



## Australian Contingent to 12<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Venture Venture South – Riverton Southland

### Newsletter No 3 – October 2012



#### A message from Gary...

With less than 80 days until we depart Australia, crunch time is well and truly upon us. No doubt you are starting to get ready for exams and thinking about the end of the year, but there's lots to do for the Venture and we need your help.

You will find important information in this newsletter and items that you need to get back to us on. Please do this quickly and don't leave it until the last minute or to Orientation Day. We have lots of people to manage and would appreciate you getting back to us quickly with the information we need.

On your personal information sheet you will find information about your orientation day. This is an important event for you to attend as it will provide lots of valuable information to you and your family. I look forward to meeting you all at O Day!



Gary Steinhardt  
Contingent Leader

### Final Payments

By 30 October we will post out your final account and it will show the balance (if any) owing. Final payments are due before 30 November 2012, this date has been extended due to the delay in getting you this statement. If you have an outstanding balance we request that this is paid by no later than this date. Please ensure you put your NZV ID on all payments and email us the details.

We had hoped to include your statement with this newsletter but we are still reconciling the accounts with the national office.

**The National Office has a policy that all members attending must be fully paid up and will cancel the travel arrangements for any members that have not paid in full.**



#### Expeditions

During the Venture every Venturer and Unit leader will participate in a 5 day expedition. You would have selected 3 choices as part of your application and these have now been assigned and can be found on the enclosed info sheet. We hope that you got your expedition of choice. Even if you are not in an expedition unit with a friend, one of the best things about a Venture is the amazing new friends you will meet.

Expedition units in New Zealand are a bit different to Australian Ventures and have 1 unit leader with 8 Venturers so you get to know your unit really well ☺. All expedition allocations are now locked in and cannot be changed.

### **Orientation Day!**

If you are not able to make your designated Orientation Day (as shown on your info sheet) you need to let us know by email before 22 October. If you are not able to make this O Day but can attend one of the other O Days you also need update your O Day location at [signup.nzv2013.com](http://signup.nzv2013.com) no later than 25 October so we can arrange for your merchandise to be at the new location.

If you can't make any of the orientation days due to travel distance, please contact us and we will make alternative arrangements. All O Day details can be found at [www.nzv2013.com/dates.php](http://www.nzv2013.com/dates.php)

### **Flight & Travel Details**

Included with this newsletter is a sheet detailing your departure and return flight details. These are still subject to change and will be confirmed at Orientation Day in the kit you receive.

For Venturers that have overnight travel arrangements you will be billeted in Sydney or Melbourne. Details of your billet families will be advised at Orientation Day. At this stage the Alice Springs Venturers will be billeted both ways, and some from Perth and Adelaide will require billeting on the return trip.

### **The Stats**

You are part of the largest Australian Contingent to an International event... ever! It is also over 100 more people than the Australian Team that went to the London 2012 Olympics - a great effort! So where are we all from?

State	Venturers	Leaders	Rovers	Total
ACT	25	2	0	27
NSW	135	10	2	147
NT	7	0	1	8
QLD	26	3	0	29
SA	25	5	0	30
TAS	4	0	0	4
VIC	225	33	9	267
WA	21	1	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>534</b>

This contingent is over double the size of the one that went to the last New Zealand Venture in 2010. Of the 534 people attending, 423 of these are also participating in the Pre Tour.

### **Refund Policy:**

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

Between 1 Sept and 31 October – Refund less \$2000

After 1 November 2012 – no refund possible.

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

### **Queen Scout Award Scheme**

Some Venturers may wish to use some of their trip towards the Queen Scout award scheme work. This may be possible subject to your local Unit Council, District/Zone Council and Region policies. We would strongly recommend that you check with your local Councils as to their views. If you are approved by your local Council, you will need to get your Expedition Leaders approval also.

