



1st West Waverley
Scout Group



2019 **1WWS** **54TH**
ANNUAL
REPORT

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Agenda

6.15 pm	Social gathering
6.45 pm	Flag break & Opening Prayer
6.50 pm	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
6.55 pm	The tabling of Annual Reports – President, Group Leader, Chairperson and Treasurer
7.10 pm	2019-2020 Committee
7.15 pm	Awards
7.20 pm	Presentations
7.25 pm	General Business
7.30 pm	Close – Flag down & Prayer

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the 1st West Waverley Scout Group Committee, Group Scout Leader, Treasurer, 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, Janene Smith for coordinating the catering, and all other helpers who assisted with the organisation of ARAP.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

1st WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD Tuesday 21 AUGUST 2018

AT 1st WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT HALL, FAIRWAY AVENUE, MT WAVERLEY

The meeting opened at 6:45 pm

1. **Flag Break** by Scouts Lachlan and Marcus
2. **Opening Prayer** by Venturer Owen
3. **Welcome**

The Group Committee welcomed District Staff, Parents, Uniformed Leaders, family and friends of 1st West Waverley Scout Group. District Commissioner Alan Richmond was thanked for his attendance.

4. Present and Apologies

Apologies: Sarah Thom-Tydell, Fiona Rudd, Adrian Hawkes, Heather Millard & Goddard Family

5. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were taken as read, and a copy was included in the distributed 2018 Annual Report.

A motion that minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the last AGM was put forward and carried. [Nominated: K Robinson, Seconded: A Parfuss]

6. Reports

President

President Greg Robinson presented his report as per 2018 Annual Report. Greg thanked the committee and group leader for a good year, requested a couple more committee members to fill out the committee. Much was achieved in the last year and the much-needed hall and kitchen renovations are to be completed in the upcoming year.

Group Leader

Group Leader (GL) Paul Crane presented his report as per the 2018 Annual Report. Great wrap in Annual Report, the group is going strong, fantastic to see all groups have entered reports this year. Thanked everyone for another great year. Highlighted amazing retention rate for 2018, a great reflection of how the group is going. Also reflected on the fantastic success of inaugural group camp in November.

Section leaders

JOEYS - Kanga (Karen) welcomed the new leaders Grace and Roisin. Kangaree attended by 5 youth and 2 leaders. The report presented as per 2018 Annual Report with many thanks to Minmi (Sarah).

CUBS - Tania thanked all leaders for assistance and presented the report as per the 2018 Annual Report.

SCOUTS - Michelle praised scouts efforts for the year with new patrol leaders, and thanked Steve and Ash, a report presented as per 2018 Annual Report.

VENTURERS - Venturer Unit report presented as per 2018 Annual Report.

ROVERS - Tarlow Rover Crew report presented as per 2018 Annual Report. Advising of new Rover advisor Stuart, who will act as a mentor for the self-governing group.

Treasurer

The Treasurer Sarah Scales presented the Treasurer's report.

A motion that reports are received was put forward and carried [Moved: T Maisey, Seconded: S Mitchell]

7. Appointment of Committee

All committee positions were vacated, and the following roles were then appointed: President Greg Robinson, Sarah Scales Treasurer, Sarah Scales Registrar, Hall maintenance Dean Whitfield and Jeff Fuller.

Vacant positions: Hall Manager, Grants, Fund Raising-any interested parties asked to speak to the president at the conclusion of the meeting.

8. District Commissioner's Remarks

Congratulated group for magnificent retention rate. Great results with awards to be presented: Promise Challenge, Grey Wolf and upcoming Queen Scout for Lisa.

9. Awards and Acknowledgements

Joey Promise Challenge - completed by Marcus Lee, Jasper Do and Owen Pereira

Cub Grey Wolf - completed by Tyler Parfuss and Orion Thom-Tydell

5 Year Service Certificate - presented to Jason Cherry with thanks for his time and service, ending this year.

ACE Family Award - presented to the Scales Family, many thanks to Sarah, Ben and Johnathon.

10. Presentations

Grey Wolf recipients Tyler and Orion presented on their activities to complete their Grey Wolf, bike hike, bingo, they thanked leaders and families for support.

Cubs Emma and Lucas talked about cub camp and Cuboree.

Scouts Marcus and Johnathon talked about the troop's events, making billy carts, ANZAC service, and the Boer War service and troop bike ride.

Venturer Lisa Hawke spoke about the busy year with many events, completion of Queens Scout Award, thanked Graeme.

