

1st West Waverley Scout Group



2014/15 Annual Report

**Annual General Meeting
Friday, 28th August, 2015**

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1st West Waverley Scout Group

ANNUAL PRESENTATION & REPORTING MEETING 2015

AGENDA

6:15pm	Dinner	
7:00pm	Flag break & Opening Prayer	Group Leader
	Welcome	
	Apologies	
	Introductions	President
	Tabling of Annual reports	President
	Group Leader	
	Section Leaders	
	Committee	
	Treasurer	
	including Nomination of Auditor for forthcoming year	
	Appointment of 2015/2016 Committee	Group Leader
	Ace Family Award	Group Leader
	General Business	President
7.30	Presentations	
	Joey skit	Joey Mob
	Cuboree	Akela
	Presentation of Wood Badge to Sarah Thom-Tydell	1 st Gilwell Park Members
8:00	Close — Flag down & Prayer	

Please stay for supper

**1ST WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD FRIDAY 29th AUGUST 2014
AT 1ST WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT HALL, FAIRWAY AVENUE, MT WAVERLEY**

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm - Flag Break and a prayer.

Welcome

The Group Committee welcomed District Staff, Parents, Uniformed Leaders, family and friends of 1st West Waverley.

Present and Apologies

From the attendance book, 59 people attended:

- 1st West Waverley Leaders 11 / Committee 5 / Parents 9 / Youth 23
- District and others: 11

Apologies:

- Leaders 1 / Parents & youth 3 / District 5 / others 2

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were taken as read as a copy of these Minutes were included in the distributed 2014 Annual Report.

A motion that minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last AGM was put and carried. [Moved: Graeme Chard, Seconded: Steve Woolger]

Reports

Group Leader

Group Leader (GL) Paul Crane welcomed everyone and thanked the Leaders for their commitment to ensure that youth members have the best possible experience from Scouting. The GL spoke to the key points of his report and encouraged all members to read all reports which survey the year's achievements and issues facing each section in 1st West. He emphasised the ongoing need to supplement and ultimately replace the current Committee with families from the Joey and Cub sections.

Section leaders were invited to speak to their reports.

Chairperson

Steve Beyer spoke to the Committee report.

Treasurer

Natalie Burke presented the Annual Financial Statement. A motion was proposed that the Reports be accepted as tabled and was carried.

[Moved: Natalie Burke; Seconded Paul Crane]

Appointment of Committee

Natalie Burke, Gavin Rudd and Diana Angenent were willing to continue in their current roles. Further nominations were sought but no parents volunteered.
[Subsequent to the AGM, Jo Mitsikas nominated for Committee.]

District Commissioner's Remarks

Alan Richmond spoke on behalf of District.

Awards and Acknowledgements

- Thanks and gratitude to Nick Byrne for his two decade contribution as Scout Leader.
- Steve Beyer thanked for his long and dedicated service as President and committee member for over a decade.

Feature

Joey presentation

General Business

No general business was raised.

All were invited to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.
The meeting closed at 8:10 pm

1st West Waverley Scout Group - Treasurer's Report

The Profit and Loss for the 12 months ending 30th June 2015 shows Total Income of \$ \$28,241.78 and Total Expenses of \$ \$29,861.72 which, unfortunately, means that we ran at a loss of \$1,619.94.

Fundraising revenue of \$720 is a significant decrease compared to previous years. Hall hire revenue has also declined in the past year. The Masters BBQ was not as successful as we had hope but we still managed to raise \$195.00.

Main increases in Expenses are due to the theft in the hall of copper piping (replacement repairs), and new tyres to the trailer. The good thing is that we are spending more money on Leader training and we have lots of new members so increases in scarf/badge costs. We were also able to send Leaders and Adult helpers to Cuboree.

As at June 2015, we had \$25,400.81 in our everyday bank account and \$30,998.29 in a Term Deposit. This compares to last year when we had \$58,019.04. This represents a decrease of \$1,619.94.

We need your continued support to strengthen the group's reserve of funds, to 'be prepared' for the proposed plans to ensure our Group's success into the future.

