



Firstly, a word from our President, Editor and Club Plate Officer

Hello All,

Hope everyone is surviving the extraordinary turn of weather events being experienced over the country. How are you fairing?

It was good to see a good roll up of Victorian and South Australian members at Naracoorte recently despite the cold and rain squalls that we had to endure.

Shelter, wind breaks and a warming fire were certainly required.

You also had to be quick in the showers which were just a bit draughty around the nether regions when time came to dry off.

Our Secretary, Elaine, probably summed it up better so I shall reproduce her words here.

Hi, everyone. I do hope that you have been able to settle back into routine after the recent 4 day weekend (in Victoria).

It was an unusual meeting at Black Cockatoo. The "gale" force winds and driving rain cramped our style a little BUT we all managed to find something to do in town. We also had a shelter with a fire and BBQ so we were able to get out of the wind and rain. Our Happy Hours were congenial and all too soon it was time to head towards home.

Liz, Black Cockatoo hostess, was very hospitable even bringing a tray of scones/jam/cream for morning tea during our meeting and organising some extra wood for the campfire.





It was great to meet up with ILMO members - Glen, Natalie, Levi, Archer & Charlie (plus Jess the dog), Brett Rodley and Rob Sawyer.

Take care; stay safe and well.
Elaine (Hon Sec)

Before I go just few words about our next meeting at Hilltop golf course and bistro Tatura.

The golfers amongst the members will be happy to bring the clubs but be warned it will be certainly wet underfoot anywhere in the Goulburn Valley.

Surrounding towns such as Shepparton Mooroopna and Murchison have all had major flood events recently and Echuca has been at the head of the news bulletins. Whilst the flood water is receding, that only leaves behind the mess, odour and the devastation to the locals' lives and livelihoods.

Support the locals where you can, be kind and patient to each other and most of all enjoy your experience in the area.

Tatura Bakery is renowned for their award winning Vanilla slices so maybe sample one and you be the judge.

Make sure you bring the insect repellent as no doubt the mozzies will be active and hungry

Above all, drive carefully to and from the meeting. The roads will have copped a beating in the wet month with potholes big enough to swallow a Scout and Caravan whole.

Regards David

NEXT MEETING - will be held on 13th November at Hilltop Golf and Country Club at Tatura. The Christmas Dinner will be the night before - 12th November at the same venue (at this point). If you intend to be present at this dinner, please contact Trace Payne 0423 768 781.

Annual General Meeting - Sunday, 22nd Jan at 11am - Gladstone Park.

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Scout Nationals 2023 Queensland

As all those who attended the Naracoorte meeting in September will recall, the subject of the 2023 Nationals was discussed at length and a sub committee was formed with the view to organizing the event.

This was done as at that stage as it was looking likely that QLD may be unable to take on the task.

The committee discussed available options and it was decided to make a direct approach to Steve Clough of the QLD club to enquire if they were still interested in being host club.

Steve has been able to gather some support from members and the Nationals will continue on as originally suggested.

I have pledged Victoria's support in any way we can help.

See below,

Hi David , we have had a couple of people come on board but as yet no date has been set but it will be in September, Toowoomba and the bunya mountains have been discussed and i'm thinking there will be a sunshine coast section as well but yet to be confirmed

Stay tuned for more as it comes to hand.

Birthday Celebration June Thomas, Life Member

Recently, Fred and Elaine attended the 90th Birthday celebration for June Thomas who is a Life Member of our Club.

It was great to see June again looking just like the June in the pics below and re-acquaint ourselves with her family who have been a part of the Club back at the beginning. As we spoke to them, they all said how they love reading our newsletter and catching up with what ISOC Vic is doing.

June is doing extremely well. She is an official welcomer at the retirement complex; still enjoys cooking; calls Bingo at their social afternoons and has an extremely busy life with her many friends. As always, she was concerned that everyone was taken care of and enjoying themselves although, on this day, her children were the orchestrators of the happenings!

Below is a short history of the impact that Ron and June had with our Club.

Short History of the ISOC Vic (taken from President, Fred Wright's speech)

This great club that was started by Ron Thomas's initiative many years ago has always tried to operate along the lines of what was originally intended. It has been family oriented, social and great to be in, all the things I believe Ron (& June) and the founding members envisaged.

In August 1990 a letter was sent out by Ron Thomas to ascertain the level of interest in starting a Victorian division of The International Scout Owners Club. That was followed a month later to those who had replied with an invitation to meet at Picnic Point, Longwarry to consider a club format and how it should operate. Ron became the Inaugural President ably supported by June. Right from the start of the club at the end of 1991 there is mention of Ron and June putting together a Christmas hamper to raffle for Club funds and June baking a cake for the 1st anniversary of the Club. June arranged Christmas hampers and Christmas cakes up until Ron got very ill in 2009.

Celebratory cakes made by June and ALWAYS a Christmas one.

At Yarra Junction 2008 – Ron's and June's Scout



At our Club's 20th Anniversary in 2011 Ron and June were inducted as Life Members. On looking back through the minutes, it is amazing the number of times Ron and June get a mention, again there are too many times to mention them all.



At Lake Goldsmith where the consummate hosts Ron and June squeezed us all into their campervan for our meeting!



February 2011 - The Club's 20th Anniversary Celebration and the bestowal of a Life Membership to Ron and June.

How many man hours Ron put into the display for the 25th Anniversary of the last International Scout, which was held at the Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs, only Ron and June know.



The end result of a display based on the windscreen frame of a Scout attests to his skills and while it is not essential to be handy with tools to be a member of ISOC Vic, it shows Ron's (and June's) commitment to quality and presenting the club in a good light.

Ron had been on the club executive, firstly as the inaugural President then continuing as a President, committee member or Vice President for 14 of the 20 years he has been a member. Since starting the club in 1991 he has always maintained his commitment to make it successful.

I sure the members will join with me in extending June the best wishes for her birthday and our thanks must go to Fred and Elaine Wright for representing our club at her celebration and for the submission of this article. Thanks you both. David P.

Footnote: Fred had a chat with Darryl, Ron and June's son, who had Ron's Scout. The Scout is sold but he still has the SCOUT1 rego plate. He said he wants \$1500 for it. Contact Fred Wright or myself for Darryl's contact details.

