

1st West Waverley Scout Group



52nd Annual Report

**Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 22nd August 2017**

1st West Waverley Scout Group AGM 2017

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AGENDA

7.00 pm	Flag break & Opening Prayer
7.05 pm	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
7.10 pm	Tabling of Annual Reports – Group Leader, Chairperson and Treasurer including Nomination of Auditor for forthcoming year
7.25 pm	2017/18 Committee
7.30 pm	Awards
7.45 pm	International Scouting
7.50 pm	Presentations
7.55 pm	General Business
8.00 pm	Close – Flag down & Prayer Supper

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thankyou to the 1st West Waverley Scout Group Committee, Group Scout Leader, Auditor and Section Leaders for assistance in the compilation of this Annual Report. We also would like to thank and acknowledgement to Dean Whitfield of immij.com for assistance with the printing, Natalie Burke for organising catering, and all other helpers who assisted with the organisation of ARAP.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT and PRESENTATION MEETING

HELD Tuesday 23RD AUGUST 2016

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

Apologies: Nil

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were taken as read as a copy of these Minutes were included in the distributed 2015 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: D Whitfield]

Reports

Group Leader

Group Leader (GL) Paul Crane.

Expressed concerns over fundraising being down.

Acknowledged that this is the first increase in fees for several years to cover rising costs.

Section leaders

JOEYS – Sarah spoke about all the favourite experiences over the year.

CUBS – Fiona and Sarah would like to thank all contributors to a great year.

SCOUTS – Michelle S. addressed parents to encourage scouts to be adventurous, and to encourage scouts to achieve Scout Honour Board.

VENTURERS – Lisa will prepare a written report on their year.

ROVERS – Cam R expressed that the crew have had lots of great experiences over the year.

Chairperson

The Committee report was tabled.

Treasurer

J Mitsikas – presented the Treasurer's report.

Appointment of Committee

Natalie Burke, Jo Mitsikas and Sarah Scales and were willing to continue in their current roles. President role is vacant. Hall manager Greg Thom-Tydell, Hall maintenance Jeff Fuller and Dean Whitfield, Grants/general member Greg Robinson.

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District Commissioner's Remarks

Maria – Acknowledged the committee members and uniformed Leaders.
Once again 1st West Waverley one the best groups in the district (of course).

Awards and Acknowledgements

Jason received Adult Leadership.

Chuckles – 40-year recognition award, he went on to reflect his 40-year service with 1st West Waverley and at being an assessor for 30 of them.

Ace Family Award.

Feature Presentations

Jonty Scout Representative, loved Jamboree one his best experiences, he enjoyed the fundraising, and meeting new people at the pre – Jamboree camp. Jonty went to encourage any Scout to take up the Jamboree adventure.

Mathew Patrol Leader at Jamboree – wanted to let everyone understand the importance of all of the fundraising tasks, he enjoyed all the activities available at Jamboree.

Joey presentation.

General Business

No general business was raised.

All were invited to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

- The meeting closed at 7.50pm -

President's Report

It is with pleasure that I present the 1st West Waverley President's report for the 2017 ARAP meeting. Since joining the 1WWS Committee more than a year ago, I have seen a dedicated group trying to achieve changes through their hard work in fundraising, maintenance, governance and financial control, and support of our Group Leader.

Earlier this year, after becoming comfortable with the workings of the committee, I nominated myself for the vacant President role. Happily the nomination was successful, and I find myself as President of 1WWS with a dedicated committee, stable membership numbers and sufficient finances.

My goal for the committee this year is to achieve changes that have been discussed for many years – repairs of the hall flooring and renovations to the hall facilities (toilets, kitchen etc). With the committee we have proceeded with hall repairs (scheduled for September 2017 school holidays) and continue to work with Scouts Victoria in obtaining quotations and preparing proposals for the funding of the major works.

I thank all the committee members for their hard work over the past year, and especially:

- Paul Crane who has guided me as I settle into the role.
- Jo Mitsikias for being a treasurer for 3 years
- Sarah Scales for stepping into the Treasurer role
- Susan Varga for assisting with hall cleaning for 1 year
- Jules Berry for being a champion fundraiser by organising the Monster Raffle
- Dean Whitfield and Jeff Fuller for their maintenance efforts throughout the year
- Natalie Burke who steps down as Secretary after many years.
- Janene Smith for joining the committee within weeks of her children joining 1WWS

Finally, I thank all the children and families of 1st West Waverley for making this a great Scout Group.