11. General Business

No general business was raised.

12. Flag Down

Marcus and Lachlan lowered the flag.

President thanked everyone for their time in attending this evening, and invited everyone to stay for supper.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

President's Report

Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report and Presentation for the 54th year of operation of the 1st West Waverley Scout Troup (1WWS). I would like to thank all those members who participated, volunteered or helped in the 2018-2019 timeframe.

I thank the dedicated Committee for their commitment to the conduct of 1WWS. Without them, we would be unable to continue to provide the activities by our great leaders or the fantastic upgrades to our hall. I especially mention the upgrade to the kitchen facilities, along with other upgrades to the hall in general.

I also thank all our tireless leaders for their continuing dedication and effort to the wellbeing of our scouts, the activities they provide each week, and their assistance to our growing sense of community.

I wish to thank our Group Leader Kooka Paul Crane for his leadership. 1st West Waverley would not be the same without his efforts and care.

Highlights

The highlights for this past year include:

- Renovations to the kitchen, doors, general building repairs
- Consolidation of our troop numbers, the continued growth of scout numbers
- Continued strong financial position (net growth in assets)
- Continued growth in equipment owned
- 11 committee meetings held (Sept 18 – Aug 19), including a quorum for all meetings

Strategy

The committee has followed this strategy for the past 12 months:

- Maintain existing youth membership
- Undertake the kitchen renovation
- Grow fundraising opportunities
- One large event (group camp)

The committee has the following strategy for the next 12 months:

- Grow youth membership
- Fundraising of \$7500 to enable renovation loan pay-down, and equipment purchases
- Meet all ongoing governance and financial responsibilities
- Maintain a safe, clean environment for our scouts
- Improved processes for recurring fundraising events
- Retain current long-term hall hirers



Greg Robinson
President
20 August 2019



Committee Members, Leaders & Helpers

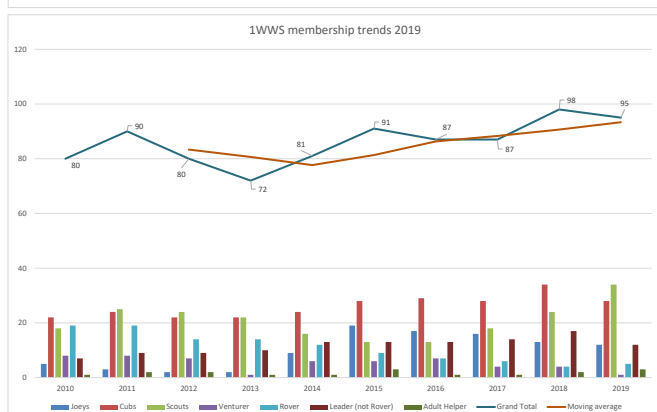
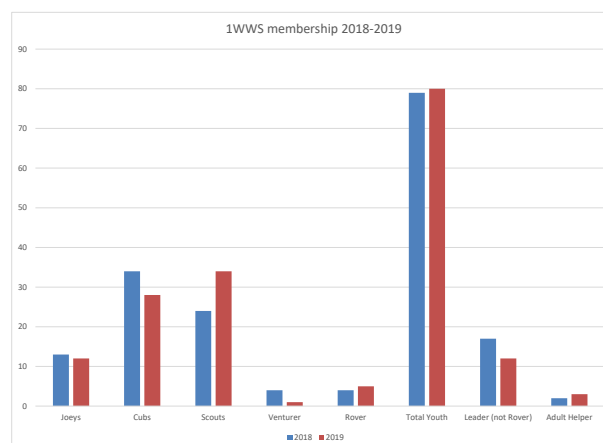
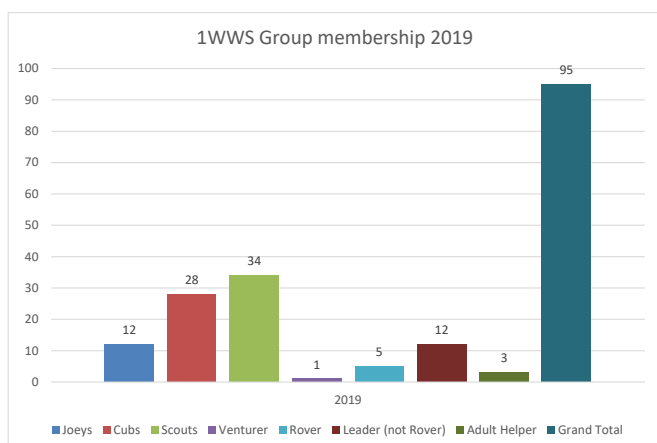
Committee	
Position	Name
President	Greg Robinson
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Secretary	Janene Smith
Treasurer	Sarah Scales
Membership	Sarah Scales
Maintenance	Dean Whitfield
Equipment Officer	Jeff Fuller
Regular committee member	Robyn Foley
Regular committee member	Mark Parfuss
Monster Raffle	Jules Berry

