



HARRY'S HARBINGER

SPIDER ON PILLOW

A Red Back spider was found in the Venturer Lines yesterday. On entering her tent SP saw it on her pillow. She screamed for her friend KT who came back and managed to put it in a bottle and take it to First Aid. SP refuses to go back to her tent.

Dr Michael Rice, from Escape's First Aid post said "Redback spiders aren't deadly but the bite is very painful. This specimen is the biggest I've ever seen, but I'm from Queensland. Apparently in more infested States like NSW they can be HUGE. Must be all the cockroaches they have to eat."

Redback bites rarely (never) cause death but will cause extreme pain. A strange sign of Redback bite is local sweating at the bite site, or sometimes all over the body. Pressure-immobilisation should NOT be used for this spider bite, but the victim should have painkillers and seek medical attention. Antivenom is sometimes used if the pain is very extreme.



The only known lasting affect, Harry was once bitten by a Red Back. Pressure- immobilisation was wrongly applied, using an industrial iron. After recovering from the pain Harry noticed his height had not changed but he has since lacked width

VENTURERS RISK BUS DRIVER'S WRATH TO DOUSE ROARING FLAMES!

Careless Citizen Ignites Bin fire!

Early during the afternoon of Monday 12th January, a member of the public was seen throwing a lit cigarette butt into a garbage bin. A few moments later, Amazing Race participants anxiously waiting for a bus spotted smoke issuing out. The smouldering cigarette had landed on some dry paper, lighting a fire which threatened to engulf the entire bin. Thanks to the quick thinking, water bottles, hydropacks and teamwork of the Venturers, the flames extinguished before the blaze had a chance to spread, despite the impatience of the waiting bus driver. And so, thanks to Scouting another potential disaster has been averted.

Pelham, Caitlin, Tahlia, Ian and Susan
Amazing Racers 12/01/2009

MERCHANDISE AND CASHOUT

Outside the Contingent HQ

Open 9am to 10am
and 4pm to 5pm
(NO 8:30pm to 9:30pm)

SHHHHH....

My sister's girlfriend's brother told me that they heard the Entertainment Manager's boyfriend's sister say that they had a surprise in store for the last night. O Yeah they won a couple of Arias a few years ago..

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TODAY'S NEWS

Crazy News Headlines from the real world! (These are legitimate stories).

Tassies too inbred to survive

Research by American scientists suggests that there was no genetic diversity left in the Tasmanian tigers, limiting their chances of survival. Apparently the inbreeding was 4 times worse than observed in the extinct woolly mammoths.

Mutants found in Queensland

Two headed fish larvae were found in a fish farm in the south east of Queensland. Authorities are searching for the cause.

Teenager survives on floating fruit!

A 17 year old survivor of the Indonesian ferry disaster credits his survival to a bunch of bananas that he found floating in the debris. It kept him afloat in the wild seas and cyclonic winds long enough to find a lifeboat. Others used bamboo sticks and bananas to get to safety.

Wanted: Hundred year old groom

A 107 year old Chinese woman is searching for a husband, as she has decided it is time to settle down and have someone care for her to save her ageing nieces the burden. She is considering searching the old persons homes. We are willing to guess that there will be no kids...

ESCAPE CHALLENGE

After another day of escape challenge, scores have changes. Team tag was caught changing the direction of the sign and made to do the challenge in a time of 25:20.

THE VOTRON MUSTA-FA 15:20
 NIFTY'S MOTHER 16:26
 SARAH 16:55

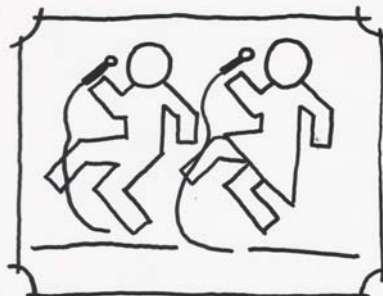
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST PHOTOS AND ARTICLES..

A few nicknames the Chef's have come up with for US....

