

# Bogong Bulletin 🤊



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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

### 2007 Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend







From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, the Bogong Rover Chalet hosted 2 Venturers, 2 Leaders, 4 linking Venturers, and a Cub for the Mountain Bike Weekend.

The whole weekend was fun and a great experience, and we visited some good places; Faithful hut, Wallace's hut, Mt. Nelse, and Mt. McKay. There were a couple of minor falls and a puncture in one of the tyres, but everyone had a good time and learned something new about mountain biking.

Bryce van Meurs (Phoenix Venturers)



### Wed. 13th June 2007 from 8:00pm

#### **EMC**

68 Whitehorse Rd Deepdene Melway Ref 46 A7 Plenty of parking is available in Barnsbury Rd

Ski Expo will be held again this year at EMC.

Ski Expo is a great chance to buy all sorts of quality outdoors gear, not just ski's, and get expert advice.

Its also a chance to catch up with friends before winter over supper, and listen to an interesting guest speaker, and checkout all the latest ski gear.

This years speaker will be Doug from EMC giving a practical demonstration on waxing, tuning and maintaining your skis and snowboards.

· Staves

· Packs

· Books

· Maps

. Waves

· Snowboards & Roots

· Expert Advice

See you all there on the 13th.

- · X-C Skis poles and boots
- · Telemark Skis
- · Plastic Boots
- Downhill Skis & Boots
- · Gore-Tex Jackets
- Tents
- Sleeping Bags

(Great Deals)







# ARC Chairman's Report

Once again we had to sit and wait to see what would happen with bushfires burning in the Alps and threatening the Chalet. Thanks to good work by the CFA, DSE Fire Fighters and some kinder weather, we were able to reopen the Chalet by Australia Day Weekend.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the working bees and organized things from Melbourne to get the Chalet ready for another winter.

We have bookings beginning to come in and according to many forecasters we should have a good snow season. Lake Eyre is filling with water, El Ninō has finished, kangaroos are having joeys, the stars are aligned, there is a good dump every 7 years, there is a good dump every 20 years, 'I can feel it in my bones', and it couldn't be as bad as last year.

It's also important to remember that the snow isn't the only reason we go to the chalet, we keep on going back the same weeks for the friendships we have made.

The chalet is now ready for winter, with the food going in next weekend. The management group is now concentrating on promotion, both face to face, and developing new fliers. Maintenance plans are also being developed for next summer. Next year we also have a double celebration with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rover Skiing, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in Australia

Luke Moore - ARC Chairman

### What's On?

May 5-7

Food Weekend Working Bee Summer Bookings Close

June 9-11

Queens Birthday Weekend Ski Season Opens

June 30 - July 7

Victorian Snow Venture 1

July 7 - 14

Week 2 Winter Party

July 14 - 21

South Aust. Snow Venture

July 22

Ski Fun Day

July 21 - 28

Week 4 Winter Party

July 28 - August 4 Week 5

August 1

Highest Peak Project, Bogong Ascent

August 4 - 11

Week 6

August 11 - 18

Week 7 August 18 - 25

Week 8

August 25

Kangaroo Hoppet

August 25 - September 1

Week 9

September 1 - 8

Week 10

September 8 – 15 Week 11

September 15 - 22

Week 12

September 22 - 29

Victorian Snow Venture 2

Alpine Rover Crew AGM

November 6

Melbourne Cup Day Summer Bookings Open

2008

January 26-18

Australia Day Weekend Chalet Working Bee

March 8-10

Labour Day Weekend 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

March 21-24

Easter Long Weekend Chalet Working Bee

April 25-27

Anzac Day Long Weekend **Chalet Working Bee** 

May 11-13

Food Weekend

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# Improvement and Maintenance

Even with reduced access due to the bushfires in December and January we were able to get quite a few tasks completed. These include:

Replacing the drying room heater: - We have a new diesel burning heater called 'Ned'. This is a more efficient heater, to reduce our fuel use, and increase our diesel storage capacity.