Leaders	
Position	Name
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Joeys	Sarah Thom-Tydell Karen Robinson Laura Litcanu
Cubs	Tania Maisey Kat Marie Van Geyzel Gayani Wanigasooriya Dale Jarvie Rebecca Perkins
Scouts	Michelle Davis Ash Parfuss Steve Mitchell
Venturers	Graeme Chard, Adrian Hawkes
Rover Advisor	Stewart Perry

Membership

Our numbers continued towards growth and indicated a healthy membership base. We had an overall growth in youth membership, with substantial growth in Scout troop. This is expected as our scout grow older and move up over the years.

Section	2017/2018 (Total)	2018/2019 (Retained)	% Retained
Joey Scout Mob	13	12	92%
Cub Scout Pack	34	30	88%
Scout Troop	24	20	83%
Venturer Unit	4	2	50%
Rover Crew	4	3	75%
Total Youth	79	67	85%



Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the 2018-19 financial report for 1st West Waverley Scout Group. Thank you again to Therese Cowan for auditing the financial report.

We ended the financial year with a net loss of \$15,900. This was due to the major hall upgrades totalling \$50,000 undertaken during the financial year. This was partially funded by a grant of \$20,000, and we also received a 10-year interest-free loan of \$30,000, both from Scouts Victoria.

We were successful in obtaining two other grants throughout the year, one from Telstra for \$1,200 (thank you to Travis Kane for your assistance with this) and \$2,770 from a Commonwealth Government Volunteers Grant. Money from these two grants will be spent over the next 12 months on leader training, the newly purchased PA system, first aid and safety items and outdoor equipment.

The committee's plan for the next 12 months is to continue fundraising activities and to pay down the Scouts Vic loan well before the 10-year term.

The money raised by fundraising grew significantly during the financial year due to the following:

1. Net income of \$3,500 from Christmas tree sales – this was the first year 1st West ventured into Christmas tree sales and the unwavering devotion of Mark Parfuss together with those who volunteered helped to make this the success it was. We look forward to making even more money in 2019 as we gain regular customers.
2. Money from the hiring of the hall doubled from last financial year, up to \$4,400. Thank you to Greg Robinson for looking after this during the last financial year.
3. As I mentioned last year, we held a successful Trivia night in late July, coordinated by Diana Angent. We raised \$4,200 and hope to make it a biennial event.
4. Money raised from the Monster Raffle was down from last year, raising only \$1,700, however, I must again thank Jules Berry for her tireless efforts in assisting the committee with this annual fundraiser.

As with prior years, we paid the annual registration and insurance expense to Scouts Victoria of \$19,300 in July 2019. As this expense is not represented in the accounts, our net assets now sit at approximately \$42,000.

In closing, it is important to recognise those parents and Scouts who have volunteered their time and helped us throughout the year. I thank you again for your contribution as, without your support, we would not be able to continue providing this important service.

It is actually quite simple that without volunteers, your children would not be attending 1st West Waverley Scouts. The door is always open for assistance, so feel free to contact any one of the committee members or leaders, and we'll gladly accept your help.

Sarah Scales
Treasurer

Balance sheet

1st West Waverley Scout Group

For the year ending 30 June 2019 vs 30 June 2018,
cash basis

	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
ASSETS		
Bank - Bendigo Bank	\$54,731.91	\$38,646.38
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$30,000.00	\$33,533.70
Loan to Cubs	\$500.00	-
GST credit	-	\$1,008.52
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$85,231.91	\$73,188.60
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Furniture	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$89,231.91	\$77,188.60
LIABILITIES		
GST Payable	-	-
GST Collected	\$1,340.62	-
GST Paid	-\$1,527.13	-
Total GST Payable	-\$186.51	\$0.00
Hall Hire - Key deposit	\$100.00	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-\$86.51	\$0.00
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Scouts Vic loan	\$28,054.37	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$28,054.37	\$0.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$27,967.86	\$0.00
NET ASSETS	\$61,264.05	\$77,188.60
EQUITY		
Current year earnings	-\$15,924.55	-
Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses)	\$77,188.60	\$77,188.60
TOTAL EQUITY	\$61,264.05	\$77,188.60

