



HARRY'S HARBINGER

WELCOME to Western Australia and the 2009 Venture escape, from the WA Branch Chief Commissioner, and your Camp Chief.



Escape is the biggest event hosted by the WA Branch since the 1995 Jamboree of Far Horizons at Perry Lakes. We do hold big events, but this time we welcome International and National Scouters.

The escape team has been working on this one for several years now, and we are looking forward to hosting you in our lovely warm State.

We trust you've arrived safely and are acclimatising well enough. For some of you, there's already been trips around the south west, and some good times at our wonderful Scout campsites and more.

You'll see me around during escape, I'm the one with the Chief's Thumbstick. Come and ID what's on it (apart from it's rifle holder!).

Yours in Scouting

Sue Mitchell

Camp Chief, and Chief Commissioner,
WA Branch



THE BIGGEST VENTURE SINCE 2000

Escape, the 14th Australian Venture, has the most participants since Venture 2000, nine years ago. There are 813 venturer participants and over 200 leaders helping out over the duration. The odds for the girls are pretty good with a ratio of almost 1 female to every 2 males.

All of the states of Australia are represented. There are also heaps of internationals; 25 Venturers from New Zealand, 26 from England, 14 from Indonesia, 11 from Japan, 2 from Sri Lanka, 1 from Norway, 1 from Germany and 2 from Canada and 29 international leaders.

The winner for the venturer who travelled the furthest according to a Google search is Canadian Deanne Nielsen, who travelled a total of 15,700 km.

And the largest contingent winner is Victoria, with 245 Venturers and 57 leaders. Congratulations and well done.

"We now declare this 14th Australian Venture Open"



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HARBINGER ???

According to the Macquarie Dictionary:-

Is a derivation of the words "*harbour*" and "*binge*"

"*Harbour*" being as a noun a place of refuge associated with the sea, as a verb to give shelter or hide and to indulge in the mind,

and

"*Binge*" a period of excessive indulgence

So grab your daily copy of Harry's Harbinger and find a refuge for your mind and over indulge in the wisdom and intellect of its content.

"So if you distract the guards here, then I'll be able to organise our escape from the crazy pool party here... OKAY?"



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to escape, the 14th Australian Venture. We hope you enjoy this event. Have lots of fun, meet friends but most of all be safe.

The registrations were completed today with out a hitch. Thank you to all the Venturers, Leaders and Contingent Leaders for making the whole process run really smoothly. But most of all thank you to transport for running on time.

The committee have put up to 4 years of their lives into making this event the best they can. Its now up to you. So make sure that you have the time of your life!



TODAY'S NEWS

Old woman arrested for stealing ball now suing!

A 89 year old lady was arrested in Hamilton County for refusing to return a confiscated ball from her neighbour's child. The charges were dropped by the prosecutor, and the elderly lady is now suing for the emotional distress!

Obama Arrives!

Incoming US president (Barack Obama for those of you living in the dark) will arrive in Washington this weekend in preparation for being sworn in as the 44th American President (and the first ever black president of America).

Eat Kangaroos and Camels!

Latest scientific research is suggesting that the consumption of these animals (instead of cows, pigs, sheep etc) will lead to a reduction in greenhouse gases! They claim this is because these animals produce less methane gas when farting and belching. Some of us aren't convinced enough to change our diets...

Clarke's Century Rescues Australia

Australia vice captain Michael Clarke has scored a classy century against South Africa in the Third Test.

One Thousand and thirteen youth and leaders invade Fairbridge Village

Okay... so you know this news already...

Thank you to Chris Williams from 3rd Kalamunda Rovers for the fantastic photography.

WHATS ON

For the early arriving contingents yesterday, you would have already explored the site and checked out the great on-site activities.

These include:

- High ropes course
- Art Corner
- Roverscope
- Monster Games
- Putt putt golf...

Don't miss out on these great activities when you get back from your expeditions.



THE 14th AUSTRALIAN VENTURE ROC TEAM



Religious Services

At on site Chapel Sunday 11th Jan
 - Scouts Own, 10am 3pm
 - Anglican Communion 8:30am
 - Catholic Mass 10am

Offsite

St Augustines, George St, Pinjarra
 Advise the ROC TEAM if you require transport to this or any other religious service.

