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## WELCOME BACK !

Yes! WELCOME BACK to another edition of LOOK WIDE, our own NSW Venturer magazine.

After somewhat of an absence, the magazine has been re-hashed.

The AIM would be to provide communication and resource materials for Venturers.

The magazine can only serve as a communication resource if we get articles and news items from Venturers (YOU!), Units and Activity Organisers. It can also prove to be a great advertising medium for your events. So get your stuff in!

## VENTURER SECTION PRACTICES RECYCLING OLD HATS - OUR NEW-ish STATE COMMISSIONER FOR VENTURERS

After 15 years, Charles Watson has again stepped into the limelight to fill this very critical position. His motivation for doing so was to obviate the need for someone holding a key position in the Venturer Section (e.g. VSL, DVSL or RCVS) from being taken from a position critical to the future of Venturing.

After 30 years in the Australian Army, Charles spent 11 years with North Sydney Council as Manager of the Council's 35 Rangers. (Venturers who wish to practise the art of avoiding parking inspectors issuing them tickets should see Charles for tips.)

Charles achieved the Queen's Scout Award in 1955 and has been a Rover. As an Adult Leader, he has served as a Scout Leader, Group Leader, District Venturer Leader, District Commissioner and then a Branch Commissioner in four different roles; Projects, Development, Resources and Venturers. Charles also held various management positions at the 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Australian and 16<sup>th</sup> World Jamborees. In the last five years, also the Chairman/Executive Director of DragonSkin.

His vision is that Scouting regains the position as the prime youth movement and in furthering this that the Venturer Section is well serviced and supported in all aspects.

Go to it Charles.

**With the Scout motto in mind, Charles comes prepared with a cuppa while waiting ever so patiently for his monthly pay outside the Scouts NSW Branch office.**



## Universal laws of Scouting #1

The number of mozzies at any given location is inversely proportional to the amount of repellent remaining.

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## NSW Venturer On-Line Forum (NOT associated with Scouts Australia)

An On-Line forum has been created at: <http://nswventurers.forumsplace.com/>  
Check it out for all sorts of discussions relating to Venturing, ranging from games, to Award Scheme and DragonSkin.

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## State Venturer Scout Council (SVSC) Round-Up



The Council is the peak representative body for the Venturer Section and consists of the State Commissioner for Venturers, all 10 Regional Commissioners for Venturers, and some extra bodies.

It last met on 23 July 2005, and discussions included the following:

### Queen's Scout Award Policy Handbook.

Produced in Feb 2005, the handbook assist both Venturers and Leaders in the correct procedure in progressing a Queen's Scout application right through to example and suggestions for a Queen's Scout ceremony. A must-have for all Units. See your RCVS for one.

### Try Venturing Badge.

Units can promote Venturing with the Try Venturing badge, which can be given to Scouts who are a minimum of 13 years and 6 months, and attend 3 Venturer activities, one of which must be an outdoor activity. Badges cost \$1 each and available from your RCVS.

### Certificate II in Leadership Support and Certificate II in Business.

Scouts Australia now offer Venturers the opportunity to complete for these two Certificate IIs, which are registered VET (Vocational Education and Training) qualifications. All you need to do is take undertake 10 to 12 units of work, which can form part of your Unit's activities. Further info available from your RCVS.

### Venturers participating at the State Venturer Scout Council.

Two Venturers (1 male & 1 female) from each Region will be invited to attend the first SVSC meeting in 2006. The object is to trial Venturers participating in Venturer Section decision-making at the State level. Both Victoria and Tasmanian branches have structures in place to allow for Venturer youth participation at the State level. Please contact your RCVS if you are interested or would like more info. You may also contact the SVSC Venturer Participation Coordinator China Mug on 6752 6902 or @ [Stephen.Yam@mpsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.Yam@mpsc.nsw.gov.au)

Here's your BIG chance, so don't miss out!

