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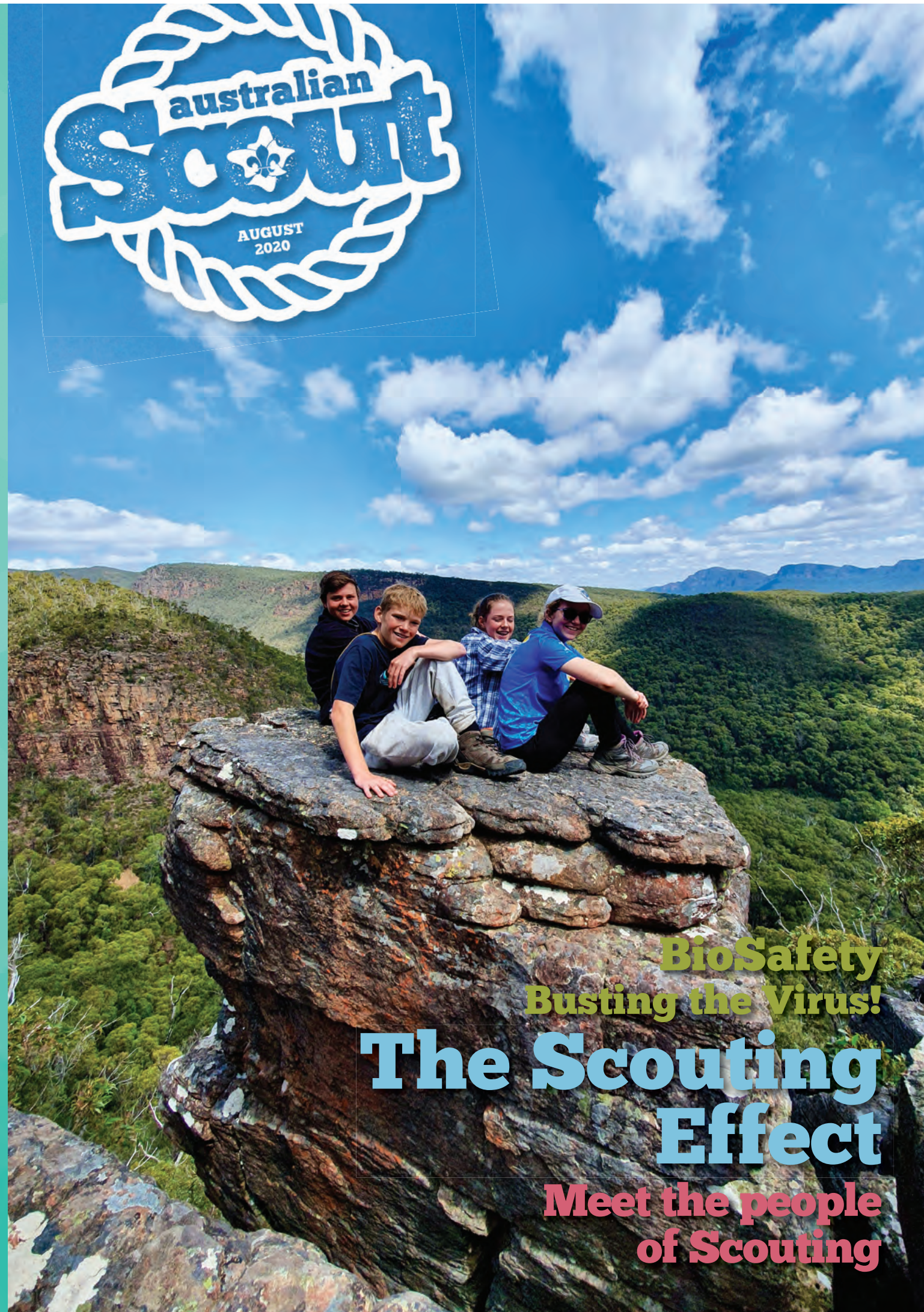
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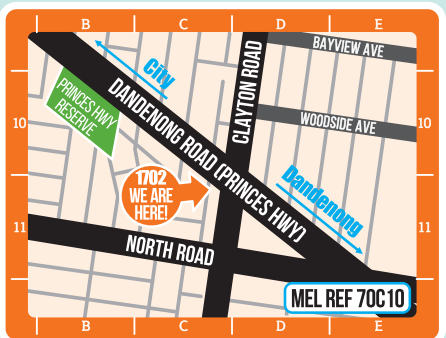
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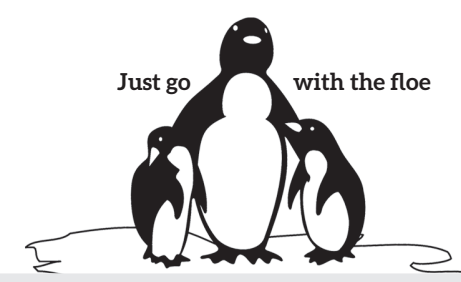
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August 2020

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When the sun comes out

The Group is keeping positive. We're busy planning how we'll re-emerge from lockdown. Our return to normal Scouting has to be a big celebration! We've asked our youth members and young-at-heart Leaders how they'd like to do this.

Joey Scouts
Our Joey Leader, Thylacine, explained how coming out of lockdown will be like a butterfly coming out of a chrysalis. So, the Joeys want a butterfly day where they will make butterfly wings and basically float around the park. One kid wants to be a moth and eat cabbage.

Cub Scouts
The Cubs are planning a Pack Holiday on the theme of Chocolate. Breakfast will be Coco Pops and hot chocolate; lunch

will be a chocolate salad; dinner will be spaghetti with chocolate sauce. Akela says this is crazy. The Sixers claim this is what is meant by Youth Led, Adult Supported.

Scouts
The older Scouts are concerned to finish their Australian Scout Medallion. They propose a badgework boot camp. This will be an intensive weekend with the whole Troop working together. It's possible that the linking Cubs will finish their ASMs before they're invested as Scouts.

Venturers
The Venturers want to get out their decks and skate to freedom. Far, far beyond remote learning and exams. To a world where clothes wash themselves,

meals appear randomly, and adults are invisible. Except when pocket money is required.

Rovers
The Rovers are concerned that remote Scouting has weakened our moral fibre. They want a Group camp that goes back to basics, like Brownsea Island. Activities will include prussicking, sporing, pigsticking, and marching drill with staves.

Leaders
We never thought we'd be hanging out for a Group Council. First item of business: a parma and a pint.

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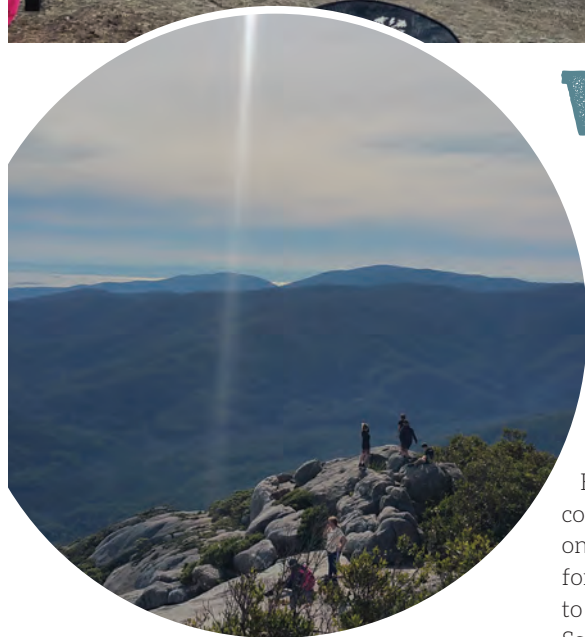
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Wilson's Prom with 1st Lang Lang

By Travis Davidge

As is the case with all Scout Groups across the country we have had to adapt to a major change to 'Scouting as Usual' since Covid-19.

Here at 1st Lang Lang Scouts we have continued Scouting by embracing Zoom online meetings and have been grateful for the support and resources supplied to us from Scouts Victoria for online and Scouting at Home .

More recently when restrictions for outdoor social gatherings were eased, we as Leaders went to our Scouts with the new guidelines and discussed how they would like to continue for the remainder of Term 2. What Scouts planned for the remainder of the term was aimed at getting 'Scout & About' as much as possible while still complying with restrictions. The events we have

taken part in have been a credit to our Scouts which culminated in a day hike at Wilson's Promontory on the June 13.

With some careful planning and keeping within the guidelines what eventuated was a day that expanded to include Cubs, Scouts and Ventures from 1st Lang Lang as well as Scouts and Leaders from Bunyip coming together to enjoy a fantastic day at Wilson's Promontory.

We enjoyed multiple hikes along different trails, with the event seen by families as a great credit to Scouting for the sense of adventure and comradery that it has instilled in the youth members. It's a great example of what can be achieved through Scouting even in the toughest and strangest of times!

Travis Davidge is a Scout Leader at 1st Lang Lang.



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COVER: Josh from 2nd/6th Hawthorn on his Adventurer Cord hike in the Grampians along with his Patrol Alice, Zoe and Ben, with Jimmy behind the camera.

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Scouts are **11%** more likely than non-Scouts to hold positive values.

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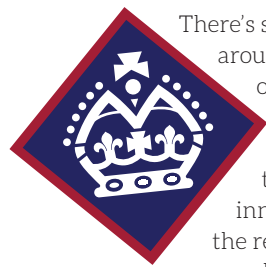
a few words from Rod

Rod Byrnes
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Victoria

Exciting things to come!

I congratulate every adult in Scouting for your hard work in supporting your Groups online during the last few months. Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire were very close to returning to face to face Scouting before we needed to return to lockdown. We learnt so much during the first time which tried us and tested our resilience. Our youth need adult support more than ever and remember to look after yourselves too. Reach out to each other and stay connected.

Our Section councils are working on some great events to kick start 2021. Bay Jam in January and Cuboree in April to name just two. While it's difficult to know what conditions we'll be under in a few months, I'm really grateful for the careful planning of the teams to give us something to look forward to. We are all looking forward to seeing some of the great programs coming up.



There's still some great things happening around our state. I'm encouraged that our young people are finding ways to complete their peak awards. They're doing that through the support of their youth and adult Leaders, finding innovative ways to assess them against the requirements of the award scheme - even when they can't physically complete some of the work. That demonstrates that

Scouting isn't prescriptive, and that the Scout Method provides us with a framework that we can adapt to our conditions.

It's also great to hear about the fantastic activities that our Groups are conducting online. More than ever, creativity and innovation power great programs and I've seen some wonderful examples of that while dropping in on a few Section meetings recently. It really warmed my heart to see the importance of maintaining the social connections and I learned a few new things too. 1st Mansfield Cubs taught me how to dab! I'm sure my kids are mortified.



Scouts have an overall **better life satisfaction** than their peers, and the longer they stay in Scouts the **more resilient** they are likely to become.

The Scouting Effect

It will have come to no surprise to anyone involved in Scouting, but a study has found that young people who participate in Scouts have an overall better life satisfaction than their peers, and the longer they stay in Scouts the more resilient they are likely to become. This is among the results of Resilient Youth Australia's survey into the impact of Scouting on the resilience of young Australians. This is exciting news for our Scouting community across the country, as it reaffirms what we've known for over 113 years - Scouting and resilience go hand in hand! You can find more information about the study later in this issue.

The Scout Show

If you haven't caught an episode yet, I strongly encourage you to tune in to The Scout Show! You can listen live Tuesday at 3pm on 88.3 Southern FM, or you can catch up with the show in your favourite podcast app, just search for "The Scout Show". Our team is doing an amazing job and the show is something to be proud of - perhaps you could encourage non-Scouting families to have a listen?



