



SCOUT HERITAGE VICTORIA ANNUAL REPORTING, AWARDS PRESENTATION MEETING 2023



Saturday, 21st October 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

62A Mackie Road, Bentleigh East

AGENDA

Opening Prayer	Adele Sharpe, OAM
Acknowledge of being on country	
Open and Welcome	Peter Datson
Attendance	
Apologies	
Minutes of previous Meeting	
Annual Reports	
State Commissioner – Heritage	Peter Datson
Financial	Peter Ingram
Other Reports	
Adoption of Reports	
Declaration of Office Bearers	
Administration Manager	
Collection Manager	Peter Datson
Museum Manager	Adele Sharpe, OAM
Treasurer	Peter Ingram
Archivist	
Secretary	Heather Tasker
Property	Jack Paterson, OAM/Gary Howard
Librarian	Vicki Goodall
Insignia	Don Barry, OAM/Marc Ortlieb
Merchandising Manager	Heather Gordon
Housekeeper	Heather Gordon
Award Presentations	
Heritage Theme	The Brownsea Island Experiment
State Representative	
Other Representatives	
Next Annual Reporting Meeting	October 2024

Front Cover Photo:
Aline Thompson with Lord Baden-Powell. Gone Home.

You are invited to enjoy a light luncheon with our Scout Heritage Team

STATE COMMISSIONER – HERITAGE

The SHV Team has been very busy with a wide range of activities and during the year.

- Working on various cataloguing and research projects.
- Supporting Youth Section Visit activities during school terms.
- Welcoming new team members to SHV.
- Involvement in creating a Heritage Master Plan and meetings with the Property Sub-Committee and Glen Eira Council to guide the future of our Scout Heritage Adventure Centre and Archives.
- Importing archived personnel records into our database to enhance our historical reporting records.
- Securing a grant for digitising historic Scouting films to preserve our organisation's history. These are progressively becoming available on the Scouts Victoria Heritage YouTube channel through the diligent work of Owen Ryan.
- Assisting with the registration for the Adult Recognition Awards day at Gilwell and preparations for it.
- Announcing a document to assist with Groups with 'Planning an Anniversary Celebration'.
- Developing a Disaster Recovery Plan.
- Upgrading technology with the replacement of three touch screens and the introduction of a new Scout quiz.
- Engaging in research activities related to various historical aspects of Scouting, like Stalag 383, 1st Dandenong Hall (Heritage Victoria), Herring Isle, and the 2nd Corroboree in Melbourne – 1922.
- Answering 100s of requests from Groups and individuals about their Scouting history and involvement.
- Providing guidance to Geelong Heritage Centre and Pax Hill Heritage Centre, including the donation of a touch screen to

Pax Hill for their youth activities.

- Creating interesting weekly Facebook posts which receive positive feedback on displaying items of interest from our collection.
- Assisting the Victorian Scout Centre with projects, such as loaning publications for scanning and future research access.
- Carrying out a Plan>Do>Review> of our Interactive Room activities and making some changes to the Exhibit Hall to improve youth visit activities.
- Creating displays at various locations, including Government House King's Scout | Queen's Scout, Eric Kerr films at Bogong History Day and a display about Chernobyl's 30th anniversary at Harrietville Historical Society.
- Celebrating '50 years of SHV' with a display and a special celebration cake during our May Open Day and a display at the Victorian Scout Centre.
- Recognising David Stidston's OAM award in the King's Birthday Honours.
- Receiving a donation from the estate of Neil Westaway – 'The Jamboree Scout' sculpture (1935 Frankston Jamboree). This is now on display in the Exhibit Hall together with the original plaster cast from sculptor Paul Montford.
- Acknowledging the sad passing of important individuals – Lord Michael Baden-Powell, Aline Thompson and Ada Wilkinson. We are grateful for their immense contribution to Scouting and SHV over the years and extend our condolences to their families.

My grateful thanks to all the SHV Team for their diligent assistance and contribution in preserving and celebrating the History of Scouting in Victoria.

Peter Datson
State Commissioner – Heritage

ADMINISTRATION

We continue to be assisted by the Victorian Scout Foundation to funding our operational costs and we are truly grateful for their ongoing support. Costs such as utilities, insurance, etc continue to dominate the complexities to our service delivery. Our finances are slowly being strengthened in 2022/2023 with the return of youth section visit fees to supplement our expenditure, together with some research donations. Our expenditure also supports our conservation and preservation activities as we continue to catalogue our existing and incoming donation holdings.