### **What to pack?**

Some expeditions will have specific equipment needed for them and this will be advised later, but as a general guide all members attending NZV2013 will need:

- Your Contingent travel bag with everything inside it (meaning nothing is tied on)!
- Tent – If you have purchased a contingent tent, it will be waiting for you in New Zealand. If you have not ordered a contingent tent, don't forget to bring your own. Remember, it needs to be brand new in order to make it through NZ Customs.
- Roll Mat, Therma Rest, lilo or similar to sleep on
- Sleeping Bag
- Pyjamas
- Clothes – Shirts, Shorts, Long Pants, Socks, Underwear, etc
- Warm clothes - Jumper, Contingent Hoodie or similar (NZ can get quite cold, even in summer!)
- Wet weather gear - Rain Jacket etc
- Hat, Sunnies and Sunscreen
- Swimmers / Bathers
- Towel, or possibly two (one for showering and one for swimming)
- Normal Shoes / Sneakers
- Hiking Boots
- Thongs
- Personal First Aid Kit (must be packed in your main undercarriage bag for flying)
- Water Bottle (must be empty for flying, security limits liquids over 100ml)
- Toiletries (must be packed in your main undercarriage bag for flying)
- Insect Repellent
- Torch
- Your Venturer Uniform – You will be travelling on the International Flights in full Venturer Scout Uniform!

### **Things you may like to bring:**

- Camera
- iPod
- Book to read on the bus/plane
- Diary - as a record of everything you get up to, as well as for the long list of new mates.

Keep in mind that valuables are your responsibility! If you can't afford to lose it, don't bring it.

### **You shouldn't pack:**

- Dilly Bag/Mess Kit, Plates, Bowls etc – These will be provided to you during the Venture and the pre tour.
- Anything that you shouldn't bring to a Venturer event, such as alcohol, drugs, or other illegal items. Remember, we are flying so you can't bring anything that can't fly. If you are going on an expedition that requires metholated spirits for stoves or similar items there will be an opportunity to purchase this in NZ – you can't take metholated spirits on the plane! Hiking gas bottles are generally allowed, but must be declared at check-in.

You can have a total of 23kg for your checked in baggage and 7kg in your hand luggage on the flights we have booked. Keep in mind that if you have purchased a contingent tent, this will add to your luggage on the way home. The airlines are very strict with their luggage limits. Excess baggage fees will not be paid for by the contingent, they will be your responsibility.



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#### Orientation Days

Briefing days have been organised in all capital cities. Please keep one of them free as important information will be given out and your Contingent merchandise (bags, shirts, nametags, badges, hoodies etc) will be issued. We know it's a long way to come (for some of you) but we strongly encourage both you and your parents to attend – it will be well worth it. Please come in full Scout Uniform.

By default we have selected your orientation day based on the state you live in. You should check your location online at [signup.nzv2013.com](http://signup.nzv2013.com) and if you need to change the location you can. We will make special arrangements for those living in remote areas who are unable to collect their Contingent equipment on the briefing day.

#### **Brisbane**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
10am till 12 noon  
Queensland Branch HQ  
32 Dixon St  
Auchenflower. QLD. 4066

#### **Canberra**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
7pm till 9pm  
ACT Branch HQ  
89 Kitchener St  
Garran. ACT. 2605

#### **Hobart**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
1pm till 3pm  
The Lea Scout Centre  
330 Proctors Road  
Kingston. TAS. 7050

#### **Perth**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
11am till 1pm  
Western Australian Branch HQ  
581 Murray St  
West Perth. WA. 6005

#### **Adelaide**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November  
11am till 1pm  
Glenelg Adventurous Activities Centre  
Anderson Ave  
Glenelg North. SA. 5045

#### **Melbourne**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
9:30am for a 10am Start till 12 noon  
Monash University Clayton Campus  
Building 64, South 1 Theatre  
Wellington Road, Clayton. VIC. 3168

#### **Sydney**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
9:30am for a 10am Start till 12 noon  
University of Sydney  
Eastern Avenue Auditorium  
(Parking in City Road Entrance)

#### **Alice Springs**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
7:30pm till 9:30pm  
Alice Springs Scout Hall  
Larapinta Drive, Araluen  
Alice Springs NT 0870





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# PRE TOUR PACK!

Welcome to the Australian Contingent Pre Tour! You are one of 423 Australians who are going to have the experience of a lifetime on our Pre Tour. With 9 days of additional fun on top of the Venture we are going to cram so much more into your New Zealand experience!

### Pre Tour Activities

During the Pre Tour you will have the opportunity to do a range of activities which are all included in your contingent fee. These will give you a taste of pretty much everything NZ has to offer! There are also some extra activities that will be available for an additional fee. It is purely up to you if you want to do these – don't feel as if you have to!

