



VICTORIAN BRANCH

# SCOUT HERITAGE VICTORIA

## ANNUAL REPORTING AND PRESENTATION EVENING 2021



Thursday 16th September 2021

On line via Zoom

Patron: Lord Baden-Powell (4th Baron of Gilwell)

# AGENDA

Opening Prayer	Adele Sharpe, OAM
Open and Welcome	Peter Datson
State Commissioner – Heritage	Peter Datson
Attendance	
Apologies	
Minutes of previous Meeting	
Annual Reports	
State Commissioner – Heritage	Peter Datson
Administration	
Financial	Peter Ingram
Adoption of Reports	
Declaration of Office Bearers	
Administration Manager	
Collection Manager	Peter Datson
Museum Manager	Adele Sharpe, OAM
Treasurer	Peter Ingram
Archivist	Aline Thompson, OAM
Secretary	Heather Tasker
Property	Jack Paterson, OAM/Gary Howard
Librarian	Vicki Goodall
Insignia	Don Barry, OAM/Marc Ortlieb
Merchandising Manager	Heather Gordon
Housekeeper	Jean Paterson, OAM
Presentations	
Guest Speakers	Scouts and the 1956 Olympic Games
State Representative	
Next Annual Reporting Evening	Thursday 15th September 2022

*Front Cover Photo:*

Troops who won the Cohen Shield were presented with a leather hide to display in their hall

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*You are invited to enjoy **your** light supper with our Scout Heritage Team*

## STATE COMMISSIONER – HERITAGE

I had thought I had written my last report, but we all know what thought did!

The year, in this reporting time, has been controlled by COVID-19 with very few visits and not many working days at either Mackie Road or Elm Street. The lack of visits has greatly affected our finances as almost half our Budget is taken up with Insurance. The well researched and successful Grant applications by Peter Datson have resulted in additional facilities that would not have been possible otherwise. SHV now has a wonderful Photography room to photograph the items in our Collection as part of the catalogue system.

Due to restrictions, our members were not able to be present at our work area and many worked on various projects at home. Also, with thanks to our IT Support – Bob Doyle – many attended Monday morning sessions via ZOOM. This was a great way to keep in touch and maintain morale. The majority of our volunteers even attended these ZOOM meetings on public holidays! With the easing of restrictions, SHV volunteers met at Mackie Road in December. It was wonderful to get together just before Christmas and wish for a better 2021.

Alas, this was not to be. Just as we were getting bookings for renewing visits, another lockdown was called. However, restrictions eased and our advertised 'Open Day' was able to go ahead as scheduled in May. This was a very successful day with members of the general community attending as well as Leaders.

The position of State Commissioner Heritage had been advertised again – there had been no applicants the last time around. There were two

applicants and our volunteers were delighted that our Collection Manager, Peter Datson, had applied. When the announcement of Peter being appointed was made, all at SHV were 'over the moon' – We did not have to 'storm the Bastille'.

The Chief Commissioner – Rod Byrnes – attended our Open day and presented Peter Datson with his Certificate of Appointment. This was particularly poignant for me as I have known Peter for many years and was well aware of his capabilities and his dedication to Scouting.

I had considered making this report in the form of an Exit Speech but decided that would serve no useful purpose at all as all at SHV are aware of the past travails. And anyway, I was not going anywhere as, the day after HIS appointment, Peter presented me with a Certificate of Appointment – Honorary Archivist. I will carry out these duties to the utmost of my abilities for as long as possible.

For the last few years my title at SHV has, in some places, been shown as State Commissioner Heritage and in others - Leader in Charge Heritage. No matter what the title, to be a leader one must have followers. I have had followers/supporters 'in spades' – whether it be a hug, shoulder or even just listening when I have been in danger of a 'meltdown'. I feel truly blessed to have had this support and I thank you all for the Journey.

To you all, maintain your good work and dedication to the history of Scouting, Keep well and Stay Safe.

THANK YOU.

