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February Fires 2009

Our thoughts are with those affected by the bush fires of 7th February.

Scouting is acting to support the community – more details within.

EXTRAORDINARY ROVERS

EXTRAORDINARY CREWS

Saturday 21/03/2009

Be involved.

John & Julie.

Thank You!

Victorian Venturers and Rovers express their thanks to John Ravenhall and Julie Creed for their sterling efforts in their roles as Chief Commissioner (Australia) and National Commissioner (Youth Program) respectively.

INFO Book 2009

*Now on vicscouts.asn.au
Calendar of events and much more
also mailed with Feb 2009 Scout mag
Updated every second month – as will be
advised via the Branch newsletter,
commencing (appropriately) on 01/04/2009.*

"All Victorians enjoying Scouting"

COMMITTEE FOR THE FAR FUTURE

I have established a Think Tank sub committee of the Chief Commissioner Council to examine where we might or should be as a Movement 3-5 years into the future and the strategies needed to achieve this. I invite expressions of interest from members of the Movement to join this Committee who believe they can contribute to it by presenting and analysing fresh, new ideas that will influence the way we implement the six priorities we have established in order to achieve our Vision of All Victorians Enjoying Scouting. I also invite submissions to the Committee from those who might not wish to nor be able to join the Committee but who might present or forward submissions on their issues and ideas for consideration.

Expressions of Interest in joining the Committee should be sent to cff@vicscouts.asn.au and they should include a brief synopsis of the ideas, skills and contributions that members would bring to the Committee table. The sub committee will be led by ACC Margaret Tremewen and facilitated by BEC member Adrian Ohlsen.

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

Congratulations to Scouts Hannah Perrins of 1st North Balwyn and Siobhan Stewart of Montmorency Group who have been appointed for a three year term to the Scouts Australia National Youth Council. They join other Victorians, Braidy Ould (1st Ballam Park Venturer), Trevor Wyhoon (Tarwin Junction Rover), Nathan Delaney (Allansford Rover), Lana Andrews (1st Rowville Venturer), Danielle Rothwell (1st NarreWarren North Venturer) and Jonas Anderson (10th Footscray Venturer) who provide input from youth members in all states to the National Leader Management Councils

2009 GOOD SERVICE AWARDS

Nominations were due with your District Commissioner by Saturday 7 March. They must be with Region Commissioners by Tuesday 31 March.

MONSTER SCOUT RAFFLE

All Scout formations would have received their Monster Scout Raffle tickets by now. If not, contact raffle@vicscouts.asn.au. More than 100 Groups have asked for more tickets. Two new initiatives have been launched this year:

- A brochure is being produced to assist Groups sell tickets
- Permissions have been sought from all Victorian shopping centres to allow Groups to sell raffle tickets in their premises,

and excellent response has been received one day after the letter was sent. We will advise you of the shopping centres that have given their permissions. Each shopping centre has been provided with a copy of the Association's Public Liability Certificate of Currency and a copy of Raffle Permit.

- We would like to hear from you any ideas that you might have to improve the processing & selling: raffle@vicscouts.asn.au

FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

The Branch Executive Committee has established this sub-committee to raise funds for Victorian Scouting as part of the "Finance that Supports" strategy. Mr John Peck has been appointed as the Chairperson of this sub-committee.

DIAN SHEEDY BIDS FAREWELL

Dian, co-ordinating editor of Australian Scout magazine, and a staff member at Vic. Branch for the last 18 years will be retiring on March 26. She is one of the longest serving members of the Branch team and joined Scouting as a volunteer in 1970 which brings her service to 38 years.

Her first warrant was as probationary assistant Cub Scout leader at 3rd Springvale but she was soon Assistant Cub Scout Leader and by 1972 was District Leader Cub Scouts for the City of Springvale. Later she served at 2nd Glen Waverley and in 1976 became District Leader Cub Scouts in Lilydale, Assistant District Commissioner in Flinders District and District Commissioner for Sandringham and Assistant Area Commissioner, Yarra Valley before a spell at 8th Camberwell South as Cub Scout Leader.

Di had always been interested in training and completed 18 courses in her Scouting career and earned her wood badge in 1972. But her other great interest has been in ethnic Scouting and she has liaised between a number of groups and Branch in their formative years.

