead the chants as the strike marched down Collins and Bourke Streets. I told the audience that we young people had 'done our homework' and that it was time the Government listened to young people.

The next week, I was invited by the AYCC to visit Canberra and speak to some politicians. Following the nationwide strikes we desperately wanted to send a message to our Government that action on climate change was needed now more than ever.

Luckily a few politicians met with us

and understood the significant need for immediate action, however neither the Prime Minister nor any of his Cabinet would meet with us. Nonetheless I felt proud of my efforts and was pleased that a small difference had been made with the added pressure put on the Government.

When I stood up to speak in Melbourne, I looked across the crowd, and I'm proud to say I that I recognised many Cubs, Scouts and Venturers standing in the audience. Those members of Scouting were doing an incredible job of displaying how Scouts do truly care for their environment.

However, the fight for a healthy environment and a safe climate goes beyond a single strike. It's time that young people keep the pressure on their Government to think about the futures of those who can't vote.

That's why it's really important that all young people, and especially Scouts, do everything they can to ensure that future generations have a healthy planet. From attending more rallies and strikes to sending a letter to your local MP or even volunteering with an environmental organisation, it all makes a big difference!

**Edward Krutsch is a Queen's Scout from 1st Victorian Sea Venturers.**



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**Edward Krutsch, Queen's Scout**





# Vic Gathering 2018



VG – or Victorian Gathering – is an end-of-year activity weekend for Victorian Venturers. The 2018 VG was held over the first weekend of December at Gilwell Park near Gembrook. A highlight was the Venturer Section's invitation to linking 14yo Scouts to enjoy their first taste of Venturing. More than 100 took up the offer and will soon advance to fresh adventures in Venturers.







Thanks to everyone on the VG Team who took photos over the weekend.



# Who are Joey Scout Leaders?

**In the September 2018 issue of Australian Scout, we met three men who enjoy working with our youngest Scouts. In this issue we meet three young Joey Scout Leaders.**

## **James Warren, 1st Oak Park:**

You wouldn't try to build a house without first laying the foundation, so why have Scouting without Joey Scouts? I'm currently a Rover, Assistant Joey Scout Leader and member of the State Joey Scout council - but most importantly I was a Joey Scout.



Joey Scouts are the first Section of Scouting. They are aged five (and at school) to eight years old, and meet for an hour each week as a Joey Scout Mob.

The Joey Scout program challenges our youngest Scouts with new adventures, and creativity and imagination are key to this age group.

Joey Scouts enjoy outdoor programs including camping, discover new locations, try adventurous activities and learn about the world around them.

Being in a Joey Scout Mob is the first time many children have experienced the community beyond their family and school.

Joey Scouts decide their program (what and where they want to do it) with the support of their Leaders.

In 2019 many Victorian Scout Groups are starting new Joey Mobs or reviving former Mobs with the support of Scouts Victoria's MobStart resource kit.

Joey Scouts gave me a social network from a young age which created a group of friends outside my school group. Currently in our Rover crew there are four of us who started in Joey Scouts and have progressed through Scouting, attending national and international events together, life-long friends thanks to Joey Scouts!

Starting Joey Scouts was the best decision my parents ever made for me! On the day of my 18th birthday I approached the Joey Leader at my Mob (who was my Leader as a Joey too) and asked "where do I sign up to be a Leader?" It's been over a year and I haven't looked back.

Joey Scouts for me was where I started to become a leader, it gave me the opportunities to express myself and learn through activities. Currently I am studying an education degree and I am pretty sure I have linked every reflection I have completed to date with something Joey Scout-related as I believe the core values of the Section are so important.

Joey Scouts teach me more than I teach them! Joey Scouts learn resilience, the value of hard work, and the importance of friendship. I have carried these with me as a Sixer, Patrol Leader, member of the State Youth Venturer Council, Crew



*James with his Joey Scouts.*

Leader, Region Rover Treasurer, and now as a Leader.

The Joey Scout Promise challenge is one of my most cherished awards. It gave me the drive to do my Grey Wolf Award, Australian Scout Medallion, Queen's Scout Award and hopefully my Baden-Powell Award.

Joey Scouts is an investment in the future of Scouting and the future of tomorrow's leaders. Why wouldn't you have Joey Scouts? Why not take on the challenge of helping to develop brilliant young leaders from the age of five?

## **Evan Johns, 1st Seymour:**

I started Joey Scouts at 2nd Mildura with my Mum as the Joey Scout Leader. Joey Scouts had just started and so it was a great opportunity for my twin brother and me to meet new friends and to try new



*Evan with his Joey Scouts.*





experiences, right at the time of starting school. As my Dad was the District Commissioner, some would say it was inevitable that I would join eventually! As both my parents had been youth members in Scouting and Guiding, my grandmother a Guide commissioner, my brother and I had no chance!

As five-year-olds, Joey Scouts are looking for the next new big adventure. If Scouting can get these young minds involved at this early stage, they will quickly learn and see that once they progress through the Sections, the world is their oyster! The Group should be encouraged to organise cross-sectional activities so older members help the younger members, and younger members see there is life after each Section.

The benefits that Scouting has provided me are numerous. Participating in Sunraysia Gang Show gave me the courage to stand up in front of an audience and be heard. Opportunities like leadership courses and being a Patrol Leader and Unit Chair and earning my Queen's Scout award also gave me the opportunity to stand up and be heard, and to be respected and to respect others.

It was 25 years ago when I was a Joey Scout, and a little difficult to remember what I got up to back then. What I can remember is that I was in Joeys, Cubs and Scouts in Mildura and it was an adventure. Scouting in Mildura and Sunraysia was great. As I linked from Joeys to Cubs to Scouts, I got to meet many members in other Groups, because we saw them at each Section or District camp. I still keep in contact with some today.

This is what Scouting does: it builds relationships and networks. It's basically like an old version of Facebook, that's still current in 2018. It's a form of social networking, but without the staring-in-to-phones part! It's about getting out, meeting new people, trying new experiences and growing as a person who thinks about others and contributing to their community.

How does Joey Scouts fit into this? A Joey Scout is a young mind, finding their way in the world. If Scouting can give them a strong set of values, coupled with dash of adventure, then hopefully this can set them on a positive path to becoming tomorrow's leader.

#### **Jacinta Swift, 1st Hurstbridge:**

I have been in Scouting for 13 years, beginning as a Joey and working my way through all five Sections. My journey through Scouting had been one of huge development, in many areas, but particularly in leadership.

As a Joey Scout myself, while we didn't have official leadership roles, I was a leader in the form of a role model, participating and getting involved, listening

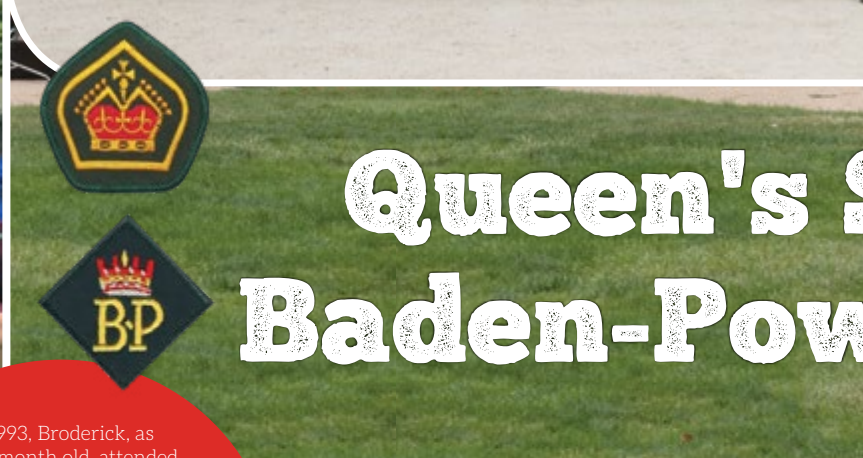
to others and most importantly always having fun. My personal experience in Joey Scouts is the main reason I am still involved in Scouting today, on many fronts, but in this case as a Joey Scout Leader.