**IMPORTANT:** If you would like to do some optional activities, you need to select these online at [signup.nzv2013.com](http://signup.nzv2013.com). Once you have selected your optional activities they will be added to your account. These need to be paid by 30 November 2012 so we can lock in the bookings. When you book, you don't need to choose a particular time to do the activity – this will be done on the Pre Tour itself. You only need to select the activity you wish to do and make sure you pay. Also, you don't need to book any of the included activities – everyone will have the opportunity to do these.

If you don't book your activities now, there may still be places available for you during the Pre Tour. Please be aware, however, that booking these activities during the Pre Tour may involve a higher price as we won't be able to offer you the advanced booking discount we have received from the suppliers.

Date	Activity	Price
28 Dec	<b>Waitomo Glowworm Caves</b> - <a href="http://www.waitomo.com">www.waitomo.com</a> Enjoy a world famous boat ride under thousands of magical glowworms and become a part of over 120 years of cultural and natural history.	Included
28, 29 Dec	<b>Tamaki Maori Village</b> - <a href="http://www.maoriculture.co.nz">www.maoriculture.co.nz</a> Be welcomed into an authentic Maori village, discover Maori art forms, ancient rituals and traditions, experience thrilling song and dance, and then share in a 3-course meal with your Maori hosts. A real highlight of the last trip.	Included
28, 29 Dec	<b>Agroventures</b> - <a href="http://www.agroventures.co.nz">www.agroventures.co.nz</a> New Zealand's most thrilling adventure playground boasts 4 high octane rides that will set your adventurous side alight – the 'Agrojet' sprint boat, super body-swing 'Swoop', the 'Freefall Extreme' wind tunnel and the one and only 'Shweeb'! We have booked out Agroventures for two entire nights - it's just us and the instructors!	Included
29 Dec	<b>Hells Gate Geo Thermal Park</b> - <a href="http://www.hellsgate.co.nz">www.hellsgate.co.nz</a> Hells Gate geothermal attraction is Rotorua's most active geothermal park It features boiling hot pools and erupting waters with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees; New Zealand's largest active mud volcano and the Southern Hemisphere's largest hot water fall. After exploring the park, relax in a Mud Bath and have a splash in the Sulphur spa.	Included



Date	Activity	Price
29, 30 Dec	<b>White Water Rafting (Rotorua)</b> - <a href="http://www.raftingnewzealand.com">www.raftingnewzealand.com</a> The Tongariro river (Grade 3+) encompasses 14km of pristine white water, 50+ exciting rapids and beautiful scenery all the way through. What better way to experience NZ than by getting out there and having a go at something you could never do in Australia? <u>Please note there are only 150 places available for this activity at this price.</u>	<b>AU \$59</b> pre-booked (AU \$99 if not pre-booked)
2, 3 Jan	<b>Amazing Race Queenstown</b> Based on the TV show The Amazing Race, this activity has been built by two Victorian Rovers who are going to have you seeing some of the best sights of Queenstown whilst doing some crazy and wacky activities along the way. The winning team each day will receive an activity pass to the value of AU\$50 for each team member!	<b>Included</b>
3, 4 Jan	<b>Day Hike</b> - <a href="http://www.queenstownnz.co.nz/content/library/WAKATIPU_TRAILS_MAP.pdf">www.queenstownnz.co.nz/content/library/WAKATIPU_TRAILS_MAP.pdf</a> Spectacular mountains and lakes surround the Queenstown Basin, which makes for a great set of walking tracks in a variety of difficulties and terrains. The Contingent will be leading a different hike on two of the three days in Queenstown. Bring a camera and a water bottle, and come along for what will be a truly special activity.	<b>Included</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Skyline Gondola &amp; 5 Luge Rides</b> - <a href="http://www.skyline.co.nz">www.skyline.co.nz</a> This activity is only 5 minutes walk from our accommodation, and it will be available during any of our days in Queenstown. Take the journey on the iconic Gondola up Bob's Peak to enjoy the amazing views. Then jump on a Luge (similar to a toboggan) and head down the tracks! Trust us, once won't be enough! That's why we're giving you 5 luge tickets each.	<b>Included</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Jet Boating (Kawarau River)</b> - <a href="http://www.thunderjetqueenstown.co.nz">www.thunderjetqueenstown.co.nz</a> Experience a thrilling, high-speed adventure from Queenstown Bay, skimming across peaceful Lake Wakatipu with its backdrop of spectacular mountains before plunging between dramatic high cliffs. Hold on tight as the jet boat twists and turns its way through braided river, travelling up to 90 kilometres per hour in just centimetres of water.	<b>AU \$43</b> pre-booked (AU \$65 if not pre-booked)
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Paragliding</b> - <a href="http://www.paraflights.co.nz">www.paraflights.co.nz</a> Strap into your harness and get ready for the flight of a lifetime. Gradually rising 600ft into the air above, enjoy the exhilaration of free flight and see for yourself some of the most breath-taking views of Queenstown.	<b>AU \$43</b> pre-booked (AU \$68 if not pre-booked)
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Cruise</b> - <a href="http://www.milliondollarcruise.co.nz">www.milliondollarcruise.co.nz</a> This hour and a half cruise takes you on a scenic journey from Queenstown to the end of Lake Wakatipu and back on a luxury boat. Relax as you enjoy the scenery and intriguing stories, facts and history from your guide.	<b>AU \$21</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>The Nevis Swing</b> - <a href="http://www.bungy.co.nz/the-nevis/the-nevis-swing">www.bungy.co.nz/the-nevis/the-nevis-swing</a> The Nevis Swing is the BIGGEST swing in the world... its simply massive! Imagine being suspended 160m above the canyon floor, waiting for your mates release you (or leave it to the crew). Experience a massive rush of adrenaline as you find yourself accelerating through the canyon at mind-blowing speeds up to 150kph+ in a 300m Arc! There's nothing like it.	<b>AU\$150</b> Pre-booking required due to this being a major activity for tourists in Queenstown



