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Apollo 11+Apollo 13 plus Scouts? *What is the connection?*

Recently at the Australian Scout Museum we uncovered an interesting fact about our Scouting history and the connection with NASA astronauts.

Our replica letter opposite is fifty years old, but a hidden message, that every young person should learn about or have recounted by a Scout Leader or parent, is that 11 out of the 12 American male astronauts who walked on the moon were scouts. 91%! This information would not normally be known even in a university.

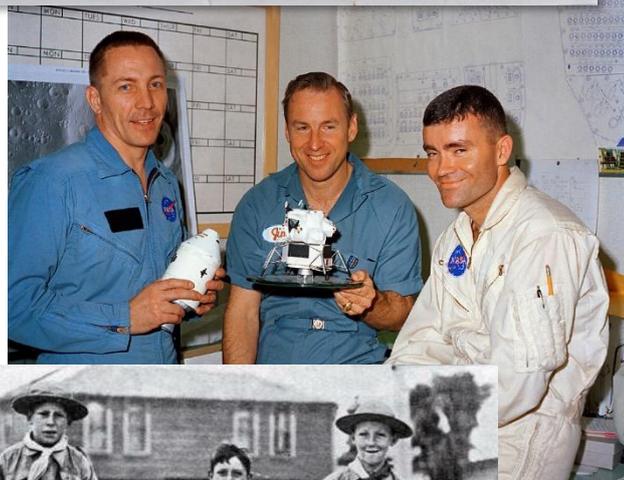
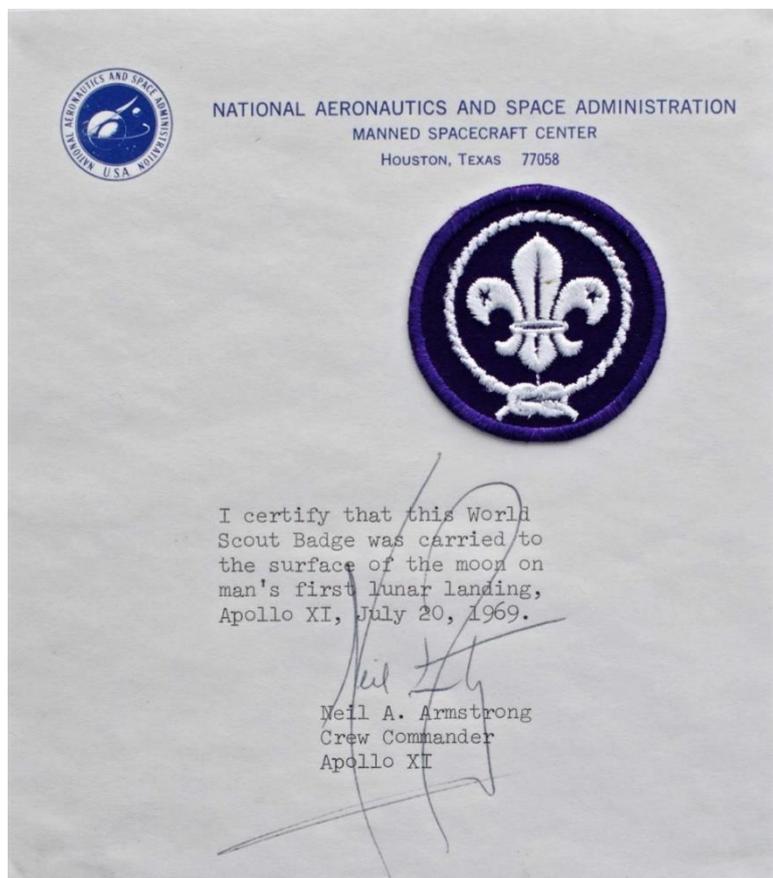
And while that is a great story in itself, what we would like you to consider is the three astronauts from the abandoned Apollo 13 mission who did not get to walk on the moon fifty years ago. Those three were also Scouts, and the truth behind the Tom Hanks movie version of the actual return trip shows their resilience, integrity, innovation and creativity. Did it come from their scout training or their aversion to fear? You will have to ask them!

The future is to *"always look on the bright side"* - as the movie Life of Brian suggests. This idea is demonstrated in the one-hundred-year-old photo below of our ANZAC Scouting friends in New Zealand delivering food hampers during the 1918-19 Spanish Flu pandemic.

The future of Scouting looks bright as we focus on those new adventurers of any age. The four challenges for a real scout are to be outdoors and creative, and to offer community support based on a strong personal interest. This is your challenge if you choose to accept it!

