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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 1**. We reserve the right to edit all items for brevity. No essays please.

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Australia Day



Australia Day: near the end of the parade, the Rovers were starting to tire so the Joeyes helped cheer them up.

Yesterday 60 Joeyes, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders attended the flag raising ceremony and march in the 2016 Australia Day Parade in Melbourne. Thank you to all who attended and made the parade a wonderful success!

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Chief Commissioner

Australia Day success

I love Australia Day! There is a serious side - the annual discussion of our history, and where we're going. And the joyous celebration of our present.

I began my day at the Australia Day morning tea, with State Youth Council chair Matthew Barnes, and a vast range of Melbourne's community leaders.

Across the State hundreds of other members were engaged in local ceremonies and events, like the citizenship ceremonies at Cardinia and Koo Wee Rup.

I watched our 60 youth members and Leaders participate in the flag ceremony, before marching with them in the annual parade. It was great to see some special flag bearers, like Saad - one of the Syrian brothers who spoke at the State ARAP - carrying the Victorian flag. Kayne Millward, who spoke so beautifully in our video, "Scouting - a global family", carried the Aboriginal flag.

Thanks to Leah and Annie from the marketing team who were on deck early to make sure it all ran smoothly in the city yesterday.

On Australia Day we also recognise those who make a significant contribution in local and national communities.

I am proud to be in Scouts when I see these wonderful people being honoured.

There is a full list below (at least those that have been shared with us).

People like Barb Brook OAM who joined as a Group Leader to support her kids, became DC then Branch Commissioner, and still makes a massive contribution to Scouting, coordinating the Venturer Student Exchange program and supporting the Warringal campsite - among many other activities.

And the city of Bayside's citizen of the year, Russell Burton, Group Leader of 1st/14th Brighton. This is our largest Group, with 235 youth and 40 Leaders, plus parents. But this Group is unique in other ways too, in reaching out to other community organisations to provide water activities for the disadvantaged, and by its close relationship with Council with whom it regularly participates in events such as citizenship ceremonies. This is a Group which is still striving to give the opportunities of Scouting to even more local young people. Russell and his team are truly making a difference in the lives of hundreds of young people.

To all of you, and your friends and colleagues who support you: congratulations!

Brendan Watson, Chief Commissioner Scouts Victoria

Honoured in their communities

Order of Australia

Nationally, a number of Scout members were honoured in the Order of Australia.

Victorians included:

- Alan Brook OAM (a 1st Eaglemont veteran of many Jamborees and Cuborees)
- Barb Brook OAM (National Coordinator of International Student Exchange Program for Venturer Scouts, and a long-serving Branch Commissioner, District Commissioner and Group Leader at 1st Eaglemont)
- Bob Dare OAM (former AAC Bayside, VL, and Bay Park volunteer)
- George McPherson (former VL at Myrtleford and rock climbing team member)
- Valerie McPherson (former VL at Myrtleford)
- Greg Samson, Assistant Region Commissioner for Gippsland.

On the National scene, those honoured included:

- Former Chief Commissioner Reg Williams AM
- Paul Parkinson OAM (Principal, Scouts Australian Institute of Training)
- WA chairman Peter Walton OAM



Alan and Barb Brook

Local recognitionRussell Burton - 1st/14th Brighton Sea Scouts, Group Leader

Citizen of the Year - Bayside City Council

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Scouting movement and youth in general.

Scott Hamilton - 1st Lang Lang, Group Leader

Citizen of the Year, Lang Lang

Daniel Achterdenbosch - 1st Lang Lang, Scout

Young Citizen of the Year, Lang Lang

Chandler Lancaster - 3rd Doncaster East, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year - Manningham

For extra commitment to Scouting and volunteer work.

Brooke Lauder - 5th Mildura, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year, Irymple

Brooke was recognised for her extensive volunteering efforts and commitment to Scouting.

Sharina Mayman - 1st Woodend Macedon Ranges, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year - Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Sharina has developed an anti-bullying and mental health campaign targeted at young people in the Macedon Ranges called "Think About It"

Troy Oates - 1st Trafalgar, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year - Trafalgar

Nominated by Trafalgar High School for his project at School that led to a car boot sale fundraiser being held for the Trafalgar CFA in Oct 2015

Kaija Pedler - 1st Echuca, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year, Campaspe

Kaija has encouraged others in Scouting to challenge themselves and reach out of their comfort zone, demonstrating youth leadership in the process.

Matthew Smith - 1st Mooroopna, Venturer

Young Citizen of the Year, Toolamba

Matt has been an active scout since joining Mooroopna cubs. He is also on his high school leadership team

4th Mordialloc Sea Scout Group

Youth Community Group of the Year - Kingston Council

[To see photos of awardees, head over to our Facebook album here](#)**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.

Leader Opportunities

The following are vacancies where Expressions of Interest are sought from suitable candidates to fill team leader positions. Currently, many of these roles are being generously undertaken by a Leader In Charge. Please carefully consider whether you could benefit Scouting in your area by taking on the new challenge to develop and support Groups and Districts.

Region Commissioners for:

- Gippsland Region
- Lerderberg Region
- Northern Region
- Plenty Valley Region

District Commissioners for:

- Alpine Gateway, Northern Region
- Bayside, Melbourne Region
- Casey, Bays Region
- Macedon Ranges, Lerderberg Region
- Nillumbik, Plenty Valley Region
- Banyule, Plenty Valley Region
- Wellington, Gippsland Region
- East Gippsland, Gippsland Region
- Cardinia, Bays Region
- Maroondah, Mt. Dandenong Region
- Yarra Ranges, Mt Dandenong Region
- Emu, West Coast Region
- South Western, West Coast Region
- Barwon, Geelong Region
- Moonee Valley, Lerderberg Region

Region Commissioner and District Commissioner Role descriptions 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

School Engagement**School and year level upgrades**

Last Friday, January 22, all youth school year levels for Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were successfully

upgraded for 2016.

