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E-NEWS DEADLINE:

Brief items submitted prior to the end of week are best, but absolute final deadline is **10am Monday February 22**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

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Kangaree



It's coming!!! T-minus 5 weeks until Kangaree. Has your Mob registered yet? <http://www.kangaree.com.au/>

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 working 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.

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Chief Commissioner

Leaders and Adults in Scouting

While most of us get the satisfaction and enjoyment of working with youth members -- helping them plan their program, and award scheme progress, and sharing their adventures -- Scouting could not function without Leaders or Adults.

On Saturday Deputy Chief Commissioner Jon Willis and I met with two groups of these Leaders who are responsible for supporting and creating our strategy for Scouting.

District Commissioners from across the State met at Pax Hill at Ballarat for the first of their quarterly DCs Councils.

The emphasis this time was on the human resources required to run a great District - issues such as recruitment, training and review. Like painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge, it is a never-ending task to ensure that Groups and the District Team have the right people in the right jobs.

It was particularly pleasing to hear of the growth plans of many Districts. We believe in the power of the Scout program to transform lives and build better communities. Victoria will be a better place with more young people enjoying Scouting.

(By the way, that was a terrific discussion on our Facebook page on Sunday! So many Groups seem to have started 2016 with an influx of new families - youth members and potential Leaders.)

Late Saturday afternoon we headed to Gilwell for dinner with the Training Team. Our adult training programs continue to evolve to accommodate new areas of essential learning, and to cope with changing work-life patterns. Garry Breadon leads a dedicated team who aim to educate and inspire Leaders to be their best. Like the Sydney Harbour Bridge, their work will never be complete either!

Appointments

We are pleased to advise the appointment of new Region Commissioner Plenty Valley, Alan Harding.

Brendan Watson, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

Executive Manager

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.

Dougal Mayor, Executive Manager

World Scout Foundation

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 everyone](#)

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

Marketing and Communications

McHappy Day

After years of support for McHappy Day, we have decided to look at other options for Statewide service. (This does not stop any individual Group or District continuing their relationship with a local store.)

What sort of community activities should Scouting be supporting? Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 6 is one obvious example. (See this issue of Be Informed for more details of how to be involved.)

The areas that align with Scouting values include youth in need, education, health, and the environment.

If you have any thoughts on a Statewide service project please send to marketing@vicscouts.asn.au

Omar and Saad

Our Facebook page hit 7000 Likes yesterday. The rapid growth in our social media is due to a range of positive stories including coverage of major events such as Cuboree and the Jamboree. Last week it was the story of Omar and Saad, two Scouts from Syria who are now Scouts in Australia.

Their story reached more than 2.5 million people last week through Facebook, You Tube, ABC radio, the Herald Sun, and The Project.

If you've not yet seen their 9-minute video, it's at www.facebook.com/ScoutsVictoria.

The 3-minute segment from The Project is also on our Facebook timeline, but a bit further down.

Andrew Taylor, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Marketing and Communications

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

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| 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) |

Leah Kemp, Marketing and Fundraising Manager

Environment

NatureWatch

Are you looking for an environmental project to get involved with? Want to try your hand at some practical citizen

science? Want to spend some time in the great outdoors with like-minded people? NatureWatch is a plant and animal monitoring program that runs across Victoria. The information that is gathered is used to understand more about the health of Victoria's natural environment, and how we can better look after it. This valuable work is ideal for Scout, Venturer or Rover Environment or Service Badges. For more information check out the website <http://naturewatch.vnpa.org.au> or get in touch with the Program Coordinator, Christine Connelly christinec@vnpa.org.au.

Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day is rapidly approaching on the March 6. Last year we had over 7,000 Scouts participating in the event, at 295 sites across Australia. A phenomenal effort!

We'd love to see even more Scouts participating this year, so head along to the Clean Up Australia Day website cleanupaustaliaday.org.au and register a site! This could be around your Scout Hall, at a local Scout property, or even a local park.

If you would like to join an existing Clean Up Australia Day site, or do the clean up on an alternative date, just head over to the Clean Up Australia Day website to check out your options.

Mei Nicholls, State Leader Environment



Meet 10 DCs

Profiling our great Leaders

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

Wayne Myers, District Commissioner, Geelong Peninsula District



Why I joined Scouting: I joined as a Cub when a Group was started in our country town, Teesdale. There were no other organisations for young people in the town - sport didn't start until you were about 16. Then attending a Jamboree convinced me Scouting was a fabulous organisation to be part of.

Scouting highlight: There are so many - seeing smiles on members faces as they get special awards (the best part of being a DC); being involved in the development of the accredited adult training program; helping Scouting in the Republic of Nauru; attending Jamborees and Cuborees.

Scouting lowlight:

When adults don't work well together as Leaders or parents which can have a detrimental effect on individuals, Groups and Scouting.

Scouting goal for the next 12 months: Assisting a Group revive a Cub Scout section and helping Group Leaders find Leaders.



If I wasn't in Scouts I'd be ... Lost, but have so much more time to commit to other organisations in a volunteer capacity.

Joey Scouts



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.

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

Cubs

100 Years of Cub Scouts

As a part of celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouting this year, Packs are encouraged to hold activities and events in celebration of the centenary. Seymour Scout Group helped their Cubs celebrate with a day at the beach.

Last weekend, 45 Members and parents from Seymour Scout Group went camping at



Eumeralla Scout Camp Anglesea and celebrated 100 years of Cubs! A great time was had by all with camping, beach and river Water Activities. Canoeing with the Water Activities Team was terrific fun. Thanks to everyone involved for making this happen!



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 on Saturday February 21 at a low cost to Scouts Victoria members. Venue to be confirmed.

