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Brief items submitted prior to the end of week are best, but absolute final deadline is **10am Monday February 8**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

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**Scouts march with pride**

On Sunday, 50 Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders - some LGBTI themselves, others supporters and allies - took part in this year's Pride March as a part of the Midsumma Festival. [Read more about it below.](#)



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Over the weekend, the State Leadership Team and BEC met at Gilwell to examine our progress on the Scouts Victoria Triennial Plan and chart our future.

The issues we discussed were similar to those generated at Prepare for the Future last August, and the suggestions that came from that conference were at the fore.

We have many thousands of engaged youth, supported by wonderful Leaders and other adults.

But if we are to reach our potential and deliver the benefits of Scouting to even more youth, we need more adult support.

This is a priority we will be addressing.

Program support is another area where we need to do more.

The YPR will deliver some fantastic resources, but we can't wait till that takes effect.

We have ideas to help sooner!

Our education strategy is innovative and will assist pre-service teachers get real experience - as well as helping us with more adult Leaders.

These are just a few of the challenges and solutions we brainstormed.

I'll share more information as we go forward.

While we enjoyed planning (and fellowship) at Gilwell, a group of mainly younger members participated in the Midsumma Pride March.

This was a first for Scouting in Australia, although this has happened in other countries for some time.

I have heard nothing but positive reports about our participants, who shared the message that Scouting welcomes and supports members from all backgrounds.

Chief Commissioner of Australia Chris Bates also sent his best wishes.

**Brendan Watson**, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

**World Scout Foundation****The World Scout Foundation and YOU!**

Scouts Victoria, on behalf of Scouts Australia, will host the World Scout Foundation Board Meeting and 69th Baden-Powell Fellowship Event in Melbourne, March 17 - 21.

His Majesty, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation, will attend with Baden-Powell fellows from around the world.

There are many ways Victorian Scouting families can be involved.

Baloo's Picnic at the Zoo is a major WSF event for the Cub Scout Section.

But you can attend other events too. [Click here for details](#).

For more information contact [claire.mouser@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:claire.mouser@vicscouts.asn.au)


**Meet 10 DCs****Profiling our great Leaders**

We are beginning a new series profiling some of the great Leaders that make Scouts Victoria happen. Firstly, a set of District Commissioners!

**David Searle, District Commissioner, Sunraysia**

DC David Searle and Cub Scout Jessye Coverdale.

Meet 10  
DCs



**Why I joined Scouting:** I joined at 8 as a Cub because of the outdoors, and I'm still here because it's in my blood - I love getting out and meeting the Groups. Some people say it's my religion.

**Scouting highlight:** Firstly my Queen's Scout, and also being involved in Scouting with my kids. A great opportunity.

**Scouting lowlight:** My brother and I went to 6th Australian Venture at Nunawading with a \$20 Woolworths two-man tent and it rained for the first 3-4 days and we slept in it. We were drenched. We still laugh about it.

**Scouting goal for the next 12 months:** Just opened Alcheringa Scout Group - now to work on reopening Merbein Scout Group.

If I wasn't in Scouts I'd be ... a volunteer in the CFA.

### Staff Vacancies

#### Community Fundraising Coordinator

We currently have a vacancy for a Community Fundraising Coordinator within our Marketing and Fundraising team. This new role will be responsible for the strategic planning and day-to-day operations of the 'Friends of Scouting' network, including maintenance of the website and database, ongoing communications, key events and promotional material to build membership and engagement. The role will also manage other fundraising activities and supporter based relationships to generate income and increase the visibility of Scouts in the community. Interested Members should apply via the Seek website [click here](#)

**Mark Chaffers**, Membership and HR Manager

### Adult Recognition Awards 2016

#### Awards now open

The Adult Recognition Awards 2016 are now open and we encourage you to nominate members of your team for an Award.

The Online ARA Nomination for 2016 link is now active and the link is [https://www.vicscouts.asn.au/scoutonline/public/adultrecognitionaward\\_form](https://www.vicscouts.asn.au/scoutonline/public/adultrecognitionaward_form)

Please read the document for complete information about the award process for 2016. There are some changes this year you need to be aware of, including the important dates as below.

- Tuesday March 1 - All ARA submissions to be submitted to the relevant District Commissioner or Activities Leader
- Monday March 21 - All ARA submissions checked and submitted to the Region Commissioners
- Sunday April 3 - Deadline for submission to the Chief Commissioner

### Australia Day Honours

#### Awards

Further to our Australia Day edition last week, we have heard about more of our wonderful members who were honoured with awards. Congratulations to all our members who have been honoured, we are so proud of you!

Aiden King - Scout, 10th Caulfield - City of Glen Eira's young citizen of the year for his charity work.

