

1st West Waverley Scout Group



51st Annual Report

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 23rd August 2016**

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AGENDA

7.30 pm	Flag break & Opening Prayer
7.35 pm	Welcome, Apologies and Introductions
7.40 pm	Tabling of Annual Reports – Group Leader, Chairperson and Treasurer including Nomination of Auditor for forthcoming year
7.55 pm	2015/16 Committee
8.00 pm	Awards Matthew Kermond – Joey Promise Challenge Thomas Pewtress – Grey Wolf Ace Family Award
8.15 pm	International Scouting
8.20 pm	Presentations
8.25 pm	General Business
8.30 pm	Close – Flag down & Prayer Supper

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MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT and PRESENTATION MEETING
HELD FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2015
AT 1ST WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT HALL, FAIRWAY AVENUE, MT WAVERLEY**

The meeting opened at 7:00 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, 67 people attended:

- 1st West Waverley Leaders 10 / Committee 2 / Parents 11 / Youth 30
- District and others: 14

Apologies:

- Committee 1/ Youth 1 / District 2

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2014 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: G Chard, Seconded: F Rudd]

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 highlighting the very successful 50th Anniversary celebration. The turnout of 150 past members proved the value of scouting as evidenced by the fond memories and lifetime friends of those attending had from their time at 1st West.

He emphasised the ongoing need to add several members to the current Committee with families from the Joey and Cub sections. Section leaders were invited to speak to their reports.

Chairperson

The Committee report was tabled.

Treasurer

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

[Moved: J Mitsikas; Seconded Paul Crane]

Appointment of Committee

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Natalie Burke, Jo Mitsikas, and Gavin Rudd were willing to continue in their current roles. Sarah Scales volunteered to join the Committee.

District Commissioner's Remarks

Alan Richmond was unfortunately not able to attend at the last minute

Awards and Acknowledgements

Wood Badge presented to Minmi Sarah Thom Tydell – Completion of Advance Leader training.

Ace Family Award – Shields Family

Unveiling of Joey Promise Challenge Board with this year recipient's names added

Feature

Cuboree presentation.

Joey presentation.

General Business

No general business was raised.

All were invited to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

The profit and loss for the year ended 30 June 2016, shows total income of \$34,608.80 and total expenses of \$29,861.72 resulting in a net income of \$7,325.42.

It would appear that fundraising revenue has increased from \$720 in 2014/15 to \$4,371.80 in 2015/16. This is misleading with funds from two major fundraising events of 2014/15 (the Bunnings BBQ and Monster Raffle) being banked and accounted for in 2015/16. Many thanks to Ali Shields for driving the Monster Raffle this year and to Nat Burke for single-handedly co-ordinating the Bunnings BBQ.

We have seen a decrease in expenditure of hall maintenance from \$1,407.16 in 2014/15 to \$152.43 in 2015/16. For the most part of 2015/16 our committee had been without a maintenance co-ordinator and our records reflect that efforts towards hall maintenance have had to take a back seat. With the addition of Dean and Jeff to our committee we look forward to putting maintenance of our Scout Hall back on the agenda in the coming year.

As at 30 June 2016 we had \$32,542.31 in our everyday bank account and \$31,858.76 in a term deposit. In the past few years we have retained fundraising revenue for use in renovating our Scout Hall kitchen and bathrooms. With Dean and Jeff now on board we are hopeful that we're finally in a position to start hall renovations this financial year.