The choice is yours...

Be Prepared to be brave.



INSIDE COVER STORY

A change of direction for the Australian Scout Museum?

Yes, and not just because of the coronavirus pandemic. Worldwide, museums have had to become more interactive and “living”, just like our Living Museums brand in Sydney and beyond. “It’s about time” was one serious comment from an expert in the museum consultancy field.

Young people want to be involved, and fortunately we get this - with an authentic history-to-tell story and activities to match our founder’s true- life adventures and his original “learning by doing” educational philosophy.

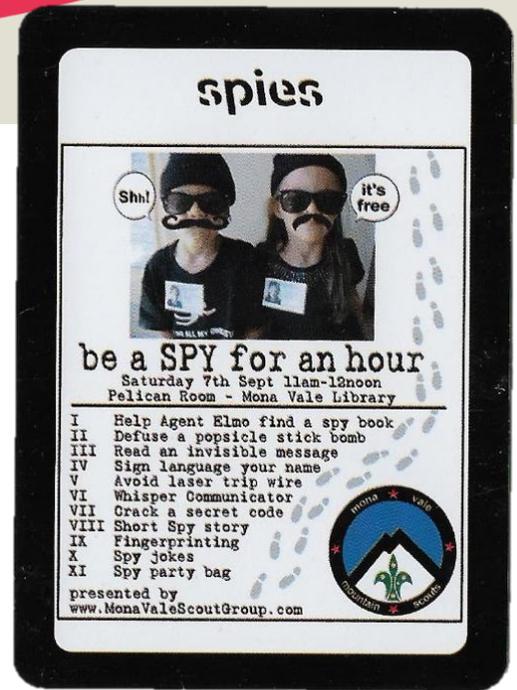
Sir Robert Baden-Powell really was a spy, in a good way, and we have our own top-secret location, the Newington Armory @ Sydney Olympic Park, with 100 hectares still waiting to be explored - just as they have been for over 120 years of military occupation.

Our SPY School is a library of things to do. You will explore new ways of learning about history and the things that don’t usually get taught at a “normal” school, or online@home, in your scout hall or by us going mobile to your local community.

Our top secret activity centre is one place where you can self-isolate, by just walking around and discovering things you will never have seen before, or by riding your bike and looking in the windows of our old museum - either on your own or with friends and family.

The idea of being spies for an hour was invented by Mark Boyle, a Heritage Scout Fellowship member who tested it at a local library. The activity was overrun by visitors. His invention of the eleven activities on the card opposite was all played out on a Saturday as an introduction to the world of real Scouting.

Don’t just wait for your Scouting night to restart, get moving now, in Yagoona time... “here now today” in the Eora First Nation language.



SECRET AGENT QUIZ:

Where did the inspiration for the SPY Card logo design come from?

It has a four-letter acronym that is a made-up word.



If you have a better design for a collector badge, send us a top secret email and we will protect and reward your IP if used.

Top Secret Quiz: What does NASA stand for in Australia?

Sans Forgetica... a 21st century typeface

This newsletter needs to disrupt the millions of words, messages and emails you receive, just to cut through and attract your attention.

We might say something important. We also need to add a visual in which "every picture tells a story" or "a picture tells a thousand words". As we want your attention and interest, by using **Sans Forgetica** when necessary we will help you remember words.

Historically, the story of font design has been governed by the technology of the day.

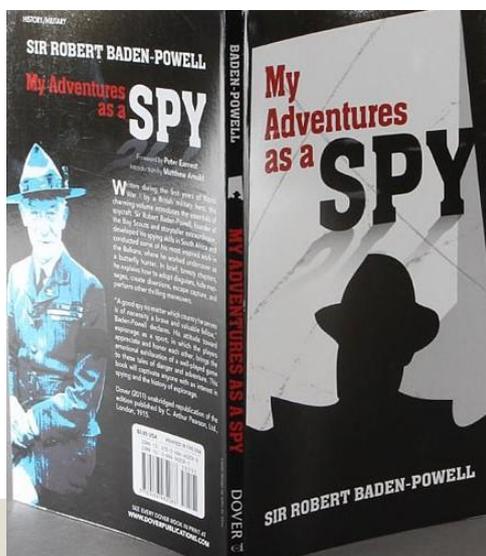
Digital formats allow us to think and create beyond the physical restrictions of materials and old-school methods that allow typographic forms to be straighter, smoother and more symmetrical... but at what cost?