I wish to record my thanks to Heather Tasker, our hard-working Secretary who takes and

distributes our minutes and handles the large number of correspondence – over 800 items during the year.

Bob Doyle has revised our Disaster Plan/ Recovery Plan into a robust document for our Operations Manual.

Peter Ingram continues to provide strong financial support, so our finances and budget are on track and we claim back the GST on our expenditure.

The behind-the-scenes activities include liaison with fire services, pest control monitoring, essential services compliance and with the councils of the cities of Glen Eira and Darebin. Gary Howard

and Jack Paterson deal with the maintenance and upkeep to our Centre and our building is in a stable

condition thanks to their efforts.
Peter Datson.

COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

Post COVID we are still receiving a steady range of donation items on a regular basis. The word has spread of our existence and families of past members bring in a range of Scouting items as they clean out their storerooms and garages. There has been a steady influx of items which require review (and quarantine so we do not bring in bugs), sorting and assigning to the collection categories before cataloguing, photographing and storage can be actioned. There is a large backlog in this phase which is being slowly addressed. Along with many items donated which we can say, 'we have that,' there are a small number of gems which are truly rare and historic and we value their donation to our collection.

Some of our current cataloguing projects include:

- Area/Region/District and Group Records – progressively processed and catalogued.
- Annual Reports from Group, District Area/Region formations and with some now in electronic format.
- Rationalisation of the collection of Jamboree Newspapers
- Log Books, Minute Books, Photo Albums – catalogued and stored.
- Media – Video Tapes / DVDs, etc – progressive digitisation.
- Newspaper Clippings – scanned, catalogued, and filed.
- Magazines and Periodicals – are sorted from duplicate copies.
- Scouting books in our Library.

- Older donation boxes are being sorted into our category items.
- Plaques and Honour Boards being catalogued, photographed and stored.

Our team of volunteers work each week to bring our collection into a format where we can store and preserve and retrieve these items for the next generation of researchers.

Peter Datson
Collections Manager

AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREES AND OTHER EVENTS ARTEFACTS

Consolidated a number of boxes containing various Australian Jamboree artefacts into their own individually named Australian Jamboree box.

Kept the best three/four units of each artefact plus any catalogue artefacts. These are almost ready for cataloguing.

Many of the excess artefacts are being bagged or boxed for further investigation and action. Excess Australian Jamboree songbooks have been placed in the free songbook box in the retail shop.

Excess Australian Jamboree badges/souvenirs will be given to the retail shop for sale.

Once the Australian Jamboree artefacts have been completed the next stage of other Australian and International events/jamborees will be undertaken in the same format.

Michelle, Liam and Liz

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The volunteers at Scout Heritage Victoria (SHV) are working diligently to prepare the very many items for archiving. This process has many steps – on receipt of a donation, the item(s) are assessed for suitability for the Collection at Scout Heritage Victoria. If suitable, the items are placed in

quarantine to 'kill off any nasties'; they are then catalogued, loaded on to the data base, photographed and finally packed in archival materials and stored where it can be easily retrieved. If the item is not suitable for the collection it will be offered to other organisations or disposed of.

IT SUPPORT

The obtaining of a grant has enabled the replacement of two of the old touch-screen computers used in the Adventure Centre with modern ones and the purchase of an additional unit. This additional unit has been installed with an updated version of the Scout Quiz software. The other units were also updated to this new software version.

An Uninterruptible Power Supply has been purchased and installed to the Server cabinet to protect the NAS and other devices should there be a power failure in the area. This has already proved its worth after a power failure earlier in the year. Work was initiated to enable two of the Team to update the Badges and Scarves Access Database

simultaneously from their homes. More work may be required to ensure data conflicts are resolved correctly.

Scouts Victoria have made available data from the Extranet on former members of the Victorian Branch, much of which has been added to the Personnel Textbase. There is further work to be done related to Leader records from the Extranet still to be added to our Textbase.

A Cyber Security update course was run for the Team in September.

Routine tasks like providing support to the Adventure Centre Team and the Collections Team plus updating of computer operating systems and managing backups continues to occupy a lot of time on Monday workdays.

Bob Doyle.