Scout Heritage Victoria

Scout Heritage Victoria wins funding grant

Recently, Scout Heritage Victoria was awarded funding under the 2015 Local History Grants program. Michael Gidley, the State Member of Parliament for Waverley presented the team with a Ministerial certificate and toured our archives and proposed new Museum area.

The grant provides conservation repair to two rare items; the 5th Brighton Scouts and Cubs Log Book and a photograph album from the 2nd All Australian Corroboree held in Melbourne in Jan 1922.

It also funds digitising all the Jamboree Newspapers from Victorian events to be available for worldwide access on TROVE, the National Library of Australia's newspaper database.



From Antarctica to Footscray

Arch Hoadley

As well as being the first Principal of Footscray Tech (now Victoria University) Arch Hoadley was the founder of one of our first Scout Groups (in Richmond), a former Chief Commissioner, founder and first warden of Gilwell, and the Venturer competition the 'Hoadley Hide' is named after him.

In February 1916, Charles Archibald Hoadley (Arch) opened [The Door of Opportunity](#) to students at the Footscray Technical School.

The school was intended by local businesses and the local community to offer students an education that would fit them for a role in the skilled workforce and raise students out of the ranks of unskilled labourers.

In attracting Arch Hoadley to be the first principal of the school, the town was given one of Australia's most charismatic and devoted educational Leaders of its generation. His passion and commitment were not limited to his work at the school, as his significant Scouting career and membership of the Sir Douglas Mawson Australasian Antarctic Expedition (1912-1913) will attest.

You are invited to come and hear from Arch's son Jack Hoadley, on the life of his extraordinary father.

Thursday 3 March at 6.30pm

Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre

69-79 Military Road in Avondale Heights (Melways, map 27, E7)

The car park behind the library can be accessed from Clarendon Street which runs off Military Road

[Bookings essential: flyer with details here.](#)

Entertainment Books

Opportunity for Scout Groups

Entertainment Publications of Australia is offering Scout Groups the opportunity to fundraise by selling Entertainment Books.

Each fundraiser is personalised to suit individual requirements and make it work as easy as possible.

The books are \$65 each and 20% of that goes into your fundraiser.

Entertainment Publications of Australia will provide all the marketing information to help you have a successful campaign. This includes posters, order forms, a payment page (so people can pay online), display book and email templates that are ready to send out.

The books are on consignment and all the marketing collateral is free. There is absolutely no upfront costs.

If you would like to take part in this offer, or for more information please contact Katie Maycock on (03) 9815 4416.

Baden Powell Park Scout Group

25th Anniversary

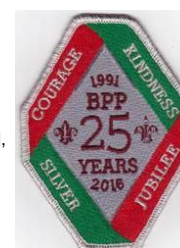
Please join us for our celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of Baden Powell Park Scout Group.

We are having a party with beach and water activities including sailing, ski-tubing, slippery pole, sandcastle competition, tug-o-war, volleyball, treasure hunt, rafting, windsurfing, canoes and kayaks as well as a spit roast dinner at 5.30pm.

The fun starts at 1pm on Sunday 6th March at our Canadian Bay Beach Hall, Williams Road, Mt Eliza.

Please RSVP to Mike Beadle, Group Leader, Baden Powell Park Scout Group at:

gl.badenpowellpark@vicscouts.asn.au



Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience

Exhibition

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free exhibition - presented by the Australian Government



and Australian War Memorial and proudly supported by Commonwealth Bank and Telstra - that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War and subsequent Century of Service.

This once-in-a-generation event will be staged at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from Monday 8 February to Tuesday 23 February 2016.

The 65,000 Australians who have seen the Experience across locations in regional Victoria, Tasmania and NSW, have universally praised it as "a must-see event for all Australian both young and old".



What can visitors expect?

The exhibition is an imposing space, equivalent in size to half a football field. It is easy to navigate and also wheelchair friendly for those who may be less mobile.

There are chronologically arranged galleries that take visitors on an immersive journey through what was a tumultuous period in world history. It also explains the important role our young nation played in events by deploying innovative displays and interactive elements as visitors move through the exhibition.

Over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public, complement and enhance the stories and commemorative aspects within the exhibition. The exhibition is driven by technology with every visitor supplied a volume-controlled audio guide that uses GPS tracking to locate artefacts in close proximity to share interesting facts. This builds a compelling narrative and explains key elements and how they slot into the historical timeline. There are also over 45 artefacts that can be tagged by visitors to allow additional information to be sent to a nominated email address within 48 hours.

The exhibition is by turns commemorative, respectful, poignant, moving, educational and stimulating. It encourages appreciation of an important subject etched into our national psyche and pays tribute to the courage, service and sacrifice of our forebears. It will no doubt also foster greater understanding within the next generation of Australians and we encourage families to attend the very limited Melbourne season.

Whilst entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, book your preferred date and time slot now at <http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au> to avoid disappointment as slots are filling fast.

Trail Run in the Otways

Old Beechy Rail Trail Run and Walk

The Rotary Club of Colac is holding the Old Beechy Rail Trail Run and Walk on Sunday March 20. This year includes a relay race for teams of 3 to run the 16 kms from Barongarook to Gellibrand. This is a great opportunity for Scout/Venturer/Rover teams to participate in a great Fun Run, and to hopefully take home the trophy to their Hall. The run and relay starts at 9am. If you prefer to walk, you can try the 7km walk from Kawarren to Gellibrand, starting at 10am. You can also participate in the 16km bike ride which starts at 8.45am at Barongarook. This is a great excuse to come down and try out all the trails at Forrest. Overnight camping is available at Patanga Park, the Otway Plains Scout Camp, if needed.

Find details at: www.oldbeechyrailtrailfunrun.org.au or phone Geoff on 0419 351 185 or email: rotarycolac3250@gmail.com

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Next newsletter

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