When a piece of information is too easily read, it can fail to engage our brains in the kind of deeper thinking processes required for effective retention and recall.

So, you will not forget your Latin as well!

This font was designed in Australia, just like Wi-Fi was, so don't forget we can be inventive when we want to be.

For more info, visit www.sansforgetica.rmit



SPY SCHOOL Book Club

The importance of "Reading"

Can you read this extract from B-P's 1915 book?

"It is difficult to say where exactly a spy's work ends, and that of a scout begins, except that, as a rule, the first is carried out in disguise.

The scout is looked up to as a brave man, and his expedients for gaining information are thought wonderfully clever, as long as you remain in uniform. If you go a bit further, and find that you can get your information better by adopting a disguise - even at the greater risk to yourself through the certainty of being shot if you are found out - then you are looked down upon as a "despicable spy". I don't see the justice of it myself.

A good spy - no matter which country you serve - is of necessity a brave and valuable fellow.

In "Aids to Scouting" I have stated: "In the matter of spying we are behind other nations. Spying, in reality, is reconnaissance in disguise. As an essential part of scouting, I gave hints on how to spy, and how to catch other people spying (of what we do, hopefully for the good).

SPY- CATCHING

Spy-catching was once one of my duties and is perhaps the best form of education

It is only human to be outwitted by one more clever than yourself, and perhaps that accounts for people disliking spies with a more deadly hatred than that which they bestow on a man who drops bombs from an aeroplane indiscriminately on women and children, or who bombards cathedrals with infernal engines of war.

THE PLUCK OF A SPY

Except in the case of the traitor spy, one does not quite understand why a spy should necessarily be treated worse than any other person nor why his occupation should be looked upon as contemptible, for, whether in peace or war, his work is of a very exacting and dangerous kind.

It is intensely exciting, and though in some cases it brings a big reward, the best spies are unpaid men who are doing it for the love of the thing, and as a really effective step to gaining something valuable for your country and for your side.

To be a really effective spy, a man or woman has to be endowed with a strong spirit of self-sacrifice, courage, and self-control, with the power of acting a part, quick at observation and deduction, and blessed with good health and nerve of exceptional quality.

A certain amount of scientific training is of value, but you need to be educated in a practical, enjoyable way. For anyone who is tired of life, the thrilling life of a spy should be the very finest recuperator".

Thank You! B-P

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR ONLINE ASM SPY SCHOOL? ... YOU CAN ...BUT DID YOU PASS THE SECRET AGENT READING TEST?

SPY SCHOOL LESSON

What is so important about 23rd April + 25th April every year?

Saint George is a role model from history and in legend. It is thought that St. George came from Cappadocia in Asia Minor, lived at the time of the Roman Emperor, Diocletian, 245-313 AD, and became a high-ranking cavalry officer in the army of Rome.

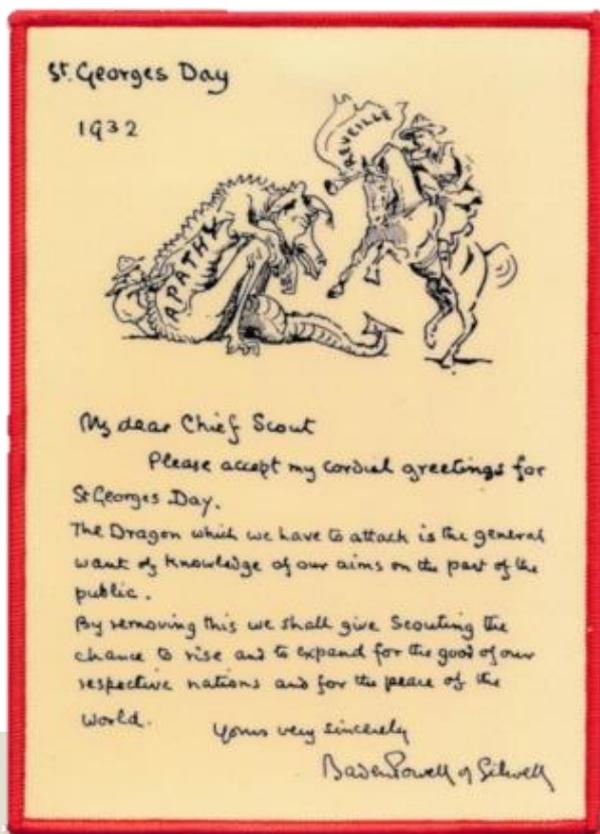
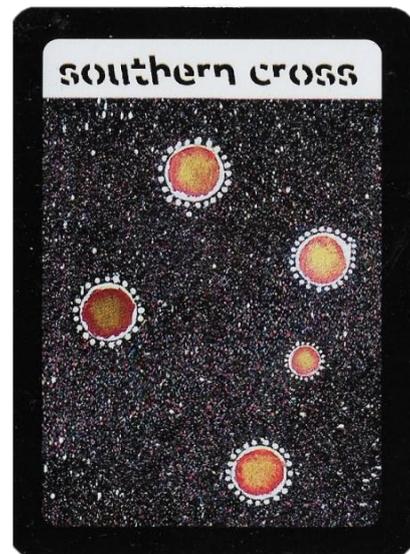
He refused to carry out Diocletian's orders to persecute Christians.

