



Tuesday, January 12 2016

E-NEWS DEADLINE:

Brief items submitted prior to the end of week are best, but absolute final deadline is **10am Monday January 18**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

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AJ2016

Victorian Contingent

Despite starting off with more than their fair share of rain, spirits were not dampened and Victorian Scouts have been having a fantastic time at Jamboree over the past week. From high ropes courses and panning for gold, to comedy nights and talent shows, AJ2016 has been a hub of excitement and a fantastic way to start off the new year. See photos galore via the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/scoutsvictoria>. Full wrap up to follow in next week's edition.



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Chief Commissioner

From the C525 JTL

Now that 2015 is officially over and we have well and truly started 2016 (Year of the Program) I take this opportunity to wish all of our members and supporters a happy and healthy new year for 2016. At the moment I am at AJ2016 where I am privileged to be a Jamboree Troop Leader. There is certainly no role in Scouting that can match working with our youth members. I have learnt, laughed and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to once again place my faith in the Patrol System and see this Troop's Patrol Leaders do a wonderful job. It really is an honour to be an adult in Scouting.

At the end of 2015, so many of you were still packing trailers, crates and preparing for Jamboree, the NZ Venture where we have the largest Australian Contingent to ever leave Australia for an international event, finishing up work or preparing for your own family holiday. Now that we have started the new year, I wanted to thank each and every one of our volunteer leaders, committee members and supporters for all of your efforts to deliver Scouting in 2015. On behalf of all of our youth members and from me - Thank you!

It is 2016 and shortly after returning from the Jamboree, we will be celebrating Australia Day which also marks the end of school holidays and a return to our weekly Scout meetings. 'Year of the Program' calls all of us to put the effort into delivering top notch programs throughout the year and to sharing them. If you have a great program idea, share it. Give the program, the whole lot to all of the leaders of your section across your District. Your District Leaders from your District together with your District Commissioner and Region Section Commissioners will be facilitating this exchange of programs. We are all in this together, we can all improve Scouting, we can all support one another. So please, in this "The Year of the Program", please help by simply sharing your success and

supporting another volunteer.

Best wishes for a terrific 2016.

Brendan Watson, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

Inferno 2016 - NZ Venture

Australian Contingent

Scouts aren't the only ones starting 2016 off with a bang, as Australian Venturers welcome in the new year from New Zealand. Traveling over the Tasman Sea to New Zealand's North Island, the Australian Contingent has spent the last week or so at Inferno 2016, the 13th New Zealand Venture. Follow their adventure at the Australian Contingent's blog here: <http://blog.nzv2016.com/>



Cubs Centenary

Celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouts - are you ready?

Welcome to 2016, the year which marks 100 years of Cub Scouts! This year we have a lot planned to help celebrate the Cubs Centenary, including competitions, events, activities and a new website where Cubs can upload photos and interesting facts of their Pack's progress throughout our centenary year. In honour of this milestone year, each District will also be receiving Centenary badges which should be worn by all Cub Scouts and Leaders in the Cub Scout section. You can collect your Pack's badges from your February Seenee. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout 2016.



John Kerr, State Commissioner Cub Scouts

Air Activities

Scout Air Activities Target Badge Day on February 20 2016 at Moorabbin Airport

Applications for the Scout Air Activities Target Badge Day on February 20 2016 close on January 31 2016 unless sold out. Don't miss out, book your spot now. Click [here](#) or visit the Air Activities microsite for more details and to book at www.vicscouts.com.au/airactivities

The course costs \$56.50 per Scout, includes all Target Badge content and is designed for individual Scouts to gain their Scout Air Activity Target Badge within their current Pioneer, Explorer or Adventurer level and includes a 20 minute flight in a Piper Warrior light aircraft. Restrictions will be placed on the total number of Scouts per troop and per level that can attend on the Course. Over 350 Scouts achieved an Air Activities Target Badge during 2015.

Scouts can sign up to the course individually and do not need to have a troop leader present as SAAV leaders will be present throughout the entire course. Troop Leaders are welcome to attend with their Scouts if they wish.

Weekend Activity Flying Days

The Air Activities Team separately operates flying days throughout the year for all Victorian Groups/Districts/Regions within all sections of Scouting from Joeys to Rovers. Get a group together and consider booking a flying day at Moorabbin or your suitable local regional airport. During 2015 we flew over 850 youth members at activities at Latrobe Valley, Mansfield, Kyneton and Elmore. Start planning now for your 2016 program. For more information on flying days, the badge day course and to book your spot on the badge course day, visit [here](#).

Join the team

The Air Activities team is growing to meet increased demand. If you look to the skies every time you hear an aircraft, then joining our team is for you. We are looking for ground support crew (no experience needed - all training provided), district/regional community liaisons, treasurer, secretary, and section reps. Email info.airactivities@vicscouts.asn.au for further details.

Paul McLennan, State Leader Air Activities

Save the date

Deco Moot 2016

DECO MOOT	
— 2016 —	
AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT	
<p>KEY DETAILS</p> <p>The Moot will run from the 24th to the 28th of March in and around Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.</p> <p>The Australian Contingent Post-Tour will run from the 28th of March to the 2nd of April, taking in the sights of the North Island.</p> <p>The Moot alone costs \$650 plus Moot Tour cost and flights.</p> <p>The Post-Moot Tour costs an additional \$500 plus food.</p>	<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>For information about Deco Moot visit 'decomoot.com'</p> <p>For information about the Australian Contingent visit 'facebook.com/AUSNZRM2016'</p> <p>To contact the Australian Contingent Leader, email him at 'nzmoot2016@scouts.com.au'</p> <p>To register for Deco Moot go to 'regonline.com/decomoot2016' and fill in your details.</p>

Applications close Sunday January 24 2016. Yes, that is over Surfmoort so get your applications in now!

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Contributions are welcome!

The next e-news is Tuesday January 19, 2016.

The deadline for contributions is **10am Monday January 18.**

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