Six years ago she took on the job of co-ordinating and helping edit contributions to Australian Scout. This was a big task as Di had no knowledge of the In Design computer program that would have to be used and had to hastily enrol in RMIT University and other courses to get the hang of what she had to do. She met the challenge with fortitude and she and managing editor David Jefferson are proud that none of the magazines they produced were late arriving in leader's letterboxes in last six years.

INTERCHANGE - YOUR COMMUNICATION & RESOURCE SERVICE!

- Aim:** to provide communication & resource material for Venturers & Rovers.
- Content:** the Editor reserves the right not to publish material that is contrary to or conflicts with, recognised Scouting practice.
- Contributions:** articles, photographs, reports, cartoons etc are most welcome, preferably submitted via email, but postal is acceptable.
- Postal:** INTERCHANGE, P.O. Box 774, MOUNT WAVERLEY, VICTORIA, 3149.
- Email:** interchange@vicscouts.asn.au
- Due date:** the due date for contributions is the last day of the month preceding the monthly issue (ie 30th June for July issue); this permits inclusion of info from the BRC (4th Wednesday), VVC (1st Tuesday) and BCs' meetings (1st Wednesday); for mailing on the next Monday - which will be the 13th of the month, at the latest.
- Distribution:** it is published up to 11 times a year by the Scout Association, Victorian Branch, with copies to each Crew and Unit.
- Web Page:** you can view 2 pdf versions of each issue (one with pics/graphics, one without) on the Victorian Branch web site, at: vicventurers.com - go to the Newsletter page for back copies from 2001
- Subscriptions:** Venturers, Rovers & Leaders may subscribe by sending \$15.00 (Victorian subscriber) and \$18.00 (interstate subscribers)
- Advertising:** all general Scouting activities are promoted free of charge, but a fee may be charged for major fundraising events.
- Printer:** KWIK KOPY, 426 Burke Road, Camberwell, 3146. (W) 9889 0666 (F) 9889 4783.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF

Greetings,

In response to the fire emergency, the actions of many of our Leaders, Rovers, Supporters and Lay members has been outstanding.

Many in the Scouting community have been directly supporting the Fire relief effort through their local membership or support of the CFA, Red Cross, Rotary, Lyons, APEX, and other voluntary and government organizations.

Our Victorian Scout commitment which is coordinated by Russell Bradd and the Rovers has provided support to 12 different tasks, using 280 different people supplying over 1,800 hours of work.

The Tasks have included:

- Staffing the donation phones for the Channel 9 Telethon
- Sorting and relocating donations for the Diamond Creek Relief Centre
- Finding Scout halls to store donations
- Helping the Salvo's sort donations at their warehouses
- Cleanup of Scout properties, Camp Warringal & the Merri Plains campsite at Whittlesea
- Assisting last Sundays Memorial service in Melbourne
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Thanks also go to those who have provided resources to the Rover Office to manage our response:

- IBM Australia via leader Tony Nathan who loaned 6 laptop computers for admin purposes.
- 10 Mouse donated by Andrew and Vicki Rothwell

We have also become aware of a number of Scouting families directly impacted by the fires and we plan to provide support into the future in the nature of uniforms, registration and ability to attend activities.

Moving in to the future, our communications arrangements are changing as follows:

- Russell Bradd will continue to work directly with a coordinator for each task
- fire.relief@vicscouts.asn.au email will continue to be used as our preferred communication
- The Rover Office will no longer be manned to receive phone calls.

All phone calls relating to Fire Relief and support should now go to: Vicki Rothwell, Secretary of Narre Warren North Scout Group on **(03) 9705 0420** who has volunteered for this role.

Groups and individuals who plan supporting activities or need help should contact us through either of the above.

The Salvo's still need help with donation sorting, if you are available please contact Vicki.

If you or your formation has assisted in any way, either formally or informally, please let us know by email or phone call to keep our records up to date.

Please pass this message onto your sections and any people who may have helped but for whom we did not have E-mail contacts.

We have established arrangements to accept **direct donations for affected Scout Formations** which can be made by directly crediting the following account and clearly indicating the purpose of the funds as Bushfire Donation:

- Account No: Scout Association of Australia Victoria Branch
- BSB No: 083-355
- Account No: 51556 4710
- EFT Desc: BushFire/<donor name

Please also then forward an email addressed as "Bushfire Donation" or similar message to the accounting section at Victorian Branch with the following details about your donation:

- Your name, address & contact number or email address so that we can send a receipt.

