



Tuesday, January 19 2016

E-NEWS DEADLINE:

Brief items submitted prior to the end of week are best, but absolute final deadline is **10am Monday January 25**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

Send to newsletter@vicscouts.asn.au

Australia Day

Call for members

This Australia Day we're looking for up to 60 members of Scouts Victoria to attend the Melbourne Town Hall Flag Raising Ceremony, and then take part in the Australia Day Parade through the city. If you would like to be one of those 60 Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers or Leaders, sign up here - <http://scoutsaustraliaday2016.eventbrite.com.au> - but be quick, we're only taking up to 10 members from each section!

Meeting point: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street.

Annie Asquith and Leah Kemp from Scouts Victoria at the Town Hall to meet you - look for the blue Scouts Victoria staff shirts (not Scout uniform). If we're not outside the Hall, there will be someone there to direct you to where we are.

Holding room inside town hall dedicated to the Scouts - Hoddle Room

Arrival time: 9.30am

Flag Raising Ceremony: approx. 10.20am - 11am

Parade: approx. 11am - 12pm

Light refreshment will be served from 9.45am-10.15am.

Dress: Uniform

Questions to Annie or Dussy at australiaday2016@vicscouts.asn.au



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Chief Commissioner

2016 is off to a great start



AJ 2016 and the NZ Venture were amazing experiences for thousands of Victorians. Coming up are more big highlights ... the centenary of Cub Scouts, the visit by the World Scout Foundation, Baloo's Picnic, Kangaree and The Moot. Great program means excited youth members, happy Leaders, and appreciative and supportive parents. But the most important program is the local program. As you enjoy the last of the quiet weeks of January, I hope you have had time to prepare a great 2016 program with your youth members. Planning is the key to a happy and stress-free year. Programming hand-to-mouth is unsustainable, unsatisfying, and hard work. Planning ahead means stronger youth participation (so your efforts are worthwhile) and the chance to share the workload with other Leaders and parents. Wishing you a happy, successful and relaxed new year!

Brendan Watson, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

School Engagement

Update

This coming Friday January 22 at 1am in the early morning, the school year levels of all 5 -17 year old youth members will be increased by one year. Venturers in Year 12 in 2015 will be moved to the Tertiary Education, Apprentice, Work category. Scouts in Year 6 in primary schools in 2015 will be promoted to Year 7 but most will also move to a new secondary school location. Group Leaders in conjunction with their Scout Leaders will be asked to adjust and edit the individual school location record of Year 7 youth members after sections resume in early February. Group Leaders adding new registrations prior to 1am on Friday January 22 should record the youth member's 2015 school levels as they will be increased by one year along with all other members at that time to show the 2016 pattern. Group Councils should take the opportunity to confirm the continuing membership and both school and year level of all youth members in all sections as a small number of youths current schools and year levels seem inconsistent with their ages. Group Leaders and all registered Scout Leaders will receive an email on Friday with guidelines on how best to implement the changes following the year level upgrade.

Bob Taylor, Immediate Past Chief Commissioner

Human Resources

Cub Scout Programming specialists

If you are enthusiastic about creating exciting programs for your Cub Scout Pack then this could be for you. We are looking for current leaders in the Cub Scout section to share the knowledge and help build our programming strength across Victoria. As members of the State Cub Scout Council you would be working with Pack and District leader teams.

Role description for 'State Leader - Program Support Specialist, Cub Scout Section' can be found under 'Leader Roles' on [MyScout](#). Written expressions of interest giving a brief outline of experience and attributes for the role to acc.hr@vicscouts.asn.au by Friday February 12 2016. Short listed applicants will be invited to attend an interview.

Jan Kerr, Assistant Chief Commissioner Human Resources

Marketing and Communications

Name our E-news

It's been running for 18 months and we still haven't named it! What's a word or two that sums up our weekly digest of important and interesting news? For your chance to win a fantastic prize and have your entry featured on the official E-news banner, come up with a creative name for our weekly newsletter. Maximum four words. Have some fun with Scout lingo and submit your idea by CoB this Friday (January 22) to newsletter@vicscouts.asn.au

Australian Honours Awards

If you, or someone that you know receives an Australian Honours Award on Australia Day, please let the marketing team know as soon as possible at marketing@vicscouts.asn.au. Please include any details of awards for both Facebook posts, E-news and Scout mag. We need a high-res photo, the name and role of the awardee, and the correct name of their award.

E-news next week

Next week's E-news will be published at 12pm on Wednesday January 27 to cater for the Australia Day public holiday. Please note that the deadline for content remains at 10am on Monday January 25, unless you are submitting Australia Day news.

