

Very best wishes from the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia:

It is my pleasure to once again support the excellent Ethnic Scouts and Guides of Victoria annual combined camp and wish all leaders and participants every success for the camp and for their future, in Scouting and the wider world.

World Scouting commenced in 1907, with the experimental camp commencing on 1st August on Brownsea Island in England, but shortly after Scouting sprang up in the home countries of many of your parents and grandparents.

ESGAV consist of the inheritors of that proud tradition of development of young people espoused by the leaders of those countries, following Lord Baden Powell's brilliant, foresighted scheme.

This annual Camp and the ESGAV Executive have formed the "glue" that unites our Associations and has made the sustained cooperation so fruitful.

Scouts Australia (especially the Victorian Branch) has keenly supported this program and will continue to render any service required by our sister and brother Guides and Scouts. Especially in this 30th year of ESGAV, coinciding with the Centenary of Australian Scout and officially "The Year of the Scout", with commemorative stamps and coins, we look forward to a very successful year of activities, personal challenges and development, strengthened Scout and Guide values and growth in membership.

John Ravenhall AM,
Chief Commissioner, Scouts Australia





Greetings to members of ESGAV

On behalf of Guides Victoria, I congratulate ESGAV on the occasion of your 30th Birthday. This is a wonderful milestone in your history and one which I am sure you will all enjoy celebrating and commemorating.

ESGAV is an organisation which nurtures our young people and prepares them for the future. This includes teaching life skills as well as pride in their cultural heritage. ESGAV has provided Guiding and Scouting for many hundreds of young people over the last 30 years which is truly an outstanding achievement.

This would not have been possible without the commitment of leaders and supporters. The countless hours given by volunteers has ensured that Guiding and Scouting have been available for young people and we are indebted to these dedicated people. Our thanks and appreciation goes to them.

Guides Victoria is very proud to be associated with ESGAV and looks forward to the next 30 years of exciting, innovative and challenging programs for Guides and Scouts.

Congratulations and all good wishes from Guides Victoria.

Noella Kershaw
State Commissioner





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It is an honour to be asked to write a greeting for inclusion in the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the Ethnic Scouts and Guides Association Victoria (ESGAV) publication on its past history.

The ESGAV forefathers are to be congratulated on their foresight in creating an organisation where former members and their families are able to continue their native country's scouting traditions and language.

It is pleasing that many of the ESGAV members have also become members of Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch.

As part of the Centenary of World Scouting the Victorian Branch of Scouts Australia, in association with Immigration Museum Victoria, held an exhibition from July to November at the museum entitled "Celebration World Cultures through Scouting".

Many of the exhibits were from members of ESGAV, in particular chairman Bruno Metsar OAM. This participation was most welcome and played a great part in the success of the exhibition.

I congratulate the members of ESGAV for there continued dedication to Scouting Principles and ensuring their present and future members both youth and adults have the opportunity to participate in the great game of scouting.

Best wishes for the future.

**Alston Park AM
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, VICTORIAN BRANCH**



A Message from Barbara Kearney

Congratulations and very best wishes to you all.

Thirty years ago the leaders had the vision and dedication to establish ESGAV and since that date camps have been held yearly, bringing together the seven nationalities.

Over the years I have witnessed many highlights-

The excitement at the first camp held at "Tervete", the camp badge being hand made meaning so much, given to all the participants.

The signing of the Constitution at "Gilwell Park".

The flag raising ceremonies with all the national anthems being sung and the ESGAV flag being paraded.

The activities which are always enjoyed, day or night, in mixed patrols.

The Executive Committee, the Camp Leaders and the Commandants with their committees are to be congratulated on organizing and running the camps.

The ESGAV camps have carried out the Scouting and Guiding traditions, at the same time helping to preserve the heritage of their countries.

I thank you for the privilege of attending these camps and being made an Honorary member of ESGAV.

I wish ESGAV continuing success for the future.

Barbara Kearney

Barbara Kearney OAM
Girl Guides



ESGAV - Thirty Years on.

Was it at the Pan Pacific Jamboree, at Yarra Brae, Wonga Park, out of Melbourne, in January 1949, or in 1956, that I first came across the “Scouts in Exile”, as they were originally called?

I was a young Scout Leader at both, and vividly remember the “round table” excavated into the ground, where the group had their meals. My guess is it was 1949.

Later, I was to commence some life long friendships with these “Scouts in Exile”, when I became a commissioner in the Melbourne District in 1958, after my return from the 1957 World Jamboree. Whilst the “Ethnic” Groups met in many parts of metropolitan Melbourne, they were “officially” linked to the Melbourne District. Not all of them, however, were officially registered with Australian Scouting, and there were a small number of officials within Australian Scouting, that were not as supportive as we might have hoped.

I quickly appreciated the immense contribution these groups made to Scouting, and particularly the community within Australia. Here was a community group that had the opportunity to develop a new life as Australians, whilst at the same time maintaining (and developing) their original culture. They had the opportunity to become truly “bi-cultural”, passing on the values of their homeland, whilst becoming “dinki-di” Aussies. I suggest we “originals” gained far more from the bi-culturalism, then we ever thought would be possible.

Thirty years ago, they became ESGAV - Ethnic Scouts and Guides Association of Victoria. I have been extremely privileged and honoured to attend most of their annual camps since that time. In mid-2007, I had the added privilege of visiting many of the homelands of these same groups, in Eastern Europe.

In 2007, Scouting celebrated its 100th birthday, with special events throughout the world in about 155 countries. Currently there are 28 million young members.

Congratulations to all those men, women, boys and girls, who, for more than 30 years, have made up these wonderful Scouting and Guiding groups, and particularly to those, whose wisdom and foresight, 30 years ago, held the first ESGAV camp.

This is your thirtieth such celebration. I sincerely trust that the Scouting spirit that echoes through each of your camps, will continue for many, many years to come, and that that spirit continues to add great value to those who have the joy to meet with, and to know you.