Jo Mitsikas
Treasurer

Profit and Loss Statement

1st West Waverley Scout Group PROFIT & LOSS			
	Year ended 30/06/16	Year ended 30/06/15	Year ended 30/06/14
INCOME			
Fees			
Previous financial year	-	-	-
Current financial year	6,806.00	2,588.00	6,152.50
Next financial year	14,153.00	11,988.00	12,962.00
Credit card fees	5,650.00	8,331.00	7,781.50
Family hall fund	1,100.00	1,000.00	1,100
Total Fees	\$27,709.00	\$23,907.00	\$27,996.00
Fundraising			
Car Wash	-	-	-
Sausage Sizzle	2,144.10	195.00	-
Wine	-	-	-
Christmas Carols	457.70	525.00	-
Monster Raffle	1,770	-	1,126.00
Xmas Trees	-	-	-
Total Fundraising	\$4,371.80	\$720.00	\$4,540.55
Miscellaneous Receipts			
Volunteer Grants	-	-	2,700
Ritchies Donations	202.00	236.79	230.30
Hall Hire	1,464.00	1,080.00	1,627.00
Miscellaneous	862.00	2,297.99	50.00
Total Misc.	\$2,528.00	\$3,614.78	\$4,607.30
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,608.80	\$28,241.78	\$36,594.85

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1st West Waverley Scout Group PROFIT & LOSS (continued from previous page)			
	Year ended 30/06/16	Year ended 30/06/15	Year ended 30/06/14
EXPENSES			
Scout Association & District Fees			
Registration fees	15,799.50	13,054.00	11,685.00
District fees	-	-	235.00
Total Scout Assoc. & District fees		\$13,054.00	\$11,920.00
Hall Expenditure			
Signage & Boards	-	532.40	385.25
Cleaning & Maintenance	-	-	300.00
Electricity	1,458.63	1,779.94	1,588.98
Insurance	3,612.66	3,489.08	4,127.22
Hall Repairs	152.43	1,407.16	1,205.94
Other Utilities	-	-	94.43
Total Hall Expenditure	\$5,223.72	\$7,208.58	\$7,701.82
Other Expenditure			
Injury Costs	-	-	-
Joey Expenses	345.00	462.96	297.66
Subs	3,600.00	2,575.00	1,840.00
Stationary	77.58	112.78	148.59
Trailer Maint. & Rego	55.50	-	-
Leader Training	685.00	820.00	280.00
Jamboree family reimbursement	400.00	-	-
ARAP expenses	245.25	60.00	21.42
Queen Scout	-	-	419.95
Badges/Scarves	398.85	859.54	466.45
Expenses against grants	-	1,237.00	4,348.47
Miscellaneous	452.98	3,471.86	7,825.90
Total Other Expenditure	\$6,260.16	\$9,599.14	\$15,648.44
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$27,283.38	\$29,861.72	\$33,270.26
NET INCOME	\$7,325.42	(\$1,619.94)	\$1,324.59

Balance Sheet

1st West Waverley Scout Group BALANCE SHEET			
	As at 30/06/16	As at 30/06/15	As at 30/06/14
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bendigo Bank	32,542.31	25,400.81	28,019.04
Bendigo Bank TERM DEPOSIT	31,858.76	30,998.29	30,000.00
GST to claim	183.61	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$64,583.92	\$56,399.10	\$58,019.04
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	\$68,970.71	\$60,785.89	\$62,405.83
LIABILITIES			
	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	\$68,970.71	\$60,785.89	\$62,405.83
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	60,785.89	62,405.83	61,081.24
Net Income	7,325.42	(1,619.94)	1,324.59
	\$68,111.31	\$60,785.89	\$62,405.83

Group Leader's Report

I normally mention the **Group Committee** much further into my report but this year they deserve prominence. For the first time in this decade the Committee comprises more than a skeleton crew. With new members added it means that the Committee can do more than just the basics of enrolling members, collecting and paying fees with minimal fund raising and maintenance. The Committee is very energetic and meetings equally entertaining. You have pumped some oxygen into the Group Leader's lungs. With a year under their belts I am confident that the next 12 months will see even more activity. Please support their endeavours - an active Committee makes a huge difference to the quality of Scouting we can deliver to our members.