Andrew Taylor, Assistant Chief Commissioner Marketing & Communications

Australian Scout Fellowship

Australia Day at Kings Domain Gardens

The RACV Australia Day Picnic and Federation Vehicle Display is a long standing Australia Day event, a celebration within the beautiful Kings Domain Gardens. A fantastic family event, Scouts Victoria will be there from 10am - 5pm.

There will be a Rope Bridge, Plasters, plus much more.

Help is needed to supervise activities, please contact Bruce Venville on jbvenville@bigpond.com if you would like to assist. Please note that parking is very LIMITED.

Joeys**Kangaree 2016: Earthtastic - Registrations Open!**

Registrations for Youth Members, Mob Leaders, and Event Assistants are open! Read more and register now 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, 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.

Questions about Kangaree/registering?

You can ask questions about Kangaree by emailing 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. Any difficulties, we're happy to help!

We're getting super excited about the event - look out for our Facebook page soon, to be launched by Monday January 25!

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, Director Kangaree 2016

Cubs**Cub Scout Section Centenary - here we go!!**

It's started! Stay in touch with all our centenary activities and celebrations through our special Victorian Cub Scout centenary web site. More details next week.

This is where Cubs and Leaders will be able to check points for the Centenary Challenge Commissioner's Award and upload photos of Pack holidays, sleepovers, joint Pack activities, District events and community service activities that you and your Pack will be doing throughout the year.

We are looking forward to seeing photos of your most innovative Centenary activity.

Some of your early Pack programs should include "bring a friend" nights. Registered New Chums will be VERY welcome at Baloo's Picnic in March!!

Our national centenary uniform badges have arrived. They will be sent to all Districts for distribution to you either direct or via Seeonee this week.



John Kerr, State Commissioner Cub Scouts

Scouts**AJ2016**

Our wet and sunburnt AJ2016 Contingent is safely back home. Yes in two weeks at Cataract Park our Scouts and Leaders managed to get both waterlogged and sunburnt. But they had an absolute ball being part of 12,000+ Scouts and Leaders from all over the world assembled at Cataract Park. Congratulations to Joan Dillon (Contingent Leader), Ian Lancaster (Admin), Peter Duckworth (Logistics), Dan Voet (PR), Greg Timney (Health & Welfare) & Jody Freeman (Finance) who all worked so hard to make the Victorian Contingent the best run contingent at AJ2016.

Straddy at Easter is the next major event for Scouts - get your PLs online now to sign up to attend!



Michael Thomas, State Commissioner Scouts

Venturers

NZ Inferno Venture

Welcome back to our awesome NZ Inferno Venture Contingent. This was another amazingly successful event with our Venturers and support crew all doing us proud as they pushed the boundaries of everything New Zealand has to offer. Among the many Victorian support staff who worked hard to make this Venture a success, a special call out goes to Phil Britt (Contingent Leader), Richard Scholes (Program), Sharon Noonan (Health and Welfare), Gary Park (Adult Support), Fiona Flanigan (Admin) and Alan Wilson (Catering). Next up for Venturers is Anything Goes - sign up now!



Anything Goes

Registrations are rising fast for Victoria's largest event for Venturers and linking Scouts, Anything Goes, being held on February 26-28 at Lardner Park near Warragul. As well as all that boring stuff like helicopter rides, horse riding, four wheel driving, rafting and scuba diving, you can now also choose your major activity from paintball in the bush or trying to reach the dizzy heights at a trampoline park. If you really want a particular activity, we recommend you register soon! Plus of course, there are free donuts for anyone signing up before January 31. Register now at <https://signup.anythinggoes.net.au>.

Canteen shift leader

Like food and people? Anything Goes is looking for a canteen shift leader (one of three sharing duties across the weekend, supported by our catering manager). You'll be responsible for leading a team of volunteers and ensuring the smooth operation of the kitchen, including following food safety procedures. You need to know about basic food hygiene, and it would be great if you had some experience with EPOS systems, stock management and cash handling. For more info, chat with

Leigh on 0401741538.

Rod Byrnes, State Commissioner Venturer Scouts

International Submissions

Deco Moot

The Australian contingent for Deco Moot has received an extension on the deadline for registration. The new deadline is January 31. Make sure you register now to ensure your place.

<p>DECO MOOT</p> <p>— 2016 —</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT</p>	
<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 'nz moot2016@scouts.com.au'</p> <p>To register for Deco Moot go to 'regonline.com/decomoot2016' and fill in your details.</p>

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Next newsletter

Contributions are welcome!

The next e-news is Wednesday January 27, 2016.

The deadline for contributions is **10am Monday January 25.**

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