



Tuesday, February 9 2016

E-NEWS DEADLINE:

Brief items submitted prior to the end of week are best, but absolute final deadline is **10am Monday February 15**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

Send to newsletter@vicscouts.asn.au

Scouts Syria to Scouts Australia

After Omar and Saad spoke at the Scouts Victoria ARAP last November, many asked us to share their story. They were Scouts in Syria until war broke out. Their Scout Group then turned to humanitarian work, helping deliver food to refugees throughout their home city. Then they became refugees themselves. Omar was shot just days before his year 12 exams but still completed them. At university he was arrested with four friends and tortured. One friend died and two are still missing. The family abandoned their home and fled to Cairo. They were then granted refugee visas to fly to Australia. In Melbourne, Omar and Saad met the Cleve Cole Rover Crew. See their story on the Scouts Victoria Facebook Page and please Like and Share from our [Facebook page](#) so more people will see this positive Scouting story.



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Chief Commissioner

Highlights

This is another interest-packed edition of 'Be Informed' but I want to highlight two items in particular.

First is the story of Omar and Saad, two Rovers that many of us met at our ARAP last year. We are sharing their story in response to popular demand and we thank Omar and Saad for their courage and generosity. This is a story that all Scouting members can be very proud of. It demonstrates some of Scouting's core values - as an international organisation, striving for peace, and welcoming all. Please Like and Share this story from the [Scouts Victoria Facebook page](#).

Secondly, below we announce details of two very special events that will sell out, and we want Scouting members and families to have first opportunity to be involved.

We encourage you to organise groups from their workplace, business associates or clients for an entertaining and stimulating forum on Leadership, hosted by ABC broadcaster Jon Faine with a panel including corporate leaders and the King of Sweden. It's on Friday afternoon, March 18. I do urge you to book fast before we share this event more widely in the corporate, educational and not-for-profit sectors.

The other special event is the Fellowship Dinner of the 69th World Scout Foundation meeting at the Glasshouse in Melbourne's world-renowned sporting precinct on Saturday March 19. Apart from a great meal and drinks, entertainment and company from around the world, this black-tie event will help raise funds to bring the benefits of Scouting to more young people, in Victoria and throughout the world.

See more about the World Scout Foundation below.

Brendan Watson, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

Executive Manager

New Extranet Field - Vehicles

A new section is available in Extranet for all formations, for adding details of any vehicles you have. Titled Group Assets - Vehicles, it sits just above the Group Assets - Trailers section on the screen. If your formation has a vehicle, meaning a car, bus, truck, motorbike, etc., please add in the details as soon as possible. Trailers still go in their own section. Remember that Extranet is where we get the information not just on what we have, but what it is worth for insurance purposes. The rule of thumb is that if it isn't on Extranet, it doesn't exist

Office closure

The Victorian Scout Centre will be closed on Thursday, 18 February when staff will be holding their annual planning day. This day will allow us to continue developing improvements which support the delivery of Scouting.

PO Box no longer in use

As you may recall, we cancelled PO Box 774 almost a year ago now and started using only 152 Forster Road. To catch any mail still addressed to the old PO Box we have had a redirection in place and this is about to expire. Any mail sent to PO Box 774 in the future will not make it in to Branch. Please make sure everything you send is to 152 Forster Road.

Dougal Mayor, Executive Manager

World Scout Foundation

Introduction to World Scout Foundation

Did you know the World Scout Foundation is supported by 2300 fellows from all over the world, to help develop scouting all over the world! His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is the Honorary Chairman and is coming to Melbourne mid March.

If you would like to learn more about the great work the World Scout Foundation does, and how you can help contribute to the growth of scouting worldwide, please join us for a special briefing evening next week. Details below:

- When: Monday February 15, 7-8pm
- Where: Victorian Scout Centre, 152 Forster Road, Mount Waverley 3149
- Cost : Free.
- Light refreshments provided

For further information please contact: stuart.redman@vicscouts.asn.au

Leadership Seminar

On Friday March 18, business, philanthropy and Scouting combine for one extraordinary forum on Leadership. ABC broadcaster Jon Faine - a former Scout - will host a panel with diverse experience and insights into leadership. Out of this unique line-up several of them share a Scouting connection. This is an event not to be missed, and we expect it will sell out fast.

Date: Friday March 18

Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm

Cost: \$150 per head/\$1400/table of 10

Venue: Park Hyatt Ballroom

[LEAD YOUR BOOKING NOW](#)

As a member of the Scouting family, you're hearing of it first. This is your chance to organise a table from your workplace, or to gather business associates or clients.