Natalie Burke
Treasurer

1st West Waverley Scout Group 2015 PROFIT & LOSS

Year Ending 30 June	2015	2014	2013
INCOME			
FEES			
Annual Fees Previous			
Annual Fees Current Financial Year	2,588.00	6,152.50	3,942.00
Annual Fees Next Financial Year	11,988.00	12,962.00	14,300.00
Annual Fees credit card	8,331.00	7,781.50	
Family Hall Fund	1,000.00	1,100.00	
Total Fees	\$23,907.00	\$27,996.00	\$18,242.00
FUNDRAISING			
Car wash			
Sausage Sizzle	195.00		4,418.85
Misc. fundraising			
Wine			
Christmas Carols	525.00		120.00
Raffle		1,126.00	1,023.25
Xmas Trees			605.00
Total Fundraising	\$720.00	\$4,540.55	\$6,167.10
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS			
Volunteer Grants		2,700.00	5,119.00
Ritchies Donations	236.79	230.30	235.63
Hall Hire	1,080.00	1,627.00	2,091.00
Misc.	2,297.99	50.00	2,503.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$3,614.78	\$4,607.30	\$9,948.63
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,241.78	\$36,594.85	\$34,357.73

1st West Waverley Scout Group 2015

PROFIT & LOSS

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Year Ending 30 June	2015	2014	2013
EXPENSES			
SCOUT ASSOCIATION & DISTRICT FEES			
	13,054.00	11,920.00	12,516.00
Registration Fees	13,054.00	11,685.00	12,241.00
District Fees		235.00	275.00
HALL EXPENDITURE			
Signage & Boards	532.40	385.25	500.50
Cleaning & Maintenance		300.00	673.29
Electricity	1,779.94	1,588.98	2,053.83
Insurance	3,489.08	4,127.22	4,008.31
Repairs of Hall	1,407.16	1,205.94	231.05
Other Utilities		94.43	21.73
Total Hall Expenditure	\$7,208.58	\$7,701.82	\$7,488.71
OTHER EXPENDITURE			
Injury Costs		-	-
Joey expenses	462.96	297.66	-
Subs	2,575.00	1,840.00	2,200.00
Stationery	112.78	148.59	14.25
Trailer Maint & Rego		-	46.50
Leaders Training	820.00	280.00	25.00
Jamboree family reimbursement		-	3,420.00
ARAP expenses	60.00	21.42	54.39
Queen Scout		419.95	205.85
Badges / Scarves	859.54	466.45	162.86
Expenses against grants	1,237.00	4,348.47	-
Miscellaneous	3,471.86	7,825.90	2,970.96
Total Other Expenditure	\$9,599.14	\$15,648.44	\$9,099.81
TOTAL EXPENSES			
	\$29,861.72	\$33,270.26	\$29,104.52
NET INCOME			
	-\$1,619.94	\$1,324.59	\$5,253.21

1st West Waverley Scout Group 2015 BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June	2015	2014	2013
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
NAB Bank 9150	0	-	35,406.18
Scout Association Credit	0	-	7,338.00
Bendigo Bank	25,400.81	28,019.04	13,950.27
Bendigo Bank TERM DEPOSIT	30,998.29	30,000.00	
Credit Card Payments			
Total Current Assets	\$56,399.10	\$58,019.04	\$56,694.45
Fixed Assets			
Furniture	3,153.89	3,153.89	3,153.89
Equipment	1,232.90	1,232.90	1,232.90
Total Fixed Assets	4,386.79	4,386.79	4,386.79
TOTAL ASSETS	\$60,785.89	\$62,405.83	\$61,081.24
LIABILITIES			
Scout Association Debit		-	-
Miscellaneous		-	-
NET ASSETS	\$60,785.89	\$62,405.83	\$61,081.24
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings	62,405.83	61,081.24	55,828.03
Net Income	-1,619.94	1,324.59	5,253.21
	\$60,785.89	\$ 62,405.83	\$61,081.24

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the Accounts of the *FIRST WEST WANERLEY GROUP* Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch for the year ended 30 June 2015 and have obtained all the information and explanations required.

In my opinion the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of transactions for the year to 30 June 2015

13 August 2015
Date


Signature

F.C.P.A.
Qualification

GROUP LEADER'S REPORT

In April we celebrated the Group's 50th anniversary. Over 150 current and former members filled the Hall for an afternoon of reminiscing and renewing of friendships with scouts and leaders. Several of the very first 1st West Cubs were in attendance and presented certificates to the most recently invested Joeys. Judging by the 'thankyous' sent to me afterwards, the day was very special in the eyes of many.

