



BOGONG BULLETIN

Bogong Chalet Management Group

Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

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Coming Events

- 24-26 January 2003—Australia Day Working Bee
- 7-10 March 2003—Labour Day Working Bee
- 1 April—Preferential Bookings Close
- 17-21 April 2003—Easter Working Bee and Nob's Training
- 9-10 May 2003—Food Weekend
- 12 June—Outdoor Expo
- 27 June-Season Opens Week 1

**Ski It, Hike It
Bike It, I Like It**
FOR A GOOD TIME CALL
0407 CHALET
0407 242 538

The Bogong High Plains Road is finally open. To read about the whole story turn to Page 2

Win a free Winter Party in 2004!!!

All you need to do to go in the draw to win a free 2004 Winter Party is introduce someone new to the Chalet in the winter of 2003. Just tick the box on your application form and you are in the draw. You need to have attended a winter party before and also bring a person to a winter party that has never been to the Chalet in winter before. **GOOD LUCK**

New Bogong Chalet Management Group for 2003

The new BCMG was elected at a well attended AGM at the Victorian Branch HQ on October 9th. This will be the last time the AGM will be at Carlton as Branch will be moving to new facilities in Mt Waverley in the new year. Reports were given by the outgoing Chairman of the BCMG, Linda Merrall; Alpine Rover Crew Chairman, Kim Edmanson; Warden, Matt Anderson; Treasurer, Jody Freeman and Branch Commissioner (Rovers), Mr Harold Gardiner. The outgoing committee is to be thanked for a job well done. The new committee is

Paul Sheer (Chairman—Rover Rep); Daniel Angus (Assistant Chairman—Rover Rep); Stuart Bailey (Secretary—Rover Rep); Linda Merrall (Bookings Officer—Rover Rep); James Dugan (Rover Rep); Tony Brooks (Rover Rep); Veronika Unkles (Rover Rep); James Stewart (Rover Rep); Daniel Wilson (26-30 year old Rep); Kim Edmanson (26-30 year old Rep); Peter Rossborough (30 + year old Rep); Ray White (30 + year old Rep); Michael Simpson (Chairman—Alpine Rover Crew); Ian Fieldhouse (Secretary—Alpine Rover Crew). Sue Tanck has agreed to continue in her role as Chalet Historian and Jody Freeman will be the Treasurer. He has also agreed to be the BRC Treasurer after the resignation of Bruce Patterson.

The impact of the road closure initially made planning a little precarious. However it is open and we can now focus on maintenance. Paul has already indicated that he will be concentrating on PR in an effort to improve winter party numbers. This should have a positive effect on the lower numbers of 2002. See you on the snow. *Mick Simpson, ARC Chairman*

The BCMG would like to wish all Alpine Rovers and Venturers and their families and friends all the best for the Festive Season and a happy and safe New Year

CHECK US OUT: /www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bogong

The Bogong High Plains Road Closure

Stop Press—As of midnight 19/11/2002 the council has opened the road after a temporary resolution was reached with the state government. We are not sure if this will be a permanent result. We will keep you informed. BCMG

By now many of you will be aware of the Bogong High Plains Road closure at Falls Creek and Omeo. The road closure has received media coverage on regional ABC radio, The Herald Sun Newspaper (page 22 on 31/10/02) and also in a number of regional papers. Many of you may also have received e-mails or phone calls from other Alpine Rovers, some of which may have asked for your assistance in lobbying Governments and Members of Parliament. For this reason we believe it is important that you are provided with information on the current situation, details of the Management Groups activities in this area, and information on how you can assist us in getting the issue addressed.

