

Celebrating 85 years of Community Service

CONTACT!

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TOC H AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN REGION
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Director's Diary Notes & Comment:

In late May I was able to make quick visit to the Toc H Victor Harbor Campsite. It's always a pleasure to see the continual improvements being made to this wonderful facility. It was also great to catch up again with **Roydon Ellison** and **Lindsay Honeyman**, who took me on a detailed inspection of the refurbished huts. The new cladding, roofing and additional embellishments added to these huts blends in very well with the other buildings at the campsite. I understand that the current work program is nearing completion but I also understand that a new work program is rapidly evolving.

Some recent events and appointments

The students in the Toc H Group at St Peter's College have been very active so far this year. They have recently completed 4 weeks of volunteering at St Mary Magdalene's Collective. This involves their participation in providing a Saturday evening 3 course meal to people in need in the City of Adelaide. They expect to do another 4 weeks in August, in addition to the many other service activities they are performing.

Some of you may be aware that I was invited onto Peter Goers evening show on ABC Radio 891 on Monday evening 3rd May 2010. It was a lot of fun, mainly because Peter has a very happy and generous disposition which helped to put me at ease. The interview lasted about 12 minutes and focused mainly on the history and background of the Toc H Movement. I did, however, manage to talk about the Toc H Campsite and the Victor Harbor Branch 75th anniversary celebrations later in the year. Peter has invited me back onto his show in September to talk about these celebrations.

Toc H Australia Southern Region has a new Treasurer, **Sam Wood**, a young finance professional and a new Public Officer, **Brian Robinson**, an active member of Toc H Prospect Branch. We are most grateful that they both have agreed to take on these roles and the Executive will support them in every way it can.

Breaking news

Some changes have been forced on us in regard to celebrating Toc H Victor Harbor Branch's 75th Anniversary.

Following the passage of recent legislation through the South Australian Parliament there is now a requirement that local councils go into 'shutdown' or 'lock down' mode some 6 weeks before local government elections. In the case of Victor Harbor, elections are due in early November 2010 and so there will be one change to our program. It had been proposed that the City of Victor Harbor would host a civic reception to acknowledge 75 years of community service performed by Toc H in Victor Harbor. It had been planned for early in the evening on Friday 29th October 2010. This date is no longer available and so it has been changed to **Friday 17th September 2010**.

In addition to the event above, please make sure you have a diary note to **keep the last weekend in October 2010 free**. This includes the **evening of Saturday 30th and the afternoon of Sunday 31st**. Full details of the celebrations will be published in the next issue of *Contact*.

Comment

While it would have been rather enjoyable to have all the celebratory events spread over one single weekend it does offer us the opportunity to now promote Toc H Victor Harbor on 2 separate occasions within the local community. It seems the branch members are quite happy to take advantage of this opportunity

Yours in Toc H,

Michael Thomas

CHRISTMAS BOXES:

In 2008 we filled 92 shoe boxes and last year we increased the number to 106. This shows that the project has been well received by Toc H members and friends in South Australia. 36 boxes were filled by school groups and about 54 by people outside of Toc H.

Operation Christmas Child is a very good project organized most efficiently by Samaritan's Purse. The numbers of boxes sent overseas is quite staggering and amazing lengths are taken to deliver boxes to remote villages. DVD's show the joy on the faces of the children and that makes it all worthwhile.

We can do better in 2010 but it all depends on YOU. Now is the time to start thinking about it and to let Mary know how many boxes that you will need. Action time is August to early October and boxes will be available from late July. More details will be published in the next issue of Contact.



David Hall

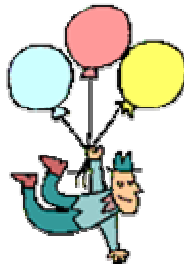
If you are interested, you may wish to view the DVD which shows delivery of some of the boxes to remote areas—just go to www.samaritanspurse.org.au and click on 'watch the video'. Ed.

75th ANNIVERSARY FOR VICTOR HARBOR:

As you would already be aware, 2010 marks a very important anniversary for our oldest continuous branch—**Victor Harbor**—which celebrates 75 years since its inception.

As advised in our Director's article this issue, the City of Victor Harbor will hold a Civic Reception to mark this important date in September.

Another event to celebrate this milestone will be an **Open Day** at the campsite, to be held on **SUNDAY, 31st OCTOBER** to which everyone is invited. This is a great opportunity to view the latest upgrades to our facilities.