Repaired the Sand Filter: Replaced the top distribution pipes that had been crushed and become clogged with sediment.

*Installed a fire door:* - between the generator shed and wood store.

Replaced Belts and ropes on Nut Crackers

Sewed Alpine Rover and Venture Scarves

Improved plumbing at the Water Tank

Weather Proofed the Tow Hut

Restocked Fire Wood

Weeded around the Chalet

Various Painting Tasks





The Labour Day W/bee Team

Sewing Scarves

### **2008 Tasks**

Pending any extra issues arising over winter, we have three jobs planned for next summer:

Stripping and recoating the bathroom floor: - This was to happen this year but was delayed due to bookings and bushfires.

Installing a Permanent Sprinkler System: - The bushfire danger around the chalet is not expected to reduce in coming years.

Cladding: - We are continuing working our way around the chalet to eliminate the need to keep painting the existing wood work, which is a time consuming and hazardous job. To do this the Management Group is looking for some scaffolding to borrow or buy. We are looking for 2 towers 30 to 40 feet high with a work area 4x4 feet or 4x6 feet. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated, don't hesitate to contact Kyle on 0438 518 334 or kylenashy@bigpond.com

### 22nd New and Second Hand Charity Snow Gear Sale 2007

Saturday 26th May Sale 10.30 TILL 1 PM. **BOX HILL TOWN HALL** Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

DROP OFF GEAR FOR SALE FROM 8.30 AM TO 10.30 AM.

Buy & Sell: Downhill Skis, Cross Country Skis, Snowboards, Roof racks, Clothing and Camping Gear PICK UP UNSOLD GEAR 1 PM. Cash Sales only, no personal cheque.

# **Booking Report**

Despite the Chalet being closed for part of our summer season, we had good summer bookings. To date we have about 100 Winter Party bookings in the system, with the Week 2 Rover Party filling fast, and the South Australian Ski Venture sold out yet again!

Get your applications in as soon as possible to our new postal address: PO Box 5253, Pinewood, Mt Waverly, 3149. Early applications help us to open weeks – in advance, give us plenty of time to communicate with winter party participants, choose Nobs, arrange fresh food orders, and book the Buses.

Once again, we will be giving email confirmation when applications are received, and an email or post confirmation once the week is officially opened, don't forget we need a minimum of 10 applications to open each winter party.

# Catering

A few changes have occurred behind the scenes this year, with a new bulk food supplier. There will be little noticeable difference for winter parties, although we have added some new items to the larder. We now have mayonnaise so that you can do something different with the cabbage – coleslaw.

This year we ran short of a few supplies – probably due to people cooking and eating instead of skiing.

We ask Winter Parties to make sure they don't use more than their allocated quantities of food, and also if Quartermasters can't find something, to ring Donna our Catering Officer, as she can often tell them where it is, or accurately order more for the next party.

Also, if Parties come up with good alternative menus and recipes, can they write them down and add them to the Alternative Recipes Book or put them in the suggestion box so we can consider them for future years and evolve our menu. The menus at the chalet are a guide for what can be cooked, but quantities for each Party must be adhered to.

# Scarves and Badges

Unfortunately we ran out of scarves for Alpine Rovers and Alpine Venturers last year. We have made heaps over the labour Day working be, so if your were invested and missed out on a scarf, could you please drop me an email to <a href="mailto:lukem75@ozemail.com.au">lukem75@ozemail.com.au</a> and I'll get one to you.

Also we will blue name tapes ready for this year for those in the new uniform. *Luke Moore - ARC Chairman* 

# "OLD" ROVER BADGES LAST CHANCE!

Sydney North Region Rover Council still has a supply of "old" Rover uniform decorations available, including Rover Knots, RS Bars and red Rover Badges.

Most of these are no longer available from Snowgum and once this supply is exhausted, that's it! So take this last opportunity and get in now to order your requirements for any members who will be invested in the "old" uniform before the end of the changeover period (Nov 2008) - or who simply want some collectibles! Prices:

Red "Rovers" Badges - \$2.95 ea

Rover Shoulder Knots - \$11.50 ea - these are the "old style" double knots

Metal RS Bars - \$11.50 ea - very few left - get in fast! Plus postage if necessary.