Greg Robinson
President

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the 2016-17 financial report for the 1st West Waverley Scout Group. Thank you to Therese Cowan for auditing the financial report.

We ended the financial year with a net income of just over \$6,700, 18% less than last financial year.

Main reasons contributing to this result was a decrease in our fundraising income of 10%, coupled with increases in expenses, particularly hall maintenance, of over 33%.

Given this profit result, our net assets increased from just under \$69,000 this time last year to just over \$75,000. In reality the majority of our assets is cash, with fixed assets representing only \$4,000. Note: our net asset position is generally the highest balance for the year, as we have received fees in advance for the next financial year, but not yet paid the registration expense to Scouts Victoria (\$14,150 paid in July 2017).

Despite the reduction in fundraising revenue mentioned before, there was a large increase in funds raised by the Monster Raffle (nearly \$940 more than last year). Many thanks to Jules Berry for her time and effort in driving this. Also thanks to Nat Burke and Greg Robinson for co-ordinating the Bunnings BBQ.

Regarding the expenses, we have seen an increase in expenditure on hall maintenance due to the excellent work from our two maintenance co-ordinators, Dean and Jeff. This will continue in the coming financial year as the parent's committee have been working in the background on organising some major renovations including resurfacing the hall floor during the September/October school holidays and renovation of the kitchen and toilets in the coming months.

It takes a lot of effort by our volunteers to keep the Group running, and we thank those parents and Scouts who attended raffle ticket selling days, Bunnings BBQ's and carols, as without your continued support we would not have the funds to provide better facilities, equipment and experiences for your children. There is always an opportunity to help, and no matter how small you think your contribution may be, it is significant to the Group.

Sarah Scales
Treasurer

Statement of Profit or Loss

	Year Ended 30 June 2017	Year Ended 30 June 2016
Income		
Fees		
Annual Fees - 2016/17	7,394.00	6,806.00
Annual Fees - 2017/18	19,503.00	20,903.00
Family Hall Fund - 2017/18	1,540.00	0.00
Total Fees	28,437.00	27,709.00
Fundraising		
Sausage Sizzle	956.74	2,144.10
Christmas Carols	346.00	457.70
Raffle	2,707.80	1,770.00
Total Fundraising	4,010.54	4,371.80
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Interest on TD ¹	807.83	860.47
Ritchies Donations	212.20	202.00
Hall Hire	923.00	1,464.00
Donations	185.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	240.86	860.93
Total misc receipts	2,368.89	3,387.40
Total Income	34,816.43	35,468.20

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Expenses

Scout Association & District Fees

Registration Fees - 2016/17	14,206.00	15,799.50
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Hall Expenditure

Signage & Boards	45.00	0.00
Cleaning of Hall	34.15	0.00
Electricity	1,661.51	1,458.63
Insurance	3,752.73	3,612.66
Repairs/Maintenance of Hall	1,456.21	152.43
Total Hall Expenditure	6,949.60	5,223.72

Other Expenditure

Section Subs	2,900.00	3,600.00
Cuboree - leader fees	480.00	0.00
Leaders Training	685.00	685.00
ARAP expenses	572.50	245.25
Equipment	618.94	0.00
Badges / Scarves / Uniforms	253.10	398.85
Stationery	101.82	77.58
Trailer Maint & Rego	0.00	55.50
Joey expenses/Kangaroo	0.00	345.00
Jamboree family reimbursement	0.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	952.05	452.98
Write off - furniture and equipment	386.79	0.00
Total Other Expenditure	6,950.20	6,260.16

Total Expenses

	28,105.80	27,283.38
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Net Income

	6,710.63	8,184.82
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Notes:

- 1 - Interest on the TD was not taken up in last years accounts
- comparative figures have been amended