INSIGNIA AND SCARVES

Thanks to Don Barry's expertise and work, and Sandra Barry's assistance our cataloguing and organisation of the badges and scarves in the filing cabinets at Elm Street continues, with regular monthly sessions at Elm Street where Don brings in piles of plastic folders which get placed into the appropriate filing cabinets. Having Aram Joukaojian and Laurie Weston back at Mackie Road also assists with identification of badges and scarves.

There are several categories under which we file badges and scarves. We have three categories for Victorian Formations – A Museum; B Mobile and C Insurance. That is where you find such items as district badges, group scarves and Camp Site badges and scarves. In addition we have filing cabinets for Branch/State, National, Interstate, Overseas and Achievement. Occasionally there is overlap. Some Achievement Badges are National, while others are State. Jamborees and Moots are usually catalogued under National, but some major events, such as Cuborees, come under State.

Don and Sandra take care of scarves – quarantining, washing, ironing, folding and cataloguing, all done at home. Don also catalogues badges and prepares them for the filing cabinets. Marc helps with cataloguing badges and with filing the completed items in the appropriate filing cabinets.

We have marked cabinets from the A, B, Branch/State and Achievement categories for transfer to Mackie Road. It was felt that keeping our insurance copies of items in the same place as the Museum and Mobile copies rather defeated the purpose for keeping separate insurance copies. Ideally we should have a minimum of three copies of each item – one copy for each of the A, B and C files. Don would prefer a minimum of five of each - one for A, one for B and three for C so that, in the event of us losing the A and B sets of filing cabinets,

we could recreate these from the C set. We are hoping to bring the thirteen or so marked filing cabinets to Mackie Road in October so that they can be more easily accessed by SHV members and so that people wishing to get information about the items would also have easier access to them.

In cataloguing the items at Elm Street, we have improved our ability to evaluate surplus stock and to direct it to either the shop for sale or for disposal. This has assisted us to create packets of swap badges to sell, both at VicJam last year and at this year's Cuboree.

We will need to take a closer look at items like scarves. We have large piles of scarves – some unused – which are of limited sales value. Some of these will be able to go to charities that recycle good quality cloth. There are issues with disposing of Gilwell scarves, which have special meaning to many of us. There are also issues with identifying scarves, given the fact that State has not maintained a scarf register. We are working on that.

A final area to consider is that of adding photographs of scarves and badges to the Scarf and Badge database. We are starting to look at that, in terms of how to present the scarves. Bob Doyle has kindly provided us with a program that will allow us to cut down the size of the photograph files, which will make including photos more feasible.

Recent donations have helped us to fill gaps in the collection and we are grateful to those Groups who, when visiting, provide use with copies of their scarves or details about their badges. We are also, needless to say, grateful to all those folk who have donated items, either their own, or those from the estates of Scouters who have passed on.

REMEMBER – HISTORY STARTS TODAY

Don Barry OAM, Marc Ortlieb
Insignia Custodians

ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION 2022-2023

SCOUT HERITAGE ACCOUNT

Balance at Bank	30th June 2023	\$3,991.93
Credit not Banked		
Total Funds Available		\$3,991.93
Less Unpresented Cheques		
Date:	Chq#	Payee
25/03/2023	947	SAS Bookbinding
31/05/2023	964	PROsecurity
7/06/2023	966	Australian Badge Club
		293.90
Funds available at Bank	30th June 2023	\$3,698.03
Grant Funding 2021-2022	Local History	0.00
	Volunteer	0.00
		0.00
2022-2023 Income to Date		19931.95
Total Income		19931.95
Expenditure to Date		19590.86
Balance		\$341.09
Tax Control to Date		-1690.37
Total	30th June 2023	-\$1,349.28
Surplus Funds 30th June 2022		\$5,047.31
Cash Book Balance		\$3,698.03

SHV - SCOUT DEVELOPMENT FUND

Balance of Account	30th June 2023	\$28,427.73
Interest YTD (22/23)		\$1,093.76



Peter G Ingram
Treasurer
30th June 2023

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 2023. 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 2023 and its available funds balance as at that date.



Signature of Auditor

Bruce Paterson
Qualifications: B.Bus (Acc) / .