ALSO AVAILABLE - the original reflective red "ROVERS" stickers - ideal for car, bike, trailer, canoe, den door, equipment box, gas cylinder, bash buggy etc. Show the world you're proud to be a Rover - Only \$3.00 each + postage.

Please contact Sydney North RRC Treasurer Peter Favelle to place an order - <a href="mailto:rrc.treasurer@sydneynorthscouts.com">rrc.treasurer@sydneynorthscouts.com</a> or 0404 169 346. But be quick - these are being advertised across Australia!

### Ski Fun Day

### Sunday 22nd July 2007 From 10 am

W.F. Waters Lodge, Mt Baw Baw, 2.5 Hrs East of Melbourne,

Old Day Shelter, Lake Mountain, 1.5 hrs North East of Melb.

For Details Contact

Luke Moore, 0419585433 or <a href="mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.com.au">bogongchalet@vicscouts.com.au</a>
Or checkout our website: <a href="https://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au">www.bogongroverchalet.org.au</a>

# **Stop Press:**

Congratulations to Matt and Donna Anderson on the birth of Kayley Anderson on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Congratulation to Tony Brooks on his marriage to Lauren Woods

Congratulations to Kim Edmanson on her marriage to Evan Franzke



### **Highest Peak Challenge**

To All Rovers.

To mark the centenary of the world wide Scouting Movement, Rovers are planning to climb Mount Bogong on August the 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and join scouts around the world who are hiking to their state's Highest Peaks. The aim is also to repeat the original expedition of 1928, lead by previous Branch Commissioner for Rovers Bill Waters, with similar equipment, clothing style, food and navigation technique.

The expedition is currently being planning and we would welcome your input and participation. We see this event as a great PR opportunity for skiing and Scouting. We will be phoning into Government house at 8 am on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> where a Centenary ceremony will be held. We also plan to talk live with various Radio stations.

The expedition group will consist of current and ex rovers and supported by a backup team of experienced backcountry skiers with modern equipment, communications and risk management skills. The organising has been underway for many months and we need to have the trip team finalised by the end of May.

Further expedition planning is as follows:

Item	Date	Activity
Planning Meet	26 Apr	Std agenda
Planning Meet	17 May	Std agenda
Reconnaissance	25-	Clover Dam to Cleve Cole via Quartz ridge & return , 19 k &
Hike	27May	1400M up/down each way
Planning Meet	7 June	Std agenda & Fitness Assessment
Planning Meet	21 June	Std agenda
Equipment trial	7/8 Jul	Baw Baw / Stirling dependant on snow
Planning Meet	19 Jul	Distribute food, Equip Check, finalise travel

The draft expedition timing coinciding with Bogong week 5 is:

Start Date	From	Start Time	То	Klm	Up/Down Estimate
Fri 27 Jul	Home		Tawonga Sth Hall		
Sat 28 Jul	Tawonga Sth Hall	7:30	Mt Beauty – Piles 8 am bus		
Sat 28 Jul	Falls Creek	10 am	Kelly's hut	11	+200, -100
Sun 29 Jul	Kelly's hut	8 am	Heli Pad Bogong Creek Saddle via Timms spur	17	+150, - 600, +150
Mon 30 Jul	Heli Pad Bogong Creek Saddle	8 am	Cleve Cole via Quartz ridge	7	+650, -100
Tue 31 Jul	Day skiing at Cleve Cole		Backup foul weather day	- 6	
Wed 1 Aug	Cleve Cole	7 am	Bogong Summit Ropers Hut Via Alpine Walking track	12	+100, - 800, +700
Thur 2 Aug	Ropers Hut - site	9 am	Rover Chalet / Falls Creek	14	+100, -300
Fri 3/4 Aug	Rover Chalet		Rover Chalet / Falls Creek		

Please contact me at the following if you would like to participate or have suggestions.