As a consequence, he suffered torture and death himself. He was canonised in 494, with Pope Gelasius proclaiming him one of those "whose names are justly revered among men but whose acts are known only to God".

The legend of St. George, which is an allegory illustrating the triumph of good over evil, tells how he rode into the city of Silene in what is now Libya, to find the people terrorised by a dragon which was fed daily with one of the citizens. The next victim was to be Cleolinda, daughter of the King, but St. George rode out, slew the dragon and freed the people from their oppressor.

Saint George's Day is April 23, and on that day, Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and Scout Law. Not that a Scout ever forgets either but, on St George's Day, they make a special point of thinking about them." (B-P in his 1907 book "Scouting for Boys")

Full story @ <https://members.scouts.org.uk/factsheets/FS295414.pdf>



Heritage Fellowship Chairman Bill blowing his own trumpet (bugle) at home to mark Anzac Day on 25 April

A top secret relates to our current Australian Flag. Can you name the three saints and the four crosses within it? Plus, a hidden message on this page...can you find it?



SCOUTING & TINTIN

...A Belgian secret agent?



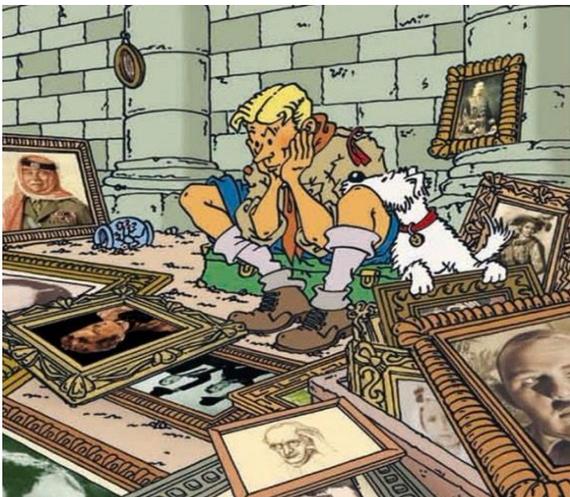
Like the birth of the official "Scouting Movement", George Remi aka Hergé (spy alias?), the creator of Tintin, was born in 1907 in Etterbeek, a suburb of Brussels, Belgium. He was an "untrained" artist.

Scouting gave Remi his first break as an artist and cartoonist when he was asked by his fellow scouts to provide illustrations for the Saint-Boniface Scout Group's magazine *Jamais Assez* (Never Enough).

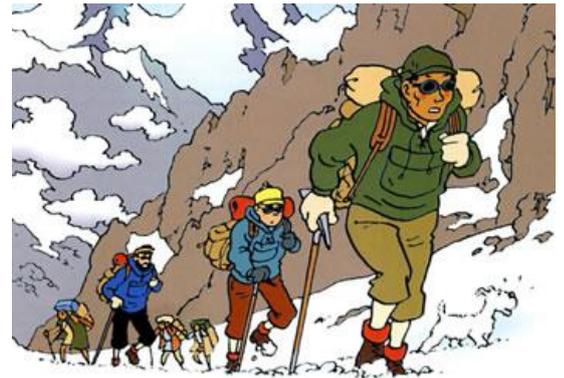
The connection between Scouting and Tintin's creator have a lot more in common than just their year of birth. George's connection with Scouting began in 1919 when he joined the Saint-Boniface Scout Group in Belgium, where it became obvious, he had a great talent for observation and a love of the outdoors and wildlife.



At the same time as his career as a cartoonist was taking off, Hergé's scouting skills were becoming recognised. In 1923 he was appointed Patrol Leader of the Squirrel Patrol, where he assumed the name **Curious Fox**. He was a natural leader with a great sense of humour, who was able to inspire younger scouts to go that little bit further with challenging activities.