Donations also may be made by cheque payable to "The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - Bushfire Relief" and forwarded to the Branch at Mt Waverley.

The accounting section can be contacted as follows:

Email: accounting@vicscouts.asn.au This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

Fax: (03) 8543 9840

Phone: (03) 8543 9886

Address: PO BOX 774, Mt Waverley, VIC 3149

The Association will work directly with the effected Scouting Communities to ensure funds are distributed to the benefit of those Groups and families directly affected by the bushfires.

The March Australian Scout Magazine will have coverage of the impact of the fires on Scouting in Victoria and will thus arrive slightly later than usual.

We are still unsure of the final number of our families affected but I correct the statement in the 13/2/09 Email that the loss of life of the family in Whittlesea was that of the Hall Committee President not the Group Committee President of 1st Whittlesea

Through this tragic event we have shown how quickly and effectively Scouting can help the broader community in addition to great work we do with youth every week.

**BOB TAYLOR, Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch**

BUSHFIRE APPEAL TELETHON

My apologies for being so late with this note, but I have had shows on everyday this week. I just wanted to send you an enormous thankyou to pass on to the Rovers that participated in last weeks Bushfire Appeal, and of course yourself for organising it.

As you know, I am a former Rover myself (Golden South District 79-83...we had the best car ever at Mudbash...the V8 Mini "Res-erection"), I digress.

The Sunday after the Bushfires, when it became apparent we were indeed facing a tragedy, I emailed David Gyngell (CEO of the Nine Network) suggesting we run a telethon. I don't think I was the only one with this idea, however he rang me at 7 am Monday morning to say it was on, and to get on board with a couple of other Senior Producers and get a show ready for Thursday night.

We then set about the task, and of course the most important ingredient in any telethon is a phone room, and it's vital to have competent, efficient people answering the phone!

I had no hesitation in calling on the Rovers to assist with this. I had many many offers of help from the public, and several companies, but I knew that I would be able to completely trust the Rovers to handle this. You kindly accepted the challenge without hesitation.

I was not dissapointed.

The Rovers handled the task magnificently. We had 9410 calls through that room on the night, and raised more than 6.2 million dollars from the 90 phones the Rovers manned. The rest of the 21.5 million that was raised came via the overflow phone rooms around the country.....totalling 1050 phones, and the website.

Because of the delayed time of the telecast to Perth and the western states, the phones ran hot until 2am. Many who had commitments early the next day stayed and got on with the job. I did not hear one complaint from anyone, and this made my job as a producer so much easier.

Events like this can only happen with a massive team effort, and it was an absolute delight to have the Rovers as part of the team.

Each and every one of them should feel extremely proud to have been

part of what was a very successful event. It was sad that a telethon was necessary, but what the Rovers did will help so many people in the face of a terrible tragedy.

So, please pass on my personal thanks to all of them. I was very, very proud of them!!!

I hope we never have a tragic situation like this again, but when we next need to call on your help, let's hope it will be for a happier situation.

Yours sincerely,

**Steve Gilbert,
Executive Producer,
NINE NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

Calling All Movie Makers!

We've seen your skills with the camera, now show us your moving making talents!

If you have short film clips of various Scouts events in Australia or elsewhere, please send it to the National Office.

We now have the facilities to run short slips on the homepage of the National website and would love for your Group to be a part of it!

Send your clips to the National Marketing Communications Officer :

Re: Video Clips
Scouts Australia
Level 1
8 Help Street
Chatswood NSW
2067

or email to
nat.marcomms@scouts.com.au

Thanks again for your continued support!

Saturday 9 May 2009

7.00 pm



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Moving On

I have become to old to be a youth member of Scouts Australia. After starting as a cub at 10th Glenroy and moving up though all the adventures (Perth Jamboree, Venturer 2000 and many others) I started my adventure in Rovers.

I have been in 10th Glenroy as a Cub/Scout which became 1st Oak Park while I was a Scout, Strathmore Venture Unit (registered to 1st Strathmore) and Keith Farquhar Rover Crew (registered to 1st Strathmore), 2nd Essendon where I was also ASL, Moonee Valley District and Kariwara District where I have been a DL- PR & Development)

I have really enjoyed my 8 years in Rovers as a member of the Keith Farquhar Rover Crew in Hoadley Region. During my Rovering I have also been a part of the St George's day committee, Scout displays at the Royal Melbourne Show, the Hoadley Region Rover Council, Branch Rover Council, Surfmoor, Rover Marketing Committee and Mafeking Park camp committee.