Razz Grenness, Group Rostered Parent, QM Resources

Sean Kirwan, ASF - Whitehorse

Greg Newton, AVL, Watsonia

Richard Petrie, Adult Helper, 1st Edithvale

Don Ripper, Office Bearer, ASF - Wellington

Molly Venables, Provisional State Commissioner - VET, Vic Branch

35 Years

Peter Gilder, ASL, Croydon Central

Leigh Hardinge JP, District Chairman, Kariwara District

Jan Lovell, Honorary Commissioner, Vic Branch

Gerry Matthews, CSL, 1st Mornington

Mike Smith, ASF - Adventurous Activities

Peter Wotherspoon, State Commissioner - Rover Support, Vic Branch

40 Years

David Aston, ASF - 4 X 4 Team

Joan Bradd, Assistant State Commissioner - Gilwell Park, Gilwell Park

Phil Gude, Office Bearer, Vic Branch

Antony Hall, Group Support Committee Hall Hire Contact, QM Stage

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David Paroissien, Office Bearer, Vic Branch

Gary Waugh, Adult Helper, Sailing & Power Boating Team

45 Years

Geoffrey Morris, Group Rostered Parent, Cuboree

Kevin Pickthall, ASF - Gilwell Park

Gary Steinhardt, Assistant State Commissioner - Venturers, Vic Branch

50 Years

Rodney Cooper, ASF - Victorian Branch Gang Show

Greg McDougall, Honorary Commissioner, Vic Branch

Gerard Munnink, Branch Activity Specialists, Scout Band

Shirley Reeves, District Leader - Joey Scouts, South Gippsland District

55 Years

Peter Bacon, AAAL - Air Activities, Air Activities Team

60 Years

Donald Barry, ASF - Scout Heritage Victoria

Joan Fox OAM, Office Bearer, ASF - Treetops Campsite

Australian Scout August 2020

Wood Badge Certificate

April

Joey Scout

Kathryn Crisp, AJSL, 4th Williamstown Sea Scouts

Daniel Mar, AJSL, 3rd Doncaster East

Cub Scout

Sarah Brackenridge, PAGL, 1st Alfredton

Josh Cashill, ACSL, 3rd Sunbury

Belle Kendra Hunter, ACSL, 5th Brunswick

Scout

Jarrold Bell, ASL, 1st Sunbury

Joe Bonnici, ASL, 1st Caroline Springs

Group Leader

Jane Morf, PAJSL, Waverley Valley

Lea Young, GL, 3rd Croydon

District Leader/Commissioner

Loz Clarke, District Leader - Scouts, Casey District

May

Joey Scout

Melissa Cugley, AJSL, Bundoora

Cub Scout

Rachel Janson, ACSL, 1st/14th Brighton

Carolyn Smith, ACLS, 5th Keilor

Alexander Toogood, CSL, 1st Cockatoo

Scout

Jayne Travan, ASL, Norlane West

Moray Hughes, ASL, Deepdene

Martin Justice, ASL, 1st Strathmore

Venturer

Cara Horner, AVL, Epping North

Nicole Black, VL, 1st Epping

Group Leader

Matt Anderson, GL, 1st Croydon Hills

Ian Gosling, AGL, Rosebud Sea Scouts

Terry Prudden, GL, 2nd Mornington Sea Scouts

Dimitrios Karagiannis, AGL, 9th Oakleigh

District Leader/Commissioner

Richard Trainor, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Geelong Rivers District

Dale Kent, PASL, 1st Tyabb

Adele Costello, District Leader - Development, Whitehorse District

Jo McIntyre, Provisional Cub Scout Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch

Adventurous Activity

Brad Costello, Activity Leader, 1st Heatherdale

Adults in Scouting

Long Service Certificate

April 5 Years

Leisa Ahearn, AJSL, 1st Nunawading
Abusad Ahmad, Adult Helper, Air Activities Team
Kevin Berry, AVL, 5th/6th Moorabbin Central
Zelda Berry, ACSL, Wangaratta
Lorraine Bird-Chettle, CSL, 1st The Basin
Michelle Blanksby, Group Support Committee Member, Water Ski Team
Dean Box, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Peter Brown, AVL, 1st Eaglemont
Fiona Busuttil, Branch Personel Committee Member, Vic Branch
Greg Catterall, Group Rostered Parent, 5th Keilor
Tamara Cooke, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Andrew Cooke, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Cobie Davis, Group Support Committee Member, Air Activities Team
Son Do, ASL, 5th Keilor
Simon Doak, ACSL, 2nd Malvern
Damian Hess, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Vermont
John Heweston, Adult Helper, 1st Beaumaris
Melodie Hopkins, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Elenor Jack-Browning, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Mansfield
Shane Jacobson, Chief Scout, Vic Branch
Timothy Lee, PSL, 1st Eaglemont
Anthony Lee, Camp Committee Chairman, 1st Yarrunga
David Llewellyn, Camp Committee Member, 1st Yarrunga
Rhiannon Lowe, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Tim Magill, ASL, 1st/2nd Greensborough
Laura Mahoney, AJSL, 1st/2nd Ocean Grove
Leanne Millsom, ASF - Rover Scout Motorsport
Anne Nadj, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Alexandra
Thao Nguyen, Group Support Committee Fundraising, Phu Dong
Marianne Nicholls, AGL, 1st Baranduda
Chris Paine, ASL, Deepdene
Sam Parfuss, Provisional Venturer Scout Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch
Andrew Pittard, Adult Helper, 1st Strathmore

Andrew Scoular, Provisional District Leader - Venturers, Nillumbik District
Amanda Shave, TAAL, Caving Team
Matthew Tine, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Kilmore
Adele Wallbridge, ASF - Rover Fellowship
Jono Warren, ASF - 4 X 4 Team

10 Years

Maria Armstrong, Provisional Rover Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch
Nikki Coffey, Assistant State Commissioner - Cub Scouts, Vic Branch
Peter Coffey, GL, 1st Mansfield
Dion Ellis, Office Bearer, Vic Branch
Brendan Ferguson, ACSL, Dandenong
Ben Hamilton, Provisional District Leader - Scouts, Strzelecki District
Peter Holding, Adult Helper, Rock Climbing Team
Denise Johnson, ASF - Banyule
Sallyanne Kibble, Branch Activity Specialists, Scout Band
Andrew Lanchbery, ACSL, 9th Brunswick
John Ley, ASL, 3rd Beaumaris
Nick Macdonald, District Secretary, Ballarat District
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Tim Schurmann, Provisional Scout Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch
Ralph Stewart, Group Support Committee Member, 1st/2nd Greensborough
Peter Tipping, Assistant Adventurous Activity Leader - Canoeing, Paddling Team
Adam Watt, Adult Helper, 1st Newborough
Max York, PGL, Rosanna

15 Years

Roger Brunt, ASL, 4th Brunswick
Russell Burton, AGL, 1st/14th Brighton
Melissa Cumming, TASL, 1st Eltham
Michael Groves, VL, 2nd/3rd Bayswater

George Hooton, ASF - Casey
Andrew Jetson, Group Support Committee Property Maintenance, 1st Eltham
Ian Johnson, Branch Activity Specialists, Scout Band
David Mayne, AGL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts
David McKinnon, Trainee Assistant State Leader - Gang Show, Gang Show
Linda Moore, RA, Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group
John Ralph, Office Bearer, Victorian Scout Foundation
Murray Taylor, Cub Scout Commissioner - Region, Vic Branch
Michael Van Der Horst, JSL, 1st/8th Blackburn
Nicole Williams, RA, 3rd Noble Park

20 Years

Ken Bryce, ASL, 1st Macedon
Colin Cherry, Group Support Committee Member, 3rd Sunbury
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Jimmy Gaskin, AAL - Canoeing, Paddling Team
Steve Hemphill, AAAL - Caving, Caving Team
Alan Palmer, AAL - PA Camps, Gilwell Park Patrol Activity Camping
Chris Sanders, ASF - Whitehorse
Lachlan Shield, Assistant State Commissioner - Adventurous Activities, Vic Branch
Rasa Statkus, ASF - Lithuanian
Rachel Toal, AJSL, 1st Craigieburn
Steve Tyas, Branch Leader - National Projects, Vic Branch
Tim Woollam, AGL, 2nd Werribee
Eric Yates, Group Support Committee Property Maintenance, 1st Upwey

25 Years

Marian Daish, AGL, 1st Balwyn
Peter Gibson, DC, Goulburn Murray District
Sharyn McGennissen, ASL, 1st Traralgon
Laurel Selwood, DL - Cub Scouts, Glenelg River District
Jeanette Spencer, ASF - City Of Knox
Elenore Turner, Provisional State Leader - Program Support Specialist - Joey Scouts, Vic Branch

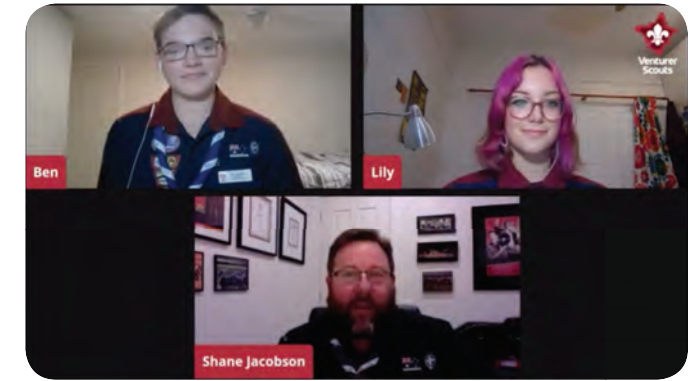
30 Years

Bob Evans, ASF - Nillumbik

Sharing Scouting

Another example of innovative thinking are the livestreams conducted by the Victorian Venturer Council. A July broadcast featured a hard-hitting interview with our Chief Scout Shane Jacobson. Ben and Lily really grilled Shane about the big issues. Shane shared a few of his Scouting stories with them and then he turned the tables and quizzed our intrepid reporters about their Venturer and leadership experiences. It was a fun conversation and Shane's passion for Scouting is genuine and infectious. You can view the video on the [Scouts Victoria Youtube Channel](#).

In the same livestream, the VVC tackled some of the key issues and questions about our program transition and rollout. Because it's one program, all Sections will benefit from watching this segment, not just the Venturer Section. I appreciate that many of us are at different stages of understanding the new program and we want to take you all on the journey together. I encourage you to keep an eye out



for many more upcoming opportunities to hear, learn and to ask great questions. Diana Swift, ACC Program, has recently conducted [webinars](#) on our program that are informative and make the program very easy to understand. Recordings of these webinars and other great resources are available on the Scouts Victoria website. Just follow the ["Our Program"](#) link on the main page.

Scarf Up with Stephen Fontana



Rod, Hamish, Stephen, Steph and State Commissioner - Venturers, Duncan McColl.

I had the enormous pleasure in July of joining Venturers Steph and Hamish to Scarf Up Assistant Police Commissioner Stephen Fontana. Scouts Victoria and Victoria Police have a long and mutually beneficial relationship. On an evening over Zoom, Stephen also spoke to a large group of various Scouts Victoria leadership teams. He spoke about his experiences with leadership and working in teams, and he proudly wore his scarf for us all to see. He was such an engaging speaker and we all appreciated hearing about Stephen's experience and yarns. It was equally valuable for Stephen to learn more about Scouting and meet some of our amazing young people.

Order of Australia

We congratulate the following Victorians who were honoured with the OAM in June for their service to Scouting and their community.

Ray Beebe - former District Commissioner of Strzelecki, and the founder of Strzelecki Showtime in 1969

Trevor King - Group Leader, 3rd Melton

Chris Reardon - former SL and GL Lynden Park, District Leader-Scouts in Boroondara, and for many years service to Reach

Others were honoured around Australia, including Ian Langford-Brown AM, former National chairman and honorary treasurer of Scouts Australia for many years. Ian is also a recipient of World Scouting's Bronze Wolf award for service to Asia-Pacific and World Scouting.



