

# DAY 1

BIKE HIKE - Troop event – 31 OCT 2015  
1st/14th Brighton - Sea Scouts

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

-DAY 1 - A Spine Chilling Super  
Storm Changes Plans

**“Event Co-ordinator Dog Saves the day with New Location” and Discovers Paragliding Mountain dog!**



*“Scruffie the Adventure Dog  
(AKA Head Mountaineer Chief Event Co-ordinator dog,  
Explorer, First Aider)”*

60 Scouts, Venturers, cubs and Adults headed north for the "Great Melbourne cup long weekend Northern Bike Ride"

Unfortunately a severe weather front forced a change to Plans and a New Base CAMP approach was needed. Luckily Scruffie was available to Co-ordinate this new camp at BRIGHT Scout Hall. Despite some niggles Scruffie was able to Settle everyone into their new BASE camp and Head of into the Mountains to discover a paragliding Dog!! (And thoughts of an Adventure dog Scout troop began)

- 35 Scouts
- 2 Cubs
- 1 Venturer Patrol
- 2 Scout Adventure Dogs
- 1 Mountain Paraglide dog
- No Injuries (minor blister event)
- 1 First Aid kit with insufficient band aids

- 8 Adult leaders
- 5 Adult Helpers
- 5 Trailers
- 2 Buses
- 9 Support Vehicles
- No moaning or complaining
- 4 NEW DOME Tents

### SCOUT SKILLS

1. **Mountain Walking** : Hill climbing
2. **CAMPCRAFT**: Tents and Base Camp
3. **Safety and Survival**: Bush walk and Swim

### KEY OUTCOMES

- **Journey Completed** : The Great Northern Bike Hike
- **Camp Set up**: In hall and tents
- **River Swim**: Safe swimming in local river



*CAMP BRIGHT! The Camp that the Dog Made!*



*Scruffie, SPOT and PARAGLIDING MOUNTIAN DOG!!!*



<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camp Set up and Weather ready. Bikes setup and New routes planned.</li> <li>• 1 Mountain Climbed, No Injuries,</li> <li>• Group Ready for EPIC DAY 2 Journey</li> </ul>	
<p>Notable Mentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Dellazzeri - Climbing the hill twice to help another scout</li> <li>• Sam Lyons - Supporting and being Positive</li> <li>• Henry -(cub) showing the scouts how it's really done</li> <li>• Base camp team - getting Set up and ready</li> </ul>	<p>Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glen D for Painting and Fixing Hosts kitchen</li> <li>• Tony C for very fast turnaround on NEW PLAN</li> <li>• BRIGHT SCOUT TROOP for the loan of their Hall</li> <li>• Bright festival for the AMAZING Fireworks</li> <li>• Everyone for working with new plan</li> </ul>
	
<p><u>Mountaineer dog Leads Expedition</u></p> 	<p><u>Scruffie Explains to Young Scouts the "best Behaviours"</u></p> 
<p><u>Hang glider dog sets out supervised as Safety dog Looks on</u></p>	<p><u>Scruffie gets a Rousing Cheer from the group for leading them up the hill</u></p>

More Photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135350554@N06/albums/72157658441932903>

READ DAY 2 FOR MORE ON SCRUFFIES AWESOME GREAT NORTHERN BIKE HIKE ADVENTURE.....

## DAY 2

BIKE HIKE - Troop event – 1 NOV 2015  
1st/14th Brighton - Sea Scouts

### SCRUFFIES NEWS

- DAY 2 - Cycling to Myrtleford -  
70 Km round trip

**“Chief Navigator Dog  
leads Cycle  
Expedition through  
Storm ravaged  
Mountain Pass ”** and  
teaches some beginners navigation



*“Scruffie the Adventure Dog  
(AKA Super Navigator, Chief Cycle Dog, Example to all.  
Perseverance award winner)”*

A group of Melbourne scouts conducted an epic Cycle expedition through mist covered mountainous slopes of the ‘Australian ALPS’. Thanks the leadership of Scruffie and few additional Adults, the group survived Storms, Severe weather and grumpy walkers to successfully complete their adventure.