ROC ACTIVITIES

(run next to the Chapel)
 Saturday 10th onwards

Make a leather woggle with the escape emblem or just come and talk to Pop, Monty and Rev Kev.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Birthdays yesterday:

Michael Preston - Unit: 143
 Fiona Pearson - Service Leader
 Jennifer Bartholomew - Unit: 031
 Aaron McDonald - Unit: 044
 Haritini Athanasopoulos - Unit: 032

Happy Birthday to the following Birthdays today:

Daniel Leithhead - Unit: 163
 Thomas Hallam - Unit: 011
 Sian Beadle - Unit: 093



Being True to Nature

We often pray, help us O'God, to know what it means to be true Scouts.

What answer would you give to that, not only in answer to your Venturing, but also as citizens, who would not want to let down our Scouting Promise.

So often we want to please ourselves.

Consider being unmindful of those we share this Venture with because we are more mindful of what we want to achieve during the time we participate in it.

Or later on, we rush around in a motor car, rather than thinking how much sooner it will wear out if created like that.

Better to ask God that we may be like his servants of old who always tried to please him; and never to give up but to live and serve him every day of our lives

Chappy – Wanneroo District

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Move in and opening Pool Party	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Return to site	Rest day/ Onsite activities
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Offsite and onsite activities Venture Open Day	Offsite and onsite activities	Offsite and onsite activities	Offsite and onsite activities Closing ceremony	Move out		
11	12	13	14	15		

AND THEN THEY ARRIVED.... Some in a slightly more classy fashion than others....



The organising committee promised a pool party...
And what a massive pool party it was...



Some words of advice from Harry about the expedition you are going on.

Adrenaline Junkies.

When you are on an untethered climb and 200 meters above the cliff base and a fly lands on your nose, don't swish it off with both hands.

Advanced Hiking

Don't have a competition to see who can carry the most number of marbles in your shoes.



Tree Top Walk

Don't loiter too long with Mr Sea Eagle's Wife.

Adventure Tour

When sand dune surfing, keep your mouth shut when you get wiped out.

Amazing Race

You will not get past your competition if you accept a lift from a camel that doesn't speak English.

Bibbulmum Hike

The free bubble gum offered in the promotional literature was a typing error.

Mountain Bikers

When on a steep down hill descent, do not under any circumstances, poke out your tongue.

Boot Camp

When paint ball battling, tell the guys just before you blast them that you are colour blind.

Caving Climbing Abseiling

Caver number one, drop luminous bread crumbs so you can find your way out. Caver number two, take a hungry magpie to eat the luminous bread crumbs so caver number one gets lost.

Caver number one, find your way out by following luminous magpie droppings.



Coastal Crusaders

Don't worry about the flying fish jumping over the front of your surf board, you only have to worry about what's chasing the flying fish.

Diving 101

If you get lost, don't swim toward the setting sun, the next time you put your foot down, you will be in Africa.

Fishing

Don't kiss the fish and throw them back if they are more than two meters long.

4 X 4 Driving

When the one legged expedition leader asks you to wade into the river to check the depth, its too late to ask him if he checked this river himself before and how far South crocodiles have been sighted in WA.

Rottnest Retreat

So you can get a picture when it is stopped, don't ask your expedition leader to reach up and grab the wind turbine blade.

Sailing Adventure

If you cant remember what is a jib, a mainsheet ,a wisker pole, a spinaker, a bow, a mizzen or a block, have the dictionary of sailing terms covered in waterproof laminate.

South West Adventure Tour

When watching the sun setting over the sea to the West, its too late to phone home and ask mum to send you your sun glasses.