Aline Thompson

*Retiring State Commissioner*

## State Commissioner – Heritage (a postscript)

My appointment in June 2021, gives me a month to reflect on the activities of 2021. SHV owes a tremendous thank you to Aline, who has managed the trials and tribulations of the role for over 11 years. She has always given the team clear guidance and support and I offer my thanks to her for her past contributions and I look forward to her ongoing work as Archivist.

I am delighted that both Aline and Peter Ingram have been appointed as Honorary Commissioners, which is a worthy recognition of their contribution to SHV and Scouting. I also acknowledge Peter's

work as our Treasurer and his recognition in the Volunteer Commonwealth Bank Awards.

2021 brings us ongoing challenges with our finances, visits, and other projects. These will be met with a positive approach from the Team as we learn about the *Special Interest Areas* as part of the new Achievement Pathways in Australian Scouting. We will succeed in our endeavours to continue to grow and maintain the History of Scouting in Victoria.

Peter Datson

*State Commissioner – Heritage*

## ADMINISTRATION

We receive continuing positive comments from youth and adults who visit Mackie Road about the professional exhibits, interesting quizzes, and the cries of fun coming from the Interactive Room. Most youth members are inquisitive and want to know how our campfire works, to look for the snake in the woodpile and turn their noses up when told that cutup newspaper was used at camp for toilet paper!

Our entry fees and badge sales assist to offset our ongoing utility and maintenance expenses and the ongoing support from the Victorian Scout Foundation enables the development of additional displays, exhibits improvements and collection conservation activities.

Behind-the-scenes activities include liaison with fire services, pest control monitoring and essential services compliance with local authorities.

The exhibition, workspaces and offices are of a high standard. We are replaced our leaky cold water pipes and removed hazardous materials in switchboards to make us complaint with Council requirements.

The competition of the lining in a storeroom in the Archives to enable us to consolidate the Photography area and move workroom functions. This will enable us to move the main part of the Badge and Scarves collection from Elm Street for greater access and consolidation with the rest of the collection.

At present, the upgrade to our toilets is on hold pending on funding.

We continue to offer support for check-in at the Annual Awards Presentations at Gilwell each year.

Peter Datson

## IT SUPPORT

IT Support has carried out a limited range of activities over the past 12 months. The scope has been affected by the Covid-19 lockdown which has reduced the on-site time and hence the range of projects tackled.

Projects undertaken include:

- Update of all PCs to Windows 10 - Version 21H1.
- Arrange for the NBN to be connected to the Mackie Road site, then:

- Set up automatic off-site backup of our data.
- Roll out VPN access to the network for all who need it.
- Install the Zeller payment terminal and upgrade the network to securely handle it.
- Update the Personnel textbase with the QS/KS records from Peter Datson's listing.
- Provide support on the computer systems at SHV to anyone who needs it.

Bob Doyle



SHV Members meeting during the lockdown this year.

Still keeping in touch every Monday morning.

# ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION 2019 -2020

<b>Balance at Bank</b>	<b>30th June 2021</b>	<b>\$2,805.92</b>
Credit not Banked		
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b><u>\$2,805.92</u></b>
Less Unpresented Cheques		
Date:	Chq#	Payee
28/06/2021	838	Bunnings
30/06/2021	840	Image Mill
30/06/2021	841	Scouts Victoria
30/06/2021	842	Woolworth
		Amount
		24.90
		110.00
		25.00
		10.00
		<u>169.90</u>
<b>Funds available at Bank</b>	<b>30th June 2021</b>	<b><u>\$2,636.02</u></b>
Grant Funding 2020-2021	Local History	2925.00
	Volunteer	708.12
		<u>3633.12</u>
2020-2021 Income to Date		<u>33319.48</u>
Total income		<u>36952.60</u>
Expenditure to Date		49349.66
<b>Balance</b>		<u><u>-\$12,397.06</u></u>
Tax Control to Date		<u>-1666.79</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30th June 2021</b>	<u><u>-\$14,063.85</u></u>
Surplus Funds 1st July 2020		<u>\$9,890.82</u>
<b>Cash Book Balance</b>	<b>30th June 2021</b>	<u><u>-\$4,173.03</u></u>
Plus Outstanding Invoice not received - Musuem Air Conditioning		<u>\$6,809.05</u>
<b>Operating Balance</b>		<u><u>\$2,636.02</u></u>