Section bank accounts not included above (balance at 30 June 2019):

Joey's	\$534.76
Cubs	\$942.03
Scouts	\$1,163.80
Venturers	\$2,790.28
Rovers	\$961.26

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group

For the year ending 30 June 2019 vs 30 June 2018,
cash basis

	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
INCOME		
Fees		
Annual Fees - 2017/18	-	\$6,301.50
Annual Fees - 2018/19	\$4,903.00	\$21,631.00
Annual Fees - 2019/20	\$22,307.50	-
Family Hall Fund - 2017/18	-	\$1,746.00
Family Hall Fund - 2018/19	\$330.00	-
Family Hall Fund - 2019/20	\$1,925.00	-
Total Fees	\$29,465.50	\$29,678.50
Fundraising		
Raffle	\$1,692.64	\$3,151.15
Christmas Trees	\$9,018.18	-
Expenses against Christmas Trees	-\$5,441.81	-
Total Christmas Trees	\$3,576.37	\$0.00
Scout Adventure	\$584.92	\$507.52
Christmas Carols	-	\$488.65
Trivia Night	\$4,221.85	-
Total Fundraising	\$10,075.78	\$4,147.32
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Interest on TD	\$340.81	\$867.11
Ritchies Donations	\$313.81	\$292.39
Hall Hire	\$4,428.00	\$2,221.60
Donations	\$300.00	\$110.00
Miscellaneous	-	\$612.06
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$5,382.62	\$4,103.16
Grants		
Scouts Vic Grant	\$20,000.00	-
Telstra Grant	\$1,200.00	-
Government Volunteers Grant	\$2,770.00	-
Total Grants	\$23,970.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$68,893.90	\$37,928.98
GROSS PROFIT	\$68,893.90	\$37,928.98

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group

For the year ending 30 June 2019 vs 30 June 2018,
cash basis

	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-18
EXPENSES		
Scout Association & District Fees		
Registration Fees	\$20,407.00	\$16,264.00
Total Scout Association & District Fees	\$20,407.00	\$16,264.00
Hall Expenditure		
Insurance	\$511.00	\$3,898.40
Electricity	\$1,612.88	\$1,583.93
Signage & Boards	\$105.00	\$305.00
Repairs/Maintenance of Hall	\$2,500.00	\$772.53
Cleaning of Hall	\$11.81	\$75.37
Major hall upgrades	\$30,247.31	\$5,370.72
Keys	\$150.00	-
Miscellaneous	\$288.34	-
Total Hall Expenditure	\$35,426.34	\$12,005.95
Other Expenditure		
Section Subs	\$1,750.00	\$3,100.00
Leaders Training	\$760.00	\$280.00
Leader Fees - Cuboree, Jamboree etc	\$1,822.10	\$1,830.00
ARAP expenses	\$244.04	\$224.35
Equipment expensed	\$328.14	\$1,487.52
Badges / Scarves / Uniforms	\$610.89	\$911.70
Trailer Maint. & Rego	\$98.45	\$18.20
Jamboree/Cuboree family reimbursement	\$695.00	\$200.00
May 2019 Group Camp	\$697.33	-
Bank fees	\$82.29	-
Miscellaneous	\$1,107.62	\$100.00
Total Other Expenditure	\$8,195.86	\$8,151.77
Expenses against grants		
Scouts Vic Grant (Major hall upgrades)	\$20,000.00	-
Telstra Grant (Equipment)	\$769.25	-
Government Volunteer Grant (Training)	\$20.00	-
Total Expenses against grants	\$20,789.25	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$84,818.45	\$36,421.72
NET POSITION		
Income	\$68,893.90	\$37,928.98
Expenses	\$84,818.45	\$36,421.72
NET POSITION	-\$15,924.55	\$1,507.26

1st West Waverley Scout Group

Audit Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2019

To the Members

An Audit has been conducted on the 1st West Waverley Scout Group. folder which contains payments, receipts and relevant bank statements in use by 1st West Waverley Scout Group. This has been classified as a Special Purposes Financial Report Overview.