I choose to be with the Joey Scouts and help them grow because I know firsthand what positive Scouting experiences early on can lead to. The resilience, leadership, initiative and persistence (among many, many other values) that Joey Scouting emphasises are the stepping stones for their future. In fact, the Joey Scouts in your hall are our global future. One of your Joeys could be a prime minister when they are older, or leader in their own community, or, you never know, maybe even the next Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria! But most importantly, all of the Joey Scouts in your hall will be positive and active members of our community.



*Jacinta abseiling with Joey Scout Erin, aged 6.*





In 1993, Broderick, as a four month old, attended Government House with his family to watch his Dad, Peter (Hatfield Rover Crew), receive his Baden-Powell Award. Twenty-five years later on, Broderick (A. B. Balcombe Rover Crew) received his BP Award. Joining his siblings, Ashley (Cumoot Rover Crew - 2016), and Cate-Linne (Lassester Rover Crew - 2017). He is one of four recipients from one family, including his brother-in-law, Matthew (Ogilvy Rover Crew - 2015).



Broderick with his family







On Saturday October 27 last year, hundreds of parents, Leaders and supporters turned out at Government House, Melbourne, to see the Governor and Patron of Scouts Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau AC, present certificates to 109 Queen's Scouts, 11 Baden-Powell awardees, and four Silver Kangaroos.

# Scout and Baden-Powell Awards





# 1st Ballan heads up the Grampians



## By THE SCOUTS OF 1ST BALLAN

On Monday morning we were all bursting with excitement as we met at the Ballan Scout Hall. We were being joined for the camp by Scouts from Bacchus Marsh and Melton, who we introduced ourselves to. After waving goodbye to our parents we headed off to Halls Gap. On arrival we freaked out when we realised the size of the mountains we were walking and climbing for five days.

As we settled into camp our nerves began to relax and we headed into the Grampians National Park and found ourselves at the Sundial car park, it was a stunning walk with awesome views. Arriving at the Pinnacle we met some Cubs who were on a Grey Wolf hike. Heading back into Halls Gap we enjoyed the amazing cliffs and beautiful scenery that lead us straight back to our campsite. That

night, the Tassie Tiger Patrol cooked a scrumptious dinner re-energising us for the next day.

Waking up we were pumped and ready to tackle the mountains and further explore the Grampians National Park from the top of Mt Rosea. With the car shuttle complete we walked along the Grampians Peak Trail to Mt Rosea and it was fantastic! It was a stunning day with amazing views of the National Park. We stopped regularly to enjoy. While this slowed down our walking pace, we enjoyed the opportunity to simply experience and be with friends in a truly glorious environment. Once at Mt Rosea we had to make a mature decision as to which direction to go due to the time it had taken us to get there, do we go back to the start of the walk and an empty car park, or, do we push on and continue to our scheduled end destination. The decision was unanimous – to accept the challenge and continue our trek to Borough Huts Campsite. Once

down from Mt Rosea we moved







quickly  
through  
the forest and  
found ourselves  
safely at the vehicles in record time.

Quokka Patrol cooked a delicious meal of fried rice. That night we made an important decision which changed our destiny for the next day – by one vote we changed our plans and decided to explore and discover the waterfalls instead of continuing along the Grampians Peak Trail.

Waking up early we headed to a glass blowing factory in Pomonal where we were in awe of the family making a glass plate. Heating, spinning, sculpting and creating it was a fascinating process.

Hiking from Zumsteins to Mackenzie Falls we followed the 250 steps past Fish Falls, Pearl Falls and awesome river rocks



on which we enjoyed the opportunity to explore, discover and relax.

Tonight the Quokkas loaded up the camp ovens and cooked the best roast everyone had had on a camp.

The next day we bounced out of bed with excitement knowing we were going to climb and abseil – for some of us it was going to be our very first experience. With harnesses and helmets on, and ropes tied to our backs we departed the Hollow Mountain car park with the Grampians Mountain Adventure Company and headed into our climbing destination and that is where we all took a step back and looked up, up, and up... 25m up in total as we stood at the base of the climbing sight known as Fools Wall.

Throughout the day all of us overcame a variety of fears to achieve beyond our own expectations. With support and encouragement from everyone in the group, we found ourselves climbing the Fools Wall with ease and conquering the huge abseil which included an unnerving overhang before finally returning us back to planet Earth. It was a day of fears, tears, cheers, excitement, laughter and achievement all wrapped up and fully embraced by the warmth and support of Scouting friendship.



After an amazing day full of adventure, we returned to eat the Tassie Tigers delicious spaghetti bolognese and continue our Scout work as we continued to comprehend route plans and astronomy.

On our final day we headed to Brambuk the Indigenous Cultural Centre where we threw boomerangs, ate bushfood and played the didgeridoo entertaining each other with our attempts. Afterwards we headed home satisfied with what we had achieved whilst extending our comfort zones and enjoying an amazing week of Scouting adventure.

**Imogen Davie, Jessica Jones, Millie Sparkes, Jessica Fisher, Addison Crane and Cooper Bellette are Scouts at 1st Ballan**





# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



**JANUARY - Australian Jamboree**



**JANUARY - NZ Venture**



**FEBRUARY - Anything Goes**



**APRIL - Stradbroke Cup**



**APRIL - Hoadley Hide**



**MAY - Scout Hike**



**JUNE - Mudbash**



**JULY - Snow Activities**



**JUNE-OCTOBER - Scout Shows**



# RE 2019!



**SEPTEMBER - Armstrong 500**



**OCTOBER - Cohen Shield**



**NOVEMBER - Gilweroo**



**DECEMBER - Vic Gathering**

## ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

**Add some adventure to your program!**

- Abseiling
- Air Activities
- Bushwalking
- Paddling (Canoe and Kayak)
- Caving
- Cycling
- Four Wheel Driving
- Radio and Electronics
- Rock Climbing
- Sailing and Power Boating
- Scuba Diving
- Ski Touring
- Water Skiing

## SOME THEATRE

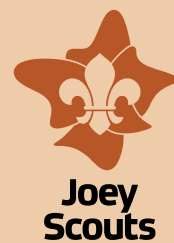
- Melbourne Gang Show – June 21-29
- Albury Gang Show – June 14-15
- Sunraysia Gang Show – July
- Camberwell Showtime – August 9-17
- Whitehorse Showtime – August 23-31
- South Metro Showtime – August 23-31
- Strzelecki Showtime – October





# Joeys

## Learning the Promise and Law in Joey Scouts



By **MELLANA SARTON**

The Promise and Law has always been a fundamental part of the Scout Method.

It bonds all Scouting members not only in Australia, but all Scouts of the world in a single commitment. All members promise to live by the same Scout Law, to share the same values of respect, doing what is right, believing in ones self, support and friendships.

With the recently revamped Promise and Law, it has brought all Sections together by sharing the same Promise and Law and making it easier for the youth as they progress through the Sections.

With this decision, Joey Scouts now need to learn the longer version of the Promise. Which may be daunting at first, but not impossible! There are lots of fun ways for Joeys to learn and practice the Promise and Law. You can also incorporate history about Robert Baden-Powell, participating in Scouts Owns and working towards the Messengers of Peace badge. Make sure when teaching Joeys the Promise and Law to have open discussions on how they want to learn and what the Promise and Law means to them.