### Promoting Venturing @ State Scout PL Conference.

Les Gibbs is coordinating a Venturer team to be at the State Scout PL Conference in the Hume Region from 19 – 20 November 2005 to promote and showcase Venturing. Interested Venturers are asked to contact Les at [leslie.gibbs@ozemail.com](mailto:leslie.gibbs@ozemail.com)

### Initiative Course.

The SVSC is considering a proposal to provide uniformity and guidelines with the organisation and running of Initiative Courses throughout NSW.

### Venturer Award.

The SVSC is considering a proposal to reinstate the Venturer Award, to be awarded to Venturers who complete about half the requirements of the Queen's Scout Award and who are unable to achieve the Queen's Scout Award for many reasons.

### Promotions Trailer.

Hume Region has a promotions trailer that is available for use by other Regions. Contact Les at [leslie.gibbs@ozemail.com](mailto:leslie.gibbs@ozemail.com)

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## Definition of a Venturer

A Venturer is a Scout, aged between 14 and 18, female or male, who enjoys Scouting challenges and activities.

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## NSW Youth Advisory Council for Scouting (YACS)

Established in August 1996, the Youth Advisory Council for Scouting (YACS) provides the opportunity for youth members from the New South Wales Branch to discuss and express their opinions on issues related to young people within the Scout Movement.

The YACS meets twice yearly where members of the Council discuss issues either brought up by youth members or put to the Council by adult members. After each meeting representatives from the YACS make presentations to the Chief Commissioner's Council. YACS members have also been involved in other forums and Branch committees where the input from youth members has been sought.



About 30 youth members from the Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer Scout and Rover Sections are recruited from all over the Branch to attend each meeting.

Please be advised that we now require nominations of youth members to represent each Section from each Region to the NSW Youth Advisory Council for Scouting at our forthcoming meeting at the Baden-Powell Scout Centre at Pennant Hills on November 5 to 6.

Nominated representatives should meet the following criteria where possible:

1. Be active members of their local Scout Groups, Districts, and Regions;
2. Have previously held a representative role within their section at District or Region (eg. PL Council, Venturer Council, Rover Council); and
3. Have an appropriate understanding of the structure and operations of Scouting.

If you have members of your Section or Group that may be interested in joining the YACS, please show them this article and ask them to send their name and contact details and a brief background of their involvement in Scouting (relating to the above criteria) to the following address:

Aaron Wardle  
 NSW YACS Facilitator  
 34 Fearn Street,  
 Toongabbie NSW 2146

All nominees will be contacted in late September with successful candidates and existing delegates receiving all necessary information to attend the November meeting. Please note that all country representatives will travel to and from Sydney by aircraft at no cost. (Must supply own propellor)

## Universal laws of Scouting #2

The distance to a given campsite remains constant as twilight approaches.

## SECTION AGE RANGES

Before we start yakking about recruitment and to make sure all of us are on the same wavelength, here are the NSW official section ranges (from the NSW Branch "Organisation & Information Handbook" on Page 122; 10<sup>th</sup> Edition; 13 Dec 2004).

SECTIONS	AGE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19-25
SCOUTS											
VENTURERS											
ROVERS											

### EXPLANATIONS:

SECTIONS	EARLIEST AGE TO JOIN	LATEST AGE TO LEAVE	MAXIMUM TIME IN SECTION
SCOUTS	10.00	14.49	4.5
VENTURERS	14.00	17.99	4
ROVERS	17.00	25.99	9

The minimum joining age for Venturers is flexible around 14 years, dependent on the young person's level of development (page 142). E.g. if you have a non-Scout person wishing to join Venturers at 13.5 and is mature, grab him/her as he/she will not come back 6 months later!

Start linking that Scout as soon as he/she is nearly 14! Don't wait.

## SOME RECRUITMENT IDEAS – Some basics to get U thinking!

- Combined activities with other sections, e.g. camps, bushwalks, trips, section nights, etc. as link activities. 1. Organise a weekend camp to show Scouts & Guides what Venturers do! 2. Go run a Scout night and give a Scout Leader a night off!
- Help with district and regional activities and do something weird/funny and attract good attention
- Copies of programs and activity reports at Scout Dens, school notice boards and youth centres
- Help out at local fetes and with local community projects
- Bring a friend or two night
- Promote at your school and other schools with posters, pamphlets, slides, etc.