Date	Activity	Price
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Kayaking</b> - <a href="http://www.kayakadventuresqueenstown.com">www.kayakadventuresqueenstown.com</a> Unwind with an alpine kayak on Lake Wakatipu. Soak in the amazing scenery, and visit private beaches on the shores of the Lake that are only accessible by kayak. Kayaking gives you a true sense the might of this awesome environment of Lake Wakatipu.	<b>AU \$109</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Mountain Biking</b> - <a href="http://www.fat-tyre.co.nz">www.fat-tyre.co.nz</a> Want an epic mountain bike ride through some of southern New Zealand's most awesome terrain? From the adventurous beginner to the passionate rider, Fat Tyre has something for everyone. Backcountry Mountain biking does not get better than this! Full day activity.	<b>AU \$168</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>White Water Rafting (Queenstown)</b> - <a href="http://www.queenstownrafting.co.nz/">www.queenstownrafting.co.nz/</a> Rafting over peaceful waters at first, you'll head towards the exhilarating rapids of the lower canyon. The adrenalin pumps as you paddle Rock Garden, After Shock, Sharks Fin, Toilet, Pinball and Jaws to name but a few. Raft the 170m Oxenbridge Tunnel before shooting Cascade Rapid to complete your adventure.	<b>AU \$165</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Jet Boating (Shotover River)</b> - <a href="http://www.shotoverjet.com">www.shotoverjet.com</a> World famous as the ultimate jet boating experience, Shotover Jet has thrilled over 3 million people since 1970, and now it's your turn! Take a unique breathtaking ride through dramatic and narrow Canyons, and hold on tight for their exhilarating full 360° spins.	<b>AU \$109</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>4-Wheel Driving</b> - <a href="http://www.nomadsafaris.co.nz">www.nomadsafaris.co.nz</a> This true 4x4 off road adventure explores the historic gold mining town of Macetown. Ride the rugged road in the safety of Nomad Safaris 4x4s that ensures excitement and adventure as you cross the Arrow River nearly 25 times each way. Immerse yourself in the history of the region by panning for gold and letting the guides teach you about the hardship and exhilaration these miners faced.	<b>AU \$150</b>
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Zip Line</b> - <a href="http://www.ziptrek.com/queenstown-new-zealand/">www.ziptrek.com/queenstown-new-zealand/</a> Always wanted the chance to Zip line? This high-velocity 6-line adventure will give you an experience of the Kiwi forest like nothing else. Includes a stunning 20-minute guided trek along the local 'Tiki Trail', an ancient native Beech forest on our aerial tree-platforms.	<b>AU \$150</b> There is also a 4-line trip for AU \$109
2, 3, 4 Jan	<b>Milford Sound Scenic Flight</b> - <a href="http://www.milfordflights.co.nz">www.milfordflights.co.nz</a> Your flight takes you over the highest peaks in Fiordland and their glaciers. View the whole of Milford Sound all the way to the Tasman Sea, including Mitre Peak and the Bowen and Stirling Falls. Your return flight to Queenstown is via the famous Sutherland Falls and over the magnificent mountains and lakes of the Fiordland National Park.	<b>AU \$296</b>
4 Jan	<b>Milford Sound Explorer &amp; Lodge</b> - <a href="http://www.milfordlodge.com">www.milfordlodge.com</a> Milford Sound is one of the world's top travel destinations. You'll stay overnight at the Milford Sound Lodge and then travel directly to the Venture site on 5 January. There will be a walk along the Milford track and an opportunity to swim in the pristine waters. Pack your camera - the views are breathtaking! Places for this activity are limited to 4 Leaders and 46 Venturers due to accommodation limitations at the lodge.	<b>AU \$30</b> pre-booked (AU \$70 if not pre-booked)



