



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter



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**2008 THE YEAR OF THE
SCOUT**

In 2007 we celebrated 100 years of Scouting around the World. In 2008 we celebrate the 100th Year of Scouting in Australia, and more importantly we are celebrating:

75 Years of Rover Skiing



August 2007 marks the 75th year since the first Winter Party was held at Cope Hut on the Bogong High Plains lead by Bill Waters.

To celebrate this milestone, the Alpine Rover Crew will be holding a reunion at Howman's Gap YMCA Camp from the 8th-10th March (Labour Day Weekend in Vic / Adelaide Cup Day in SA).

The weekend will include a formal dinner Saturday Night, an Open Weekend at the Bogong Rover Chalet, Tours and Guided Walks of the Chalet and Surrounds.

Accommodation packages will be available for Howman's Gap, with dorm rooms and all meals included. Bookings forms and information will be available with the Summer Edition of the Bogong Bulletin. Mark the weekend in your calendar now!

Alpine Rover Crew & Bogong Chalet Management Group Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th October 2007, 8 pm

Victorian Rover Centre

Highland Avenue, Clayton North

What's On?

September 22 – 29
Victorian Snow Venture 2

October 10
Alpine Rover Crew AGM

November 6
Melbourne Cup Day
Summer Bookings Open

2008

January 26-18
Australia Day Weekend
Chalet Working Bee

March 8-10
Labour Day (Vic) Weekend
Adelaide Cup Day (SA)
75th Anniversary Reunion

March 21-24
Easter Long Weekend
Chalet Working Bee

March 27-30
Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend

April 25-27
Anzac Day Long Weekend
Chalet Working Bee

May 11-13
Food Weekend
Summer Bookings Close

June 6-9
Queens Birthday Weekend
Ski Season Opens

June 28-July 5
Bogong Winter Season Opens
Victoria/QLD Snow Venture
(Week 1 Winter Party)

July 5-12
Week 2 Winter Party

July 12-19
South Australia/NSW Snow Venture

July 19-26
Week 4 Winter Party

July 26-August 2
Week 5 Winter Party

August 2-9
Week 6 Winter Party

August 9-16
Week 7 Winter Party

August 16-23
Week 8 Winter Party

August 23-30
Week 9 Winter Party

August 30
Kangaroo Hoppet XC Race

August 30-September 6
Week 10 Winter Party

September 6-13
Week 11 Winter Party

September 13-20
Week 12 Winter Party

September 20-27
Victorian/QLD Snow Venture 2

September 27
Bogong Winter Season Closes

October 8
Alpine Rover Crew & BCMG AGM
2008 Winter Party Reunion

November 1-4
Melbourne Cup Weekend
Bogong Summer Season Opens

3rd Wednesday of each Month
BCMG Meets at Vic Rover Centre

I Need HELP!

Writing the Bogong Bulletin. Please send your announcements, events, gossip, innuendo, reports and photos to me at lukem75@ozemail.com.au

Alpine Rover Crew Chairman's Report

The 2007 snow season started with some early dumps which set the high plains up for an excellent snow season. I again had the pleasure of assisting with the start of Snow Venture, and along with Mick Simpson got the first turns of the season on the home slope and tow.

Although on later weeks the north facing slopes had limited cover at times, every Party had a great week ski-touring and riding the tow. Unfortunately we did not repeat last year's effort of having the first ten weeks open but still had good attendances with plenty of new Venturers and Rovers coming to the chalet.

Ski fun day was a success, with participants enjoying excellent cover on Mt Baw Baw, with the highest snow levels I have seen there in a long time. Ski Expo at EMC was informative; many would have noticed more glide and speed on their skis after Doug's repair and waxing demonstration.

Personally, although I did not get to ski much this winter, I still had a fantastic time, as Linda and I had a first child, Annie, on the 1st of September! (I'm told I could have gone on week 9 and still made it to the hospital with ½ hour to spare!)

Looking ahead we have the 75th Anniversary of Rover Skiing celebrations. More details will come after the AGM. I will be looking for Rover Crews, and Groups to help run aspects of the event at Howman's Gap and the Chalet. We will also be looking to run a Melbourne based event for those who can't make it on Labour Day weekend.

Luke Moore – ARC Chairman

Wardens Report

The deputy warden has been very busy over winter producing an assistant and has not been able to ski much. Luckily the new recruit is fine, and after some training should be able to take charge of the chalet like she has taken charge of the house.