I have enjoyed many Hoadley Hides on various Uncle Gary sites - favorite name being Uncle Gary's any port in a storm! Many crew weekends camping at Rowallan (rarely in a tent), writing articles on Rovering for Oana, Interchange and Scout magazine and being a part of the Branch Rover council (often creating a sea of emails)

David Wombat Lyons

EXTRAORDINARY ROVERS = EXTRAORDINARY CREWS

YOUR INVITATION

This is your invitation to join the rest of Victorian Rovers and Rover Advisers, for an opportunity of a lifetime. On the 21st of March 2009, the Victorian Branch Rover Council are hosting a workshop day for you to come along and have your say.

DATE: 21st March 2009

TIME: 1:30pm- 9:30pm

VENUE: Latrobe University Union Hall, Bundoora

COST: Absolutely NOTHING!

An evening meal will be provided to thank you for your input. The university café will also be open for you to purchase snacks throughout the day.

The aim of this day is to ensure that Rovering in Victoria is providing the activities and program that meets your needs and the needs of future Rovers. We want to know, what is good about Rovers? What can be improved? What is no longer relevant? What makes an Extraordinary Rover? What support does your Crew need? How do we get more members? Are our Activities appropriate? Should we look at reducing the upper age of Rovers? Are Rovers relevant in today's scouting?

I can assure you this will not be a day where you will have to sit and listen to boring speaker after boring speaker. You will be actively participating in the workshops, because it is your ideas and opinions that we want to hear. You will never have this opportunity again, whilst you are in Rovers.

So how do you become a part of this epic one off day?

To register, you need to go onto the web and follow this link: <http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/extraordinaryRovers> Or go to www.vicrovers.com and follow the Extraordinary Rovers = Extraordinary Crews link.

You will need your registration number for this process and to make it even simpler we have included it at the bottom of this letter.

If you have any further questions or have any problems registering please contact the organising team via rovers.seminar@vicscouts.asn.au , call the Vic Rover Centre on 03) 8543-9900 each Wednesday evening or call me on 0438 393228.

This is an exciting process for all Victorian Rovers, I strongly encourage you to come along and have your say and join hundred's of other Rovers in securing the future of Rovering in Victoria.

Yours in Rovering,

Craig Whan, BC for Rovers

*All Victorians
enjoying Scouting.*

**Get involved locally to
plan Scouting's future!**

National Youth Week 2009

Welcome to the National Youth Week website for 2009. NYW 2009 runs from 28 March to 5 April and is set to go off, with the theme 'Make a Move'.

How can you be a part of it?

- Host your own
- Enter the National Talent Competition
- Enter the Win Free Stuff competition
- Check out our new community service announcement
- Search our [events calendar](#) to find an event happening near you How will you Make a Move?

Need more info? Check [fags](#) or [contact us](#) on NYW hotline – 1300 363 079.

Welcome to the first edition of e-news for National Youth Week 2009! The countdown to 28 March is on. Young people across Australia are getting ready to get into the NYW2009 theme: **Make a Move!** It's all about making a difference, showing off your creativity, and having a good time! There will be loads of National Youth Week events on from 28 March to April 5. Jump on [youthweek.com](#) to find out how you can get involved.

1) NATIONAL TALENT COMPETITIONS - NOW OPEN

The National Talent Competition – RockIT, WriteIT, ShootIT, SnapIT and DesignIT – is NOW OPEN. This is your chance to show off your creative talents! The National Talent Competition is divided into five categories. RockIT is for budding musicians, WriteIT for creative writers, ShootIT for talented filmmakers, SnapIT for visionary photographers and DesignIT for those with a flair for art and graphics. Conditions of entry, prize details and entry forms are now available at [www.youthweek.com](#)

2) WIN FREE STUFF COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN

NYW 2009 brings you heaps of chances to WIN FREE STUFF!

All you have to do is go to the Win Free Stuff section of [youthweek.com](#) and answer the simple question associated with that prize group. It's that easy! There are lots of cool prizes on offer... so check it out! The Win Free Stuff competitions close at **5:00pm (AEST) on 14 April 2009**. Winners announced in June.