Balance Sheet

Statement of financial position

	As at 30 June 2017	As at 30 June 2016
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bendigo Bank	38,439.03	32,542.31
Bendigo Bank TERM DEPOSIT	32,666.59	31,858.00
GST credit	575.72	183.61
Total Current Assets	71,681.34	64,583.92
Fixed Assets		
Furniture	3,000.00	3,153.89
Equipment	1,000.00	1,232.90
Total Fixed Assets	4,000.00	4,386.79
TOTAL ASSETS	75,681.34	68,970.71
NET ASSETS	75,681.34	68,970.71
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	68,970.71	60,785.89
Net Income	6,710.63	8,184.82
TOTAL EQUITY	75,681.34	68,970.71

In addition to the above bank accounts, each section also holds a bank account

The balances of those accounts at 30 June 2017 were:

Joey Mob	417
Cub Pack	2,284
Scout Troop	1,118
Venturer Unit (at the start of June)	3,325

Group Leader's Report

I am very pleased with the year at 1st West. There is a very good atmosphere in the Group, youth members are engaged in a wide range of activity and there have been some excellent innovations in programming. In no order, these are the things which have been particularly pleasing for me:

- **Two well attended working bees** including the painting to give the Hall a fresh look
- Record raffle tickets sales – **thanks to Jules Berry** for driving this
- **Appointment of Group President – Greg Robinson** – leadership is central to success of any organisation and Greg's direction is already evident
- **Grey Wolf Award to Sean Maisey** – this is a significant achievement for 10-year-old and has inspired other Cubs to follow in his footsteps
- **Transition of Pack leader** from Fiona Rudd to Tania Maisey
- Hoadley Hide outright winners – this is the Venturers major hiking and skills competition and **Jonty O'Byrne** was a member of the triumphant team
- The **stabilisation of the Troop** in recent months thanks to Michelle Davis and Steve Mitchell – we have the Troop back out camping and doing badge work and a third Patrol opened
- Planning for the first ever "all sections" Group camp in November 2017
- More regular Group Council meetings.
- Progress towards internal renovations has been steady with the floor refurbishment next month being stage 1.
- Exceptional numbers enrolled for the upcoming Cuboree – 21
- **Megan Hawkes attended the World Rover Moot** in Iceland, proof that Scouting can take you to the other side of the world.

Last year I made a mention of **the rejuvenation of the Group Committee** and this has accelerated in the last 12 months. Some of the work is "behind the scenes" but is also very apparent in the success of the raffle, progress on renovations, maintenance, hall hire activity, smooth completion of annual membership renewals. All sections have had a chance to meet the Committee and convey their needs so that funding and practical support can be planned.

But the more activity they generate the more assistance is needed. I would really like to appoint three additional members to the Committee in the very near future. *Every parent is expected to take a turn on the Committee or contribute as a Leader or Adult Support.*

Sincere thanks and farewell to Natalie Burke and Jo Mitsikas who both spent several years as Secretary and Treasurer when committee numbers were very low, making their roles more difficult. Fortunately, that didn't impact their dedication and support they provided to me.

Thanks to **Janene Smith** for not waiting to get involved having joined the Committee within weeks of your children joining 1st West earlier this year!

Membership

At 30 June 2017, we had a total of **72 youth** members, compared to 73 last year and 75 two years ago. Not surprisingly sections numbers are quite stable compared to 12 months ago.

We enrolled **16 new members** which is as little as half of some recent years. In part, this was due to a moratorium on recruitment to Cubs as their numbers touched 40 for long periods over the past year. Now that Cubs are progressing into scouts in large blocks we should resume more active recruitment.

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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 our child's current section so you can see what lies ahead as scouting can help the development of your children until adulthood.

Leaders

We welcomed **Gayani Wanigasooriya and Steve Mitchell as trainee leaders** late in 2016 in the Cub and Scout sections respectively. Please make Gayani and Steve welcome and support them whilst they do their best to make your child's scouting as wonderful as it can be. We also said **farewell to Michelle Tanzen** after a short stint as SL.

Congratulation to Akela **Tania Maisey for earning her Wood Badge**. This is the Advanced level of Leader Training and in doing so our youth members benefit even more.

Congratulation to **Fiona Rudd for 35 years of service** to scouting, two thirds of it in our Group.