GLs/LICs and Section leaders now have the responsibility to confirm the schools that each member attends in 2016. GLs/LICs received an email outlining the necessary steps and a courtesy copy was also sent to every SL/PSL recorded on Extranet

SLs /PSLs received a copy of the steps as most changes of school will be in the Scout section with year 6 youth moving to year 7 in a secondary school location.

Acting Scout Leaders who are ASLs did not receive a copy as they are not recorded on Extranet.

To correct this, GLs should covert such ASLs to PSL using the A3 CAL change in order to receive future Scout section communication for their Troop.

The same A3 process also applies to formalizing and recording the section leaders in the Joey, Cub and Venturer sections.

Bob Taylor, Immediate Past Chief Commissioner

Marketing and Communications

New E-news name

Congratulations to the winner of our E-news naming competition, Michael Gulliver! The weekly E-news is now called "Be Informed" which is featured on the new banner at the top of this edition. Thank you to everyone who entered their great suggestions.

Andrew Taylor, Assistant Chief Commissioner Marketing & Communications

Training

Leader training

There are still places available for Leader training courses in February and March. BOOK NOW as our courses fill up towards the end of the year. As always, Leaders are encouraged to take a look at the training [calendar for 2016 here](#) and sign up for any relevant courses.

Rosemary Redgrave, Training Manager

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 19 - 20 March 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.

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!

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!

Cubs

Cubs 100 Victoria is live!

As we celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting in 2016, we thought it only fit that Cubs and their Leaders have a website of their own so that they can stay up to date with activities, competitions and events throughout the year. Go to <http://www.cubs100vic.com/> to check out what's happening this year, and to upload your photos for the Centenary Challenge from Pack holidays, sleepovers and community service activities. We are looking forward to seeing photos of your most innovative Centenary activity!



Baloo's Picnic initial info

Saturday March 19, 2016 - 10am to 4pm

In and around Melbourne Zoo

Celebrate with the King of Sweden, the Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation

More details to come soon!

John Kerr, State Commissioner Cub Scouts

Baw Baw

WF Waters Rover Lodge, Mt Baw Baw

Reminder that bookings for Winter 2016 open on February 1.

The WF Waters Lodge can be booked by all members of Scouting and their friends. There are reserved weekends in July and August for Rovers and Venturers but Scouting groups and family groups are able to book weekends in June and Mid September as well as midweek including school holidays.

Rates are available on our website www.bawbawrovers.com. Please share this with families and friends in your group who may be interested.

Bunnerong SC Memorial Scout Ski Weekend

After the closure of the Bunnerong Ski Club in 2013 money was donated to the Baw Baw Rover Crew to provide accommodation annually for Scouts who would not otherwise be able to visit the snow to attend a ski trip. This money provides for 10 Scouts/Leaders to stay at the lodge free of charge on a Saturday night in June. Groups wishing to

bring more Scouts will pay normal Scouting prices for the extras. Applications for this weekend can be made via email to bawbawbookings@vicscouts.asn.au. Applications will be considered on merit and applicants notified by March 31. Chairman's decision is final.

Abseiling

Abseiling Weekend 1 - March 12 and 13

The Abseiling Team is pleased to announce that tickets for its first weekend for 2016 are on sale. There are three venues to choose from: Mt Erica in Gippsland, Staughton Vale, west of Melbourne and Warrandyte Quarry, northern suburbs of Melbourne. The events at Staughton Vale and Mt. Erica are overnight, Warrandyte Quarry is two day events allowing for more people to come and experience abseiling. Not only will there be abseiling but a range of other activities for everyone to participate in. Remember to check myscout and Facebook for all of the updated events and photos.

Where: Mount Erica, Baw Baw VIC 3833, Australia
All Weekend - Max 30
Open to all Scouts, Venturers and Rovers
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/KACP>
Cost: \$40 Food not included

Where: Staughton Vale Cliff Site, Staughton Vale VIC 3221, Australia
All Weekend - Max 30
Open to all Scouts, Venturers and Rovers
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/KACT>
Cost: \$40 Food not included

Where: Warrandyte Quarry, VIC, Australia
Session 1 - Saturday - Max 30
Session 2 - Sunday - Max 30
Open to all Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.
The Abseiling Team recommends this for people who have not abseiled before.
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/KADJ>
Cost: \$25 Includes lunch

Air Activities

Air Venture Flying Camps, April and September 2016

Venturers - Do you like this view, this could be yours. Have you thought about flying for your Venturer Award or Queen Scout Pursuits. Scouts NSW Air Activities Centre conducts Air Venture Flying Camps over six days during the April and September school holidays each year from their base at Camden (about 60km from Sydney Airport). Each camp is limited to 10 participants and will cost \$2,400 including meals, briefings and ground school lessons, 10 hours flying (subject to weather), and a pilot's Log Book but does not include transport to Camden. This year's camps are scheduled for Sunday April 10 to Friday April 15 and Sunday September 25 to Friday September 30. For further information contact learntofly.airactivities@vicscouts.asn.au



"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 21 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.

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.

Deco Moot

Deadline extension

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.



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