Why would men in their 50s and early 60s: surgeons, accountants, engineers, soldiers and artists, come back, some from interstate, to 1st West decades after they left? Same could be asked of parents and leaders from the early years, who are now in their 70s, 80s and 90s? The question I ask of today's members is "Do you think you will have a reason to attend the Group Centenary celebrations in 2064?" If so, that is a great endorsement of what we are doing for you or your child today. If not, why not: are we providing lasting learning, friendships, and achievement for your children? Have you invested enough time and energy into the Group to get the maximum returns scouting offers?

Membership

At 30th June 2015, we had a total of 73 youth members, compared to 67 last year and 61 two years ago. Joeys grew from 9 to 19, with Cubs steady at a very healthy 27, Scouts 13, Venturers 6 and Rovers 8 plus 3 hosted members. We enrolled 28 new members which is only one below our previous year's record - 18 Joeys, 8 Cubs, and 2 scouts. On the downside, we lost 1 Joey, 5 Cubs, 3 linking to Scouts, 2 Scouts, 4 Venturers and 2 Rovers.

The Troop has enjoyed a stable year in terms of numbers and the Venture Unit is growing and is very active in its combined operation with Wirringa. The Crew is losing numbers as its Members reach 26 the end of the youth road.

The Joey Mob and Cub Pack are effectively full. Joeys can only take new members when they pass onto Cubs and Cubs cannot take new members or Joeys coming up until older Cubs link to the Scout Troop. This is a "nice" problem to have as reflects well on the quality of program that our Leaders are providing.

But success needs to be supported, and the parents of this Group are not doing enough.

Too much is left to a dedicated few and too many are taking and not giving. Not enough parents are on the committee, and not enough parents are contributing to fund raisers or donating money, and not enough are becoming leaders.

The section reports that follow showcase the range of activities that 1st West provided over the last 12 months.

Leaders

Since last year's ARAP, we have had NO new leaders. This is becoming dire in the Troop where a "retired" leader, Nick Charrett, and current Group Leader are a stop gap.

I thank all Leaders for their contribution to 1st West over the last year, in particular, Section leaders Sarah Thom-Tydell, Fiona Rudd, and Graeme Chard, and Crew Leaders

Lauren Hewitt and Gavin Woolger. Thank you to spouses, partners and children of all our leaders for the support you provide. I would like to acknowledge the role played by families of leaders: husbands, wives, children, and parents. All play a role in supporting the leaders who then play an important role in the development of other family's children.

We had two very long service milestones reached over the last 12 months: 25 years service – Nick Charrett and Michelle Davis.

Committee

The Committee continued to keep the Group functioning effectively. Thank you to Gavin Rudd, Natalie Burke, Diana Angenent and Jo Mitsikas for filling committee positions and regularly attending meetings.

Thanks also to Sue Spence for her continuing work as the editor of the Message Stick and producer of this annual report. And a final thank you to Ash Parfuss, our new scarf maker.

We still need to add parents to the committee. I hope to be able to announce several Cub and Scout parents joining the committee. Every parent is expected to take a turn on the Committee or make a contribution as a Leader or Adult Support.

North, South, East or West, 1st West Waverley is Best

'Kooka' Paul Crane

1ST WEST WAVERLEY JOEY SCOUTS ARAP REPORT

The past year has delivered another fun-filled, action packed, 12 months for the mob. In fourth term of last year we completed our care-and-share badge, which saw the mob visiting the local Woolworths to purchase goods for Christmas hampers for the poor. We began 2015 with our Environment badge and we also enjoyed canoeing at Lilydale Lake, and racing around the city for 'Big Day Scout'.



Our theme for second term was Adventure. We had a mob sleepover with a 'Toys' theme and the Joey Scouts had great fun playing games with the Rovers. We managed to incorporate a 'hike for international Jamboree on the Trail day' into our sleepover. It was fantastic to see many Joey Scouts supporting ANZAC celebrations this year and, also, our district campfire in June. Third term, so far, has seen a range of interesting themes at the hall each week, and we plan to commence our buddy badge by meeting with neighbouring Joey Scout mobs in the coming weeks.

