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HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY NEW START

By AMY GRAHAM, TARA ROYSTON and SETH LOCKWOOD
Photos HANNAH TOOLEY AND VANESSA HAM

After a crazy two years, VicJam is ready to launch us into an awesome 2022 and a fresh start for everyone.

The new year is certainly looking up, particularly for Scouts starting high school - a new phase of their life with more freedoms and opportunities.

Chloe and Emma of Unit 220 are excited to make new friends and gain more independence, including walking to school. Chloe is especially excited for the opportunity to attend a New Zealand Jamboree.

Ollie Pateras, the VicJam Unit Leader, is starting university in 2022. "Stress less, don't

worry what other people think," are his words of advice on getting the most out of 2022.

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Daniella Taglieri, says to "find the joy and beauty in every moment." Kara Barker from the Welfare team also offers some advice. "Get out and about and live every moment to the fullest."

From badges to activities, concerts to off-site expeditions, memories to friendships, VicJam is a fantastic way to kick off the year. Thanks for a New Year's we'll never forget and here's to an amazing 2022!



A New Start for Cobargo in 2022

By GAVIN WHITE
Photo MELANIE SOKLEVSKI

Two years ago, Cobargo, NSW, was hit hard, losing 70 homes as bushfires swept across eastern Australia.

Three Scouts and a Leader at 1st Cobargo lost their homes. Their Group gear was all destroyed, except one tent.

Leader Louise Allery says: "There wouldn't be a Scout... who wasn't evacuated or threatened with evacuation."

Unit 238 are now looking forward to better times.

"I can just relax. I have a bunch of friends here," says Eva.

"It's a chance to try new things," says Lucinda.

They are at VicJam thanks to a grant from Bendigo Bank, while "Porsche fanatics" donated each Scout camping gear.

For 1st Cobargo, Scouting has shown its real value, a point of stability and certainty in an uncertain and changing world.

Leader Matthew Farran says: "1st Cobargo are like a family. We all look out for each other."



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Email stories, photos and questions for DLC to: dlc@vicjam.com.au

Mission Critical Info



WHAT'S ON

tonight

VicJam Arena
7:30 pm Mystery Guest Artist, supported by 'Teenage Dads'

Club EXP

7:45 pm Movie: Sonic the Hedgehog
Village Green
7 pm VicJam Radio Night Shift: Badge Club open

tomorrow

Activity Departures (Last Bus)
(Lunch pickup, 30 minutes before departure)

7:30 am Bicycle Adventure, Underground Adventures, Climate Captains

7:45 am Rock Climbing, Amazing Race
8 am Echuca Explorer (Units 101-204)
8:15 am Hiking & Biking
8:30 am Paddle Away
8:45 am Funfields (Units 101-142)
9 am Funfields (Units 201-246)
9:15 am Ski, Swim & Skim
9:30 am Echuca Explorer (Units 205-246); Village Green

8- 9 am Coffee and food trucks open
9 am - 6 pm Scout Shop
10 am - 9:30 pm My World - chill out zone.
10 am Heritage and Badge Club open
10 am Uniting Church Christian Service (Youth Forum building)
5 pm Scouts' Own (Youth Forum building)

tomorrow night

VicJam Arena
7:30 pm LOLs - Class Clowns and Raw Comedy Winners 2021

Club EXP
7:45 pm Movie: Moana

WEATHER



or not?

Ballarat: Scattered showers, a top of 31
Echuca: Strong breeze, a top of 39
Melbourne: Mostly sunny, a top of 26
Caveat: Scattered showers, a top of 32
Torrumbarry: Partly cloudy, a top of 39

Legend of Zelda weather - Hyrule: High winds, late thunder and lightning, a top of 23

Elmore today

Hot and mostly Sunny, top of 39.

Elmore tomorrow

Strong breeze, partly cloudy, top of 39, low of 14

Bendigo: Light breeze and partly cloudy, a top of 37

Reflections -

A reflection for nighttime

The night is for stillness. Let us be still

It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of its peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. (Adapted from: A New Zealand Prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

VOX POP

Best Hacks to beat the heat
By TARA ROYSTON
Photos CADEL MCCOLL



Ezra, Unit 208

Cover yourself in mud!



Nic, Unit 212

Fill your hat with water



Yuka, Unit 109

Get a water dispenser and cover yourself with water



Tyrak, Unit 109

Get a water bottle and squirt it all over your face



Ben, Unit 104

Pour your water bottle all over your head



Seb, Unit 104

Stay out of your tent



Fame has gone to Daily Doggo's head!