Remi never left for camp without packing a notebook to record all sorts of observations, that would later become the basis for a lot of the Tintin adventures - an example of this is a sketch of the Saint-Boniface scouts roped together and on a climbing expedition in the Pyrenees that would later become an illustration in the 1959 adventure **Tintin in Tibet**.



While on another Scouting expedition Remi had an encounter with Mussolini's Blackshirts, a group of people employed to enforce the Fascist Party's rules - their correct title was **Fasci di Combattimenti**. This encounter was thought to have inspired another of Tintin's adventures, **Tintin and King Ottokar's Sceptre**. **Tintin... the 2011 movie ...continues his legacy.**

In 2007 an extensive mural drawn by Hergé when he was 15 was found in a deserted corridor of his old school, St Boniface in Brussels. The long decorative frieze bearing knights in armour, Red Indians and scouts was uncovered by chance in the corridor when someone decided it should be refurbished.

The mural's discovery coincides with the centenary year of Hergé's birth, just as Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson were planning to bring the adventures of Tintin to the big screen. The actual movie was made in 2011, once the 3D digital video technology was available. Sadly, the model character on which it was all based passed on in 1983.

Secret Agent quiz: Who inspired Hergé?

A Spy School Practical Activity Resource



The Australian Scout Museum is proud to announce its first activity ideas handbook for children and adults.

Aimed for those who are young at heart and needing to be healthy in mind and spirit – those looking for ways to enjoy working together, in fun, challenging ways, and rarely indoors.

This book, arising from visitor research at the Australian Scout Museum spanning the past eight years, offers much useful information about what young families really want for their children and their children's friends.

After talking to our visitors, the experiential learning and proof of concept for a new way to introduce scouting to young people convinced us of the need in Australia for this unique and practical handbook for children and adults to use often.

Obtain your copy of this important new resource if you are serious about recruiting families into the great, great game of world-wide Scouting. Email the Heritage Scout Fellowship now, today, *Yaama Yagoona*, in First Nation language.

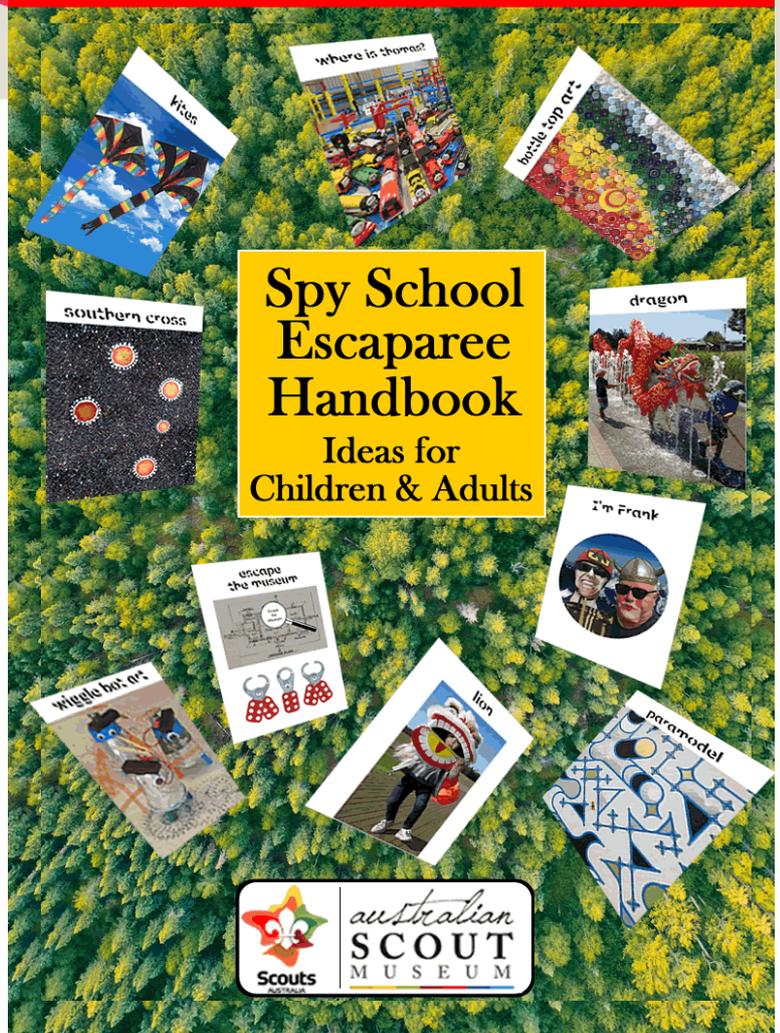
Orders are being taken and the book will be available soon. More information will be available but it's top secret so we can't tell you.