The mob has been operating at full capacity for most of the year, with a waiting list in effect for parts of the year. Over the past 12 months we have said goodbye to the following children as they have linked to Cubs: Keira Charrett, Sophie Fregon, Zara Hamilton-Watt, Harry Wood, Tyler Parfuss, Rhys Morgan, Jonathon Scales, Ross Mannix, Lucas Berry and Matilda Williams. We wish them many years of happy scouting ahead!



Special congratulations this year go to the Joey Scouts that have achieved their Promise Challenge. They are: Tyler Parfuss, Harry Wood, Orion Thom-Tydell, Isobella Wilson and Zara Hamilton-Watt. Well done to these children and their families for their service to the community and work on understanding the meaning of the Joey Scout promise and law and the history of scouting.

Thank you to our leadership team of the past 12 months: Minmi (Sarah), Wombat (Kavitha), Bilby (Ash), Jacala (Claire) and Kanga (Karen). Our programs could not run without support of all of these wonderful people. We look forward to another year of Joey Scout challenges ahead, including upcoming district events and Kangaree, the biennial state sleepover for Joey Scouts to be held in March 2016.

Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi) and Kavitha Wilson (Wombat)

1ST WEST WAVERLEY CUB SCOUT PACK REPORT

This last year, we have enjoyed a range of nights and activities that the cubs fully participated in. Our Leader team offered a great range of various activities that the Cub Scouts not only enjoyed, but also used to work towards their Boomerang and achievement badge work.

A highlight of 2014 was Cuboree 8 in the second week of the September school holidays. 1st West had a record 18 cubs and 3 leaders plus 3 adult helpers. We were pack **314** and as you can see from the photos attached we had a ball. We were lucky enough to be paired with Wiringga Pack, whom we have had a long record of shared sleepovers and pack holidays over the last 5 years. In the lead up to Cuboree we had joint nights and sleepovers with Wiringga.

With the great leadership of Michael Cheadra (CSL), Sharyn Gordon (GL), Darminder Kaur, (ASCL), and 13 cubs from Wiringga, plus 3 cubs from 1st Wheelers Hill and their leader, and our pack first aider, Greg Davies, we had a wonderful time. Our pack Caterer, Jan Mc Gowan, and Darren George from Wiringga were also heavily involved in making the menu for 314 work. The 'Cherry Lane' and 'Up to Scouts' activities were popular but the Time Lords, Never Never land and Shrek were the most fantastic. Doing the half day activities to obtain all the themed badges was a big highlight.

We saw 'Chil' on stage as part of the night's entertainment and we even had her and some of the Gang show entertainers come and sing to us when it was too inclement to go to the campfire circle. The cubs exchanged badges and became firmer friends with Wiringga and Wheelers Hill. The support team of our parents – some of our leaders in training – Claire Simonds, Tania Maisey and two of our parents – Alison Shields and Selma Oaten were invaluable; thank you. Jason Cherry (Bagheera) was with us for three of the five days and also really enjoyed himself. Andrew Hilditch (Hathi), Duncan Rudd and Ben Heyn (all Tarlow Rovers) were also there popping in to visit. They were on the Cuboree's Works and Services team.



The transformation of the site that we saw as a mud heap in March, to the fully functional site when we arrived at Cuboree, in September, was amazing. We would like to thank the many parents from all groups who assisted in making it all come together, and then to dismantle the

site as well at the conclusion of the camp. Overall, Cuboree was a great success! In the lead up to Cuboree, we had joint nights and sleepovers with Wirringga.

Early this year we had a one night pack holiday at 4/11 Brighton Hall and enjoyed fish and chips on the beach, bicycle riding down to the playgrounds, and swimming in the sheltered inlet right next to the hall. We had a fantastic time. Thanks to all the parents for their assistance.

Numbers have been growing – we have 30 cubs on the books. In fact we bursting at the seams. A number of cubs have progressed to Scouts during this time and we wish them well in their Scouting journey; Matthew, Bailey, Jake, Brandan, Ryan, Andy, Ethan and Mitchell have gone up in the 2014/5 year.

We welcome a new lot of Joeys and new chums, all now invested, that make up the majority of the pack – Rachel, Silas, Breanna, Benjamin, Brodie, Rueben, Harry, Sophie, Sara, Ayrán, Tyler, Jonathan, Lucas, Matilda Ross, Rhys, Maisie, and Lauren . Welcome to you and your families!