Luke Moore - Deputy Warden's husband

Historians Report

Well, with the snow melted, thoughts have turned to next year and the many celebrations that are due to occur; the following two will be taking up most of my time:

- 100 years of Australian Scouting
- 75 years of Rover Skiing

I have been quite busy working out what requirements are being made on the Rover Skiing historical collection for the next year. The priorities are going to be the display at the chalet for the reunion/celebration in March, a semi permanent summer display in the chalet, a display at Rover HQ and a display for the Rover dinner.

As you can see, things are ramping up very quickly now. I will need help to transport the displays to the various places over the next 12 months.

As for discussions with the State library etc, they continue to go slowly. That is mostly my stalling as I wanted to make sure that I have the entire original collection for next years celebrations.

Some surprise history has turned up this year, several minutes of the ceremony to scatter Bill's ashes at Investiture Point on Super8! It is currently being obtained and transferred to digital. If anyone else knows the existence of anything like this or even just Rovers skiing on the High Plains, please let me know. There must be a lot of old Super8 footage hiding in roofs, garages, boxes etc...

Anyway, thanks for the ongoing support that I continue to receive, and I hope you enjoy the celebrations in 2008.

Sue Tanck – Honorary Historian

VICTORIA'S OLD ROVER BALL 2007

WHEN - Saturday 10th November 2007

WHERE - Lang Lang Show Grounds

ATTIRE - Formal – Black Tie & Evening Dress

HOW MUCH - \$45.00 per Head

Price includes a fabulous buffet dinner, champagne, tea, coffee, music and a fantastic social atmosphere.

Music doesn't stop - stay overnight – camp site fee included.

CONTACT: Greg Davies adminrvba@bowlsvic.org.au for tickets



2007 Winter Party Reunion

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Catch up with friends you made on winter parties this year, share stories, photos, port and supper with friends from winters past. Have your say in the running of the chalet.

We have positions for Venturers, Rovers and Ex-Rovers on the Management Group

Bring along photos and video of your ski tours and other exploits and we will put them up in a big screen!

For Information on the Alpine Rover Crew, Venturer Unit and Chalet Management Group contact Lucas Moore, ARC Chairman on (03) 9737 0094.



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Bike It, I Like It!*

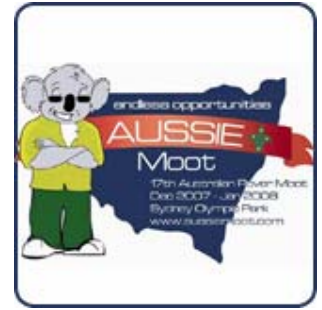


Prospective New Alpine Rover:

Congratulations to Luke and Linda Moore on the Birth of Annie Rose Moore, 1st September 2007. We look forward to investing her into the Alpine Venturer Unit and Rover Crew

Ambassadors Wanted!

The BCMG need Alpine Rovers going to Aussie Moot to 'fly the flag' and help us promote the Bogong Rover Chalet, and Winter Parties. In past years we have had champion Volleyball and Boat Racing Teams. If you are able to help promote the chalet, contact the BCMG Chairman on bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au



Maintenance Plans

When the snow melts and the road is open we will endeavour to continue with the cladding, installing UV water disinfection, many painting tasks including the kitchen, scraping and recoating the bathroom floor, replacing chimney pots, annual cleaning tasks, and any repairs necessary after winter.

To complete the cladding on the south side walls, we require more scaffolding or at least 3 meters high. If anyone is able to loan us scaffolding it would be greatly appreciated, contact bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au if you can assist us. We can always put together small projects for Rover crews to do if they attend on a week end by themselves.

Renovation Plans

Besides continuing with the exterior cladding and wall insulation works, no new major works projects are planned by the BCMG.

The regular week 5 attendees will be replacing the balcony at the east of the chalet as a separate project.

We are also looking at going greener. Government grants are available for renewable energy in remote locations so we are currently investigating solar, wind and hydro options for power generation. We are also looking at a new slow combustion heater for the dining room to reduce our carbon footprint. Due to the size of this job and the amount of planning involved we see this to be done in summer 2008/9

Working Bees and Crew Weekends Away.

Working Bee's are on the Calendar for most of the Long Weekends. Each year we usually have more jobs to do than time allows and have to prioritise what we do. We have an endless list of jobs, both small and large that need to be completed. If any Rover Crews would like a weekend at the chalet and are prepared to do some service, we can provide you with some tasks, and reward you with discounted accommodation. Contact the bookings officer on 0407 242 538 or bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au for details.

2008 Summer Bookings

The Bogong Summer Season opens 3-6 November (Melbourne Cup Weekend) and Runs until 13th May.
Book your summer stay now on 0407 CHALET or email bookings@bogongroverchalet.org.au

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Figure 8's on the Home Slope