George McPherson, Venturer Leader 1975-1990 - For service to disabled winter sports, and to the community of Myrtleford.

Valerine McPherson, Venturer Leader 1976-1987 - For service to the community of Myrtleford.



George and Valerine McPherson

### Scouts march with pride

#### Midsumma Festival



This year, for the first time, almost 50 Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders took part in the Midsumma Pride March to St Kilda Beach. LGBTI young people and leaders, as well as allies and supporters, were proud to be a part of this great event and show the inclusivity and diversity of Scouting. While many Scouts have marched in the past, this was the first time Scouts Victoria marched as a collective, and the support from those watching - both in person and at home via social media - was overwhelming. This non-political show of support for all of our members, regardless of their gender, sexuality, or nationality, faith, language or abilities, is something that we look forward to continuing next year. Information about participating with Scouts Victoria in 2017's march will be out in late 2016 early 2017.



You can find more photos and videos of the march on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#)

## Fundraising

### Scouts Monster Raffle

The ticket ordering system via Extranet will be opening very soon for the 2016 Scouts Monster Raffle. This year the raffle is going to be BIGGER and BETTER than ever...



- One major raffle - Monster Raffle and Our School Raffle now combined
- Exclusive initial ticket selling period for Groups
- Extended time for sales of March through August (prize draw in September)
- Two refund rounds to choose from a) May/June or b) Sep/Oct
- More than 100 prizes for ticket winners
- 100% proceeds back to Groups, that's \$2 for every \$2 ticket sold (75% to schools)
- 1 million tickets to be produced

So what is your group saving funds for:

- Subsidising membership fees and camp costs
- Major events including Moot, Venture, Cuboree
- New camping gear
- Hall maintenance and upgrades
- An activity day or adventurous activity program

Stay tuned for more info to come soon when tickets will be ready to order.

## Grant Opportunity

**Funding body:** VicHealth

**Grant type:** Active Club Grants 2015-16 Round 2

**Amount:** a) up to \$3,000 and b) \$10,000 (Groups can apply for either or both amounts but can only be successful for one)

**Due date:** Friday March 4 at 4pm

**Purpose:** Funding to community sport and recreation clubs to increase or maintain participation through their club, by purchasing core equipment

**Eligible Items:** Core sporting equipment for the Group to conduct its sport and active recreation activities (directly relevant to youth programs), and be used to increase or maintain participation through the Group. See webpage under 'Important Documents' for list of eligible items.

**Non-eligible:** Groups that have received an Active Club Grant in the [past two financial years](#) cannot apply

**Criteria:** VicHealth is looking for Groups to outline how they can provide opportunities for more people to participate in sport through their Group, or how they can keep people participating. This might include the establishment of new teams, programs or competitions; offering participation opportunities to new audiences; replacing equipment that is no longer suitable or safe for use; or making participation safer through purchasing injury prevention items.

**Outcome:** Groups to be advised of successful or unsuccessful outcome in May 2016

**Website:** <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>

So the process from here...

### Group/Camp to now:

1. Read and ensure the application will meet the program guidelines and Terms and Conditions on the website
2. Register using the online application system; <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>. You will need to register your details before completing the application form.
3. Arrange supporting materials
  - o pricing quotes for equipment to be purchased with the grant
  - o FOR \$10k application - Produce a 90 second video to explain how the Grant will be used to increase or maintain participation. 90 seconds is not a long time, so you will need to make it tight and get straight to the point. Communicate your project quickly and clearly. It's easy. Just talk to a camera. You can even record yourself on your smart phone! VicHealth will be assessing the quality of the idea, not the quality of the video footage
  - o [Auspice Letter from Scouts Victoria](#)
4. Submit all as above via online application system
5. Forward a copy of completed application via email to [grants.manager@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:grants.manager@vicscouts.asn.au) (you will be emailed a copy from VicHealth once submitted)

Leah Kemp, Marketing and Fundraising Manager

## Joey's



### Kangaree 2016: Earthtastic - We need your help!

Kangaree can't be a success without teams of dedicated Leaders from across all sections of Scouts Victoria jumping in and lending a helping hand. All Leaders are welcome to attend and help us out at the event - whether it be on activity bases, helping out with event operations, or helping to coordinate parts of the event. Many hands make light work, and many people make the event more fun! You can select your work preference and provide your skills within the registration form.

Registrations for Youth Members, Mob Leaders, and Event Assistants are completed at [www.kangaree.com.au](http://www.kangaree.com.au).

Kangaree is on March 19-20 2016, at Lardner Park, Warragul VIC. The event costs \$145 for Joey Scouts, \$100 for Leaders/Adult Helpers, and \$40 for Venturers/Rovers. All attendees must register before February 26, 2016. PINs are

generated yourself as instructed at [www.vicscouts.asn.au/kangaree2016/newParticipant.php](http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/kangaree2016/newParticipant.php).