The following as been audited:

Bank Accounts:

- The Bank statements express Revenue & Outgoings, with The paperwork behind each Bank statement.
- Review of the Reckon online

Reports:

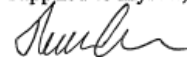
- Balances
- Statement of Profit and Loss
- Statement of Financial Position

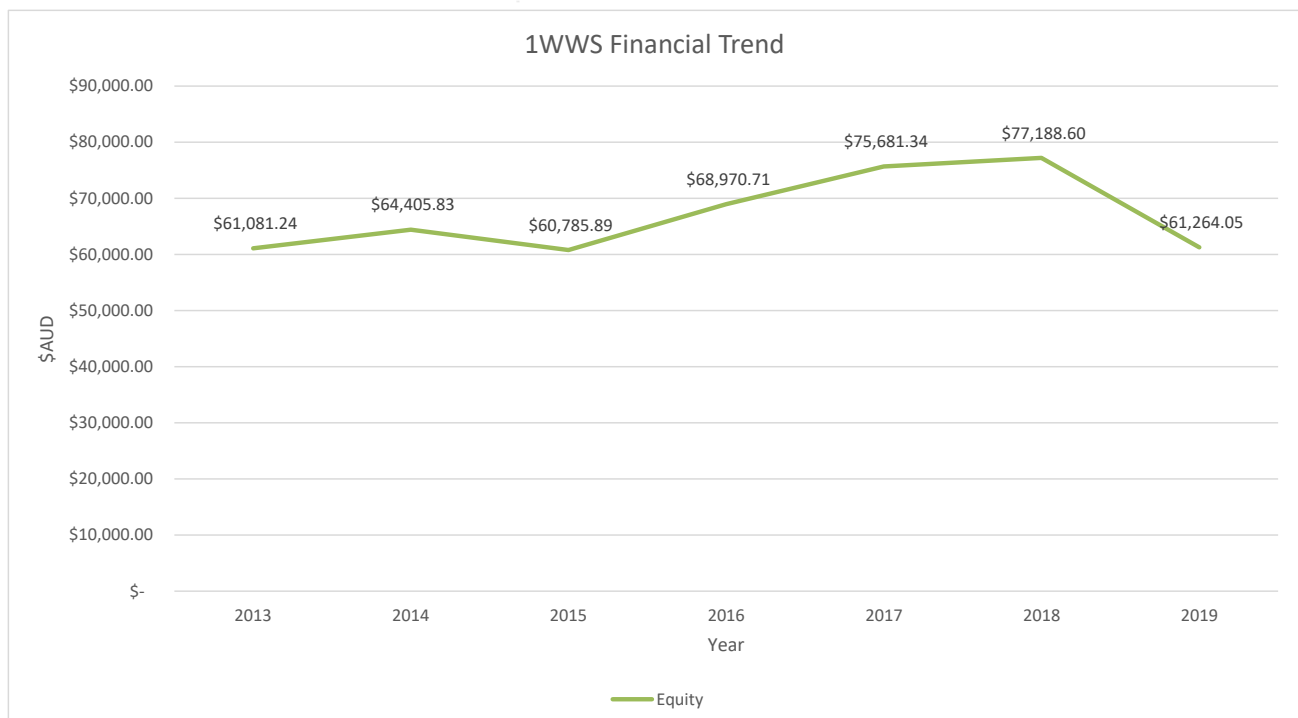
Suggestions:

- Bank statements should be downloaded from the bank as a bank statement, or request a copy. and Reconciliation reports put with the statements
- The books appear to be clean and have authorisations for the reimbursement of funds to members for expenses.
- The supplier receipts and invoices reflect the expenses of the incorporation. The transfers between accounts and confirmed in the corresponding bank accounts.
- It would be good to see paid and the date written on each expense. Also how it was paid.

In Closing:

The accounts audited are prepared on a Cash Basis and in my opinion the details disclosed in the Statement of Receipts and Payments give a true and fair view of the records kept and supplied to myself, this is also the case in the Assets and Liabilities.


 Therese Cowan
 Accountant
 Adv Dip Bus (acc)



Group Leader's Report

Your Group continues to provide high-quality scouting. Here is some of the evidence:

- Youth Awards: **Queen's Scout** - Lisa Hawkes, **Grey Wolf** - Cameron Goddard, Emma Maisey, Joey Scout **Promise Challenge** - Isaac Boylett, Edward Litcanu, Madeleine Mitchell plus a swag of Pioneer and Explorer Cords in the Troop
- High retention rates once again – Group 85%, Mob 92%, Pack 88%, Troop 83%, Crew 75%
- 7 young people joined the Troop directly without having been scouts previously
- Second ever “all sections” Group camp in May 2019, Pax Hill Ballarat
- World Jamboree, West Virginia USA first ever participation by 1st West Scouts Sean McKinnon and Rachel Hawkes
- Nine Scouts and three leaders at Australian Jamboree Taillem Bend, SA in January 2019
- Recruitment of 3 new leaders (with a fourth this month)
- Hall improvements completed
- The innovation of Christmas Tree fundraising

As a parent, leader, committee or scout you may find amongst the section reports that follow other highlights that mean just as much to you.

