



INTERNATIONAL SCOUT OWNERS' CLUB

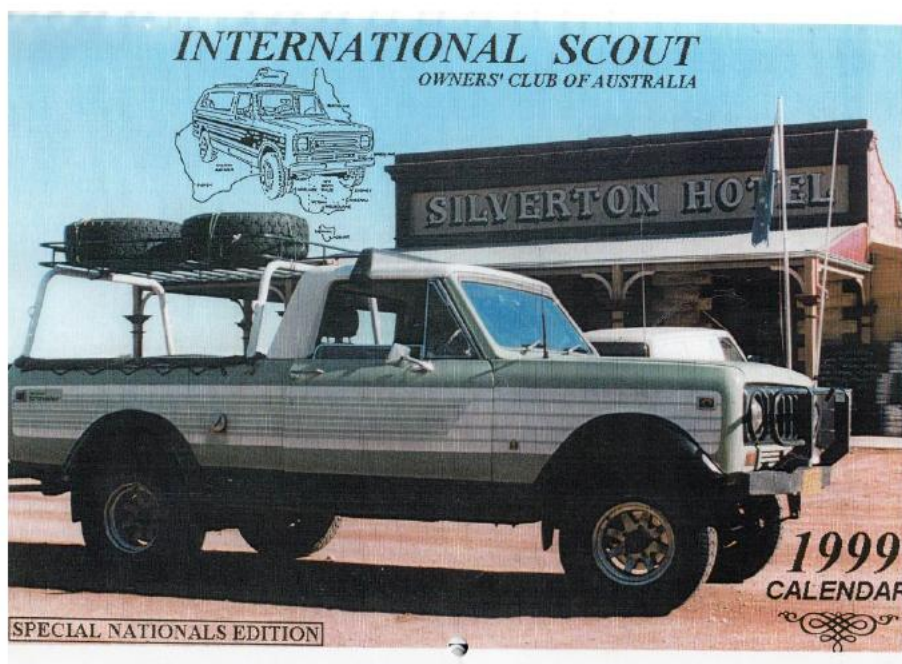
VICTORIAN DIVISION Inc.

Newsletter - March 2019
**This meeting is at Pental Island Caravan
Park, Near Swan hill at 11am
on Sunday, the 17th March.**

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Front Cover.

The photo on the front cover is from the 1999 International Scout Owners Club calendar that was produced from pictures taken in the Broken Hill area during 1998. I don't know whose vehicle it is but you wonder how many of the Scouts [and other vehicles] that were there are still around now. I know my original one is still around but its parts only as being a Travel Top they are susceptible to rust especially around the canopy.

Some history for newer members; The International Scout Owners' Club was formed in Sydney in 1988 so has been operating for 30 years and the Victorian Division Inc was formed in 1991 and has been operating for 28 years. In 1998 NSW organised the trip to Broken Hill for the 10 year anniversary and Victorian ISOC had a 10 year anniversary at Echuca in 2001.

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President Dave Payne;

Hello to all members and welcome to 2019.

I trust everyone has had a merry and joyous Christmas and 2019 so far has been kind to you all.

Here at Toongabbie we have experienced all the seasons, sometimes all in one day too.

We have had the thunderstorms, wind, some rain but not enough and to cap it off, the bush fires paid us a visit also. We got out of that one by the skin on our teeth!

I know it is a bit cliché, but isn't the year traveling on quickly?! No sooner have we had the festive season and our AGM and we have landed slap bang into March already. That of course means that it isn't long to go to our March meeting at Pental Island or in fact not that long before the Nationals at Casino in May.

Ed Boyd has been drumming up support for the event enthusiastically.

I, for one, will have to extract the digit, as the saying goes, and get stuck into some long overdue maintenance and repairs and yes I have been reminded several times of this by some nameless person.

I know a lot of our senior members and those who are not that tech savvy, don't keep up online with the likes of Facebook, but there has been a flurry of action in recent months. Scouts are seemingly having a resurgence of popularity with some new interest being shown through the Facebook page and our website with David E and Fred answering inquiries from interested parties regarding parts supply, repairers and general membership. We can only hope some of these translate in new membership applications and with our move into becoming approved club under VicRoads Club Permit Scheme, I am sure that will be the case. There has certainly been a fair share of horse trading in Scout ownership to support this notion.

Anyhow enough from me at this stage, looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards David P

Ps. Keep thinking about incorporating one of a future meetings into an event such as a swap meet, car or truck show or a festival of some sort later on during the year.