Date: 24 / 8 / 2023

Profit and Loss Statement (Actual vs Budget)

For the period from 1/07/2022 to 30/06/2023

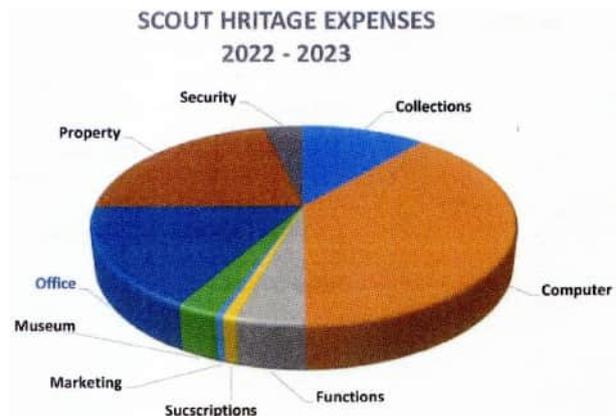
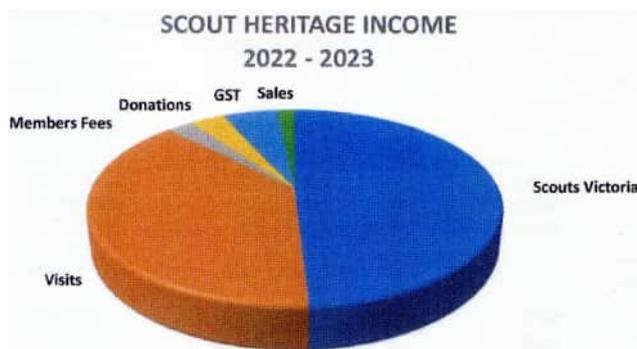
	Actual	Budget	Percentage	Remaining
Surplus Funds 1/07/2021		5,047.31		
INCOME				
Budget & Donations				
Budget - Scouts Victoria	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	0.00
Donations	320.00	300.00	107%	-20.00
Total - Budget & Donations	10,320.00	10,300.00		
Grants				
Voluntee Grant	0.00	3,200.00		3,200.00
Visits				
Donations	126.00	500.00	25%	374.00
Entrance Fees	5,584.08	3,000.00	186%	-2,584.08
Shop Sales	1,671.85	1,000.00	167%	-671.85
Total - Visits	7,381.93	4,500.00		
Members Fees				
Members Fees	505.00	300.00	168%	-205.00
Other Income				
GST Refund 2021- 2022	0.00	100.00		100.00
Gst Refund 2022 - 2023	1,048.81	1,500.00	70%	451.19
Other Refunds	336.22	-		
Total - Other Income	1,385.03	1,600.00		
Sales				
Books	0.00	100.00	0%	100.00
Badges & Other Items	0.00	200.00	0%	200.00
Reports	290.00	400.00	73%	110.00
Searches	50.00	500.00	10%	450.00
Total - Sales	340.00	1,200.00		
Total Income	\$19,931.96	\$26,147.31		
LESS EXPENSES				
Archival Expenses	0.00	2,000.00	0%	2,000.00
Collection Expenses	1,735.97	1,000.00	174%	-735.97
Collections	651.33	1,000.00	65%	348.67
Total - Expenses	2,387.30	4,000.00		
Less Computer Expenses				
Hardware	6,768.36	1,000.00	677%	-5,768.36
Internet	547.89	900.00	61%	352.11
Network	0.00	1,200.00	0%	1,200.00
Software	917.74	120.00	765%	-797.74
Total -Computer Expenses	8,233.99	3,220.00		
Less Functions				
ARAP	143.00	400.00	36%	257.00
Open day	800.99	200.00	400%	-600.99
Total - Functions	943.99	600.00		
Less Marketing Expenses				
Marketing	110.00	600.00	18%	490.00
Less Membership Subscriptions				
AMaGA	150.00	150.00	100%	0.00
Australian Badge Club	20.00	20.00		
Less Museum				
Displays	230.56	1,000.00	23%	769.44
Museum	332.95	500.00	67%	167.05
Off Site Displays	0.00	500.00	0%	500.00
Total - Museum	563.51	2,000.00		
Less Office Expenses				
Branch Fees - Insurance	0.00	5,000.00	0%	5,000.00
Catering	204.35	400.00	51%	195.65
Equipment	1,506.72	1,000.00	151%	-506.72
House Keeping	651.98	500.00	130%	-151.98
Materials & Fittings	128.06	1,000.00	13%	871.94

Profit and Loss Statement (Actual vs Budget)