- 3 Groups
- 1 FAST group = Led By Scruffie
- 3 legs - 3 Stops
- Sore legs – Very Fit Scouts

- No Accidents
- 2 Minor Injuries
- 1 Picnic Lunch
- 3 Thunder storms

#### SCOUT SKILLS

1. Cycling as Group
2. Cycling in Wet Weather
3. Team work : Working as a Team

#### KEY OUTCOMES

- **70 KM round trip** – through storms and crazy down pours
- **Successful completion:** Everyone completed
- **Participation and Enthusiasm:** FUN!!!!!!



*Scruffie Instructs some beginners on the art of Navigation*



*Single track - "Slow" group miles behind the Wonder dog but still doing a good job.*



<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone Finished, No major Problems or Breakdowns, minor injuries and a few bruised egos'.</li> <li>• 50 plus people completed journey without major recovery or variation in severe weather - Major Success</li> </ul>	
<p>Notable Mentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethan Martin : Great Attitude and leader support</li> <li>• Lucy Thompson: Perseverance</li> <li>• Tomas Klein: Completed journey on Recumbent Hand bike - Participation.</li> </ul>	<p>Notable Mentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacha Walch and Daniel Kurek completed journey as first time cyclist</li> <li>• Angus McIntyre and Lucas Lomas - young Scout in fast group for whole day.</li> </ul>
	
<p><u><i>Dog leads group to Shelter in the rain</i></u></p>	<p><u><i>Local wildlife - Dog Sniffs out Bridge trolls</i></u></p>
	
<p><u><i>Tea time at the Old Station - Thank Goodness Scruffie brought tea!</i></u></p>	<p><u><i>Dog inspects hall for Health and Safety</i></u></p>

## More Photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135350554@N06/albums/72157658441932903>

*READ DAY 3 FOR MORE ON SCRUFFIES AWESOME GREAT NORTHERN BIKE HIKE ADVENTURE.....*



## DAY 3

PROGRAM - Troop event – 2 NOV 2015  
1st/14th Brighton - Sea Scouts

### SCRUFFIES NEWS

#### - DAY 3 - Epic Expedition to Mount Buffalo

**“Mountain Rescue Dog leads lost Scout group from Chasm of death to Safety ”**



*“Scruffie the Adventure Dog  
(AKA Ski Patrol, AKA Mountain rescue, AKA Bushwalker Extraordinaire, Rock Scrambler )”*

An intrepid and Brave Mountain dog Led a lost but hearty group of Scouts to Safety in the Australian Alps. Thanks to his Abseiling, Scrambling and Bushwalking Skills he was able to lead this exciting adventure through Chasms and past gushing Mountains streams and waterfalls. Unfortunately there were no accidents and so he was unable to demonstrate his First Aid Skills.

- 3 Bush walks
- Epic Car journey through mountain Passes
- 3 water falls
- No Wild Dogs

- 7 Adult leaders
- 1 Youth Leader
- No SNAKES
- ZERO Lost Children
- No Postmen, Cats or Possums chased

#### SCOUT SKILLS

1. **Bushwalking**
2. **Scrambling**
3. **Team Work**
4. **Conflict Management**

#### KEY OUTCOMES

- **Bushwalk** - Mountain terrain
- **Chasm Scramble**: Rock Scrambling
- **Accomplishment**: Multiple Skill levels and capabilities accomplished journey



*Into the Mountains...*



*Lookout for Wombats - and Mountain Dogs*



<p>Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Injuries, Great Team work</li> </ul>	
<p>Notable Mentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam Lyons - Team Work and Good Character</li> <li>Jordie - Support and help to Leaders and group</li> <li>Tomas Klein - Completed walk on "Cyborg Blades"</li> </ul>	<p>Thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders and drivers</li> <li>Ethan Martin - Supporting leaders</li> <li>Scruffie for his great songs and inspirational Leadership.</li> </ul>
	
<p><u>Mountain Guide and Rescue Dog guides group through Mist Chasm of death</u></p>	<p><u>Dog Leads Bushwalk - and uses spare to time to teach and Assess leaders skills - There is work to do.... (Scruffie will submit a report with lessons learned - but is pleased with the "beginners")</u></p>
	
<p><u>Thanks Scruff! - In an unstaged, unplanned and spontaneous confirmation that "that dog" has done it again...!!!</u></p>	<p><u>Scruff to the Rescue - Again - What would we do without him?</u></p>

More Photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135350554@N06/albums/72157658441932903>

READ DAY 3 FOR MORE ON SCRUFFIES AWESOME GREAT NORTHERN BIKE HIKE ADVENTURE.....