Keith Walter AM
Currently President Boroondara Scouts
Formerly Scout & Leader Glenroy
Leader Melbourne District & Yarra Batman Area,
Founder Victoria (formerly Melbourne) Gathering.



The Executive Committee 2008



Back row: Arno Vann (Estonian), Dana Lynikas (Lithuanian), Ryszard Adamczyk (Polish), Inara Upite (Latvian), Henry Antanaitis (Lithuanian)

Front row: Barbara Janus (Polish), Bruno Metsar - Chairman (Estonian), Eva Kovassy (Hungarian), Henry Pacers (Latvian)

Absent: Irena Halafoff, Sonya Radywyl, Ksenia Bettany

ESGAV Executive Committee Office Bearers

Year	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Secretary	Treasurer
1978	H. Antanaitis	S. Halafoff	S. Weber	R. Celms
1979	H. Antanaitis	S. Halafoff	S. Weber	R. Celms
1980	S. Halafoff	H. Antanaitis	S. Weber	R. Celms
1981	S. Halafoff	H. Antanaitis	S. Weber	R. Celms
1982	B. Metsar	H. Antanaitis	B. Janus	R. Celms
1983	B. Metsar	H. Antanaitis	B. Janus	R. Celms
1984	B. Metsar	S. Palos	Z. Prasmutas	B. Janus
1985	B. Metsar	S. Palos	Z. Prasmutas	B. Janus
1986	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	I. Baran	B. Janus
1987	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	I. Baran	B. Janus
1988	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	D. Sadauskas	B. Janus
1989	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	T. Kocaba	B. Janus
1990	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	T. Kocaba	B. Janus
1991	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	Y. Koretsky	B. Janus
1992	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	V. Jefimovs	B. Janus
1993	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	V. Jefimovs	B. Janus
1994	B. Metsar	H. Pacers	O. Prasmutas	B. Janus
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2005	B. Metsar	B. Janus	I. Upite	H. Pacers
2006	B. Metsar	B. Janus	E. Kovassy	H. Pacers
2007	B. Metsar	B. Janus	E. Kovassy	H. Pacers
2008	B. Metsar	B. Janus	E. Kovassy	H. Pacers

Executive Committee Members

Over the 30 Years, a number of people have contributed by being members of the Executive Committee.

Adamczyk Ryszard	Kocaba Teresa	Pircz - Kocaba Teresa
Adamson Leo	Kohut Leonid	Polatajko Jeremi
Antanaitis Henry	Koretski Yura	Polgar Louis
Baran Irene	Kovassy Marianne	Prasmutas Ona
Bettany Ksenia	Kovassy Eva	Prasmutas Zita
Bielski Robert	Koziol Andrew	Radsywyl Sonya
Bojczuk Christine	Kuzakov Nick	Respini John
Bojczuk Olga	Lefleur Tamara	Sadauskas Dona
Botte Phillip	Leitis Zigfrids	Sikora – Banaszak Ewa
Brenners Robert	Lynikas Dana	Smolarek Janek
Buc Antony	Malinowska Ewa	Spokevicius Maria
Celms Rasma	Malishev Irene	Szczepanski Darek
Chernistov Serg	Markovics George	Szegi Steven
Dudinski Olga	Metsar Aime	Szilagyi Tibor
Gizycki Andrew	Metsar Bruno	Terech Aleks
Gizycki Eva	Nadachowski Wojtek	Tybkewych Lidia
Goldyn Michael	Neugebauer Adrian	Upite Inara
Halafoff Irene	Pacers Henry	Vann Arno
Halafoff Sergei	Palos Enikö	Vereshaka Leonid
Hopwood Jan	Palos Steve	Viksne Karina
Jajesnica Tom	Paszkievicz Alex	Viksne George
Janus Barbara	Paszkievicz Mirek	Weber Alec
Janus Stefan	Pavlyshyn Marco	Weber Susie
Jefimovs Valda	Peszek Chris	Yaskevych Bohdan

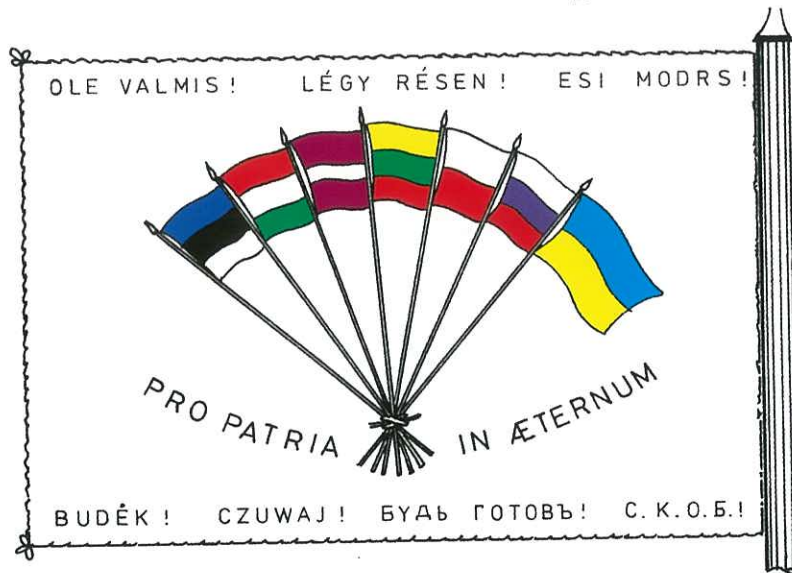




The ESGAV Emblem

The ESGAV emblem is an ingenious and simple combination of the basic Fleur de Lis and the Clover, both in green, with a golden yellow central circle.

The ESGAV Flag



In the early planning stage of the 5th Jubilee camp, an idea was put forward to design and make a ceremonial flag for ESGAV. So, at that camp, we proudly presented our new possession, the ESGAV flag, the physical symbol of our Ethnic Scout Movement.