For the period from 1/07/2022 to 30/06/2023

	Actual	Budget	Percentage	Remaining
Office Expenses Continued				
Photocopying	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00
Postage	279.07	100.00	279%	-179.07
Stationary	402.77	500.00	81%	97.23
Training	40.00	500.00	8%	460.00
Travel	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00
Bank Transactions	307.86			
Sundry Office Expenses	0.00	500.00	0%	500.00
Total - Office Expenses	3,520.81	11,500.00		
Less Grants				
PROV Grant	0.00			
Total - Grants	0.00			
Less Project Expenses				
Project -	0.00	1,000.00	0%	1,000.00
Less Property Expenses				
BENTLEIGH EAST				
Electricity	2,223.46	2,000.00	111%	-223.46
Council Charges	271.90	500.00	54%	228.10
Fire Service	100.54	150.00	67%	49.46
Maintenance	1,231.29	2,000.00	62%	768.71
Pest Treatment	0.00	500.00	0%	500.00
Water	424.75	200.00	212%	-224.75
PRESTON				
Fire Service	0.00	300.00	0%	300.00
Maintenance	319.40	500.00	64%	180.60
Pest Treatment	0.00	300.00	0%	300.00
Total - Property Expenses	4,571.34	6,450.00		
Less Security				
Bentleigh East	408.10	1,000.00	41%	591.90
Key Holding Fee	57.20	60.00	95%	2.80
Preston	314.60	300.00	105%	-14.60
Total - Security	779.90	1,360.00		
Total Expenses	\$21,280.84	\$30,880.00		
Profit/Loss	-\$1,348.88	-\$4,732.69		

Date: 30th June 2023



SHOP

The variety of items available for purchase in our shop is ever changing. Visitors are amazed by the variety, especially the items from past scouting events such as Jamborees and Moots.

Badges and woggles continue to be our most popular sales items. Tea towels, ties, cuff links and belt pins have also been popular this year. When we had a supply of whistles, no sooner had they been placed on display, they were sold.

Unfortunately we are unable to display the full

range of items we have for sale due to limited space but we continue to try to display as much as possible.

We have a selection of song books available for free for visitors and these are keenly taken by both youth and leaders. Perhaps we will see a resurgence in section singalongs!

Heather Gordon
Merchandising Manager

MAINTENANCE

Over the past year, we have continued our maintenance schedule as required and including:

Touching up of paint on walls and doors as required.

Re Test and Tag of items as needed and as new items come into use.

Fitted a new LED batten light to room 11.

Removal of debris from roof gutters.

Fitted new banner securing brackets to kitchen.

Changed over all smoke detector and PIR batteries.

Installed new fireplace in campsite display.

Replaced one track light in museum.

Fitted new donation boxes in shop and museum.

Rearranged storage in Loading Bay 1.

Fitted new soap dispensers in male and female toilets.

Numerous odd jobs as required for the general upkeep of the building.

Jack Paterson OAM
Gary Howard
Maintenance Team

VISITS TO OUR MUSEUM AND ADVENTURE CENTRE

Reflecting on the period under review, 38 visits including one Open Day were conducted, giving us the opportunity to welcome and share our Scouting Heritage with 665 Visitors. This figure is represented by 210 adults and 455 youth ~ the latter being made up by 39 Joeys, 259 Cubs and 157 Scouts.

It is also gratifying to receive positive feedback from our visitors enabling us to gauge what they have learnt and enjoyed from their visit and also to receive some ideas for future displays.

We cannot underestimate the important role played by our Tour Guide Team. Tours cannot be conducted unless we have a sound base of volunteers. Each Tour requires at least three guides ~ sometimes more ~ depending on the numbers expected. This year the Team has contributed at least 342 volunteer hours to the conduct of Tours. This figure does not include the time involved in processing and recording the bookings. My sincere thanks go to all the team who have made themselves available, particularly those who have "done the extra mile", often at short notice.

This year we were pleased to welcome four new members to the Tour Guide team: Liz Mendoza, Michelle Grierson, Ann and Geoff Naughtin.

Our current Tour Guide Team consists of:

Liam Allars	Liz Mendoza
Peter Datson	Ann Naughtin
Geoff Dean	Geoff Naughtin
Alison Dingwall	Marc Ortlieb
Vicki Goodall	Kay Perkins
Heather Gordon	Adele Sharpe OAM
Aram Joukadjian	David Stidston OAM
Christine Landsberg	Heather Tasker
Greg Lanyon	Bob Taylor AM

Thank you all!

We are always seeking to expand our Team and would welcome hearing from anyone who could be interested. The more we have, the easier it becomes. Training is provided, the Company is great (and so is the "pay"!)