3) YOUTHINK DISCUSSION BOARDS NOW OPEN!

Your voice to Government... be part of the conversation. The first Australian Youth Forum event – **youTHINK** – was held on 20 February 2009 with people aged 15-24 discussing important topics with the Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis. If you couldn't make it to **youTHINK** on 20 Feb, but still want to have a say on contributing to our democracy, and violence and safety, you can join online discussion boards on the forum topics, and find info about holding your own forum ([www.youth.gov.au/ayf](#)). While you're online, let us know what you think on the new human rights discussion board.

4) DON'T TURN A NIGHT OUT INTO A NIGHTMARE

DRINKING TO GET DRUNK CAN TURN YOUR NIGHT OUT INTO A NIGHTMARE

So you like to have a few drinks when you go out. Who doesn't, right? But drinking to get drunk can turn your night out into a nightmare. In the cold light of day you have to face the embarrassing stories and the consequences of doing things you wouldn't do when sober. Like getting into a fight, having sex with someone you normally wouldn't, or worse - having unsafe sex. Then there's other things like getting into a car with a driver who's been drinking, saying or doing something to a friend you know you'll regret– all things you wouldn't dream of doing – if you hadn't had too much to drink. You also have to suffer the physical and mental after-effects, the hang-over, depression and mood swings.

Check out the stats:

- On average, one in four hospitalisations of 15-25 year olds happen because of alcohol;
- One in two Australians aged 15-17 who get drunk will do something they regret;
- 70 Australians under 25 will be hospitalised due to alcohol-caused assault in an average week; and
- Four Australians under 25 die due to alcohol-related injuries in an average week.

The message is simple. Don't turn your night out into a nightmare. For further information or tips on safer drinking visit www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au

SNAPIT AND WIN

This year the Australian Government's 'Don't turn a night out into a nightmare' advertising campaign, which highlights the risks of excessive drinking, is sponsoring Youth Week's 09 'SnapIT' competition. The comp calls on young people to produce original photography on the theme 'make a move'. You could snap up the \$5,000 prize (a fantastic Nikon photography pack. If you would like more info or some inspiration from the 'Nightmare' campaign visit www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au. For more details on how to SnapIT and win visit youthweek.com

5) LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR MATES

During this year's National Youth Week, *beyondblue* wants young people to learn more about the symptoms of depression and where to get help. This will help you know how to look after yourself and your mates.

What is depression?

Depression is more than feeling upset about day-to-day problems and challenges that young people routinely experience when growing up.

A young person may be depressed if, on top of feeling sad or down for a period of more than two weeks, he/she has lost interest in the activities they used to enjoy.

People with depression often say they feel helpless, worthless or hopeless, and they tend to think negatively. They can become withdrawn, isolated and sometimes use drugs and alcohol to try to help themselves feel better, but that only makes the situation worse.

People with depression may also experience a range of physical symptoms like loss of sleep, changes in appetite and feeling tired or unable to concentrate. The good news is that most people recover from depression with the right treatment – so if you think you, or one of your mates, are depressed– **look for the signs, listen to your friends, talk about it and seek help together.**

For more information on depression, anxiety and related mental health disorders, go to www.beyondblue.org.au or

www.youthbeyondblue.com or call **1300 22 4636** (local call cost from a landline).

Calling all budding writers!

As part of National Youth Week this year, *beyondblue* is again sponsoring the National WriteIT Competition. Young people aged 12 to 25 may enter an original story about depression, anxiety or a related mental health disorder. The theme is: *Finding your Way Back*.

The competition is open to young people aged 12 to 25. The piece of writing can be of any type (e.g. fiction or non-fiction) and can take any form (e.g. a script, short story, poetry). The most creative and innovative WriteIT pieces will be published on the Youthbeyondblue website. For info on how to enter, visit youthweek.com.

6) THE BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION

The Butterfly Foundation supports people suffering from eating disorders and negative body image and their loved ones. Through direct financial support, advocacy, early intervention, health promotion and education, Butterfly aims to change the way society views eating disorders as well as challenging the limited treatment options available to sufferers. Eating disorders are serious and complex mental illnesses which can affect people of any age or gender often with devastating consequences on mental and physical health, social, work, family and school life. A high proportion of eating disorder sufferers are young people - the average age of onset is just 14 years of age.