## SHV - SCOUT DEVELOPMENT FUND

<b>Balance of Account</b>	<b>30th June 2021</b>	<b>\$27,000.00</b>
Interest to Date		\$4.55
		<u><u>\$27,004.55</u></u>

  
**Peter G Ingham**  
 Treasurer  
 30th June 2021

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the Accounts of Scout Heritage Victoria, Scout Association of Australia, as prepared by its Treasurer and comprising a Profit and Loss Statement and Bank Account Reconciliation for the year ending 30 June 2021. In doing so I have obtained all required information and explanations from the Treasurer. In my opinion, the Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the organisation's financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2021 and its available funds balance as at that date.

  
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 Signature of Auditor

**Bruce Paterson**  
 Qualifications: B.Bus (Acc) FCPA

Date: 22/8/2021

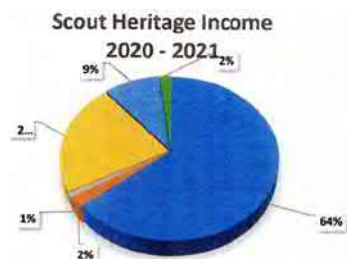


# PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT (Actual v. Budget)

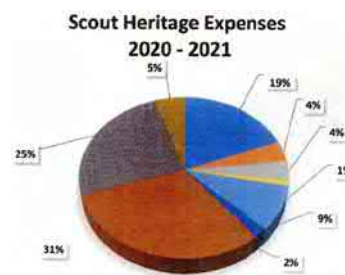
For the period from 1-7-2020 to 30-6-2021

	Actual	Budget	Percentage	Remaining
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>				
Surplus 30/06/2020	9,890.82	-	-	(9,890.82)
<b>Grants, Donations &amp; Budget</b>				
Budget - Scouts Victoria	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	-
Donations	300.00	500.00	60%	200.00
Grants	3,243.18	4,000.00	81%	756.82
Volunteer Grant	-	3,200.00	-	3,200.00
<b>Total — Grants, Donations &amp; Budget</b>	<b>13,543.18</b>	<b>17,700.00</b>		
<b>Group Visits</b>				
Donations	94.50	500.00	19%	405.50
Entrance Fee	60.00	4,000.00	2%	3,940.00
Shop Sales	179.00	2,000.00	9%	1,821.00
<b>Total — Group Visits</b>	<b>333.50</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>		
<b>Members Fees</b>				
Heritage	110.00	400.00	28%	290.00
<b>Other Income</b>				
GST 2020-2021	1,505.34	-	-	(1,505.34)
Matured Investment	21,290.58	20,000.00	106%	(1,290.58)
<b>Total — Other Income</b>	<b>22,795.92</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>		
<b>Sales</b>				
Books	-	100.00	-	100.00
Other Items	170.00	300.00	57%	130.00
Reports	-	400.00	-	400.00
Searches	-	500.00	-	500.00
<b>Total — Sales</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>		
<b>Total - Income</b>	<b>46,843.42</b>	<b>45,900.00</b>		
<b>Less: Expenses</b>				
Archival Expenses	4,284.67	(300.00)	-	(4,584.67)
Collection Storage	160.18	(2,000.00)	-	(2,160.18)
Collections	746.33	(1,000.00)	-	(1,746.33)
<b>Computer</b>				
Hardware	300.25	(500.00)	-	(800.25)
Internet Access	605.67	(700.00)	-	(1,305.67)
Network	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)
Software	100.08	(800.00)	-	(900.08)
<b>Total — Computer</b>	<b>1,006.00</b>	<b>(2,500.00)</b>		
<b>Functions</b>				
ARAP	-	(400.00)	-	(400.00)
Open Day	21.82	-	-	(21.82)
<b>Total — Functions</b>	<b>21.82</b>	<b>(400.00)</b>		