All this however could not be made possible without the work of our leaders. We offer to the youth a great scouting experience. Our leadership team are fantastic and make great contributions to the group. Claire Simmonds, Tania Maisey, Jason Cherry, Andrew Hilditch and Robyn Allen give their time freely to make the Scouting experience a reality. Thank you all for your skills, time and efforts that you give to the Pack. Finally thank you to Kooka, all the parents and the committee for assisting us during the year.

Yours in Cubbing,

Fiona Rudd 'Akela'



1ST WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT TROOP ANNUAL REPORT

The Troop continued to consolidate its numbers throughout the year. In Term 2 we re-opened a third patrol Scorpions with Lisa Hawkes as Patrol Leader, who together with Jonty O'Byrne and Owen Colley PLs of Kookas and Koalas respectively, have ably led the Troop. Stradbroke Cup at Easter saw Gold to Kookas and Silver to Koalas: a very pleasing result. Long-time SL, Nick Byrne, retired at the end of 2014 and he compiled a "farewell" article which is well worth recording in the Archives of 1st West Waverley. We have elected to print it here in lieu of a longer Troop report.

Nick 'Noddy/3rd Degree/Bee' Byrne's Life at 1st West Waverley Scout Group...

No more leadering for me at 1st West, but thought I'd talk a bit about my time with the best Scout Group. I started up in Cubs, in Feb of 1980 and enjoyed it, all the way through, going to camps with the Cubs from 1st Korumburra Cub Pack; either there or they came to us. I was in Tawny Six, and became the Sixer when I turned 10. I can't remember much more but when I was going to turn 11 and get sent up to Scouts, I remember saying to mum that it was as far as I would go, as Scouts couldn't be any more fun than Cubs. Mum said to just do a few nights and decide then. Well, guess what? I loved it...!

Scouts was so much more fun than Cubs. We went on heaps of camps and hikes. Back then there were 5 or 6 Leaders, not the 2 or 3 that are around these days. The camps always had Rovers coming along and helping out, which was awesome in itself. They were crazy and adventurous, and usually hurt themselves to make us laugh. Unfortunately, I was unable to go on a Jamboree, and it wasn't until I became a leader that I noticed that I'd really missed out on the time of my life. I recommend it to everyone; don't miss out because you too will regret it.

I became APL and then PL of the Beaver Patrol (in those days Beaver didn't mean what it does now, we were all very innocent or naive). Just before my 15th Birthday, I told mum I was quitting and that Venturers wouldn't be as much fun as Scouts. Again she told me to try a few nights and decide then. Guess what? I loved it!

Venturers was so different to Scouts. Instead of leaders organizing all the nights, we had to organize everything ourselves and, boy, I think every night in my first term was heaps of fun and I loved every minute of it! I can't remember whether it was called VG (Vic Gathering) or MG (Melbourne Gathering), but the camp at the end of the year saw Venturers from around the state come together for a huge camp. There were so many activities, and a disco that ran from 1am to 5am. I don't remember sleeping till late Sunday night when I came home, but I do remember setting up my tent and sleeping bag.

We had themed night dinners once a year where we invited family, leaders and anyone else to come along for our annual fundraiser. One year, I remember only 3 people were able to help while we had around 30 family and leaders turn up. They were Natalie Hunt, Andrew Ellingworth and myself. Except for the solid crisp chicken skin that a knife couldn't cut, we managed to run a successful night...

Just before my 18th birthday, mum asked whether I was going up to Rovers and this time I said.....“Yes-sir-ree”! I really wanted to catch up with all the friends that I’d made in Venturers who were older than me and who had already gone up to Rovers. Of course, I loved it! I loved everything about Rovers and our ability to go anywhere because we all had our car licenses. Just the independence we had, to go anywhere without our parents driving us, was fantastic, and also good for our parents. The only problem with Rovers was something that I didn’t know until the next financial year; that my parents weren’t going to pay for my registration, and now I had to pay it. It was a lot of money back then, but the Group Leader at the time, Tim Glover, told me there was a way to not pay my group registration fee. It was to become a leader, or maybe an Assistant Scout Leader at 1st West. As you know, I took that offer straight away. Unfortunately, straight after that, Tim learnt that he had terminal cancer, and passed away not long afterwards. I was sad to see him go but decided that, even though I hadn’t written any paperwork up, I would continue to become a Scout Leader with 1st West. I am surprised it lasted 20 years and 356 days. Even though I didn’t make it to 21 years, I was a leader for 21 continuous years at Stradbroke helping the kids work for the GOLD pennant.

