



Australian Contingent to 12th New Zealand Venture Venture South – Riverton Southland

Newsletter No 2 – July 2012



A message from the boss...

We have been blown away with the demand from Venturers to join the Australian Contingent to Venture South. We now have a total of 525 attending, with 418 of those also doing the pre tour. We are the largest Australian Contingent to an international event...EVER!

We have 25 from the Australian Capital Territory, 152 from New South Wales, 8 from the Northern Territory, 27 from Queensland, 30 from South Australia, 4 from Tasmania, 257 from Victoria and 22 from Western Australia.

Myself and the team have been working extremely hard to get this amazing trip finalised and to make additional places available. The pre tour is going to be fantastic, we have locked in some amazing accommodation and activities. We recently met with the NZ Venture Organising Committee and they are progressing well with getting the Venture finalised.

Please read through the newsletter as it contains lots of important information. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Gary Steinhardt
Contingent Leader

A message from finance...

We are rapidly approaching the date when we need to finalise the airline bookings for the Contingent. In order for us to book your flight, you need to have paid at least \$1300 by 20 July.

If you have not paid at least \$1300 by 20 July, additional flight surcharges will apply. The current flight prices are only guaranteed until this date and we don't have room in the budget to absorb higher flight costs due to late payment.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a summary of the payments received to date. Please check this over and if you feel there are any discrepancies, let us know immediately. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact us to discuss your options.

When making payments its really important that you use your NZV ID number. We process over 500 payments per month and it's very hard to match up payments without the ID number.

Phillip Britt
Deputy Contingent Leader

A message from administration...

I would like to thank the majority of contingent members that have returned their forms correctly and promptly. There are still a few Venturers and Leaders with incomplete application forms and these need to be finalised ASAP. If the info sheet attached to this newsletter has your application status as Waiting Forms or Received Incomplete you still need to finalise paperwork with us.

We are still waiting on a number of New Zealand consent forms to be returned. Again, please check your info sheet to see if we have received yours or not.

Fiona Flanigan
Administration Manager

A message from welfare & first aid...

With such a large Contingent we are bound to find a range of allergies, medical problems, and dietary requirements. We have been going through the information provided and so far we have not found anything too concerning.

DO YOU CARRY an EpiPEN® or similar device? We have recently added a new question to the medical page in the registration system. If you carry an EpiPEN® or similar device we need to know. Please log into the registration system and update your details to say – Yes I carry an EpiPEN®.

Also, if you have food allergies etc, please ensure these are listed in BOTH the dietary requirements and allergies sections. If in doubt, please log into the system and check. Remember, you are able to update your medical details online at any point – you don't need to send in a paper application again.

If you have any special medical requirements and would like to discuss these with me, please email admin.nzv2013@scouts.com.au and I will get back to you.


Sharon Noonan
Welfare & First Aid Manager

Shirts

Each member of the contingent will receive 2 shirts as part of their kit. On the info sheet enclosed you will find the size you have selected. To make sure your shirt fits comfortably, please check your size against this size chart.

To find your half chest measurement, get one of your shirts that fits you nicely. Then, all you need to do is place the shirt on a flat surface and measure across the chest.

We will be ordering the shirts on 31 July, so you must update your size in the system by then.

	Size	Half Chest Measurement
	Child Size 14	46cm
	Child Size 16	49cm
	Small	52cm
	Medium	55cm
	Large	58cm
	Extra Large	62cm
	2 XL	65cm
	3 XL	71cm
	5 XL	79cm

What to pack?

Although some people have been wondering, at this point it's too early for us to let you know what to pack. A packing list will be provided once expeditions have been allocated. Although the Venture is in summer and the weather should be fine, the South Island has the potential to get

cold. While waiting for the gear list, you may wish to keep a lookout for warm or wet weather clothing in the upcoming Winter Sales, especially if your allocated expedition is likely to be adventurous. We do advise that you check your sleeping mat and bag are in good order, and update them in the sales if they are not.

Flight & Travel Details

Included with this newsletter is a sheet detailing your departure and arrival airports, including the corresponding dates. Please check this information over carefully to ensure it's correct.

We will be finalising the flight bookings on 20 July 2012. If there are any changes to your departure or arrival airports, we need to know ASAP. If you notify us of a change after this date, additional fees will apply.

If you are planning on staying on in NZ for a family holiday or similar, please ensure that "Independent Travel" is listed as your arrival airport.

We will let you know your exact travel arrangements and times at the Contingent Orientation Days in November. The details for these days are below.

Expedition Allocations

The New Zealand organising committee has advised us that they will be announcing expedition allocations in late September 2012. Allocations are being done on a first come, first served basis, according to the date we received your completed application.

