

CAS TERRAS Inc.

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A Branch of 'THE BADEN - POWELL SCOUT GUILD of VICTORIA Inc.'
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TERRA REPORT

March 2014

EVENTS COMING SOON

CAS March 2014 meeting

Royal Standard Hotel, Cnr. William and Walsh Streets, West Melbourne (melways map2B A12)

Thursday 27 March – 7.30 start (come early from 6:30pm for a pre-meeting chat over a meal)

Contact: Pauline purple18011969@hotmail.com

March madness, the footy has started and let us rejoice that Collingwood is at the bottom of the table - the historians tell us to 'beware the ides' whatever they are - so come along for dinner, enjoy lots of fun as we catch up on recent activities and what great ideas we have for the coming months – there will also be a forum presentation by Gonzo & Greg in relation to the current 'national youth program review' being conducted by Scouts Australia.

At last month's meeting we discussed many ideas primarily around purchasing of new gear for the store and merchandising ideas. We are looking for someone to take on some or all of these ideas and make them happen. Have a think about it and let us know your level of interest at the meeting. Please note the early start time for the meeting this month – 7.30 pm – see you there.

Baw Baw Working Bees

WF Waters Chalet, Mt Baw Baw Resort

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 April

Contact: Caroline caroline_artso@hotmail.com

Just in case you were wondering, the easiest way to ensure a certain bunk on the annual skiing weekend, is to attend one of the earlier working bee weekends – yes there are quite a few different maintenance jobs that will need doing before the snow arrives again, so mark this weekend down now – you may even find that you end up having a very enjoyable time.

The weekend is fully catered with free accommodation for volunteer workers, and there may even be fuel vouchers thrown in to help with transport costs.

BPSGV meeting

Royal Standard Hotel, Cnr. William and Walsh Streets, West Melbourne (melways map2B A12)

Thursday 01 May – 7.00 start

Contact: Brett Dashwood 0423 554636 secretary@bpsgv.org.au

The next state guild meeting will be held on the standard day at the standard venue the Royal Standard Hotel, and we will be led by Guildmaster Aram and Secretary Brett, so come along and find out what is happening with all the other guilds in Victoria, along with any other national feedback – also you get to enjoy dinner and the fellowship as we catch up

Meeting will definitely be over within one hour, mainly because the next meeting below will be starting at 8.00pm !!

CAS April 2014 meeting (being held in May just to keep you on your toes)

Royal Standard Hotel, Cnr. William and Walsh Streets, West Melbourne (melways map2B A12)

Thursday 01 May – 8.00 start

(come early for a pre-meeting chat over a meal or perhaps even attend the above state meeting)

Contact: Pauline purple18011969@hotmail.com

Please also note meeting change of date (so that we avoid Anzac day and those wishing to go away for the long weekend) - so come along for dinner, enjoy lots of fun and fellowship.

CAS May 2014 meeting

Royal Standard Hotel, Cnr. William and Walsh Streets, West Melbourne (melways map2B A12)

Thursday 22 May – 8.00 start (come early from 6:30pm for a pre-meeting chat over a meal)

Contact: Pauline purple18011969@hotmail.com

Back to the normal routine of meeting on the fourth Thursday - so come along for dinner, enjoy lots of fun as we catch up on recent activities, do our last minute Mudbash planning, as well as what great ideas we have for the coming months

Baw Baw Working Bees

WF Waters Chalet, Mt Baw Baw Resort

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 May

Contact: Caroline caroline_artso@hotmail.com

Rumoured to be the annual food weekend just in case you were wondering, however there may also be a few last minute maintenance jobs that will need doing before the snow arrives again, so mark this weekend down now – you may even find that you end up having a very enjoyable time. The weekend is fully catered with free accommodation for volunteer workers, and there may even be fuel vouchers thrown in to help with transport costs.

The Baw Baw road trip otherwise known as the “Magical Mystery Gourmet Tour”

Along the way between Melbourne and Mt Baw Baw

Friday 25 July

Contact: ??????

The last couple of years this has been a fantastic way to start our weekend off, normally starting around 10.00 am and eventually arriving sometime between 1700-1900 hours.

If we are going to do this again, then we need one or two people to volunteer to be organisers / travel guides / party leaders. Interested then contact Mick or Pauline.

CAS Skiing & Shenanigans weekend

WF Waters Chalet, Mt Baw Baw Resort

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 July

Contact: Greg 0417 773083 (mob) daviesgj@westnet.com.au

Now that the dates have been confirmed, numbers will start rolling in so you will need to book your spot early for what will be another fantastic weekend – contact Greg and get on the attendance early

At this stage the fee will be \$120 per head if paid prior to ends of February 2014 – \$140 from 01 May onwards – still a small price for such a fantastic fun filled weekend

Payments to CAS may be organised directly and the CAS banking details are listed further down.

Service / Bar staff opportunity

Williamstown

Saturday 13 September

Contact: Mick 0403 792227 mickanton@bigpond.com

The BRC are looking at revamping the MARB event, and this will include running and operating the 'bar' in-house. They would be looking for assistance in the form of a bar staff team for the evening, and she has asked whether or not a Guild may be interested in taking on the task at this early stage.

