



# Bogong Bulletin

Issue 61 Winter 2008  
The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter



*Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group*

## 75 Years of Rover Skiing Reunion & 2008 Winter Party Reunion

*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm  
Victorian Rover Centre  
Highland Ave, Mt Waverly  
Including free BBQ Lunch*

*Incorporating  
Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group*

### *Annual General Meeting*

*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Victorian Rover Centre  
Highland Ave, Mt Waverly  
From 4pm*

*On display will be photos, logbooks and artefacts representing 75 Years Rover Skiing on the Bogong High Plains.*

*Catch up with friends you made on winter parties present and past, share stories, photos, port and nibbles with friends from winters past.*

*Have your say in the running of the chalet.*

*We have positions for Venturers, Rovers and Ex-Rovers on the Management Group*

*Bring along photos and videos of your ski tours and other exploits and we will put them up on a big screen!*

*For Information on the Alpine Rover Crew, Venturer Unit and Chalet Management Group contact Lucas Moore, ARC Chairman on (03) 9737 0094.*

## What's On?

### 2008

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 2

September 27  
Bogong Winter Season Closes

October 11  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Melb. Reunion  
Alpine Rover Crew & BCMG AGM  
2008 Winter Party Reunion

November 1-4  
Melbourne Cup Weekend  
Bogong Summer Season Opens

### 2009

Jan 24-26  
Australia Day Weekend  
Chalet Working Bee

March 7-9  
Labour Day Weekend (Vic)  
Adelaide Cup Weekend (SA)  
Chalet Working Bee  
Rover Discovery Weekend

April 10-13  
Easter Weekend  
Chalet Working Bee

April 16-19  
Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend

April 24-25  
Anzac Day  
Chalet Working Bee

May 9-10  
Food Weekend  
Chalet Summer Season Closes

June 6-8  
Queens Birthday Weekend  
Ski Season Opens

June 27-July 4  
Victorian/QLD Snow Venture

July 4-11  
Week 2 Winter Party

July 11-18  
South Aust. Snow Venture

July 18-25  
Week 4 Winter Party

July 26  
Ski Fun Day

July 25-August 1  
Week 5 Winter Party

August 1-8  
Week 6 Winter Party

August 8-15  
Week 7 Winter Party

August 15-22  
Week 8 Winter Party

August 22-29  
Week 9 Winter Party

August 29  
Kangaroo Hoppet Ski Marathon

August 29-September 5  
Week 10 Winter Party

September 5-12  
Week 11 Winter Party

September 12-19  
Week 12 Winter Party

September 19-26  
Victorian/QLD Snow Venture

October 31-November 3  
Melbourne Cup Weekend  
Bogong Summer Season Opens

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each Month  
BCMG Meets at Vic Rover Centre

## Alpine Rover Crew Chairman's Report

Unfortunately I haven't been able to get up to the Chalet this winter. Everybody I have spoken to has been raving about the snow conditions. Although the weather hasn't been great for touring, the tow has been getting a good workout with parties reporting fresh snow every day.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season winds up with a Melbourne based reunion and our AGM on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you missed going to Howman's Gap in March, come along to catch up and see some of the great historical artifacts we have.

The Management Group has been working had preparing projects for this summer, including a long term maintenance plan, management strategy plan, events for 2009 and PR materials.

We now have copies of the PR video updated and on DVD, so if you want to promote the chalet to your group, contact us a [bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au) and we can help you.

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

## 2008 Bookings Status

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No:	23	33	35	19	17	13	0	13	21	18	0	0	14

Total Bookings to date: 187

Bookings have been quite good, although there is heaps of snow about, so they should be a lot better! There are still places available for Snow Venture, so get your forms in as soon as possible.

## 2008/9 Maintenance, Improvement and Working Bees

We have quite a few planned improvements to the Chalet for 2008-9. These include completion of the exterior cladding, re-sealing the bathroom floor, electrical re-wiring, installation of water filtration, repair/replacement of the kitchen oven and dining room heater. This is on top of the regular maintenance and cleaning program.

Although the Management Group do a great job in organizing, and attending these activities, we always need more help at the working bees to complete allocated tasks.

Working bees can be hard work, but they are also great social weekends and a chance to experience the Bogong High Plains in summer.

We request that every able Alpine Rover attends a working bee in Summer 08-09

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

## Summer Season Activities

Don't forget that the Chalet is a great place to visit in summer!

The Chalet is a great base for activities like Mountain Biking, Fishing, Rock Climbing & Abseiling, Bushwalking, Paddling and Hiking.

The Chalet is able to be booked from Melbourne Cup Weekend through to the Food Weekend in May. It's a great place for friend and family groups, all sections of Scouting and Guiding or as a training venue. To book the chalet in summer, visit

[www.bogongroverchalet.org.au](http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au), call 0407 CHALET (242 538) or email [bookings@bogongroverchalet.org.au](mailto:bookings@bogongroverchalet.org.au)

## W.F Waters Awards and Victorian Rover Dinner 2008 Celebration 90 Years of Roving

Congratulations to Stu Bailey and Lillian Beard (Victorian Scout Heritage) as they have been awarded the WF Waters Award for outstanding service to the Rover section via the BCMG.

