

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

Replacement Hike turns to Cultural adventure and animal Experience

# “ Eureka! Amesome Hiking Adventure Idea replaces cancelled Ferry Journey ”

and many new Friends are made.



“Scruffie the Crocodile Wrangler, Chief hike Navigator, Chartist Digger leader, WIZZARD

It's been said before, and I'll say it again!  
Scruffie is an Adventure dog. He won't let anything stand in his way to having a good Adventure time. So when he heard about the Plan to go to Port Arlington on the Ferry he was very , very excited. BUT.....Unfortunately BAD news, The Ferry is cancelled for repairs... He was soo Disappointed ...But Scruffie doesn't let things get him down, he gets up again..... He Quickly Face-timed his Mate TONY.. Maybe a Solution could be found,....  
Scruffie Likes History, Scruffie likes trains, Scruffie likes meeting his Distant relations... So Tony Thought and thought and thought.....and then EUREKA!!!! - Ballarat. hurray!  
(Ballarat really ??) - YES really....  
It has A train, It has an awesome Cultural Monument, a Fantastic Scout camp, AND a Wildlife Park!!!  
Scruffie and Tony quickly came up with a Risk plan, agenda, menu and Route and before long - Everything was back on track.



- 14 Exited Scouts
- 4 very Patient Leaders
- 5 Patrols
- 1 Adventure dog Patrol (3 Adventure Dogs and a Bear)
- 2 trolleys
- 7 New Hiking tents
- 1 Three legged dog
- Zero Incidents



- Best Patrol - Ospreys
- Best leader – Jeremy M
- Best team member- Amelia
- Best Story - Scarlet
- Best Jokes effort - Ben



### SCOUT SKILLS

1. Hiking, Camping, teamwork, Safety Survival.

### THE TASK

Every year Brighton Scouts conduct an Epic Hiking adventure to an Australian landmark.



It was a Bright and clear morning as the company assembled. Many Stout adventurers each holding their own vitals and equipment. With strong hearts and stout legs the Company embarked!



Safety and risk management briefings are held and Scruffie ensures that everyone knows the system and the rules. 10Mins- Job done - We are amazing at this, Amazing



All aboard the Canine express to Ballarat - from Southern cross Station - A harbinger of what is to come.



The Epic company needs Supplies - Through Navigation and careful organisation a local Wool selling Shop Keep is approached - Well worth it.



Having obtained a balnced menu per patrol of Sugar, Lollies and Cake ! (Ed. surley not! Scruffie ) .....erm I mean Fruit Vegetables and Spring water, the company is underway



Immediately a number of Navigators step in to help find the way - A brief negotiation is undertaken.



Canadian Creek - The teams separate into Patrols for the Epic journey to the Campsite



Anyone for Democracy - ? We can store it here for later.



2 patrols , Two Hand Carts - A distant Crest



*A warm and magical afternoon, Sunlight winds its way through the Treetops, a magical forrest kingdom, the Epic company approaches a Clearing... Their Courgaeous Leader Scruffie Steps forward - Make Camp !..... Is the cry and Caninegeddon is unleashed!*



*The company Disperses and each patrol establish their evening stronghold, a Fire pit awaits the evening festivities*



*Like all good reconnaissance dogs, Scruffie leads the bushrangers through the mystical forest to ensure that by Nightfall all will be known....Man AND BEAST*



*At last a moment to stop and Smell the Flowers*



*How many Scouts does it take to Hang off a Wall ?  
(Ed. Is this not a Epic attempt to Storm the castle ?)*





Some questors fall prey to evil spells from the Sorcery of Glutenus Maximus...Fortunately this Magician apprentice has conjured up a SPECIAL DIETS Wrap, WhoaHAHAHA! Nothing is a drama for these adventurous Scouts

Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble. Fillet of a Mallow snake, In the cauldron boil and bake; Eye of Cadbury and toe of (Freddo) frog, Wool of WORTHS and tongue of CAT, Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting, Marshmallows leg and howlet's wing, For a charm of powerful trouble, Add a pair of goblins Double (Ed. Thanks Will Dogspeare)

With the Temporary Stronghold in place, the Questors embarked on Reconasaince and discovery - What horrors and mysteries did the Black Forest hide, Would they survive the Night ? Who was the Dark warden and what was the Bonfire all about (Ed. Who cares - What an Awesome Bonfire - How lucky are you that the warden is so cool)



1 Match Fire - Thanks Warden - What an Awesome guy. I mean chap. We didn't burn a Guy, or chap. (Ed. Erm ! Scruffie , you may have this page out of sequence)

A vote was taken on which child to be the GUY- The outcome was inconclusive. (No witches or Pagans were burned in the making of this newsletter).



A three legged dog - One of canine Patrol - Nothing gets an Adventure dog down... Yet more Proof...

Don't ask the story of how he lost the leg....Told you! Don't Ask.!