## THE FINAL DAY - DAY 4

BIKE HIKE - Troop event – 3 NOV 2015  
1st/14th Brighton - Sea Scouts

**“State of  
VICTORIA  
Celebrates as  
Super Dog Does  
it Again!! ”**  
BIKE HIKE more  
Successful than  
Melbourne Cup!

The Final day Arrives, and VICTORIA Celebrates the amazing Success of Scruffies Awesome Great North Adventure.  
Dogs (and Scouts) will be talking about this for years to come.  
See you next year!



Camp Bright Parade



VERY VERY CLEAN

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

**- DAY 4 - Pack up and travel - Success!!!**



*“Scruffie the Adventure Dog  
(AKA Chief Planner, Camp Dog in Charge)”*

### THANKS

- Thanks to All the parents and Adult Leaders who helped drive, Cook and Assist
- Thanks Janet Cardell for running Catering
- Thanks Tony C for a Great Event



Final Day at Camp Bright



TETRIS!!

### **Prizes and Awards - Overall EVENT WINNERS**

The Youth Leadership team at 1st /14th Brighton drives a program of addressing key Individual and group behaviours in order to drive key GROUP NORMS with a view on Attendance, Participation, Team cohesion, Organisation and Co-ordination.

These drive the some of the underlying Scouting Values for Section leaders.

Attendance and Participation : Youth members attend and participate in Fun and Challenging activities

Safety and Sensible Risk Management: Ability to assess, mitigate and master risk without stopping activities or incurring incidents beyond minor.

Section Progression: Encourage cubs to join Scouts & Scouts to join Venturers and progress on the scouting journey.

### **Main Awards (Most Events have 3 KEY prizes)**

**Youth Leader:** Supports peers, younger scouts and Assisting Leaders in co-ordination and organising.

**WINNER:** Ethan Martin

**Team Member** : Individual behaviour and character drives environment team cohesion and enables leadership.

**WINNER:** Sam Lyons

**Attitude: Taking part**, Being Positive, Can do attitude helps others enjoy the activity - Individual behaviours that drive group Coherency

**WINNER:** Imogen Bodley

**Participation:** Being there and taking part without drama or issue, Example to others

**WINNER:** Tomas Klein

### **Key Attitudes and Behaviours**

**Great Attitude:** Helps out without being asked, gets on with it. Doesn't grumble (too much) Does the right thing.

**WINNER:** Jordie Lyons - Thanks for help in the Cave!

**Helping and pushing personal boundaries:**

**WINNER:** Harrison Lasky and Lachlan Cardell on the ride with Glenn & Scruffies FAST group

**Enthusiasm:**

**Winners:** The New (ex Cub) SCOUTS, Angus McIntyre, Lucas Lomas, Jeremie Munso, James Martin, Adam Doyle.

### **Special Supporting Behaviours AWARDS:**

**Jokes Award:** Humour and wordplay help groups deal with adversity and conflict - keeping this appropriate and well balanced for the group is essential

**WINNERS:** Harry McIntyre, Andrew Moore, Harrison Young

**Helping hands AWARD:** Offering to help and supporting one another without being asked or making an issue helps the group move forward and leaders can focus elsewhere. **Small things make a difference**

**WINNERS:** Jan Eggers

General Attitudes and Behaviours that support the group. Aligned with Scout Law

**Bravery:** Overcame fear in the Chasm

**WINNERS:** Katelyn (1st Sandringham)

**Bravery and Persistence:** Overcame fear on the slide, got up and did it again.

**WINNERS:** Jasmine Smyth - (1st Sandringham)

**Group Mention:** Group that made a difference

**WINNERS:** Adventurers - Ed McIntyre, Noah Lyons, and Oscar Devison

More Photos

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135350554@N06/albums/72157658441932903>