

Done!
Let's
Celebrate!



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Looking back on VicJam

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Photos HANNAH TOOLEY

Over the past 10 days, everyone has made memories that will last a lifetime.
We leave tomorrow with mixed emotions.

HOME: What we're looking forward to?

Seeing family again
Playing with our pets again
Seeing buildings and civilisation
Sharing all the memories we've made with people back home
The clean feeling of no dust on you and in your eyes
A clean, warm shower
Being able to eat junk food whenever you want
Escaping the heat by being inside, with air conditioning
Sitting down, watching TV and playing video games all day
Food that's 90% less likely to be poisoned

VICJAM: What we'll miss

The independence of living without parents
The freedom to roam around the campsite
The VicJam community, including all the new and different friends we have made
Spending time outside
The opportunity to participate in amazing, unique activities
Enjoying the amazing night entertainment and concerts
Learning valuable life skills
Living with 40 other people
Staying up late with friends

For many of us this is the biggest event we've ever been to, and we're sure we'll never forget VicJam.

See Page 3 for a parent's view.



Peg boy

Story and Photo
MELANIE SOKLEVSKI

Peg Boy, also known as Archer from Unit 129, is returning the Unit-number pegs he finds around the camp.

He returned a peg to Unit 206 and was rewarded with a badge. Archer isn't doing it for the reward but is enjoying making his way around the camp, meeting people and ensuring the pegs find their way home.

It may not be quite the intended purpose of the pegs, but we think it's a great way to meet people.



Archer returning a peg to Unit 206

Why Venturers are here at VicJam...

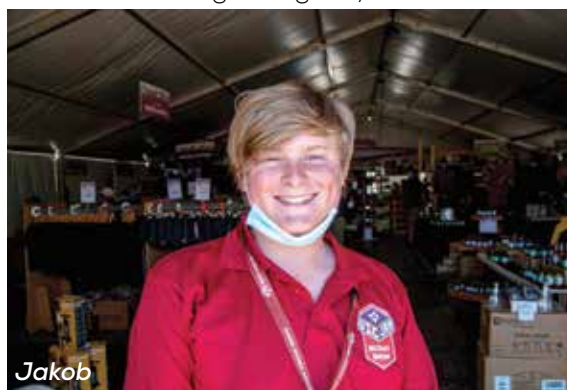
By AMELIA COLLINS
Photos SETH LOCKWOOD

"It's a cool experience to use professional gear and get to work with people in the industry," Bjorn from Radio explained, along with the privilege that came with it. "It's a great excuse to get into activities."

"I mainly came to get working and get my service and experience up," said Jakob from Scout Shop.

Will from Our World had never been to a Jamboree! "I thought I might try it out," he said.

"I decided to come to VicJam because I loved the newspaper when I was a Scout and really wanted to work on the team," said Bree. "It's so cool to get to see VicJam from a completely different angle."



Jakob



Bjorn



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Mission Critical Info



WHAT'S ON tonight

VicJam Arena
7.30 pm Closing Ceremony

tomorrow

Village Green
9 am – 12 noon Scout Shop:
for Click and Collect

tomorrow night

Your place
Your bathroom, your kitchen, your bedroom

Elmore

Cleanup, packdown, and for a few more weeks

Saying goodbye

So we're nearly done and soon be time to say goodbye. Sometimes it's hard to say goodbye to someone who you've shared such a great experience with, especially if you won't see them again for some time. Try to be in the present moment with the person you are saying goodbye to. Look them in the eye and listen to the sound of their voice. As you say goodbye, really listen to what the other person says. Use the goodbye as a moment of gratitude and a moment of reflection. What are you grateful for from your interaction with this person? What are you taking with you? Take a few deep breaths as you reflect on your gratitude.

WEATHER or not?



Elmore today
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, a top of 31

Elmore tomorrow
Partly cloudy, a top of 27

Bendigo:
Partly cloudy, a top of 27

Echuca:
Partly cloudy, a top of 29

Mildura:
Partly cloudy, a top of 31

Rainbow:
Partly cloudy, a top of 29

Yarrawonga:
Possible shower, a top of 30

Bairnsdale:
Shower or two, a top of 25

Skellige Isles:
Showers, a top of 10

VOX POP

What are you taking home from VicJam?

