

SCRUFFIES NEWS

Rumour has it ... it's the best Camp of the year!



"GILWEROO 2016" DAY 1 ARRIVAL & SET UP CAMP



"Scruffie The Gilweroo Chief Canine , Senior Traffic Control Commander, Leader in Charge of Camp Setup, and Grump Management, Camp organisation management consultant

Scruffie is an Adventure dog, he loves adventures.

Gilweroo is concentrated adventure, a weekend of the best activities in scouting all occurring at one time and in one place.

Scruffie has been before and had a great time, so when he heard even more of his friends could join him this year he knew he had to get the maximum number of people to join in.....As usual he was TOO successful. Over 60 youth members from Brighton wanted to join the 2000 others at Mount Martha Scout camp.....How would they all cope, eat, live together, work together.. A logistic nightmare with many moving parts.. Would he have to disappoint someone.... Take less people.....What a Dilemma, What could he Do?

A potential CRISIS!!! Fortunately Scruffie has been mentoring Leadership this year and his apprentice suggested he USE the LEADERSHIP Skills he teaches - INSPIRED!!!

.....He knew he would need to tap into his network of organisers and leaders to help him. Before you could say "Thanks Tony!", he had the solution and his group of leaders started the process of planning the camp, patrols, menu , prizes and equipment. All watched over by the Dog himself.....

- 160+ Scout Troops
- 60 Scouts from 1st/14th Brighton
- 2000 Scouts from all over Victoria
- 16 Shiny New Tents
- 1 Adventure dog
- 10 Patrols
- Over 20 main activities and even more spare time activities
- Zero Incidents
- Over 2500 vehicles in 2 hours



A REALLY HUGE THANK YOU TO TONY, THE YOUTH HELPERS, T2, CRAIG, STEVE AND THE SCOUT LEADERS THAT CAME TO HELP... COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU...



Thanks youth leader Nick!



Thanks Daniel!



Thanks Craig!



Thanks Adult leader Nick



Thanks Meena!



Thanks Noah!



Thanks Tony!



Thanks Tony 2 (T2)



Thanks Steve



Who?

SCOUT SKILLS

1. Working as a team/Patrol
2. 2 Nights under canvas
3. Being organised in camp
4. Being happy and working with others
5. Participation
6. Enthusiasm



THE ANNUAL GILWEROO COMPETITION

- Best Leader
- Best Team Member
- The BEST Patrol
- The Innovation Award
- The Perseverance Prize
- The Most helpful
- The Friendliest



The Shelter is Ready and all Patrols checked in



Kitchen with Special diets -Check



Logical flow through camp-Check



Notice boards & competitions -Check



A camp Needs an Entrance and a Banner, Scruffie prepared his and ensured all Scouts knew where to come when they arrived



Step 1: Organisation : Register - Scruffie has defined a process to ensure each person knows where their Tent and Bags are , and he knows who is in Camp



Step 2: Teamwork: Patrol Everyone has a Patrol, Patrol colour and emblem, Scruffie wants to lower operational cost through structural efficiencies - ALL to maximise ADVENTURE outcomes.



Step 3: Communion: Briefing. Scruffie knows that everyone has a contribution to make but in order to do so they need to know how things are structured and what the rules and systems are.



Step 4: Structure : Welcome:
(ED Question How do you settle 60 Kids in in 30 mins - Answer Sub contract Organisation to "Scruffie and Friends- managment consultants".)



Step 5: Induction : Team work, 10 Patrols, 16 tents, getting the right mix for Teams and tents. Kailah's particularly 'strong' voice meant that Scruffie recruited her for the very important front of house position



Step 5 : Acclimatisation : Check in. Your Tent is number 16 on the left, please settle in,(Ed : Question How do you set up a camp for 62 Youth and 8 Adults ? Answer- Buy 16 New tents)



Step 6: Adventure : The Bases are set up - Everything is ready for the Adventure to begin

READ ON FOR DAY 2.... LET THE GAMES BEGIN....

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"The Adventure"



**"GILWEROO
2016"
DAY 2
LET THE GAMES
BEGIN...**



"Scruffie The Activity Master, Adventurous activities Mentor and Thought leader, Big Brother Advocacy agent, Ministry of Truth Editor.

Being organised is Awesome. But it's awesome for a reason. You get organised to Optimise your adventure time. That's RIGHT, it's ALL about the ADVENTURE.

And that's where ENTHUSIASM and PARTICPATION come into play! DAY 2 Arrives and after a balanced breakfast (*Ed including THE FRUIT*) The day's adventures begin.