**Mellana Sarton is the Region Commissioner for Gippsland**

### Game: Find Baden Powell

Equipment – Two sets of Baden Powell letters

Have two sets of letters for Baden-Powell (different colours). Divide the Joey Scouts up into two teams, and call them different colours to correspond with the colour of the letters. Hide the letters around the hall. Ask the Joeys to find the letters of Baden-Powell, bring them back and place in order.

### Game: Living Promise

Equipment: Make kangaroo shaped cards and add string so they can be hung around the Joey Scouts neck on each kangaroo write a word or line to the Scout Promise.

Method: Joeys are not allowed to speak to each other. Put a kangaroo around each Joeys neck and now (without speaking) stand in the correct order so that the Promise can be read.

### Game: Circle Law

Equipment - nil

Joeys seated in circle. First Joey walks around and taps each Joey saying Joey Scout Law, (be, respectful, do, what, is, right, believe, in, myself) on myself that Joey races around the circle and back to place (as per Duck Duck Goose)

### Game: Promise Relay

Equipment – 2 x cardboard box, 4 x sets of promise cards

Divide the Joey Scouts into two teams. Place all the cards – one set of each shape per box, into the box and seal it. The Joeys Scouts line up in their teams at one end of the hall, and the boxes are placed at the other end of the hall. Tell each team what shape they will be looking for. At the word go the Joey Scouts run up, feel in the box for their shape, and take one piece back to their team. The team must assemble the Promise in correct order. The first team finished, standing at alert with the Promise correct wins.

### Law activity: Help Other People Chart

Joey Scouts draw a picture of how they can help at home at the bottom of the chart. Take home and during the week do some help at home jobs. Bring back following week and ask the Joey Scouts what they did to help at home.

### Song: BP Feeling

Note: point to each part of the body when it is named

I've got that BP feeling up in my head,  
up in my head, up in my head,

I've got that BP feeling up in my head,  
up in my head to stay.

I've got that BP feeling deep in my heart,  
deep in my heart, deep in my heart,

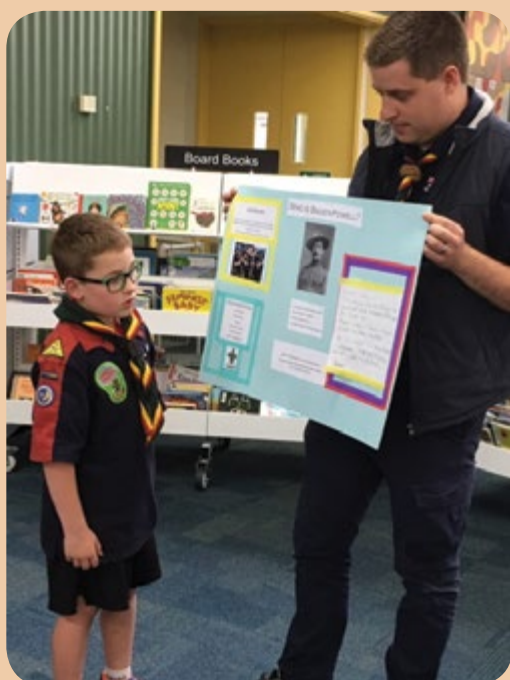
I've got that BP feeling deep in my heart,  
deep in my heart to stay.

I've got that BP feeling down in my feet,  
down in my feet, down in my feet,

I've got that BP feeling down in my feet,  
down in my feet to stay.

I've got that BP feeling up in my head,  
deep in my heart, down in my feet,

I've got that BP feeling all over me, all over me to stay.





By **MICHAEL WONG**

Did you make a New Year resolution? Did you resolve to change an undesired trait or behaviour, to accomplish a personal goal or otherwise improve your life? If you did then you were amongst the countless Australians that started 2019 by making yet another New Year's resolution.

Like many, invariably within the first month we've most likely broken that resolution or decided that it's just too hard. We move on. But why do we find it so easy to break a New Year's resolution? Is it because a resolution has no structure, that it focusses on one activity or intent, that it only concerns you and no one else? In reality, a New Year resolution has no substance nor provides defining guidance.

The Scout Movement would not be here today if we were based on a resolution that in reality had no structure, had no undertaking of commitment, no expectation of behaviour, and had no guiding principles.

Fortunately, we have the Australian Scout Promise and Australian Scout Law that we can all use to accomplish a personal goal or improve our lives. Importantly, the Promise and Law are Scouting values that underpin all activities and interactions and are integral to the continued success of your Pack over time.



The Scout Promise represents a personal commitment that also serves to unify members of the movement. It's a promise that is relevant to all ages, from Joey Scouts to Rovers and Leaders, and as our Cub Scouts progress along their Scouting journey their understanding of the Promise evolves and comes to mean more and more to them.

Our Cub Scouts do understand key words within the Promise such as "honour, promise, best, true, beliefs, contribute, community, world, help and people and live". These key words provide them with the template for becoming responsible citizens.

The Scout Law emphasises our Scouting values and the qualities that Scouting promotes in all Cub Scouts. It's a resonating statement that again grows with the Cub Scout along their Scouting journey and helps them take ownership of their actions.

How do we use the Scout Promise and Scout Law so that the above becomes a reality? How do we transform the Scout Promise and Scout Law from being statements of intent?

In the Cub Scout Pack we use the Scout Promise and Scout Law both formally and informally.

In the formal setting they are used in our ceremonies. Utilising Plan>Do>Review>, we Plan> the ceremony by exploring with the Cub Scout the key elements of the Scout Promise and Scout Law and help the Cub Scout reflect on what this means to them. We Do> with the Cub Scout making their Scout Promise and Review> by checking-in with the Cub Scout after the ceremony to reinforce that the Scout Promise and Scout Law are important things to keep in mind as they progress along their Scouting journey and reflect



on the significance of making their Scout Promise in front of their Cub Scout friends.

Informally we explore the Scout Promise and Scout Law as values that we should try to live by at all times. As Leaders and parents we should raise the Scout Promise and Scout Law values whenever it seems relevant. When we see our Cub Scouts doing a great job of living parts of the Scout Promise and Scout Law, to help them make decisions or explore issues, during time for a personal Review> or when our Cub Scouts need a reminder about appropriate behaviour.

We need to remind our Cub Scouts that the Scout Promise and Scout Law and their inherent values will guide them throughout both their Scouting journey and life in general, and will help them understand their place in the community and the world.

Our Cub Scouts do not need to remember the Scout Promise and Law by heart. What's important is that they understand the concepts behind them, and can apply them to their daily life.

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



**It is now January and you want all your present Troop Members to turn up on the first night back at Scouts in February 2019 – what can you do to make this happen?**

A very common problem is Scouts leaving over the Christmas period and this can really impact on your Troop numbers.

Your Scout Troop may be really enjoying being in Scouts heading towards the end of the year. However, once Scouts breaks up for the year, if there is not much communication with them over the Christmas break you may find on night one in 2019 three or four Scouts simply don't turn up. The risk is these Scouts continue not to come and finish up lost to the Troop.

When discussing retention, the drop off over the Christmas period is always highlighted as one of the key times when youth are lost to Scouting.

Some things you can do to ensure 2019 kicks off with all your 2018 Scouts attending.

Have a communication strategy planned – think about how you are going to engage with your Troop over the period leading up to year end and over the Christmas break. Information could/should go to both parents and Scouts. Emails work for some but the Troop program in hard copy both handed out to Scouts at year end then snail mailed out prior to the new term starting (so it

can be put on the fridge at home) works well. Your strategy needs to keep Scouts informed and excited about going back to Scouts.

First night back is a mystery night - Cryptic hints about the first night back dropped into communications over the Christmas break will keep Scouts intrigued. If you make the first night back a huge success then when you do it the following year the Scouts will want to come again just to see what you are going to do. Adventure and food are two things that Scouts love – perhaps the night could be ice blocking with a barbecue. Could be scuba diving followed by Maccas. Could be a night on the beach with fish and chips. Whatever it is, make it a great, exciting start to the year.