For further information, please contact Adele Sharpe (9857 6387) or Peter Datson (0418 350 114)

Adele Sharpe
Booking Secretary and Museum Manager
03-9857 6387

SECTION VISITS TO MACKIE ROAD

September 2022-September 2023

Day	Month	Group	Joeys	Cubs	Scouts	Vents	Rovers	Adults	Teams
Thu 1	Sept	Baden Powell Park Scouts			14			4	LA, PD, GL, Joan
Mon 5	Sept	2nd Prahran Cubs		10				4	DS, HG
Thu 8	Sept	Heathmont Scouts			14			6	PD, HT, GL
Mon 12	Sept	4th Kew Cubs		7	1			5	MO,
Tue 11	Oct	13th Malvern Cubs		34				11	LA, IS, AS, GL
Tue 18	Oct	Bailey Reserve Scouts			17			3	PD, LA, GL, AJ
Mon 24	Oct	Hampton Scouts			18			3	MO, AD
Thu 27	Oct	1st Nunawading Scouts			9			3	PD, HT, HG
Mon 7	Nov	5/6th Moorabbin Cubs		10				2	HT, AS, IS
Tue 8	Nov	12th Caulfield Cubs		15				8	DS, KP
Tue 15	Nov	1st Canterbury Cubs & Joey	8	6				6	AS, IS, AD
Fri 25	Nov	Narre Warren Cubs		14				4	AS, IS, MO
Sun 4	Dec	St Mina Hallam Scouts			9			3	MO,DS, AJ
Mon 20	Feb	1st City of Camberwell Cubs		24				7	MO,HT,BP
Thu 23	Feb	Heany Park Joeys	7					7	IS, AS, DS
Wed 1	Mar	Frankston Scouts			8			4	MO, LA
Mon 6	Mar	2nd Glen Waverley Joeys	10					4	AS,IS, AD
Thu 9	Mar	1st North Balwyn Cubs		15				8	DS, HT, GL
Tue 21	Mar	Moodemere Scouts			9			4	PD, LM, GL
Wed 3	May	Moodemere Cubs		23				5	MO,HT, KP
Sun 7	May	Rutherglen Scouts			9			2	PD, LA,
Sun 7	May	Open Day						41	
Tue 16	May	1/2nd Greensborough Scouts			14			4	PD, LA, LM
Mon 22	May	Moodemere Joeys	9					13	MO, PD
Tue 30	May	1st Kallista Joeys & Cubs	5	8				5	DS, LM
Tue 6	June	10th Caulfield Cubs		9				6	DS, LM
Tue 20	June	Box Hill North Scouts			11			3	MO, PD, GL
Tue 18	July	5th Sandringham Cubs		12				4	PD, RT, LM
Wed 19	July	19th Camberwell Scouts			13			5	PD, HT, GL
Tue 25	July	Wurringga Cubs		11				4	PD KP
Tue 1	Aug	1st Glen Iris Cubs		14				6	PD, KP, RT
Thu 10	Aug	1st Bentleigh Scouts			18			5	PD, MG, LM
Tue 15	Aug	12th Caulfield Cubs		15				4	DS, HT, AN, GN, GL
Tue 29	Aug	Narre Warren Cubs		14				3	AD, MO, DS
Wed 13	Sept	Narre Warren South Scouts			11			4	MO, AN, GN
		TOTALS Youth	39	241	175			Adults 210	Youth & Adults = 665

LIBRARY

It's that time of year again, time for the annual report of what's happened in the library in the past 12 months.

The news is much the same as previous years, donations continued to arrive, cataloguing has progressed slowly, only 19 items catalogued and the surplus donations have overwhelmed us.

After a huge effort the surplus magazines have

been dealt with and inroads have been made on the newsletters. All magazines and newsletters have been removed from the room next door (Room 11) so that room can be painted.

The surplus books have become a larger problem, with over 100 boxes packed, there just is not enough storage space to retain all these boxes. Even with all the surplus books removed we have

run out of shelving space for the donations that will be kept. Something that will have to be addressed very quickly.

One project that did get completed during the year, thanks to Branch, was the digitising of a complete set of P. O. and R. and its various name

changes. Branch will eventually make this digitised version available on-line and in the meantime we have a copy at SHV. There is a possibility that some more titles may also be digitised at a future date.

