

Celebrating 85 years of Community Service

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

Autumn is here and Eastertide beckons. The state election has come and gone. So much to reflect on, so we pause, and then move on to what lies ahead. The key here is that 'what lies ahead' are the tasks we have already set and that, hopefully, the groundwork is underway. As I have already stated 2010 is the year when Toc H in South Australia needs to see some tangible results from its efforts.

You may recall that in the last issue of 'Contact' I stated that "the future of Toc H in Australia will be decided by Toc H members. The membership owns and drives the Movement forward – this is a non-negotiable imperative. While at the present time, in the Southern Region, we can see evidence of growing numbers of Toc H Volunteers, particularly youth volunteers, this all counts for nothing if our membership is allowed to dwindle away to a mere rump".

Please remain mindful that we all share this problem together. We need to bring new people into Toc H and induct them as members this year!

The Southern Region Executive is looking at a new structure for General Members – to promote more activity and to make it more appealing, so that we can attract some new faces. More about this later.

Some recent activities

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We succeeded in setting up the Toc H Australia Southern Region website pages dedicated to Duke of Ed in the first week of March, as planned early in 2010.

If you haven't checked this new part of our website out, please do so by visiting www.tochsa.org – place your cursor on 'Volunteering' and a drop down menu will appear with 'Duke of Ed' at the top, then simply click on this item.

These website pages give quite detailed explanations of each community service activity offered through the Toc H Youth Volunteer Program. This should enable Duke of Ed participants to confidently make their choice(s) to complete the Service component of their award level.

Very shortly a 'link' between the Duke of Edinburgh's Award South Australian website and the Toc H Australia Southern Region website will be established so that Duke of Ed participants can register with the Toc H Youth Volunteer Program. Obviously until this happens no registrations of interest are going to be received at our end, but we expect things to start moving before the middle of the year.

Saints TAG

The year got off to a flying start with some 55 or more boys attending the first meeting in February. Following meetings in late February and early March the attendance level has settled down to some 35 boys, which is much more manageable.

2010 activities are already well underway with involvement in 'Clean up Australia' and an initial four week stint of volunteering at the St Mary Magdalene's Collective during March for the Saturday evening meals.

Prince Alfred College

A meeting was held with Year 11 IB boys on 12th March. Some 32 boys were present at the meeting, many more than at any meeting in the previous 2 years. This was obviously an encouraging start for 2010 and there is now an expectation that more boys will be involved this year in our community service offerings.

Five 'Certificates of Appreciation' relating to 2009 were presented to the recipient Year 12 boys who were invited to attend the latter part of the meeting. We look forward to an increased number of boys being awarded certificates for 2010.

Looking ahead in 2010

Please remember Victor Harbor Branch will be celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Have you made your diary note to keep the last weekend in October 2010 free? This includes the evening of Friday 29th, all Saturday 30th and daytime Sunday 31st. It's promising to be a great occasion!

Yours in Toc H,
Michael Thomas

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN:

The extravagant love that is celebrated at Easter changed many lives forever – literally.

Max Lucado in his book, *Six Hours One Friday*, tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indians in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe was in need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily. A hospital was not too terribly far away—across the river, but the Indians would not cross it because they believed the river was inhabited by evil spirits, and to enter its water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. But they were not impressed.

He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still wouldn't go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It didn't matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river, swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. He raised a triumphant fist into the air. He had entered the water and escaped. It was then that the Indians broke into a cheer and followed him across. Isn't that what Jesus did? He entered the river of death and came out on the other side so that we might no longer fear death, but find eternal life in Him.

I pray that you all know celebration with loved ones this Easter as we meditate on how our lives have changed and the world has been influenced for good because of Easter.

Christine Manning

POSITIONS FOR 2010:

The following is the make-up of the Regional Executive for this year, and other non-Executive positions -

Chairman	Michael Thomas
Secretary	Mary Burford
Treasurer	this position is yet to be filled— <i>in the short term</i>
<i>Sam Wood will take over the role of Acting Treasurer (non Executive position)</i>	
Director of Camping Program	Darrell Hamlyn
Chaplain	Christine Manning
Campsite BoM Rep	Alan Bell
Edwardstown Hall Rep	David Hall
Toc H VAT Rep	Michael Thomas
Members	Rae Glover, Chris Kelly
Campsite Administrator	Michael Terrington (<i>non Executive position</i>)
Webmaster	Daniel Roberts (<i>non Executive position</i>)

DON'T FORGET TOC H IS SELLING TICKETS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY

We need your help to sell tickets at just \$2 each (10 to a book) with some fabulous prizes, as under -



**Community
Lottery**

- 1st Mitsubishi Outlander XLS Luxury Auto
 - 2nd Jurgan 'Terra' Caravan + 12 months insurance
 - 3rd Solahart 300 litre hot water system + installation
 - 4th \$20,000 Harvey Norman Shopping Spree
 - 5th \$20,000 Bunnik Tours International Travel
 - 6th Gold Service on the Legendary Ghan return
 - 7th Yamaha Wave Runner Jet Ski VX700
- plus many more great prizes—165 in total*

Please contact Mary at the office to request a book or two of tickets to sell.