	Actual	Budget	Percentage	Remaining
<b>Membership Expenses</b>				
AMaGA	136.36	-	-	(136.36)
<b>Museum</b>				
Displays	5.45	(2,000.00)	-	(2,005.45)
Museum	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)
Off Siite Displays	100.00	(300.00)	-	(400.00)
<b>Total — Museum</b>	<b>105.45</b>	<b>(2,800.00)</b>		
<b>Office Expenses</b>				
Branch Fees - Insurance	4,907.01	(5,000.00)	-	(9,907.01)
Catering	328.17	(200.00)	-	(528.17)
Equipment	825.27	(500.00)	-	(1,325.27)
House Keeping	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)
Materials & Fittings	100.86	(1,000.00)	-	(1,100.86)
Photocopying	55.79	(1,000.00)	-	(1,055.79)
Postage	49.05	(100.00)	-	(149.05)
Stationery	521.97	(200.00)	-	(721.97)
Sundry Office Expenses	366.21	(200.00)	-	(566.21)
Training	-	(500.00)	-	(500.00)
Travel	-	(1,000.00)	-	(1,000.00)
<b>Total — Office Expenses</b>	<b>7,154.33</b>	<b>(10,200.00)</b>		
Photographic Grant	380.61	-	-	(380.61)
<b>Project Expenses</b>				
Project	-	(1,000.00)	-	(1,000.00)
<b>Property Expenses</b>				
Electricity Bentleigh	1,920.34	(2,000.00)	-	(3,920.34)
Fire Service Fee - Bentleigh	196.00	(300.00)	-	(496.00)
Fire Services Fees - Elm Street	88.71	(100.00)	-	(188.71)
Maintenance - Bentleigh	2,854.80	(1,000.00)	-	(3,854.80)
Maintenance - Elm Street	-	(200.00)	-	(200.00)
Pest Treatment - Bentleigh	-	(400.00)	-	(400.00)
Pest Treatment - Elm Street	-	(300.00)	-	(300.00)
Water & Council Fees - Bentleigh	344.05	(1,000.00)	-	(1,344.05)
<b>Total — Property Expenses</b>	<b>5,403.90</b>	<b>(5,300.00)</b>		
SDF Scout Development Fund	27,000.00	-	-	(27,000.00)
<b>Security</b>				
Bentleigh	924.77	(300.00)	-	(1,224.77)
Key Holding Fee	52.00	(60.00)	-	(112.00)
Preston	285.00	(300.00)	-	(585.00)
<b>Total — Security</b>	<b>1,261.77</b>	<b>(660.00)</b>		
Volunteer Grant	1,678.24	-	-	(1,678.24)
<b>Total — Expenses</b>	<b>49,339.66</b>	<b>(26,660.00)</b>		
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>(2,496.24)</b>	<b>72,560.00</b>		



- 64 Budget Scouts Victoria
- 2 Group Visits
- 1 Members' Fees
- 22 Grants and Donations
- 9 GST
- 2 Sales
- 100



- 19 Archival
- 4 Collections
- 4 Computer
- 1 Functions
- 9 Grants
- Marketing
- 2 Museum
- 31 Office
- 25 Property
- 5 Security
- 100

## COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

### Collections

Donations seem to be the new norm during the pandemic conditions in Victoria as people clean out storerooms and garages. We have received some really interesting and rare items and we thank our donors, although it is hard to keep up with sorting and cataloguing these items.

Books, magazines, scarves, badges and uniforms form the greater part of incoming donations as well as old group and Jamboree photos, logbooks from training and hikes and some rare gems from Scout Groups who have closed many years ago.

Our cataloguing and storage task are progressing slowly, but with a strategy of categorising items and with due diligence to standards developed by professional organisations. Category Type sorting enables us to make best use of volunteer time and this also offers them variety and exposure to a wider knowledge of the collection.