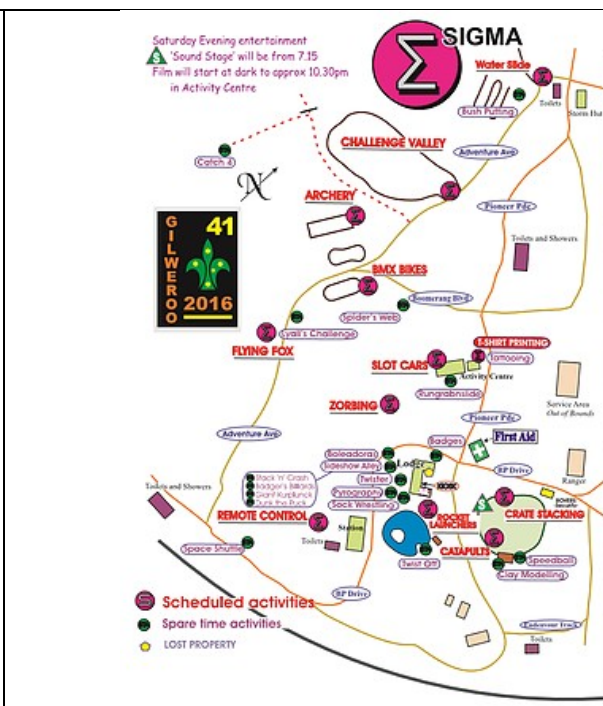
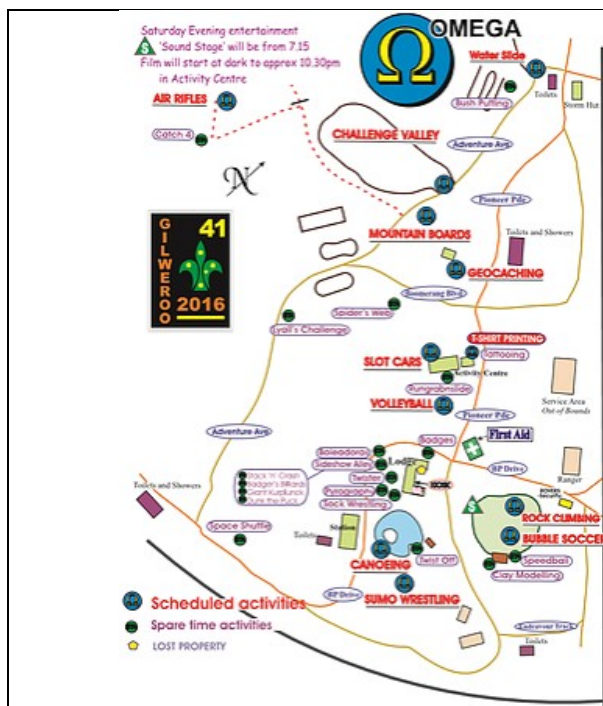
EACH Patrol has its own map and Schedule of KEY activities to do. They need to arrive on time with the right equipment to do the activity and as a team to help everyone get there in one piece. GILWEROO is the Adventure where everything we learnt that year comes into play.

LEADERSHIP and TEAM WORK. SELF CONTROL and MINDFULNESS. INNOVATION and HELPFULNESS. SKILLS and ABILITIES. PARTICPATION and ENTHUSIASM.

- Over 20 main activities and even more spare time activities
- A schedule to keep. A Map to follow.
- Challenge Valley to Conquer
- Zorb to Win, Air cannon to Blast
- Walls to Climb, Sumo Wrestlers to Dominate.
- BMX and Bush Skating to Crash and Burn
- A slide to combine with water and Mud
- Canoes and Cows to have a ball
- Clay modelling and Wood burning to Parody the things that need to be parodied.
- The winning Patrol completed over 40 ACTIVITIES

GILWEROO ACTIVITIES: Canoeing, Archery, Zorbing, Clay Modelling and much much more....





Each patrol is allocated their own List of Activities and needs to find them and get there ON TIME



Scruffie heard that this started in Japan, but is always happy to adapt to new ideas and innovate them, Sumo Mud wrestling - Awesome.



East side or West side ? (Ed given 10 minutes, gangs of hooded Yufe start forming.)



Been anywhere nice Lately ? A bit wet out ? Challenge Valley ? Fancy a Hug ?



Name on the board: Competition on Helpfulness AND friendliness



Canoe Base ready: Check, Has anyone seen the cows?



Let the Chaos Commence. Thanks Canoe Team!



NON GRUMP zone: Grumpiness is kept at Bay using successful mindfulness techniques.



Prizes: Decorate the boxes and identify and communicate the values and attributes that we value as a group.



Food Additives: Scruffie tested out a new Bliss additive to calm scouts. Live tests appear to be working.



