

Scout Section - EVENT – 17<sup>th</sup> /18th Oct 2015  
 1st/14th Brighton - Sea Scouts

**SCRUFFIES NEWS**  
 - CANOE and CRAFT Camp

**Canoe & Craft camp  
 causes traffic chaos  
 around Albert Park!**



*"Scruffie the Adventure Dog  
 (AKA SuperScout, Race CHIEF JUDGE Aka AWARD WINNER)"*

In Direct competition with the Melbourne Marathon held near Albert Park. Melbourne Scouts decided to hold and Alternative "Marathon" Canoe and Iron Man (person) event at the Melbourne Grand Prix track and Adventure Dog training location.

The Scout Event caused significant road closures and crowds out to encourage and support the Scout Participants. (Thank you to the police and emergency services for their efforts)

Most participants did not notice this as the Elite athletes they were focussed on Tie die t-shirts and Carbo Loading.

A spokesman from the Melbourne Marathon complained bitterly "I wish the scouts would choose another weekend as their event seemed to draw a lot of focus away from the 30 000 in the marathon"

- 34 enthusiastic Scouts
- 1 Brave Adventure dog
- 6 Canadian canoes, 12 Kayaks
- 2 New Row Boats
- 1 extended Night time Canoe adventure
- 7 Sunburnt Adult leaders
- 2 enthusiastic Youth Leaders
- 4 Capsizing crews!
- 2 courageous Rescues
- No Injuries (1minor wrist bruise and a few dented egos)

**SCOUT SKILLS**

1. Kayak (Single) -Sprints, medium and Long distance Events
2. Canadian Canoe (Dual) - 2 person Sprints, medium and Long distance Events.
3. Tie -Dying - Design, Tie and Ink the items
4. Iron Person - Group completion with multiple disciplines and transition points

**KEY OUTCOMES**

- 46 Tie Died T-Shirts, 35 Pillow cases, 35 Hats
- Practice and Learning session for those new to Water activities - Practice Heats
- Late night Kayak and Canoe Mission around the Island
- 3 Ironman (Person) events - (Run, Canoe, Swim, Run)



Canoe and kayak chaos



Tie dye enthusiasts

Successes

- Over 30 Races across 4 Age groups and two classes
- Everyone Took part - High Attendance - High Participation

Notable Mentions

- All the New Scouts from our feeder Cub Groups who attended and participated so enthusiastically
- Anna (new visitor) for Learning from scratch and participating in all the events
- Ethan Martin for Competing and winning Iron Man in own class and coming second in Senior Class

Thanks

- 1st Victoria for the Loan of the hall and great Sausage Sizzle.
- Tony Cipriano for the organisation and planning
- Thanks to Tony C and Leader Nick M for doing all the Tie dye Cleaning – a massive 5hrs effort!



Night views from Albert Park lake



Prep for the Gunn Island night kayak adventure



Weekend spectators



Tie-dye – The results...



The new 'Buoys'



Ethan Martin – 'man of the match'