Ray Beebe

Scouts Victoria 2020 Adult Recognition Awards

W.F. Waters Rover Service Award



Jesse Carter, Rover, Lord Casey Rover Crew

Victoria McKinnon, Rover, Cleve Cole Rover Crew

Stephanie McNabb, Rover, Berembong Rover Crew

Nicholas Pike, ASL, 1st Elwood

Special Service Award



Stuart Andrew, Adult Helper, Scout Band

James Baker, AVL, 2nd Glen Waverley

Antony Benson, ACSL, 1st Belmont

Grant Bews, Camp Manager, Eumeralla Scout Camp

Jennifer Bews, Camp Manager, Eumeralla Scout Camp

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Kloe Brand, JSL, Sale Scout Group

Michelle Brown, Adult Helper, Norlane West Scout Group

Allison Burdon, Group Secretary, Radio & Electronics Team

Craig Burn, Group Treasurer, 1st Broadford

Brett Butler, ASL, 4th Knox

Paul Byrnes, SC - Personnel Support, Victorian Branch

Jesse Carter, AVL, 1st Upper Beaconsfield

Tracey Carter, JSL, Lakeside Pakenham Scout Group

Simon Casey, SC - Risk & Safety, Victorian Branch

Alyshia Challenger, Adult Helper, 1st Tullapark

Nathan Challenger, ASL, 1st Tullapark

Clive Chase, ACSL, 7th Ringwood

Megan Clark, SL, Narre Warren Scout Group

Alisha Clarke, District Leader - Development, Hume District

Paul Clifford, GL, 7th Cheltenham

Audrey Colbert, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Caroline Springs

Bradley Costello, ASL, 1st Heatherdale

Megan Coster, CSL, 1st Drouin

Alison Cox, CSL, 1st Belmont

Kathryn Crisp, AJSL, 4th Williamstown Sea Scouts

Vanessa Cutcliffe, ACSL, 1st Greenhills

Brett Davies, CSL, 1st Diamond Creek

Gregory Davies, ASL, 1st Wheelers Hill

Christopher De Vere, ASL, 1st North Balwyn

Simone Dent, AVL, Warragul Scout Group

Paul Dobson, ACSL, 1st Ranelagh

Rebecca Duck, AJSL, Sale Scout Group

Guy Elliott, RA, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

Brendan Ferguson, ACSL, Dandenong Scout Group

Jason Field, ASL, 1st Rutherglen

Vanessa Fleming-Baillie, GL, Dingley Scout Group

Nicholas Friedrich, AVL, 1st Seymour

Marita Fry, CSL, Sale Scout Group

Peter Funnell, ASL, 5th Sandringham

David Giacomantonio, GL, 1st Iramoo

Bryce Gibson, Fellowship, ASF-Boroondara

Astrid Goble, Venturer Leader, 1st Mount Waverley

Warren Greig, ACSL, Aspendale

Iman Habboucheh, AGL, 9th Brunswick

Kerrie Hall, JSL, 1st Broadford

Shane Hall, ASL, 5th Ballarat

Nicole Hamilton, ASF - WF Waters Lodge Mt Baw Baw

Leanne Handoll, Group Registrar, Warrandyte Scout Group

Scott Hart, CSL, 3rd Wodonga

Desmond Hedditch, Venturer Leader, 3rd Wodonga

Jonathon Hemphill, Venturer Leader, 1st Bennettswood

James Henderson, Group Chairman, 2nd Strathmore

Phoebe Hicks, ACSL, 1st Trafalgar

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Lee Jeske, Group Support Committee Quartermaster, 1st Caroline Springs

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Jacqueline Johnston, CSL, 1st Queenscliff

Dimitrios Karagiannis, AGL, 9th Oakleigh

Jacqueline Kay, AJSL, 1st Eaglehawk

Melanie Keks, AVL, 1st City Of Camberwell

Natalie Kenward, JSL, 1st Cranbourne

Delia Kerr, Group Support Committee Fundraising, 1st Cobden

Eliza Lancaster, AJSL, 4th Knox

Timothy Lee, SL, 1st Eaglemont

Cassandra Lia, ACSL, 1st Maroondah

Philip Makarios, GL, St George

1st Lake Boga

1st Lake Boga have been making the most of their Zoom meetings!



Bendigo and Northern Rivers held their Zone Council.



Catalina Venturer Unit had a muffin cooking night.



Catalina Venturer Unit holding a meeting over Zoom.



1st Eastern Park returned to outdoor Scouting with a bike hike on the Bellarine Rail Trail.

Australian Scout August 2020



Scouting Milestones for 2nd Woodend Scout Group

Three of 2nd Woodend's Venturers; Kate, Jess and Adam successfully completed their Queen Scout Award this month. Jess and Kate are the Group's first young women to receive this prestigious award. They did many things to achieve the award including a humanitarian trip to East Timor where they helped build student housing in a remote community. They also completed the Overland Track, grade five Gippsland Trail and the Great Ocean Walk.

They have been supported by 2nd Woodend's dedicated and much loved Venturer Leader Dale Sutton. Dale's commitment has seen eleven Venturers receive this honour since 2nd Woodend's inception eight years ago. We are so proud to see Kate, Adam and Jess complete this long journey. Congratulations from everyone at 2nd Woodend and thank you for what you have contributed to our community.

Tim Duff is Group Parent Committee Chair at 2nd Woodend.



1st Mount Clear

Scouts from 1st Mount Clear Scout Group recently did an overnight hike. The four Patrols started their hike at Navigators, hiking 8km to Pax Hill, they undertook four initiative activities along the way before finishing up at Pax Hill Scout Camp. On Sunday they hiked for 7kms through Ballarat to Redan along the Yarrowee River.

It was quite a challenging hike with the a top temperature of nine degrees over the weekend. The Scouts catered for themselves and carried all of their gear. But they still had a great time meeting, working and camping together. They were pretty excited that they got to sleep in individual tents too!

LOCAL LOOK

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1st Creswick

I recently organised an Adventurer level Patrol activity for my Scout Troop at 1st Creswick. We couldn't have a normal activity due to COVID-19 and social distancing, so I decided to host an online Minecraft activity.

We began in the morning, having breakfast together on Zoom. Then we transitioned to playing Minecraft in the survival mode, where we had to gather all of our resources ourselves. We played that for about four hours before stopping to eat lunch together on Zoom. We did some badge work, to help the newer Scouts in my Patrol make their way through their Pioneer Campcraft and Citizenship.

Afterwards then started playing Minecraft in its creative mode, where you have all the blocks available for your use. During this time we decided to create a Scout camp. We all had a great time. This just shows that we don't have to let social distancing stop us from our regular Scouting activities.

Oscar a Scout at 1st Creswick.



4th Williamstown

4th Williamstown Sea Scout Group recently received two much needed community grants.

The first went towards replacing a badly water damaged ceiling. The second allowed the Group to repair and polish their floors and add a painting of a giant ship's wheel and compass.

Our Group couldn't be more thankful to our motivated Committee Secretary, Sue Laws who applied on our behalf for the grants through the Commonwealth's Stronger Communities Program and to Tim Watts MP for nominating us.

It takes energy, planning and vision to maintain and renovate our near 100 year old hall, boat shed and jetty.

We can't wait for the youth to be able to attend meetings aboard the SSS Gurrong - 4th Williamstown Sea Scout Landship and we are very proud of our recent achievements.

Michelle Gowing is the Assistant Group Leader at 4th Williamstown Sea Scouts.



Wonga Park

Ruby from Wonga Park Scout Group recently received her Grey Wolf Award.

With restrictions and Scouting online, Ruby had to think outside the box to complete the award. For one of the tasks she created a first aid video outlining first aid requirements, then at the next virtual meeting night she was able to demonstrate the skill and teach everyone online. Ruby also participated this year in the World's Greatest Shave and raised over \$2,500 for the Leukaemia Foundation to have her head shaved.



1st Bentleigh Joey Mob briefly had a chance to meet in person for the first time. They played Pokémon Go and had a camp fire!



- Daniel Mar**, AJSL, 3rd Doncaster East
- Nicole Marinaro**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Werribee
- Stacey Maughan**, ACSL, 1st Sth Frankston
- Emily McDonald**, Adult Helper, Dromana Sea Scouts
- Jonathon McDonald**, District Leader - Cub Scouts, South Western District
- Melissa McGrath**, Group Secretary, Narre Warren South Scout Group
- Charlotte McGregor**, SL, 3rd Ringwood East
- Joanna McIntyre**, Cub Scout Commissioner - Region, Victorian Branch
- Julia Mencaraglia**, Adult Helper, Aspendale
- Jason Mephram**, ASL, 1st Ranelagh
- Anthony Millicer**, ASL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts
- Fiona Mills**, Group Rostered Parent, Sale Scout Group
- Andrew Millsom**, TRA, Victorian Branch Rover Council
- Rebecca Moulden**, CSL, 1st Maroondah
- Stephen Murphy**, AGL, 1st Gisborne
- Peter Murray**, ASL, 1st Lower Plenty
- Maria Nettleton**, Group Chairman, 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts
- Matthew Nielsen**, ACSL, 1st Point Cook
- Heather Nugent**, ASL, Waverley Valley
- Mary-Ellen O'Sullivan**, AJSL, 1st Epping
- Jeffrey Pace**, ASF - Gilweroo
- Christopher Padgham**, GL, Warrandyte Scout Group
- Samantha Parfuss**, Venturer Scout Commissioner - Region, Melbourne Region
- Lorraine Park**, AJSL, 1st Werribee
- Gregory Parsons**, ACSL, 1st Ranelagh
- Shaun Pearsell**, ACSL, 1st Barwon Heads
- Joanne Pedler**, Group Chairman, 1st Echuca
- Jenny Percivall**, JSL, 1st Newborough
- Snezana Pezzin**, ACSL, 1st Lower Plenty
- John Pleasants**, ACSL, 1st Craigieburn
- Lachlan Porteous**, ACSL, 3rd Ringwood East
- Nicole Pouw**, AVL, 1st Inverloch
- Timothy Purdy**, GL, 1st Epping

- Darren Rabinov**, Adult Helper, 15th Brighton
- Jarrod Ragg**, SL, 1st Vermont
- Sarah Ramage**, CSL, Pakenham
- Stuart Redman**, ASL, 13th Malvern
- Christopher Reeves**, ASL, Warragul
- Helen Riddell**, ACSL, 7th Ringwood
- James Robertson**, Adult Helper, Cycling Team
- Karen Rogers**, Group Chairman, 2nd Glen Waverley
- Jessica Rosewarne**, ASL, 1st Ranelagh
- Lachlan Ross**, Rover, 1st Caroline Springs Rover Crew
- Debbie Rowbottom**, ACSL, 3rd Wodonga
- Kate Rowe**, Adult Helper, Moodemere
- Brett Ryan**, RA, 1st Narre Warren North
- Edwin Ryan**, Trainee District Leader - Development, Banyule District
- Owen Ryan**, ASF - Scout Heritage Victoria
- Jason Shelley**, ACSL, 1st Craigieburn
- Brett Sleigh**, ACSL, 7th Ringwood
- Donna Smith**, ASL, Baden Powell Park
- Samuel Smith**, Trainee AVL, 9th Brunswick
- Suzanne Smith**, Group Secretary, 1st Lower Plenty
- Melissa Sterry**, Group Treasurer, 1st Lower Plenty
- Hannah Stockfeld**, Trainee ASL, 4th Knox
- Alexander Thomas**, Group Rostered Parent, 2nd Footscray
- Darren Trevaskis**, ACSL, 13th Malvern
- John Uren**, ACSL, 3rd Ringwood East
- Peter Van Mourik**, SL, 13th Malvern
- Thomas Vaughan**, ASL, 19th Camberwell
- Allison Walker**, AJSL, 1st/2nd Ocean Grove
- Sharon Wallis**, ASL, 3rd Sunbury
- James Warren**, AJSL, 1st Oak Park
- Peter Watkins**, RA, 3rd Sunbury
- Alexandra Watson**, SL, 1st Rowville
- Ryan Watts**, AVL, 1st Riddells Creek
- Hugh Wetherill**, Rover, Baden Powell Park - Bruce Davies Rover Crew
- Warren Whibley**, ACSL, 1st Glen Iris
- Glen White**, ASL, 1st Lower Plenty
- Peter Wick**, ASL, 2nd Blackburn

- Michelle Williams**, GL, Williams Scout Group
- Alan Williamson**, Group Chairman, Hazel Glen
- Nigel Woodman**, ASL, 1st North Balwyn
- Vicki Wrangles**, Group Secretary, 1st Tyabb
- Gordon Young**, Trainee State Commissioner, Victorian Branch
- Melissa Yuan**, AJSL, 5th Brunswick
- William Zanon**, Rover, 1st Lower Plenty - Kooranunda Rover Crew
- Kelly Zarb**, Group Rostered Parent, 1st Tullapark
- Matthew Zimmerle**, ACSL, 1st Narre Warren North
- Gina Zumbo**, Honorary Commissioner, Victorian Branch

Meritorious Service Award



- Cameron Adamson**, AVL, 3rd Sunbury
- Marlo Aisbett**, District Leader - Joey Scouts, Hume District
- Anthony Alsop**, Camp Committee Member, Eumeralla Scout Camp
- Annie Asquith**, SL, Carlton Scout Group
- Greg Barkla**, Group Treasurer, 1st Castlemaine
- Andrew Boak**, AGL, 1st Lower Plenty
- Bernard Brown**, Venturer Leader, 1st Keilor Village
- Robert Chrisfield**, AVL, 1st City Of Camberwell
- Michael Collins**, SL, 1st Point Cook
- Lindsay Cook**, ASL, 1st Lower Plenty
- Andrew Cox**, ASF - State Quartermaster
- Zachariah Crombie**, ACSL, 1st South Frankston
- Jenna Denley**, AVL, 1st Mooroopna
- Phillip Dodson**, SL, Mont Albert North
- Peter English**, ASL, 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts

Sheryl Ford, Group Support Committee - Fundraising, 1st Maryborough

Mark Fox, GL, 8th Knox

Katrina Fraser, JSL, 4th Horsham

Kathryn Guy, ASL, 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts

Ross Henderson, AVL, 4th Williamstown Sea Scouts

Barbara Howarth, RA, 4th Mordialloc

Louise Isted, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Werribee Plains District

Julian Kan, AGL, 1st Mount Waverley

Roy Kaplan, District Commissioner, Glen Eira Stonnington District

Helen Karafillis, ACSL, 6th Box Hill

Michael Kearney, SL, 3rd Melton

Rolf Kums, ASL, 2nd Wantirna

Andrew Lanchbery, ACSL, 9th Brunswick

Mandy Ludford-Menting, ACSL, 1st Lower Templestowe

Caroline Mann, Camp Committee Member, Alpine Scout Centre - Baw Baw Ski Club

Gordon Mannings, ASL, 1st Belmont

Christopher Mar, CSL, 1st Mount Waverley

Dorothy May, Group Support Committee Property Maintenance, South Metro Showtime

Duncan Merrillees, ASL, 7th Ringwood

Hanna Millicer, ASL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

Linda Moore, RA, Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group

Maryanne Neill, Group Support Committee Fundraising, Sale Scout Group

Sharon Noyle, Cub Scout Commissioner - Region, Victorian Branch

Murray Paternoster, AVL, 1st Lower Plenty

James Pearson, SL, 1st Lower Templestowe

Anita Prossor, Group Rostered Parent, South Metro Showtime

Tracy Radley, ACSL, Narre Warren South

Simon Rickard, ACSL, 2nd Strathmore

Gillian Rose, Office Bearer, GWS Anderson Scout Park

Stuart Scanlin, AVL, 3rd Sunbury

Alberto Scelsi, ACSL, 1st Lower Templestowe

Karen Searle, ACSL, 2nd Mildura

Mark Sells, Venturer Leader, 2nd Eltham Sea Scouts

Leanne Sheehan, Staff, Victorian Branch

John Simpson, SL, 2nd Leongatha

Ka Fay Siu, AJSL, 1st Heatherdale

Malia Stephenson, AJSL, 1st Paynesville Sea Scouts

Mathew Stephenson, CSL, Bairnsdale Scout Group

Sandra Stone, ASF - Kariwara

David Sumbler, State Leader - BARCOM, Victorian Branch

Yucheng Tang, Staff, Victorian Branch

Adam Tanti, CSL, Heathmont Scout Group

Connie Tuddenham, GL, 1st Coburg

Kylie Uhe, AGL, Sale Scout Group

Fono Vaihu, ASL, 2nd/7th West Waverley

Michael Walker, District Leader - Venturers, Sherbrooke Forest District

Richard Walsh, ACSL, 1st Rowville

Martin Ward, CSL, 1st Hurstbridge

Catherine White, GL, 5th Footscray

Martin Williams, AVL, 2nd/6th Hawthorn

Philip Wood, AVL, Lynden Park Scout Group

Nicole Wright, SL, 1st Baranduda

Mark Zammit, ASL, 1st Caroline Springs

Outstanding Service Award



Neil Cotter, ASF - Geelong Peninsula

Denise Evans, ASF - Monash

Tricia Garner, Group Support Committee Member, 1st Woodend

Richard Petrie, Adult Helper, 1st Edithvale

Mark Rosenberg, ASF - South Metro Showtime

Rachel Ross, District Secretary, Geelong Peninsula District

Silver Wattle



Jason Aisbett, GL, 3rd Sunbury

Kimberley Brooks, JSL, 1st Carrum Downs

Wendy Byrnes, District Commissioner, Nillumbik District

Michelle Dale, ACSL, 3rd Sunbury

Rachel Edwards, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Mt Baw Baw District

Erica Halliwell, District Leader - Scouts, Monash District

Stacey Herring, GL, Narre Warren South

Dale Horsley, GL, 1st Lower Plenty

Dylan Hunt, AGL, 1st North Balwyn

Lisa Ireland, JSL, Baden Powell Park

Wayne Kerr, SL, 1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts

Craig Latrobe, SL, 1st Wendouree

Stephen Leversha, District Commissioner, Emu District

Christopher Logan, AJSL, 1st City Of Camberwell

Mathew McKernan, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Personnel, Victorian Branch

Paul McLennan, State Leader - Air Activities, Air Activities Team

Kenneth McMahan, SL, 1st Maryborough

Antony Nathan, AVL, 1st/14th Brighton

Judith Niven, State Commissioner - Joey Scouts, Victorian Branch

Francis O'Connor, ASL, 4th Ringwood

Peter Owens, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Banyule District

Michael Packer, GL, 2nd Werribee

Andrew Pollard, ASL, 3rd Wodonga

Timothy Schurmann, Scout Commissioner - Region, Victorian Branch

Gregory Shields, Venturer Leader, 1st Craigieburn

Michael Shipley, SL, 1st Queenscliff

Cubs

Knowledge equals Confidence



By Michael Wong

If you've ever attended conferences or presentations you'll understand when I say you can determine literally within seconds whether or not the speaker knows their "stuff". Whether or not they are a subject matter expert.

You quickly pick up queues about how knowledgeable the speaker is of their topic by the fluency of their speech, the passion in their voice, their body language. Their ability to engage the audience by making their presentation informative and engaging, the way they use different means of delivery to maintain the audience's interest and ultimately persuade the audience to their way of thinking or argument.

Whilst our program is based on our youth members leading their own activities and adventures, as Leaders of youth we need to be like those presenters up on stage. If we're to guide engaging programs that are fun, adventurous, challenging and inclusive we need to know our "stuff".

We need to understand how our program works, understand the core elements that make Scouting such a valuable activity for our youth members, how to present Scouting so that it is engaging. Like the presenters on stage, we need to guide Scouting so that our youth members want to participate in their program. Scouting will only continue to grow if the youth want to participate.

So what does it mean to know our "stuff"? It means that as we head ever closer to the final implementation of the program we need to be individually and collectively as a Unit leadership team knowledgeable on all aspects of our program launched to date, and have a burning desire to understand the elements that will shortly be introduced.

This means, as Leaders we need to be subject matter experts in all facets of the program. Not for ourselves but for the youth members in our Unit. Remember, every matter we consider, every decision we make, every action we undertake, must be in the best interest of our youth members.

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To see if you're where you want to be or need to be as that subject matter expert, take a few minutes to write down as many phrases or elements of the program as you recall in the box below. I've included a couple just to start you off. This isn't a test. This is about finding areas where you can expand your knowledge and understanding of the program. Recognising that as a Leader I need to be a program subject matter expert for the benefit of my youth members.

To the right are a few suggested responses which is by no means conclusive. Check your responses against those suggested and commit to refreshing your knowledge or learning something new.

For more information on the new program, visit ["Our Program"](#) on the Scouts Victoria website.

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

Challenge Areas, Community Challenge, Outdoor Challenge Area, Creative Challenge Area, Personal Growth Challenge Area, Challenge Area brainstorm, Scouting Fundamentals, Principles of Scouting, Duty to God, Duty to Others, Duty to Self, Purpose of Scouting, World Organisation of the Scout Movement, eight elements of the Scout Method, Community Involvement, Personal Progression, Symbolic Framework, Learning by Doing, Australian Scout Promise and Law, Patrol System, Youth Leading, Adults Supporting, Educational purpose of Scouting, SPICES, Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional, Spiritual, Unit Council, Unit program, Program Cycle, balance of all four Challenge Areas, Plan>Do>Review>, participate, assist and lead, Our Program website, youth participating indicates a successful program, Milestones, Achievement Pathways, Program Essentials, Introduction to Scouting, Introduction to Section, Project Patrols, Create the Path, Outdoor Adventure Skills, Special Interest Areas, peak award, Adventurous Journey, Personal Reflection, District Training Meeting, language of the program, transition, personal progression, one developmental program.

Challenge Areas

The Scout Method

Symbolic Framework

Personal Growth Challenge Area

Australian Scout Promise and Law

Facing Challenges With Courage: Scouting From Home

By **Tori Lawson**

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold of the world, Scouts has remained alive through the ability to adapt and change, with a lot of Groups switching to online meetings. Of course, this didn't happen magically, we have a lot of thanks to give to our Leaders and fellow members for taking the initiative, planning, and participating in activities.

Here's how 1st Eltham Venturers adapted to Scouting from Home by Looking Wide:

We were able to adapt almost immediately to the online Scouting with a delay of about two weeks. We kicked off the activities with Harmony Day, where the Unit cooked meals from different cultures and presented research about the dish to the Unit. We were looking at a more efficient way of breaking the flag (I'm pretty sure our Leader, Darren, was holding the flag whilst our Unit Chair, Isobel, conducted parade).

Our Unit has done their best to maintain communication online and keep our program running, adapting as needed to fit within a two hour time frame and continue being fun for everyone. So far we've had a Bob Ross night, a Unit Council and Star Wars night, among others. Between access to Microsoft Teams and Zoom to the Unit, creating a Discord Server, using WhatsApp and Facebook, we've widened the possibilities of having more occasional online nights in the future, even after halls open. It's been amazing seeing our Unit participate in online courses for badgework, JOTI/ JOTA and online Hoadley Hide and seeing the amazing things Venturers do when they "look wide" and take advantage of the situations they're put in. Thanks heaps to Darren, Carmen, and Llewellyn, and our Unit Council for being amazing, supportive Leaders and helping keep Venturers running smoothly.

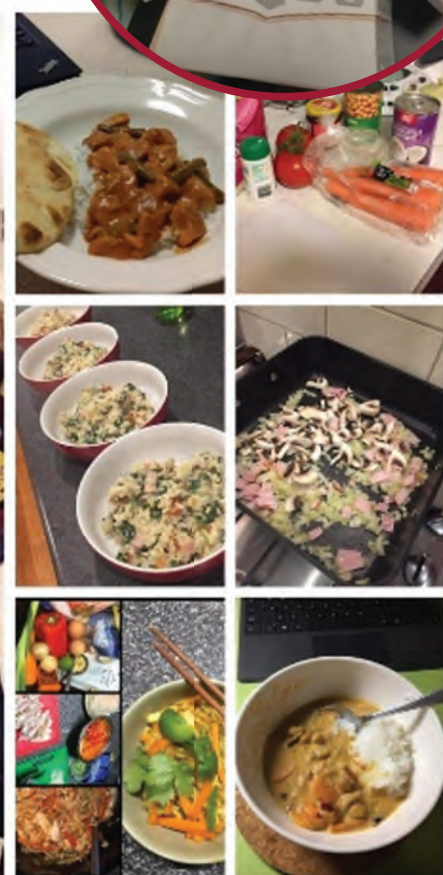
1st Doncaster East Cubs - Doing their Best:

Thanks to ideas from other Leaders and thinking outside the box themselves, our Cub Leaders, Christine and Wendy, have been organising fantastic, crafty, and interactive activities to keep the Cubs entertained and enjoying Scouting, even from home.

Whilst it's been difficult at times and sometimes a bit noisy, I'm proud of the way the other Leaders have strived to encourage the Cubs, setting activities, meeting online, and engaging brilliantly to make sure everyone has fun and doesn't lose sight of what Scouting is all about. Cubs have been doing badgework from home too and sending it in to Akela and Makela, we've even had a few Grey Wolf Awards being completed, a fantastic accomplishment for the Cubs and an achievement we're all proud of!

Nights have included a drumming lesson, making mug cakes, and commemorating Anzac Day through making paper wreaths and taking part in the Dawn Service in the Driveway. A huge thanks to the Cubs for doing their best despite the circumstances and a massive thank you to Akela, Makela, Baloo, Jeebi, Oo, Hathi, Coco, Rikki Tikki Tavi, Ikki, and Hawkeye for being truly amazing Leaders during online Scouting and for persevering.