Natalie Burke (Secretary) and **Jo Mitsikas (Treasurer)** swapped roles during the year and have welcomed **Sarah Scales (Registrar)**, **Dean Whitfield**, **Jeff Fuller (Maintenance tag team)** and **Greg Robinson (Grants etc.)** now filling critical committee positions and regularly attending meetings. **Gavin Rudd** finally has been able to stand down as Hall Hire Manager with **Greg Thom-Tydell** taking over.

We still need to add parents to the committee – there are plenty of things that need doing. Every parent is expected to take a turn on the Committee or make a contribution as a Leader or Adult Support.

Membership

At 30 June 2016, we had a total of **72 youth** members, compared to 73 last year and 67 two years ago. Not surprisingly sections numbers are quite stable compared to 12 months ago though at times both the Mob and Pack were overflowing!

We enrolled 23 new members - 15 Joeys and 8 Cubs. This was 5 and 6 below our previous two years but was constrained by the size of the Pack, which at times during the year exceeded 40, making new admissions impractical for extended periods. **Our new members were balanced by 24 exits.** Four of these were beyond our control due to families moving overseas or away from Monash but we lost 11 Cubs and 8 Scouts, which is more than the "acceptable" level. On a positive note the Mob and Crew lost not one member and the Unit only one.

The Troop proved again that unstable leadership will reflect on youth engagement. Along with the kitchen renovations the GROUP's biggest priority in the year ahead has to be rebuilding the Troop numbers. Until this happens the Unit and Crew will be starved of potential members. The section reports that follow showcase the range of activities that 1st West provided over the last 12 months. Please read all of them; not just your child's current section; so that you can see what lies ahead as scouts, is a development program for children from age to 6 to 18 and beyond into young adulthood.

Leaders

This time last year it was unfortunate to report that we had had NO new leaders. This year the news is much more upbeat. In late 2015 Karen Robinson joined the Joey Mob and **Ash Parfuss** the Cub Pack. Whilst not new to Scouting, **Michelle Tanzen** was new to 1st West a year ago and from start of 2016 has become our SL in charge of the Troop. Though not strictly part of the past scout year, I am not going to let the chance pass to record that **Steve Mitchell** has applied to become an Assistant Scout Leader. Please make Michelle, Ash, Karen and Steve welcome and support them whilst they do their best to make your child's scouting as wonderful as it can be.

We need one more Joey Leader, two more Assistant Cub leaders, two more ASLs. In addition, another Venturer leader would be more than handy.

This time two years ago we said Farewell to **Nick Charrett** - he stayed on to help the Troop transition through a long period of low leader numbers eventually breaking off for the last time earlier this year. We say thank you again for all you did for us as a leader over 20 years. We also said farewell to **Kavitha Wilson** our AJSL who returned with her family to Scotland. Kavitha packed a lot into her two short years with us and it was very emotional to say goodbye, but 1st West loss is Scotland's gain. Thank you to **Bruce Burns** who after three years as ACSL was unable to make an ongoing commitment to the Troop and resigned in February.

I also acknowledge **10 year Service Awards** for Michelle Tanzen SL and Steve Woolger ASL (on leave whilst he pursues his career in regional Victoria).

I thank all Leaders for their contribution to 1st West over the last year particularly Section leaders who must not only lead their section but provide input to the Group's management. Thank you to spouses, partners and children of all our leaders for the support you provide.

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

Kooka
Paul Crane

Joey Scout Mob Report

The Joey mob has had another busy and enjoyable year. This year was a Kangaroo year so 11 lucky Joeys and their leaders had a blast for two days at Lardner Park enjoying the Earthtastic activities with other 700 other Joeys from around Victoria. We hope that many of them will be attending Cuboree in 2017 for even bigger adventures.



Some highlights of the past 12 months have included the District "Australia" Sleepover, Time Travel and Christmas themed nights as well as completing our Care and Share badge during Term 4 2015. Our Environment Challenge, Chinese New Year, Founders Day and other outdoor activities were the focus in Term 1 of this year. Anzac Day ceremonies, JOTT hike, the Pancake Parlor, campfire and fire safety nights and our Adventure Badge kept us busy during Term 2. And so far this term we have been involved in the National Tree Planting Day, Waverley Valley Joey Hunt,

completing our Buddy Badge with our local Girl Guide group and many other fun activities.