Troop Council and 2019 program: this is one of the most important things to have in place. Hopefully your Troop Council met during term four and got the 2019 Troop program finished. If they didn't, there's still time! Use the resources at [www.tc6.scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://www.tc6.scoutsvictoria.com.au) to make sure your meeting is well structured with great outcomes. The first term program should include some simple straightforward nights as



well advertised first term 2019 program will have Scouts wanting to return. The absence of a program for 2019 will on the other hand provide the excuse to wavering Scouts that “nothing ever happens at Scouts”.

Major event late in the year: some Troops might be contemplating an interstate trip or a hike to a new location later in the year. If this is the case plant plenty of seeds in your communications to provoke interest in staying in the Troop. Scouts who are wavering in their desire to stay in Scouts may be swayed to stay if they know a major event is coming up.

In business there is a saying that it is far easier to keep your existing customers than to spend lots of money and re-source trying to replace them with new ones. Scouting is no different. Keeping Scouts engaged and interested is the goal throughout the year but especially important over the Christmas period.



nights as both Scouts and Leaders will be a bit tired from Jamboree. It should though include a couple of really exciting nights that will fire up the Scouts and want them to return. Wide games are very popular and summer is the best time to run them as a rule. An interesting and



# Venturers

## Congratulations Harrison!

**Harrison Feldman was among 109 Queen's Scouts who received their certificates from the Governor and Patron of Scouts Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau AC, at Government House on Saturday October 27.**

**Here is an extract from Harrison's response at his presentation.**

To all the Leaders, past and present, who have been apart of my Scouting journey: you have all contributed to the skills and knowledge I have today, for which I am grateful. I would not be here today if not for the extraordinary support and assistance provided by my Venturer Leader, Robert Hain. He also made himself available whenever I needed. I appreciated all his advice.

Lastly, I would like to thank my parents. It's indescribable how much effort they have put in to help me get this award, whether its motivation, helping to get signatures, or even driving 2.5 hours up to Bendigo to pick me up from a camp just so I can get a few hours on my L plates driving home.

When I started in Venturers, obtaining the Queen's Scout badge was just a form of completionism. It meant getting more badges on the side of my sleeve. Unlike many things in today's age, there's no easy way to get a Queen's Scout Award. I knew there was a lot of work ahead of me. If I wanted to earn the award. But as I went on through Venturers, badgework became less about the badge, and more about the experience.

Badgework really became an excuse to go out and experience the world outside the horizons of my comfort zone. Whether it be on a theory-based course or activity-based camp, I would always leave having made memories few else have the chance to experience.

Yes, on leadership courses there were the hours that we sat down and learnt about the implementation of good and bad leadership styles or motivational theories, but by the end of the weekend I found myself in a team of people who had never met, creating a life-size catapult out of just rope and poles. It is probably important that I mention that was a part of the course.

Another time, I found myself hiking up Mt Stirling with my food and accommodation on my back, eating what might as well have been raw pasta on a table made of snow, freezing in my tent at night only to wake up in the morning and enviously watch the warm chalets of Mt Buller just across the valley.

Although I was grumpy for most of that weekend, I cannot be gladder that I had those experiences, that I have the stories that I didn't just see on TV. And hey, I managed to check off some badgework while I was having them.

But Scouting provides something even more valuable than those experiences, because

Scouts have and always will have the free hug culture. The Scouting

community to me has always felt like a group of friends I just haven't met yet and nothing can prove that more than the two words always heard from any Scout dripping with mud, or shaving cream or tomato sauce. 'Free Hugs'. It's these two words that in honesty has motivated me to complete most of my Queen's Scout. I would never be afraid to go on a camp knowing full well there's no one else I know going. My motivation to go on camps, and courses, was to reunite with friends who I hadn't seen for three months, 12 months, five years, and on top of that, leave the camp as if I had already known everybody from the start.

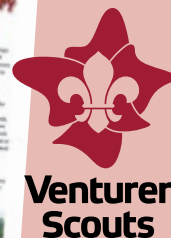
On my final Venturer camp, AG, I had learnt there wasn't a single campsite I could enter that didn't include at least one person I hadn't met before. On multiple occasions I had made friends, far away from home, only to come back to Melbourne and find out they live right around the corner. All of this would not have been possible if I had not ventured far out of my comfort zone, journeying towards the Queen's Scout.

The Queen's Scout Award is not about completionism. It is not just about 10 hours of community service here and learning the correct techniques of unit management there. The Queen's Scout Award is about growing and reshaping one to learn about themselves, teaching them that giving back to the community is not just a bucket of ice water, and that an overnight hike is not just a walk in the park. The Queen's Scout has given me lessons that are unteachable in any classroom, and friendships unforgeable anywhere but during a game of cards in the back of trailer during a thunderstorm. Sure, I now have the skills to regulate air through a scuba kit, but I also now know what it's like to swim through a million mating spider crabs coming into Port Phillip Bay for only one week every year.

The most important advice I have for the next generation of Scouts coming through Venturers is 'have a go'. It may be cliché, the Queen's Scout Award may not be worth just the badge on your shirt for the troubles you will go through, but it will always be worth the places it takes you.



*Harrison was featured in the February 2017 issue of Australian Scout.*





# LOCAL LOOK

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## Wheelers Hill

Wheelers Hill had quite the celebration with five of their Cub Scouts receiving their Grey Wolf Award. Included in this number were triplets! Congratulations to Michelle, Aaron, Hanson, Alex and Celia.

## A New Group Leader for 6<sup>th</sup> Melbourne

*What can surely be a finer example of Youth Leading, Adult Supporting than the youth members of a Group being part of the investiture of their new Group Leader?*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Melbourne ARAP was the opportunity to invest new Group Leader, Stewart Brook with youth members presenting Stewart with his badges. Nine years ago the outgoing Group Leader, Grant Randle took up the daunting task of resurrecting 6<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Scout Group with only a handful of Cub Scouts and Scouts and a very dilapidated Scout hall. With Grant's vision and leadership, strategic commitment and with strong on-going parent support, the Group is now vibrant with 56 youth members and 11 Leaders. Grant is now the Scout Leader with 28 Scouts in the Troop and we wish them and Group continued success!



## Berwick Central...

recently held their ARAP and on that evening they celebrated 15 years of their Group's history, and the service of Keith Whaley, aka Rama, who has been an Assistant Cub Scout Leader for that entire time. Keith is now 83 years old and still attends Cub Scouts every week and participates in their activities.

Keith is pictured cutting the cake with one of our youngest members, Joey Scout, Nethuli.



## 1st McKinnon

Congratulations to Will and Keenan from 1st McKinnon for receiving their Australian Scout Medallion.

In Keenan's speech on the night he thanked Scouting for helping him understand himself better, as well as developing organisational, discipline and teamwork skills.

He urges younger Scouting members to try their best to get the most out of Scouting, as it's "a worthwhile achievement which you can cherish for a lifetime."

He thanks his Scout Leaders Ian and Catherine for helping him achieve as many things as he could, his parents and lastly "all my friends in Scouts who have made every Tuesday night fun."



2nd Woodend Venturer Timothy Duff was recently presented with his Queen's Scout award at Braemar College.

The presentation was attended by Braemar College Principal Russell Deer who spoke of the effort and organisation required of Tim to be in the Cadets program at Braemar, to do his Queen's Scout and to be School Captain during his year 12. Also present were Jennifer Anderson the Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire and local ward Councillor Janet Pearce, both supporters of the local Scouting movement.