The Current Situation

With the amalgamation of Local Councils in the 1990s the High Plains Road fell into disrepair with no Government, either Local, State or Federal, maintaining the road. A few years ago the Alpine Shire obtained funding, via the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program, and commenced work on maintaining the road. For the past few years the Alpine Shire has been opening and closing the gates at the beginning and end of each ski season. Earlier this year the Alpine Shire issued a permit for someone to run sled dogs along the road in winter however, Parks Victoria would not recognise the permit because the road was in a National Park. Subsequent to the Parks Victoria action the Alpine Shire have said "if we don't have jurisdiction or control over the road then why are we paying for the maintenance of the road and why are we accepting liability for any injuries on the road". The Shire have refused to accept this liability and therefore refused to open the road. This puts the Shire in dispute with Parks Victoria, Vic Roads and the State Government. The State Government is arguing that the road is a local road and as such the responsibility of the Shire. They also argue that an amendment passed in Parliament on Tuesday 29/10/02 indemnifies the Shire from liability for any injury and as such they claim the Shire should open the road and then continue discussions re the maintenance bill. The Shire is refusing to open the road. The debate hinges on whether or not the road itself is a 'road reserve' running through a national park, or part of the national park itself. There was a meeting between Vic Roads, Parks Victoria, the offices of Ministers Garbutt & Batchelor and the Alpine and East Gippsland Shires on Monday 04/11/02. This failed to resolve the issue. Obviously the calling of the state election at the same has further delayed a resolution. Clearly this issue has a direct impact on the Bogong Chalet and its operations. At present the High Plains Road is closed at Omeo end (near the Blue Duck Inn) and at Rocky Valley Dam. These closures block all vehicle access to the Bogong Rover Chalet and will impact both our revenue and more importantly our maintenance program.

Chalet Management Group Actions

The current issue is a complex matter for the Bogong Chalet. The Chalet exists under a lease issued by Parks Victoria and as such we need to be mindful of our response on issues involving Parks Victoria and in particular the Alpine national Park. Our relationship with Parks Victoria is of prime importance to us and our future and we must avoid any potential for damage to this relationship. On the other side of the dispute we understand that many within the Alpine Rover Crew would like the road open ASAP and that many of us are sympathetic to the plight of the local community, businesses and the Alpine Shire. Despite this we also understand that the Chalet has no commercial, legal or regulatory relationship with the Alpine Shire (we are actually in East Gippsland Shire). This then forces the Chalet Management into a situation where we must either support the community and businesses from which receive considerable support or alternatively we offer our support to Parks Vic, the body whom gives us permission to maintain our privileged position within the Alpine National Park. The one clear point in all of this is that the Bogong Chalet requires a quick resolution to this issue. Over the past few weeks the Chalet Management Group, via the Wardens, have undertaken the following actions;

- Held discussions with Melbourne Bushwalkers Inc the owner of Wilkinson's Lodge
- Held discussions with, and received briefings from the CEO of the Alpine Shire
- Held discussions with the office of Denise Allen MP, local Member of Parliament (Benalla)
- Held discussions with the office of Minister Garbutt whom has responsibility for Parks Victoria

At the moment we are reviewing our lease with Parks Victoria and examining our 'right to access' to the Chalet. If the issue is not resolved in the short term then we are hopeful that we can negotiate limited access to the Chalet for essential maintenance works. All future negotiations for access will be completed under the auspices of the Scout Association, Victorian Branch and their advisers. If we are successful in this regard and are able to gain limited access the Chalet is going to be reliant on Alpine Rover Crew support, at maybe very short notice, to complete those urgent works which include rubbish removal, wood stacking, food stacking and cleaning and urgent maintenance on the generators and tow motors.