Tori Lawson, 1st Eltham Venturers, 1st Doncaster East Group



Dragi Stojcevski, GL, 10th Footscray
Dale Sutton, Venturer Leader, 2nd Woodend
Wendy Taylor, District Leader - Scouts, Mt Baw Baw District
Fiona Thomas, AVL, 5th/6th Moorabbin Central
Catherine Tritt, ASL, 1st McKinnon
Rodney Veugelers, ACSL, 5th Sandringham
Dale Weber, District Leader - Scouts, Upper Murray District
Matthew Wightwick, SL, 2nd Footscray

Distinguished Service Award



Lesley Balfe-Shipley, ASF - Geelong Peninsula
Norma Stephenson, Group Secretary, Wurringga
Michael Taylor, Branch Activity Specialists, Scout Band

Silver Koala



Anthony Bracken, District Leader - Adult Training Support, Kariwara District
Kerrie Coghlan, CSL, 2nd Wantirna
Michelle Davis, SL, 1st West Waverley
Iain Donaldson, RA, 2nd Footscray
Calum Dyer, Venturer Leader, 1st Maroondah
Joseph Grosz, District Leader - Scouts, Werribee Plains District
Jayne Guilmartin, ASF - Macedon Ranges

Karen Hall, District Leader - Adult Training Support, Djerriwarrh District
Natarsha Jacobs, District Leader - Joey Scouts, Nillumbik District
Jeffrey Kemp, Scout Commissioner - Region, Victorian Branch
Desley McKnight, GL, 1st Torquay
Wendy Phelan, District Leader - Scouts, Wellington District
Charles Robertson, ACSL, 1st Chelsea Heights
Lachlan Shield, Assistant State Commissioner - Adventurous Activities, Victorian Branch
Lauris Stirling, ACSL, 4th Ringwood
Diana Swift, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Program, Victorian Branch

Henricus Timmermans, ACSL, 1st Cobden
Lita Tirkkonen, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Kariwara District
Alexandra Urcola, SL, 3rd Chelsea Air Scouts
Noel Whitchurch, SL, Delta Scout Group
Mark Withers, GL, 1st Inverloch
Timothy Woollam, AGL, 2nd Werribee
Leanne Young, GL, 3rd Croydon

Silver Emu



Barbara Allford, District Leader - Cub Scouts, Monash District
Johann Anderson, District Commissioner, Boroondara District
Christina Bennett, GL, 1st Tyabb
Janice Black, AGL, 1st City Of Camberwell
Neil Clow, Venturer Leader, 1st Tullapark
Paul Crane, GL, 1st West Waverley
Margaret Eckfeld, AGL, 1st/8th Blackburn
Peter Wotherspoon, State Commissioner - Rover Support, Victorian Branch

National President's Award



Alfred Gibson, District Property Officer, Monash District
Bryce Hutton, Camp Committee Chairman, Eumeralla Scout Camp
Cornelis Klep, ASF - Whitehorse District

Silver Kangaroo



Ross Hall, GL, Delta Scout Group
Susan Henley, GL, 1st Bennettswood
Bronwyn Mepstead, District Leader - Joey Scouts, Cardinia District
David Rashleigh, SL, 1st Glen Iris
Ian Talbett, GL, 1st Mont Albert
Douglas Waldron, District Leader - Venturers, Monash District

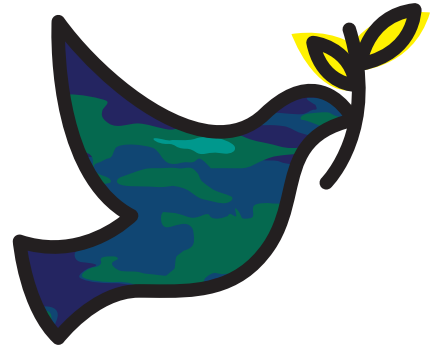
The Scouting Effect

Scouts Australia partnered with Resilient Youth Australia to conduct the Scouts Australia Resilience Survey to investigate the impact of Scouting on the resilience of its youth members.

A sample of current youth members aged 8-18 years old across all States and Territories took part in the survey. Their results were benchmarked against the Australian norm dataset of 48,671 young people aged 8-18 years.

Through this survey, we have found that Scouts have an overall better life satisfaction than their non-Scouting peers, and that the longer they stay in Scouts, the more resilient they are likely to become.

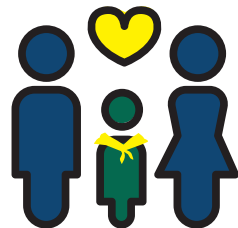
You can read more about the results [here](#).



Scouts are 9.4% more likely than non-Scouts to hold more hope for a positive future.



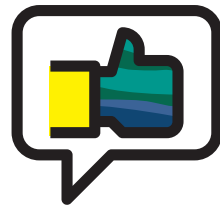
Scouts are 6.3% more likely than non-Scouts to forgive others who are mean to them.



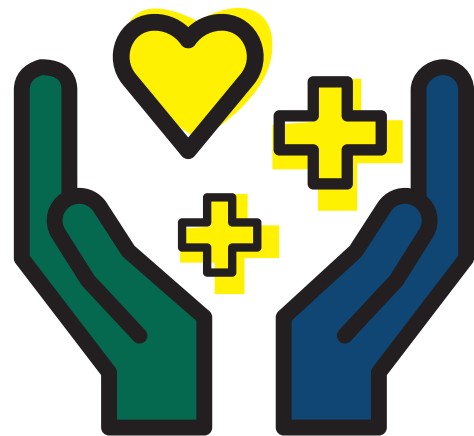
Scouts are 6.8% more likely than non-Scouts to report they have adults who set good examples for them.



Scouts are 13% more likely than non-Scouts to trust others.



Scouts report have an overall better life satisfaction than their peers by 5.2%.



Scouts are 15.4% more likely than non-Scouts to feel they make a positive contribution to their community.



Scouts report to have better social skills than non-Scouts by 5.6%.

Ballan Cubs inspire locals and help charity

A group of six Ballan Cub Scouts have earned an internationally recognised award for raising awareness and funds for the KIDS Foundation.

The Messengers of Peace is the only Scouting award with the same syllabus in every country and is open to all age levels including Leaders.

"It's an awesome effort," 'Akela' Tony Bellette said.

"And the thing that makes it even more awesome is that it was driven by the Cubs themselves."

"These were their own ideas and own concepts."

The Pack also came up with ideas for a video to mark the achievement - edited by Leader 'Shada' Shantelle Cowan.

Georgia, Sam, Lachlan, Meg, Kaitlyn and Kyriae are all aged between eight and 11 - and got to work in late 2019 writing to Moorabool businesses and service clubs, asking for donations.

The children's letters also explained the work of the Ballarat-based Foundation which helps children affected by accidental injuries and runs education programs.

Ballan CWA gave the Cubs \$500 and the local Lionesses donated \$1000.



The \$2170 the Cubs have gathered will now go towards KIDS Foundation T.A.N.G.O. camps (Together Achieving New Goals and Opportunities) - aimed at children affected by burns and other accidental injuries.

The group originally wanted to raise \$5000 by donating their own toys and selling them at the Ballan Autumn Festival.

The stall will still go ahead at the rebadged 'Spring' Festival on Sunday October 18.

"We're hoping the six Cubs can motivate our other Cubs to do the same thing towards the end of the year," Tony said.

"This is a fairly new award for Scouting but for one of our Cubs - Georgia - it's her second Messenger of Peace.

"She earned it as an individual while she was in Joey Cubs, by organizing food collections for the Ballarat Soup Bus.



Kyriae from 1st Ballan receiving her Messengers of Peace badge.

"Now she's done it again, but within a Pack."

The six Cubs were given their awards during a Google Meet session on Monday May 18 which included representatives from local businesses and service clubs.

The badges, woggles and scarves were delivered to parents ahead of time, who were asked to hide them until the presentation.

The Cubs made a video about earning their Messenger of Peace badge, you can watch it [here](#).

This article was originally featured on [Moorabool Online](#)



The Cubs wrote to local businesses asking for donations.

What started as a joke turned into a reality!

By Jaz Butler

Jaz Butler from 4th Knox Scout Group approached her Leaders saying she wanted to do her Australian Scout Medallion. Having completed her Explorer level journey a couple of months prior they asked her had she thought about her Adventure level journey.

Jaz said "yes!"

The Leaders asked "Where would you like to go?"

Jaz replied "Sydney" with a cheeky smile.

The Leaders looked at each other and said "OK, let find out if you can"

Jaz then said "Seriously?" with a shocked look on her face

Jaz approached the Group Leader and asked, to which the Group Leader replied "Why not?"

She then approached the District Leader who said "Why not?"

She then spoke to the Regional Commissioner who said (yep you guessed it) "Why not?"

Then came the planning...

The Leaders told Jaz that organising a interstate trip is not easy and takes a lot of planning.

A lot more than a standard Adventure level journey.

Jaz got stuck into organising her itinerary. All the things she wanted to do and see in Sydney.

- Walk Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Go to the Sydney Opera House
- Go to the Sydney Tower Eye
- But most of all... Go to Bondi Beach

It took Jaz over 10 months to plan her hike to Sydney and get all the approvals.

Not only did she have to do the normal planning for a hike, she had to take in consideration, budgeting, time tables, organising train tickets, accommodation in Sydney, tickets for the Sydney tower eye, interstate travel requests and the list goes on.

I can tell you that her itinerary was extensive!

She chose the Melbourne Labour Day weekend for her hike date.

The Patrol took the local train from Ferntree Gully to Southern Cross station where they then had to board a bus (due to track damage) to Albury.

They then boarded the XPT train at Albury then on to Central Station Sydney.

Once in Sydney they then made their way into the CBD and visited the Harbour Bridge

and Opera House, then they hiked to their sleep point.

The next day they hiked from Circular Quay to Bondi Beach then to Rose Bay.

They saw along the way the Royal Botanical gardens, Il Porcellino 'the little pig', Archibald Fountain, St May's Cathedral, the travelator (the longest moving walkway in the southern hemisphere 207 meter long) and so much more before arriving at Bondi Beach. They went for a swim before making their way to Rose Bay and caught a ferry to their sleep point.

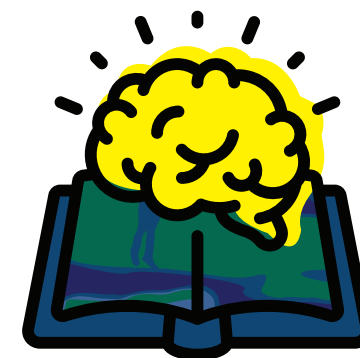
The following day the Patrol made their way into the CBD and visited the Sydney Tower Eye and did some site seeing around Sydney. In the afternoon they took some time to visit Cockatoo Island, then it was time to get back to Central Station for the long trip back to Melbourne on the overnight train.

Over the three days, the Patrol hiked an estimated 50km in and around Sydney. When asked for one word to describe their adventure "AMAZING".

Patrol members: Jaz, Quinn, Daniel, Carlyn, Ella and Finn (Hammy).

Leaders: Brett "Cozy" Butler and Anthony "Cookie" Spruit.

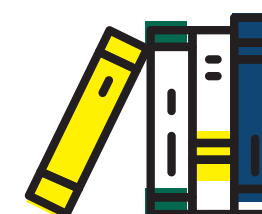
Jaz Butler is a Scout at 4th Knox.



Scouts are 8.1% more likely to know they can solve a problem, rather than quit.



Scouts are 6.2% more likely to enjoy school.



Scouts are 14.1% more likely than non-Scouts to read for fun.



Scouts are 6.5% more likely than non-Scouts to feel they can talk about things that are upsetting them.



Scouts report to have a healthier mental state than non-Scouts by 13%.



Scouts are 8.1% more likely than non-Scouts to give time to help others.



Scouts are 12.1% more likely to be selected to help with tasks at school.



Scouts are 5.2% more likely than non-Scouts to get along with people who are different to them.



Scouts report they have a healthy body 11.6% more than non-Scouts.



Scouts are 11.8% more likely to feel good about themselves.

BioSafety

The Virus Busters of Scouting

By Brett Cole

Very few things bring the world of Scouting and microbiology together except a meal gone wrong at a Backwoods cooking camp or an unfortunate gastro outbreak at a major event. However, there is nothing like a Pandemic to galvanise these two worlds together. Through the community need to disinfect the built environment, BioSafety has been providing this service to the Controlled Environment Community since being founded in 2012 with clients including CSIRO, The Peter Doherty Centre, Federal Department of Agriculture, various universities, healthcare and pharmaceutical/food production. During the COVID-19 Crisis it finds itself at the forefront of public awareness.