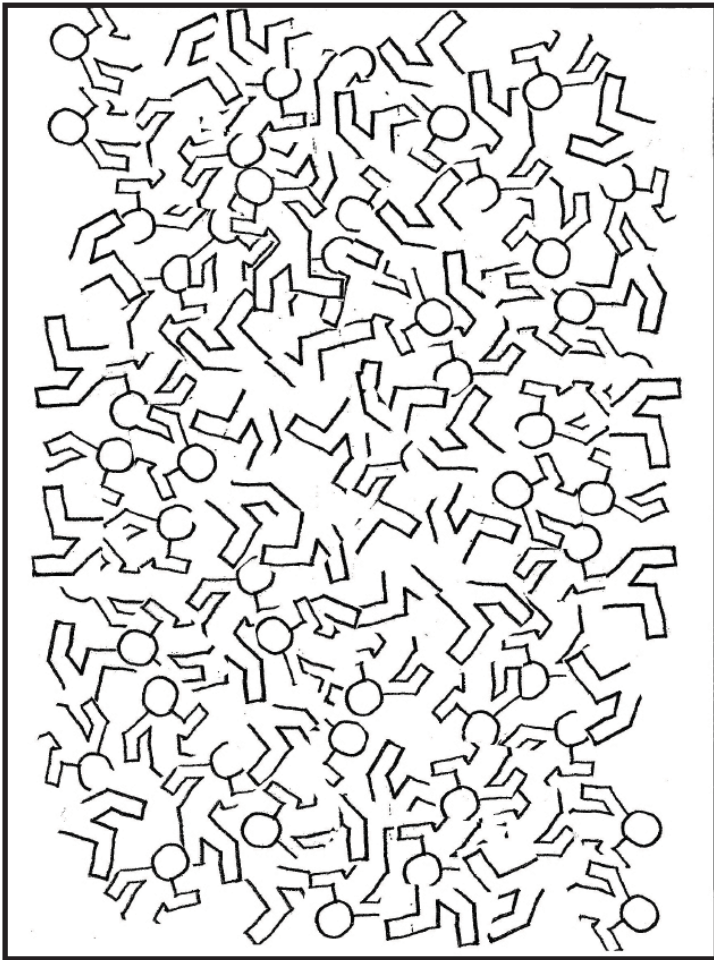
Sun Sand and Fun

Follow the advice given in the weather report, put sun cream on the bottom of your feet if you are going to spend a lot of time standing on your hands.

Tall Ship Sailing.

The fact will be confirmed to you that Dirk Hartog and Captain Cook found Terra Australis without being entertained by a DVD player and a GPS Navigation System is a complete myth.





HARRY HOUDINI

In 1904 Harry Houdini performs his legendary "Mirror Cuff" escape at the London Hippodrome. It had taken a Birmingham blacksmith five years to build the cuffs, which featured an impossible-to-pick set of nesting Bramah locks. The challenge is big news in the press for weeks. After an hour-long struggle, Houdini emerges free from the cuffs and is carried away in triumph by the adoring crowd.



Where is Harry?

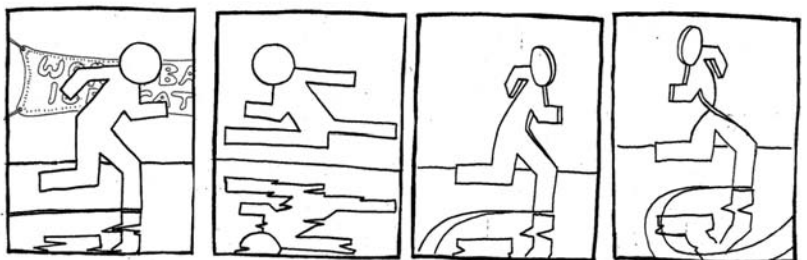
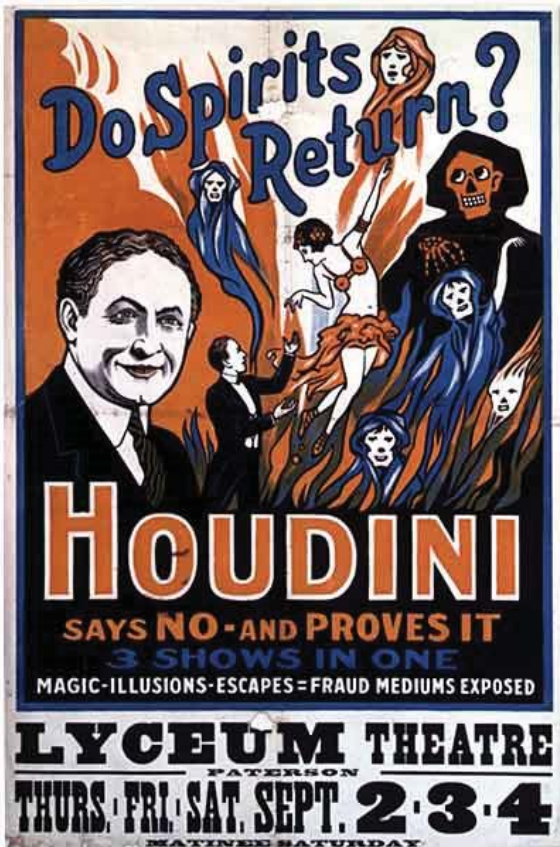
There is only one whole Harry, can you find him?