Adult recognition awards are announced on 1 August -World Scout Day – and three 1st West leaders were honoured this year. Special Service Award to Claire Simmonds and Sarah Thom-Tydell and Silver Wattle to Graeme Chard.

We need one more Joey Leader, two more Assistant Cub leaders, two more Assistant Scout Leaders. In addition, another Venturer leader would be more than handy and the Crew needs a Rover Advisor.

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.

On a sad note, I conclude this report with the passing of **Don McLeod** in March this year. Don probably attended more of these Annual Meetings than anyone else. He joined the Committee before the Group was even formed in 1964 then became a Cub Leader for over a decade and finally Group Leader. He was also involved with Gang Show for over 40 years. Even after his formal roles with 1st West ended Don was intensely interested in the Group, its progress and provided wise advice to many. For many years he was the first on the scene to paint out graffiti on our walls. Many of the adults in our Group attended his funeral having been one of "his" Cubs or worked alongside him in leader teams. I was honoured to be asked to speak on behalf of 1st West at Don's funeral. It was the least I could for a man who served this Group in the highest traditions of scouting.

North, South, East or West, 1st West Waverley is Best
Kooka Paul Crane

Joey Scout Mob Report

The Joey Scout mob has enjoyed another year of action and adventure with lots of outdoor activities.



In fourth term of last year we completed our care-and-share badge, which saw the mob singing Christmas Carols outside Kmart and then purchasing presents for the Wishing Tree. Late last year we also had most of the mob attend the District Science Sleepover. Over the summer months we enjoyed suburban adventure racing on two separate occasions and earlier this year completed our Environment badge.

Our theme for second term was Adventure. We had a mob sleepover in May which incorporated a hike for international Jamboree on the Trail day. We went climbing at Up and burnt lots of energy at Bounce. It was wonderful to see many of the Joey Scouts supporting Anzac celebrations this year at local RSL's which earned them the Their Service Our Heritage badge. Families have joined in several activities this year such as District Campfire, Mothers Day visit and Tree Planting Day.

Third term so far has had a strong Friendship focus. We have been visiting with the Wurringa Joey Scouts as part of our Buddy Badge and we invited a special friend to Bring-a-Friend night. Still to come this term is the District "Space" Sleepover in September, Fathers Day activities and



In the 12 months since the last ARAP we have had 11 Joey Scouts link to Cubs, but regular recruitment of new Joey Scouts over the course of the year means mob numbers have remained steady, with 15 Joey Scouts currently invested.

Special congratulations this year go to the Joey Scouts that have achieved their Promise Challenge in the past 12 months; Satwik Gupta, David Lee, Avie Pandey, Camryn Shields, Hannah Robinson, Vishal Vinod, Marsdon Thom-Tydell, Joel Easton, Vipuli Wanigasooriy and Zoe Moulder. Well done to these children and their families for their service to the community and their work on understanding the history of scouting.

Thankyou to our leadership team of the past 12 months; Minmi (Sarah), Kanga (Karen), Koala (Gayani), Platypus (Sarah) and Wallaby (Maira). Our programs could not run without the support and energy of these inspiring and dedicated leaders. We look forward to

another year of Joey Scout challenges ahead, including upcoming district events and the next Kangaree, the biennial state sleepover for Joey Scouts which will be held 17-18th March 2018.

JSL - Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi)

Cub Scout Pack Report

2017 has been a big year for the Cub Pack. We have had a change of leadership with Fiona taking a step back and becoming an assistant Cub Scout Leader. Lucky for us she is still here to offer her experience and expertise. We also have Jason (Bagheera), Claire (Jacala) and Ash (Ricki Tikki Tavi) who are the backbone of the Cub Pack, always willing to help out, organising activities and taking charge when needed.

One of the highlights of the year so far was the camp at Heany Park in March. This was a camp in preparation for Cuboree, which is coming up in October this year. As such as were camping in tents that was a first for some of our cubs. Activities on the camp included billy carts, damper making, filtering water, nature scavenger hunts and more. All the cubs had a ball. Big thanks again to the parents who helped setting and packing up, and especially those who stayed and helped all weekend. We couldn't do it without the help.