Timothy has been involved in Scouting for eight years so far, the experience has empowered him, exposed him to many people and experiences that have created opportunities for his future whatever direction life takes him. We are not surprised that he is one of two year 12 school captains, the other being a fellow former 2nd Woodend Venturer, Lauren Walduck who also mc'd the night. He is an outstanding role model highly regarded by his peers. Congratulations Tim, and 2nd Woodend wishes you all the very best for your future!

*Written by Phil Seeber; Group Leader for 2nd Woodend Scouts.*

## Prestigious Queens Scout Award for 2nd Woodend Venturer

Luca Giannessi  
Tende Beck Scout Group

## Remembrance Day

We celebrate ours

### November 4

for Italy's Liberation Day

and for Australians like us

### November 11

Our school Bulleen Heights celebrates that special day on

### November 9

## Upper Beaconsfield

Upper Beaconsfield Joeys celebrated Remembrance day by making poppies from cut off soft drink bottle bases. Followed by a visit to their local memorial.

## Heathmont Scout Group...

recently celebrated 60 years of Scouting, and 50 years of Rovers in Heathmont. A fantastic day attended by our first Queen's Scout and 17 more Queen's Scouts and three Baden-Powell Rovers. There was someone from each of the 60 years and Rovers from each of the 50 years.



## Cranbourne

Cubs from 1st Cranbourne participated in a Pack Council where they signed off on Aidan's Grey Wolf Award under the new program format.

Aidan (recipient) wearing his Grey Cuboree shirt.





# training session

## Booroondara

Thirty five Scouts from Booroondara recently embarked on bSUMMIT, the District's Scout leadership course. They had an amazing time in the Dandenong Ranges developing leadership and teamwork skills in preparation for becoming Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders in their Troops.

The Scouts were also lucky enough to go on Puffing Billy and to be visited by the local CFA, who talked about the importance of service. A heartfelt thank you to all the Leader mentors, youth mentors, Support Leaders plus Kew and Richmond Venturer Unit for their stellar involvement and organisation.

## 1st Bennettswood

1st Bennettswood Joey, Taite collected toiletries for donation to Uniting East Burwood for the service component of her Joey Scout Promise Challenge Badge. Centre Manager Pam Young presented Taite with a Certificate of Appreciation, accompanied by proud Mum Erica and Uniting East Burwood volunteer Lorraine James.

Taite's contribution helped Uniting East Burwood fill 200 Christmas hampers and Santa sacks with gifts for all ages.

Thank you Taite!

## 1st Werribee Spook Night!

The 1st Werribee Hall was decked out very eerily for our Group Spook Night, with Scouts getting creative and putting a lot of effort into their costumes.

Among our activities were stick the nose on the pumpkin, "that's not your hand", haunted hoop relay, a haunted room in the Cub den made by our very crafty Scout Section, jack-o-lantern mouth shot put, spooky supper and the lively dead person disco. Thanks to all the parents and Leaders who also dressed up and pitched in!



## 9th Oakleigh

As part of their Messengers of Peace badge, members of 9th Oakleigh Hellenic Group visited Estia Aged Care Home and spent some time with the residents. The kids sang Christmas carols and had conversations with the residents. It was a fantastic experience for the youth members and adults Leaders alike. The Scouts made the residents happy and reminded them they are important in our lives, at a time that can be difficult for many elderly people. Overall, the experience was a rewarding one and it was a great example of how we all can achieve great things by investing some of our time by "Helping Other People".

Written by Maria C (Kookaburra); Assistant Joey Scout Leader at 9th Oakleigh.



## Scouting in Armenia

My Name is Jaxson, I'm a Joey Scout from Mulgrave. My family was going on a trip to Armenia, so I decided to apply for an international letter of introduction so I could join a Scout Group in Armenia!

While there, I attended weekly gatherings and participated in activities, adventures and culture. I also joined in on many important events such as Clean Up Armenia Day and Armenian Independence Day. On my last day I was farewelled with traditional Scouting songs and cheers.

The experience and adventure of participating in the Scouting community in another country was memorable and one I will never forget!

*Written by Jaxson; a Joey at Mulgrave Scout Group.*



*Jaxson with Cub Scout Leader Armi.*



## Moe Guy Fawkes Night

Moe's own Guy Fawkes Night, has become less about commemorating the failure of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 and more a community celebration for the residents.

Two local Scouts Groups were among the community groups present on the night raising the profile of Scouting as well as fundraising.



## 5th Brunswick Nooneameena Camp

Cubs from 5th Brunswick held their final camp for the year at Nooneameena Scout Camp. The theme was Vikings, and the Cubs discovered their inner Norse by dressing up. Everyone enjoyed learning about the Viking way of life and Nordic mythology in a beautiful rural setting. The weather was perfect for camping and a weekend of outdoor activities. Thank you to our Leader Snax for organising the adventure at this very busy time of year!

*Written by Kylie Riddell; Office Bearer at 5th Brunswick.*



## Capstaff Rover Crew

Rovers from Capstaff Rover Crew surprised Venturers from their local area studying hard for their VCE exams, with home made care packages. They included home made rum balls as study snacks, tools for study like highlighters and motivational messages.

The small gesture was made by the Rovers to support their younger peers, remembering what the exam period was like from their own educational journey.



## Tree Tops 50th anniversary

Tree Tops Scout Camp recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Scouts, Guides and other citizens have enjoyed countless days at the camp. And with youth camps, reunions, business and organisation gatherings, environmental research and weddings booking it out for most of this year, there will be plenty more years to come.

Congratulations to all those past and present who have been involved in the camp and have made it such a wonderful place to stay.

*Photo's supplied courtesy of the Gannawarra Times*





# Vicky the truck at VG

Once again, Scouts have shown we are Victorian. And Proud of it. At the 2018 Victorian Gathering, attendees had the opportunity to visit a specially designed truck called Vicky. Inside, they sat in virtual reality chairs to watch VR films that included messages on the value of community involvement and celebrating the diversity in our community. One film shown highlighted a refugee for Afghanistan who is now a Bonbeach life saver. Another, of a second generation Australian woman from a Lebanese background, who is an advanced life support paramedic and celebrates that her family were welcomed into the community in the 1970's.

Feedback from the Venturers and other visitors was great! Many took the opportunity to record a message in the photo-booths of how they were contributing to the community. The Victorian and Proud team constantly commented on how engaged our members were and enjoyed hearing about the other adventures people had been on at VG. One staff member was so inspired, she went home to find her local Scout Group to offer Cubs to her daughter.



## 1st Myrtleford

Congratulations to 1st Myrtleford's latest Grey Wolf recipient Sahara! A great achievement for this young lady and always lovely to have another Grey Wolf badge in Alpine Gateway District!

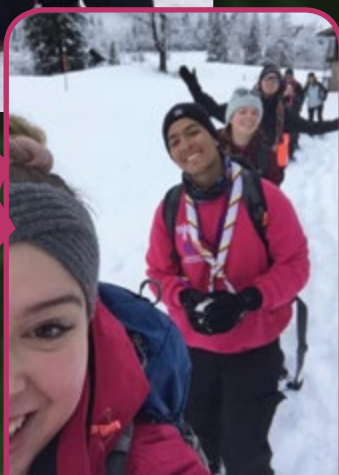
Our Cub Scout pack received an award for participating in the Victoria Police Head to Head walk, with Police Commissioner Graham Ashton. Mr Ashton walked through Myrtleford and many other country towns in a pledge to raise awareness of mental health issues for retired & serving police officers.



Cub Scout Jemma and Cub Scout Leader Joanna McIntyre, with their Head to Head Walk participation award.



**Proud to be pink!**



Rowina from Everest Le Page Rover Crew at 1st Beaumaris Scout Group has been busy representing Australia at Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

She has recently graduated as a pinkie after some serious training, which included catering, house and program training (which is the fun one). Rowina said that graduating was a 'very emotional and humbling experience' and she is happy to finally be in pink! Some of her other highlights have been an international night, where everyone shared things from their country, snow-shoeing, igloo building, curling and of course skiing!