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What is an Escaparee?

"Any challenging activity that inspires children and adults in the community to be physically and mentally active" MB

Actually, any event, planned or unplanned, for an hour, or a whole day, that allows escape from your regular routine.

For further information on the health and wellbeing benefits of an Escaparee please read the PDF file via the internet site below.

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/-/media/ResourceCentre/PublicationsandResources/Physical-activity/Active-for-Life-resource2014.pdf?la=en&hash=609778460D133E8BD8901ACC3AC3D9676FIDC61E>

FOCUS ON... THE FUTURE

‘International Scouting events should inspire young people to continue Scouting’ quoting Carroll Spencer

When I embarked on my first international event, participation was much lower than more recent jamborees. The bottom photos indicate this by the number of badges from the 16th World Jamboree, Canada, compared to the 23rd World Jamboree, Japan.

This was told to me by Carroll Spencer, Heritage Fellowship member and a former International Commissioner, who had many other stories to recount “off the record” about being a female leader. But...

“The lessons taught me ‘to serve first’ and the world of Scouting could open new doors for any aspiring young scout to explore international opportunities as they will arise in the future.”

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FOUNDERS...

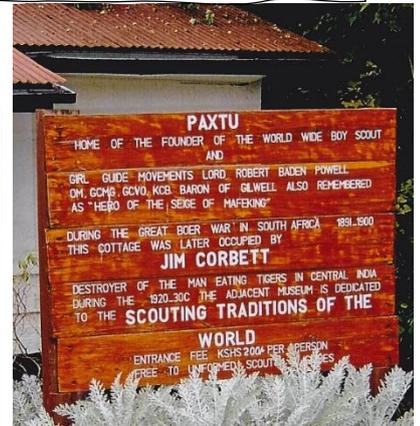
On 1st August 2007, the centenary of Scouting, I was fortunate to have the opportunity of reaffirming my Scout Promise at the monument of Lord Baden-Powell outside B-P House, London, with scouts from other parts of the world. A visit to Brownsea Island was also a great experience.

Our world tour continued to Paxtu, Kenya, the final home and resting place for the Chiefs of the Scouts and Girl Guides.

To participate in any one of these activities in a Scouting lifetime would be amazing, but to do the three shall remain in my memory forever.”



Heritage Fellowship Member Carroll Spencer follows in B-P’s footsteps at Baden-Powell House, London, 2007