*Big Scout Dude
 Bushy Scout Dude
 Lactose Free Scout
 HOT Scout Dude
 Emo Scout Dude
 Kid Rock Scout Dude
 Mum Scout Dude
 Mullet Scout Dude
 Toast Scout Dude
 Girlfriend of HOT Scout Dude
 (Bummer)*

Pleased to meet you

United Kingdom	Pleased to meet you
New Zealand	Pleased to meet you
Japan	Hajimemashite
Indonesia	Senang bertemu dengan Anda
Canada	Nice to meet you
Norway	Hyggelig å møte deg
Germany	Schön, dich kennen zu lernen



IN REAL LIFE HARRY AND HARRIET HAVE A SINGING DUO CALLED "THE HA HAs"

GET YOUR VENTURE VIDEO...

Did you notice the video camera at your expedition? Did you make sure your hair was done? Interested in an acting career? You may be the next up and coming star quality that neighbours is looking for... Grab the video camera guy, Glen, who is wandering around site and show him your star talent.

The Venture Video will be available to order. Grab a form at the newspaper office.

HARRY JOKES

Q; What is Harry,s greatest fear?
 Answer: Large staplers.

Q; Where would Harry and Harriet hide in a tent?
 Answer: Under the ground sheet.

Q; Why can't Harry play the piano?
 Answer: He does not have any fingers.

Q; What is skinnier than Harry?
 Answer: Harriet.

More Harry jokes wanted.



4WDers get sticky!
 "How do you put it on 2WD left side only??"



Expedition Reports - Send us one today...

BIBBULMUM HIKE

We started off through the streets of Albany. Next thing I knew we were on the bush track. After a kilometer or so there was a foot path for us to follow. Soon after we got back on the track we met up with Smithy and Andrew for our water and food supplies. They were awesome.

We headed off again and I was having so much fun I don't remember how long any of it took or what actually happened next except we stopped for lunch somewhere and afternoon tea at the wind turbines where we swapped our day packs for our hike packs because the cars couldn't get out of the camp site.

It started raining while we were in the shelter at the wind turbines, then when it stopped raining we headed off again, we had to walk 2.5 kms to the camp site, with our hike packs, it was fun but more tiring than walking with just our day packs.

We cooked our dinner and met a German who was also staying at the campsite. We had breakfast than we were off again. We walked about 2 kms then we met up with Smithy and Andrew again, to get food, water and to swap back to our day packs. The next time we saw them was for lunch and we arrived 2 hrs early to walk along the beach. The lunch was good, you've got to love Smithy and Andrew for bringing fresh food every time.

We headed off across the beach. It was extremely long, but not really tiring, you didn't notice how far you had walked until you looked invisible. We had to walk on this track that just led us back to the beach. Then we walked and walked and walked. We had lunch again....

When we left the beach, we had to climb a flight of stairs containing about 160 steps, then onto the campsite. We walked lots, but no one really complained.

After about one kilometer there was this thing where you had to scrub your boots down because of dieback disease and they didn't want to spread the disease.

When we arrived at the campsite we rested for a while as we had arrived earlier than our leaders had expected. I fell asleep in a tree for ten minutes or so but I was lucky

that no one got a picture of me.

We cooked dinner and some went to bed straight after dinner, but most stayed up to see Mark's candle/ camp fire in a tin that we had made. This time most people slept in the shelter and some of us put up tents.

Everyone slept well this night, and we were up and rareing to go in the morning. We walked about one and half kilometers before meeting up with Smithy and Andrew again. We could still see the wind turbines off in the distance, we set off again and we walked and we walked and we walked some more.

We were meant to meet up with Smithy and Andrew again, before we climbed the big stair case, but they didn't show for lunch so we just kept walking after waiting for half an hour for them to arrive. Kevin and I counted the steps from then onwards, Kevin counted the steps down and I counted the steps up, there was about 73 down and 331 up.

We got to the road where a 4x4 was meant to pick us up from but didn't arrive we decided to walk the sandy road we got to the end of the road and there was Smithy and Andrew standing there with lunch set up, so we ate lunch then we were told that only one person could go in the car and the rest of us had to walk the rest of the way to the bus. Beverly was lucky enough to be the one to go in the car.