Our Hall reached its 50th anniversary in February 2019 so a makeover was well and truly overdue. The main floor resurfacing, toilets, external doors, fireplace repairs and most obviously the kitchen renovations have set us up for another half-century. The benefits are two-fold – life is easier for leaders and committee and the Hall is more attractive to external hirers which will enhance recurring revenue.

The renovations were **expertly managed by Dean Whitfield**. Dean spent countless hours on planning, seeking approvals and funding from Scouts Victoria, engaging contractors and supervising the work and then dealing with the inevitable issues that come with works on this scale. Whilst the committee operates collaboratively, it is absolutely appropriate to single Dean out for his extraordinary contribution.

Membership

At 30 June 2019, we totalled **80 youth** members, compared to 79 last year and 72 two years ago. The Scout section grew by 42%, is larger than the Pack for the first time since the start of the decade (as it should be in any decent Group) and today is three times the size it was 3 years ago,

Our total membership numbers have remained remarkably stable for several years - growth comes from recruitment underpinned by **retention rates**. Broadly speaking 75% is considered acceptable across scouting. Again, we have exceeded that with **85%** after 89% the previous year. Exceeding a benchmark like that is fully attributable to our leaders: it means the programs and environment created by them are what our youth members want.

We enrolled **16 new members** down from 20. We are still having to manage direct enrolments in Cubs due to progression from Joeys plus siblings of existing members.

Leaders

Welcome to New Leaders: Laura Litcanu (Joey), Dale Jarvie (Cub), Stewart Perry Rover Advisor who commenced during the year. In addition, I cannot wait for another year to welcome Jason Kingston who joined the team this month to provide much-needed support for our burgeoning Troop.

Long service recognition: 5 years to Adrian Hawkes and Sarah Thom Tydell; 35 years to Paul Crane.

At the end of 2018, we said farewell to Fiona Rudd. With three decades of her 40 years as a leader, 1st West were the major beneficiary of her devotion to scouting and the youth in her care. Several hundred boys and girls enjoyed the best possible Cubbing experience in Fiona's Pack. At the same time, we had to say goodbye to two more than able assistant Cub Scout Leaders. Claire Simmonds left us as her family moved to Sydney and Jason Cherry served the 5-year commitment he gave us. We thank all three for their service to 1st West.

Challenges

We need to **rebuild the Venturer Unit**. Numbers have suffered as a result of period 3 – 6 years ago when we lost many Troop members (believe it or not 21 of them) who would now be Venturer age. (Other Groups in the District are successfully going through a similar process and we are confident we will also do so over the next two years.)

Similarly, the Rover Crew suffers when there is not a steady supply of Venturers. We will also **support the Crew** to maintain their membership and grow it as best we can.

At the other end of the age spectrum, we need to also ensure we **keep Joey recruits coming through** the door on a frequent basis.

I would really like **two additional members on the Committee** in the very near future.

We still need 1 assistant Joey Leader, 1 more Assistant Cub leader, 1 more Assistant Scout Leader. The Group must replace me and/or appoint an Assistant Group Leader or risk rotting from the head.

Every parent is expected to take a turn on the Committee or contribute as a Leader or Adult Support.

Thanks

On behalf of the Group, I thank all Leaders for their contribution to 1st West over the last year particularly our section leaders who assist me in the Group's management. Thank you to spouses, partners and children of all our leaders for the support you provide.

To President Greg Robinson and all on the Committee, thanks for all your hard work and great results you are delivering for 1st West as well as for our enjoyable monthly meetings.

And to all parents who assist at weekly meetings, working bees or fundraisers and in camps and weekend activities thanks for bringing your children to our Group and for your contribution towards making 1st West the Best.

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

Kooka Paul Crane

Joey Scout Report

Over the past 12 months, the 1st West Waverley Joey Scouts have been embracing the New Program. We introduced mob councils for the first time last year to allow us to Plan-Do-Review and we have run a range of activities across the four new challenge areas.