No-one chooses to develop an eating disorder. These illnesses are not based on vanity, but give sufferers a way to manage strong emotions, challenging situations and difficult relationships. While it is not entirely clear what causes someone to develop an eating disorder, they usually arise out of feelings of low self esteem and poor body image.

The Butterfly Foundation views its involvement in National Youth Week as the perfect opportunity to reach out and share messages of body and self confidence with young people all over Australia. During NYW 2009, The Butterfly Foundation hopes that young Australians will have the opportunity to celebrate the things that make them unique, individual and special.

Below are some body image boosters to help young people feel great.

1. Loving yourself and having positive body image is a conscious choice and feeling you can make and develop every day.
2. Everyone deserves to feel wonderful about the way they look - no matter what they look like. This includes YOU!

3. If you work on being a beautiful person on the inside, you will be a beautiful person on the outside.
4. You will feel more positive about your body if you treat it well by exercising moderately and eating nutritious foods.
5. Beauty comes in all different shapes and sizes. Learn to celebrate your own uniqueness and others as well, by never putting yourself or anyone else down.
6. Have fun with the way that you look, but don't let it rule your life. Put your energy into living and doing.
7. Don't compare yourself or your body to anyone else. It is unfair to yourself, particularly if your comparisons are with digitally enhanced and airbrushed images of models and celebrities.
8. Surround yourself with amazing people and remind yourself that they love you for you - not what you look like.
9. Everyone deserves to feel happy and positive about themselves.

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National Youth Week

28/03 - 05/04 2009

Think Nationally,

Act Locally

A great idea for local action

"Ask me About Scouts"

One outcome of the recent DC workshop was the following suggestion for local public relations and recruitment:

There was an entry in the TOP TEN easy to get 10% growth sheet - Badge...Ask me about Scouts.

I'm not sure of the history of this or how it was run, but it seems like a fantastic activity during National Youth Week, to me.

My thoughts are to run an 'Ask me about Scouting' awareness campaign during National Youth week

1. *Every member to be asked to wear an 'Ask me about Scouting' badge it as often as they wanted during National Youth Week, but specifically during a particular morning/afternoon/timeslot.*
2. *Branch then run an awareness/publicity campaign leading up to National Youth Week, promoting Scouting as world's largest youth organisation, and that on this particular day/timeslot look out for anyone wearing the badge and ask them about Scouting.*
3. *Badges could be sent out by Branch, or alternatively, Branch to supply a downloadable template from the website that groups could run off their own badge supplies in time for the promotion -*
 - a. *A Word file to suit 'conference'-style badges that can be printed, cut and inserted into clear plastic nametag holders or laminated and fixed with a safety pin, and*
 - b. *A Word file for round button badge fillers (for those groups who have access to these machines). A selection of sizes would be needed with this one.*

Simple, easy to organise and involving our greatest assets - our enthusiastic Kids and leaders.

Our thanks to Judith McKay from Westcoast Region for this initiative.

Give it a try locally!

Venturer Basic Course

6th - 9th March 2009

Gilwell Park

24 leaders, a mix of Group Leaders, Venturer Leaders and Rovers, attended a basic training course at Gilwell over the March long weekend.

There were people from as far away as Benalla and as close as Gembrook. It was heartening to see such an enthusiastic group of young people undertaking their Scout training.

While the venue was a bit cosy at times, everyone worked well together. We were visited by the Rover course and the Activity Leaders course for some of the time. All our leaders qualified for an Activity Basic as well as a Venturer Basic

The food was excellent tasty and well-prepared. For some it was the first exposure to the new award scheme.

While many people went away tired, everyone felt they had benefited from the course.

As you can see from the photograph's the weather was wonderful, despite the problem of closeness to the recent fires.

Congratulations to all who undertook and completed the course, and especially to Cliff, Margy, Peter and Max for providing the course instruction.