Tents

Around 55 people at this stage have chosen not to take up a Contingent Tent as part of their merchandise. **If you are taking your own tent to NZ, it MUST BE BRAND NEW and still in the packaging.** NZ Customs are very strict with dirt and will take your tent off you if it is used.

Remember when planning your packing, you need to factor in the weight of the tent when you bring it back. The tent weighs approx 3kg, so that means you can pack 20kg of other stuff when coming home. You may wish to pack some old clothes and shoes that can be thrown out at the end of Venture to make room for tents and extras on the way home.

Also, some people have not chosen which type of tent they would like. The two choices are below. If you do not choose a type by 31 July we will pick one for you. 😊



Storm Shelter



Caddis

Contingent Merchandise

By being a member of the Australian Contingent you receive a range of merchandise items.

Included in your kit are:

- 2 Contingent Shirts
- 100 Ltr Travel bag
- Luggage tags
- Name Badge with your preferred name
- 2 Australian Contingent Scarfs
- Gumnut woggle



New Years Eve Party

As we're sure you are all aware, December 31st will be New Years Eve! Welcoming the New Year in New Zealand whilst on the trip of a lifetime can only be done in one way – by throwing a MASSIVE NYE PARTY!!! Lots more details are coming soon, so make sure you've liked us on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest announcements on props, music and plenty more. The theme will be AUSSIE BEACH PARTY, so make sure you pack your boardies and thongs! The Themed Nights were some of the highlights of the last NZV2010, with everyone getting into the spirit. Make sure you leave some room in your packing for the odd costume, especially as there will be a prize for best dressed!

Kusi and Rob

Pre-Tour Unit Council

During the pre-tour, Kusi is going to be holding an informal 'Unit Council'. The council will briefly meet each night to discuss how everything on the pre-tour is going, and to gather your feedback. You may also have the opportunity to be involved in decisions affecting the pre-tour.

We are looking for some enthusiastic individuals from each state to form the council. It will be fun, but you will need to be happy to give up a little of your time each night. You also need to be willing to help out the contingent if needed. If you're interested and would like to know more, email Kusi (kusi.nzv2013@scouts.com.au) with your details. Please include a brief description of your experience, as well as why you would like to be involved. I look forward to hearing from you guys!

Kusi

Orientation Day Dates

The Australian Contingent will be conducting a number of orientation days. At these days we will provide you with a lot of important information about your trip, so it is essential that you attend. Please put the appropriate date in your calendar:

Location	Date	Time
Brisbane	10 November 2012	10am
Canberra	10 November 2012	7pm
Hobart	11 November 2012	1pm
Perth	17 November 2012	11am
Adelaide	18 November 2012	11am
Melbourne	24 November 2012	10:30am
Sydney	25 November 2012	10am
Alice Springs	9 December 2012	1pm

Further information regarding the exact address for each briefing will be provided in the October Newsletter.

Refund Policy:

If you need to withdraw your application at any point, the following refund policy will apply:

Between 1 May and 30 June 2012 – Refund less \$50 administration fee
Between 1 July and 31 August – Refund less \$1200 unless you can provide a substitute
Between 1 Sept and 31 October – Refund less \$2000 unless you can provide a substitute
After 1 November 2012 – no refund possible.

If you need to withdraw your application, you must advise us in writing (not email).

Travel Insurance

We have received a few enquiries about insurance. Your Contingent fee includes travel insurance, which covers a range of items. As a brief summary, our travel insurance covers:

Schedule of Benefits:

Personal Injury Lump Sum Benefit	\$50,000
Temporary Total Disablement Weekly Benefit Amount	\$500
Medical Expenses	\$Unlimited
Repatriation of Mortal Remains	\$50,000
Cancellation / Curtailment / Additional expenses	\$Unlimited
Personal Liability	\$5,000,000
Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion	\$250,000
Political Evacuation & Natural Disaster Expenses	\$10,000
Luggage, Personal Effects, Travel Documents	\$5,000
Money & Credit Cards	\$5,000
Portable Business Equipment	\$5,000

Aggregate Limit of Liability:

Personal Injury – Any one Accident or Occurrence	\$2,000,000
Kidnap-Ransom & Extortion	\$500,000
Political Evacuation	\$100,000

The insurance policy is held through Chubb Insurance Australia (Ltd). If you have any further questions at all regarding insurance, please email admin.nzv2013@scouts.com.au

Wrapping up:

That's all for now folks! The Venture is only 6 months away, and it's going to be HUGE! We're really excited because we know that you are all going to have the time of your lives.

The next newsletter will not be until October which will be a bumper edition with lots of expedition information. For those doing the pre tour, you will also receive some additional information regarding optional activities which will be available during the pre tour.

Make sure you check out our Facebook page regularly to keep up-to-date with all the latest news from the team (www.facebook.com/nzv2013). Stay cool, enjoy the countdown and we'll be in touch soon.

- The NZV2013 Australian Contingent team