Words and Photos by SETH LOCKWOOD and CADEL McCOLL



Ollie, Unit 108
A sleeping bag full of grapes.



Oscar, Unit 109
One singular Splat ball.



Luis, Unit
J-Bucks to bribe police with.



Jamison, Unit 122
A jar of dirt



Cooper, Unit 202
A pink flamingo couch.



Imogen, Unit 121
A functioning brain.

Fire fighters

The on-site fire station at VicJam even has a big Red Fire truck! Plus seven firefighters on shift 24 hours a day, and six others fulfilling various other roles on site.

We are all Scouting members. Most of us are Leaders or in Fellowship and are firefighters with the Country Fire Authority, Fire Rescue Victoria or Forest Fire Management Victoria.

So far during VicJam, we have been called to quite a few fires and incidents, from grass fires following the fireworks, gas leaks and overheating battery packs (don't worry, the Units supplied by the Scout Shop are safe!)

Chris Eagle, our Fire Team Manager, explained: "We'd like to remind Units to check their gas fittings and hoses. After two years in storage they degrade and have been a source of a few incidents during VicJam."

"Being prepared with fire extinguishers,



fire blankets and buckets of water has helped reduce damage and serious injuries," Chris added.

If you have any emergency, contact our EMC on 03 4416 3801 and the relevant team can be responded to help – day or night.

Chris explained that Scouts and Emergency Services have common values: "It was great to see so many Scouts stepping up during the recent storm event to help out their fellow Unit neighbours. Helping others is a value we share between Scouts and Emergency Services."



The view from home – from a mum

Dear Scouts – from your loving parents :)

Please do not bring home clothes that you will never wear again. Please do not bring home the clothes that we sent for you to leave in a bin.

Please check your tent and bring home your clothes – and not those of the dozen friends that have visited you. Please help your Unit tidy up.

Please remember that your amazing Leaders are using their annual leave to be here with you. Some of them are away from their own families and many of them do not even have children on VicJam with them.

Please remember that everyone is tired and not just you – adults and kids alike. Be calm, kind, tolerant and sensitive to others.

Please continue to have an absolutely amazing time. Please continue to grow in your maturity, independence and resilience. Please cherish every last moment of VicJam – enjoy the shows, movies, card games, activities and friendships. Enjoy the cooking, tidying, tent making and Duty Patrols. You will look back and remember forever what an awesome summer you had in Elmore, 2021-22.

And when you get home off that bus, give your families the biggest hug of your life. You will have been missed and they will be excited to have you home and hear all about your adventures.

And then help with that washing. (Now see why you shouldn't bring home the things you aren't going to wear again?)

Love – a Mum looking forward to seeing her Scouts on Saturday



Out of order!

By ALEX, Unit 213

The wind that terrorised camp has affected lots of things. It has blown many tents into oblivion, caused people to have to work hard to get from one camp to another. But what's hurt more people is the closure



of many services. It had closed the Youth Forum so you cannot have your say, it has closed the Peters stand so you cannot have your daily Maxibon (sorry all Maxibon addicts) and suspended VicJam radio (107.3) and now it just had a repeating "we are temporarily suspended" message on repeat. It has also moved the entertainment from VicJam Arena to Tech World.

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Tech World in action

By COLLETT LARK

Photos IAN WOFF and AYSHIA BEEKMAN

Scouts at Tech World are having a blast experiencing all things technology.

From driving robots to learning how to fly a drone, our scouts are gaining XP and levelling up in skill.

Using robots to play a game called Robbing the Nest, Matthew of Unit 228 said "getting the blocks back to our goal was a challenge", whereas Cameron said he "really enjoyed flying the drone" through the hoops.



Top: Drone Flying – through the hoops, Cameron, Unit 114
Bottom: Robot game: Robbing the nest strategy Matthew, Unit 228.

The Last Great First

By GAVIN WHITE and ADAM PATCHING

Photos ADAM PATCHING

Jenson and Toby, from Unit 236, make a great team.