With great sadness we said goodbye to Wombat (Kavitha Wilson) and her family in Term 2 when they relocated back home to Scotland. They were active members of the mob for several years and we miss them very much. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Jacala (Claire Simmons), cub leader, for supporting our mob each week until her daughter linked to Cubs earlier this year. We are pleased that Kanga (Karen Robinson) who was previously working with us as an Adult Helper has chosen to take on the challenge of leadership this year and become our second mob leader. We also welcome Koala (Hannah Han) who is working with us as an Adult Helper until the end of the year.



We congratulate these Joeys on their completion of the Promise Challenge in the past 12 months; Harry Colley, Maya Wilson and Rose Wilson. We also wish all the best to the Joeys who have linked to Cubs in the last year; Erica Kelaart, Orion Thom-Tydell, Isobella Wilson, Jade Morling, Henry Balmain, Sean Cherry, Harry Colley, Bradley Ellul, William Langley, Zara Tran.

It has been a great year of Scouting and we are looking forward to another year of adventures to come.

JSL - Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi)

Cub Scout Pack Report

2016 is the 100th birthday of Cub Scouts and there has been plenty of Branch and District activities to participate in to celebrate this special occasion. It also gives Cub Packs the opportunity to work towards and obtain the **Centenary Challenge badge** by accruing 100 points for participating in these major events. So far we have completed at least half of the requirements. This past year has seen a wonderful range of programs and activities where our cubs have worked towards Boomerang and Achievement badges, as well as just having a great time!

Apart from the games nights that we usually start each term with, there has been much variety. We held a First Aid night, a visit to "Bounce", a Penny Hike, Father's day handcraft night at Bunnings, and for the first time an evening visit to Mount Waverley Library where cubs complete the green and red Literature Achievement badges. Travellers and World friendship badges were also attained, and during one night said hello to Issy Wilson one of our cubs (who recently returned to Scotland). We also learnt a lot about what the United Nations do and how they help others. Many of our cubs have attained Bronze Silver and Gold Boomerangs. Well Done!

A highlight of this was our "Star Wars" Holiday at Treetops in March. We travelled up to the campsite by bus, which was a great experience. We had a wonderful time at this lovely campsite where Warringga Cubs join us yet again for fantastic weekend. Thank you to "Kaa" for organising and running her first pack holiday with the assistance of "Jacala" We had a wide range of activities in the mix; making light sabres using them for a Star Wars fight, having a go on the rope course, and making Ewok finger puppets. Our older cubs did two nights under canvas to prepare for Scouts. Thank you to our parent helpers again for your time and efforts over the weekend it was much appreciated. Older cubs, potential and current sixers and seconds attended the District Leadership course in November where they developed leadership skills whilst having a fun time. We also had the involvement of the other sections; both the Venturers and Rovers ran entertaining nights for our cubs.

We have had a number of cubs leave for various reasons, which is always disappointing. The progression to Scouts now seems to be an Achilles heel and needs to be addressed urgently. We sent out best wishes to David, Daryl, Mitchell, Rachel and Sean who progressed to Scouts last term. Our Pack numbers at present are steady at 31 cubs. We have had many Joeys come up to cubs over the year and had many joint activities which we have enjoyed with the mob We welcome from Joeys: Tyler, Zoe, Rhys, Ross, Jonathan, Orion, Cameron, Henry, Harry, Sean, Lucas, Jade, Zara and Will. We also welcome new cubs Emma, Mickey, Leah and Nathan to the pack. During term 1 we had over 40 Cubs in the pack, which really was a great challenge for everyone!