On one side of the flag, the adopted ESGAV emblem dominates, with the words "Ethnic Scout and Guide Association of Victoria" written around in a circle. On the top left corner, the foundation year of ESGAV - 1978 - can be seen.

The other side of the flag features the national colours of our seven member nations, displayed as actual flying flags, to symbolise brotherhood. The flagstuffs are tied together with a clover hitch, the best known knot to secure them. These flags, also flown at each ESGAV camp, are the fundamental symbol of the Ethnic Scout Movement - something to always remember. The motto in Latin - Pro Patria In Aeternum - For the Fatherland in Eternity - shows our deep love for our countries of origin. The Scout motto "Be Prepared" is also displayed in the seven languages of the ESGAV member nations. There is a black and grey bordering cord, the colours of the first camp badge. Black is for the martyrs of our scouting movements. Grey for the captivity of our homelands, which are now no longer captive, a state of being we could never have imagined at the time the flag design was conceived in 1983.

The flag a hand embroidered labour of love was donated by Mrs. Maria Kern of the Hungarian Scouts.

Latvian Scouts and Guides in Melbourne

The 5th Melbourne/1st Latvian Scout Group and 1st Riga Guide Group, meet regularly and again the numbers at the lower rank level are increasing. However, active scout and guide participation in Sydney and Adelaide has almost totally diminished.

The 5th Melbourne/1st Latvian Scouts and 1st Riga Guides are based at Latvian House, Elwood. The annual programme is co-ordinated with both the Latvian Primary and Secondary School of Languages and they begin the year with a combined flag raising ceremony.

In recent times, we have developed a close relationship with the Scout and Guide movement in Latvia. Our leaders and youth, have travelled to Latvia to initiate Leaders' courses and to participate in their camps. Scouts and guides in Latvia have been involved in competitions set up by our leaders here. Melbourne guides have prepared gift parcels and sent them to orphanages in Latvia; and at Christmas, have mailed greetings to Latvian troops serving in Afghanistan.

Both scouts and guides participate in the annual camps at "Tervete", the Latvian Scout camp site near Kilmore; and the older groups also look forward to the annual ESGAV camp weekend.

Sectional activities are organized by individual leaders; and based on our programme requirements.

Around May, we celebrate another year in "scouting and guiding" at our annual fund-raising afternoon, at Latvian House, with concert items, camp reflections and songs. In 2007 we proudly celebrated 90 years of Latvian Scouting and 85 years of the Latvian Girl Guide Organisation, as well as 100 years of world Scouting.

"Traditional midsummer" solstice celebrations are held in June, at camp Tervete with special songs and a large bonfire, with an open invitation to the whole community.

Our Venturers, Rovers and Guides look forward to the annual ski weekend at Mt. Buller in July, staying in the Blue Eyes Ski Lodge. Everyone sets their sights on improving their downhill, cross country or tobogganing skills.

As November approaches we prepare for Latvian Independence Day ceremonies on the 18th November. Also every alternate year, our scouts and guides lend a helping hand in the organisation and running of the Latvian Cultural Festival which is held at different Australian cities between Christmas and New Year on a rotational basis.

At camp Tervete, the leaders and helpers organise a summer camp for all Latvian children in January. This is now in its 22nd year!

The Summer Camps have been instrumental in children and youth improving their Latvian language skills, widening their knowledge and promoting the feeling of unity and friendship in the Latvian society. Camp programmes include games, arts and crafts, and outdoor activities in the realm of cultural/ heritage themes.

Many of the younger children later join the ranks of our Brownies and Cubs.

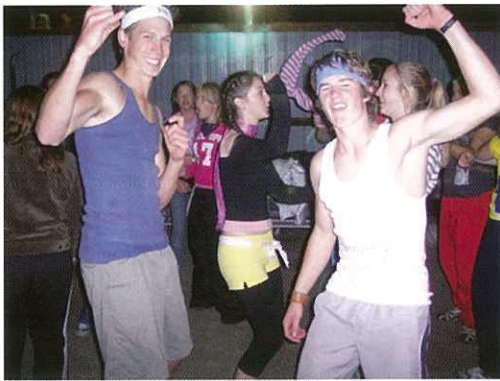
Wherever you see a photograph of Latvian folk dancers, or participants in an Australia Day march, or youth travelling to our distant Latvia, we know that they have also had a strong involvement in the Latvian Scout and Guide movements.



Big brother.....little sister?



Up the creek...with a paddle!



Getting to know you activities, first night



National Flags



Flagraising in national costume

Estonian Scouts and Guides in Melbourne

Estonian Scouting in Melbourne started on 25 October 1950 and was registered as the 16th Melbourne (Estonian) Scout Group on 18th March 1951. Our guide group started on 30th March 1952 and was registered as the 3rd Fitzroy (Estonian) Guide Company on 27 November 1952. Our highest combined membership was in 1960-1962 when we had 38 scouts and 36 guides.

In 1972 the Estonian World Festival, “ESTO ‘72”, was held in Canada where the festival was followed by the Estonian World Scout and Guide Jamboree with 1200 participants, including a very large group from Melbourne. There have been more world jamborees but only small numbers from Melbourne have attended.

In 2007, world scouting is celebrating its 100 years jubilee and Estonian scouting its 95 year jubilee.

Over the decades it has been our pleasure to assist at official function of the Estonian Society in Melbourne.

Our Group Committee was formed on 21st October 1951 and is still active today. It has been very successful in raising funds with the assistance of leaders and youth members. From 1966-1999 we held “Kohvik-Oksjon’s (cafe auctions) and from 1973-1994 included ‘Bazaar’s (trash and treasure sales) which were held twice a year from 1976.

These were well organised events and the money raised went to the purchase of quality equipment, the cost of running activities and supporting youth members and leaders to participate in national and world jamborees. Since independence we have kept in close contact with the scouts in Estonia and helped them financially.