Jenson dragged Toby about 200 metres in 27 degree heat in under 10 minutes to get a taste of what it feels like to drag a sled wearing a harness.

The Last Great First expedition will soon be doing the same thing across Antarctica – only for a bit longer and in a lot colder conditions.

Dr Gareth Andrews, preparing for the Last Great First expedition is an anaesthetist and a former Scout.

He credits Scouting as a major reason for his success, both as an anaesthetist and an adventurer.

"When you're faced with a problem, you

think 'I've been there before, I'm confident of my skillset, I know what to do'. You can only do that with experience, and the first time I experienced a lot of those things was in Scouts."

"To be an anaesthetist you have to be resilient, you have to be committed, you have to be kind, you have to be able to work in a team. Those are all things I learned when I was a Scout."

He thinks the Patrol System is vital. "If you're navigating a crevasse field or working in a trauma situation, if you trust your teammates' ability, treat them with respect, and kindness is part of respect, then it's much easier."



Scouts Jenson and Toby from Unit 236 pulling a makeshift sled

We Levelled Up!



The collage consists of 30 hexagonal photographs arranged in a honeycomb pattern. The photos depict students in various outdoor settings and activities. Many students are wearing purple shirts, green hats, and life jackets. Some are kayaking on a river, while others are posing for portraits, wearing hats, or holding up signs. The overall theme is outdoor adventure and team spirit.

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JAYNE TRAVAN, ADAM PATCHING,
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VicJam Easter Eggs

Hidden things we've noticed around the camp

scOUT and ABOUT

By GAVIN WHITE
Photos ANDREW 'YODA' McGRAIL

In Bendigo this week, there are Scouts as far as the eye can see.

Whether it's the Bendigo Discovery Centre, Central Deborah Goldmine, historic tram or just relaxing in the park, everywhere you look there's another group of Scouts.

Some of them have been in town for the Amazing Race, where Patrols worked together to solve puzzles from Bendigo to Melbourne. Others have been in town as a rough weather alternative to the Hiking & Biking activity.

The visibility of Scouts in Bendigo, Echuca and other towns helps to show the public that Scouting is in good health.

Program Leader Emile said: "The kids are loving it and having a grand old time wandering the town".



Hunting for Aliens

Story and Photo MELANIE SOKLEVSKI

"We were able to communicate with the aliens," says Aaron from Unit 221.

Aaron had just finished a round of fox hunting with fellow Scouts, Eli (Unit 221) and Jesse (Unit 203).

Fox hunting involves "holding a weird thing that looks like a satellite or the ISS," says Eli. Using a directional antenna, Scouts are able to locate hidden transmitters around VicJam.

Jesse says it is a game that is "great for all locations". It's similar to skills used in search

and rescue when locating an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB).

At the amateur radio base, VI3JAM, Scouts have used the amateur radio kits, loaned by ICOM Australia, to talk to other amateur radio enthusiasts from New South Wales, South Australia,

Queensland, New Zealand and Victoria so far. They use WSPRNet to see which stations around the world are listening to the 5W signal being broadcast by VI3JAM.

Scouts are ported around the world using KiwiSDR to listen to foreign radio

stations in places like Japan, Finland and Germany. (Check it out at home: <http://kiwisdr.com/public/>) Scouts also race their image transmitting from Tech World using slow-scan TV, practise Morse code skills or make a Milo tin antenna.



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Headspace visits Venturers

By LACEY EWENSON
Photos CADEL MCCOLL and SETH LOCKWOOD

On Wednesday Venturers welcomed Headspace to their Sub-camp.

Haylee from Bendigo Headspace told the story of the young man she had met many years ago and how she helped him. She explained how he was a troubled youth who didn't go to school and didn't fit in - until Headspace began to help him.

He is now on his way to becoming a social worker so that he can help other young people who struggle with

mental health like he did.

Through this visit, Haylee and her team provided a safe space for the Venturers to ask questions and gave them some important resources that might help them. The Venturers had a chance to find out more about themselves and where to find help if they need it.

If anyone is struggling with mental health, or anything else, the friendly team at Headspace would love to help. Get in touch with them through their website headspace.org.au. And, in case no one else has told you today, it's okay not to feel okay, and we're proud of you.



