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## Junior MasterChef mystery box at VicJam

By AMELIA COLLINS

Photos ANDREW 'YODA' McGRAIL, ADAM PATCHING

Things heated up on the VicJam

stage on Tuesday night.

Junior MasterChef contestant Ben Bolton and actor Tania Zaetta competed live on stage in a Mystery

Box challenge.

Ben, from Unit 213, told us that "the hardest part of MasterChef was the judging, but this will be easier because they don't have much experience with food."

Ben used his vast culinary expertise to prepare his dish whilst Tania took suggestions from the audience.

The whole event was hosted by Kellie Crawford from Hi

5, while Rod Byrnes took a break from his role as Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria to be the DJ CC.

Spoiler alert! Ben won the day with what he described as an "absurdly rustic" pancake cake with chocolate ganache, strawberries and honeycomb. Our reporters were too far back in the crowd to find out how it tasted.



Tania Zaetta with Xavier from Unit 102



Ben Bolton Junior MasterChef from Unit 213



Junior MasterChef cooking up a storm on the VicJam Arena

## ISS - Out of this world

By AMY GRAHAM  
Photos PHILL STEVENS and ADAM PATCHING

VicJam has gone next level: into space.

A large crowd gathered at Amateur Radio on Tuesday night and waited patiently as ground station operator Fred Kemmerer read out the callsign: "November Alpha One Sierra Sierra, this is Alpha Bravo One Oscar Charlie, over."

After a tension-filled pause, the static was broken with the voice of Mark Vande Hei, orbiting Earth on the International Space Station (ISS).

The excited crowd managed to stay quiet enough for 17 Scouts and Leaders to ask Mark questions for a historic and awesome 10 minutes.

"I miss the outdoors and anything about weather," Mark said to Alex from Unit 230.

"Zero gravity feels like you're falling," he told Angus of Unit 241.

Mark shared his scariest experience in space in response to Joshua of Unit 223. "The computer controlling my suit stopped working, it got really hot and

I couldn't see the switch to turn the computer back on again."

Mark also recalls his experience when discovering he was going to space. "I was jumping for joy; I never thought it would be possible."

The brief contact only lasted a few

minutes but the excitement could barely be contained as the call ended.

As well as being an astronaut, Mark Vande Hei is an adult volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America.

As Scouts Victoria Chief Commissioner

Rod Byrnes said, "Scouting is about exploring the unknown and looking beyond the horizon."

Who knows, one day Scouts at VicJam may be exploring space too...



Top: Billie from Unit 241 asking Mark on the ISS her question



Space fans watch as the ISS passes through the ideal location for radio communication

By GAVIN WHITE

What do Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin have in common?

They were the first people to walk on the Moon and both were Scouts.

So were nine of the 10 other moonwalkers, plus the entire crew of Apollo 13.

As NASA said in 2011: "Of the 312 pilots and scientists selected as astronauts since 1959, at least 207 have been identified as having been Scouts or active in Scouting."

Fun fact: although Neil Armstrong was an Eagle Scout (like a Queen's Scout), one badge he never got was Space Exploration.



**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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# Mission Critical Info



## WHAT'S ON tonight

**VicJam Arena**  
7.30 pm e-Sports night  
**Club EXP**  
7.45 pm Movie: The Goonies  
**Village Green**  
7 pm 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 Amazing Race (Units 101-208), Rock Climbing  
8 am Echuca Explorer (Units 101-206)  
8.15 am Amazing Race (Units 209-246), Hiking and Biking  
8.30 am Funfields (Units 101-142)  
8.45 am Funfields (Units 201-246), Ski, Swim & Skim.  
9.00 am Paddle Away, Bendigo Explorer  
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 - 4 pm Headspace  
10 am Heritage and Badge Club open

## tomorrow night

**VicJam Arena**  
7.30 pm Closing ceremony

## Hit rate: 33%

Apologies to triplets Tahira and Jahzara for incorrectly spelling their names in Issue 7. At least we got Nayeli right ...

### Gratitude

Vic Jam is a huge team. And we're all really busy, so sometimes we forget to say thanks. Gratitude - saying thank you - is one of the most important ways to maintain a team and to be individually happy. So make the time today to find someone who has helped you or your Patrol along your VicJam journey and say thanks. It'll be good for them - but you'll be amazed at how good it makes you feel, too.