Huey from the Scout Shop was spotted lifting a leg to mark his territory - on a flag - before walking off like he owns the site.

ECHUCA EXPLORER

By AMY GRAHAM
Photos LACEY EWENSON

Scouts have been kicking off their action-packed VicJam with off-site adventures in Echuca.

Scouts from Unit 140 started off the day with a visit to the Moama Bakery for milkshakes. Others flocked to the Port Ice Cream Shop to try and beat the heat. The Echuca Chocolate Company also saw

a lot of Scouts visit. The historic Port of Echuca held a lot of historical sites and landmarks around the town. In the museum, Scouts read about the history of Echuca and paddle steamers on the Murray River. "We have only just arrived and are already having fun," said some enthusiastic Scouts from Unit 208.

Most Scouts agree the highlight of the day was the

paddle steamer. "Looking in the engine room was really cool. We saw other boats too," said some Scouts after their ride. "Lots of people waved to us." Although it was a lot of walking, it was a lot of fun. Scouts heading back to camp will sleep well tonight.



2022 Resolutions

Story and photos by LACEY EWENSON

We stalked and surveyed some notorious VicJam personalities and have gathered their resolutions to improve their 2022. Do you think they will be able to make them stick? From left, top row to bottom row

1. Keego - The Newspaper Boy
"To not be delivering newspapers for the next three years."
2. Eli - State Leader Venturers
"For Venturers to grow as a section and to drink oat milk every day of the year."
3. Kate Cooke - Supermarket Supervisor
"To use the flying fox at least once before the end of VicJam."
4. Matt Ellis - Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth
"2022 is all about our Youth! Action, adventure, and everything they want to do. This is their year and I'm here to support them every step of the way!"
5. Trevor Howlett - Q-Store
"I want all my stuff back"
6. Honey - Welfare Doggo
"To be the goodest doggo."
7. Rohan Lambert - Venturer Subcamp
"To re-live my Venturing life and to find out what discord is."
8. Kieron Younger - Victorian Rover Chairman
"To meet as many young Rovers as possible while at VicJam!"
9. Wendy Byrnes - District Commissioner Nillumbik
"Teach my husband, Rod, how to pack for camp."



Water World

By TARA ROYSTON
Photos YODA & RYAN HOLMES

Water world is one of the many exciting worlds at VicJam.

Some of the activities include magnet fishing and three awesome water slides. Olivia from Unit 142 said "The slides were really good, especially on a hot day." The Scouts enjoyed cooling down in these water activities. There were also mud pits and mud run courses. Makayla from Unit 110 said "The mud pit was very fun" and Cameron from Unit 114 said "The mud was very warm." Lexi from Unit 213 described Water World as "squelchy, splashy, and hot." The Scouts very much enjoyed this activity, with Seb from unit 114 calling it the "best activity yet!"



The Name Of The Game: BABBA

By BREE INGRAM
Photos SETH LOCKWOOD, RYAN HOLMES, & TED HUGHES

Mamma Mia! The BABBA show left the Scouts with Angel eyes. There was no need to call SOS as they took to the stage, though it was a slow trickle of Scouts into the arena at first, they took a chance on BABBA and by the end, over 300 Scouts and Venturers were

rocking out to the Swedish legends tunes. BABBA kept the audience entertained all evening, and at the end were thanked

for the music with much gusto. The band were all Super Troupers for staying on stage for so long, but before long all was said and

done. Michael, the lead singer, even thanked his past Scout Leader, Jon Willis. It was a great night filled with Dancing Queens!



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ABOVE: 116's CFS fire fighting equipment. Not paddling pools. Definitely not. RIGHT: 241 are Jedi Scouts.



ABOVE: 223's Panda-monium gateway.
ABOVE RIGHT: 224's nautical Wombat theme.



ABOVE: 116's Next Level® gateway. BELOW LEFT: 118's check-in surfboard.
BELOW RIGHT: 228 make good use of their pallets.



ABOVE: 103's gateway in the sunset. BELOW: Charli and Jenna of 202 christen their washstand.



TOP LEFT: Cohan of 106 with their camp washing machine. TOP RIGHT: 222's burger gateway. CENTRE: Unit 235 'The Ducks'. BOTTOM LEFT: 102's wash stand. Old school! BOTTOM RIGHT: Phoebe and Benjamin with 105's mascot.