Many thanks to all those who have already sold tickets. We appreciate your support.

A SINCERE APOLOGY:



The Editor wishes to apologise to Jim Peat for some inaccuracies in the last issue of *Contact*.

It was noted that Jim first joined Toc H in 1965—Jim actually became a member of Toc H in **1950** (some 15 years earlier!).

Also, Jim was the Area Commissioner of Toc H South Australia for **3** years.

Again, apologies Jim—we now have the record straight!. *Ed.*

PROSPECT FAIR:

This Fair was held at St Helen's Park on 13th March on a fine and rather warm day. Fortunately there was a shady spot for our stall. **Lois Hall** made a lot of jams, sauces, relish and some cakes and slices. **Sandra Cole** contributed Anzac biscuits, and **Chris Winnall** sold some Fair Trade coffee and tea.

It was a fairly successful day with a net profit of \$450 for Burnside Branch projects.

There are some jars of grapefruit marmalade at Light Terrace for purchase.

The photo shows Lois and Chris at the well stocked stall prior to sales.



KIDS' CAMP:

Our traditional winter Kids' Camp will be held at the campsite from

FRIDAY 9th to MONDAY 12th JULY

when we expect about 30 children from disadvantaged backgrounds to join in the fun.

If **you** would like to be involved as a camp leader, please contact Mary at the office as soon as possible.

All leaders are expected to attend the training session, and must have a National Criminal History Record Check prior to taking on a leadership role.

GOVERNOR'S GARDEN PARTY:

Michael Thomas, Christine Manning and **David Hall** attended the annual Governor's Garden Party held on the picturesque lawns of Government House on a beautiful autumn day in March.

The group was able to chat briefly with The Governor and his wife. This was an opportunity to bring them up to date with the new partnership between Toc H and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, in which the Governor showed interested.

THIS & THAT:

- Toc H will again this year make a donation of books to the Women's and Children's Hospital, and the Repatriation Hospital on Anzac Day. These books will be placed on the steps of the War Memorial at the Dawn Service. Thanks to **Ashlyn Chin** who is choosing the books for the W&C Hospital, to **Rae Glover** for her donation of war books for the Repat Hospital, and to **Graham Lambert** for placing these books.
- Best wishes and congratulations are extended to our Director of Camping, **Darrell Hamlyn**, and his fiancée, **Amanda Lipman**, who will marry at St Peter's Cathedral on Saturday, 17th April.
- Victor Harbor Branch members recently held a successful Badge Day raising over \$631 for branch funds. They also ran the Arthritis Badge Day on 26th March.



Members were delighted with the inspiring message from their Chaplain, **Sir Keith Seaman**, at their March meeting, when he spoke of the true meaning of Lent and Easter.



We hope you have the **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** for Toc H marked in your diary—
To be held at Bunnings, Mile End on **SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 12th & 13th JUNE**
Please contact Mary if you can spare some time to help on either day.

- Plans are underway for this year's **BIG QUIZ**—mark this date in your diary NOW!
SATURDAY, 21st AUGUST
at the Burnside Council Chambers Ballroom
7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start.
Tables of 8, just \$10 per head
All proceeds towards Toc H projects

A pair of sunglasses has been left at the Toc H Centre—if these belong to you, please phone Mary.

WAYBACK GET TOGETHER:

Members are reminded that our next get together will be held on



MONDAY, 19th APRIL at 12 noon
Please bring along a light lunch. Tea/

JUST A REMINDER ...



To our General Members - Subscriptions are now due and payable by 30th June.

Many thanks to those members who have already paid for 2010.

CAMPSITE:

The cladding of Dorm 8 and the Recreation Hut is complete and Dorm 8 has been painted to blend in with the remainder of the campsite. After Dorm 7 cladding is completed, the roofing of both dorms will be replaced, and the Rec Hut and Dorm 7 will be painted.



The photo shows the side of Bunkhouse 8 with the new verandah, ramp and seating. Roydon's dog, AD (a fixture at the campsite!) is in the foreground. New plants have now been planted in the tyres.

BRANCH AND AREA DATES

April

Tuesday	6th	Victor Harbor—Films at home of Eric Powditch
Monday	19th	WayBack Group get together—Toc H Centre 12 noon
Tuesday	20th	Burnside—meeting
Thursday	29th	Regional Executive Meeting—Toc H Centre 5 pm

May

Tuesday	4th	Victor Harbor—Fun and Fellowship meeting
Saturday	8th	Camp Board of Management Meeting—campsite 10 am
Monday	17th	Prospect—meeting at Elaine Reade's home
Tuesday	18th	Burnside—meeting
Thursday	27th	Regional Executive Meeting—Toc H Centre 5 pm

June

Tuesday	1st	Victor Harbor—Guest speaker: Rev Tony Gates
Tuesday	15th	Burnside—meeting
Saturday	19th	Camp Board of Management Meeting—campsite 10 am
Thursday	24th	Regional Executive Meeting—Toc H Centre 5 pm



May the glory of the Lord's miracle strengthen your faith and renew your hope this Easter.



TOC H SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

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