We have also maintained a close relationship with the Latvian scouts and guides in Melbourne, helping with construction of the rover hut at Tervete. We even built our own ‘Cafe/lounge’ and storage hut at Tervete which burnt down in the 1983 bushfires (causing us to lose most of our gear and have to start again almost from scratch).

Our numbers are now very small but we are still active. In recent years we have had an overnight ‘camp’ in Estonian House in West Brunswick as well as standard camping at Tervete, the Latvian Scout campgrounds.

The greatest challenge to our survival is similar to that facing all scout and guide groups and many other youth clubs - the incredible broad choice of activities available to the youth of today. Trying to find a regular timeslot when we can get interested young people and potential leaders together has become almost impossible around existing commitments to sports, hobbies and other interests!

Yet, we persist for those who still wish to come together as brothers and sisters in scouting and guiding.

HUNGARIAN SCOUTING 1997 – 2008



In 1989, with the fall of the communist regime, scouting was re-established in Hungary. The “Hungarian Scout Association” name was returned to the newly formed organization and the worldwide organization added the name “in Exteris” (Latin for “outside of”). With a 40-year lapse of any official scouting activity, the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris played a major role in helping the rebirth of scouting in Hungary. Many books, training manuals and leadership training camps run by leaders from the West helped the movement take a new foothold in the mother country. With membership reaching about 12,000 in Hungary, Hungarian scout associations have been formed in border countries with large Hungarian minority populations, namely Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Serbia.

Today, the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris has nearly 4,000 scouts in 70 troops in 10 countries.

Camp Kitchen at ESGAV

In the early years, ESGAV national groups cooked for themselves causing all sorts of problems mainly with coordinating meal times. Want a simple solution? Ask the Hungarians to cook for everyone.

Hungarian cuisine, as we all know, is world-famous since Adam & Eve (please note, both are very typical Hungarian names). Many foods found in the Hungarian kitchen have made their way into the ESGAV kitchen and in that way into the hearts and stomachs of happy campers.

The Hungarian kitchen staff is made up of devoted parents, grandparents and aunties who actually enjoy driving 200kms to find the cheapest and best groceries and then drive 100km to the camp. Getting up at 5am to organise breakfast and sweat in the kitchen all day long, brings an unequalled joy to all involved. The best part of working in the ESGAV camp kitchen is seeing all the happy, smiling faces asking for more and saying thank you. They’ve made some great friendships over the years and that’s what keeps them coming back year after year.

Long Live the Hungarian Goulash!

MENU 1989

M E N U I N C A M P

SATURDAY.

- B.** SCRAMBLED EGGS PEASANT STYLE
(GIVING YOU A HIGH CHOLESTEROL LEVEL FOR THE REST OF THE CAMP)
OR CORNFLAKES FOR THE WEAK
TEA OR COFFEE (NO BONDx)
- L.** LENTIL SOUP WITH SMOKED PORK GOODIES
(A BIBLICAL DISH WITH HIGH MORAL VALUES)
PLAIN LABEL ICE CREAM
- D.** SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE (A LA HUNGARIAN)
A COMPROMISE BETWEEN NATIONALITIES. - THERE ARE NO ITALIANS IN CAMP
TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD (YOU HAD THE ICE CREAM FOR LUNCH)
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SUNDAY

- B.** MILKRICE WITH SULTANAS
(A TRADITIONAL BABY FOOD IN HUNGARIAN SCOUT CAMPS)
CORNFLAKES (OR THE CHOPPED UP PAPER BOX) AS ALTERNATIVE
TEA OR COFFEE
- L.** WHAT-YOU-WERE-WAITING-FOR - HUNGARIAN GOULASH
(AN AGE OLD RECIPE FROM SHEPHERDS AND STOCKMEN ON THE GREAT
HUNGARIAN PLAIN. THIS IS AN UN-ADULTERATED REAL VERSION.)
PANCAKES (PALACSINTA) WITH JAM/WALNUT OR COTTAGE CHEESE
(LIMIT: 10 PER PERSON)
- D.** WHATEVER MUMMY IS COOKING
(McDONALD'S MAYBE?)
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BREAD: SPECIALLY SELECTED FROM THE BEST AVAILABLE
IN MELBOURNE

LEMON TEA: AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY

THE CHEF ADVISES TWO DAY'S FASTING AFTER CAMP TO RE-NORMALIZE
YOUR BODY (AND SCALE) BALANCE.

PLEASE REMEMBER: FOOD IS A GIFT OF PROVIDENCE.
SO, DO NOT WASTE ANY! IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, ASK FOR A SMALL
PORTION FIRST AND COME BACK FOR A SECOND AND THIRD HELPING.

GOOD APPETITE - JÓ ÉTVÁGYAT!

ESCAV 1989.



Parade of The ESGAV Flag



The important people at camp - the cooks!



Barbara Kearney addresses the troops



Happy times - Meal time!



One of the activities



Bruno Metsar



Lithuanian Scouts in Australia

1947 - 2008



Scouting in Lithuania was founded in the city of Vilnius in November 1918 and flourished in the years before World War II. With the occupation of Lithuania by Soviet forces, many fled to Germany where scouting was revived in 1945.

In November 1947, the first post-war ship "General Heinzelman", with Baltic immigrants arrived in Australia with 439 Lithuanians, among which were 53 Scouts and Guides. On the ship, they had held scout meetings, "campfires", and other scouting programmes. In Fremantle, they were met by Australian guide leaders, and took part in their first Australian campfire and then participated in the Perth scouts radio programme. In this early period in Australia, it was difficult to organise a Lithuanian scouting movement on a more permanent basis in any single location, as most migrants were required to undertake a two year work contract, which took them to all corners of the Australian continent.