KENYA The Baden-Powell’s final resting place



FRANK SPEAKS *FRANKLY FROM...*

“Aim high, then wide, then wider still” 3-2

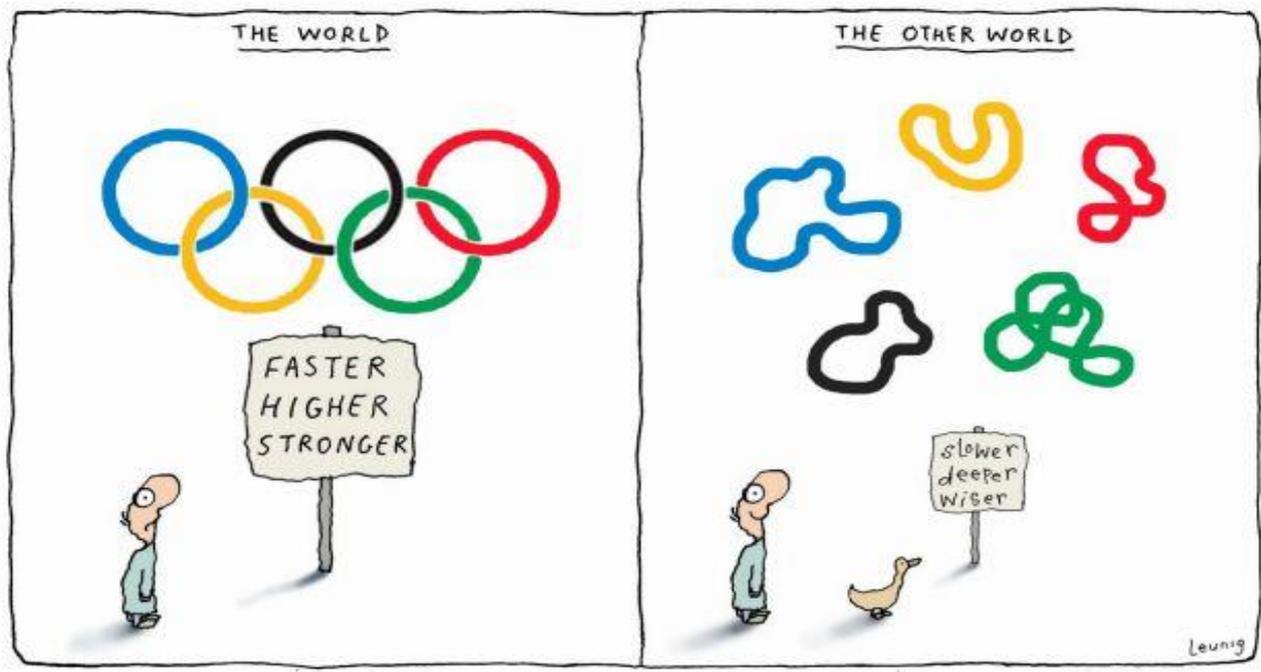
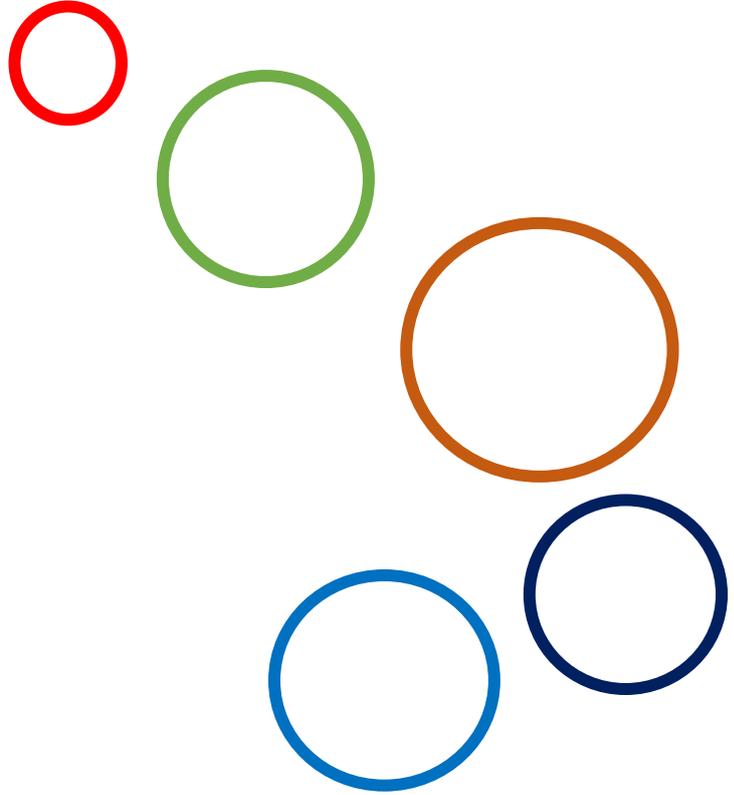
The disconnected circles in one of our current NSW Scouts publications suggests that separated sections are still the norm but... not global best practice.

As this newsletter editor discovered, the Leunig cartoon below demands that a radical rethink is required.

Even though our Australian Scout Museum is located within a precinct of Sydney Olympic Park, we at Heritage Fellowship NSW are committed to a more creative, less demanding law-driven Scouting world, that allows change, innovation and reflective thinking.

Do we really go out into disadvantaged communities, see the north/south divide in our society, and fundraise for a poorer overseas or regional country Scouting family? *How wide do we really look beyond our local scout hall?* ... many that are empty of children every day of the week. *I think FRANK agrees.* Signed DB on Franks behalf because he is armless.

This a call to action to join Frank’s Fellowship team.



What's happening@ mobile SPY School?



Pirates, Drums & Dragons TRAINING DAY



Heritage Fellowship member Mark Boyle at Ashfield Public School's Lunar New Year in February 2020 – "Every class attended: nearly 500 children had an introduction to 21st century Scouting - thank you for the opportunity."



"Kindness: a language the deaf can hear, the blind can see, and the mute can speak" - from a Fortune Cookie just recently opened when we meet Chinese restaurant owner, Kelly Su, a 3rd generation Australian, in early May 2020, at Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands.

Asking for some take-away dragon food got a laugh from the locals, as Heritage members were promoting Scouting out of town with respect to our multicultural society and its diversity, even in small regional localities.

The families we spoke to are keen for the Scout Movement to return, as there is a scout and guide hall across the road from primary school.