Remember, remember!  
The fifth of November,  
The Gunpowder treason and plot;  
I know of no reason  
Why the Gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot!

It was a Dark and stormy night!!!... Well actually it wasn't. The night was very pleasant with a light northerly breeze.....  
But it was DARK, Dark and silent .....Unknown beasts and Ghouls lurked in the shadows,(Mosquitos) Scouts drew



Guy Fawkes and his companions  
Did the scheme contrive,  
To blow the King and Parliament  
All up alive. - That's why we burn THAT GUY! -  
(Ed. Hmm Sounds a little suspect to me, but that's Scruffies history interest for you)

*near to draw comfort from the fire and tell ghost stories*  
.....  
**BEWARE ...The WATERMELON. Dun , Dun . DUuuunnnn!**  
**(ED. What happend to the lost scout patrol ?)**

*Sunday 6th November. The Intrepid company awakes at Crack of Dawn to Break camp, Fortunately Scruffie is on Hand to remind all correct way to break camp*



*Scruffie Says "Breakfast is an important meal for Adventurers" – Fortunately He has a Good and attentive audience*



How many Scouts does it take to Fold up a Tent Successfully?

(Ed. We don't know but will speak to Monash uni to get a grant to do a study to find out)



*Fortunately Scruffie is Available instruct the team on the correct methodology. Come on Ben - Put your shoulder into it....*



*Scruffie and his Assistant Check locals safety warnings and guidelines before advising the company on the best route forward*



*Awe Cute ! Scruffie made a new friend. Careful Scruffie - He can remember your routine - Stay unpredictable. - Dont take your eyes of him*





*An Aussie Icon - And a Roo. One of these can jump around without injury and the other needs to follow the three Metre rule - Can you guess who is who ?*



*Wow! they start out cute and cuddly .... and then grow up to be ...Well.... Different...Oh and look - A Baby wombat*



*A strange two legged animal approaches .. and an Emu.*



*Scruffie encouraged Mr Tortoise for setting a pace faster than 63% of the Scouts in the company.*



*A rare Treat - Scruffie Catches up with Tasmanian part of the Family and Asks about the Ballarat Hotel accommodation - Later he asks after the Uncle **Thylacine** (who he hasn't seen in years)*

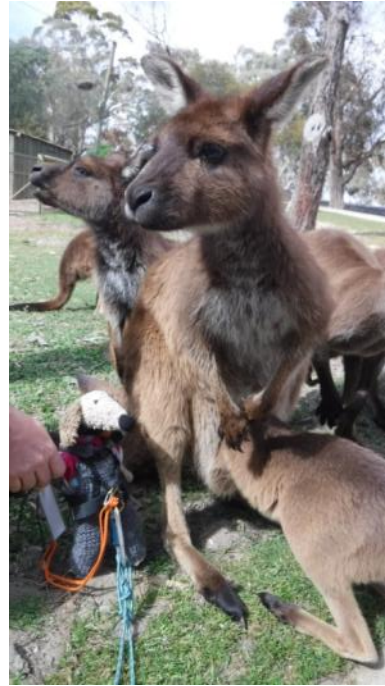


*Scruffie Visits some of His Koala friends to deliver messages from the Cousins in Queensland. Its Tiring being this patient and talking so slowly but Scruffie does his Duty.*





*Isn't the little guy Cute ! oh and Look - A Joey - Called Spencer!*



*Scruffies advises Joeys on safe entry and exit of tight spaces. He hope the experience will let him volunteer in Spencers section*



*Just Enough time to check in with the Bandicoot - make sure in your haste you do not Crash@!*



*Scruffie Makes friends Easily - A trait he has passed on to others, See how easy it is for A scout to make new friends ( Ed. A pocket full of Snacks helps )*





*Eureka Stockade - and Southern cross Flag - A symbol of Ausiie heritage to help us consider the origins of Mateship , the Diggers and Chartist Concepts.*



*Scruffie Takes Sun Potection very Seriously. One of His Accolites has found a novel way to ensure his New Moustache is protected from the Harsh Aussie sun with a full coverage of Sun cream*



*Scruffie has a great time. And Is Already Packed for his next adventure.,- Who is going with him ?  
(Ed. Note his new Adventure trousers - Thanks to his Grandma (Ba) in UK for these Awesome dungerees)*





*Spot from Canine Patrol is a keen observer, Adventurer and Diarist. He recently started a Visual Diary of his journey. Train Adventures (Ed. Perhaps he can become an official Local correspondant photographer for Scruffies news )*



*Thanks Tony ! And Scruffie - What a Epic Undertaking and Glorious Outcome for the Epic Adventurers!*

*Scuffie and friends and Looking forward to Gilweroo !*



**Ed. Editors Note**

Scruffie really enjoyed Halloween this year and went as a Wizard. He has also been playing world of Warcraft and reading Lord of the Rings'.- Tolkien.

The Editor apologises if this has seeped into the Editorial content of the edition

