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Sat. 19th September

Victorian Scout Centre

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INFO BOOK 2009 UPDATES

BE INFORMED!

Distributed with the February Scout Magazine, and www.vicscouts.asn.au. The web version was updated in early April, and again on 01/07/09. These quarterly updates should reduce long term errors being perpetuated and the volume of changes at year end.

INFO BOOK 2010 COVERS

BE ALMOST FAMOUS!

Last month we advertised for photos to be used at the AGM in December.

We will likely use one of them for the cover of INFO 2010. So submit photos to photos@vicscouts.asn.au

BRING A FRIEND

"Growing Youth Membership"

The information kit and the invitation template are now on the home page of the vicscouts.asn.au web; and the badges are available from the three Scout Centres

Victorian Youth Council

The Branch Commissioners (Youth Program) are developing an ongoing, youth planned and managed, Victorian Youth Council to encourage the involvement of young people in decision making at a State level. Each section will be identifying youth members to form the initial planning group to meet on Saturday 19th September 2009.

It is intended that the Youth Council would then meet on a regular basis, and possibly to plan a State Youth Forum in 2010. The initial planning meeting will be at the Victorian Scout Centre, uniform, lunch and am/pm tea provided, from 10am til 4pm. Country participants will be assisted with transport expenses and billeting.

Expressions of interest due by 04/09/09 – successful applicants will be advised by 06/09/09. If you know of a youth member who may be interested to be involved, please encourage them to register their interest directly via <https://www.vicscouts.asn.au/YouthCouncil>.

ALL VICTORIANS ENJOYING SCOUTING

The Vision for Victorian Scouting is "All Victorians enjoying Scouting", and our membership already comprises many diverse cultures and beliefs. But, can we make Scouting more accessible to Victorians?

There are some opportunities for interested people to further develop our initiatives in:

- **Multicultural Scouting;**
- **Indigenous Scouting; and**
- **Faith Awareness.**
- If interested in any of these initiatives, contact greg.mcdougall@vicscouts.asn.au.

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This means that:

- the first month of each quarter (commencing July 2009) a printed copy will be mailed to each Unit and Crew as previously, as well as being posted on *vicventurers.com*, and
- the second & third months (commencing August & Sept. 2009) will be on the web only - usually by the 3rd of the month.

Tell your Scouting mates to look for Interchange on the web from the 3rd of every month.

What will not change:

- the same information and resources will be sought and included; so
- keep submitting your ideas!

Why the trial?

- to reduce printing efforts;
- to reduce printing costs;
- to reduce our impact on the environment;
- to reduce significant delays in the distribution and handling;
- to encourage all to cut & paste what they need and distribute the info & resources to others; and

What will change:

- whilst we were restricted to 16 pages for postage and handling, we can now provide more information and resources; and
- we will be able to provide it more promptly.

Also, there will be 3 elec. versions:

- the **full pdf version** with photos and graphics is usually 15 to 30 meg, so it may take time to download;
- a **smaller sans pics** (ie no pictures) pdf is provided - usually less than a half meg ; and
- a **new low res** (low resolution) pdf will be provided commencing with the July 2009 issue, which will have the photos and graphics in low resolution.

VICTORIAN VENTURER COUNCIL

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?* - scoutsnyc.com.au/newsletter
- *The latest Venturer news can be found on vicventurers.com - check the Calendar page for the latest calendar of courses, events etc and Newsletters page for current/previous issues*

What happened in July?

BIG BURGER 2009

Article coming soon – we hope!

Multi Cultural Scouting

Walk for Harmony - Sunday 12 July

<http://culturaldiversity.vic.gov.au>

Did you get involved?

THE AMAZING RIVER RACE

Friday 24th June – Saturday 25th July

Mosque Visit - July 26th

Did you go?

What's happening in August?

World Scout Dollar Day

Aboriginal Story Telling Sunday August 16.

For those not too far away from Ivanhoe you may like to take advantage of the stories of the pre-European landscape in Victoria as told by a local indigenous elder.