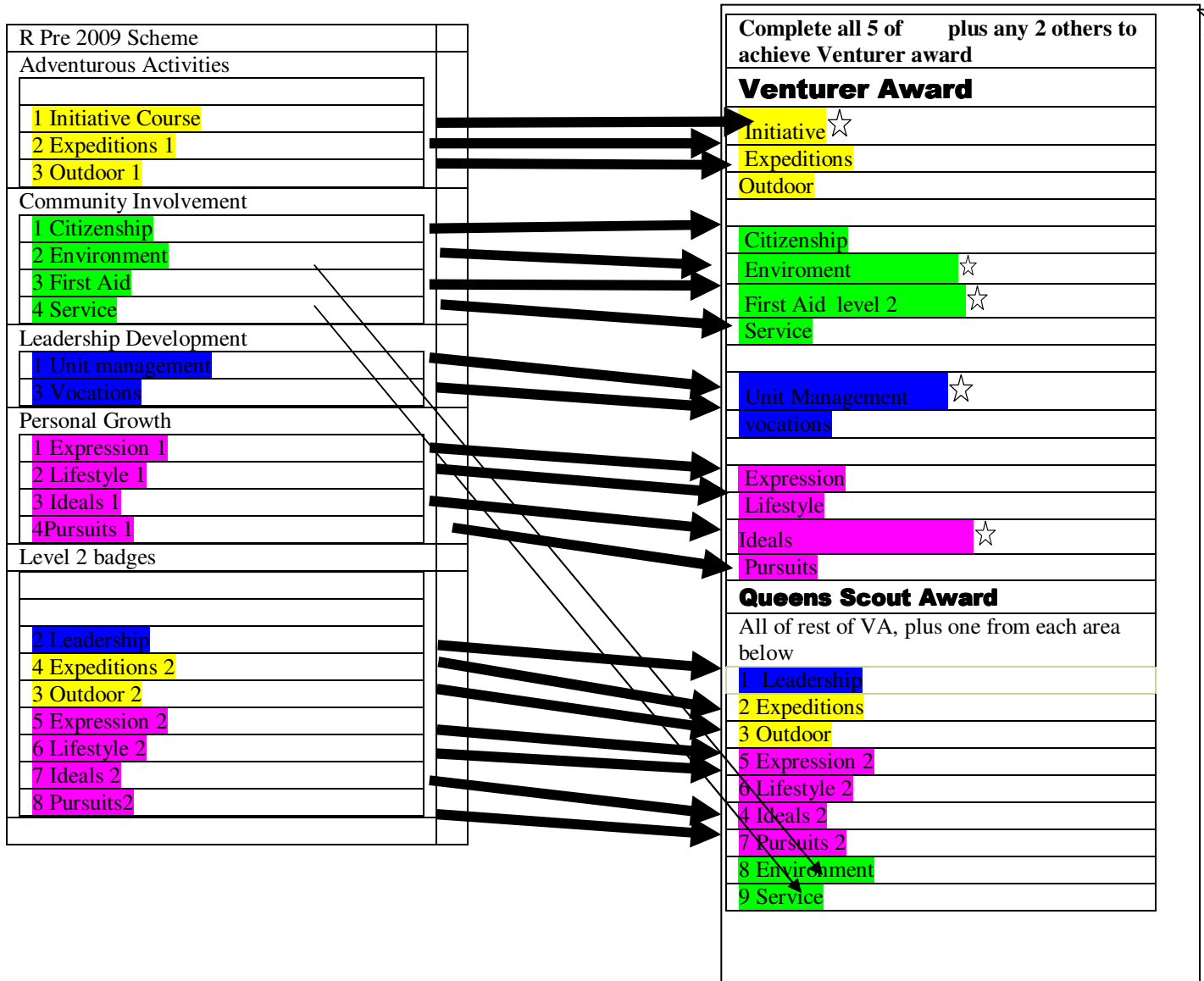
At the conclusion of the course, participants constructed their Gilwell Woggle from a thong.

(this editor is really funny!)

VENTURER REVIEW

Venturer Scout Award Scheme

Conversion from old scheme to the new



Venturer Award & Certificate II

Participation

Queen's Scout Award

Individual Effort

Endeavour Award

Specialising

Leadership Development

UNIT MANAGEMENT © 12

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VOCATIONS 25

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EXPEDITION 30

EXPEDITION 12

OUTDOOR 10

OUTDOOR 30

Personal Growth

IDEALS © 10

IDEALS 30

EXPRESSION 10

EXPRESSION 30

LIFESTYLE 10

LIFESTYLE 30

PURSUIITS 10

PURSUIITS 30

Community Involvement

CITIZENSHIP 10

ENVIRONMENT © 10

ENVIRONMENT 30

FIRST AID © 15

SERVICE 10

SERVICE 30

Complete the 4 activities marked © as above, plus any other 2 activities

Achieve the ultimate in Venturing!
Complete all 13 V/A activities and any 4 at Q/S level (one per area)

To earn your Endeavour Award, you need to complete:

- your Venturer Award,
- the relevant V/A activity (which may or may not be part of your completed V/A),
- the relevant Queen's Scout activity, and
- at least 50 more hours in that activity.