By 1950/1954, most Lithuanians had settled in and around the larger cities where scout units were established - Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Geelong, Melbourne and Sydney. The Lithuanian scouts organised themselves not only nationally, but also internationally, with their headquarters in the USA, where it is to this day.

Lithuanian Scouts in Australia have participated in various international events such as the 1948/49, 1952/53 and 1955/56 Pan Pacific Jamborees; World Scout Jamboree (Phillipines) 1959 and 7th World Rover Moot (1961/62).

The Lithuanian Scout organisation is based on the structure in pre-war Lithuania of three separate entities under one Federal Executive: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Academic Scouts. In Australia to this day, there are active units in all states and annual camps are still held. Some of these camps are well known for the "tables" dug out of the ground and appropriately decorated.

In 2007, the 60th jubilee of Lithuanian Scouting in Australia was celebrated. The continuity of Lithuanian Scouting in Australia has been assisted recently by the migration of Lithuanians from the homeland, many of whom have joined the local troops and enriched them, especially with their pure Lithuanian language.

The Melbourne troop "Dziugo" Tuntas held a concert in April 2007 to celebrate 100 years of world scouting, which was very well received. It was heartwarming to see such a large number of young scouts participating. The Melbourne troop is also active in raising money and helping the Lithuanian community by cooking lunches on some Sundays at the Lithuanian club. All ages of Scouts and Guides are involved in preparing and serving these lunches.

This year, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of scouting in Lithuania, a World Lithuanian Scout Jamboree will be held in Lithuania. Many Lithuanian Australian Scouts and Guides are looking forward to attending.



Obstacle courses encourage teamwork



Relying on each other builds trust



Canoeing - hopefully heading the right way!



Gauntlet run at Gilwell Park



Testing your strength



Testing teamwork!



left, right, left.....



Religious Service

Polish Scouting - History and in Australia



In 1910, after translating Lord Baden Powell's book "Scouting for Boys" into Polish, Andrzej Małkowski organised the first troops of Polish Scouts (Harczerze) in the cities of Lwów and Warsaw. His future wife, Olga Drahonowska, formed the first troops of Guides (Harcerki) shortly thereafter. The Polish nation did not exist at this point in history, having been partitioned by Russia, Prussia and Austria, so the work of these pioneers of the Polish Scouting Movement was performed in clandestine conditions. In 1918, Poland regained its independence and the scouting movement took on the name "Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego" (ZHP).

The movement grew rapidly in strength and numbers, but had to move underground in Nazi occupied Poland during World War II. Particular heroism was exhibited by Scouts and Guides during the Warsaw uprising against the occupying German forces in 1944, when many lives were lost, and many others irreparably changed by deportation to concentration and other camps in Germany.

The outcome of World War II left communist forces leading the country, and so the true Polish Government stayed in exile in London, and, along with it, the headquarters of Polish scouting. The mass migration of Poles after the war saw Polish scouting emerge in many countries, among them Australia.

The first troops of Polish Scouts and Guides in Australia were formed in migrant hostels in Melbourne in 1950. From Melbourne, Polish scouting spread to Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart and Canberra.

The Australian movement's annual program includes regular troop meetings, campfires, weekend camps, leader training courses, day trips, bushwalking and other outdoor adventure activities. Each year's activities culminate in an annual camp or a nationwide jamboree. Jamborees are held periodically, and bring Polish scouting youth from across the country together to celebrate their cultural and scouting heritage. National Jamborees of various types have been held in the years 1960, 1966, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1983, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2002 and 2007.

The Australian movement has been represented at all worldwide Jamborees of Polish Scouting - 1966 in Italy; 1976 in Canada; 1982 in Belgium; 1988 in the USA; 1994 in England; 2000 in Canada; 2006 in the USA. The next Jamboree is to be held in Poland in the year 2010 and will celebrate the Centenary of Polish Scouting.

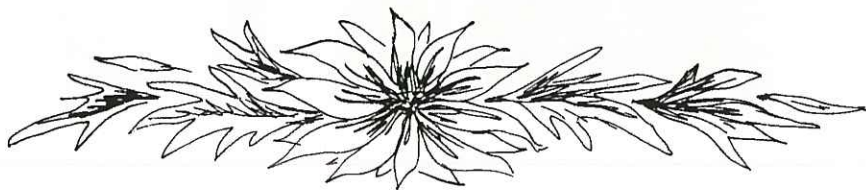
Australia has also been host to a worldwide Venturers'/Rangers'/Rovers' hike, which was held on Fraser Island in 2002. In association with World Youth Day 2008, we will be hosting yet another worldwide hike, which will take the form of a pilgrimage to meet the Holy Father in Sydney.

All activities, in some way, incorporate Polish culture, through language, history, geography and traditions. Polish Scouts and Guides form an integral part of the Polish Community and take part in many events of national and religious significance. Polish Scouting is steeped in tradition and culture with religion playing a major part of our movement. Poland is a fiercely Roman Catholic nation and this is reflected in the beliefs and values of Polish Scouts and Guides. We aim to uphold these values and are proud to be able to reinforce them in children born in Australia with Polish heritage.

For many years, we lamented the plight of our peers in Poland, where freedom of expression and association was thwarted by the communist regime. Officially, Polish Scouting (ZHP) (scouting of the communist variety) operated under that regime, but did not reflect the true essence of the movement. The later years of the regime saw the formation of several underground scouting movements operating in the true spirit of scouting. These merged to become ZHR. ZHP gradually moved away from its communist past, and eventually changed its scout law to include God. This paved the way for it to be accepted in WAGGGS and WOSM. Both ZHP and ZHR operate in a free and democratic Poland today. Polish scouting outside Poland continues to operate as a separate entity, with our headquarters (still based in London) keeping contact with these two scouting movements in Poland. There is an interchange of ideas and some participation in each other's activities, however, it is recognised that any unification will be very difficult to achieve.