Entrance fee is by gold coin donation. Location is the Ivanhoe Uniting Church, 19 Seddon St Ivanhoe. Stories for Primary kids at 2pm and an all ages group at 3.30pm (Afternoon tea at 3pm)

Once again this year I have joined the cast of **Whitehorse Showtime** – the largest cast in its 45 years!!

With around 120 people on stage this is a big production! For those of you I didn't spam with ticket order forms last year and have no idea what I'm on about when I say Showtime here's an explanation –

Whitehorse Showtime is a Scout and Guiding production put on by the Scouts and Guides of the Whitehorse and surrounding districts.

The show involves singing, dancing and acting providing you, the audience, with plenty of laughs and unlike Gangshow a story that actually makes some sort of sense!

In April this year the fun began with rehearsals for the 45th **Whitehorse Showtime** beginning, now with less than 7 weeks till opening night it's time to **book your tickets!!!**

This year's show is "Lights, Camera, Showtime" follows the dilemma of picking a movie to watch on a Friday night --

"It's Friday night and there's nothing on TV. So you jump in the car, head to the local video store to find something to watch. You enter the store and are confronted with aisles and aisles of DVD's."

Horror, War, Comedy, Romance, Action, Drama, it's just so hard to decide.

Does this sound familiar?

This year's show will give you a sneak peak at some of the stories you might find; so next time you need to pick a DVD your decision might be that little bit easier."

Whitehorse Showtime will be showing at the Whitehorse Centre, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading for seven shows -

Opening Night – Friday 28th August 8 pm
Matinee – Saturday 29th August 1:30 pm
Rover Night – Saturday 29th August 8 pm
Performance Four – Wednesday 2nd September 7:30 pm
Performance Five – Thursday 3rd September 7:30 pm
Venturer Night – Friday 4th September 8 pm
Closing Night – Saturday 5th September 8 pm

To book tickets you can;

- Call 9707 2417 - or
- or email bookings@whitehorseshowtime.org.au

Lots of time and hard work has been put into making **Whitehorse Showtime** possible and I would love for as

many people to come along and witness the magic that is **Whitehorse Showtime!**

Hope to see you there!!

Georgina Bennett

PS. When you book your tickets don't forget to mention my name – Georgina Bennett – and my patrol – Regent – so I can earn some points – don't worry it's a scouty thing :D

PPS. It would be great if you could send this on to anyone else you think would like to see the show, the more the merrier!

Youth Helpers Course Saturday 15 August

The next local **Youth helpers course** is to be run at **Yarra Valley HQ** in Heathmont on **August 15th**.

This day normally books out so make sure you get your applications in quickly.

This course is useful for any Venturers who are currently helping or thinking of helping out at Cubs/Scouts etc and helps form part of the **training requirement** for **Service** in the **Queen's Scout Award**. Please get your training form (TR1) to YVR HQ BY Friday 7th August.

Make Sure You Keep 28th – 30th Aug. 2009

FREE

Because

Hoadley Region Rovers

Present:

RoVenture 2009

Treetops Scout Camp, Riddells Creek.

You can contact the committee at:

hoadley.roventure@hotmail.com

www.myspace.com/hoadleyroventure

What's happening in September?

There is no business like Death Business

**Wheelers Rover Crew in conjunction with
The Murder Company, presents their annual**

Murder Mystery Weekend.

11th – 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

EMD Centre, Gilwell Scout Park, Gembrook

Applications close Fri. 14th August 2009.

Wheelers Rovers Venturer MM

c/o 26 Hilda Avenue Boronia, VIC, 3155

Questions?

Please call Jess Lewis:

• 0433 420 674 or

wheelers.rovers@gmail.com

What's happening in October?

I represent a group of Modern Jive dance instructors from the Swish dance school in Dandenong. The reason for contact is that we would like to offer an introductory lesson in dance to the Rover and Venturer crews in the Dandenong locale to show that there is whole other world out there to be explored.

One of our students is a recent Queen's Scout, as is myself (albeit for me in 1990), and in talking with her, I realised that exposure to dance was never really an option for me in Castlemaine as I grew up, and nor was it put forward to as option through her scouting involvement.

I would like to provide the opportunity to today's Venturers and Rovers in our locale to have a taste of something a little different which they may never have thought of.