It is not uncommon for businesses to develop a culture based on similar or a collective set of values and beliefs and Scouting is no different to this paradigm. Many companies employ Scouters (both present and ex-Scouters) based on a set of values that were learnt from the people's time in Scouting, often developed from a young age. These values that underpin the Scouting method in front-line Scouting are transferable to the world of business. BioSafety is one of these companies that has its history and culture firmly based on and built around the Scouting method and values. However, it is in the day-to-day machinations of the business where Scouting skills come into their own, where the rubber meets the road.

BioSafety and its Scouting employees take great pride in the work with the community to provide the highest level of knowledge and safety. Our Scouting employees currently range from Venturers and Rovers to Leaders with over 75% of the company employees participating in the Scouting movement. With most of our staff Scouters participating in the Scouting community since the Joey and Cub Scouts level. It is this Scouting DNA that attract companies like BioSafety to employ Scouters. Some of these values, beliefs and skills are highlighted here.

Code-of-Living

The greatest of all Scouting Fundamentals is the Scout Law and Promise. The Law and Promise underpins everything that we do in Scouting and life, the esprit de corps of Scouting if you will. In biological decontamination, this commitment to the Scout Law and Promise is critical to providing scientifically proven methods, consulting and outcomes that can be validated. If we do not do our job properly, people can get hurt, become sick or even die consequently. Not to mention breaches to the biosecurity of the country and the general population. We rely heavily on a culture of mutual respect, consideration, trust, loyalty and courage, all key components of the Scout Law and Promise. A commitment to these fundamentals is critical to BioSafety's ability to create safe and healthy work environments through science (Our Vision Statement).

BioSafety's Value System is built on a similar code of living, that is, intelligence, innovation, intention and integrity. All four values are based on the Scout Law and Promise. Additionally, our commitment to the environment, using resources wisely and being friendly and considerate which go without saying in the workplace.

When hiring a new staff member, the three C's are integral to success, that is, Competence, Capacity, Commitment and Culture. When hiring a Scouter, these three C's are largely in place and when the foundations of your business are based on a shared code-of-living like Scouting, success is only a matter of time. Therefore, many organisations prefer Scouters as team members as the training and culture is inculcated in their DNA. The armed forces, emergency services and first responders come to mind. BioSafety is no different in providing essential services to the community and critical government infrastructure.

Patrol System/Teamwork

The Patrol System is one of the key structures in Scouting as it promotes and supports great teamwork. The basis



Scouts Zoom across the World!



7th Cheltenham Scout Group recently held a very exciting virtual meeting night. The idea for the meeting started many months and even years ago. The Group Leader Paul Clifford was once a Scout at 1st Ealing North Scout Group in England, his Scout Leader was Malcolm Turner. On a trip back to England, Paul visited with his old Group and Leader, Malcolm.

At the end of last year, Francis Curran, the Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Ealing North was looking to complete his Queen's Scout Award. Malcolm and Francis thought a great way to do it would be through pairing with an international Group, in came Paul and 7th Cheltenham. Francis got in contact with the Group and they thought it was a great idea! 1st Ealing North started out by sending letters to 7th Cheltenham, along with a scarf, some badge and some classic British snacks! 7th Cheltenham were very excited to receive their package.

When the lockdowns began due to COVID-19 and Scouting moved online, Paul suggested this was a great opportunity for the Groups to get together on a Zoom call.



Liam, a Scout at 7th Cheltenham, wrote about the experience.

On Saturday June 13, 7th Cheltenham Scout Group held a Zoom meeting with 1st Ealing North Scout Group in England. 1st Ealing North had sent us a care package earlier this year, which included lollies and biscuits (yum), and letters from each of their Scouts.

The Zoom meeting was a great chance to meet up in person. We started the night with raising the flag then introduced all the Leaders, including our very special guests, Lord Michael Baden-Powell and Russell and Joan Bradd.

After our introductions we did a quick food scavenger hunt, it was interesting to see that English Scouts and Australian Scouts seem to like tomato sauce a lot, and we have similar types of cereal too!

1st Ealing North Scouts shared a presentation about their Group, with lots of pictures of their Troop.

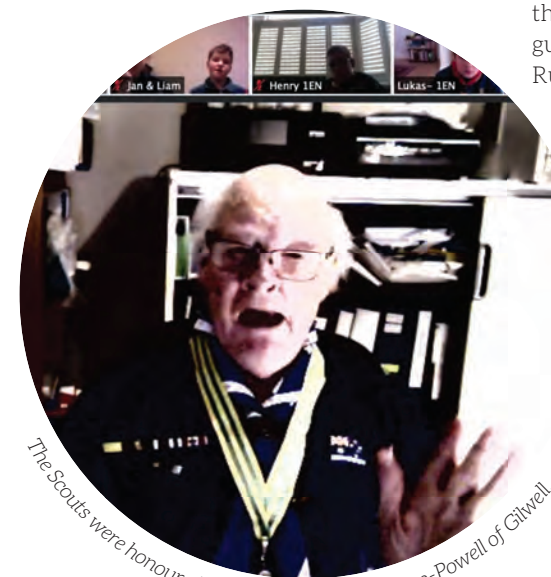
It was interesting seeing their monkey bridge construction, and hearing about their camps, which seem to be very wet! I was interested in hearing about their night hike, I think it would be a fun thing to do with 7th Cheltenham Scouts one day (or night!).

The 1st Ealing North Scouts were really interested to hear about all the animals we have here, so there was lots of talk about kangaroos, sharks, huntsmen spiders, kookaburras, snakes and goannas. The most exciting/dangerous animal the UK Scouts you could think of was a squirrel!

After talking and exchanging stories, we did our flag down and said goodbye and thank you. 1st Ealing North were a really friendly Scout Troop, and it was great to talk with them and find out about Scouting in another country.

Liam is a Scout at 7th Cheltenham.

You can read an article from 1st Ealing North's perspective [here](#).



The Scouts were honoured to be joined by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

One week, explore your boundaries!



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of the Patrol system is small groups of people working towards a common goal and is the basis of BioSafety team management, providing a structure of using Patrol Leaders and participants. Supervisors and team members contributing their unique skills to adhere to each project and by sharing of responsibilities of each project to achieve a collective outcome. Character development, confidence and problem solving skills in the workplace are implemented to our junior staff over time and with the guidance of the senior staff members. Daily, we are working in small task-oriented groups and more-often-than not, are unable to communicate verbally as we are gowned in HazMat Suits and respirators. This is where the Patrol System is used and relied upon absolutely. Having confidence and trust in your teammate is critical to the safety and wellbeing of staff and community.

Achievement, Progression and Program Plan-do-review

Achievement, progress and constantly reviewing programs and procedures are skills used daily in Scouting. At BioSafety, we are constantly implementing processes and procedures to remediate, teach and train our community on the effects of good hygiene control and decontamination. BioSafety provides decontamination and hygiene consultation services to critical environments and infrastructure so reviewing current legislation, regulatory requirements and programs is critical for successful outcomes.

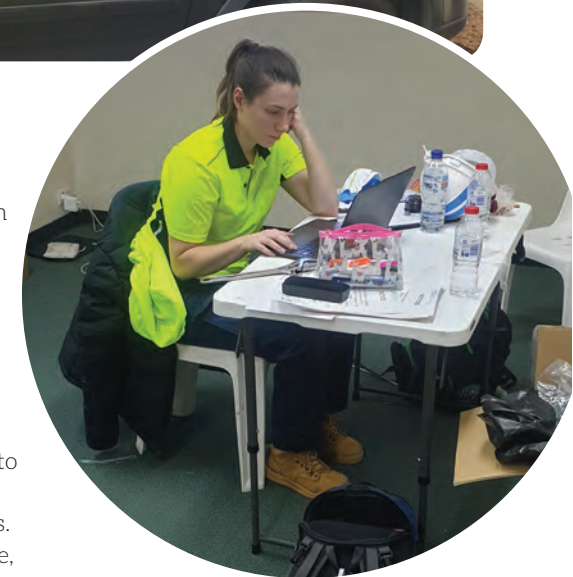
Scouting has successfully helped our employees develop and achieve the soft and practical skills needed for the appropriate behaviour and thought processes required in the biological industry. Helping individuals to accomplish in their preferred careers



in of sales, graphic design, marketing, occupational hygiene, project management and operations has been a key component to BioSafety's success. Progression of many staff has been from casual holiday labour to now second in charge, much like the progression of youth to Leader in Scouting.

Personal Growth, Resilience and Be Prepared

Scouting is about education for life and developing driven, well-rounded youth to graduate from the Scouting community, to pursue any career to fit their interests. This provides positivity to our workplace, allowing us to make a more profound connection and memories with our work colleagues. The development of personal skills is key to achievement for our employees. Responsibility for your own development is the key to a successful personal, business, and Scouting career. To continually move forward with goals regardless of the obstacles we face and developing resilience at a young age, meanwhile improving the hard skill and tools we use in our day to day work life. While consciously acting with mental agility in the most diverse and often hazardous situations and developing the capacity for logical thought, innovation, and adventure. Being prepared is key

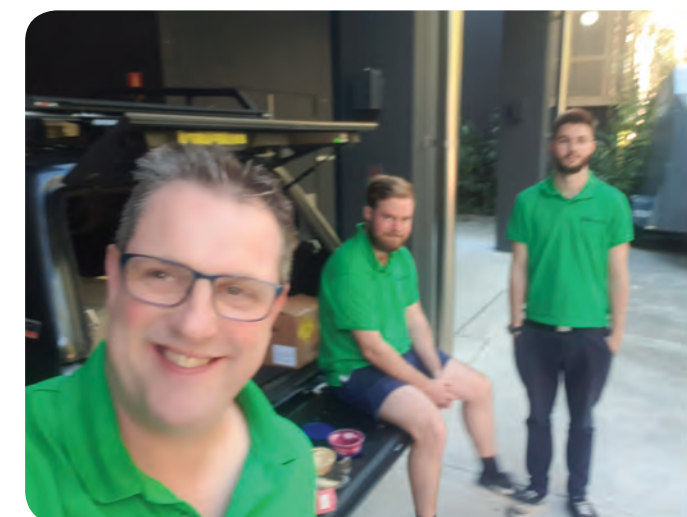


our business operates at the highest performance to serve our community in times of crisis. By embracing the challenges, we face in daily work life and the pursuit of career and personal development. Overall, Scouting has given our employees the knowledge, life skills and an understanding of personal, physical and spiritual health. Maintaining an inner state of freedom, equilibrium, and emotional maturity to develop into community leaders. Most importantly, the friendships and connections we have made in Scouting and business will last a lifetime.

*"Once a Scout, always a Scout."
- Lord Baden Powell*

Brett Cole is Region Commissioner - Mount Dandenong.

Biosafety team members include: Brett Cole (RC - Mount Dandenong, ScoutHike), Leanne Cole (AVL, 1st Ferntree Gully, Scouthike), Cameron Welch (Rover, Taloh Rover Crew, AJSL - 1st Wantirna South), Michael Francis (PGL, 1st Ferntree Gully, Gangshow), Verity Cox (QS, Rover, Taloh Rover Crew), Ben Heyn (QS, Taloh Rover Crew), Jake Geddes (QS, 1st Craigieburn), Dr. Glen Davidson (QS, former SL - 1st Mount Evelyn), Taylah Cole (former Rover, 4th Knox), Jolon D'Amore (Rover - 1st Shepparton), Jordyn Cole (Venturer - 1st Ferntree Gully) and Ashleigh Cole (former Venturer, 4th Knox).



to successful outcomes and when you are in the front line of biological hazards, one must be prepared always.

Every person has their unique strengths to contribute to every project and workplace. With diversity and inclusivity of different people,

Faces of Scouting

Vanessa from 1st Trafalgar

By Phoebe Hicks

Vanessa from Trafalgar Scout Group, in just over two years in Scouting has certainly made her mark. After her younger brothers joined Cubs and Scouts early in 2018, she remembers being in tears because she thought that at 13, she was too old to become a Scout.

She went along to watch her brothers march in the Anzac Day parade in her small town, and said out loud that she wished she could be a Scout, but that she was too old.