Today, Polish scouting outside Poland is alive and well, operating in England, France, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, South Africa, Belgium, Canada, USA, Argentina and Australia as well as some of the former Soviet republics.

In Melbourne, we have Guide troops, Scout troops and Cub/Brownie groups based in Richmond, Essendon and Rowville. Until the 1980's the movement was comprised of, and run by, post-war migrants, and subsequently their children. The 1980's were a period of unrest in Poland, after the rise of the powerful "Solidarity" trade union, in opposition to communist rule. As a result, the Polish born population in Australia increased as Poles fled their country with imposition of martial law in 1981. This wave of immigrants brought a boost to the ranks of our scouting troops. Today's scout/guide leaders are a mixture of the migrants of the 1940's and 1950's, the children of those migrants, mostly born in Australia, and the migrants of the 1980s.



Celebrating World Cultures Through Scouting

Immigration Museum 2007



Bruno Metsar, Sir James & Lady Gobbo



ESGAV Executive at opening



Plast Ukrainian Scouting Association in the past 10 years.

During the past 10 years members of “Plast” Ukrainian Scouting Association have continued to enjoy annual camps and hiking around the campsite “Sokil” near Airey’s Inlet, surrounded by the Otways National Park in Victoria.

During this time there has been a resurgence of scouts in Plast in Ukraine and as a result, in 2002 a contingent of approximately 30 Plast scouts from Australia attended the 90th anniversary jubilee of Plast, the first worldwide jubilee to be held in Ukraine.

This Jubilee saw approximately 3,000 Plast Ukrainian Scouts of all ages attend from the USA, Canada, France, Germany, Argentina, Ukraine, Great Britain and Australia.

More recently in 2007 another group of Plast scouts travelled to Canada to attend the 100th anniversary jubilee of Plast in the province of Ontario. Approximately 2,000 scouts of all ages attended a range of different canoeing and kayaking camps on the great lakes of Canada, before touring Ottawa and then finally congregating in Grafton near Toronto.

Back in Australia the organisation has continued to run annual camps for scouts of all ages, with many young families attending with their young children participating in the “Ptashenyata” or “Little Birds” program. Older children, up to 12 years participate in the “Novaky / Novachky” program where they learn the basics of scouting. For teenagers or “Unaky / Unachky” there is usually a hiking program and many activities held on the annual camp, as well as regular hikes at Easter time and attending the ESGAV camps. The Easter hikes usually involve Plast scouts from all around Australia and this is a great way for them to meet Ukrainian scouts from interstate and form long lasting friendships.

Older scouts (18-35 year olds) enjoy organising camps for themselves at the Ukrainian ski lodge at Mt Hotham, for a week of skiing or snowboarding and socialising, as well as hiking, kayaking and canoeing weekends throughout Victoria.

Those scouts who are over this age group will still meet regularly to socialise at many events and help organise camps and activities.

Plast is still a strong organisation for Ukrainian scouts of all ages and the people involved form life-long friendships and recount their days at Plast camps as some of the best in their life.

Russian Scouting in the past decade



The St. George Pathfinders (Russian scouts abroad, O.P.I.O.P.) have seen many changes in the past ten years. We have had many good times and some not so good such as the unfortunate passing away of highly respected scoutmaster, Serge Halafoff, a very active and dedicated leader in the organisation. Although this was a sad time for our organisation, we are inspired by the dedication he had to scouting right up to the time of his passing.

The St. George Pathfinders have kept the traditional summer camps alive with the most recent being held at Britannia Park, Victoria. With the help from leaders based in Sydney and Adelaide, we have enjoyed the friendships and activities that are experienced at these camps.

Two separate Russian scouting identities in Australia known as O.P.I.O.P. and H.O.P.C. (Organisation of Young Russian Pathfinders and National Organisation of Russian Scouts) have recently come together in a much anticipated and celebrated union. We can now look forward to a strong and beneficial relationship with our brother and sister scouts around the country.

The fall of Communism in Eastern Europe and subsequent rebirth of Russian culture and religion has seen a renewed interest in scouting as a serious youth movement. The last ten years has seen a huge growth in the scouting movement with a strong presence in over 200 towns and cities in Russia. This has led to a greater interactivity between scouts from Russia and abroad.

In 1999, O.P.I.O.P. celebrated 50 years of scouting in Victoria with a huge turn out at the annual summer camp, including senior leaders from Russia and Australia.

With the birth of scouting in Russia in 1909, we can look forward to celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Russian scouting next year. With this and a renewed interest in leader training and scout participation, a return to the golden days of Russian scouting abroad is anticipated.



Camp Committee



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ESGAV CAMPS



1st ESGAV Camp

30 March - 1 April 1979
Place: "Tervete" Kilmore
Camp Leader: Z. Leitis
Commandant: Y. Koretsky
Participants: 125
Camp Badge Design: Z. Leitis

2nd ESGAV Camp

7-10 March 1980
Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook
Camp Leader: B. Metsar
Commandant: Y. Koretsky
Participants: 135
Camp Badge Design: Z. Leitis



3rd ESGAV Camp

7-10 March 1981
Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook
Camp Leader: M. Paszkiewicz
Commandant: T. Zagon
Participants: 154
Camp Badge Design: M. Paszkiewicz



4th ESGAV Camp

26-28 March 1982
Place: "Tervete" Kilmore
Camp Leader: S. Palos
Commandant: A. Gizycki
Participants: 151
Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



5th ESGAV Camp

22-25 April 1983
Place: "Tervete" Kilmore
Camp Leader: H. Pacers
Commandant: A. Gizycki
Participants: 241
Camp Badge Design: Y. Koretsky



6th ESGAV Camp

6-8 April 1984
Place: "Elliot Lodge" Healesville
Camp Leader: Y. Koretsky
Commandant: A. Vann
Participants: 141
Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



7th ESGAV Camp

29-31 March 1985
Place: "Sokil" Aireys Inlet
Camp Leader: L. Adamson
Commandant: R. Platacis
Participants: 170
Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar





8th ESGAV Camp

11-13 April 1986

Place: "Nioka Park" South Morang

Camp Leader: M. Pavlyshyn

Commandant: P. Toronyi

Participants: 168

Camp Badge Design: Y. Koretsky

9th ESGAV Camp

27-29 March 1987

Place: "Clifford Park" Wonga Park

Camp Leader: R. Celms

Commandant: M. Goldyn

Participants: 136

Camp Badge Design: L. Upite



10th ESGAV Camp

22-25 April 1988

Place: "Tervete" Kilmore

Camp Leader: Y. Koretsky

Commandant: R. Druva

Participants: 149

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

11th ESGAV Camp

7-9 April 1989

Place: "Bell Park" Lang Lang

Camp Leader: S. Janus

Commandant: A. Vann

Participants: 96

Camp Badge Design: L. Upite



12th ESGAV Camp

30 March - 1 April 1990

Place: "Sokil" Aireys Inlet

Camp Leader: A. Weber

Commandant: A. Abramoff

Participants: 112

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

13th ESGAV Camp

26-28 April 1991

Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook

Camp Leader: A. Vann

Commandant: S. Berzins

Participants: 102

Camp Badge Design: A. Antanaitis



14th ESGAV Camp

3-5 April 1992

Place: "Bell Park" Lang Lang

Camp Leader: R. Bielski

Commandant: T. Kocaba

Participants: 90

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



15th ESGAV Camp

26-28 March 1993

Place: "Tervete" Kilmore

Camp Leader: G. Markovics

Commandant: A. Antanaitis

Participants: 133

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

16th ESGAV Camp

22-25 April 1994

Place: "Yabbamac" Wandong

Camp Leader: T. Lefleur/S.Szegi

Commandant: K. Viksne

Participants: 70

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



17th ESGAV Camp

31 March - 2 April 1995

Place: "Rowallan" Riddells Creek

Camp Leader: J. Respini/H.Pacers

Commandant: P. Mankin

Participants: 65

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



18th ESGAV Camp

22-24 March 1996

Place: "Bell Park" Lang Lang

Camp Leader: M. Goldyn

Commandant: J. Hopwood

Participants: 80

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



19th ESGAV Camp

11-13 April 1997

Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook

Camp Leader: J. Hopwood

Commandant: C. Peszek

Participants: 100

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



20th ESGAV Camp

27-29 March 1998

Place: "Tervete" Kilmore

Camp Leader: M. Kovassy

Commandant: C. Bojczuk

Participants: Lots and Lots

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar





21st ESGAV Camp

19-21 March 1999

Place: "Sokil" Aireys Inlet

Camp Leader: P. Botte

Commandant: G. Antanaitis

Participants: 93

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

22nd ESGAV Camp

31 March-2 April 2000

Place: Ukranian Camp Narbethong

Camp Leader: J. Hopwood

Commandant: E. Malinowska

Participants: 59

Camp Badge Design: T. Steinberg



23rd ESGAV Camp

23-25 March 2001

Place: "Tervete" Kilmore

Camp Leader: O. Prasmutas

Commandant: A. Vann

Participants: 59

Camp Badge Design: T. Steinberg

24th ESGAV Camp

19-21 April 2002

Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook

Camp Leader: A. Vann

Commandant: G. Antanaitis

Participants: 58

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



25th ESGAV Camp

14-16 March 2003

Place: "Tervete" Kilmore

Camp Leader: A. Vann

Commandant: G. Antanaitis

Participants: 56

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

26th ESGAV Camp

15-18 April 2004

Place: "Scout Park" Mt. Martha

Camp Leader: A. Vann

Commandant: G. Antanaitis

Participants: 54

Camp Badge Design: A. Metsar



27th ESGAV Camp

15-17 April 2005

Place: "Brittania Park" Yarra Junction

Camp Leader: A. Vann

Commandant: R. Adamczyk

Participants: 67

Camp Badge Design: T. Steinberg



28th ESGAV Camp

31 March-2 April 2006

Place: "Gilwell Park" Gembrook

Camp Leader: R. Adamczyk

Commandant: V. Krivickas

Participants: 64

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar

29th ESGAV Camp

23-25 March 2007

Place: "Clifford Park" Wonga Park

Camp Leader: R. Adamczyk

Commandant: V. Krivickas

Participants: 69

Camp Badge Design: B. Metsar



30th ESGAV Camp

28-30 March 2008

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Camp Leader: R. Adamczyk

Commandant: G. Radion

Participants: TBA

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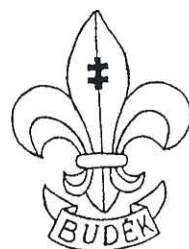
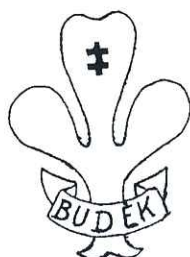
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Congratulations to the Ethnic Scout and Guide Association of Victoria on the occasion of your 30th birthday. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