When we were on the bus we were looking out the window and we could still see the wind turbines. We got back to the cabins and Andrew had lit the fire for hot water already and we all had nice warm/hot showers.

The expedition was good. So thanks Smithy, Andrew, Mark, Rain man and Beverly for making our hike work, thanks to Alex, Jen, Martin, Kevin, Simon, Jack, Michael, Brad and Adam for making the hike interesting and more enjoyable

Stephanie Jarrett – Unit 051 QLD



BOOT CAMP REPORT

We arrived at Boot Camp after two hours of bus riding because we got lost. Eventually we got to camp and met the camp organisers, Braydon, Cambell, Ben and Luke. After looking at each other for a good few hours we took part in learning names and going on a flying fox. For the rest of the week we were up at 6:30am every morning for exercise or you do push ups on the rocky ground. We did do a lot of push ups throughout the camp. You did them if you swore excessively, pissed off one of the leaders or you annoyed the group.

Life in boot camp was relaxed but you were expected to play your part in helping with cooking, activities, maintenance or cleaning. Those who didn't help were given push ups. Activities we did were bike riding, canoeing, hiking, swimming, paintball, high ropes and low ropes.

Overall the camp was very fun. We met new people, made new friends and none of us wanted to leave by the end.

Richard Pilgrim (072)

BOOT CAMP

After some difficulty finding base camp the bus full of Boot Campers arrived at Trinity College camping are at Nanga. At first there was some disappointment at the camp's lack of an ex-military psychopath, abuse and spittle flying, however units 071 and 072 adapted to the idea of not donning the "camo" and commando crawling through mud pits, and had a whole lot of fun.

With mountain biking, canoeing and plenty of opportunities to cool off in the river, things were really looking up. There was navigation, high ropes and after some requests, push-ups and repeated use of the term "maggot". We hauled our fellow maggots up the tree to abseil down or try the flying fox. There was our 6:30am exercise and 971's boot camp chant (a work of genius).

We returned to Fairbridge, having had a great time, appreciating the organisers and perhaps marginally fitter.

Anon Unit 071

Where are the pictures from these Expeditions? The editors at the Newspaper are waiting!!!!

More Fun.. Onsite & Offsite...



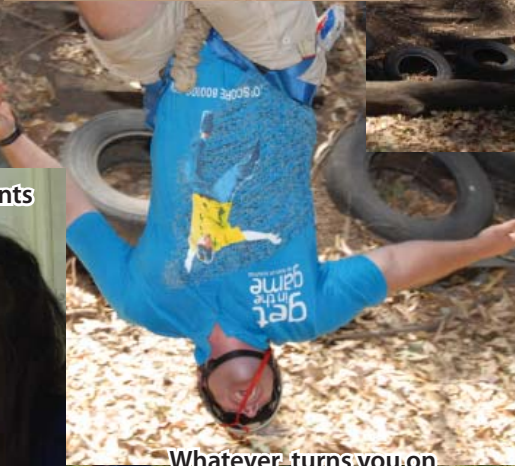
Highropes



Bike boy



It helps if you are colour blind



Whatever turns you on



WOOPS



Fremantle prison: They have power points here! We can straighten our hair



That is not my size!!



Knee high slam dunk



Super bitches

Thank you to all who contributed photos to the newspaper.
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More Fun.. Onsite...



All together... One pushup, two pushups...



It helps if you are colour blind!



Its the girls turn to Biff..



Quick where is the right indicator?



Score so far: Bull 427, riders 0



Bunch of Harry Potteresses..



Now try standing on the ropes...

Thank you to Chris Williams from 3rd Kalamunda Rovers for the fantastic photography.

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DIVING 101

Great for those who are fit, healthy and have poor social skills. Miming skills required for basic communication.

For those fortunate enough to gain a position in the diving activity it was soon discovered that socialising was not the top priority. We were thrown into an intense study and physical testing program aimed at creating obedient, safe and "efficient" divers.