The Venturers possibly could even consider earning their Expression badges in something that offers fitness, fun and a social skills that they can use throughout the rest of their lives.

Our offer is an introductory class to all troops / crews that are interested and I would ask that you pass this on along with my details, to all active troops / crews in the area.

We would be happy to attend a standard meeting night and run an introductory class at the hall of any interested troop / crew with no cost or strings involved.

Failing that, I can look to work out a reduced entry rate for a class with the studio owner in Dandenong, where we operate from, for those wanting to come to have the full experience of a fully kitted out studio (there are running costs there that I may not be able to avoid).

My personal motivation in this is give a little back to scouting which was a part of my life from 8-18, and to give young people something else to do on their weekend nights when out with friends in clubs and bars.

I hope to hear from you soon, and thank you for your time in advance.

Lindsay Gamble, lggamble@hotmail.com, 0419370082

St George's Day 2009

The start of 2009 has seen our planet experiencing numerous devastating natural disasters from Floods, Bushfires, Earthquakes, to Snow Storms. St George's Day 2009 was themed around the Power of Nature. The service saw contributions from poems, readings and prayers focusing on the power of nature.

Our guest speaker was Sarah Mathrick an Assistant Venturer Leader from 17th Essendon, she discussed her solo adventure into the Australian Outback during a Bizarre Natural Phenomenon.

The St George's Day committee wish to thank all those who contributed to the service, it is much appreciated. Next year, we are excited to announce that the St George's Day service will actually be held on St George's Day, being Friday 23rd April at 7.30pm, and the theme is "One Hundred Years Of Changing Lives".

If anyone is interested in making a contribution to St George's Day Service for 2010, please contact: Sarah Mathrick at semathrick@hotmail.com, and our next meeting is on Monday 19th October at Guides Victoria Headquarters in South Melbourne starting at 7.00pm.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following awards on behalf of the Victorian Branch Rover Council:

WF WATERS AWARD 2009

Chris "Cheese" Anderson
Ettamoggah Rover Crew
South Metro

Sarah Austin
Berembong Rover Crew
Hoadley

Dean Castle
Corhanwarrabul Rover Crew
RYVER (Yarra Valley)

Libby Davison
Lord Casey Rover Crew
South Metro

Peter Gibson
Assistant Region Commissioner
Eastern Region

Belinda Henderson
Berembong Rover Crew
Hoadley

Elizabeth Hardy
EJ Chittick Rover Crew
RYVER (Yarra Valley)

Travis Parkes
Bulleen Rover

BRANCH CHAIRMANS AWARD

Barry Adams
Mannagum Rover Crew
Manibobar (Yarra Valley)

BRANCH COMMISSIONERS – ROVERS AWARD

This award has been decided but the recipient/s have not been advised yet, I will announce the recipient/s by the end of the week.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and I look forward to seeing everyone come to Rover Dinner to help these people celebrate their achievement..

*Craig Whan, Branch Commissioner – Rovers
Victorian Branch Rover Council*

All Victorians Enjoying Scouting

Baden Powell Award 2009

- **Bianca Vincent** – 28th January 2009.
- **Christopher Anderson** – 25th March 2009.
- **Jessica Dalmau** – 25th March 2009.

- **Rebecca Breuer** – 27th May 2009
- **Kristen Knight** – 24th June 2009.
- **Sally Waterman** (Tasker) – 22nd July 2009.

Of Substance covers the latest Australian news and research on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. It is essential reading for organisations and individuals who provide services to those affected by substance use. Current & back issues are at **vicventurers.com**, or use **ofsubstance.org.au** to search for various topics in back issues.