Rowina says she loves the great outdoors and am "so lucky to be a part of such an amazing staff team."





# 1st Belmont Bike-Hike

**Recently four Scouts and five adults and Leaders from 1st Belmont went on a two day bike hike from Lilydale to Warburton and back. Scout Kaitlyn wrote about the experience.**

**By KAITLYN BIRO**

On Saturday we all met up at the South Geelong train station and caught the train to Southern Cross station in Melbourne, and then another train out to Lilydale. We had a picnic lunch in Lilydale before starting our 36 kilometre ride at around 12:30. While we were riding we stopped a few times to take breaks (including extra special Tim-Tam breaks!) but we were pretty much riding the whole time. We made another stop at a pop-up pizza shop in Millgrove, before arriving in Warburton at 4:30pm. We set up the tents and some of the adults rode back into the Warburton township to get the extra things for dinner that we didn't carry with us. For dinner we had a meal of chicken curry and rice, it was a very delicious and well deserved after a

long ride! The next morning, we all packed up our stuff, had breakfast and got ready for the ride back to Lilydale. The ride back was challenging due to a headwind and a gradual 9.7 kilometre hill. At Seville, we stopped at the train carriage café for lunch, which is pretty much this big old train carriage that they have revamped into a café which was pretty cool. We also stopped at a little market at one of the towns on the edge of the rail trail. At the market one of our Leaders then went and bought a pair of ski boots, which she had to carry on the back of her bike for the rest of the ride! Once we all got back to the train station I think we were all relieved and ready to get home and relax. We caught the train back to Southern Cross where we got some food and boarded the train back to Geelong! Overall it was a really fun experience and we all can't wait to do the next four day ride on the holidays from Mansfield to Tallarook.

**Kaitlyn Biro is a Scout at 1st Belmont Scout Group**





# Adults in Scouting

## Long Service Awards

### September

#### 70 Years

**Lillian Beard OAM**, Honorary Commissioner



Honorary Scout Commissioner Lillian Beard, OAM was recently presented with her 70 Year Long Service Certificate by State Commissioner, the Hon. Michael Baden-Powell.

Lillian has served in numerous Cub Section roles in Groups and Districts and was a Victorian Cub Leader Trainer for many years.

She more recently served as an Activity Leader at both the Scout Guide Sailing Centre and the Scout Heritage Centre.

Lillian has a similar period of concurrent distinguished service in Guides Victoria.

### October

#### 5 Years

**Neville Aulich**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Koo Wee Rup

**Jenny Bailey**, PASL, 19th Camberwell

**Bronwyn Blackburn**, ASF, Glen Eira Stonnington

**Jo Bowyer-Smyth**, ACSL, 1st Riddells Creek

**Clive Brend**, Group Treasurer, 1st Glen Iris

**Denise Condron**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Koo Wee Rup

**Xavier Csar**, Adult Helper, Rosanna

**Liz Edwards**, PAVL, Narre Warren

**Edward Gardner**, PSL, Eumemmerring

**Dael Golec**, Camp Committee Member, 1st Yarrunga

**Jason Gray**, ASL, 1st North Shepparton

**Darren Hackworthy**, PDL-Adult Training Support, Kororoit District

**Guenther Hartig**, SL, 1st Narre Warren North

**Coral Hassett**, Adult Helper, Canoe Team

**Wendy Hemphill**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Macedon

**James Henderson**, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, 2nd Strathmore

**Martin Heng**, Group Treasurer, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

**Ryan Hudson**, AJSL, 1st Werribee

**Alistair James**, Group Rostered Parent, Baden Powell Park

**Ben King**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Macedon

**Fiona MacDonald**, AAL-4X4, Four Wheel Driving Team

**Trish MacMahon**, PDL-Cub Scouts, Kororoit District

**Heidi Marshall**, ACSL, 2nd Korumburra

**Lachlan McDonald**, RA, 1st Upper Beaconsfield

**Brett McMahon**, ASL, 3rd Wodonga

**Michaela Monson**, ACSL, West Traralgon

**Marcel Muller**, Trainee Assistant Adventurous Activity Leader, Ski Touring Team

**Kay Norton**, Group Support Committee Fundraising, 1st Strathfieldsaye

**Julie Ray**, Group Rostered Parent, Lakeside Pakenham

**Kylie Stanyer**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Point Cook

**Tom Stephens**, Group Chairman, 1st Reservoir

**David Wallace**, ASL, 1st Beaumaris

**Glen White**, ACSL, 1st Lower Plenty

**Bonnie Wilson**, Group Treasurer, 1st Reservoir

**Michelle Witteveen**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Koo Wee Rup

#### 10 Years

**Martin Blunt**, AVL, 2nd Mornington Sea Scouts

**Damon Coats**, ALS, 1st Donald

**Brett Cole**, PSC-Region, Vic Branch

**Cathy Cook**, ALS, 1st Yarram

**Matt Dunstan**, PDL-Development, Moreland-Darebin District

**Michael Free**, PGL, 10th Ivanhoe

**Simon Graham**, CSL, Phillip Island

**Stuart Hodge**, ASL, 1st Baulkamaugh

**Peter Kelly**, TASL, West Traralgon

**Paul McCormick**, Group Treasurer, 1st Elmore

**Mandy McDonald**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st/14th Brighton

**Murray McDonald**, VL, 1st/14th Brighton

**Allison McKendrick**, ASL, 10th Ivanhoe

**Anne Morgan**, JSL, 9th Caulfield

**Tim Pannell**, CSL, 2nd Kangaroo Flat

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

**Sally Pittard**, AJSL, 1st Strathmore

**Hany Smith**, AJSL, 1st Belmont

**Darren Vinton**, PAVL, Baden Powell Park

#### 15 Years

**Pat Campisi**, GL, 1st Somerville

**Jean Downs**, ASF-Wellington

**David Funston**, PRA, Carlton

**Suzanne Marsh**, GL, Warrnambool Tooram

**Trav McCartney**, TAVL, 1st Casey

**Simon Meyer**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Sunbury

**Wayne Motton**, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, QM Resources

**Julie O'Callaghan**, AVL, 2nd Lara

**Klaus Schneider**, ASF-Wellington

**Sue Truter**, ASF-Casey

**Philip Wood**, AVL, Lynden Park

#### 20 Years

**David Culshaw**, ASL, 1st Craigieburn

**Teresa Dorey**, ASF-Kariwara

**Chris Eagle**, PAGL, 1st Woodend

**Michael Gleeson**, CSL, 1st Neerim

**Alan Harding**, RC, Plenty Valley Region

**Glenn Shaw**, PRA, 1st/2nd Greensborough

**Yolanda Spilstead**, ASF-Alpine Gateway

#### 25 Years

**Robyn Beeby**, ASL, 1st Devon Meadows

**Ian Gibson**, AAL-Canoeing, Canoe Team

**Wayne Kleeman**, Camp Committee Chairman, 1st Somerville

#### 30 Years

**Andrew Copland**, ASL, 1st Traralgon

**Andrew Cossen**, Group Rostered Parent, 10th Caulfield

**Scotty Harrison**, Provisional Rover Commissioner-Region, Vic Branch

**Wendy Searle**, Adult Helper, Sunraysia Gang Show

#### 35 Years

**Claude Midon**, ARC-New Groups, Lerderderg Region

**John Stephens**, RA, Watsonia

**Alan Webb**, TASL, 1st Inverloch

#### 40 Years

**Dave Aroin**, ASF, Gilwell Park

**Allan Bartlett**, DC, Geelong Rivers District

**John Farquhar**, District Personnel Committee Member, Moonee Valley District

**Stephen James**, DL-Development, Sunraysia District

#### 55 Years

**Peter Butcher**, District Auditor, Mt Baw Baw District

### November

#### 5 Years

**Louise Anderson**, ACSL, 1st Foster

**Viv Aroin**, District Executive Committee Member, Glenelg River District

**Meredith Boak**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st McKinnon

**Emma Brockman**, AJSL, 1st Ferntree Gully

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**Marc Harbert**, PASL, Sale