Another highlight was Sean Maisey's Grey Wolf presentation. He has worked hard over the last couple of years, to complete all the activities and badges required both at cubs and at home. Sean's Grey Wolf hike was carried out with Lachlan and Jade Morling around Dights Falls in October last year and involved the adventure of negotiating around the flooded Yarra River.



We have gained 9 new cubs this year, mainly from the Joey Mob which is fantastic. Welcome to all the new families. Luckily this has been balanced out by 7 of our cubs joining the scout troop which is a fabulous progression and a bit tribute to the scout leaders for their hard work this year. We have had 4 cubs leave for other reasons, mainly sport which brings us back down the reasonable number of 30 cubs.

Big thanks go to Kooka and the committee for their support during the year. The group would not run without all the work you do.

Yours in Cubbing,
Tania Maisey (Akela)

Scout Troop Report

Another year has gone by and due to my work schedule and working night shift, I couldn't attend most of the scout nights last year, but I know the scouts attended the District Trivia night in November and a few scouts attended a beach camp in January.

For the first time in a few years we had a Patrol (5 Scouts) at our District Camp – Ilunga – in March at Gilwell Park and the scouts achieved "Silver". This camp is assessed on their camping Skills. This was a great effort by all.

At end of Term 1 the Troop said goodbye to Sapphire (Michelle Tanzen) as Scout Leader.

During this time we have had 2 new scouts join the troop (not coming up from Cub Section) – Maxine and Beatrice and have Welcomed and invested 7 cubs into the troop – Sean M, Lachlan, Ben, Alex, Breeanna, Maisie and Marcus.

We have also had a troop camp in June at Gilwell Park, with 9 Scouts attending. It was a fun camp with some badge work completed as well.

6 Scouts attending the local tree planting in July.

At the moment we have 19 scouts (which is amazing) and for the first time in a few years we now have 3 Patrols – Kookaburra's (PL Bailey) Scorpions (PL Matthew) and now Frilled Neck Lizards (PL- Branden). This is exciting because, Looking around at all of the awards on the hall walls we discovered that 1st West Waverley hasn't had Lizard patrol before, so we now have a new patrol to start a wall of awards for themselves..

Events coming up in the next 12 months that the troop has to look forward to is:

- Troop badgework swim night
- Cohen Shield (activity Competition Camp)
- District Trivia night
- Cooking night
- Halloween night
- A few more camps
- Group camp in November
- 25th Australian Jamboree in South Australia in January 2019

Thanks to Steve Mitchell who has done an amazing job at running the troop over the last 2 terms of Scouting. And to the Parents and other Section Leaders who helped out when I wasn't able to be at Scouts.

Looking forward to a new Scouting Year of fun, camps and Badgework.

Michelle Davis

ASL 1st West Waverley



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 Warringga Scout Groups.

MEMBERSHIP

Over the last 12 months the Venturer Unit has maintained a reasonably active program and 13 members, average nightly attendance was around 9 Venturers.

Highlights of the past 12 months included:

- Burger Challenge night with District Venturers
- AMF / Bowling & Laser Tag
- Bounce
- Annual Mt Buller Ski and Boarding Weekend
- Parents Dinner
- Assist Cubs setting up tents for their weekend away
- Beach BBQ Night
- Anything Goes weekend
- Investiture Night
- Bunnings BBQ fundraiser
- Hoadley Hide
- Night with Scouts
- Anzac Day Services
- Help with Joey Sleep over
- Ice Skating
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Gang Show & After Party



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A major activity that has been around for many many years but had not been run for a few years now due to various reasons was resurrected this year, Hoadley Hide is a competition hike with initiative stunts along the way, held on the Easter weekend. We had 2 Teams participate with a fantastic result with one of the teams coming home over all Co-Holder for Hoadley Hide 2017.



Hoadley Hide 2017 winning team, Justin Tan, Rory Smith, Jonty O'Byrne and Louise Gordon

At this stage, we have 6 Venturers that will be joining the Victorian Contingent at the Australian Venture, Camp Warrawee, Queensland during the Christmas Holidays 2017 / 2018. Hoping they have a great time and looking forward to hearing about their time at the Venture.

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**