This year's Rover Dinner is going to be something very special. The night is going to be a celebration of the 90 years of Roving and the night promises to have quite an historical bent.

In lines of the historical celebration, all past W.F. Waters's awardees have been invited by the Branch Rover Council to be a part of this night. It would be FANTASTIC to get all the BCMG past and present, BCMG supported WF Waters awardees and friends to be there.

To help Stu and Lillian celebrate their award (and recognise the many past WF Waters's awardees), please can you make a date with us and be at the Rover Dinner.

*Saturday 25th October 2008  
Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd East Ringwood  
\$45 which includes a three course meal  
Full Scout Uniform (if still uniformed)  
Drinks will be at bar prices*

Tickets will be on sale from the 1st August 2008 till 10th October 2008.

Please ring Jessica Watling 0407 211 563 or email [renta\\_18@hotmail.com](mailto:renta_18@hotmail.com)

Tell Jessica that you are part of the 'Bogong mob'!

Also the Rover Dinner team are looking for photos of present and old to make a presentation for the night on the different decades of Roving. Please speak to Jessica about this as well. All types of photos welcome!

### 2008 Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service

A number of Alpine Rovers have received Good Service Awards. It is great that Alpine Rovers continue to be involved in serving scouting in Australia.

Congratulations to:

- Craig Whan – Silver Koala
- Andrew Sanderson - Certificate of Merit
- Darren Kirkbride – Silver Wattle
- Lynette Bailey - Certificate of Merit

Apologies if I've missed anybody, there are a lot of awardees, and Alpine Rovers

### Kangaroo Hoppet

The 2008 Kangaroo Hoppet has been run and won. We had quite a few Alpine Rovers compete this year. Glancing through the results list, well done to the following Alpine Rovers:

#### 2008 Kangaroo Hoppet 42km

Rank	Time	Surname	Firstname	Bib	Nation	Class	Class-Rank
31	2:15:37	Franzke	Ian	37	AUS	M30	6
53	2:33:11	Fryer	Tim	66	AUS	M45	8
69	2:42:14	Franzke	Evan	146	AUS	M30	10
101	2:54:08	Gunther	Chris	273	AUS	M25	14
168	3:30:35	Spencer	Michael	221	AUS	M40	19
185	3:44:59	Connor	Michael	245	AUS	M40	21
186	3:45:06	Brett	David	269	AUS	M50	27

#### 2008 Australian Birkebeiner 21km

66	1:54:58	Franzke	Carolyn	572	AUS	W30	11
90	1:44:46	Linnell	John	559	AUS	M20	13

#### 2008 Joey Hoppet 7km

128	0:54:29	Franzke	Kim	1350	AUS	W30	5
145	1:02:25	Linnell	Faye	1260	AUS	W50	13
175	1:33:12	Moore	Linda	1361	AUS	W30	6

A special effort was made by Kim Franzke (Edmanson) who carried Alec Franzke (2 ½ months) and Linda Moore (Merrall) who carried Annie (nearly 1 y/old), quite a handicap on the Joey Hoppet.

Thanks also to Mark Schammer, John Litvan, Stephen O'Brien, Bernice Mahoney, Luke Francis, Peter Gibson & Jody Freeman from Week 9 who manned the Wallace's Hut dink station. From all reports, Hoppet skiers enjoyed a loud welcome.



## SA Invasion – Week 2 2008

26 SA Rovers and friends made up a contingent of Vikings to invade a little bit of Victoria for Week 2. Joined by a few “interstaters” from Victoria and Western Australia, we had a fun-filled week.

Snow conditions were a bit pox for the ski in, we had to walk for a few short sections here and there. After a ski school at the playground on Sunday we decided that action was needed. We sacrificed Anton’s hair to the snow gods that night, cutting off rather a lot of it, burning it and dancing around the fire. The snow gods looked favourably upon us and the next two days brought blizzard conditions and loads of white fluffy snow. Monday we set our sights further a field, aiming to tour to

Fitzgerald’s Hut. We were however thwarted by the weather, with the strong winds, snow, sleet, blisters and a broken ski marring our progress. We unfortunately had to turn back before reaching the hut.

Tuesday the conditions had not much improved, (although it was snowing now, rather than sleeting) but being a little bit crazy I planned a tour to a geocache about 10km away at pole 333 (near Mt Jim.)



Geocaching by Tamra Sanders

Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunting game, where you use a GPS receiver to locate a small box containing some trinkets and a notebook. You can swap trinkets and write your name in the logbook. It’s a great way to learn how to use a GPS and go to some great places. Anyway... in whiteout conditions with the snow coming full into our face, we struck out along the pole line to the cache. It was under these circumstances that I took a moment to marvel at how ill-suited we (humans) are to alpine conditions and how much we rely on technology to protect us – thermal underwear, goggles, Gore-Tex, polar fleeces, UHF radios and space blankets – without these we simply wouldn’t be able to push ourselves to the places we go in Scouting.