It's a great way to wrap up the working week - two hours of stimulating and entertaining insights into leadership in the workplace, and in the community.

[Flyer for members](#)

[Flyer for others](#)

Leader Opportunities

District Commissioner - Frankston District

Bays Region is looking for a leader to take on the role of District Commissioner - Frankston District. It is envisaged that the successful applicant will have a period of transition working with the current District Commissioner prior to taking on the role full time.

Do you feel you can accept the role to lead the District Team, and take on the challenge to develop and support Groups and District?

Written expressions of interest giving a brief outline of experience and attributes for the role to acc.hr@vicscouts.asn.au by Sunday, February 28, 2016. Short listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

Jan Kerr, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Human Resources

Sections and Program Support

Scouts Australia: Scouts Central Improvements

Over the last few months a number of improvements to the functionality for Scout Central have been implemented. These changes will make it easier for Leaders to run their Sections and get even more out of Scout Central. They can now schedule meeting nights and come back later to fill in a program. This will be very useful for long term programming. They can now also print out term programs or individual nights as a PDF. It will list all the fields filled in, including location, equipment, AoPG and links to any online resources.

Adult members are now included on attendance rolls and program printouts, and we've improved the view of register sheets for smartphone use.

Users can now also add photo albums for the term program as a record of the event.

Another big change is the ability to edit camps and excursions, which will help if things change after a camp has been organised. Leaders can now record the number of nights and/or Kms done on a camp or excursion, which makes record keeping for the Walkabout and Camper Awards easy. The tallies will automatically carry over as youth members move from one Section to another.

Claire Edmanson, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Programme

State Quartermaster

Update

Through the work of lots of people, the new State Q-Store is taking shape. Lots has been done with lots more to do. Apart from gathering lots of Scouting resources from around the state and making them available to Scouting (contingents, activities, groups, etc) we are trying to compile a list of "Scout friendly" tradies - anything from plasterers to plumbers, carpenters to lawyers, sparkies to tillers, mechanics to importers, etc. Anyone who is willing to continue to help Scouting with their skills as well as running a fantastic program. We always hear of people who could have helped after we have just organized it the hard (or more expensive way). So why not email me at qm@vicscouts.asn.au your name, "trade", area where you can work, phone number, etc. I will make a long list and make it available upon request (I've already been asked if I know a "scout friendly" plasterer and plumber. So why not advertise your business or just let me know you're willing to do some "weekenders" or just that you're willing to help at major events or whatever. You could chose to work free for Scouting or at a very reduced price - your call, just let me know! See you around the Scouting universe and watch out for our next merchandise items!

Trevor Howlett, State Quartermaster

Staff Vacancies

Quality Teacher Program Coordinator

Applications are invited for the role of Quality Teacher Program Coordinator within our Training team. This role will enjoy responsibility for supporting all elements of the Quality Teacher Program, one of Scouts Victoria's key strategic initiatives. Primary activities of the role will include building relationships with teacher training institutions, engaging student teachers to participate as Trainee Leaders in our Quality Teacher Program and providing mentoring and support to participants. Applications can be submitted via the Seek website [click here](#)

Mark Chaffers, Membership and HR Manager

Fundraising

Scouts Monster Raffle 2016 - Ticket orders open

The ticket ordering system via Extranet is now open for the 2016 Scouts Monster Raffle.

See this [Manual](#) for instructions.

Key details

This year the Monster Raffle is going to be BIGGER and BETTER than ever...

- One major raffle - Monster Raffle and Our School Raffle are now combined
- Exclusive initial ticket selling period for Scout Groups
- Extended time for Scout Groups to sell tickets
- Two refund rounds to choose from a) May/June or b) Aug/Sep
- 100% proceeds back to Groups, that's \$2 for every \$2 ticket sold (75% to schools)
- 1 million tickets to be produced
- More than 100 prizes

Key timings

5 February	Ticket ordering system opens on Extranet for Groups
Mid-March	Distribution of tickets to Groups Date TBC based on confirmation of prizes and turnaround of permit
30 May	Refund round 1 Groups can choose to return all tickets (sold and unsold) and payment at this time
By end June	Refunds processed to Groups for round 1

Early June	Schools to commence selling (Groups can continue if opting for refund in round 2)
29 August	Final close off of all raffle sales (refund round 2 for Groups) Groups and Schools to return all tickets (sold and unsold) and payment
9 September	Raffle draw at Victorian Scout Centre at 11am
16 September	Raffle results published
End Sep	Refunds processed to schools and groups finalised (round 2)

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 (you will be emailed a copy from VicHealth once submitted)

Leah Kemp, Marketing and Fundraising Manager

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!