What Can You Do to Help

We need your assistance. The Chalet Management Group first and foremost must protect the future of the Chalet and to do this we must protect our relationships and stock of goodwill. It is for this reason alone, that we seek your support. All of you, as individual citizens, are free to support or complain to whomever you wish however, the BCMG requests that all Alpine Rovers who either comment on, or protest about, the issue follow the guidelines listed below;

- In any communications do not mention the Bogong Rover Chalet, Alpine Rovers or the Scout Association of Australia. This includes providing 'hints' or vague descriptions about your interest or involvement in the area.
- Do not portray or provide any 'official' Chalet support for any party to the dispute. The official position on this item is that the Bogong Chalet wants the road opened ASAP however, the Chalet Management Group does not have a view on the current liability issue and offers no support to either party in the dispute.
- If you are approached by anyone seeking Chalet or Alpine Rover Crew comment or support for a particular view then please decline and encourage them to contact either Matthew Anderson (0407 681 340) or Andrew Gallagher (03 5444 0409)
- All Alpine Rovers are reminded of the Scout Association's Policy (ban) on uniform being worn during protests. We request that the same rule be considered for Bogong Chalet Merchandise ie. please do not wear Chalet merchandise to any protest action or use any chalet logo on correspondence you may forward to media or Government outlets.
- We apologise for the tone of the above guidelines however, it is essential that the Chalet Management Group protect the future of the Chalet and the relationships involved in that future. We seek your support in our efforts to get access to the Chalet and request that you help us by following the above guidelines at all times.

Want More Information?

If you want more information, or have any information that you think may help, please contact either Matthew Anderson (0407 681 340) or Andrew Gallagher (03 5444 0409 - designam@ozemail.com.au)

Thanks for your support and co-operation

Matt Anderson and Andrew Gallagher

Wardens, Bogong Rover Chalet

Try these great websites Our website -
www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bogong

The WF Waters Chalet at Mt Baw Baw at

www.rovers.scouts.com.au/vic/bawbaw

Try these great 2002 Bogong websites

www.maxiom.com.au/gpski0202.htm

For a post Week 8 tour of the Fainters

www.lastweekend.com.au/albums/bogong2002

For the Week 9 Medieval Week 2002

Wanted—MISSING LOG

BOOK March 1965—25 April 1969

To complete the collection we need to find this missing log book. If you have seen it or know about its whereabouts please contact authorities. A handsome reward will be negotiated with for any forthcoming information

Thank you Sue Tanck BCMG Historian

Scout Fellowship—Have you turned 26? If so you are you a member of the Scout Fellowship? Did you know it costs just \$41 a year. Every member of the Fellowship has full membership of the Scout Association and the privileges that go with it (eg Scout Insurance and cheaper Winter Party prices. Enquire at your respective Branch HQ—Victoria 9206 5500



Rocky Knobs—James Stewart Week 8 2002

Historian's Bit Our historian, Sue Tanck is after old photographs, old ski boots, old uniforms, basically anything old and not so old memorabilia to do with the Chalet and Rover Skiing. Please help us to preserve this important history by donating what you can to the Chalet. Sue has been in touch with the Scout Heritage Centre who will assist in preserving gear in the best way we can, Contact Sue on 03 9486 8240 or 0409 787 733

Maintenance Report—We will be concentrating on the completing the dining room and getting more of the cladding done over the summer. Obviously getting the 2002 rubbish out will be the first priority. If you can help at a working bee please contact the Bookings Officer on 0407 CHALET. There is all the regular maintenance such as wood stacking, stocktake of the food, food stacking, servicing of the generators, cleaning and painting to be done as always. We are always on the look out for tradesmen and labourers of all kinds, so please volunteer.

2003—A Year of Celebration

2003 marks a number of years since significant events in the Chalet's history. They are

- 70 years since the first Bogong Rover Crew Investiture
- 35 years since the passing of Bill Waters
- 20 years since the formation of the BCMG

If you are interested in helping plan and organise our celebrations please offer your help to the BCMG. Watch out for the events in the Bogong Bulletin which will mark this important year in Chalet history.



Paul Sheer—Table Tennis Champion?