Vicki Goodall, *Librarian*

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

As of September 2023, the newspaper clipping spreadsheet contains 15661 records. Most contain details of publication date, Scout Formation, title, content and whether or not the article includes photographs. Many of these records also mention the name or names of Scouting people who appear in the articles.

I am currently scanning the articles from the metal drawers in the back of the main office as pdf files that Bob Doyle loads into our network. Once loaded, the pdf files can be accessed through the main database. The drawers were divided into three sections: Group/Formation, people and miscellaneous. All three sections have been catalogued. All of the Group/Formation drawers have been scanned. I am up to letter "M" in scanning the people drawers. None of the miscellaneous drawers have been scanned yet.

Our clipping service sends us newspaper articles mentioning the word "scout". These then have to be checked for relevance to Scouts Victoria, as the algorithm used by our clipping service does not distinguish between Scouts, talent scouts, people or animals named "Scout", etc. All the newspaper articles that we get from the service are already digitised – though some have to be converted from web pages to pdf. Others may be partly hidden behind paywalls. The articles are catalogued to the spreadsheet weekly and are then added to the pdf files on our network. Bob has to do minor work on the files before uploading them and so the uploading of pdfs may be a couple of weeks behind. We usually get between ten and thirty articles per week through the clipping

service, though this can increase around events such as the recent issues with the South Korean Jamboree.

In addition to the metal drawer files, loose clippings that are brought to me do eventually get catalogued and scanned, with the originals being stored in a filing cabinet in our room. We have yet to decide what to do with these paper copies and with the paper copies still in the metal drawers.

The final type of newspaper clipping is found glued into scrap books. We have a large number of these. Those from which the articles have been catalogued are kept in the compactus in our office. They are catalogued with reference to the SHV catalogue number of each particular scrapbook. If anyone were looking for a particularly tedious task, they could go through each scrapbook numbering the pages and then adding the page numbers as a separate field in the spreadsheet. It is not currently feasible to digitise the articles in the scrapbooks. For a start, you can get as many as six separate articles on a page, thus requiring a page to be scanned six times. In addition some of the scrapbooks would not fit in the scanner and taking the books apart for scanning would be a major task.

Apart from maintaining the spreadsheet with articles coming from the clipping service, new loose articles and working my way through the metal drawers, there are loose articles and scrapbooks discovered almost every day by SHV members sorting through boxes. That latter type of article will become a priority once the metal drawers are finished.

Marc Ortlieb.

Fifty years of SHV

This milestone was celebrated with a cake that was jointly cut by our youngest member, Liam, and our oldest member, Jack, with Peter looking on



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 Victoria, then do so under Australian Scout Fellowship – Heritage with Scouts Victoria for \$50.00 per annum.

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Di Morgan
Tony Nathan
Ann Naughton
Geoff Naughton
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Jack Paterson, OAM
Jean Paterson, OAM
Kay Perkins
Emily Potts

Brendan Pumpa
Owen Ryan
Donna Seary
Adele Sharpe, OAM
Ian Sharpe, OAM
Gary Steinhardt
David Stidston
Betty Tanck
Sue Tanck
Heather Tasker
Bob Taylor AM
Laurie Weston
Michael Wong



Graham being presented with his Life Membership Certificate by Peter.



Alison and Adele receiving their Long Service Award Certificates.

ANNUAL REPORTING AND PRESENTATION MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 15th September 2022
Held at 62A Mackie Road, East Bentleigh at 8.00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Adele Sharpe
Acknowledgement to Country: Peter Datson
Welcome to everyone and Special Guests.

Present:

Peter Datson, Jack Paterson OAM, Jean Paterson OAM, Ian Sharpe OAM, Adele Sharpe OAM, Don Barry OAM, Sandra Barry, Bob Taylor OAM, Geoff Dean, Vicki Goodall, Kay Perkins, Marc Ortlieb, David Stidston, Gary Howard, Alison Dingwall, Heather Tasker, Heather Gordon, Rob Brain-ASF, Glenys Porteous, Owen Ryan, Kel McMeeken OAM, Aline Thompson OAM, Di Johnson, Fiona Hocking, Bob Doyle, Anne Kilpatrick – Glen Eira Historical Society, (26)

Apologies:

John De Wijn, Greg Langdren, Diana Swift, Lisa Picking, Wombat Lyons, Greg McDougall, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, Cr. Margaret Esakoff, Mayor Jim McGee, Di Morgan, Aram Jourkajin, David Jones, Greg Lanyon, Peter Ingram, Christine Landsberg, Michael Wong, Joan Datson.