Outdoor Challenge

We have participated in several Suburban Adventure Racing nights, completed our Environment Badge, tried Bike Riding, and Water Activities in the warmer weather and a JOTT night hike in the cooler months. We joined other Joey Scouts from our District for Orienteering at Valley Reserve and explored Melbourne at the state-run City HOP.

Community Challenge

For the community challenge, we took a bus ride to our local library and had a talk with the librarians. We completed a walkathon last year to raise money to buy gifts for Operation Christmas Child and this year we have just completed another walkathon with the intention of purchasing food for distribution by the Waverley Benevolent Society. Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Planting Day, Harmony Day and ANZAC Day have been other opportunities for us to extend our community involvement.

Personal Growth Challenge

We have extended our personal skills with a few different Cooking nights, silent night, detectives night, swimming at Ashburton pool, bring-a-friend night and buddy activities with the Waverley Valley Joey Scouts. We had a great time at the District Australia Sleepover and challenged ourselves at our visit to Clip'n'Climb.

Creative Challenge

Participating in campfire songs, attending Whitehorse Showtime and preparing our Puppets for our ARAP performance have been great ways to extend our creativity. Christmas Craft, Lego night and our Mothers Day Bunning activities have also helped us to get creating!

Promise Challenge

The Promise Challenge is an individual challenge that can be completed by Joey Scouts after they reach 7 years of age. Our congratulations go to Madeleine Mitchell, Isaac Boylett, Edward Litcanu, Lachlan Foley and Campbell Miller who have all worked hard and completed the Promise Challenge.

We have welcomed Karri (Laura) to our leadership team and have enjoyed her new ideas and enthusiasm. We also thank Kanga (Karen), Minmi (Sarah) and our Scout helper Koala (Makaylah) for their ongoing support of the mob.

JSL – Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi)



Cub Scout Report

2019 has been a fun year for the Cub Pack. We have been bike riding, street orienteered, group camping and many more activities highlighted below. Our leaders continue to be the backbone of the section with Kat (Haiti), Rebecca (Chil), Gayani (Baloo), Dale (Kaa) and Sarah (Minmi) continuing to invest their time and energy into programing and activities. We are lucky to have Dale join us this year and it is fantastic to have a male leader in the pack.

Term 1 we had a sleepover where the Cubs undertook some activities to go towards their gardening badge. Making pizza's and having a campfire made for a fantastic night when sleeping in the hall. Also during term 1, we were lucky enough to go on a bike ride with Mt Waverley Cubs which saw us riding 20km from Shepherds Bush on bike paths up to the Tim Neville Arboretum. A play at the park and ice-poles halfway were a highlight as well as completing the long-distance ride.

Fiona (Kim) made a cameo appearance at the start of Term 2 to use the kitchen for a cooking night. This was well-received by all the Cubs as who doesn't like food! The Cub section was well represented at the Group Camp with the Cubs enjoying all the activities especially the billy carts and campfire. We enjoyed a visit to the Scouts Heritage Centre, learning more about scouting in Australia. A movie night to see Toy Story 4 rounded out the term.



We have had two Grey Wolf's presented within the last year. These were to Cameron Goddard and Emma Maisey. Cameron's Grey Wolf hike was in the Dandenong Rangers and included the 1000 Steps in its circuit. The highlight was trying to lose Cameron in a large burnt out tree. Emma's Grey Wolf hike saw the Cubs catch the train into the city, walk through the Botanical Gardens to the Shrine of Remembrance. The ice-creams at Southbank were a highlight.

The pack numbers continue to be stable with Cubs coming up from Joey's and new families joining the pack. Currently, we have a pack of 33 with a few more joining next term. We have a changeover of leaders at the end of this year as I'm moving up to Venturers to be replaced by Sarah Thom-Tydell as Akela. Karen Robinson is also joining the Cub Pack as a leader.

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 Cubing, Tania Maisey (Akela)

Scout Troop Report

We started August with 25 scouts. In August 21 scouts completed their Science Proficiency badge over 2 weeks. We ran a science night and visited Monash Uni. Thanks to Sarah and Steve for running these nights.

In September two Patrols attended Cohen Shield at Mt. Martha. They achieved a Gold and a Bronze Pendant.

In November we had two Cubs come up to scouts - Emma and Cameron. Nine scouts and three leaders also attended a pre - jamboree camp at Mafeking Park to meet the rest of the troop. We also attended a breakup camp at Gilwell Park.



January 2019 - 9 Scouts - Mitchell S, Sean McK, Harrison, Sean M, Marcus, Breeanna, Amy, Lauren and Tyler, and 3 Scout Leaders - Michelle, Ashleigh and Steve, attended the 25th Australian Jamboree at Tailem Bend in South Australia from the 3rd to 14th January. All had a good time even though it was very dusty and hot.