Run like an army drill at times the instructors didn't take any shit. Looking after their own groups we found that they were softies at heart, and only concerned for our own safety and determined to show us a good time.



Staying at a local school gym with a pool we completed our first two days training on site. The final dive at Rottneest was the ultimate goal and many achieved a fantastic effort and received their diving qualifications..

The diving units extend their thanks to the service Rovers who cooked our awesome meals. A special note to the diving "Harry Cake" it was wicked!



Thanks to Fred who's driving improved over the course of the expedition, slamming brakes, changed into tricky bus 3-point manoeuvres trying to acquire a lounge for units 123 & 122 with the tow bar falling off. Fred you were going so well!

April Unit 124.

ADVENTURE TOUR – PERTH

Awesome! Campsite was great. The Monster bus was RAD, definitely the best part. Awesome beach ball unit councils too!!!!

Joanna Lalas Unit 031 (Awesomest unit out)

ROTTNEEST RETREAT

Despite the name Rottneest Retreat was jam-packed with fun and exciting activities.

Units 131 and 132 participated in an eco-tour of the island, history tours, a ghost tour, a west end tour of the island by bike and a cruise in a glass bottomed boat exploring the many wrecks and tropical aquatic life surrounding the island.

Some friendly competition saw Unit 131 removing 95 chicken wire guards and Unit 132 removing 117 tree guards during a service activity (winners!).

Our free time consisted of shopping in town, fishing, swimming and snorkelling. Perhaps the highlight of the expedition was the amazing food prepared by our chef Shrelle.

All in all we had a great time except @#\$\$%^ who insisted on turning down multiple offers from several island hotties.

Unit 132

RANDOM STUFF FROM THE COASTAL CRUSADERS...

"One more time" (after 5 laps of the roundabout).

"Too many flies!"

"What's that huge black shape under the water?"

"Bail!"

"Gnarly"

"Duckdive!!"

"Waves were brutal!!"



ESCAPE GETS AROUND

The Radio Shack at the Escape Communication Centre has been busy. We've had contacts from the U.K., U.S.A., the Netherlands, Australia (of course), Thailand, Indonesia, Curacao and one from an 89 year old ex-scout leader in the far north of Norway, 275 kms North of the Arctic Circle. Many of the contacts were Scout people.

We've had several Venturers and Leaders who are Amateur Radio Operators visit the shack and use the radios. There has been a lot of interest shown by Venturers in getting an Amateur Radio License. Courses are available all over Australia. Contact



your Branch Office to find out who runs the Amateur Radio activities in your state or territory. We have info at the Comms Centre.

There's a residential course on offer in Melbourne just after Easter. Come see us at the shack if you want to find out more. Or you could look it up at www.sresu.asn.au.

FAIRBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL SCOUTS ACTIVITIES

Do You want to have some fun while doing something for the Environment?

WHEN - Mon to wed 9.30am & 1.30pm Daily

WHERE- Multi Function centre

DURATION - 1.5hrs

WHAT:

Eco-Hike- Including Macroinvertebrate Study (Frogs and other River creatures)!!

River Restoration- weeding and planting South Dandalup (Expect to get wet)!!

Seed Collection- Go Bush!! Bush Tucker!

Permaculture Vegetable and Herb Garden- Build a Vege Garden from scratch

Propagation- Grow plants.

**National Venturer Youth Forum
Tuesday, 13th January 2009
Escape, Fairbridge Village, WA**

Yesterday, 24 Venturers from all states and territories in Australia met together to discuss issues around Venturing and Scouting. Reports and recommendations were prepared and presented to National and Branch Commissioners to take back to their own operations meetings.

The Venturers covered the following topics:

1. Image and Linking (internal image of Venturers to other members)
2. How could youth involvement in decision making in Scouting be improved?
3. Breaking the Scouting Stereotype (external image of Scouts)
4. Leaders
5. Communication
6. Keeping Venturers – Commitment and Retention

It is a firm commitment of Scouts Australia to involve our youth members in the running of our youth organisation, at all levels. This happens in a number of ways, including youth forums at National Ventures, Moots and Jamborees. Recommendations from these forums go straight to the decision making bodies at National and Branch Levels. They are also presented at the meetings of various youth councils such as the Scouts Australia National Youth Council.