Today's Darwin Award goes to.. Macho Man

Some men will go to extraordinary lengths to prove how macho they are. Frenchman Pierre Pumpille recently shunted a stationary car two feet by headbutting it. "Women thought I was a god," he explained from his hospital bed.

Deity or not, however, Pumpille is a veritable girl's blouse compared to Polish farmer Krystof Azninski, who staked a strong claim to being Europe's most macho man by cutting off his own head in 1995. Azninski, 30, had been drinking with friends when it was suggested they strip naked and play some "men's games". Initially they hit each other over the head with frozen turnips, but then one man upped the ante by seizing a chainsaw and cutting off the end of his foot. Not to be outdone, Azninski grabbed the saw and, shouting "Watch this then," he swung at his own head and chopped it off.

"It's funny," said one companion, "when he was young he put on his sister's underwear. But he died like a man."



HARRY's in training for the winter olympics.... Its the only way to escape the heat...

WEATHER FORECAST



"The weather forecast for the next five days:-

During the day Monday HOT, Tuesday HOT, Wednesday HOT, Thursday HOT, Friday HOT, windy, windy, windy, windy in the afternoon and a bit chilly at night.

Double check you have plenty of sun cream, and a spare hat in case one blows away. Drink lots of water. (fresh water)

It is a good idea to put extra sun cream, on the top of your feet if you are not wearing shoes and under your chin, and on the bottom of your feet if you are going to spend all day standing around on your hands."



PERTH

Mon Fine, hot Min 20 Max 35
Tues Fine, hot Min 19 Max 33
Wed Fine, hot Min 18 Max 33
Thurs Fine, very hot Min 20 Max 37
Fri Fine, hot Min 19 Max 35

LANCELIN

Mon Fine, very hot Min 19 Max 37
Tues Fine, hot Min 19 Max 34
Wed Fine, hot Min 15 Max 34
Thurs Fine, very hot Min 16 Max 38

BUSSELTON

Mon Fine, hot Min 17 Max 33
Tues Fine, hot Min 15 Max 30
Wed Fine, hot Min 12 Max 30
Thurs Fine, hot Min 13 Max 32

CLASSIFIEDS

URGENT MESSAGE

Could T.T. urgently contact her brother, Mum put your underwear in my pack.
Contact C.T.

FOR SALE

One set of handcuffs, chrome on steel, used only once, in closed position.
Lost the key.
Contact H H.

FOR SALE

Coat, royal blue, brass buttons, worn in, ex British Navy, large white stain on left shoulder, other wise in good condition.
Contact L.J.S.

LOST

Pair of red underpants, left at Fairbridge Village phone booth, while getting changed in a hurry. Large size worn outside tights.
Contact S

SEEKING

NSW Venturer Unit, all male, seeking female members. Must be able to cook and clean Venturer den. Will take interstate members on trial. Send photo of female class mates.
Contact D. M.C.P.

FOR SALE

Six pairs of male underpants, just washed size medium, unwanted on this Venture.
Contact T.T.

MESSAGE

Could JP contact her brother. The cat ate all the gold fish, and he needs to know what colour they were so he can replace them before Mum gets home.

FOUND

Key looks suitable for small lock, handcuffs or similar.
Contact W.A.P.

FOR SALE

Left sea boot, never used
Contact .L.J.S.

FOR SALE

Island North West of Fremantle, has shops, wharf and housing. Self contained fan. Ex penal establishment. Not wanted after Venture.
Contact W.A.G.

SPORT

"Western Australia should secede to South Africa" says Smith

Following Australia's poor performance in the cricket test against South Africa Smith suggested Western Australia should secede and become a State of South Africa. After all we have a lot in common, like the same ocean.

"Bilbies make clean sweep after defeating the Pengroes 86 to 17"

Graham Grisenthorp the captain of the Bilbies was fired with excitement after his teams crushing defeat of the Pengroes. He said "the sport had dramatically expanded after an expanded competition base and hoped more athletes would take up marbles outside Tasmania next year."

"Harry wins after protest in the World Bare Foot Ice Figure Skating Championships

A protest was lodged by Bart Simpson against Escape Harry at the WBFIFSCs. Bart claimed Harry had an unfair advantage having no width to his feet. Harry told Bart to go out and get a proper job.

Harry won after completing the first ever quadruple axil in bare feet. On completion Harry said "the difficulty was avoiding getting screwed up"



Contributions to news paper wanted

Letters to the editor, articles about the venture, photos, jokes, puzzles.
Newspaper office is in the west wing of the administration building