BELOW: Samuel, Zach, Emma, Chloe and Oti of 220 constructing their gateway.
BELOW RIGHT: the Unit 128 Dropbears.



VicJam Easter Eggs



DESIGNER RADARS READY

By MELANIE SOKLEVSKI

1. Unit 226, Ella's creation, 'J-jefferson' won the Unit 226 t-shirt design competition from a field of 8 by popular vote. Ella modelled her winning design at the Unit 226 shakedown camp.

2. Unit 244, 'Rainbow Chameleon' was designed by Georgia. Georgia said: "Chameleons can change into any colour so I drew a rainbow chameleon."

3. Unit 207: Nathaniel originally drew four wombats with each wearing a scarf of one of the home units. There were actually five scarves required. "I stuck the last one on the back," said Nathaniel.

4. Unit 215, Freya says she was "doodling randomly," when she came up with the monster design for Unit 215's shirt. The Unit hasn't yet agreed on their

monster's name, so for now, it's 'Insert Name Here.'

5. Unit 224, 'Green Wombat' - was a design collaboration. Amber designed the front logo while Ella and Naomi co-designed the back.

6. Unit 237, Stephanie designed the winning badge for the sleeve of their shirt. Five runners up are also featured on the shirt.



Briefs

Story and Photo by ADAM PATCHING

The Police Scouters Victoria have made a special VicJam badge, this can be purchased for \$6 at the Scout Shop. All proceeds help fund projects for Scouts Victoria. Meet the Police Scouters, and show off your badge, at the front gate near the abseiling tower.



Celebrate the new year • Uniting Church Christian Service, 10am, today. Join Rev. Brian and Desri Morgan of the Uniting Church for a celebration of faith including music, and prayer. All Scouts, Venturers and Leaders welcome.

• A Scouts' Own will be held at 5pm, today. A Scouts' Own is a short inspirational and informal ceremony time reflection, for expressing gratitude and being true to your spiritual beliefs. All welcome.

Overnight Expeditions for Scouts start tomorrow. Check JamStan and the website for very important tips and other facts.

Lost property? Start with your Sub-camp as stuff is sent there where possible. Otherwise check at Admin. Valuable stuff like phones and cameras is kept locked up at Admin. Seriously, they have new iPhones!

Broken your water bottle? Wrecked the lanyard on your ID? Please talk with your Leaders or friends. They'll work something out.

Daily Doggo

Arya - the loyal assistance dog

By HANNAH TOOLEY
Photo VANESSA HAM

Arya is a beautiful 5-month-old Australian Shepherd. She assists 13 year old Mason, who has low blood sugar.

Arya is in training to help Mason stay awake by nudging him on the cheek. Arya is also training to be a therapy and wellbeing dog!

She is always free for pats and cuddles, but make sure to ask her owner first, or if she's sleeping, then you can admire her from a distance and come back later. She is a puppy and needs her sleep.

Arya requires positive pats only, after all she is pretty fluffy.



People have been putting dirty clothes in the washing machine. It's for Leaders only!

My World - A Place to Chill

By AMY GRAHAM
Photos HANNAH TOOLEY

Sometimes the fun and heat of VicJam calls for a place to chill out. My World has everyone covered: Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders alike.

You cannot miss My World's rainbow banners and signs in the Village Green. You can come in any time from 10am-9pm to enjoy games, books, a mini-arcade, sports equipment, and a place to relax.

Bring along your ID if you would like to borrow books to take back to your campsite. Please take good care of them and return them before the end of VicJam.



Ask the Moderator

Which are better, cats or dogs?
Olive, Unit 142
Depends how you cook them.

I ate a bug. Am I going to die?
Jayden, Unit 204
Yes, eventually. We all are.

What makes Scouts better than other activities?
Hannah, Unit 142
People like you. Seriously.

Why were there so many fireworks? Was it to scare us?
Beau, Unit 246
No, just you. The fireworks that we saw were quite friendly.

How many Jamborees have been held in Victoria?
Hannah, Unit 130
1935, 1949, 1956, 1965, 1977, 1992, 2007, 2022 ... that's about 15,803 so far.

Can you order a bound copy of all the DLC editions?
Paul, Unit 210
Excellent question, Paul. The souvenir copy is the only place to get the bonus 10th edition (closing ceremony, packing up, moving out). Just \$29.99 at your home two weeks after VicJam. Order online at www.scoutshop.com.au/t/VicJam/vicjam-merchandise

Why do we feel heat?
Pepper, Unit 226
Because it's hot.