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

**Pete Hibbs**, Group Treasurer, 1st Moe

**Rod Hicks**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Bayswater

**Gerard Hook**, AVL, Box Hill North

**Brett Hopson**, CSL, 1st Echuca

**Emma Hunt**, JSL, 1st Rowville

**Cezar Iglesias**, PAVL, 2nd Werribee

**Robyn Lambden**, Group Rostered Parent, Rosebud Sea Scouts

**Michael Latham**, ACLS, 1st Ranelagh

**Victor Lau**, Group Treasurer, 1st Fitzroy

**Sue Litchfield**, Group Chairman, 12th Caulfield

**Debbie Lovell**, ACSL, 1st Heatherdale

**Darrell Mason**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st McKinnon

**Orlaith McAlinden**, PAVL, Aspendale

**Angharad McColl**, ASF-Glen Eira Stonnington

**Adam McEwan**, Adult Helper, Narre Warren

**Mike McHugh**, Office Bearer, Catholic Regional College Sydenham

**Paul McKillop**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Glen Iris

**Lachlan Mosley**, CSL, Richmond

**Stephanie Munro**, AJSL, 4th Mordialloc

**Jamie Munro**, AJSL, 4th Mordialloc

**Sunanda Pardiwalla**, ACSL, 1st Carrum Downs

**Mike Pougher**, Group Treasurer, 4th Ringwood

**Mervat Rizkalla**, Group Support Committee Fundraising, Oakleigh Coptic

**Alberto Scelsi**, ACSL, 1st Templestowe Lower

**Joh Schaap**, TACSL, 1st Bayswater

**Robyn Skinner**, ASL, 9th Caulfield

**Peter Smolenaers**, CSL, 3rd Heathmont

**Carole Starnar**, Group Chairman, 4th Ringwood

**Sarah Thom-Tydell**, JSL, 1st West Waverley





Long service award recipients Bob Taylor AM (55 Years), David Jones AM (60 Years) and David Jefferson OAM (65 Years) pictured with BEC President Neil Comrie AO APM and BEC Chairman Greg Landgren at the 2018 State ARAP. David Jefferson was also awarded life membership on the night.

**Lily Torcello**, PJSL, 2nd Footscray  
**Judith Trig**, PJSL, 1st Maroondah  
**William Van Bremen**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Monbulk  
**Prakash Varsani**, Group Chairman, 1st Balwyn  
**Brett Vincent**, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, 5th Brunswick  
**Kylie Voigt**, TACSL, 1st Warracknabeal  
**Alex Watson**, SL, 1st Rowville  
**Garry Whicker**, Adult Helper, 1st Caroline Springs  
**Philip Yarra**, TACSL, 1st Upwey  
**Ranya Youssef**, Group Secretary, Oakleigh Coptic  
**Jodie Zagami**, TACSL, Colquhoun Sea Scouts  
**Timothy Baird**, Group Rostered Parent, 2nd Mornington Sea Scouts

## 10 Years

**Neil Blake**, ASL, 1st Modewarre  
**Shane Bogemann**, ASF-Whitehorse  
**Paul Bosanko**, JSL, 1st Beechworth  
**Narelle Bray**, DL - Cub Scouts, Casey District  
**Janelle Cadd**, VL, 1st Emerald  
**Matt Cengia**, PDL - Scouts, Moonee Valley District  
**Daniel Cook**, Camp Committee Member, Mafeking Rover Park  
**Doris Cubela**, Group Treasurer, North Frankston Endeavour  
**Anke De Wit**, AJSL, 1st The Basin  
**Marc Dixon**, Group Support Committee Member, 2nd Prahran  
**Jo Downs**, PGL, Hampton  
**Ray Durrell**, Group Support Committee Member, 4th Caulfield

**Graham Ellis-Williams**, PASL, 1st Drouin  
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**Andrew Hall**, PASL, 1st Doncaster East  
**Brian Lumsden**, AAAL - Canoeing, Paddling Team  
**Norma Martin**, Camp Committee Member, Mt Dandenong Region  
**Katherine McKay**, ASF-Yarra Ranges  
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**Bruna Robinson**, Adult Helper, 1st Stratford  
**Andrew Walsh**, ASL, 1st Beaconsfield  
**Peter Wilson**, ASL, 1st Bayswater

## 15 Years

**Andrew Garde**, SL, 1st Hawthorn  
**Kym Ham**, Group Registrar, 4th Williamstown  
**Catherine Lancaster**, ASL, 1st Sandringham  
**Charles Ray**, Group Support Committee Member, Camberwell Showtime  
**Keith Solomon**, CSL, Blackburn South  
**Kenneth Stanford**, AGL, 1st Upwey

## 20 Years

**Mark Black**, PRA, 1st City Of Camberwell  
**Jonathan Dewar**, AVL, Heathmont  
**Luke Dixon**, ASL, 1st Canterbury  
**Ross Galt**, VL, 1st Gembrook  
**Janine Hannah**, PGL, 5th Ballarat

**Anthony O'Connor**, ASL, 5th Caulfield  
**Geoff Purves**, District Personnel Committee Convener, Yarra Ranges District  
**Beverley Richard**, ACSL, 1st Stratford  
**Paul Sheer**, TACSL, 2nd/7th West Waverley  
**Sarah Sloane**, TACSL, Mulgrave  
**Jenni Tayler**, Provisional Venturer Scout Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch  
**Brett Wallace**, Group Rostered Parent, Waverley Valley  
**Stanley Wojtyniak**, PDL - Scouts, Kororoit District  
**Lea Young**, PGL, 3rd Croydon  
**Alan Yule**, Group Rostered Parent, Mt Dandenong Whitehorse Showtime

## 25 Years

**Annette Cook**, DL - Development, Whitehorse District  
**Daniel Crennan**, ASF-Mafeking Rover Park  
**Dimitri Karanikas**, DC, City Of Knox District  
**Warwick Pace**, ASF-Gilwell Park  
**Gavin Parkinson**, PAGL, 1st Mount Clear  
**Brad Pryor**, ASL, 1st Mount Clear  
**Michael Spencer**, VL, 1st/8th Blackburn  
**Michael Stanley**, PSL, 8th Knox  
**Paul Tuppen**, CSL, 1st Wheelers Hill  
**Cary Warren**, District Personnel Committee Convener, Manningham District

## 30 Years

**Liz Benton**, Camp Committee Secretary, Rowallan Rec. & Adv. Camp  
**Carole Bloomer**, Camp Committee Member, Gilwell Park  
**Jeff Garrioch**, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Lilydale  
**Dot Grierson**, ASF-Mornington Peninsula  
**John Horn**, DL - Scouts, Tilba Tilba District  
**Doug Kilburn**, SL, 1st Ferntree Gully  
**Allan McIntyre**, District Property Officer, Wimmera District

## 35 Years

**Alfred Gibson**, District Property Officer, Monash District  
**Dale Vickery**, ASF-Cardinia

## 40 Years

**David Eades**, VL, Mentone

## 45 Years

**Nicole Evered**, ASF-Whitehorse  
**Joan Lattin**, Office Bearer, Monash District

## 55 Years

**Norma Proctor**, ASF-Macedon Ranges

## 60 Years

**Bert Lawes**, Honorary Commissioner

# Woodbadge Awards

## October

### Cub Scouts

**Marianne Marks**, ACSL, Sorrento Sea Scouts  
**Claire Crossland**, ACSL, 2nd Mornington Sea Scouts

### Joey Scouts

**Liz Willis**, AJSL, 1st Greythorn Park  
**Natalie Kenward**, JSL, 1st Cranbourne  
**Luke Maslen**, AJSL, 1st Glen Iris

