



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter



Invitation

75th Anniversary of the Alpine Rover Crew

A celebration of Rover Skiing

7th – 10th March, 2008

Howman's Gap YMCA Camp, Bogong High Plains



The Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group invite you to help us celebrate 75 years of Rover Skiing.

To mark this occasion we are holding a Rover Skiing Celebration at Howman's Gap YMCA camp from 7th to 10th March 2008. Over the weekend, we will be offering many activities on the Bogong High Plains including visits to the Bogong Rover Chalet, a Reunion Dinner Saturday night and a Scouts Own service on Sunday.

The weekend will showcase the history and development of Rover Skiing, the evolution of the Bogong Rover Chalet and the achievements of Victorian Rovers in building and operating one of Australian Scouting's best properties.

We would love to have you there to help us celebrate. Please RSVP by 10th February 2008 using the program and bookings form at www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/downloads/flyers/75thAlpineRoverCrewAnniversary.pdf

Yours in Scouting,

Lucas Moore
Chairman
Alpine Rover Crew

Kyle Nash
Chairman
Bogong Chalet Management Group

New Arrivals:

Congratulations to Ian and Caroline Franzke on the birth of Rosie May on 11th October.

Congratulations to Tim and Caitie Doyle on the birth of Emily Jean on 16th October.

Congratulations to Tim Tracey and Emma on the birth of Lily on the 28th July.

Congratulation to Tim and Emma on their engagement too!

Coming Soon:

#1 The Chalet Management will soon be able to process electronic payments for Winter Parties. More details to follow!

#2 Snow

What's On?

2008

January 26-28
Australia Day Weekend
Chalet Working Bee
February 8-10
Chalet Working Bee
February 22-24
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 W/end
April 25-27
Anzac Day Long Weekend
Chalet Working Bee
May 2-4
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 School Booking
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
September 27
Winter Season Closes
October 8
Alpine Rover Crew & BCMG
AGM
2008 Winter Party Reunion
November 1-4
Melbourne Cup Weekend
Summer Season Opens

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

Welcome to the New Management Group:

After the AGM on October we welcome the management group for 2007-8.

The Alpine Rover Crew

Luke Moore (Chairman) & Michael Simpson (Secretary)

BCMG

Kyle Nash (Chairman)

Rover Positions: Stu Bailey, John Linnell, Jason Paino, Will Chrisfield, Ben Stennett,

Bryce Gibson & Cam Read.

Venturer Positions: Kathleen Pearce

26-30: Tony Brooks

30+: Peter Rossborough & Doug Smith

Joy Freeman and Sue Tanck were also confirmed for another term as our Honorary

Treasurer and Historian

BCMG Chairman's Report

Hello all, first I would like to welcome the new committee members and also those who have stayed on, thank you to John Linnell for doing bookings for a second year, also previous chairman Stuart Bailey for staying on in a maintenance with Peter Rossbrough. This year I hope to focus on getting out there and promoting the Rover Chalet to Rovers and also Venturers in the hope of boosting the number of people using and attending the chalet. We are also looking at ways to get better attendance at working bees.

Kyle Nash. Chairman BCMG

Maintenance Update:

Working bees are planned for Australia Day Weekend and in February to get the Chalet ready for the 75th Anniversary weekend. We have jobs for all abilities, so if you can lend a hand on any weekend, let the bookings officer know on 0407 CHALET (242538).

Remember it's a free weekend away with friends, a chance to learn new skills, meet new people and get away from the city smoke.

Historian update

Wow, busy times ahead!

After the last Bogong Bulletin, more footage has been uncovered. I will be collecting a (very) large bag of 16mm film that was taken during the 50's and 60's. It was shot by a member of the Rucksack Club and he was a professional cinematographer. I am in the processing of collecting the film and details on the gentleman who took the footage and in the next bulletin, I hope to have a 'snap shot' of who he was, and how we are going with the processing of the film.

Other than this footage, I am busily trying to prepare for the 75th Celebrations. If you receive a phone call from me, it means I need help. Thanking you all in advance - especially Tony B!

Sue Tanck – BCMG Honorary Historian

Alpine Rover Crew Chairman's Report

Happy New Year everyone! Between work and wrangling a baby, Linda and I are also hard at work planning for the 75th Anniversary weekend at Howman's Gap. We will need a hand from Alpine Rovers over the weekend to help run many of the activities. If you think you can lend a hand on the weekend leading walks, mountain bike trips or hosting visitors to the chalet, please contact me on 03)9737 0094 (AH) or email

bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

CHALET TALES

Have you helped in the development of the chalet?

Have you contributed to making it what it is today?

Did you help roll the cast iron oven in from Wallace's Hut car park?

Do you know where Theodore came from?

Were you a part of extending the chalet from its original 2 rooms?

Can you enlighten us with first hand stories about any of these or more?

If so, we would love to hear from you.

We are hoping to create a 'self guided walking tour' of the chalet as part of the Rover skiing celebration, with stories of significant 'bits and pieces' around the chalet, including key names, installation dates and stories.

If you can help us get this information as accurate as possible please contact Linda on 9737 0094 or email to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au with 'Chalet Tales' as the subject.

I Need HELP!