Profile—The New BCMG Chairman—Paul Sheer

Paullie is a member of the Old Scotch Rover Crew and is 25 years of age. He has been a member of the BCMG for 3 years and in 2002 was the Assistant Chairman. He works in the family business running the Lamplighter Motel in Oakleigh and the Cape Schanck Lighthouse Keepers Cottages. He is also engaged to Liz Mishura who was the Acting Chairman of the BCMG in 2001 when Kim Edmanson had to take a leave of absence for study reasons. He has been known to wear a purple sequin dress to make a Winter Party a memorable experience for all. Should have shaved your legs, Paullie !!

You can guess what was going on over Winter because there is a flood of babies due this summer & autumn. Congratulations to all. Shouldn't have you lot been skiing!!

Old Rovers' Ball The Old Rovers' Ball is an annual event held the Friday night after Melbourne Cup. It is for ex-Rovers, ie: those over 26. If that means you, and you haven't been to the ball before, then consider this ... It's Friday 8th November 2002 and you're all dressed up with somewhere to go - this year being



Mick Connor and ABC (Rover Activities) Greg Davies catching up

The Centre Ivanhoe. On arrival (6.30pm if you managed to get out of work in time) there are plenty of alcoholic beverages, and Rovers to catch up with - some

you may have seen recently, others you have not seen for many a year, and even a few from interstate who have made the exceptional effort of travelling to Melbourne especially for the event. You are provided with a three course buffet meal (and can go back for seconds or thirds, as I know several did!). And if that's not enough, there is a live band. Lots of dirty dancing is to be had on the

dance floor, with the "Incredible Cucumbers" working you into a hot sweat!. The night is full of conversation, reminiscing about the days of Rovering past! It's a great night thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. Hope to see you there next year - mark the date in your diaries now, its Friday 7th November 2003.

Martine Makings (nee Piesse).



Matt Flanagan, Sue Tanck and John Pruden enjoying the Old Rovers' Ball at The Centre Ivanhoe

THE BOGONG BULLETIN - The Bogong Bulletin has a circulation of over 500. It is compiled and mailed by volunteers from the Management Group and helpers. Despite this volunteer labour, it takes about 30 hours to copy, fold, address, stamp and put in envelopes and the Bulletin costs around \$1000 a year to send out!! The advent of email means the number of Bulletins that go into envelopes has been reduced to about 300. If you have an email address that you haven't told us about please send it to me at my email address below so I can add you to the mailing list. You will stay on the email list for as long as you wish with no 3 year cut off. The electronic version is now in full colour and has plenty of photographs. There are some great shots from the Old Rovers Ball from 2002 in this edition which are somewhat lost in the hard copy!! If I have lost your address or you were getting the Bulletin via email then started getting it by snail mail please remind me with your email address. The money and effort we can save goes a long way to keeping costs down for future years!! Mick SIMPSON, Secretary ARC smsimpson@virtual.net.au

EMAIL US ON - bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

BOGONG ROVER CHALET 2003 WINTER PARTY APPLICATION

Win a Winter Party
See Back of form for details

PERSONAL DETAILS

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss First Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Tel.No. Hm () _____ Wk () _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Occupation _____ Date of Birth _____

Field of Study _____

Other Skills/Service/Contacts you have that may help the Chalet _____

Medical Training/First Aid Qualifications (inc. expiry date) _____

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Please provide all details, both Youth and Leader, past and present. Current Youth registration details are required for Rover prices. Current Leader registration details are required for Leader prices.

Registration Details

Membership Status:

- Current Former Non-Member
 Youth Member Leader Fellowship Member

Membership No. _____ (ask your Group Leader)

Group Code _____ (ask your Group Leader)

- Section Venturer Squire Rover
 Ranger Guide Ranger Other

Crew/Unit _____

District _____

Group _____

Region _____

Branch _____

EXPERIENCE

- Alpine Rover Crew Member
 Bogong Rover Crew Member
 Baw Baw Rover Crew Member
 Other skiing experience _____