## Duck Day Out

By BREE INGRAM  
Photo BY A RANDOM LEADER

Scouts at the Water World magnet fishing activity had to pause when a family of ducks passed by. The ducks were very interested in what the Scouts were doing but as more Scouts arrived the ducks thought it might be time to explore the other part of the dam.

## WEATHER or not?



**Elmore today**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, a top of 26

**Elmore tomorrow**  
Thunderstorms heavy falls, 31

**Bendigo:**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, top of 29

**Moir Park:**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, top of 28

**Torrumbarry:**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, a top of 30

**Echuca:**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, top of 29

**Harcourt:**  
Thunderstorms and heavy falls, top of 27

**N.Sanity Beach:**  
Sunny and light winds, a top of 32

## VOX POP

### What challenged you the most at VicJam?

Words and Photos by LACEY EWENSON



**Mitchell, Unit 136**  
Surviving 10 days without my beloved internet.



**Nikola, Unit 122**  
Going to first aid to get the rocks taken out of my leg.



**Luis, Unit 133**  
Having a lack of sleep and trying to survive the wind and dust storm.



**Lachie, Unit 122**  
Having to wait for the clean showers as they were all dirty.



**Cooper, Unit 202**  
The feeling of dust in my sleeping bag.



**Imogen, Unit 121**  
Hanging around with the smelly boys.

## Paddle Away

By TARA ROYSTON  
Photos ADAM PATCHING and CADEL McCOLL

Down at the Goulburn River, hundreds of scouts are having a blast each day at the overnight expedition Paddle Away.

A three-hour canoe trip is the highlight of the expedition. Keria from Unit 228 said she "liked it and it was a lot of fun". It's a great way to cool off on a hot day and also tick off Outdoor Adventure Skills requirements for paddling 1 and 2.

You can also go on a giant water slide, an aquapark, standup paddleboarding and sit on top kayaking.

Oscar from Unit 109 said it was "really fun jumping into the water" and cooling off. Overall, "it was amazing" according to Nick from Unit 109.

An enjoyable experience for everyone.



## Scouting beyond the burbs

By GILL CARTER  
Photos YODA

For some Scouts at VicJam, this is quite literally the biggest event they have ever been to. That's because the number of people at this camp is bigger than their entire town's population!

Cody from Unit 134 lives in Warracknabeal, a town of 2438 people. That's just half as many people as there are at VicJam!

"We were still able to meet at the hall under lockdown because our restrictions were different," he said. "Our Group is heavily involved with Western Victoria's JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) and it helps us keep in touch with other Scout Groups."

Felisitee from Unit 203 is from 1st Drysdale, which has a similar population to Warracknabeal. "We're definitely used to long drives," she said.

Over in Unit 210, there is Tom from 1st Fish Creek, as well as Flick and Ella from 1st Inverloch.

Fish Creek, better known as 'Fishy' according to Tom, is a tiny town of just 827 people.

"We have a lot more freedom to do things like ride motorbikes and visit the

dairy farms run by our Leaders," Tom said. "It takes me an hour on the bus to get to school each day."

Living in a small town also has its advantages for Scout night. "We can play hide and seek in the whole town," Tom said.

"At Scouts we like going on rail trail hikes, playing games and doing badgework," said Ella.

"One night we all brought an ingredient with the same letter as the start of our names," said Flick.

Over in Unit 216, the Scouts can really see a contrast of the metro and regional experience. In their Unit is Gemmah from 1st Baukamaugh and Lachlan from 1st The Basin. While Lachlan's town has around 4400, Gemmah's Scout hall isn't even in a town at all.

"It's just the hall and a tennis court," she said. "The kids who don't want to do organised sports will come to Scouts instead. We're a lot more inclusive of different abilities."

Gemmah's Unit also helps out with the harvest at their local farms. "We usually burn off the stubble, which is what's left over on the ground after the tractor has harvested," she said.



1. Felisitee of Unit 203
2. Jaiden, Rohan, Joseph, Hailey, Cienna, Jorja, Cody, and Kiara of Unit 134
3. Gemmah and Lachlan of Unit 216
4. Flick, Ella, and Tom of Unit 210

First Aid assistants Shamila Witharana and Venturer Harrison take care of Scout Evelyn at Dog Rocks, the VicJam rock climbing site.