Why am I not in the newspaper yet?
Darcy, Unit 137
But you are. Just now.

What happens if I break my arm?
Riley, Unit 226
No idea. Let us know how it goes.

How do you clean the toilet?
Errin, Unit 238
I usually ask the Leaders to do it.

Have you tried the tuna and capsicum sandwich from lunch mart?
Cleo, Unit 421
Those wraps are delicious. My favourite is the caviar in truffle oil one.

What happens if I microwave a frog?
Felix, Unit 226
It'd probably get pretty angry.

1. Where does the water come from? 2. Why is it cloudy?
Nathan, Unit 206
1. Clouds. 2. Isn't it obvious?

How many toilets are there?
Bella, Unit 206
All is know is: if all toilets at VicJam were laid end to end, they'd probably stay there.

What will happen on New Year's Eve?
Romy, Unit 130
Looking back in time, through my crystal ball, I'd say we had a DJ, fireworks, and more music, games and more fireworks.

Why is VicJam so GOOD?!
Cormac, Unit 105
I think it's because Phillip Island Scouts are here.

How many Jamborees have there been?
Zara, Unit 119
The first was in 1920, and most countries hold them every three years, and there are 196 countries in Scouting, so roughly about 2.5 billion. (But this is the best.)

What activities are available in our free time?
Nicholas, Unit 123
On a hot day I'd chill out at My World.

How far can something go up straight?
Tyler, Unit 119
Rockets start straight then do a gravity turn. A lynx can jump straight up 2 metres. And a PCR test goes 2-3 centimetres straight up your nose.

Why are the port-a-loos so dirty?
Edward, Unit 105
Scouts.

How does the Scout Shop have so much stuff?
Ryan, Venturer
Because it's a shop.

How much coffee is too much coffee?
Cadel, Unit 223
Hard to say. How much chocolate is too much chocolate?

How many Scouts are at VicJam?
Brianna, Unit 242
2899 and you.

How many trees are on the site?
Rod Byrnes
Questions about trees go to State Commissioner - Environment Laurence Williams.

What are the best toppings for a raw spud?
Liam, Unit 213
Raw cheese, raw sour cream, raw tuna, raw capsicum...

How many children are in Victoria?
Zahra, Unit 119
When Victorian kids briefly stood still for the 2016 Census, we counted 1,437,254.

Send your questions, news and photos to dlc@vicjam.com.au
Or drop in to the offices of DLC.

Fantastic Welfare and where to find them

By BREE INGRAM
Photo VANESSA HAM

The VicJam Welfare tent is open to any Scouts that are feeling overwhelmed or unsafe at VicJam.

They are a team of 14 experienced leaders and they are here to help you if you have any concerns about VicJam. The station is open as required, which means there will be someone to help you no matter what time you need it - 24/7.

If you feel you need to check in with the Welfare team, you will find them past First Aid, next to Admin. "Our highest priority is making sure everyone feels safe and has a great time."
- Wombat, head of Welfare.



Make your stop at the Scout Shop

By GILL CARTER
Photos LACEY EWENSON

VicJam has the biggest Scout Shop yet at any Australian Scouting event, including the World Jamboree.

Ross Elliott, General Manager - Merchandise, has been busy stocking thousands of badges, shirts, scarves, bags, and other items.

If there's an item you've forgotten, chances are Ross and his team have it: shampoo, conditioner, soap, lip balm, sunscreen, deodorant, sunglasses, hats, and much more.

There are also plenty of great gifts for friends and family such as jams, chutney and sauces made by farmers in the local area.

Another first is the VicJam powerbank which can be swapped for a fully charged one as often as needed.

You can 'skip the queue' by ordering online and then collecting your order. Ross hopes that it will cut down on waiting times and congestion in the store.

The Scout Shop is also the only public tent on site with air conditioning. "That will definitely increase sales," says Ross.