- Set up a display in local shopping centre and youth hang around places with some activities gear to show and tell (best done during holidays with lots of youth hanging about)
- Media releases of activities in your local paper
- Run a public bush/barn dance
- Have a Venturer mentor/partner for each new recruit – keep their enthusiasm high
- Get out and be seen

## **Universal Laws of Scouting #3**

Any stone in a hiking boot will migrate to the point of maximum pressure.

## **Aussie Scout Conquers Asia-Pacific**

### **JESS THOMAS WINS ASIA-PACIFIC OUTSTANDING SCOUT AWARD**



Imagine being recognised overseas for your achievements, let alone for Scouting ones.

Jess Thomas, 18 years old from the ACT, was voted a joint winner of the Asia-Pacific Outstanding Scout Award, at the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Brunei late last year. The criteria for this international competition are based on the following: major accomplishments in Scouting; community involvement; leadership and positions held in Scouting; academic performance; and awards received.

Some of Jess' major accomplishments include her Queen's Scout Award; and leading an 84 kilometre hike through the Little Desert National Park in western Victoria. She is a regular member of the Canberra Gang Show; was an Activity Leader at the 2004 Australian Jamboree and a Patrol Leader at the 2001 Australian Jamboree.

The two other joint winners came from the Maldives and Philippines, with two runners-up coming from Hong Kong and Sri Lanka. For their achievements, the winners received a US\$500 book prize, a medallion, an "Outstanding Asia-Pacific Scout" badge, and citation (plaque). The competition runs every three years.

Jess has just started the Murrumbidgee Rover Crew along with other ex-Venturers. On winning this prestigious award she says "I'm flattered. I would definitely recommend that others go for it, it's amazing!"

In a glimpse of why Jess is an outstanding Scout and has won this major award, she says: "I'm going to get the most out of my life and do as many extraordinary things as I can. I've got a list and I'm working my way through it." Jess is a role model that lives by the Promise and Law.

## **VENTURER AWARD SCHEME**

The Award Scheme is divided into:

- Venturing Skills Award (Described here)
- Queen's Scout Award

### **VENTURING SKILLS AWARD**

This Award helps a new Venturer Scout gain the experience and skills to allow them to participate and enjoy safely in outdoor activities.

This Award also allows the Venturer Leader to assess the new Venturer in terms of how he/she would fit into the Venturer Unit. And vice versa! Especially on the bushwalk, without the normal distractions around!



The award involves:

### **Undertaking an overnight bushwalking expedition**

Prior to participating in and completing a two-day bushwalking expedition (no prescribed limits, but must be FUN and have some adventure – some off-track navigation would be great!), a Venturer needs to demonstrate a range of bushwalking skills. This includes:

- Correct equipment to be taken and how it should be packed (or squashed)
- How to pitch and strike a tent (how about in foul weather?)
- Planning and budgeting for a weekend bushwalk menu, including quantities & nutrition
- Knowledge of fire precautions and how to light a fire (and put out too!)
- How to tie 4 practical knots (tried a double fishermen's lately?)
- How to use a compass and read a map (and how to point north using a digital watch)

### **First Aid**

Venturers need to be able to explain the major principles of casualty treatment prior to embarking on their bushwalking trip. You also need to be able to demonstrate:

- Treatment of hypothermia and hyperthermia
- Treatment of major bleeding
- CPR

### **Understanding the Venturer Award Scheme**

Be able to explain the Venturer Award Scheme and list those activities which the Venturer Scout may choose to undertake to achieve the Queen's Scout Award.

It is also highly recognised by Australia's Defence Forces for those Venturers wishing to embark on a career with the Army, Navy and Air Force.

### **Approval of the Unit Council**

Hmmmm. . . . What can I get the Chairman? Cake?

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## **The OTHER Definition of a Venturer**

A Venturer is a male or female teenager that can and will do anything just as long as their parents and Leaders aren't around.