Several aspects of our collection management which continue to advance include:

- Area/Region/District and Group records – over 150 boxes nearing complete cataloguing and storage.
- Annual Reports – sorting and cataloguing.
- Flags – as they are continually donated.
- Plaques and Honour Boards – photographed and catalogued.
- Camp Blankets – progressively photographed and catalogued and manufacture of storage rollers.
- Log Books, Scrapbooks, Minute Books.
- Photo Albums – from the early days of Scouting with a great emphasis on Jamborees, these are being scanned and form part of our media collection.
- Jamboree Newspapers – collating our holding from donations over the years into catalogued holdings in consistent storage boxes.
- Media – a wide range of media formats and types transferring VHS tapes and film to DVD masters and database cataloguing.
- News clippings - scanning the news clippings

file for inclusion into the Group database searches.

- Updating of membership records – including more names from documents located within the collection.
- King's Scout / Queen's Scout Honour Roll – this has been an ongoing project for 5 years and the latest release in May adds additional records from 2020 and early years from identified details. This has been also converted to a web-based format and can be accessed from the Scouts Victoria Heritage website.
- Scout section Peak Award list – collated from our records, we can now offer a consolidated list of Premier Scout Award and Australian Scout Medallion awards.

Our avid band of volunteers should be congratulated for their sterling efforts to improve our heritage collection.



Old Scouting games

### Research

Our global email address ([scout.heritage@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:scout.heritage@scoutsvictoria.com.au)) directs enquiries from Scouts Victoria website have resulted in we have weekly enquiries for formation and personal searches and reports. A custom



report format has been developed to provide a professional research report for records held in the collection.

Many of these enquiries can be easily answered with some requiring check other associated records in the collection. We have had many enquiries asking for Youth Award records as Group refresh and update Honour Boards.

We have been assisting 1st Canterbury Group further who are digitised copies of 'Rainbow' Simpson films which they will share with us.

Number of research enquiries 2019/2020 – 170.

### Liaison

We continue to maintain regular contact with Heritage Teams in Queensland, NSW and Tasmania. This has assisted in sharing of information and donations items not relevant to respective State collections. This is the nemesis of one of the goals in our Business Plan to develop an Australian Scout Heritage Network.

We also interact closely with the South Metro Historical Network; local member societies who are also members of the City of Glen Eira Historical Group. These relationships allow us to keep up to date with or the community and also local grant opportunities.

### Marketing

We receive many enquiries from the Scouts Victoria website link.

Our Facebook page has an increasing number of 'likes' and a weekly post of photos of collection items gains ongoing interest from an expanding number of followers. We have also promoted ourselves with the History of Scouting in Victoria talks to service and community groups.

We are at the forefront of *Our Program* implementation to adapt our focus to incorporate the concepts of the Special Interest Areas within our visits.

### Displays

- In the showcase at the Victorian Scout Centre, we updated this to celebrate Victorian Cuborees and although sadly Cuboree

2020 was cancelled, the display was relevant to the 2021 Cuboree.

### Grants

During this year we have been successful in grant funding rounds – funding tied to approved projects:

- Public Records Office – purchase of conservation materials to collate, catalogue and effectively store our felt event pennant collection.
- Commonwealth Volunteer Equipment Grant – purchase of photographic equipment and our Photo Studio is now fully operational.
- Community Heritage Grant/National Library of Australia – Secure Display Drawer Unit – were successful in this grant for an additional drawer unit with secure Perspex covers to go into the exhibit hall to display some of our vast badge collection. This has been delayed due to the COVID-19 restrictions, but it is now partly installed.
- Volunteer Grant – we were endorsed by the local MP and are seeking funding for replacement staff computers.

### The Scout Adventure Centre

Some changes and new displays being introduced from user feedback sheets from both youth and adult visitors and the Heritage Team. On display are some additional mannequins of a Joey, Scout, Senior Scout and a Rover showing respective uniforms of the eras.

Next time you visit look up to see some colourful scarves from Jamborees and other events on display.

There are also several new 'hands-on' activities which have been developed for Scout and Venturer sections to offer more variety for these older visitors.