Leaders Level Up

Story and Photo AYSHIA BEEKMAN

Sites and Services Venturer Sunny was tasked with the job of helping patch up some tears in Unit 112's marquees.

While using the ladder to reach the higher spots, Unit Leader Nick Molnar became Sunny's apprentice. Nick climbed the ladder to repair the tears while Sunny supervised and directed his assistant. "I learnt two things," said Nick. "Safety first and cable ties are very useful."

Sunny really helped Nick take things to the Next Level.



Hi, I'm the Mutant Camel.

I'm VicJam's mascot, and DLC have asked me for a few words.

I don't think they know how difficult it is to type with hooves.

I've had a great time at VicJam! The weather has mostly been well-suited to camels - lots of dust and just a little bit of rain.

Tom of Unit 142 says the original "mutant camel" was a Scout Patrol about 30 years ago.

They decided to use "Mutant Camel" as the name of a new Patrol used to promote AJ2022, which of course shifted to being used for VicJam.

Tom was in this new Patrol, and says that the idea was that the Mutant Camels would be like the "ideal Patrol - it's what everyone should be doing".

Of course you can't have a Patrol without mascot, so when I heard they were looking I rushed to put my hoof up for the job. I was sure I stood a good chance. After all, I'm the only Mutant Camel I know, and there can't be too many of us out there.

Some people think that, because I only have one hump, I'm really a dromedary. I find that deeply insensitive - just because I look like a dromedary doesn't mean that's who I am. I'm proud to be a Mutant Camel, and I love being the VicJam mascot.



Ask the Moderator

How high were the wind speeds today?

Nic, Unit 122
You're right. That's ridiculous. It should be at least \$50.

Blake, Unit 211
Ask the gazebos.

How do you describe a colour?

Cody, Unit 134
I use interpretive dance and semaphore flags.

Who let the Cubs in?

Ty, 122
We blame the bus drivers who brought them here.

Is it edible?

Renee, 202
How long was it on the floor?

Why doesn't DLC get a sport section and crossword?

Renee, Unit 202
Why isn't there a crossword in the newspaper?

Jenna, Unit 202
Is this a synchronised attack? Are you trying to cancel me?

How long does it take to get to space?

Jack, Cub 3rd
Ballarat
A few minutes by rocket. Two hours by V-Line. (But check your myki.)

What is the best place to cool down?

Oscar, Unit 109
I sleep in an Esky.

Why is a hat \$20??

Nic, Unit 122
You're right. That's ridiculous. It should be at least \$50.

How is corn made?

Charli, 202
Cans of corn are opened, dried, then stuck to corn stalks.

Everyone asks who is the moderator, but nobody asks how is the moderator.

Nat, Unit 106
That is so kind. How are you? Just kidding. Don't care.

How long should I sleep?

Harry, Unit 134
What's sleep?

How long did it take the furthest travellers to get here?

Leopold, Cub 47
million light years. They did a lot of badgework on the way.

Should I eat sea pickles?

Rue, Unit 202
Do you mean gelatinous pyrosomes or the Minecraft block? Doesn't matter. No.

Why are there no cows in the campsites?

Cooo, Unit 134
The cow was the symbol of Sub-camp 3, but we don't talk about Sub-camp 3.

What is your least favourite thing about VicJam?

Angus, Unit 121
Buggy rage.

Why don't women's pants have proper pockets?

Jenna, Unit 202
Because the Scout Shop forgot.

Why is dirt so dirty?

Charli, Unit 202
Have you tried Windex?

Can you ever win 'the game'?

Amy, Unit 212
I lost the game.

Can I trade Cubs for badges?

Henry, Unit 233
Yes, but you'd only get very small badges.

Isn't it weird that we have fingertips but not toetips, but we tiptoe but don't tipfinger?

Aaron, Unit 202
Great question, Aaron. Please go to Welfare immediately.

Why was the Radio suspended on January 5?

Alex, Unit 213
They ran out of Taylor Swift.

What was the worst inquiry at First Aid?

Mikayla, 202
Why do you want to put a rat up my nose?