Congratulations to all the Venturers for taking a day out of their Venture experience to contribute to the future of Venturing & Scouting in Australia. If you see any of them around, shake their (left) hand and thank them for helping to make your movement a better one.

My sincere thanks to the facilitators, photographer, NYC members, and national commissioners who came along to help out on the day. Special thanks to all Branch Commissioners - Venturers, Contingent Leaders and Venture Organising Committee for their excellent support of the forum.

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Last Chance To Find Out About:

*New Venturer Award Scheme
National Youth Council
World Jamboree Sweden 2011*

**Come to National Team table at
Contingent HQ!**

OUR LINKS TO FAIRBRIDGE

Many generations have gone through Fairbridge. My Pop was a "war orphan" that became a Fairbridgian at the age of seven in 1921. When he arrived, he was one of 58 children of which 35 were boys. He lived in Newton house, which still exists today. The boys worked on the farm from a young age, including tasks such as blacksmithing, gardening, making bricks, and animal raising. They were worked hard, and in this time the boys learnt a number of useful skills to equip them in the workforce. My Pop utilised these skills to travel the country as a roaming labourer, until he met my Nanna (who was a nurse) during WW2 and established his own chook farm – a trade he was very familiar with thanks to years of poultry raising at Fairbridge. Pop went on to have 5 children, and 14 grandchildren. Also, years later Pop was able to be reunited with his mother and sisters in England.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Birthdays today:

James Watkins	109
Tash McGrath,	061
Phillips, Lauren	012
Stephen Phillips,	062
Michael Raston,	014



Fairbridge farm started in 1913, with 33 children who came out from England. The boys worked the farm, clearing the bush, and tending to the crops and animals. By 1921 it was producing wool, meat and fruit, worth more than £400 a year, this increased to £3037 six years later. The senior boys gained all-round experience in all matters to do with agriculture. The garden provides the kitchen with a range of fruits, which the girls helped prepare and serve. The Fairbridgian's educational needs were met with an onsite state school, with an adapted curriculum allowing the older children to gain vocational training in housekeeping and farm operations. A typical day included cottage duties, school for 3 hours each morning, farm chores, and recreation activities in the evening, including scouts/guides. Between 1913 and 1939, 1195 children came through the care of Fairbridge.

Other functions of the farm have included hosting a Perth school whilst their school grounds were used as a military hospital, being the training depot for the Womens Land Army, a refuge for Dutch children during the war, a site for the returned soldiers and more recently a site for youth camps.

Katarina McDowell - Service Leader

Today's Darwin Award goes to..

A contract worker was hired to install reinforcement bars on a communications tower near Camp Bullis. He was wielding power tools high above the ground, when two other workers saw him lean back and fall 225 feet to his death. Turns out, the man had loosened the bolts on the bar to which he was attached. **Police are calling it a tragic accident.**

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAYS FORECAST; Probability of rain 0.000025%
EXPECTED MINIMUM TEMPERATURE a lot less than very hot
EXPECTED MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE probably hotter
SUNRISE: 6:24am SUNSET: 8:27pm

2-day Weather Forecast Update

Thursday probably hotter, Friday, who cares?

We carry out a detail tri hourly rain check and record the results in the weather log.

Those who are interested yesterdays rain record is as follows

3am-0mm; 6am-0mm; 9am-0mm; 12noon-0mm; 3pm-0mm; 6pm- 0mm; 9pm-0mm

CLASSIFIEDS...

CORRECTION

The chef forgot to include in her list of food consumed;

"Three French hens,

Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree."

WANTED PHOTO'S

Great Escape. Could all participants of the Great Escape / AQUA excursion on Monday please contact Emu so he can collate all photos. Thanks for the fun guys Emu.