Peter Datson  
*Collection Manager*

Kingfisher  
Patrol  
Log Book



## INSIGNIA

Along with a lot of other people there has been a limited amount of progress in the Insignia Section of Heritage. This of course is due to the COVID-19 Epidemic restrictions laid down by the Authorities. However, the most limiting factor is that of not being able to attend at both Elm Street. And Mackie Road. There have been a few opportunities when the restrictions were lifted which enabled the completed work to be dropped off and filed. Also, new work was picked up to be cleaned, sorted, identified, marked and catalogued.

As at 31 July 2021 there are 14559 line items identified and filed under three different headings. These headings are - A: Museum, B: Mobile and C: Insurance. The Museum Group is for use within the Museum Displays. The Mobile Group is, if available, for use on displays outside of the Museum, i.e. Displays for special purposes such as Birthdays, Events and Activities in localities out-

side of the Heritage Centre. The last group is hoped to be available in case of any loss or damage to either of the other two Groups. All three groups are not always filled due to various reasons e.g. One only Items, scarcity of items, etc.

A Word of Thanks must be gratefully extended to all the Donors of badges and scarves, information of history, details of Unit colours and activities, etc. My vote of appreciation is also to be recorded for the assistance given by Marc Ortlieb and his patience of the trying circumstances. Last but not least, Thanks to all of the Heritage Team for their assistance when requested.

REMEMBER – HISTORY STARTS TODAY

Don Barry, Marc Ortlieb  
*Insignia Custodians*

## SHOP

Unfortunately due to Covid, visits have been virtually non-existent hence the shop sales only total \$179.00.

With the visits we have been able to conduct, many of the youth would like to make a purchase but have not brought money with them to do so.

During the limited time that we have been able to attend the Heritage Centre we have altered the shop display case layout.

The items for sale are now more clearly visible and have been grouped accordingly in their sale price.

We also have a range of last one/minimal stock badges easily accessible for viewing and sale.

We are awaiting training on the use of the cashless payment system once it decides to behave and connect to the internet.

Heather Gordon  
*Merchandising Manager*



## MAINTENANCE

Maintenance over the past year has been a little hit and miss with all that is going on in the world, but we have still managed to achieve quite a bit, some of the works carried out are listed below.

- Lining and painting of the photographic room and installing back drop rollers and new LED lighting.
- Running Cat5 cable between the library and photo room.
- Cleaning the gutters of leaves and debris.

- Replacement of the toilet cisterns in the ladies' toilet and painting walls as required.
- Installation of grab handles in toilet cubicles.
- Fitting a picture hanging rail and a cup/card holder in the shop.
- Test and tagging of equipment as required.
- Repositioning display cabinets near the shop to facilitate the wireless payment system.

Gary Howard/Jack Paterson  
*Maintenance Team*

## VISITS TO OUR MUSEUM AND ADVENTURE CENTRE

The period under review has again been a VERY quiet and a fragmented time for visits to our Scout Heritage Museum and Adventure Centre.

The effect from on-again off-again COVID restrictions made a drastic impact on our visits. During this very limited period of operation, 7 visits needed to be postponed and some re-scheduled dates had to be re-scheduled for the 2nd or 3rd time. Very frustrating and disappointing for all concerned. To the Groups affected by all this disruption we acknowledge and thank them for their patience and understanding during these unpredictable times. We trust that it won't be too long before conditions improve so we can open our doors again and welcome visitors and be able to share our rich Scouting Heritage with them.

A brief window of opportunity presented itself in May enabling us to welcome many visitors to our Annual Open Day on the 16th May and a Joey Scout Unit on the 20th May.

We acknowledge and thank our team of Tour Guides who made themselves available for visits – even though most visits did not eventuate:

They are –

Peter Datson

Geoff Dean

Alison Dingwall

Vicki Goodall

Heather Gordon

Marc Ortlieb

Jack Paterson OAM

Jean Paterson OAM

Kay Perkins

Adele Sharpe OAM

Ian Sharpe OAM

David Stidston

Tour Guides play an important role in the operation and management of our visits. We are always seeking to expand our team of Tour Guides and would welcome hearing from anyone who is interested. If you are still motivated by the 'Spirit of Scouting', come and join us! Training is provided, the company is great and so is "the pay"! For further information, please contact either Peter Datson (0418-350 114) or Adele Sharpe (9857 6387).