# Offsite Activities



**Photos continued**  
 14. Scuba Diving, Venturer Expeditions  
 15. Full throttle, Top Gear Venturer Expedition  
 16. Abseiling at Dog Rocks Harcourt  
 17. Sailing, Venturer Mornington Mystery Tour  
 18. Scuba Diving, Venturer Expedition  
 19. Leaning to Surf, Venturer Mornington Mystery Tour  
 20. Climate Captains Overnight Expedition

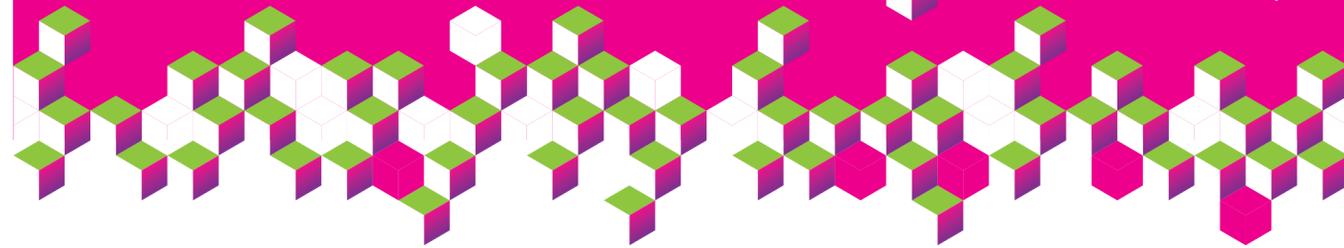


**Photos**  
 1. Burn outs, Top Gear Venturer Expedition  
 2. Climate Captains Overnight Expedition  
 3. Caving fun, Overnight Expedition  
 4. Sea Kayaking, Venturer Mornington Mystery Tour  
 5. Paddle Away Overnight Expedition  
 6. Scuba Diving, Venturer Expeditions  
 7. Snorkling, Venturer Mornington Mystery Tour  
 8. Caving fun Overnight Expedition  
 9. The Great Race Overnight Expedition  
 10. Paddle Away Overnight Expedition  
 11. Paddle Away Overnight Expedition  
 12. Sailing, Venturer Mornington Mystery Tour.  
 13. Hiking and Biking Scout Expedition

Photos by LACEY EWENSON, CADEL McCOLL, ADAM PATCHING, MACKENZIE STRACHAN, SETH LOCKWOOD, PADDLING TEAM and the VENTURER TEAM

# VicJam Easter Eggs

Hidden things we've noticed around the camp



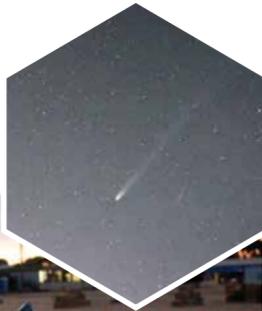
## Comets are coming

By MELANIE SOKLEVSKI

Watch out for Comet Leonard above the West South West horizon 1 hour after sunset.

On Tuesday night VicJam Scouts were observing the moon, Jupiter and several of Jupiter's moons through three telescopes set up by the Astronomical Society.

Comet Leonard is visible with a good DSLR or a telescope and is currently at its brightest.



Dominic from Unit 102 looking for Comet Leonard

## The accidental abseiler

By AMELIA COLLINS  
Photo SETH LOCKWOOD

Happy accidents, as Bob Ross might say, Venturer Kayley got on the wrong bus, prepared to go to Bendigo, but instead got to see the epic rock climbing and abseiling base set up at Dog Rocks, Harcourt.

There were multiple abseiling areas including one going straight down a cliff face.

Archie from Unit 126 explained: "If you fall [a little] it's fun but if you hit the ground it's not."



## Heritage sale

Article and photo by VANESSA HAM

Come down to the Scout Heritage Tent! We've got SALES and DISCOUNTS on books, badges, and scarves.

You can even do a Scouting Quiz for your chance to win a prize! Come learn some new facts about scouts, and share some of your own!

See you in The Village!



## Plushie mascot

By AMELIA COLLINS  
Photo SETH LOCKWOOD

Craig is the adorable pig plushie mascot of the VicJam radio team. He arrived as a Christmas present and is originally from 1st Balwyn Scout Group.

The piggy plush has his own seat on the couch during the VicJam Radio show Loud Lounge. In the pig's words "Oink".



## LOL

Olivia and Ivy from Unit 108 had a grape eating competition. Olivia, left, won with 15 grapes, while Ivy managed 14. Roll on Paris 2024!