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## **PROGRAM IDEAS FOR SUMMER – Some Ideas to get U started!**

*(Article taken from Interchange, Feb 2005)*

<b>A</b>	Balloon Debate	Crazy Challenge	Court Visit
Archery	Board Games	Crazy Whist	C.E.S.
Abseiling	Ballroom Dancing	Christian Aid	<b>D</b>
AIDS	Brass Rubbing	Chocolate Tasting	Dry Slope Skiing
Alcohol	Backwoods Cooking	Casualty Makeup	Debates
Aid Agencies	Bring-a-friend Night	Cycling	Disability
AGM (interesting)	Baby Sitting	Campfire (leadership)	Drugs
American Evening	Ballet	Conversation	Driving
Archaeology	Beachcombing	Community Service	Duke of Edinburgh
Aerobics	Beekeeping	Canyoning	Disco
Art	Bird watching	Cycle Treasure Hunt	Drinking
Acting	Birth Control	Chinese Cookery	Diving
Aviation	Boating	Cameras	Discussions
Agricultural	Bowling	Car Rally	<b>E</b>
Adult Literacy	Beekeeping	Church Parade	Expeditions
Aikido	Bath pushing	Caving	European Travel
Aquarium	Bivouacking	Cricket	Environment
Athletics	Botany	Cruising	Executive Training
Aluminium recycling	Barn Dance	Cub Scouts	Elections
Astronomy	Buddhists	Cooking	Exchange Visit
Award Scheme	Baden Powell	Clothes	Editing (newsletter)
Age Concern	Blue Light Disco	Co-operative games	Effluent
Australia Red Cross	Blood sports	Censorship	Elderly
Abortion	Blindfold Meeting	Car Wash	Electricity
Arms Race/Control	Big Smoke Trip	Clay Pigeon Shooting	Enamelling
Arts Council	<b>C</b>	Child Poverty	Engineering
Aero Club	Climbing	Consumerism	Equipment
Australian Youth Council	Canoeing	Civil Liberties	Examiners (badges)
<b>B</b>	Carry a Ladder	Capital Punishment	Equestrian event
Basketball	Charity Collection	Crime in the Community	Eggs
Baseball	Civil Defence	Camping	English Folk dancing
Belly Dancing	Car Maintenance	Church Council Meeting	Ecology

<b>F</b> Fencing Food Famine First Aid French food/customs Fundraising Fire Fishing Family Planning Fauna & Flora Forestry Field Studies Friends of the Earth Footpath Survey Flower Arranging	Income Tax Interviews Inland Waterway International Activis Interstate Trips <b>J</b> Jet Skiing Jousting Jelly Race Judo Jamboree Join-in-Jamboree Japan Jargon Jazz Judaism Justice Joey Scouts <b>K</b> Kite Making Krypton Factor Knotting <b>L</b> Lawn Mower Race Life Saving Lightweight Cooking Land Yachting Lawn Bowls Library Language Link/Unit Law and Order <b>M</b> Media Relations Mountaineering Motor Racing Motor Cycling Magazine Museums Mock Trial Mixed Hockey Meal Out Musical Evening Map Reading Model Aeroplanes Multiculturalism <b>N</b> Non-Alcohol Drinks Nuclear Debate Nuclear Anything Newsletter National Trust	Nature Conservancy <b>O</b> Organising Things Orienteering Origami One Nation <b>P</b> Parties Pioneering Pottery Pyromania Physical Training Photography Pen Friends Paper Promise & Law Public Speaking Politics Palaeontology Pollution Progressive Dinner Planting Power House Pizza Hut Parliament House <b>Q</b> Queen's Scout Award Quilting <b>R</b> Relationships Recruitment Railways RAAF Radio Progressive Dinner Religions Rock climbing Recycling Ropes Course Raft Race Role Playing Rambling Resources <b>S</b> Sailing Socialising Shooting Skittles Skeet Shooting Sex Survival Techniques Self Image	Swimming Square Dancing Shelter Square Dancing Scavenger Hunt Swimming Screen Printing Sauna Sweet Making Surfing Sand Yachting Stamps Skiing S.E.S. Sweat Shops Spot Lighting Steam Museum <b>T</b> Table Tennis Triathlon Talent Competition Tourism Terrorism Third World Trade Unions Tasting Ten Pin Bowling Train Museum Tram Museum <b>U</b> United Nations UNICEF <b>V</b> Volleyball Video <b>W</b> Water Skiing Wine Tasting White Water Activities Waterworks Western Plain Zoo <b>X</b> Something Xciting? <b>Y</b> Yachting Youth Hostels Youth Clubs Youth Forums <b>Z</b> Zoology Zoo Visit
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## Universal Laws of Scouting #4