The Scout Shop team in training



Ross Elliot leads the Scout Shop

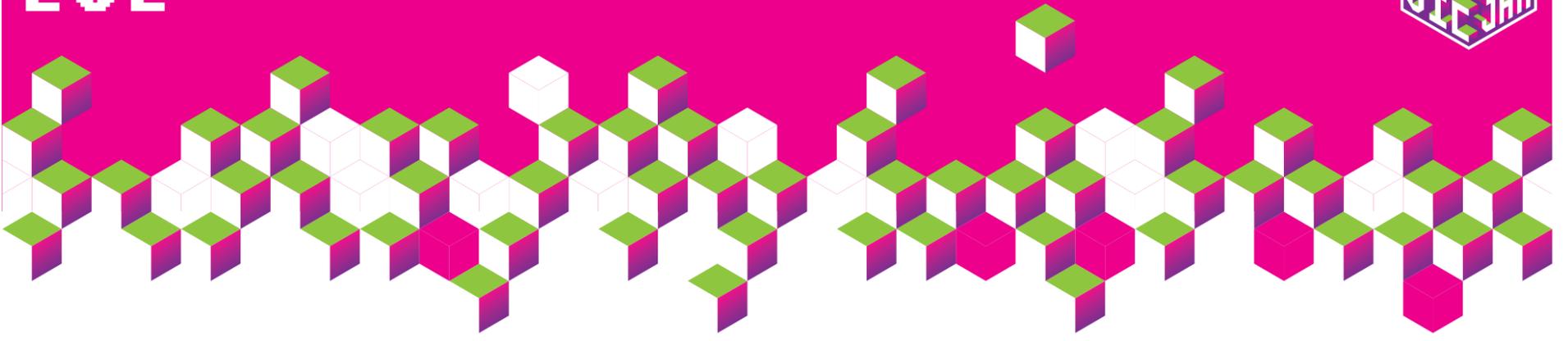
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6 PEOPLE WHO

Have equipped cosmetic skins.

By TARA ROYSTON & IZZY LIU
Photos VANESSA HAM & CADEL McCOLL



Joshua, Venturer

In a tradition since last AJ, Joshua continues to wear his panda hat in the extreme heat.



Benny (Michael)

Feeling the beat from the tambourine, oh yeah



Wendy, Unit 109

Wendy was dared to sleep encased in the box. Now they're making a sad trip to dispose of it in recycling.



Ryan & Lucas, Unit 119

Ryan and Lucas love hot pink, therefore compelling them to tell the whole of VicJam by dying their hair.



Dakota Stuchbery, Unit 301

Dakota was embracing the VicJam spirit as they dyed their hair purple to match the main colour of the event.



Harrison, Aiden, Cara, Venturers

To become emotionally connected they tied rope to their wrists seeing who would last the longest.

Grass at VicJam?

By CADEL McCOLL

Believe it or not, grass once lived and thrived at Elmore. It sounds crazy, but it's true and there is proof.

What is even more insane is that, believe it or not, Elmore still has grass! It may not be much, but the patch of grass next to the ice cream van is still surviving. Not only that, there are also a few more spots around the site where grass may be spotted.

Keep your eye out and you may be lucky.



Overheard in The Village

"Baked potato!"

Kid 1: "Did a bird poop on you?"

Kid 2: "No it's just a lump of toothpaste"

Kid 1: "How did you get toothpaste on your head?!"

"I spent all my money on badges"

Isabella: "Who is the Chief Commissioner?"

Rod Byrnes: "Who is Isabella?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



for...

today

Turning 13

Ben, Unit 226

Oriane, Unit 205

Taylor, Unit 141

Turning 14

Harvey, Unit 222

Jack, Unit 201

Sebastian, Unit 128

Turning 18+

Khoa Ngo,

Transport

Samuel Thomas, Entertainment

tomorrow

Turning 12

Aemaeth, Unit 207

Morgan, Unit 117

Otis, Unit 220

Turning 13

Hugo, Unit 119

Max, Unit 135

Turning 14

Danny, Unit 204

Turning 16

Kooper, Program: Vertical World

Turning 18+

Jan Sanders, Program: Amazing Race

Peter Tipping, Program: Paddle Away

If you ordered Sub-camp badges, they're now ready for pick up. There is a small quantity available at \$4 each.

Mission Log #3:

By CAMP_CRASHER_22

What a night! It's a new year and there's a limited time event running to celebrate. It kicked off last night with a huge party, and today is an Open Beta where heaps of NPCs (Non-Player Characters) have swarmed the map to check out the mission sites.

It was bizarre to see the masses of players with their mission shirts equipped mixed in with the plain clothed noobs for the Beta. Every player got to claim some in-game currency to spend in the market sale. It was mostly rad cosmetic add ons designed by other players, it's cool having so many extra customisation options now!

BELOW: Sub-camp 2 is at the edge of the world. Photo ANDREW "YODA" McGRAIL