ISGF 27th World Conference

Sydney

Friday 10 – Thursday 16 October

**Contact: Greg 0417 773083 (mob) daviesgj@westnet.com.au
Richard Stuart-Smith richss@hotmail.net.au**

Wonderful opportunity to experience and attend an international Guiding event in Sydney – at this stage those planning on attending would be Aram / Richard / Greg / Kay & Peter – applications closing soon so people need to consider – numerous options available from attending full conference / being a volunteer staff / only attending partial activities and trips, so if you need additional info please ask

It was suggested that CAS would consider supporting members to attend and this would be discussed at our March meeting (idea would be to support perhaps those not currently involved at state / national levels)

Other future activities being organised or attending – more info to come soon

???????	Working bee at Burwood hall cleaning up store area and gear for Mudbash weekend – date tba
31 May and / or 01 June	Mudbash – setting up weekend
06-09 June	Mudbash – service weekend
???????	Mafeking social weekend – date tba
13-14 September	State Guild weekend at Warburton Rover Chalet
01-02 November	National AGM meetings and handover to Queensland
01-04 November	potential cup long weekend in Queensland

OTHER NEWS, IDEAS, THOUGHTS

Cas fleet updates

Firstly the CasVan is going on a little holiday over easter, as it again will be attending Hoadley Hide and assisting with the Venturer HQ by providing a dry working office space (anyone else interested in attending HH can contact either Kaye Gibson or Matty McKernan or Maxine Gibson and we are sure they will be able to assist you with a meaningful role to assist with)

The GafVan has been moved to Sorrento and the much needed major works and refitting has commenced to have this suitable for future activities. We are now awaiting reports as to what / how will it all be completed and how much roughly this will all cost.

Photo updates have been posted onto the facebook page, and here below is one of the comments / suggestions -

“The servery will fold out over the hitch and extend to create a bar which will have drop down stools attached. This completes a motorised track that follows the circumference on the inside of the van which is used to distribute the donuts to punters seated at the bar. Very much like a sushi train. I trust this is self explanatory”

Financial Matters

Our CAS membership is based on the 'calendar year', so now that we well into the 2014 calendar year, this means everyone owes membership fees –

\$50 single \$80 family

If anyone needs to be reimbursed for expenditure, then please contact Greg directly with details. Anyone who is aware that they owe money, including your 2014 membership, and are wishing to pay can still organise to pay directly online if they prefer - the Bendigo bank account details are:

BSB -	633000
Account Number -	141654376
Account Name -	Cas Terras Inc
Bendigo Bank -	Pinewood Community Branch

Put your name in the description so Greg knows who it is from and what it is for.
Or simply bring cash when you come along to the next meeting to organise payments.

Reports on Past Activities

There are numerous rumours that many things may have happened on many occasions at many different locations, with many people participating in many hours of fun – some of these rumours are expanded on in the following reports.

CAS February 2014 meeting

Meeting was opened as we welcomed two new faces – Wayne who is called “Rusty” from ex Ken Tickall (he claimed that he was the 'good wayne' and not the 'evil wayne'), and Ross from ex Warringal (who has previously attended many of our 'boot moot' events in the 1990's as a youngster).

We chatted about lots of ideas and jobs regarding the store at Burwood hall – discussed Surfmoor and ideas raised / reported by members (cries of ‘censorship by the President’ were heard when initial list of ideas / thoughts / issues was not produced, however these were quickly put down) – RSS gave a brief summary of his recent trip to Philippines representing Australia along with the updates of events throughout Asia Pacific region – quite a long update report on status of our caravan fleet and what now needs to happen, including actually buying the GafVan for \$1 although we already owned it – update for all on upcoming world conference in Sydney – idea suggested that we set up a ‘merchandise’ sub committee – Pauline to follow up latest updates in relation to food handling regulations.

On a personal note - Mick & Amy have bought a house together – “Rusty the good Wayne” apparently has a lot of mail for KW, as well as a 24 seater hire bus available for activities

Echuca Steam Paddle / Moama Markets

Hens Party, Three weddings and a Seventieth birthday - what a week end at Echuca - food, wine, paddle steamers and country markets. Ro and Kaye were the first to arrive, closely followed by Mark. The Bannin tent we did erect, then had a drink or two. Paul, Karen, Lucas and Siobhan were given Richards code so they arrived without delay. While poor Richard was left at the gate, eventually we let him in. The camping place was clean with good swings and swimming pool. Mannequins are scary!!!

Saturday we woke to clear skies with a nip in the air, walked into Echuca for some breakfast, walked around town while waiting for the others. Got the tickets for the paddle steamer, our destination Morrison’s winery for tastings and lunch. Having late service and no tastings done we decided to catch the later boat back. The Ox cheeks were a real hit, the wines weren’t bad either. Back to the caravan park for a read or swim. Sampled St Anne’s finest and purchased their cheapest which goes to show we are cheap drunks.

Dick didn’t have to fight fires so Shez and Dick joined us at the Shamrock for a choice of 101 parmas. Sunday saw us at the Moama market, met Ro’s mum and dad, belts, fairy floss, wax melts, honey caramelised cashews and sports bags were among some of the things purchased. Siobhan found a free kitten but wasn’t allowed to bring it home. The afternoon saw us at the beer shed with a beer and fanning museum attached, a free spin of the wheel for donating to R.C.H. appeal. Bird life galore, kookaburras, galahs, cockies, magpies, ducks, and a randy possum, thong tree, cheese, port, wine, sugar free fudge, Beechworth bakery bears, and the Holden museum. Echuca really does have everything.

Thanks to Ro for organising this great weekend.

Suggestions for next year Albury or Warrnambool. Anyone interested in organising??

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