In the July 2009 issue

- *Non-medical use of pharmaceutical drugs – should we be worried?*
- *Research Digest — Dependence?*
- *Research Digest — 20 years of deaths*
- *Research Digest — Suicide and inhalants*
- *The new wave of opioid dependence*
- *Benzodiazepines: Misuse, treatment and surveillance*
- *Drinking guidelines: New approach to risk*
- *The GFC: Tough times or new opportunities?*
- *Bridges and barriers: Indigenous inmate health*
- *Workplace drug testing: Why the controversy?*
- *Ageing Australia: Facing the future*
- *Recipe for a binge*
- *Evidence-based: National centres set the standard*
- *Research: Making a start*
- *Portugal: Progressive care*
- *United approach or declaration of differences?*

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Kariwara District

The Groups of Kariwara District participated in the Footscray 150 festival on Saturday 18 July 2009, the festival by the City of Maribyrnong marked 150 years of the city of Footscray and Scouts were one of a number of community and business group invited to participate.

We were asked to do Billy Tea and Bush damper by the event committee, and chose to this for a gold coin donation rather than as a commercial operation, we also have our PR team on hand (a group of Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers) to talk about Scouting with those who visited our stall.

A regular flow of traffic lead to hundreds of fliers being handed out, many cups of tea poured and many people seeing the Scout Logo and Uniform. We had wonderful support by youth members, leaders and parents which meant time to play the guitar hero game at the Maribyrnong Youth Service stall or getting a free massage from the VU students was also possible - making it a fun day for every one.

thank you to our volunteers for the day, to the District team and Association for the pre-planning of the event and to the members of Hoadley region and Victoria Branch who stopped by and visited.

The Mayor and two current councilors visited our stall on the day, and all were highly impressed.

GEELONG REGION CONFERENCE

26 JULY 2009
DEAKIN MANAGEMENT CENTRE

ACHIEVING 1000 (YOUTH MEMBERS) VIA THE POWER OF 10

Congratulations to Wayne Gunn and the Region team.

Another effective Region Conference delivering quality sessions and ideas to local Leaders and Supporters, with inspirational speakers!

Julie Gunn - Registrations

Opening Remarks from Chair *Wayne Gunn Region Commissioner*

Wayne Gunn – Official Welcome

Key note Speaker:

Achieving Success via the Power of 10

(Identification and explanation of the Victorian Branch Key Result Areas/strategies for the future development of Scouting in Victoria)

Margaret Tremewen, Assistant Chief Commissioner

Case Study

Developing a coordinated approach to growing a group. (Including question time.)

Steve Bullock, Group Leader - 2nd Lara

Marketing Strategies for Growing Your Group

Real life scout experience of developing a Group through effective marketing

strategies and effective programming

David Hills, Branch Commissioner Development

Launch of Geelong Region Web Site

Learn about how to utilise the Geelong Region Web site for:

- Finding out what's on
- Publicising your program or events
- Marketing your group
- Providing a communication medium for your Group

Allan Bartlett

Geelong Region Communications Committee Member

Karen Kennedy – Venturer Leader

Teena Walters – PR & marketing

The History of Scouting

Learn about the history direct from Lord Baden Powell's grandson

Hon. Michael Baden Powell

Branch Commissioner Special Duties

Workshop A

Workshop for District Leaders

John Ravenhall

Assistant Region Commissioner Training & Development (Hoadley

Region) & former Chief Commissioner of Australia

Workshop B

Workshop for section Leaders

Work sessions

Workshop C

How to Recruit and run a Group Committee

Open Forum

Chaired by **David Hills –BC Development**

Key note speaker

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Michael provided a timely and informative view of the value that Scouting provides, in an environment where we are needed more than ever.

A thought provoking session and a most relevant closing to a great event.

Well Done to all involved!

Australian Contingent Bulletin 2

TITLE1: VENTURERS RELAY TO FIGHT AGAINST CANCER· VENTURERS RELAY TO FIGHT AGAINST CANCER
 TITLE2: VENTURERS FOOD HANDLERS COURSE: RELAY4LIFE
 TITLE3: VENTURERS OUTNUMBER THE PUBLIC??? CAN WE DO IT?

Helloooooo Venturers,

Caitlin Parsons and Pippa Wiener (the plastic suit girls) are inviting you to attend and participate in the Castlemaine 2009 Relay 4 Life on 14th/15th Nov.

Relay4Life is run by the Cancer Council, in an effort to raise funds for cancer research, education and support. The Relay4Life has been running for 10 years in many towns across Australia, but this will be the first event in Castlemaine.