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

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August 2008 marks the 75th year since the first Rover ski weeks were held at Cope Hut on the Bogong High Plains. Since 1933, Rover Skiing has continued to grow. The popularity of the early Winter Parties meant that they soon spread to nearby Wallace's Hut, and then lead to the establishment of the Bogong Rover Chalet in 1940.

Since then, the Rovers have had an almost continuous presence each winter on the Bogong High Plains. The Bogong Rover Chalet has evolved from a simple two room hut used for four weeks over winter, to a large lodge sleeping 35, used all winter as a base for ski touring all over the Bogong High Plains.

To celebrate 75 years of Rover Skiing, the Alpine Rover Crew is holding a reunion over the Victorian Labour Day long weekend (7th – 10th March, 2008) at Howman's Gap YMCA Camp near the Falls Creek Ski Resort. The focus of the weekend will be a dinner Saturday night at Howman's Gap and Scout's Own service at Investiture Point on Sunday. Optional Activities over the weekend can include: tours of the Bogong Rover Chalet, bushwalking and mountain bike riding, trout fishing, rock climbing, abseiling, giant rope swing, high ropes course, and archery.

All Alpine Rovers, Alpine Venturers and Bogong Rovers are invited to attend, as well as anybody who has an interest in Scout skiing.

WHEN? Friday 7th March – Monday 10th March 2008

Victorian Labour Day Long Weekend & Adelaide Cup Long Weekend

WHERE? Howman's Gap YMCA Camp

Bogong High Plains Road

Falls Creek, Victoria

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The weekend will run like a mini-moot with many optional activities running over the weekend. We expect everyone attending to be at the Saturday night dinner. We also encourage everyone attending to visit the Rover Chalet, and attend the Scouts Own at Investiture Point on Sunday.

There will be displays on the history of Rover Skiing at the Chalet and at Howman's Gap, including recently re-discovered movies of early winter parties.

Optional activities will need to be booked in advance on the attached form.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Accommodation at Howman's Gap is similar to Bogong Chalet or W.F.Waters Lodge on Mt Baw Baw. Its bunk room accommodation, so BYO favourite pillow and Sleeping bag or sheets and blankets.

Obviously you will need clothes and toiletries, just remember that the weather can change quickly in the Alps so make sure you have some warm clothes and wet weather gear packed.

Don't forget your scout uniform and Alpine Rover Crew, Alpine Venturer Unit or Bogong Rover Crew scarf for Saturday night dinner and Scouts Own.

WHEN DO I NEED TO BOOK BY?

The sooner the better, places are limited and bookings close on 10th February 2008.

NEED MORE INFORMATION:

For more information visit www.bogongroverchalet.org.au, email bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au, or contact Luke or Linda Moore on 03) 9737 0094

Accommodation and Meals:

	Adults	Students 5 - 16 y/old	Children 2 - 5 y/old	Children < 2y/old
3 Nights – 7 Meals Late Friday night (no meal) to Monday Breakfast	___ @ \$175	___ @ \$165	___ @ \$85	___ @ \$0
2 Nights – 5 Meals Late Friday night (no meal) to Sunday Lunch or Saturday afternoon to Monday Breakfast <i>Please indicate arrival and departure</i>	___ @ \$125	___ @ \$120	___ @ \$60	___ @ \$0
1 Night – 3 Meals Saturday afternoon to Sunday Lunch	___ @ \$80	___ @ \$70	___ @ \$45	___ @ \$0
Total Accommodation Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$0

Expected arrival time at Howman's Gap: _____

Extra Meals:

Meal	How Many	Cost p/p	Total Cost
Dinner Friday Night		\$12	
Lunch Saturday (<i>only if arriving Saturday</i>)		\$8.50	
Lunch Monday		\$8.50	
Total Extra Meals Cost			\$

Optional Activities Requiring pre-booking

Activity	How Many People	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
Mountain Bike Hire BYO Bike Helmet		\$27.50/day	\$
Mountain Bike Ride From Falls creek to Howman's Gap Via Road 24		Free	
Day Walk From Shannonvale to the Chalet – Saturday		Free	
Giant Swing 1.5hr activity		\$6.60	\$
Rock Climbing Wall 1.5hr activity		\$6.60	\$
Abseiling ½ day activity		\$20	\$
High Ropes Course 1.5hr activity		\$6.60	\$
Archery 1.5hr activity		\$6.60	\$
Challenge Course 1.5hr activity		\$6.60	\$
Total Activities Cost			\$

Total Cost:

Total Accommodation Cost	\$
Total Extra Meals Cost	\$
Total Activities Cost	\$
Total Cost of Booking:	\$

Please Make Cheques Payable to: Victorian Rovers

Post Bookings Form and Payment to:

Alpine Rover Crew
c/o 36 Hawkins Rd
Montrose, Vic 3765

Address Update:

Have you changed your address or do you have an email address? Help us keep track of our Alpine Rover Crew by completing the form below and post this entire page (including old address label) to the above address. If you are receiving the bulletin via post, and would like to receive it by email, send your email address to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

Name:
Address:
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Town:
Postcode:
Email Address:

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2008 Bookings Forms:

Winter Party, Snow Venture, Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend & 75th Anniversary of Rover Skiing Weekend are now available for download at www.bogongroverchalet.org.au. Winter Party Bookings Open 1st January and the Early Bird rate ends on 30th April. Get your forms in early to save a few dollars and help the Management Group plan for winter.