## Check-in NOW!

The Check-Ins Patrol, Unit 129, invite all Scouts to check-in with them. Use your camera app to scan this QR code.



## Overheard around the village

- "I spent all my money on VicJam bush honey"
- "I can't believe you are sitting there eating a jar of honey with your fingers"
- "I can't believe I've got sticky fingers"
- "Pineapple isn't on pizza, pizza just happens to be under the pineapple"
- "I am the PL, I just don't know what I'm doing"
- "Do you even know what a tractor is?"
- "It would be funny if you choked on it because it's a Life Saver"
- "The next Jamboree should be called Space Jam!"
- "I wonder if we will get smited if we touch a didgeridoo"



# Ask the Moderator

I need to ask a question and I could be onto something here, are we all under a simulation run by VicJam? (I want no funny business here, mate.)

Sam, Unit 117  
Let's just keep this between Rod, you and me for now.

How did they set VicJam up?  
Felix, Cub Koroit  
Ducky had a spare weekend.

Why do we do Jamborees?  
Baxter, Cub 3rd  
Ballarat  
Too soon. Ask us in a few weeks.

What does DLC stand for?  
Rue, Unit 202  
It stands for Do Your Best.

Where do they get the mud for Water World?  
Harry, Unit 140  
They just chuck in the lost property from Cuboree.

Who are your least favourite Scouts?  
Reuben, Unit 121  
Hard to say. I've narrowed it down to 87 Units.

Why is Cubs so challenging?  
Sam, Cub  
The Leaders.

Why do the Spud Shack sell jam donuts?  
Max BP, Unit 122  
Good point. Does Krispy Kreme sell potato cakes?

What food would you recommend?  
Renée, Unit 202  
In my Unit we love a filet mignon with charred summer vegetables, Îles flottantes for dessert, and a crisp Gilbert Picq & ses Fils Chablis. They have it in the Supermarket, but I think you have to ask.

Opinion on Cubs? (Be brutally honest.)  
Amelia, Unit 117  
I think they've got better since you went up to Scouts. Is that honest enough?

What does the Moderator sleep in?  
Patrick, Unit 113  
That's a bit personal. (A tent.)

Who awoke the wind gods?  
Ash, Unit 202.  
I suspect it was Unit 123. On Sunday they lost their Cathedral, and yesterday their second dining shelter.

Why are people so dirty and dirt so peppy?  
Rue, Unit 202  
Why is a hen when it spins? What is the difference between a dog?

What is your opinion on heavy metal?  
Oliver, Unit 124  
For me it's probably a toss-up between cadmium and thallium. And you? You sound like an arsenic kind of guy.

How many times would you take a shower at VicJam?  
Nick, Unit 109  
Never. Anyone who takes a shower, or any other VicJam equipment, will be reported to Victoria Po.

Why is VicJam radio closed and not actively talking?  
Kai & Charles, Unit 241  
The friendly NSW Rovers who brought all the gear down have gone back to work.

Where can I sit for the best WiFi?  
William, Unit 211  
I usually hot-spot off Jon Willis' phone. Do you want the password?

I won't tell you my plan, but by any chance do you know how to change everyone's name against their will?  
Joshua, Unit 106  
See my friend Hugh in Admin. Mention my name.

Flapjack, pancake, thick crepe or pikelet?  
Oscar, Unit 116  
Absolutely. With maple syrup, lemon, sugar, and

Cheese or dino nuggies?  
Harvey, Unit 116  
I'm a chicken fingies man.

What does the number 87 taste like?  
Michael, Unit 116  
It's sort of between 86 and 88. But better with korma.

Where does hay come from? Is it grown on a tree? Or mined?  
Renée, Unit 202  
Your parents will explain when you're a little older.

How many Cubs are there in the world?  
Mitch, Cub 3rd  
Ballarat  
Enough.

Send your questions, news and photos to [dlc@vicjam.com.au](mailto:dlc@vicjam.com.au) Or drop in to the offices of DLC.

## The newest addition to the VicJam family

By BREE INGRAM  
Photo TED HUGHES

There's been a swapover at Unit 201, with three members from Manningham Tendebeck joining us for the rest of VicJam.

Not even 30 minutes after they had arrived onsite, they were down at Vertical World, where Yatish had a brilliant time on the flying fox.

They cannot wait to try the rest of the activities.



## VR: Venturer Room

Article and photos by LACEY EWENSON

What happens in the Venturer camp, stays in the Venturer camp...