### Scouts

**Alex Watson**, SL, 1st Rowville  
**Andrew Pollard**, ASL, 3rd Wodonga  
**Trevor Staats**, ASL, 3rd Wodonga  
**John Pimm**, ASL, 3rd Wodonga  
**Sharni De Silva**, ASL, 1st Berwick

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**Dale Weber**, ASL, 3rd Wodonga

### Venturers

**Ian Jones**, AVL, 1st Balnarring

## November

### Group Leader

**Mark Woodfield**, PGL, 2nd Blackburn

### Cub Scouts

**Kathryn Edbrooke**, PCSL, 1st Greenhills  
**James Cooper**, ACLS, 1st Lower Plenty  
**Kim Brian**, ACSL, Norlane West Scout Group  
**Louise Lang**, ACLS, 1st Mooroolbark  
**Snez Pezzin**, ACSL, 1st Lower Plenty  
**Robyn Campbell**, ACSL, 1st Glen Iris  
**Kylie Peypat**, ACSL, 1st Lower Plenty  
**John Hawker**, ACSL, 3rd Wodonga  
**Bec Robinson**, PCSL, 1st Cranbourne

### District/Group Leader

**Peter Owens**, PDL - Cub Scouts, Banyule District  
**Janet Cardell**, GL, 1st/14th Brighton

### Joey Scouts

**Elysia Bonfield**, AJSL, 1st Gembrook  
**Kerrie Hall**, JSL, 1st Broadford  
**Michelle Saffin**, ACSL, 1st Malvern  
**Ali Dalla Valle**, ASL, 1st Morwell  
**Simon Roberts**, PSL, 1st Diamond Creek  
**John Mason**, ASL, 19th Camberwell  
**Michael Kearney**, ASL, 3rd Melton  
**George Nadj**, ASL, 1st Alexandra  
**Jason Allen**, ASL, 5th Ballarat

### Venturers

**Stuart Linnell**, AVL, 2nd Clifton Hill  
**Tracey Myers**, CSL, 1st Barwon Heads

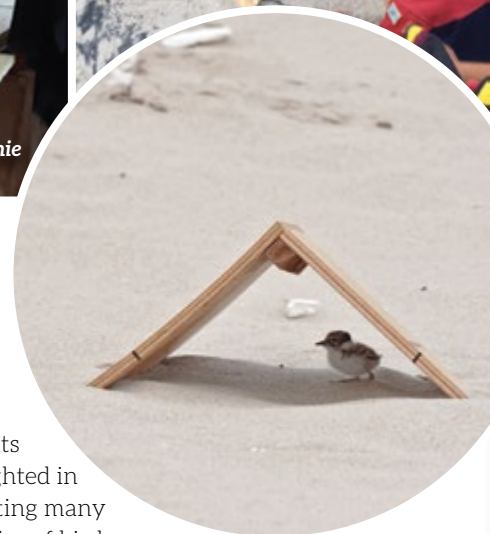




Joey Mia with some of the completed shelters.



Leader Trevor helping Joey Archie build his shelter.



# Little ones helping little ones!

By **GENELLE HAMMOND**

Bairnsdale Scout Group recently embarked on a very special project along with BirdLife East Gippsland to build chick shelters to help protect beach nesting bird species found across the Gippsland Lakes.

The chick shelters are very simple, so the Joeys and Cubs were able to build them largely on their own, under the watchful eye of Leaders and adults. Joey Scout Leader Genelle Hammond secured funding for the project from Landcare Australia through the Junior Landcare and Biodiversity program and described it as "an excellent opportunity to get the

kids to better appreciate their own

environment through helping local birdlife."

The shelters were then installed at a number of significant sites for breeding birds across the Gippsland Lakes.

A few months later, the Joeys and Cubs had an opportunity to see their chick shelters in use.

The Group gathered in Paynesville to explore the lakes and spot local wildlife aboard the Lady Jodie under the command of Captain Rob Ashworth. Joey Leader Genelle said "This was our chance to see the chick shelters we made in use. The Scouts boarded the boat with great enthusiasm for the adventure".

Aboard the boat the Group were accompanied by Birdlife Australia project officer Deb Sullivan who was able to show the group some of their purpose built chick shelters, and Parks Victoria ranger, Luke Marcius.

The cruise took a leisurely route to Steamer Landing, where the Scouts had a chance to visit the beach, before heading to Sperm Whale Head and then Rotamah Island. Along the way the

Scouts delighted in spotting many species of birds, including Pelican chicks, and a majestic White Bellied Sea Eagle. "Numerous chick shelters were spotted and it was a thrill for the Joey Scouts to see their handy-work in the field" Genelle said. The Scouts also revelled in the opportunity given to them by Captain, Rob Ashworth, to steer and navigate the Lady Jodie. Genelle went on to say "Some of the Scouts had not been on a boat before, so this opportunity went beyond their expectations!"

At Rotamah Island the Group disembarked for lunch on the veranda of the old homestead. Followed by a walk around the islands costal bushland paths, a brief glimpse of an emu was a highlight! Back aboard the Lady Jodie for the trip back to Paynesville, with a happy and somewhat quieter, group of Scouts.

**Genelle Hammond is a Joey Scout Leader at Bairnsdale Scout Group**



Joeys Ella and Chelsea enjoying a stroll on Rotamah Island



Joeys and Cubs having their lunch out of the rain at the Rotamah Island homestead.



Cub Scouts Alex, Bryce and Kaelan aboard the Lady Jodie.

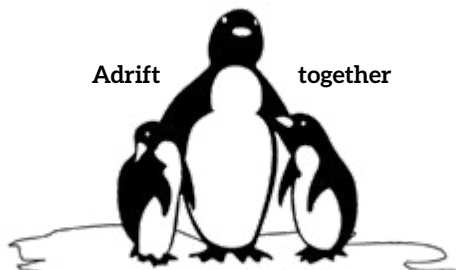




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It was the Jamboree we had to have

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## MY JAMBOREE

**By Assistant Patrol Leader Godfrey Belmore**

AJ 2019 was a lifechanging mashup of dust, chunky custard, inconvenient rocks, late nights, wind, early mornings, more dust, buses, misting gateways, music, adventure and a bit more dust. It was the best 10 days of my life. You had to be there.

The pace was hectic. Duty patrol would rise at 5.30 to get us away by 7 am for buses to offsite activities. The water activities base called Wet 'n' Windy was a pleasant respite from the Jamboree site (aka Dry 'n' Windy). Metromania was a trip to the dark side of Adelaide – Glenelg and Port Adelaide, and the balls of Rundle Mall. Everyone's favourite was Woodhouse. (Except for the canned chicken – is there no foodie culture in SA?)

Historic Woodhouse was like a visit to The Shire – green hills, shady trees, pleasant people known as Scouts, and I swear I saw a Leader that looked like Gandalf. All too soon we were heading back to the Jamboree site (aka Mordor).

Although others compared it to Tatooine.

From the medical centre to the media centre (and they were often confused for each other), from the early morning water trucks that wet the roads to breakfast on Bend FM with Kat and Cam, from giant slides to doughnuts, this was like a regular city. I even got into the habit of reading the newspaper daily.

We ended each day with live bands, talent quests, and other shows.

I survived the Jamboree but it took a few days to process being home. It was weird not eating with 40 people, and not having to queue for a shower at 6 am or 9 pm. But now I've done my first Jamboree I know I can do anything. Living with my family, living with friends, work, study, travel. Bring it on.



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