FOR SALE

NSW contingent badges, 2nd shipment just arrived. 2 for the price of one. Available NSW HQ.

WANTED

People who can count past 50 to organise shuttle run. 100 people do not fit in a 50 seater bus.

Editor. They need 5 rovers each with 10 fingers to get it right.

WANTED

Harry Potter, please quit flying around and return the broom to The Internet Café. We did not believe for a second that you were going to clean your tent.

FOR SALE

Remote control car. Brand new, used once, 1/2 charged, camera and lights \$100.00
Talk to Jen 124

Editor. Great toy for girls to pick up blokes, by pretending they don't know how to work it.

MISSING

Bankcard red, Westpac. Please return to 081

WANTED

Strictly for a scientific experiment.
Rope, fishing line, 25 sheets of toilet paper, jack hammer, wheel barrow, two shovels, hole puncher, grenade, pair of scissors, safety glasses, super glue, large testing rod, red paint or large cross, detonator, a device that needs detonating, large explosive proof laboratory, small river with fish, used sparklers and live rabbits.
If you can supply any of these items we will make sure you are out of range, and after the experiment, if successful will give you free, a years supply of fish.
Contact Fishbone.

Hi Chuck,

Great to hear from you...finally. Sorry, you cannot stay any longer. Guy wants you to bring him home a cherry ripe for his birthday please. Miss you loads.

MUM XXXXXX

Dear Lauren and Tahlia

PLEASE, get some sleep!!!

Cheers, Mum (Karen) and Mum (Tammy).

PS and have more fun...

LOST or STOLEN

Myley Cyrius CD. I wish I was a fly on the wall when this disappeared, because there are 7 things i would like to do, I cannot wait to see it again
Contact D63.

LOST

Two girls that can be heard a mile away, proceed with caution. Please do not return.

FOR SALE

80 Series Landcruiser 4WD. Monstrous lift kit, no air con, but personalized mud. As is where is. Owner requires harder vehicle.
Contact the Blokey- bloke's bloke.

LOST

One Lisa. Last seen at dinner last night, not sure where I parked it. May bite, if found please duct tape to first aid.

WANTED

Pastas for dinner.

LOST

One wife.
Contact Orange.

LOST

10 cents, last seen Sunday Noon. If found please return to Venture Finance at Admin.

LOST

One egg with green Swan stamp. Last seen Sunday on train to Perth.
We are all shattered.
If seen contact Super Captain at A.Os.

FOR SALE

One sister, crippled, so is best if kept in the kitchen. Cooks and cleans well. Willing to move interstate away from her family.
Available from brother and sister
Contact Unit 161

FOUND

Sanity, enquire at lost property.

FOUND

Victorian weather 12th January 2009 at Fairbridge Village.

Editor. This sort of weather is very rare in Victoria, I am surprised they did not offer a reward.

WANTED

TENT SITTER

The Tent Sitter I engaged last night stole my tent and left his pet rodent.

I don't want his rodent.

Reward

Contact R 061

Editor. You get what you pay for.

SURVEY QUESTION

Do you have an "innie" or an "outie".

Results so far;

WA 26 in 35 out

N.S.W 3 in 5 out (shy)

VIC 106 in 110 out

TAS all out

UK varies am to pm.

Queensland (don't understand the question.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chef has reported that she has had three proposals of marriage.

Editor;

She must be very, very good looking.

014 are great and are rock campers

Thank you TEK.

Orange's hat was found in Bella's tent

Unfortunately SK was not the dead venturer who's body was thawing in the cool room. We will have to rearrange.
Sorry Captain D.

MESSAGE FROM ART ALLEY

Could all venturers who have completed ceramics and or Art work please pick up from art alley by noon Wednesday 14th
THANKS IT HAS BEEN FUN
Art alley staff.

SUGGESTIONS

More techno music, we weren't all born before 1995.

Make breakfast finish at 9.30 so I can sleep in

Editor. We have arranged for breakfast to be open till 10 am next Saturday Sunday and Monday.

LOST

10 degrees centigrade.