I am very proud of the team we have become and the programme we offer to our Cub Scouts. Our Leader team has increased with a very enthusiastic Ash Parfuss joining as an ASCL. "Rikki" is a fantastic bonus to us and has brought great organisational skills, as well as lots of enthusiasm and fun to the Pack. Welcome Ash and we hope you have a great Scouting experience. All our other Cub Leaders have completed their basic leader training. Congratulations!!

"Kaa" (Tania Maisey) is in the process of completing her advanced leader training which is terrific for the pack. Other than "Hathi" – (Andrew Hilditch) and "Chil" Robyn Allen, we are all working parents who give up our time freely within the constraints of our family life to provide a

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good scouting experience for your children. With such a variety of ages and skills we are able to offer a diverse program. Claire Simmonds “Jacala”, “Bagheera” Jason Cherry, are all wonderful leaders who continue to make a great contribution to Scouting at 1st West. It was very sad when our District Cub Scout Leader Gary Evans passed away suddenly in April. He made significant contributions to Scouting – especially Cubbing in West Waverley, Mt Waverley and Monash districts over 35+ years and will be missed by us all.

As of the end of this year I will be standing down as CSL of the Pack and becoming an ACSL. The time is right to pass on the “Akela” position to Tania who is willing to undertake this role, and will do a fantastic job. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family who have for years supported me as a CL, ASCL, GL and CL again of 1st West Waverley since I transferred to the group in 1990. I would also like to thank all the leaders in 1st West whom I have worked with and whom have made the journey for me and my sons as youth members an enjoyable and rewarding one. Scouting offers much too many, and we all need to acknowledge what a great Youth organisation we are a part of.

Finally thank you to Kooka for all your endless work with all sections and making it all come together. To all the parents who have come down on the roster to help when leader numbers are low (especially Craig Shields who makes a fire for us during the colder months), and the committee for assisting us during the year. We look forward to a productive year with the 2017 Cuboree approaching!

Yours in Cubbing,
Fiona Rudd
Akela

Venturer Unit Report

THE VENTURER UNIT

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

MEMBERSHIP

Over the last 12 months the Venturer Unit has maintained a reasonably active program and 14 members, nightly attendance was maintained with a majority.

Highlights of the past 12 months included:

- Paint Ball
- Bigger & Better
- Investiture Nights
- Parents Dinner
- Annual Mt Buller Ski and Boarding Weekend
- Swimming Night
- Maccas Walk
- Cub / Venturer Night (1st West Waverley)
- Movie Night
- New Zealand Venture
- Beach / BBQ Night
- Rollerama
- Anything Goes
- Bike Ride to Dairy Bell Ice-Cream
- Shooting Night
- Bunnings BBQ Fund Raiser
- Anzac Day Services
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Scout / Venturer Night (Wurringga)
- Gang Show & After Party



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Tarlow Rover Crew Report

It's been an interesting year with Tarlow rovers. The past 12 months have seen old rovers booted, fresh blood invested, and many fantastic nights.

Surfmoot

Tarlow once again headed to Eumerella Scout park in Anglesea for Surfmoot. Held over the Australia day long weekend, we were hard at work relaxing in the lagoon all weekend. A cheeky nando's session on the route home topped off the great weekend perfectly.



Mudbash

Unfortunately, Wolrat was not working to compete in Mudbash this year. This however did not deter Tarlow in the slightest. We headed up to Mafeking Rover Park for the Queen's birthday weekend to view the spectacle that is Rover Scout Motorsport. The crew had a great weekend in the lovely muddy conditions watching various crews hurl around the tracks.

Weekly Nights

Apart from these wonderful weekends away, Tarlow also has weekly meetings on a Thursday night. Anything and everything goes on these nights; heading to the Athenaeum to enjoy some of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, working on Wolrat, watching movies in the den, and making our own sausages.

Order of the Boot

This past year Tarlow booted Alex Marshall, Lauren Hewitt, and Amy Campbell. They were fine rovers and upon reaching the golden age of 26 have been awarded the Order of the Boot.

We look forward to another great year here at Tarlow Rovers.

Cam Welch
Crew Leader