Sue Kemp, District Commissioner, South Gippsland



Why I joined Scouting: I joined Venturers at age 15, because my father was a Venturer Leader and I could see the great activities they were doing. I was one of four girls who were the first female members of the 1st Glen Waverley Venturer Unit. I have been in and out of the movement several times, having been a Venturer, Rover, ACSL (twice), AVL (twice) and now DC. I love what Scouting stands for, its values and aims and am very proud of what it achieves for young people.



Scouting highlight: There have been so many! However my favourite day of the year is our District Water Day at Walkerville South on the Sunday nearest to Founder's Day. The Leaders run activities for Joeys, Cubs and Scouts, with Venturers and Rovers assisting and families watching on. Every year I stand and look around at so many youth of all ages taking part in simple, fun activities and think to myself "this is what

it's all about".

Scouting lowlight: A Scout Patrol hike I attended many years ago, with the then ASL. Just after all tents were pitched on the second afternoon the skies opened and we received a deluge not repeated until AJ2016! It took us until 11pm to get everyone fed, using a single burner gas stove we had for just such a situation (Be Prepared!), set up in the back of a Land Rover. By 2am four Scouts were soaked and trying to sleep in the Land Rover, whilst the other two were in the sole remaining dry tent. We were wondering what else could go wrong, and what we were going to do about it!

Scouting goal for the next 12 months: Continue to raise the profile of Scouting in the community and find suitable candidates to be the next DC.

If I wasn't in Scouts I'd be ... Volunteering somewhere else

Joeys



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.

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.

Problems with Registering?

Kangaree registrations are going crazy busy - if you're having trouble (don't worry, you're not the only one!), you can email enquiries@kangaree.com.au - our Admin team are bworking hard to respond 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. 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

The Kangaree Leadership Program - get your Venturers on it!

Kangaree has created an exclusive 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.

Luke Byrnes, Kangaree Director

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYatholn

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYatholn is looking for event volunteers
All volunteers have the chance to win a Haier Front Loader Washing Machine valued at \$799.00*.

Please click the location below

[Canberra - February 14 \(Australian Institute of Sport\)](#)

[Bendigo - March 6 \(Queen Elizabeth Oval\)](#)

[St Kilda - March 13 \(Catani Gardens\)](#)

All events are on Sunday mornings 6 am - 1 pm.

All volunteers must be able and over the age of 16, or 18 + for volunteers on the event course.

All volunteers receive a Volunteer Goodie Pack, including - T-Shirt, a back pack, hat, water and other sponsor products to take home as a souvenir.

*Terms and conditions apply - [see entry form for details here](#).

For more information or to book in your group for 2016 please contact: skye@x-tri.com.au or 02 8998 3150.

Harmony Day Badges

Group orders

Harmony Day, March 21, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

If you would like to order Harmony Day Badges for your group, please send the following information to Dussy Kuttner at dussy.kuttner@vicscouts.asn.au

Group Name
Contact details
Number of badges you would like to order
Postal address

Please note that orders must be placed by 5pm Monday February 15 so that they can be received in time for Harmony Day.

Activites

Suburban Adventure Racing

Scouting may shut down over December/January but this fun series has carried on throughout, along with many past participants coming back for more. Weeknight fun. And probably the sausage sizzles. The series runs every Tuesday night until March 22 so if you want to get out and enjoy the weather and a great outdoor activity for your section, check out street.orienteering.com.au and come along.

If you are coming as a group, please let Geoff know *before* the day. If your section isn't going, a) complain to the leaders, and b) come along anyway. Everyone is welcome!

Scout Hike

Change of date

The date for Scout Hike published in the Info Book has changed, the date for Scout Hike is now Friday May 20 to Sunday May 22.

For information about Scout Hike 2016, check out our web page <http://www.vicscouts.com.au/scouthike.html>

Applications will be opening in February, look out for the link on the webpage to be added soon.

1st Ballam Park Scout Group

25th Anniversary

Please join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the amalgamation of 7th and 8th Frankston Scout Groups. To commemorate the event there will be a re-launch of the scarf, adding a 3rd ribbon to represent those at 6th Frankston who joined Ballam Park in 2001, and the new Ballam Park badge.

Location: Ballam Park Scout Hall, Naranga Crescent Frankston

Date: Sunday 6th March 2016

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

R.S.V.P: GL Christine: 0411122770 or
gl.1stballampark@scoutsvictoria.com.au

[Click here for invitation](#)

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Next newsletter

Contributions are welcome!

The next e-news is Tuesday February 16, 2016.

The deadline for contributions is **10am Monday February 15.**

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