Amendment to Minutes: Ian Sharpe attended 2021 ARAP.

Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 ARAP:

Moved: Alison Dingwall **seconded:** David Stidston carried.

REPORTS:

State Commissioner – Heritage

Peter Datson spoke to his report.

Financial Report: Peter Ingram (presented by Peter Datson)

Adoption of Balance Sheet and Annual Statement of Accounts:

Moved: Heather Gordon **seconded:** Geoff Dean, **carried.**

Other Reports as per Annual Report.

Moved: Heather Gordon, **seconded:** Geoff Dean, **carried.**

Declaration of Office Bearers:

Minute Secretary: Heather Tasker

Finance: Peter Ingram

Maintenance: Jack Paterson/Gary Howard

Visits: Adele Sharpe

Collections: Peter Datson

Library: Vicki Goodall

Insignia: Don Barry OAM/Marc Ortlieb

Merchandising: Heather Gordon

PRESENTATIONS:

National President's Award – Alison Dingwall (being presented at Gilwell Park next Sunday)

Long Service Award – Sandra Barry

Long Service Award – Heather Gordon.

Heather has also been awarded the Meritorious Service Award which will be presented at a later date.

Special Presentation – Aline Thompson – Life Membership.

RESPONSES:

SLT representative

Mayor or Councillor.

HISTORY PRESENTATION: Charles Archibald (Arch) Hoadley and Frankston Jamboree 1934.

Peter invited Guests to join us for Supper.

Meeting Closed: 8.45 p.m.

Next ARAP: Thursday 21st September 2023 at 8.00 p.m. at 62A Mackie Road. East Bentleigh.

Captain Hurley Rover Crew – 1929



The Brownsea Island Experiment

In this, Scouting's hundredth year (2007) it is worthy of a few moments of reflection on an idea which has had an extraordinary impact on young people throughout the world and continues to do so. An idea so radical at the time, but so simple in concept that it rapidly spread throughout the world. Today there are 28 million (54 million in 2023) young people enjoying the benefits.



B-P instructing some boys on the Brownsea Island camp in 1907
Photograph courtesy of Scout Association UK

I quote Ted Gatt, from an article in an English magazine. The year was 1906, the place, the country house of Mr Arthur Pearson.

During the course of the weekend house party, Percy W. Everett noted a comment made by one of the guests. "There are one and a quarter million young boys in the country at present outside the range of good influences, most drifting toward hooliganism for want of a helping hand."

"The speaker was Major-General Robert Baden-Powell CB, the great national hero of the siege of Mafeking and idol of many boys throughout the kingdom.

Somme discussion took place about the possibility of adapting his army training manual 'Aids to Scouting' for use by the boys. Prominent people were approached on the subject and the reception of the idea was almost unanimously favourable."

But would the idea work? Was it a practical

proposition? B-P, never one to rely on a theory, decided that some experiment was necessary.

It did not take too long to decide that the scheme had to be tried out under camping conditions. So, the plans were laid for what was to prove to be arguably the most momentous camp ever held.

Details of the camp, held around July/August 1907 on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour on the south coast of England, have been recorded in dozens of publications over the years and its success as an experiment has been well documented. B-P, in his report on the camp (dated November 1907) said, "The results were such as to encourage the highest hopes as to the possibilities of the scheme when carried out on a larger scale."

The format and practice set at the trial camp have not changed significantly since those days. Neither, it seems, has the manner of dealing with young people.

Some of B-P's comments in his report on the camp will bring a smile to the face of many a current Scout Leader.

For instance, "We found the best way of imparting theoretical instruction was to give it out in short installments with demonstrations. A formal lecture is apt to bore the boys," and again, "Discipline was very satisfactory indeed. A 'Court of Honour' was constituted to try any offences against discipline, but it was never needed. In the first place the boys were 'put on their honour' to do their best. Secondly, senior boys were made responsible for the behaviour of the boys forming their patrol. This worked perfectly well."

It is not the only thing that 'worked perfectly well'. Scouting had arrived and, spurred on by B-P's writings, spread rapidly throughout England, and subsequently, the world.

For those interested, the story of the trail and its aftermath can be found on the internet.

Assistance from the Victorian Branch Archives is acknowledged.

Published in Australian Scout, July 2007, by the late Neil Westaway AO, the Vice President, Victoria Branch and former World Scouting Chairman.

Joey's in uniform at SHV