After much digging around in the snow, we hit gold. After quickly signing the log, we returned via the same route. The wind was behind us for the return journey, and we made good time back to Cope Saddle Hut for lunch.

I made a solo ascent of Mt Mattress on Wednesday. A large party of others went to

Mt Cope, taking advantage of the grouse weather and clear skies. Some continued on to Ryders Yards. A small group spent the day building an igloo in front of the chalet, and spent the night trying to sleep in it (I am informed there was a lot of shivering, but not a lot of sleep.)

Thursday the weather turned pox again, but a brave few hardened souls set out to Langfords West Campground – “toilet tour.” Many decided to stay in the Chalet and prepare for party night. The kitchen was full of busy cooks all day, and the joeys were kept busy chopping wood to keep the kitchen stove well-stoked. The theme for the week was Vikings and so in the great hall of Valhalla around the roaring fire there was feasting, drinking, dancing and merrymaking for many long hours. The fearsome horde wielded swords, axes, clubs, spears and shields – wearing horned helmets and shouting in tongues, we were indeed a formidable bunch.

After a late start on Friday, we invested those new to the Chalet into the Alpine Rover Crew at Investiture Point. There was a bit of light snow, but in the shelter of the rock it wasn’t too bad. The afternoon was spent snowboarding and riding the tow.

The ski back to Falls Creek was completed much faster than the ski in because of the better snow conditions, our improved skills and lighter packs. During the last part of the journey in the Falls Creek Resort, a few of us donned our helmets and unsheathed our weapons – we sure got a few raised eyebrows. All too soon it was time to say goodbye to our new friends (with a giant group hug) and begin the trip home.

As sad as we were to leave, it was to me just an opportunity to start

counting down for next year. Watch out for another SA invasion in the week of July 4-11 next year – get your forms in early as I’m pretty keen to get enough people to book the week out.

More photos of the trip are available from <http://rovers.sa.scouts.com.au/aesir/photos/>

Cameron Roy, Party Leader, Week 2 2008, Aesir Rover Crew South Australia



Week 2 Touring by Kristen (Bruce) Knight



Vikings by Emily Metcalfe



For the Alpine Rover who has all the Bogong Rover  
Chalet Merchandise, introducing the new

## Soft Shell Jackets

These jackets will be very similar to the current jackets  
but made of a Water Repellent, Breathable and wind  
proof material.

(Water Repellent Rating: 3,000mm inner membrane, Breathability Rating:  
3,000g/m2.)



These jackets will be  
available on a pre-order basis  
only, and will cost \$75,  
including delivery.

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au or call  
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## Falls Creek Ski Resort Photo Competition

Every year Falls  
Creek have a XC  
skiing photo  
competition, the  
photos are used in  
their XC skiing brochure and on the website. They  
have used photos by Week 9 skiing near Mt McKay  
for the last few years and its time for an update!  
Judges are looking for a range of Falls Creek Cross  
Country photos, so enter your action,  
scenery/landscaping or people/faces now! Submit your  
photos to [xcphotocomp@fallscreek.com.au](mailto:xcphotocomp@fallscreek.com.au) before  
5pm Tuesday, 30 September 2008.  
Tamra Saunders has already entered some photos from  
Week 2, get your photos in and 'Bogongise' Falls  
Creek



## Bogong Bulletin Data Base:

We are currently working through our mailing list to make sure we have a comprehensive contact list of  
Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Rover Crew.

If you get the bulletin by mail, could you please forward us an email address to  
[bulletin@bogongroverchalet.org.au](mailto:bulletin@bogongroverchalet.org.au) Also, if you know of anyone who does not get the bulletin and should,  
email their details to the above address too.

## Bogong Rover Crew Nominations

While the season is still fresh in your mind, please consider Bogong Rover Crew  
nominations.

All Bogong Rovers can nominate, so if you have someone you think should be  
considered, nominate them now!

Nomination forms, along with eligibility are on our website at:  
[www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/aboutUsBogongRC](http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/aboutUsBogongRC) or call me on 0410585433  
and I'll organize a form to be posted to you/

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman



## Potential New Alpine Rovers:

### Congratulations to

Tony and Lauren Brooks

Zavier Brooks was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 7lb

### Congratulations to

Kim and Evan Franzke

Alec Franzke was born on 3:43pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. 8lb9oz or 3.9kg

### Congratulations to

Congratulations to Greg and Rebecca Cartwright

Jacob Riley Cartwright was born at 5.44pm on Thursday 28 August 2008.  
8lb13oz / 3.99kg 'He was as long as a baby is.'

## I Need Help

We try to put the Bogong Bulletin out 4 times a year. We try to fill it with things that will interest you but  
with one person doing most of the writing, I worry that it only has things that interest me!

I would love to get reports from winter parties, great tours, holidays or high country activities. As well as  
announcements, gossip and innuendo to fill the bulletin and keep it interesting.

If you have anything that may interest other Alpine Rovers, email it to me at

[bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au)

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

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