

out goes khaki, in comes colour!



Numerous Colour Choices...

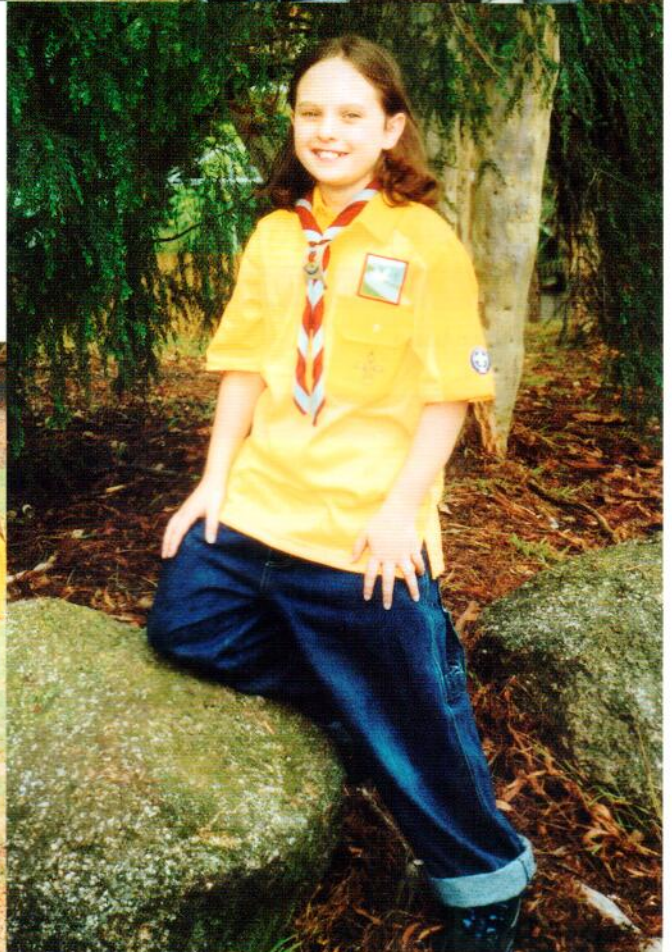


TOP LEFT: Navy blue shirts with section color insets and oversleeve option for badges.

TOP RIGHT: Front view of navy shirts with insets.

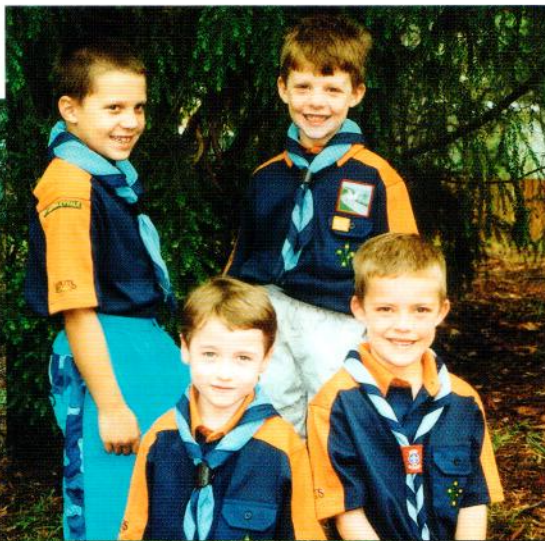
LOWER LEFT: Cub activity, plain color shirts.

LOWER RIGHT: Cub models plain color polo shirt.



...Now comes the time to vote!

The Choices: plain (Left); or navy blue with section inserts (right)



A part from this gallery of the proposed new uniforms pictured by Helen Cornish, you may have seen the video of the uniforms at the local level or on the National website, even the garments themselves at your local Region Scout Centre.

Essentially, the choice boils down to plain section colors, or navy with insets of section colours with the option of an oversleeve for badges.

A further choice is of the polo style (shown clearly in the Cub picture on page 6 or in the Joey pictures on this page) and the button up shirts like the ones we have now.

How to Vote

Voting closes on May 31 in Victoria and so if you want to participate in the decision you need to pick up a questionnaire from the National web site and return it to the Victorian Branch before the deadline.

You may also have comments on the replacement of the World Badge on the pocket with the Australian Scouts trademark logo.

David Jefferson, Neil Weatherill and Lillian Beard, three of the Branch's old timers were reminiscing the other day about the uniforms of the early 1950's.

Both Neil and David were in Brunswick groups in those days. David was in 1st City of Brunswick where the troop wore green woollen shirts and blue shorts. Neil wore a khaki shirt with blue shorts at 9th.

In the 1950's the movement had a lot of generals and colonels who were nostalgic for the khaki worn in the war days, so the movement swung to total khaki.

So, the more things change, the more they stay the same!



victorian uniform survey

Uniform Questionnaire Survey Summary as at June 6th 2003

Branch Consolidated

Age Range	Total Memb.	Woven Blue	All Colour	No Change	% of Members	% Blue Woven	% all colour	% for No Change
6 - 7	210	53	18	139	15.80%	25.40%	8.60%	66.20%
8 - 10	1705	431	82	1192	22.80%	25.30%	4.80%	69.90%
11 - 14	2433	731	120	1582	32.70%	30.00%	5.00%	65.00%
15 -17	577	54	17	509	28.30%	9.30%	2.90%	88.20%
18 - 25	327	30	3	294	22.70%	9.20%	0.90%	89.90%
Ldrs	1248	143	41	1064	25.10%	11.50%	3.30%	85.20%
Total	6500	1442	281	4780		22.20%	4.30%	73.50%
% Branch					26.00%			

In addition to the above members completing the questionnaire, we also had the following Parents complete the questionnaire

Parents	522	71	19	432		13.60%	3.60%	82.80%
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Summary

As at the 6th June 2003 26% of the membership have completed the questionnaire of which:-

22.2% have indicated they prefer the blue shirt with the Section colour on the sleeves, collar etc

4.3% prefer the all Section colour

73.5% do not want to change and prefer the present uniform

Ignoring the Leader and Rover preference and looking at the Youth Sections of Joey, Cub, Scout and Venturer Sections: Preference is 25.7% Blue, 4.8% Colour with a combined total of 30.5% asking for change of some sort and 69.5% wanting no change.

Taking out the Venturer preference the % for change increases to Joey, Cub and Scout is 33% for change against 67% no change

Many suggested keeping the present shirt but leaving the waist down optional
The belt was the most popular item of change

A vast number considered we needed a uniform which included the requirement for common below the waist attire. This was especially commented on by parents

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If National was to make a change then there would be a five year implementation period from a date to be approved for such change to begin. If this occurs the earliest date our present members would need to change their present uniform would be 2009.

Wouldn't it be great if we could be assured because of the great programs being presented to today's youth meant they will still be current members in 2009.

Above are the charts of the views of

Victorian members as at 6th June. An updated and final chart will appear in the August Scout Magazine

**Alston Park
Chief Commissioner, Victoria**