**Jānis Roberts Dēliņš
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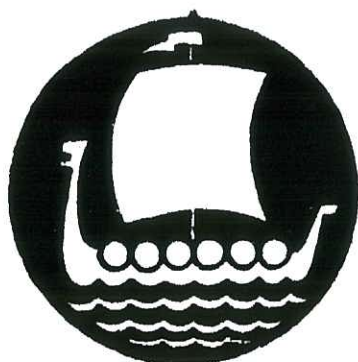
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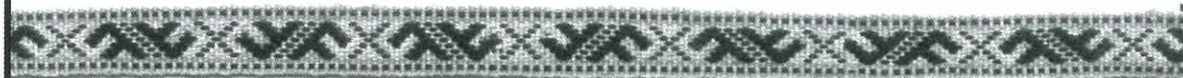
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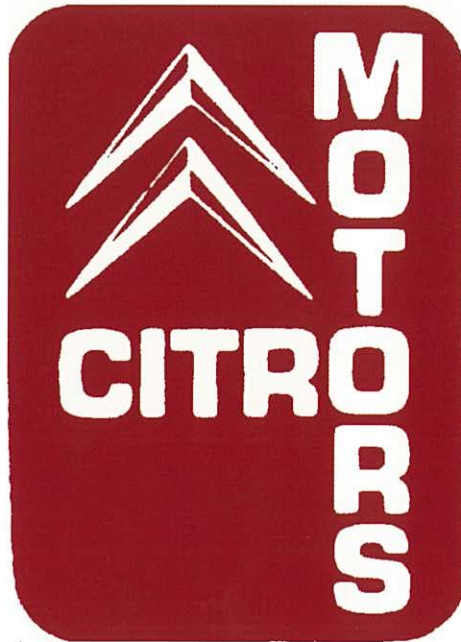
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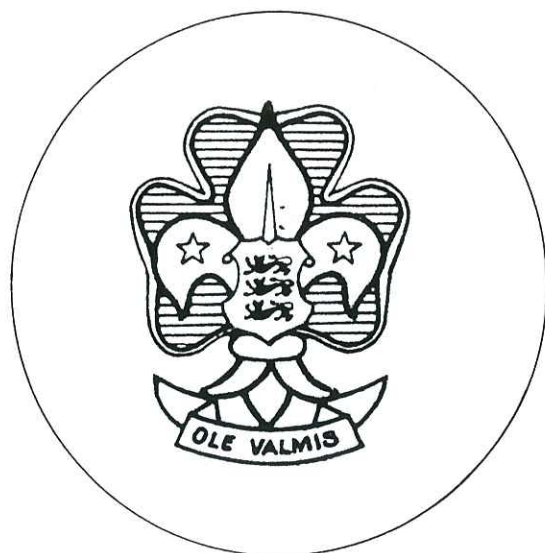
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CONGRATULATIONS ESGAV!

On behalf of the Latvian Scouts Association in Australia, I congratulate the 7 member nationality groups of ESGAV, for 30 years of successful scouting and guiding in Victoria. This is a singular achievement, and has provided many scouts and guides with a varied and interesting aspect to their activities – the chance to participate in camps, concerts and other activities, together with other ethnic groups.

May ESGAV continue to flourish for many years to come.

Arnīs Vējiņš
Commissioner – Latvian Scouts, Australian Region

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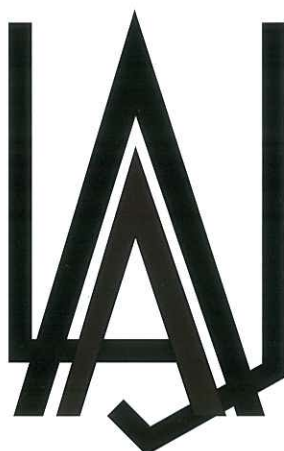
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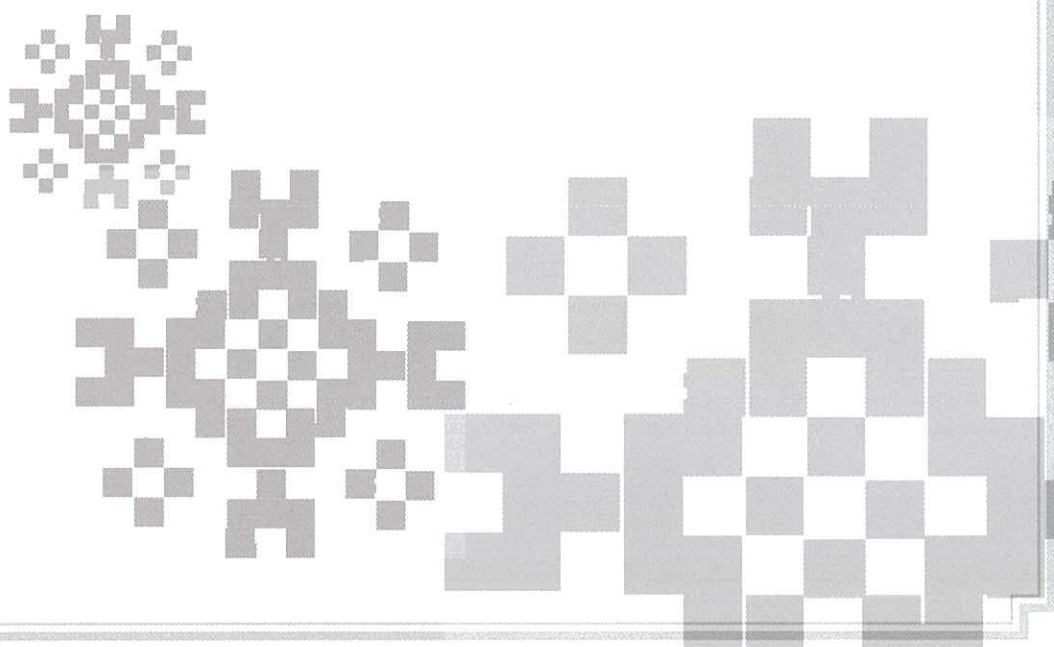
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We wish the Executive Committee, Camp Committee and all members of ESGAV many years of active scouting and guiding in the future.

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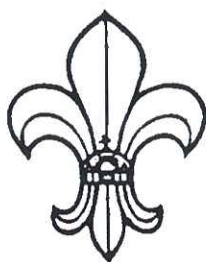
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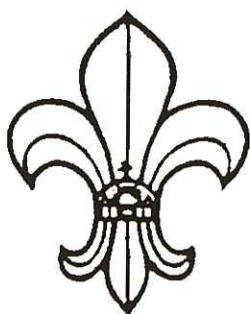
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Climbing activity - going up or down?



Group gathered for early campfire



Preparing for a group photo