#### Problems with Registering?

Kangaree registrations experienced a technical outage in January, but are back in action. If you have any questions about registering, you can email [enquiries@kangaree.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kangaree.com.au) - our Admin team are back from their holidays, and will be responding quickly to anyone who has been missed over the last few weeks. Remember, PINs are generated yourself as instructed at [www.vicscouts.asn.au/kangaree2016/newParticipant.php](http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/kangaree2016/newParticipant.php). Any difficulties, we're happy to help - please tell us what the system says if errors are presented.

#### Joey Scout Leader Information Days

There will be two Mob Leader information days in March 2016 - one in the Eastern suburbs on March 5, and one in the Western suburbs on March 6. Details will be issued to Leaders registered for the event, so sign up now!

**Luke Byrnes**, Kangaree Director

#### Venturers

##### Introducing - the Kangaree Leadership Program!

Kangaree has created a never-before-seen opportunity for Venturers to provide real leadership to a major event. The program requires at least 75 Venturers to manage Joey Scout Mobs as they navigate through the event program, and learn how to run a major event in the process! Successful candidates will be fully briefed on how to run an event, learning skills used by Jamboree Troop Leaders, and breaks past Venturer assistance stereotypes (like kitchen or cleaning duties) to make a real contribution to something massive.

If you're keen to learn more, visit <http://venturers.kangaree.com.au> and complete the short application form today - you'll be completely supported by Leaders and peers, so don't let fear of the unknown miss out and take a chance at something fun!

Questions about the Kangaree Leadership Program can be sent directly to Luke Byrnes, Event Director at [kangaree.director@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:kangaree.director@vicscouts.asn.au).

##### Hoadley Hide will return in 2017

It is with great anticipation that the State Venturer Council declares that Hoadley Hide will once again run in 2017.

In 2015, Hoadley Hide was temporarily replaced with simpler and easier-to-manage initiative course, with hopes of returning to a full-format Hoadley Hide in 2016. Unfortunately, Hoadley Hide will not run in 2016.

A new team led by Hide Chief Mathew McKernan will run a renewed Hoadley Hide in 2017.

If you would like to read more about Hoadley Hide and its preparations for a 2017, please refer to [www.hoadleyhide.com.au](http://www.hoadleyhide.com.au) for more information or to offer your assistance.

**Matty McKernan**, Hoadley Hide Chief  
**Rod Byrnes**, State Commissioner - Venturers

#### Rovers

##### Attention Rovers: Do you have your RSA?

Scouts Victoria is seeking Rovers with RSA qualifications for a Scouts Australia function being held in Melbourne on the evening of Friday March 18. If you have an RSA qualification and would like to volunteer your services at this event please email [claire.mouser@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:claire.mouser@vicscouts.asn.au)

Alternatively if you are keen to undertake RSA training, please register your interest via email to the above address. This course will be held over a weekend in February at a low cost to Scouts Victoria members.

#### Caving Team

##### Programs

Your Caving Team has just released two programs suitable for Hall nights, [available at the web site](#) (you'll have to log in). We can't take everyone caving, so this is for those that can't go or miss out. It is also there for those who are coming away caving, for use as a preparation night or two. And your Caving Team are all either line leaders, or were once, so we know what it's like having to come up with new ideas all the time. So please just use this as you wish - two full night's worth of program, mix and match the activities to suit yourself or just go through and pinch the games, activities and ideas that appeal.

If you do try them or any bit of them, please let us know how it goes. If you have any caving related activities yourself, send them in and we'll do another program for everyone!

**Victorian Scout Caving Team**

#### Gilwell Reunion

##### Thank you

A big thank you to all the people that attended this year's Gilwell Reunion, including three new members. A lot of fun was had with the theme "Carry on Doctors". Films, dress ups, operations, questions, good turns, campfire, Scouts Own, excellent food and fellowship where just a few of the things experienced over the weekend. If you missed out, don't worry we are back on deck next year.



#### Officeworks

##### Back to Scouting

The latest special offers from Officeworks for those of you with a Networks account & card can be [found here](#).

This is our first go at a 'Back to Scouting' special offer, a blend of what we think you'd like at this time of year and what Officeworks can offer. If you think there is something that you replenish or need every February when you start the year off, please let us know and



we'll see what we can do next year, or maybe even this year. [Please let us know.](#)

Don't have an account? They are available to any formation, all you have to do is ask. [See the details here.](#) To apply, simply email your formation, main address for delivery, name and mobile number to [officeworks@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:officeworks@vicscouts.asn.au)

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**Next newsletter**

Contributions are welcome!

The next e-news is Tuesday February 9, 2016.

The deadline for contributions is **10am Monday February 8.**

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