"One of the Leaders put a scarf on me and said 'you're not too old; come march with us' and I happily joined in" says Vanessa.

A few weeks later she was invested into the Scout Troop. "I remember reading the Promise and Law and being blown away that a Group existed that lived by the values I already thought were the basis for being a good human being" she explains.

Having been involved in a number of non-Scouting leadership roles for The Tournament of the Minds, Drama Camps

and a kids holiday program, Vanessa rapidly felt at home in her Troop, being chosen to be Patrol Leader within a few weeks of putting on a uniform.

Vanessa's Section Leader said she stood out immediately as a natural leader, eager to help and intuitive to her Patrol member needs. A few older Scouts moved onto Venturers around the time she started and she slotted into the Troop making friends quickly.

Vanessa heard about Jamboree and was highly motivated to qualify to attend. She spent her first night under canvas and so began the race to achieve her red cord.

A four-night Pioneer camp stood out as the turning point to realise Scouting held much more than fun. "On the camp I met a Scout Leader from Traralgon called Goat. He talked about his experience achieving his ASM and the opportunities with Venturers. I thought I'd started too late, I was almost 14. He let me know it could still be done, it wouldn't be easy but that I should go for it." And go for it she did. Vanessa was awarded her Australian Scout Medallion in November 2019.

It wasn't just Vanessa and her siblings who joined Scouting, their mum Kirrily is now Cub Scout Leader who will soon receive her Wood Beads.



Kirrily explains, "watching my daughter, who's struggled with anxiety become a Scout who will give anything a go makes me a very proud mum. Seeing her push herself to face her fear of heights on the abseiling tower one camp and then not blink at the flying fox the following demonstrates the resilience she's found through Scouting."

A highlight of the journey so far for Vanessa was the Scouts Amazing Race in 2019. Her Patrol started the day with the goal of having the most fun by doing the most activities, and that they did. When it was time to return to where they'd sleep they were on Parliament Station platform with about thirty other Scouts to catch a train. An announcement came over the speaker that the train they needed to catch was cancelled.

"Another Patrol Leader and I chatted about our options and we looked around us at a bunch of Scouts looking lost and knew we could help them. Being tall helps so I just got their attention and told them what we needed to do."



Vanessa and her brother at AJ 2019.



We have now appropriately undertaken a review and redesigned our new halls that will meet our needs, but come in at, or under \$1M each. Remember - our aim is to catch up on 20 years of growth where there are no facilities, and plan for up to 67 new facilities as per the Ludus Report, across Melbourne's expected new suburbs over the next 30 years (that's around two to three new halls per year). Every dollar counts!

We also are aiming to build all new contemporary halls to a repeatable pattern (where possible) to assist community branding and recognition (a bit like McDonalds - we want people to say "look mum - there's another Scout hall!"). This also has substantial cost saving benefits, and our ability to use one new build to gain financial support for the next new build.

So what's on the program at present?

We are presently preparing plans and Joint User Agreements on school sites at Lakeside Pakenham (south-east) and Edgars Creek (northern suburbs) for new halls to accommodate existing Scout Groups presently operating without their own home base.

We are expecting to receive a town planning permit later this year for a new hall in Ballan - a rural town with easy commuting to Melbourne. We have bought a parcel from land developers Mirvac in Rockbank where a whole new western suburb is under construction, and expect to lodge a planning application with council shortly. We have just received planning approval in the south-east for Narree Warren South where council have granted us a leasehold on a Reserve and are putting in local money together with a Federal donation from their local member.

We are currently building a new hall in Alexandra which will be available to book from 2021 as an overnight base for a range of adventurous activities in Murrindindi Shire. This project brought together State, Federal and Scout funds and loans as well as council gifting the Group an acre of land. Real partnerships in action! We are also currently exploring options in rural townships such as Myrtleford and Strathfieldsaye near Bendigo.

How can we fund new builds?

First, it's not easy at the Group Level and often a long game plan is needed. Bringing various partners together for a common outcome takes time. Getting local councils on board, locating suitable sites, working out when the next State and Federal elections are coming up for offers of finance, selling the idea that a Scout hall can be a community hall during the daytime (around 15 sessions a week just in morning, afternoon and after-school blocks), looking at the rounds of Federal and State Community Infrastructure Grants that are coming on line, identifying other suitable user groups who have no where to meet to write letters of support, etc.

Most of all identifying a local champion to manage the process who is prepared to "hang in there" even with the inevitable knock-backs along the way! Raising some funds of your own is still possible and creating your own development fund is a worthy activity - Scouts Victoria often looks to match Groups dollar for dollar in this area. Loans from Scouts Victoria are possible, but do need to be paid back over a 10 year program so that the money can then be reloaned to other Groups in need.

In the last State election Scouts Victoria received a \$5.5M grant to build and

refurbish specific sites from a list Scouts Victoria provided. However to access that money Scouts Victoria have to match it dollar for dollar on each project. Before the last State election a State run grant program was offered called Pick My Project. Across four projects Scouts obtained over half a million dollars from the pool of \$27M. At the last Federal election a number of Victorian Scout formations lobbied for funding at local Group and District level and around \$2.6M was obtained. Local municipal elections are coming up in October so now is a very good time to start lobbying your ward councillors!

Scout halls must serve the wider community!

As identified above Scout Halls must serve the wider community if you want to obtain a grant.

No-one is going to grant a million dollars for a facility used three nights a week and occasionally on weekends, but a 'Scout & Community Centre' owned, run and managed by Scouts for the benefit of the wider local community will.

This means developing a local business case, looking for suitable daytime users (who are also community and not-for-profits), and taking into account other things like employing a cleaner. But - a hall 'activated' in this way can earn money (even at community rates) to pay back the loan, raise funds for Group needs, pay for a cleaner and the additional utility costs. It's also been shown that a great facility can attract new members, and with others using the hall those people end up spruiking the Group which can positively affect membership.

Activating new and existing Scout Halls can absolutely be to our mutual advantage as we provide much needed community space keenly sought by a wide range of community groups. Yes - this will likely need some type of management committee, but the benefits to the Group financially to raise money (for both activities and an ongoing sinking fund for maintenance and improvement), to raise your community profile generally, and with your local council, and to grow membership are all proven outcomes for successful groups who have gone down this path.

Richard Simpson is a member of the Branch Executive Committee.



Scouting and population Growing together

By Richard Simpson

Modern Scouting brings together people of all backgrounds globally, as it does locally.

Government predictions for Victoria and Melbourne on population growth and immigration demands show that by 2050 Melbourne alone will approach a population predicted to be around 8.5 million (compared to five million today), with Victoria as a whole currently at 6.5 million growing to well over 10 million.

Much of the growth of Scouting will naturally occur in Melbourne's newest suburbs planned for the local government areas to the west in Wyndham and Melton, to the north Hume, Whittlesea and Mitchell, and in the south-east Casey and Cardinia.

Greater Melbourne alone will cover over 10,000 square kilometres! That's a huge area to service, let alone an enormous growth area that's presently still green fields yet to be developed, and where future Scout Groups need to be strategically placed to get a foothold!

To know more of where the State Government and Planning Department are heading visit planning.vic.gov.au.

Four years ago, Scouting commissioned a full property study of existing facilities known as the "Ludus Report". It identified that in many suburbs we have Scout halls in close proximity – and a number of those are either vacant or used as storage. It noted that a number of our halls were in poor condition and major refurbishment was needed to maintain good council relationships. Poor halls didn't attract new members and give us a bad image.

We have hopefully moved on from anyone thinking that any old facility is "good enough for Scouts"?

Why shouldn't our Scouts and adults in Scouting enjoy modern contemporary or refurbished facilities equal to today's community expectations.

In fact, how can we make our facilities "work" for us as an organisation?

It was also noted in the Ludus Report that for many years when Scouting was in membership decline we barely started

any new Groups in the growth areas that emerged from the mid 1990's.

That's right - Even though Melbourne enjoyed massive new growth for 20 years we didn't build any new halls!

And why? – because at the simplest level both rising property values and ever-increasing building costs meeting modern energy and town planning levels exceeded any attempted local fund-raising efforts! The days of selling sausages and lamingtons to raise funds, and working bees of parents who were handy with tools have long since passed in terms of risk, OH&S, finances needed, planning, building regulation and council requirements, etc.



For most newer Groups that have appeared in growth areas they have relied on using community spaces. The demand for local council Community Centres often exceeds available booking times – and for Groups that could grow by adding a Scout Troop or Venturer Unit there is often no additional times available (let alone no storage). Sharing facilities at common times with other Groups also raises issues of child safety and protection.

So what's happened recently?

- Scouts Victoria have enjoyed over 13 years of membership growth.
- The resilience survey has provided empirical proof of the benefits of Scouting.
- Scouts at both State and local Group level have become way more savvy at gaining funding and grants from Federal, State and Local Government's - and building positive relationships

across the political spectrum... Partnerships are key!

- Common hall signage has been adopted to help the wider community with brand image.
- Scouts Victoria have invested in new hall designs with councils, private developers and schools through the Victorian School Building Authority to set a precedent for future growth.
- Scouts Victoria have adopted a strategic plan to seek funding and partnerships to support growth in both membership - and in new and refurbished facilities.
- New staffing models at our State offices have been put in place

recognising that new facilities are outside the scope and time available of many of our local leadership...

What have we learnt in our first builds

Scouts Victoria invested \$1.5M to build a new facility at Hazel Glen College in 2016. This project opened the doors to a relationship with the VSBA (Victorian School Building Authority) who build all new state schools in Victoria. Just last year we opened a jointly funded (State and council grants and Scouts Victoria loan) new Scout facility on Carranballac College school land in Point Cook. The massive growth suburb of Caroline Springs (after many years lobbying) opened their new hall a year ago on council land with shared funding across State and Local Government, plus a loan from Scouts Victoria. Partnerships are one of the keys to successful projects! These three new builds were for large multi-purpose/multi operational facilities and are truly magnificent!



Arriving then at Flinders Street Station and the size of Scouts looking bewildered doubled. Again, Vanessa stood tall and shouted out to all the Scouts which way they could go with a train due in four minutes on another platform. They raced over and made it on time.

"I didn't care much about winning. We'd had so much fun. And making sure we didn't leave any Scouts behind in the train platform hiccup made me proud of the confidence I'd gained in problem solving and team work; I couldn't imagine doing that a year earlier."



Vanessa receiving her Australian Scout Medallion with her Scout Leader Ben 'Goat' Hamilton.

The Patrol thought they'd done well and hoped they'd be in the top 30. "As the countdown got closer to the end I thought maybe we'd been 32 or something just outside the 30's. We'd kind of tuned out and started unpacking our bags to set up our sleeping gear. Then they announced that Team 7 from Trafalgar was the winning team. Everyone from Trafalgar from the other Patrols were screaming and we then realised it was us who had won."

There's always some things that have stood out as more challenging, "the Green cord overnight hike was really hard. I'm not un-athletic but it was harder than 10 days of dust at Jamboree. My gear got soaked through, I was really uncomfortable, but I did it." Says Vanessa.



Modeling her winning t-shirt design for Oz Venture.

Vanessa is a keen photographer. She enjoys painting with watercolour, acrylics as well as creating digital art. She plays ukulele and enjoys singing cover songs as well as writing her own songs. Vanessa also loves working on some custom designs using her artwork to put on t-shirts and jackets.

Vanessa used her artistic skills to create the design that she entered into the Victorian Contingent t-shirt design competition for the Oz Venture 2021 national Venturer event. Her design was chosen to be the winning t-shirt, and soon enough she started seeing a bunch of people wearing her shirt to state events like Vic Gathering and Anything Goes.

Vanessa attended AJ2019 and says the motto of the event 'friends for life' is true in Scouting.

"Standing in line at the ASM awards event everyone was standing nervously and very quiet and I just started talking to the person behind me and shortly after a whole group of us were talking and introducing ourselves. I remember a similar thing happening when standing around waiting for a bus at Jamboree. Our Patrol would start singing a song and then everyone around started singing. Really quickly we'd be laughing. Making new friends for life is legit." Says Vanessa.

Phoebe Hicks is an Assistant Cub Scout Leader at 1st Trafalgar and writes the blog [Faces of Gippsland](http://FacesofGippsland).