In February 2019 we started back for the year with 25 scouts.

We had a city tour/ sleepover where the scouts went into the city and we went to the Koori centre in Fed Square, where the scouts completed their Cultural Heritage badge, then in Patrols we went to Queen Victoria Market where the scouts had to buy food for the international meal that they made up and will cook back at the scout hall. We had meals from Japan, Austria, China and South Africa. 4 scouts also attended Monash district youth leadership course held at Wurringga scout hall. In March - 3 cubs joined the scout troop - Julian, Henry and Harry. We also invested a new scout into the troop - Cameron S.

6 scouts, 2 leaders and 1 parent went on a very wet Pioneer hike to Arthurs Seat, and we held a proficiency badge night where the scouts got to choose which badge they wanted to present to the troop.

April we had 11 scouts - 2 Patrols attended Stradbroke Cup over the Easter Break at Mt. Martha and both Patrols received a Silver Pendant. Ee attended the Anzac Day service at the Shrine and participated in the march in the City.

At the end of Term 1, we had a sundae making competition where the scouts had to earn their ingredients by doing different activities. In May we invested another 2 new scouts into the Troop - Gabriel and Darcy. We attended the BOER war service at the Shrine.

22 scouts attended the Group Camp at Pax Hill. in Ballarat. Also on the Saturday of the camp, 4 scouts (and Glenn Maisey) went on an explorer hike to Lerederg Gorge where they hiked 18kms, and 5 scouts (with Ash and Steve) went on an explorer bike hike from Ballarat to Skipton rail trail.

In June we had a cooking month where the scouts cooked 2 meals on Trangia stoves, did fire-lighting in wet conditions, had a \$15 food challenger where we hiked to Coles the first week and in their patrols, they bought food and then the next week they had to cook that meal in 2 hours.

The last night of term we had a swimming water safety badge night at a pool in Moorabbin.

Michelle Davis
ASL 1st West Waverley

Venturer Unit Report

The Venturer Unit has continued to be combined with Venturers from 1st West Waverley and Warringga Scout Groups and one hosted from 1st Ashburton. Over the last 12 months, we have maintained a program that is mostly selected by the Venturers and it is encouraged to have the Venturers actively organise the activities, this has had mixed effectiveness with the leaders sometimes taking over at the last minute.

The second half of 2018 we had 10 Venturers on the books and 2019 we had 7 Venturers, attendance varied considerably this year, sometimes with a majority of the unit and others just one or two.



Highlights of the past 12 months included:

- Mystery drop off, homing night
- Camberwell Show Time
- A joint night with Frank Moon Rovers
- Mt Buller Ski Weekend
- Beach / BBQ night
- Anything Goes
- Games night
- Anzac Day Service
- Monopoly Night
- Bounce
- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Movie night
- A joint night with Tarlow Rovers
- Bunnings BBQ Fund Raiser
- Blindfold cooking night
- Hoadley Hide
- Arts & Crafts night
- Gang Show

Thank you to those parents who have helped with transport to and from Halls and events and thank you to the Venturers who give us leaders a reason to catch up each week.

Yours in Venturing,

Graeme Chard, Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes & Patrick Curtain

Tarlow Rover Crew Report

In the past year we have done a variety of different weekly activities, including gym night, car hide'n'seek, pancake eating contest and beach night with the Venturers; Bike night and wide games nights with the scouts.

Fundraising wise we have assisted some car parking for golf events and sausage sizzles with Wurringga Scout Group and Clayton Rotary Club, as well as independently we have organised a sausage sizzle for Graeme Chard's car club at the rail museum in Scoresby.

Major events in the Roving calendar that we have attended include Mullumbimba Rover Crew's cocktail night (Always Highlight) which was Après Ski themed this year, Surfmoor in which relax in hammocks and sneak down to secret beach (I'm not worried you'll find it as it's a bit of a trek), Mudbash a car rally event in which we have played the spectator role this year due to low interest in the car from most of the crew (maybe we should start revving it in the garage on Thursdays and Fridays).

We look forward to our numbers swelling in the coming years so that we can start doing the bigger and more ambitious nights that come with a large and committed crew, It would be great see our junior youth members continue their scouting journey and rise up to become Rovers and have a uniquely exciting experience that no other community group can provide in the most senior (most awesome) scouting section!

Tim Gordon
Crew Leader