Over the years, I have seen so many Scouts come and go and I still keep in contact with some, and even more on the mighty FACEBOOK. Leaders are the same. The first two leaders that I started with were Keith Harvey and Mary Lambert. Mary was a very religious person, and Keith was and is her husband, who had a very dry sense of humour. Boy, we had some great and fun times.

One story that I remember happened at Stradbroke. The leaders there were Adam ‘NICNAC’ Charrett, Keith ‘Lurch’ Harvey and myself. We were all sleeping in an old auto tent with the big centre pole. Anyway, one night we left a flap of the tent open and tied it up like an awning. Well... it started to rain late one night and our fantastic awning was catching and holding every little drop. Then, all of a sudden, the water pulled the tent down and towards the front. Adam woke first and said that the tent had fallen down. Keith then said, “Thank goodness because I thought my nose had grown as it’s touching the top of the tent”, whereas I was at the back of the tent, and said, “Don’t you two complain, as I seem to be outside of the tent!”. We laughed for an hour while attempting to put the tent back up, and none of the scouts ever found out... Another thing was the phone reception. It was terrible, and we all thought that we could get better reception if we stood on our cars and trailers. One nice scout took this photo while we were being stupid.



Back in those days we did dress up, themed dinners at Stradbroke here are some samples of them:

Men in Black



Smurfs



'Thriller' and you can see why we called Keith 'Lurch'



Throughout my time with 1st West I have done approximately 30 hikes, of which 20 have been at Wilson's Prom. Why? It's reasonably close and it has lovely walking tracks and great places to swim. Most importantly, somewhere to have a lovely warm shower at the end. Here are some group shots:





Of course, at the end of the year, the Scouts and the Scouting Troops' families would celebrate the end of a fantastic year with an 'Ice Blocking and Sausage Sizzle' night. We used to go to Sandown and use a hill there, and it looked like this:



The hill was very steep and a lot of fun. I hope to see 1st West keeping this tradition and making it open to the whole group, as it is a fun way to end a year at Scouts and it's great for the whole family.

I have so many photos and memories on my computer that I will make a USB stick for Paul Crane to have if anyone would like copies.

I have really enjoyed just about every minute of Scouting at 1st West and recommend everyone to try everything that is on offer, especially all the Jamborees, the Ventures and Rover activities, not to mention Cuborees...

Also, I very much recommend becoming a leader. I didn't have any children, let alone any in the group, and for just on 20 years I was a Leader, and still loved every minute of it. Some other leaders that have helped throughout the years were: Sarah Romanin, Sue 'BB' Morton, Shayne 'Pa' Adam, John 'Chuckles' Chettle, Adam 'Rama/NICNAC' Charrett, Steve 'Singe/Nimble/Stavros' Woolger, Bill ? (a scout Leader from America), Mary 'Mhall' Lambert, Keith 'Lurch' Harvey, Steve Bowman, Andrew Nowak, Andrew Bartley, Tegan Dalman... I know that I have missed a few, but I'd like to say, "Thanks" to all these Parents/Rovers who gave up their time to make Scouting so much fun for the kids and me.

Thanks 1st West I will miss you all.. To Jonty, Gavin and Owen, thanks very much for the kind words at my farewell just fantastic and I wish you a great time through Scouting, it is worth every minute!

Yours truly, Nick 'Bee' Byrne

1st WEST WAVERLEY / WIRRINGGA SCOUT GROUPS

ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION – 2015

1st West Waverley / Wurringga Venturer Unit Annual Report 2014/2015



THE VENTURER UNIT

Throughout this year the Venturer Unit has continued to comprise of Venturers from 1st West Waverley and Wurringga Scout Groups.

MEMBERSHIP

Over the last 12 months the young Venturer Unit has grown and a reasonably active program nightly attendance was maintained with a majority.