Visiting the old relatives along the way



Frank's favourite sauce we picked up at the local deli

TOP SECRET OPEN DAY @AGONOOREE 2019



AGM+Newington Armory

Photo Gallery



Photos taken by Malcolm Wilson, NSW State Commissioner Fellowship



LETTER from the editor

*Be Prepared to help in any way
your talents move you*

Worldwide, the Coronavirus has disrupted our current lifestyle, every one of us, like it or not. The photo opposite of a scout leader is just an example of our efforts to help in very contagious situations.

The 1928 copy of B-P's book *Rovering to Success* in the Heritage collection shows that Scouting traditions are still relevant. 54 million currently active scouts can't be wrong, with more than 250 million members taking the Scout Promise over the 113 years of Scouting being delivered to local communities since 1907.

In NSW the Heritage Scout Fellowship is responding by asking our members to consider how we will change our way of thinking to help who we can, anywhere.

Online scouting is one answer, but this is not an ongoing option to attract younger people to the Scouting movement.

We have a top-secret solution and the clue lies in your participation.

Join a NSW Scout Fellowship and you will find out more... *Guaranteed!*

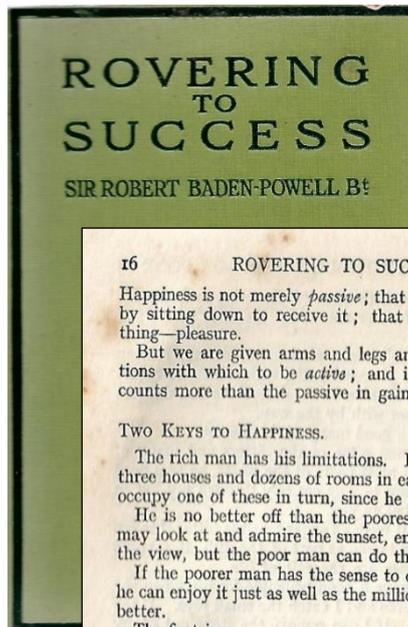
From the Heritage+NEWS Editor

– Daniel Boland.

FROM GREECE TO ICELAND, SCOUTING NEVER STOPS IN TIMES OF CORONA



Source: <https://www.scout.org/node/561425>



Something New...
Something Old

16 ROVERING TO SUCCESS

Happiness is not merely *passive*; that is, you don't get it by sitting down to receive it; that would be a smaller thing—pleasure.

But we are given arms and legs and brains and ambitions with which to be *active*; and it is the active that counts more than the passive in gaining true Happiness.

TWO KEYS TO HAPPINESS.

The rich man has his limitations. He may have two or three houses and dozens of rooms in each, but he can only occupy one of these in turn, since he only has one body.

He is no better off than the poorest in that way. He may look at and admire the sunset, enjoy the sunshine, or the view, but the poor man can do that just as fully.

If the poorer man has the sense to do two things in life he can enjoy it just as well as the millionaire, and probably better.

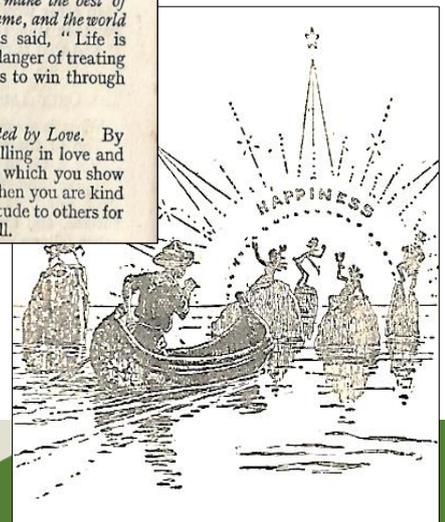
The first is:

Not to take things too seriously, but to make the best of what you have got, and to look on life as a game, and the world as a playground. But, as Shackleton has said, "Life is the greatest of all games; but there is the danger of treating it as a trivial game. . . . The chief end is to win through honourably and splendidly."

The second is:

To let your actions and thoughts be directed by Love. By Love with a capital "L." I don't mean falling in love and so on. I mean the use of the kindly spirit which you show when you do good turns to other people, when you are kind and sympathetic, and when you show gratitude to others for kindness done to you. That is, Good-will.

What will your Scouting life look like after CV-19...will you avoid the rocks ahead?



SMARTER THINKING:
*Experience +
Youth Lead*

Inspiration to Dream
Doodle+Design+Do



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THANK YOU!

Good Camping to you!

from Baden Powell & Gilwell