Just Kidding! Down in the Venturer Sub Camp they have many different opportunities for Venturers. They are here at Jamboree not only to help Scouts take VicJam to the Next Level, but also have the time of their lives and hang out with their friends.

Now Venturers are not just bigger Scouts. Venturers are more youth led, more independent,



Ping Pong is a favourite in the Venturer Subcamp

and have a bigger sense of freedom and adventure.

Like Venturers, their Sub Camp takes things to the Next Level! Their Frat Tent has a fully functional canteen or kitchen, and many different games and

activities - including Wii games, pool, fooseball, and table tennis. It also has bean bags and chill out areas.

The Venturer Sub Camp reflects the Section by staying youth led. There are many Venturers on the

Sub Camp team, so that the Venturers get a say how things like their programming runs.

Venturers also have the Victorian Venturer Council, which offers pathways for Venturers, as well as Scouts, to have their say in the Venturer Section.

At VicJam, Venturers get to strongly contribute to the future of their section, as well as supporting the Scout section at the same time. Scouts: VicJam is just the beginning. When you link to Venturers, you will take things to the Next Level. Your adventure awaits!



Just relaxing in the Venturer Subcamp

## Why buy the DLC souvenir?

It's the complete set of VicJam memories - the first nine issues of DLC plus a bonus 10th edition \*\* in a schmick presentation folder. Just \$29.95 including home delivery. \*\* The only way to get it is by asking your doggo to order online at [www.vicjam.com.au/merch](http://www.vicjam.com.au/merch)





## 6 PEOPLE WHO have stat boosters

By AMY GRAHAM, Photos RYAN HOLMES



**Nate, Unit 221**

I have mostly hi-vis shirts to make me easy to find.



**Renee, Unit 202**

I took the duck down the big slide coz it was comforting.



**Adam, DLC photographer**

I'm wearing my UV armour so I can face every photographer's nemesis: the SUN!



**Fynn, Venturer 302**

Trying to ripen my personality



**Chloe, Unit 237**

The mud makes my clothes match the campsite.



**Celine and Helene, Unit 243**

Celine: The extensions get dirty instead of my hair.  
Helene: "It looks cool, my extensions glow in the dark."



Breakdancing Stormtroopers: Lucas, Catherine, Ryan, and Kyra from Unit 119 bust out their best breakdancing to match the Stormtroopers on their VicJam Unit shirt. Photos PHILL STEVENS, Concept ASH MARKS, Art by ANDREW "YODA" McGRAIL



CubJam meets FigJam at VicJam. Alex from 1st Iramoo, a discerning shopper.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**for today**

**Turning 11**  
Cameron, Unit 114

**Turning 12**  
Indira, Unit 122  
Javier, Unit 122  
Keira, Unit 142  
Noah, Unit 107

**Turning 13**  
DJ, Unit 111  
Lakshmi, Unit 209

**Micah, Unit 225**  
**Nyaboth, Unit 141**  
**Nyaduoth, Unit 141**

**Turning 15**  
William, Unit 236

**Turning 17**  
Nikhil, Health

**Turning 18+**  
Jen Kelly, Unit 128  
Ross Beggs, Unit 244

## Mission Log #7:

By CAMP\_CRASHER\_22

The developers introduced climate modifiers overnight. When we dropped into the main hub this morning everything had been updated with a wet weather overlay.

All of the levels and missions remained, but the physics engines had been adjusted to tank our grip and traction stats.

Most players started equipping different gear and items to try and boost their stats to counter the environment mods. Some were definitely more effective than others.

Other than the alt textures pack, the gameplay wasn't affected too much – the multiplayer interaction was stronger than ever, with most players forming strong alliances outside of their teams.

## Have you seen the Victoria Po car?

Story and Photo ANDREW "YODA" McGRAIL

The elusive Po mobile has been spotted around VicJam.

The story is that the car was involved in a hit and run with a kangaroo, who bounded away without leaving their licence.

The damage was repaired by fitting a new door.

Victoria Po are waiting for a new set of stickers.



## What happens in Cobargo ...

A highlight from the history of 1st Cobargo is the retrieval of a mobile phone from a long drop dunny on their recent JOTT hike. Both the owner of the phone and Luke Meyers (Chief Retrieval Strategist) are on site. Ask them for the full story or check out the retrieval footage on the 1st Cobargo Facebook page.