Victorian Venturers have the opportunity to make a splash and outnumber everyone else there!

The Venturers already have their own team, to walk laps around an oval for 20 hours -relaying to fight against cancer.

Caitlin and Pippa have taken on the job of co-catering managers, and would LOVE heaps of Venturers to come and help us cater for the Event-a chance to show just what Venturers can do.

We are running a **Safe Food Handlers** Course at the Castlemaine Scout Hall on the 10th October for all those Venturers wanting to help with the Catering job (we have organized with the trainer for a discounted price of only \$50 pp instead of the usual \$85).

*****If you attend both Events (food handlers and the Relay) you could achieve either pursuits 1 or 20 hours service*****

This is a great way to knock over some Queen Scout work while having enormous amounts of FUN!

- Since the aim of the Relay 4 Life is to raise money, it would be great if everyone could help fundraise, you don't have to go out and make millions, just ask around for some donations, because every little bit counts!
- The Relay starts at 7pm on Saturday the 14th of November and finishes at 3 pm on Sunday the 15th of November.
- registration is \$15pp which can be paid online on our team site which can be found at <http://victoria.relayforlife.org.au/home.html> by looking for the Castlemaine Relay, then searching for 'Venturers'

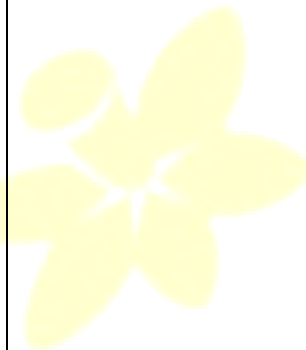
Hope to see you all there!

If you want any more information or you'd like to express your wishes to attend,

email Pippa and Caitlin on

catering.venturers@gmail.com

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AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON LINE?**

THANKS TO ROB, THE WEBMASTER FOR HIS EFFORTS

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Hoadley Hide 2010

Stranger than Fiction

Best Stunt of All Time

Congratulations to Craigieburn Rover Crew for the best stunt in 2009 and Alpha Theta for best stunt in 2008 and in particular for sharing their thoughts in Interchange about how to create a really good stunt. But what was the best stunt of all time and what made it so good?

Would you like to nominate such a stunt for overall recognition? Nominate the stunt you enjoyed most as a Venturer or one which you enjoyed running. Tell us a bit about so we can pass it on to those thinking that they might try a stunt next year – give them some inspiration. In the meantime remind your local Venturers how much fun you had and help them along the way by offering a “How to win the Hoadley Hide” session to add to their program.

You can post feedback to the Hide Chief at dgri4717@bigpond.net.au, to the website at www.hoadleyhide.com or look for Hoadley Hide, now on Facebook.

Regards, David Griffiths

Hoadley visits Northern

On 12 July the Northern Region Venturers met at Nagambie to re-organise their zones to better reflect where the Venturers live and can more readily meet.

As part of that meeting they invited the Hoadley Hide Chief to visit and give them some clues on how to win the Hoadley Hide. A bit of information always helps but hands-on experience is even better.

While the HH chief was providing a briefing the Northern Region Rovers set up a practice stunt which required the Venturers to fly a magic carpet to Aladdin's cave and light the magic lamp for clues to the next step.

Like good Rovers that they are, they made sure that the wind was in the right direction to make lighting the candle just a bit more of a challenge but even then, the task was accomplished by both Venturer teams in the allotted time. Each of the Venturers is now returning to their Unit with clues on how to have fun next Easter and just possibly, have to get their team's name on the shield.

If you would like a bit of pre-Hide training try an Initiative Course (Northern Region is running one in September) or contact the Hide Chief at dgri4717@bigpond.net.au or 9752 6657

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GOOD SERVICE AWARDS - 2009

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.

UNIT CHAIRMAN	CREW LEADER
VENTURER LEADER	ROVER ADVISER
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TREASURER	TREASURER
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GROUP LEADER	GROUP LEADER
FINALLY, THE UNIT LIBRARY	FINALLY, THE CREW LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 2009

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Annette Cook,
Branch Commissioner - Environment
bc.environment@vicscouts.asn.au

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