FRUIT: Scruffies Says "Where's the fruit?"



Climbing wall. Its a wall. And you climb it. Self explanatory really. (Ed . Less sarcasm please! Scruffie)



ZORB Soccer - Scruffie wants the COMMITTEE to buy this for the Troup. (Ed. Scruffie , this newsletter is not a place to advocate spending, you need to use the correct channels)



Air Cannons : Pop Bottle rockets. (*Scruffie wanted to ride on one but H&S stated this may not be safe for those around the site*)



More quiet time at Scruffies camp. Kingfisher Patrol takes a Time out.



The 13 ++++'s. Scruffie watches the Whale & Flathead Patrols. A test whether "older Kids Patrols" works. (*Ed. the Jury is Out as there were some ups and Downs, But scruffie spoke out in favour of this due to Ethan and Sophies(x2) good works*)



The Nicks.....and Scruff.....Like the 3 stooges
1. Scout Nick, 2. Adult leader Nick, 3. Youth Leader Nick.
(*ED. PS Nick H you've left your helmet behind so Scruff kindly took it back to the hall...*)



Scruffies first SCOUT CONSTRUCTED, Solo Boating adventure. "**HMS Adventure**" Sets Sail. (*ED. Dont get wet Scruffie or you will need a SECOND! bath this year !*)



And ... an Innovated zipwire experience. Note the Helmet Seat for Safety. Scruffie rates this as Position 23 on his list of top 100 Zip wire experiences.



Luckily a kind scout made him a hammock to lie down on. The Exhausted dog rests and contemplates mindfulness.



How would you spend your Saturday night....

- a) At the Disco??
- b) By the fire??
- c) Watch a movie??
- d) Be entertained by Venturers??



End of Day two and the cows made it back to the Island for overnight safety...

What a day!

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Completion and Pack-up



**"GILWEROO
2016"
DAY 3
THE FINAL
COUNTDOWN
...and
Prizegiving**



"Scruffie The Prize Guard, Chief Judge and Jury, Life Skills coach, First Aider, Keen Observer of idiosyncrasies of life

Unfortunately all adventures must come to an End!
But before they do, there is packing and Prizes. And even before all that the teams must awake and finish their activities for the day.
The competition is on!
The Day progresses with Breakfast and then the Camp starts coming down as the parts are no longer needed.
Soon Lunch is done and the Competition is closed.
The scores are Tallied!
The Trailer TETRIS GAME is started!
The FINAL Parade completed.

And then....

The CAMP SCRUFFIE - GILWEROO PRIZEGIVING.....

- Over 20 main activities and even more spare time activities
- 1 Extremely activity and enthusiastic teams



Site Left as we found it, with a few more footprints.....And tent peg holes





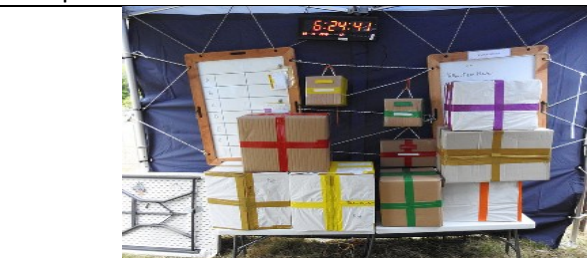
T2 Game : The finals of Tony 2 Games



Camp Scruffies Manual HOME PAGE and INTRANET site.



The final Scores are tallied as the final Bases are completed



The PRIZES - Decorated and colour coded.



Shelter can come down. Truly an Innovation.



How do you manage 60 Bags and Rucksacks ? The patrol system. Simple.



Did you know that the whole camp fits in the Blue trailer ? (Ed. If packed to the Tony Standard)



Thanks Steve : Scruffie inspected the trailer and has informed us that the trailer was in fact loaded to this standard.



Youth Leader Nick Supported by Scruffie the Adventure dog, consolidates the Winners and Presents the Prizes
(Ed. The Photo seems to be ruined by some weird guy with A clip Board - Are you sure we didnt have a better photo than this?)

AND THE WINNERS ARE :

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The 2016 BEST GILWEROO PATROL – PENGUINS...



PL	Nicola	Brooks
APL	Ellen	McNeil
	Alanna	Cobble-Robson
	Emily	Russell
	Jacob	Helyer
	Jarrod	Newell



Best Leader

Amelia



Best Team Member

Remy



Innovation

Yonaton



Most Helpful

Lucas



Most Friendly

Dylan



Perserverance

Scarlett



Gilweroo 2016 Draws to a close....



Scruffie would like to thank T2 for his great photos... and definitely awards him Best Moustache.....

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