## Pre Tour Program

Date	Location	Details
27 Dec	Auckland	Whole Pre-Tour group arrives and settles in. The group will have time to meet new people and make new friends. We will be staying at Auckland University for the night.
28 Dec	Rotorua	Travel from Auckland to Rotorua via the Waitomo Glowworm Caves. In the evening, half of the group will go to the Tamaki Maori Village and the other half will go to Agroventures. We will be staying at 3 separate locations in Rotorua due to our size - Kiwipaka, YHA Hostels, and Xbase.
29 Dec	Rotorua	Half of the group will have to free time in the morning to explore Rotorua, and the other half will go to Hell's Gate geothermal park. In the afternoon the groups will swap over. There is also an option to participate in White Water Rafting. In the evening half of the group will go to the Tamaki Maori Village and the other half to Agroventures (reversal of the arrangements of the evening of the 28 <sup>th</sup> ).
30 Dec	Auckland	Group travels back to Auckland via Hamilton. White water rafting in Rotorua will be available as an optional activity. Accommodation for the night will be at Auckland University.
31 Dec	Auckland	You get to have a sleep in today (don't worry, you'll make up for it tomorrow), then make your way into Auckland to explore and prepare for the massive New Years Eve party! You will have free time to grab the essentials you've run out of/forgotten, as well as touch up the costumes!
1 Jan	Queenstown	After partying all night for NYE, we're up early to fly from Auckland to Queenstown. Some optional activities in Queenstown may be available for the early flights. For the next 4 nights in Queenstown we will be staying at Reavers and Pinewood lodges.
2, 3, 4 Jan	Queenstown	Over these 3 days we will be spending time in and around Queenstown doing some of the best activities that NZ has to offer. Included and optional activities for these days are listed above.  <b>Please Note:</b> Amazing Race and the Day Hike will only run on 2 of the 3 activity days. Also, other additional activities may not run on all days (depending on demand). Milford sound participants will leave Queenstown on the 4 <sup>th</sup> and stay overnight at Milford Sound Lodge.  The non Pre-Tour group will join us in the afternoon of the 4 <sup>th</sup> . To celebrate the whole contingent arriving in New Zealand, we will be having a special event in the evening to celebrate. We can't tell you what it is yet, but we're sure you're going to love it!
5 Jan		Travel to the Venture site in Riverton for the beginning of the Venture.

# **Optional Pre Tour Activities**

Bookings for optional pre tour activities  
will open at:

**8pm (Melbourne Time) on  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

Some activities have limited places, so it's first come, first served.

You can only book your optional  
activities online!

<https://signup.nzv2013.com>

# Contingent Merchandise

## Contingent Hoodies

These great Snowgum wind stopper hoodies are the perfect way to combat those cold New Zealand nights.

These are a high quality product and retail for \$149 at your local Snowgum store.

Thanks to a bulk purchase we can offer these with contingent branding.

**Only \$49!**

**Order yours online at  
[signup.nzv2013.com](http://signup.nzv2013.com)**



## Contingent Shirts

Included in your pack are 2 contingent shirts.

If you would like to order additional shirts they are available for \$30

**Order yours online at  
[signup.nzv2013.com](http://signup.nzv2013.com)**



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until 27 October 2012.**



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