Here is a short note from Assistant Venturer Leader, Adrian Hawkes.

My first Full Year as an Assistant Venturer Leader by Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes.

I still remember my time in Venturers back some 30 - 35 years ago - and, when I compare it to Venturers of today, I see a number of large changes while, at the same time, recognising that the core values of scouting are still present and being followed. It's true that the Venturer shirt is now different while the pants and belts have gone altogether. The old 'Bob a Job Week' appears to have been replaced with the local Bunning's Sausage Sizzle. The Gang Show is now up to its 63rd year (I saw the 30th with my Venturer unit). I'm glad the Queens Scout award is still going strong and, with some dedication and hard work on the part of our current Venturers, we should be in a position to award some during the next 18-24 months.

Of course there are still plenty of the fun things that teenagers enjoy and, while reviewing the year that was, listed below are some of the activities which kept the Venturer's occupied from July '14 through to June '15.



Highlights of the past 12 months included:

- Aug 2014 – Melbourne CBD Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Sep 2014 – The Annual Venturer Parents Dinner
- Sep 2014 – The Annual Mt Buller Ski and Boarding Weekend
- Sep 2014 – Investiture night
- Oct 2014 – Rock Climbing night
- Nov 2014 – Bounce
- Jan 2015 – AV2015 (The Venturer's equivalent to a Scout Jamboree) – Attended by Louise, Megan, Tim, Andrew and Wilson. The next one is in Queensland!!!
- Feb 2015 – Beach / BBQ night
- Feb 2015 – The Big Day Scout
- Feb 2015 – Bike ride to Dairy Bell Ice-cream Factory
- Feb 2015 – Anything Goes – Our Unit combined with Waverley Valley
- Mar 2015 – Shooting at Springvale rifle range
- Apr 2015 – 10 Pin Bowling
- Apr 2015 – ANZAC DAY Dawn Service and Parade
- May 2015 – First Aid Night
- Jun 2015 – Formal Maccas night (5km walk to/from Maccas)
- Jun 2015 – Gang Show and Venturer after party.



THANKS

Once again, thank-you to those parents who have helped with transport to and from Halls and events, and for the encouragement of ongoing participation of the Venturers. Thanks also to the Venturers, who give us leaders an excuse to catch up every Friday night and other times, under the guise of a worthy activity.

Yours in Venturing,

Graeme Chard & Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes
1st West Waverley Venturer Unit Leaders





TARLOW ROVER CREW ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

The past year for Tarlow Rover Crew has been a successful year. We have recently farewelled two of our long-term members, Alex and Lauren, as they had both turned 26. We had a boot party at the hall where we invited back many of our old members to celebrate Alex and Lauren's time in Rovers. This now leaves us with a Crew of 11, of which we have eight (8) fully invested rovers.

Although our traditional End-of-Year Trip was postponed to the start of January, it was a great weekend away. We hired a mini bus and travelled to Southern Gippsland and Phillip Island. A visit to a few wineries and a trip to Inverloch beach was a great way to start the year. One of the highlights of the weekend was kayaking around Churchill Island.

The Australia day weekend means one thing in Rovers, 'Surfmoot'! The annual camp down at Anglesea is always a great weekend. With many trips to the beach as well as bands and DJ's at night, it is a great opportunity for Rovers from all over Victoria to make new friends, as well as catch up with mates from other Crews.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our Annual 'Old Boys Weekend' where we invite old Tarlow Rovers down for a weekend at Sorrento. We hope to be able to get it up and running again in 2016.

Over the Queen's Birthday weekend, we went up to Mafeking Rover Park for Mudbash. With our Mudbash car being out of action for the past few years, we were keen to have it up and running. So, after many nights working on it, we finally had it running and up to safety standards just two (2) days before Mudbash. Unfortunately, the car broke down after the first few events. We have recently replaced the dif that we shattered at Mudbash and took it up to Winter Challenge just a weekends ago and are looking forward to heading to more events.

Unfortunately, we have recently lost our Rover Advisor, Mel, (aka Smurf). We wish her all the best and I'm sure she will still be seen around 1st West Waverley. We are currently looking for a new R.A., so, if you are interested or know someone that might be, please speak to Paul or one of the Rovers here tonight.

Yours in scouting,
Gavin Woolger - Tarlow Rover Crew