Recently, Aline Thompson relinquished her role as State Commissioner – Heritage, after 11 years of dedicated service. Over the years there have been many changes. In her own quiet way Aline saw us through these times which included the mammoth task of relocating Scout Heritage to our present home. Happily, Aline remains with us and continues in her other role as Archivist, now as Leader in Charge of Archives.

Thank you, Aline – your endeavours have been gratefully valued – likewise your friendship.

We now welcome Peter Datson as State Commissioner – Heritage. Peter is a great motivator and has been a tower of strength to Scout Heritage for many years. In keeping with the current climate, I think that we have just been inoculated – with the "Jab of Enthusiasm"!

Adele Sharpe

*Booking Secretary and Museum Manager*

03-9857 6387



## LIBRARY

For most of the time covered by this report we have been in lockdown and not able to attend The Scout Heritage Centre. Working from home was a great chance to get some cataloguing done and finally to start adding or adjusting existing cataloguing records in the database.

Once we were allowed to return, we were inundated to the point where we could not move in the library or find our desks with the sheer volume of all the donations. It became overwhelming to know where to start.

Ian Sharpe volunteered to assist with sorting the magazines into years and then months whilst Heather sorted through the existing collection and filled in gaps in the collection. Which left me to deal

with the books. Dealing with the duplicates first, a great deal of time was spent recording and boxing the duplicate books and sending them off to storage.

Just as we were beginning to get back to normalcy we went back into lockdown again, working from home and ending the year with 343 volumes catalogued and an ongoing total of 4015 volumes.

Thank you Ian for your assistance and the creative way that the three of us maintain our distance from each other in a confined space.

Vicki Goodall,  
*Librarian*



# WHY I GAVE THE SHIELD FOR SCOUT COMPETITION

By  
COLONEL THE HONORABLE HAROLD COHEN - C.M.G, D.S.O., V.D., M.L.C.

At the time when I decided to give the Shield which is competed for every Easter at Gilwell, I had the experience in Scouting as Chief Commissioner in Victoria.

Such competitions as they were then undertaken for prizes given by supporters of scouting were devoted too much to those parts of the game which were connected to marching and parade movements. Although these things form part of Scout Training and although cleanliness and uniformity in uniform and smartness in Drilling are good things, they are not, in my opinion, the only or most important elements in training of Scouts, not is it desirable that Competitions should be limited to individual Scouts or teams selected from the Troop.

What is required is a Troop in which the whole of the members take an interest and are able to take their part, not only in the things I have referred to, but in the important side of Scouting which makes the Scout able to find his way around the country, to look after himself in camp, to cook his meals, to signal, to do ambulance work, to build bridges and to undertake all the other many sides of training, a number of which are illustrated by the badges which are bestowed for efficiency in them. I set about therefore to establish a Competition which should last over the whole time of a Camp which should include the whole Troop and should cover laying out of the Camp, cooking the meals and the many of the things in which should include including signalling, ambulance work and bridge building and include in the Scout Master the ability to lead his Troop to the place where Camp was to be established and to read a Map and take charge of his boys.

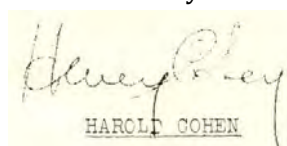
Source: 'Smoke Drift' magazine,  
12th Caulfield (St Johns) Scout Group  
May 1933

For a number of years Troops were given a competitor pennant with 'scalps' of their achievement in Scoutcraft

Although the original plan as I laid it down for the first Competitions has been varied a little in its details for time to time the general principals which were established have never been departed from and so this Competition for my Shield has come to be looked upon as the badge of the best whole Troop in Victoria because it means that the winning Troop is good at the all-round business of Scouting over the whole Camp and can do many of the various things which Scouts are expected to learn.