Do you know someone who could feature in 'Faces of Scouting', nominate them or put your own hand up to be featured, email editor@australianscout.com.au

Families of Scouting

By Phoebe Hicks

Commonly in a Scout Group you'll encounter several siblings and family members who enjoy Scouting together. Here are some of their stories.

The Blackshaw Family 1st Ballam Park

Meet Mario and Luigi, otherwise known as Martin and Greg Blackshaw. These brothers are Scout Leaders from 1st Ballam Park and have been involved in Scouting since joining as Cub Scouts in the late 80's. Their dad spent time in uniform in South Australia and remains in fellowship there. Mario's wife Rachel spent years on the production team for South Metro Showtime and there's no doubt their young daughter will be invested once she reaches Joey age.



The Kost & Dyason Family Warragul

Warragul Joey Leader Fiona Kost met her husband Damien as a Rover. Their four children are the third generation to be in uniform. Fiona grew up in Scouting, both of her parents were involved and held many roles at Group and Region level. She was able to achieve her Queen's Scout and feels her family have left a positive legacy of Scouting. Her niece Eliza also achieved her Queen Scout and is a Rover in Warragul.



Three generations of Scouts - Eliza Dyason, Kate Dyason, Jeanette Dyason, Fiona Kost, Colin Dyason. Front - Morgan, Lily, Ava and Neve.

The Flack Family 1st Trafalgar

Joy Flack and her two sons took their Scouting adventure overseas to the New Zealand Jamboree in 2019. The family have a dedicated Scouting wall in their home with their certificates and photos of their Scouting life together. Kyan and Lincoln started their Scouting journey in Joey Scouts and Joy was their Joey Leader. They have moved through the Sections together, with Joy now an Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Trafalgar.



Kyan, Lincoln and Joy at the airport before heading off for the New Zealand Jamboree.

A Scout cares for the environment

By Ariel Liu

My passion for the environment was always in me somewhere. It was only at the start of 2018 when I brought my passion into Scouts and my Troop at 1st Nunawading. I started thinking about ways I could, firstly; help the environment and my community more and secondly, try to get my Troop, and possibly others involved.

We volunteered at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary, by weeding areas of the sanctuary and we participated at a tree planting day. We did a few tours and had a talk at Yarran Dheran Nature Reserve and we got someone to talk to us via Zoom about Calperum Station, in South Australia.

Since late 2017 I'd had an idea for a project in the back of my mind, but I didn't know how to pull it off, until early 2018.

My idea was to try and get a Container Deposit Scheme introduced in Victoria. So I decided to start writing letters to politicians. I wrote eleven

letters, two got sent to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, I even got a response! But yet again, it was negative. I didn't tell my Troop that I was doing this, until I knew that I wasn't getting anywhere, but that didn't stop me!

I decided to tell my Troop what I was trying to do, to see if I could get their help. We decided the best thing to do was start a petition. I got heaps of signatures from the Troop, my friends and the Leaders. I also went around my school and family and ended up with a grand total of 151 signatures (weird number, but hey... it passed!). My Leaders had organised a visit to Parliament House, prior to me finishing my petition, because of this, I was able to personally hand in the petition to my local member, Dustin Halse MP.

After some nerve-wracking months I still didn't have any response. So I wrote follow-up letters, because I knew with these sorts of things, you have to be persistent. I was very excited to hear on February 2 2020, Parliament announced that Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme is coming in 2023!

Ariel Liu is a Scout at 1st Nunawading.



At Home with Tyler

At the 2018 Scouts Victoria ARAP, the wider Scouting community got to meet Tyler, a Scout from 1st West Waverley who has cerebral palsy. Back in 2018 we heard about Agroonoree and his plans for AJ2019, and so now in 2020, we will catch up again with Tyler to see how he has been Scouting from Home.

By Ashleigh Parfuss

Tyler is a Hemiplegia Cerebral Palsy hero, he has mild absent epilepsy which fries his brain and affects his short term memory. He also has poor motor planning and oral tone. So in short, he doesn't use his right hand if he can help it, he speaks but sometimes it takes longer for him to get the words out and he forgets what we just taught him. Tyler needs some assistance for his Scouting and he relies on his Leaders, mum, dad and support workers.

Tyler has really been enjoying the Groups Scouting at Home program. For Anzac Day, Tyler earned his 'Their Service our Heritage' badge by making Anzac cookies, researching and reading a book with our help and making lanterns and paper poppies for our driveway. We got up early on Anzac Day for the Dawn Service, put on our uniforms and went down our driveway. We met our neighbours and listened to the War Memorial service with our candles burning. (Tyler lit all of them!)

During lockdown Tyler's good deeds were to help our neighbour take her bins out and bring them back in. Tyler was

keen to help us out around the house, doing lots of chores and painting our fence. He also sanded a chopping board for his friends mum and had a lot of fun baking bread, kneading and punching was his favorite part!

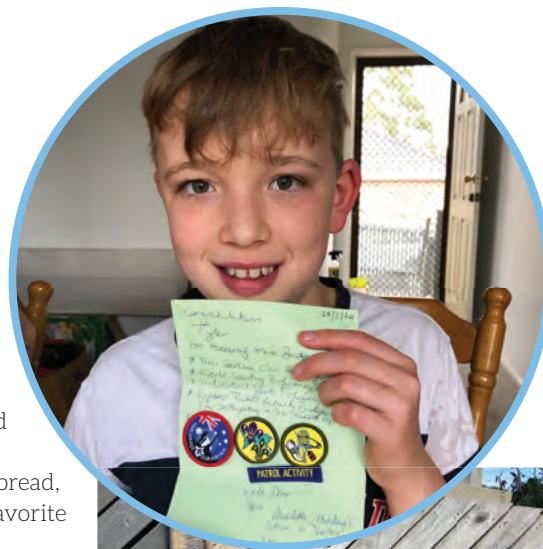
He earned his World Scouting badge with his Troop online and helped me tie a friendship knot. He enjoyed seeing a Venturer talk about his World Jamboree time and had a lot of fun doing a quiz on logos, he got a few right too!

Last year Tyler participated in a skiing competition at Mount Buller where he won a gold medal in his division. For his Sports badge he created a poster about it with the help of his support worker.

Tyler attended 1st West's ISO-Straddy. We held Zoom meetings over two weekends and then did a Covid-Safe practical session at the Scout hall garage. The Scouts set up a kitchen and built their construction projects. Afterwards, Tyler and I built a washing stand and laundry line with dowel sticks and string. It is hard for him to tie knots as he can only use one hand properly while the other hand supports. Have you ever tried to tie a reef knot with one hand?

Tyler has really enjoyed Scouting at Home, but can't wait to go back into the hall!

Ashleigh Parfuss is Tyler's mum and an Assistant Scout Leader at 1st West Waverley.



The Hicks Family 1st Trafalgar

Brett Hicks joined his children in Scouting as a Joey Scout Leader taking the nickname 'Drop Bear'. Soon after his wife Phoebe followed taking up the position of Cub Scout Leader. Their youngest is about to be invested and this will mean all six are in uniform at 1st Trafalgar Scout Group in Gippsland and Brett is the District Joey Leader for the Baw Baw District.



The Tops Family 1st Newborough

Lisa Tops and her brother Andrew are both Rovers at 1st Newborough's Capstaff Rover Crew. Their parents met at the Adelaide Jamboree in 1989 where they were both Leaders.



Carol and Jeff.

The Kemp Family 1st Trafalgar

Carol and Jeff Kemp's families both have a long history of Scouting. Carol's parents were part of the National Training Team and husband Jeff's parents were Leaders. Carol is District Leader - Adult Training Support and currently on the Australian Jamboree 2022 team as finance director, while Jeff is currently a Region Scout Commissioner. Their now grown up children went right through until Rovers continuing their Scouting legacy. A highlight was the whole family going to the 2010 Australian Jamboree in Sydney.



Carol being presented her Adult Training Wood Badge by Rick Bradley DC Baw Baw.

Is your family in Scouting together?
Share your families Scouting journey along with a photo to editor@australianscout.com.au

Healthy kebabs

Discover the best sources of energy and cook up some tasty kebabs on the barbecue.

Suitable for: Joeys | Cubs

Time needed: 45 minutes

Did you know?
Oily fish, cheese, nuts, seeds and avocados are high in energy because they contain healthier types of fat.

Energy keeps us alive, keeps us warm and active and helps us to grow. Food provides us with that energy, but not all foods are equal. For example, fat contains more than twice the amount of energy as protein and protein has slightly more energy than carbohydrate.

- When we say fat, we mean oils, meat, dairy, oily fish, nuts, seeds and avocado.
- When we say carbohydrate, we mean bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and breakfast cereals. It can also be found in fruit, vegetables and milk.
- When we say protein, we mean meat, fish, eggs, dairy, bread, soya, nuts and pulses (like lentils or chickpeas).

To give an idea of how energy works, it is measured in kilojoules or kj, which is what you'll see on food packaging. For example, an apple has 140kj per 100g and will give you enough energy for a 10-minute walk. Potato chips have 2,240kj per 100g and will give you enough energy for a 160-minute walk (a typical pack of chips is about 25g).

Instructions

1 Different types of foods give us different levels of energy, the following are examples of low and high energy foods.



Low energy foods

- fruit
- vegetables
- low-fat soup
- lean protein
- fibre-rich foods

High energy foods

- chocolate
- cakes
- biscuits
- deep-fried foods

2 Pick the fruit or vegetables you want to try, then get your parent or guardian to help peel and chop the food into bite-sized chunks, using knives safely.

3 Load with the fruit or vegetables onto skewers.

4 Get your parent or guardian to help you roast the kebabs on the barbecue. The vegetables will cook, while the fruit will caramelise slightly on the outside.

Ideas for vegetable kebabs

- capsicum
- mushroom
- cherry tomato
- zucchini
- broccoli
- cauliflower
- onion
- eggplant

Ideas for fruit kebabs

- orange
- banana
- peach
- plum
- mango
- pineapple
- apple
- blackberry



Outcome

This is a great way to find out about energy in foods and discover which foods contain the most energy. It will also give you the opportunity to try different kinds of fruit and vegetables you may not have tried before.

Taking it further

Talk to your parent or guardian about the foods you would choose to help you achieve a balanced diet and what you would choose to make sure you have enough energy to see you through the day. Talk about the fact that while certain food groups outweigh others in terms of the energy they give, other food groups provide far greater health benefits.

Reference: Scouts UK, Make. Do. Share. Autumn 2018 <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/>

Tower Building

Discover the secrets behind some of the world's amazing feats of engineering and build your own – out of spaghetti and marshmallows!

Suitable for: Joeys | Cubs | Scouts | Venturers

Time needed: 40 minutes

You will need

- Paper and pencil
- Spaghetti
- Mini marshmallows
- 4 large marshmallows (optional)

Instructions

1 First, plan your towers by drawing sketches. A well-planned tower will look better and be stronger than one that isn't sketched out first. A good tip is to use a combination of triangle and square shapes, this will help you to build a tall tower that is strong too.

2 Referring to your sketches, cut spaghetti pieces to the sizes you need, making sure you cut shorter pieces exactly – failure to use pieces of equal length will cause your tower to twist and topple.

3 When it comes to using the marshmallow pieces, decide when it is best to pass the spaghetti all the way through or partially through. The strength of the joints is dependent on it. To make the tower building easier, you can use the four large marshmallow pieces for the base of the tower.

Eiffel Tower

Built in 1889, over 5,300 drawings were made of this 324-metre-high tower in Paris. Gustave Eiffel deliberately designed the legs of the tower at 54-degree angle for maximum wind resistance and to create perpendicular thrust for additional strength.



The Great Pyramid Of Giza

The oldest and largest of the pyramids in Egypt, this 2580 BC construct is also the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the World. Pyramids have a wide base and a narrow top, creating an extremely sturdy and rigid shape.



The Golden Gate Bridge

Opened in 1937, this suspension bridge over San Francisco Bay has a span of 1,300 metres and cost \$35 million to make. Suspension bridges work by transferring the weight of the bridge deck and vehicles up through the suspender rods to the main suspension cable, which then transfers the weight to the bridge towers and anchor rods.



Outcomes

Think about which shapes make a strong structure and about compression and tension – how the individual parts of a structure are always pushing and pulling on each other. Look up three of the strongest man-made structures on Earth (see above) to see what makes a structure strong.

Reference: Scouts UK <https://www.scouts.org.uk/supporters/rollroyce/> - Make Do Share Tower building activity