This specialising in an activity area may be done whilst undertaking your Venturer Award, and you could be working towards your Queen's Scout Award at the same time.

It is your choice!

Specialise in any one activity, maybe with VET recognition.

A CALENDAR PACKED WITH OPPORTUNITIES!

The latest Vic Venturer news can be found on the website vicventurers.com - check the Calendar page for the latest calendar of courses, events etc and the Newsletters page for current and previous issues of Interchange

Hard copies were mailed with February Interchange - also on web at vicventurers.com

Venturers preparing for Hide 2009?

Are you in the info loop?

Venturer Web & Resources - www.vicventurers.com
 Vic Venturer E News - venturer.news@vicscouts.asn.au
 National E News? - www.scouts.com.au/register.asp
 Nat Youth E News? - scoutsny.com.au/newsletter

Venturers & Leaders often ask:

"Waddya do for Resources?"

Do you have the CD provided at the DC Workshop in January?:

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Saturday 25th April 2009

Once again, the RSL have requested assistance from Venturers and Rovers to carry banners in the March. Those who have assisted in marches can attest the thanks and appreciation of the Veterans, so why not get involved this year! Banner Bearers, in full uniform, are required.. A great opportunity to provide service to the community.

Contact bc.venturers@vicscouts.asn.au

'Their Service Our Heritage Badges' RRP: \$1.62 incl. GST

Vic Vents at AJ2010? – Why Not?
 There will be an activity run by Venturers.

www.jamboree.asn.au

***Australian Contingent
 January 2010***

More info and apply at www.nzv2010.scouts.com.au

Monster Scout Raffle 2009

Our Aim with This Year's Raffle - 10% more Groups (418 to 459) and All Groups will raise 10% more (\$500,000). We aim to send tickets to Groups by 22nd Feb. Closing date for sale is 8th May. Draw conducted on 22nd My at the Sofitel. Prizes:

- 1st Prize Toyota RAV4 CV Automatic \$38,039
- 2nd Prize Wish Gift Card \$10,000*
- 3rd Prize Wish Gift Card \$5,000*
- 4th Prize Snowgum Gift Vouchers \$1,000.

Where do you find out about what is going on?

The INFO book is full of ideas and contacts to assist you to fill your program, with courses, event, activities and qualifications.

Check it out NOW!

INFO Book 2009

Now on vicscouts.asn.au - Calendar of events and much morealso mailed with Feb 2009 Scout mag
 Updated every second month – as will be advised via the Branch newsletter, commencing (appropriately) on 01/04/2009.

Scout Foundation

*We are aiming for a 10% growth
in all areas of the Movement.*

Just imagine what a 10% growth in our membership would do in reducing Group costs per family, increasing Scout Camp revenue and improving the marketing of our Movement. In fact a whole raft of benefits.

At a time when many of our fine institutions are declining in membership. Rotary, Lions, Apex, Jaycees, YMCA Youth Groups, Sunday School, Little Athletics and Masonic Clubs. We are one of the few that in fact has grown slightly over the past 2 years. Last year it was 4%, small but significant.

With our Aim of growth. We have the challenge of

Finance that supports Growth.

One of our Aims is to grow the Scout Foundation by at least 10 per Region or approximately one per District.

For as little as \$120 per year for five years, one can become an Associate member thereby growing the financial support that the Victorian Scout Foundation gives to the Movement each year.

Could you yourself consider this and provoke discussion with your friends and acquaintances.

You can download a copy of the application form r the brochure from vicscouts.asn.au. If you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact me at Vic Branch or telephone me at work 8791-9400 or e-mail bec.chairman@vicscouts.asn.au.

Kind Regards,

*Tom Hartley
Chairman, Branch Executive Committee*

Does everyone in your CRUNIT have an opportunity to See/Read INTERCHANGE each month?

Why not suggest they check this list off as they pass it on.

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