Another thing which I hoped to see and which I think this Competition has established is that the boys in a Troop should learn of individual success or prize winning, that the only competitor would be the Troop as a whole and thus the Scout would learn as they out to learn that the loyalty to the Troop and service to it were the things that mattered and that there should be no distinction or praise for any individual boy apart from the Unit to which he belongs.

I have been asked to say what I had in mind when creating the Competition. Putting it very shortly. This is what I hoped to see and what I think we can say that the Shield Competition has helped to established. I hope the 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Troop will compete in this Competition and may achieve success in it as one of the indications of its attaining the success in Scouting which all Scout Master and Boys alike have as their object.



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# ANNUAL REPORTING AND PRESENTATION MEETING

## MINUTES

Thursday 17th September 2020 at 8.00 p.m.

Held online on Zoom

OPENING PRAYER: Adele Sharpe OAM

- Lining storeroom for photography.
- Make room for badges and scarves.
- Keeping with new Youth Program.

OPENING and WELCOME:

Aline Thompson OAM – Leader in Charge – SHV

ATTENDANCE: Aline Thompson OAM, Peter Datson, Peter Ingram, David Stidston, Jack Paterson OAM, Jean Paterson OAM, Don Barry OAM, Sandra Barry, Gary Howard, Marc Ortlieb, Heather Gordon, Ian Sharpe OAM, Adele Sharpe OAM, Vicki Goodall, Geoff Dean, Di Morgan, Heather Tasker, Kel McMeeken, Bob Doyle, Kay Perkins, Owen Ryan, Bob Taylor, David Wombat Lyons, Glenyse Porteous, Alison Dingwall, Sally Waterman, Peter Ingram, Ian Munro, Michael Baden-Powell, Lisa Picking, Michael Wong, Daniella Taglieri, Barb Brook, Donna Seary, Michael Thomas, Helen Webster. (36)

APOLOGIES: Rod Byrne CC, Berice Ellis, Graham Lawrence. (3)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved: David Stidston seconded: Di Morgan.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Leader in Charge – Scout Heritage Vic – Aline Thompson, OAM.

Aline presented her Report. She spoke about Aims and Principles of the Association and visits by Villa Maria Groups.

ADMINISTRATION: Peter Datson

- Great reports from youth who have visited the Museum.
- There have been some changes at the Museum.
- Grant from Bendigo Bank for Air Conditioners.

FINANCE: Peter Ingram

Peter spoke to his Report. There are a couple of errors in the printing of the Report. No questions. Adoption of Reports: Moved: Alison Dingwall seconded: Geoff Dean.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Administration Manager	Vacant
Collections Manager	Peter Datson
Museum Manager	Adele Sharpe OAM
Treasurer	Peter Ingram
Archivist	Aline Thompson OAM
Secretary	Heather Tasker
Property	Jack Paterson oam/ Gary Howard
Librarian	Vicki Goodall
Insignia	Don Barry OAM/Marc Ortlieb
Merchandising Manager	Heather Gordon
Housekeeper	Jean Paterson OAM
Presentations:	Nil

GUEST SPEAKER:

Lisa Picking  
ACC-Youth

Lisa spoke about her pathway from Ranger Guides to Asst Chief Commissioner-Youth.

State Representative:

Daniella Taglieri  
DCC, Bob Taylor AM

Aline passed a vote of Thanks to Bob Doyle for organising SHV ARAP on Zoom.

NEXT ANNUAL REPORTING MEETING:

Thursday 16th September 2021

MEETING CLOSED:

8.45 p.m.

Unfortunately as we are meeting on Zoom you will need to provide your own supper! Enjoy.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Scout Heritage Victoria is open to everyone. The two criteria is that one has to belong to the Victorian Branch of Scouts Australia in any capacity or formation; plus one needs to have team spirit and a sense of humour.

Membership application forms are available this

evening and the membership fee is only \$10.00 single or \$15.00 double per annum. If you wish to sign up and you are not a financial member of Scouts Australia, then do so under Australian Scout Fellowship – Heritage with Scouts Australia for \$50.00 per annum.

Michael Baden-Powell  
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Cub Visit to our Adventure Centre