The area of level ground in a given campsite diminishes as the need to make camp becomes finite.

## RUNNING UNIT MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP COURSES?

Leaders who run Venturer Unit Management & Leadership Courses will now have to be registered by State and gain approval by the SCVS and the State Commissioner for Adult Training and Development. This is to ensure uniformity and quality of training provided to Venturers.

Please speak to your RCVS for more info before you run the next Course.

**USE OTHER  
FOOTPATH**

# 13<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN VENTURE @ Cataract Park 3 to 14 Jan 2006.

**This is the BIG event**  
**ALL Venturers should aim for.**



**Closing Date extended! See website @** <http://www.venture.scouts.com.au/>  
It only comes around once every 3 years, the last in the ACT in 2003 and then WA in 2009.

This is the BIG FUN camp for Venturers and Ranger Guides from all around Oz and beyond. We get large contingents from Asia, NZ and the UK.

Having been to 3 Ventures, they are a lot of FUN. The camp is basically divided into three parts – Arrival, Expedition, and Relax. On Arrival, you will be allocated to a Venture Unit where all your Unit mates are doing the same expedition, so they can come from your state, interstate or overseas (can't guarantee aliens). The Unit will have 18 Venturers and 2 Leaders. There will be on-site activities to keep you occupied until you leave for your 4-day expedition.

You will choose which expedition to do when you apply, unless it has already been filled, and then you get your second, third, fourth, n<sup>th</sup> choice. Expeditions at this Venture include Canyoning, Abseiling, Sailing, Windsurfing, Surfing, Beach Activities, Fishing, Diving, Jet Boating, Bushwalking, Horse Riding, White Water Rafting, Caving, Boot Camp, Media, Mountain Biking, Kayaking/Canoeing, 4WDing, Hot Air Ballooning, or a mixture of these and others. When you arrive back from your expeditions, you get to Relax & mix with new-found friends and go on off-site activities or just enjoy the on-site activities. And the best of all – NO cooking. The whole Venture is catered for, with a choice of cuisines. Venturer Leaders can go as simply Leaders. Rovers and other Section Leaders can participate as service personnel.

## VENTURERS WANTED @ KIDS UNIVERSE

Scouts NSW is taking an activity area at KIDS UNIVERSE, Saturday, 1 – 4 October 2005, at the Dome (Showground), Sydney Olympic Park. We need helpers to staff the area and to undertake activities as well. We invite Leaders to bring their youth members to the Expo and to hang out at the Scout area for a little time to create an atmosphere involving youth. Adults are needed for 4 hour shifts and at present all days are open. You will receive FREE entry for you and your Group if you visit our activity area and hang out with us for a short while. It's fun for the kids and adults too. Help promote Scouts, phone Clare Hoskins on 9735 9000 or email [clare.hoskins@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:clare.hoskins@nsw.scouts.com.au).



Kids Universe, Sydney International Children's Festival, is a chaotic world for kids sprawling over 20,000 square metres of indoor space. A world of imagination for the entire family, where children from 1 to 14 years can play, create, move, dream and feast while their parents join in with all the fun. Over four days from Saturday the 1st to Tuesday the 4th of October, one entry price allows you to stay for the entire day. Please have a look on the Website of KU: <http://www.kidsuniverse.net.au>

## Universal laws of Scouting #5

Tent pegs come only in the quantity "N-1", where N = the number of pegs required to pitch a tent.

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✪ A Tale of Two Cities Units

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