Yours in Scouting

### **Chris Young**

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### **Australian Rope Tows**

One of the many skiing resources on the net:

http://wikiski.com/wiki/index.php/Non\_resort\_rope\_tows Also have a look at the following Ski Fitness sites to get yourself ready for winter:

http://www.abc-of-skiing.com/ski-fitness/ski-fitness.asp and http://www.abc-of-skiing.com/learn-skiing to see what you're doing wrong!



The 2007 Kangaroo Hoppet will be held at Falls Creek on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August. If you feel like racing visit <a href="https://www.hoppet.com.au">www.hoppet.com.au</a> for an entry form, and remember to put 'Victorian Rovers' as your Ski Club

### 100 Years:

# **The Adventure Continues**

During April/May 2007, two scouts will ski across Greenland, the second biggest Ice Cap in the world. The Journey will be about 600km, taking up to 35 days and will be completely self sufficient. The team will pull sleds weighing about 100kg with their month's provisions. Matt Franzke, Bogong Rover, who now lives in the UK hopes to highlight that Scouting is still a great way to experience adventure. He will be joined by one other Scout, Mustard Robley, who is the current Programme Director at Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) is supporting the expedition as part of their centenary celebrations. KISC has a long tradition of Australian staff members. There will



be at least 5 Australians working at KISC and celebrating 100 years of Scouting this summer. Matt learnt the skills required for travelling on glaciers and crevasse fields as a staff member at KISC.

The expedition will face fierce winds, temperatures below -30c, polar bears and extreme remoteness, as they push their way across the ice cap. The route starts at sea level on the east coast, near Ammassalik and climbs up to about 2700m before descending to sea level on the west coast to Kangerlussuaq. The biggest technical challenges will be faced negotiating the crevasses and sudden rivers as they gain access on and off the ice cap.

Matt and Mustard's expedition will be raising funds to help Rover Scouts in Lebanon rebuild their community after last years destruction. The "Phoenix Project" will be organized by young people and will improve health, education, remove unexploded bombs and give support to families.

You can be involved in this expedition and receive a postcard from Greenland. Matt and Mustard are sending postcards to individuals who donate money to the Phoenix Project. Email Matt at <a href="mailto:skigreenland@hotmail.com">skigreenland@hotmail.com</a> for more information. Regular updates will be submitted to the expedition website, from the Ice Cap, by satellite phone. You can find out more information and see these updates at <a href="hwww.skigreenland.teamgearedup.com">www.skigreenland.teamgearedup.com</a> or if you are interested in being a staff member at KISC go to <a href="hwww.kisc.ch">www.kisc.ch</a>

Matt Franzke, Ski Greenland Expedition Member & Bogong Rover

### **Service Awards**

The Victorian Branch Rover Council was proud to announce the recipients of the WF Waters Award, on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007. The WF Waters Award is presented to those who have provided outstanding service to the Rover Section over a sustained period of time. Congratulations to the following recipients of the 2007 Award:

- **Gifford Hatfield -. Hatfield Rover Crew, Yarra Valley Region:** For service to the crew including 30+ years as advisor to the Crew, Giff has also assisted on Rover Training courses and with rock-climbing.
- William Gielewski Kerrabee Rover Crew, Hoadley Region: For service to Hoadley Region where he has held various positions including Chairman, and for service to branch subcommittees principally Surfmoot (over at least four years) and as Deputy Chair to the Branch Rover Council
- Raymond Lubansky Gravbrot Rover Crew, Yarra Valley Region: For service to Manibobar Region (BRC rep and Vice Chair) and the Branch Rover Council holding the positions of Assistant Chairman of BRC and Rover admin officer.

**Patrick McCormick - Sir Dallas Brooks Rover Crew, South Metro Region & Alpine Rover**: For service to Rovers at a branch level, particularly as Deputy Chairman and two years as Chairman of the Branch Rover Council, however Patrick has also been active with Surfmoot, MARB and was deputy contingent leader to the 2003 NZ Moot.



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SNOWBOARD DESIGNS WE'D LIKE TO SEE!