What made you want to do Scouting?

Grace, Unit 227
My plan for world domination starts as an Assistant Joey Scout Leader.

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

Climate Captains is a winner!

There have been rave reviews for Climate Captains, the surprise hit of VicJam.

Rylee, Natasha and Marissa from Unit 234 said it's their favourite activity so far.

R: It wasn't picking up rubbish and planting trees like we thought.

M: We actually got to learn crazy amounts of cool stuff.

N: About science and nature.

R: Being in nature was really de-stressing.

M: Except for the moths the size of our hand.

R: There was a chillout zone with incredible couches.

N: And we got to chill in the Goulburn River.

M: One of the really good things is that it was really inclusive. Lots of different activities.

M: The hydrogen rockets were a lot of fun because you got to experiment with different amounts of hydrogen, and oxygen, and water.

R: We got to see atoms separated to drive a hydrogen car.

M: It was a miniature toy car but there was also a real electric car, powered by hydrogen.

N: We used mirrors to reflect sunlight into a pot to cook chocolate-filled bananas with



solar energy.

M: We used magnifying glasses to burn our names into wood.

M: We made bicycle smoothies, delicious watermelon and mint

N: The blender was motorised when we pedalled a stationary bicycle, like an exercise bike.

R: We made a whole lot of wax-based things, but that's none of your beeswax.

N: Because we made beeswax wraps.

R: We all went crazy on the power tools making bird houses.

N: We also got to go to Shepparton.

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Top: Diagonal chess
Left: Beach Club chill out, Unit 104
Below: Heather and Henry from Unit 108 play a game of spit.



16 PEOPLE WHO found their player 2 (true love/bff)

Words and Photos TED HUGHES



Ryan and Elijah, Unit 112

These two mates first met at this Jamboree and instantly connected through their similar interests and clothing accessories. Ryan said, "I really like his hat" and Elijah said, "I love his shoes"



Kate, Quinn, Reuben, Cooper and Benjamin, Unit 104

This group of kids all came from different parts of Victoria but have all met up at VicJam and become friends.



Bonnie and Hayden, Unit 103

This duo first met when Bonnie was feeling lonely, so Hayden decided to lift her spirits and they have been friends ever since.



Theo and Max, Unit 108

These guys found each other at this Jamboree even though they are from completely different Scout Groups.



Jesse and Elliot, Unit 109

These two guys were trading badges when they found each other and became friend instantly.



Xander, Noah and Alex, Unit 107

These three friends expanded their friendship group at this Jamboree.



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In just three years, we do this all again. An incredible two weeks of fun and friends. Or should we?

DLC wonders if it's too late to start a petition to do the next Jamboree in Victoria, specifically at the 1st Maryborough hall, just 45 minutes from Elmore.

Closer, cooler, cheaper than Queensland, and we can keep all the same Directors and General Managers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



for today

Turning 16

Zoe, Venturer 1

Turning 13

Anna, Unit 126

Gabriel, Unit 133

Turning 17

Hayden, Catering - Supermarket

Turning 14

Archer, Unit 222

Harry, Unit 140

William, Unit 228

Turning 18+

Loz Clarke, Entertainment

Mission Log #8:

By CAMP_CRASHER_22

VicJam is almost fully levelled up – we won't get to play for much longer.

Everyone is dealing with this differently – some players are trying to speed run levels so that they get to play everything. Others are madly hunting down the missing trophies from their sets to complete their collections. Some players are happy with the levels they've

achieved and are content just enjoying the social hub with their allies from other teams while they still can.

It's been crazy awesome fun! I think VicJam might even be my favourite game. Sure, there have been a couple of bugs and glitches, and some levels didn't load properly, but I've still had the best time playing! I hope there's a spin off game, because I can't wait to play again.

Next Gen Scouting

Photos by PHILL STEVENS

Leader Jan Whyte is at VicJam with her grandchildren Jasmin, Lain, Nate, Milly & Tom. They're all in Unit 238.

Names Jasmin Green 238, Jan Whyte 315, Lain Beetham 318, Nate Stanborough 238, Milly Stanborough 315, Tom Beetham 238