Working Bee/s attended in 2002/2003 _____

Other Relevant Memberships (such as walking club): _____

Winter Party Dates – please tick

Note: These weeks are Saturday - Saturday and will not to be broken up

Week 1	June 28 - July 5	Open Week
Week 2	July 5 - July 12	Rover Party
Week 3	July 12 - July 19	Venturer Party
Week 4	July 19 - July 26	Open Week
Week 5	July 26 - Aug 2	Open Week
Week 6	Aug 2 - Aug 9	Rover Party
Week 7	Aug 9 - Aug 16	Rover Party
Week 8	Aug 16 - Aug 23	Rover Party
Week 9	Aug 23 - Aug 30	Rover Party
Week 10	Aug 30 - Sept 6	Open Week
Week 11	Sept 6 - Sept 13	Open Week
Week 12	Sept 13 - Sept 20	Open Week
Week 13	Sept 20 - Sept 27	Venturer Party

To assist us with further promotions, could you indicate where you received this application form from?

Rover Office	Crew mail-out
From another Rover	AGM
Bogong Bulletin	Promotion Night
Bookings Officer	Region Rep/meeting
Website/Internet	Chalet

Other: _____

PAYMENT (full payment with application to be forwarded to Bookings Officer)

Application		Before 1 st April	After 1st April
Rover/Venturer (15 –26 years)	1 Full Wk	\$265	\$310
	2 Consecutive Wks	\$480	\$570
Other Scouting/Guiding Movement	1 Full Wk	\$300	\$345
	2 Consecutive Wks	\$550	\$640
Non-Movement Members	1 Full Wk	\$365	\$400
	2 Consecutive Wks	\$680	\$750
TOTAL PRICE		\$	\$

Enclose cheque payable to “**Bogong Rover Chalet**” for the total amount.
 Return to: **Bogong Bookings Officer, PO Box 190, Carlton Sth, VIC 3053**

MEDICAL QUESTIONS/HEALTH STATEMENT

Do you suffer from any of the following? If yes, please provide details including medication, seriousness, etc.

Condition	No	Yes	Detail	Condition	No	Yes	Detail
Physical/Mental disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infectious disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insect Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:.....			

Dietary requirements that should be known.....

Year of last Tetanus injection

Do you require prescription drugs? If yes, explain.....

Medicare No: Do you have Health Insurance? No Yes

Are you a member of the Ambulance Service? No Yes

EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING WINTER PARTY

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss First Name..... Surname

Address

Suburb State..... Postcode

Tel.No. Hm (....)..... Wk (....)..... Mobile

MEDICAL AUTHORITY

In the event of accident or illness, I authorize any Officer, Servant or Agent of Scouts Australia to obtain on my behalf at my expense such urgent medical assistance, treatment and nursing, hospital and ambulance service as may be considered appropriate by the Officer, Servant or Agent of Scouts Australia and (should it be advised by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner that it is necessary) to authorize a general anesthetic. This clause also includes any dental treatment urgently required.

I further agree to pay on demand by Scouts Australia all such medical, hospital and other fees and expenses incurred or to be incurred by Scouts Australia in such circumstances other than such fees and expenses are recoverable under the policy of insurance taken out by Scouts Australia. I acknowledge that I have read the above provisions prior to signing thereof.

SIGNED: **DATE:**

**PARENT OR
GUARDIAN:**
(if under 18)

DATE:

**Phone No's.: Rover Office Wed Night Only 03 9206 5532
Chalet Bookings 0407 CHALET (0407 242 538)**

Please note the withdrawal policy as detailed in your acceptance letter

Privacy Policy: The Bogong Chalet Management Group respects your privacy. We follow the Scouts Australia Victorian Branch Privacy Policy which can be found at: www.vicscouts.asn.au

Win a 2004 Winter Party!

Introduce someone new to a Winter Party and you could go in 2004 for free! Full details rules and conditions will be in the Summer 2002 Bogong Bulletin.

I have enclosed the application form for _____ in the same envelope as mine. This person has not been to a Winter Party before.
Please enter me in the draw for a free 2004 Winter Party.