Mark this date in your diary NOW.

MORE INFORMATION LATER.

NEW PUBLIC OFFICER

We are delighted to announce that **Brian Robinson**, a long term member of Prospect Branch has taken on the role of **Public Officer** for Toc H Australia Southern Region.

Brian takes over from **Andrew Cole** who was our previous Public Officer. We thank Andrew sincerely for his time and interest over a period of some years.

WELCOME SAM:

Toc H has much pleasure in welcoming our new Treasurer, **Sam Wood**, to our organisation. Sam grew up in Adelaide and worked here for 5 years after studying for a Commerce Degree at Flinders University, before moving to London for more than 3 years.

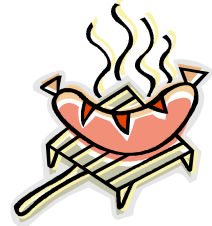
He now lives in Glenelg, and is enjoying being back in Adelaide and spending time with family in the beautiful Clare Valley and trying his hand at fishing at Port Broughton, where his girlfriend's family has a shack.

Sam, aged 30, used to play cricket but now enjoys being a spectator at first class and test cricket matches, as well as following Port Power in the AFL.

We are delighted to have Sam give of his time in taking care of our finances, and hope that his time with us will be mutually enjoyable for some years to come.

Sausage Sizzle YUM

If you would like to help Toc H raise some much needed funds, why not volunteer to spend a couple of hours either cooking or serving sausages on
Saturday or Sunday—12th or 13th June.
Just phone Mary on 8443 8076, or send an email to office@tochsa.org to offer your help.



NEWS FROM PROSPECT BRANCH

The meeting on 17th May was held at the home of **Elaine & Brian Reade** with 11 members present. Apart from the usual business, our guest speaker, **Peter**, was present and told us about his time in Vietnam.



Peter spent two stints in Vietnam during the War and on both occasions was a dog handler. There is a memorial to the 11 dogs who served near Mooloolaba in Queensland, and their names include—**Caesar, Cassius, Janus** etc.

Peter had large photographs of the dogs and gave an intensely interesting talk on their contribution to the war effort.

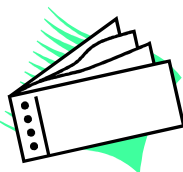
As a result of the Prospect Fair in March, where the Branch tested the demand for OXFAM Free Trade Tea and Coffee, there are a few packs of 2 different types of coffee to sell at the discounted price of \$6 for 250 gms.

Both coffees are ground and will suit either plunger or percolator use. One type is from Nicaragua and the other is organic 100% Arabica from Ethiopia. They are both very nice coffee.

Please contact **Chris Winnall** on 8269 1872 if you would like to buy some.



Lottery Books -



If you still have tickets to sell for the Australian Central Community Lottery, please note that the ticket butts and money are due for return to the office no later than 17th June, please.

Many thanks for all your help.

You can post in the ticket butts and a cheque, or call in at the office with cash, during open hours.

BIG QUIZ

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK A TABLE FOR THE
2010 BIG QUIZ
ON
SATURDAY, 21ST AUGUST
AT THE
BURNSIDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS BALLROOM
COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM
COST: JUST \$10 EACH (TABLES OF 8)**

**PHONE MARY ON 8443 8076 TO MAKE A
BOOKING.**



BRANCH AND REGIONAL DATES

June

Tuesday	1st	Victor Harbor—Guest speaker: Rev Tony Gates
Tuesday	15th	Burnside—meeting
Saturday	19th	Camp Board of Management Meeting—campsite 11 am
Thursday	24th	Regional Executive Meeting—Toc H Centre 5 pm

July

Tuesday	6th	Victor Harbor—Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7th	Victor Harbor—Steam Ranger trip to Goolwa
Tuesday	20th	Burnside—meeting
Monday	26th	Way Back Group get-together

August

Tuesday	3rd	Victor Harbor—Guest speaker: Mr Ian Milnes from RSL
Tuesday	17th	Burnside—meeting
Saturday	21st	Quiz Night—Burnside Ballroom

September

Tuesday	7th	Victor Harbor—birthday arrangements
Friday	17th	City of Victor Harbor—Civic Reception
Tuesday	21st	Burnside—meeting

October

Tuesday	5th	Victor Harbor—Annual General Meeting
Sunday	31st	Victor Harbor—campsite Open Day

TOC H SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9.00 am to 3.30 pm