



1st West Waverley
Scout Group



2020 **1WWS** **55TH
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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Agenda

6.45 pm	Social gathering online using Zoom
7.10 pm	Flag break & Opening Prayer
7.12 pm	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies
7.15 pm	The tabling of Annual Reports – President, Group Leader, Chairperson and Treasurer , including the Ace Family Award
7.20 pm	2019-2020 Committee
7.25 pm	Group Leader Awards
7.30 pm	Section Reports and youth contributions
7.35 pm	General Business
7.40 pm	Close – Flag down & Prayer
7:50 pm	1 st West Trivia
8:00 pm	Closing

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.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

1st WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD Thursday 29 AUGUST 2019

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

The meeting opened at 6:45 pm

1. **Flag Break** by Scout Gabriel
2. **Opening Prayer** by Venturer Rachel Hawkes
3. **Welcome**

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

4. Present and Apologies

Apologies: District Commissioner Alan Richmond. Jules Berry

5. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were taken as read, and a copy was included in the distributed 2019 Annual Report.

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

6. Reports

Group Leader

Group Leader (GL) Paul Crane welcomed district members in attendance, Eric Grandin & George Pagonis, thanked for attending in Alan Richmond's absence. Paul also welcomed State member for Mt Waverley, Mr Matt Fregon and thanked for his attendance as a local member and parent of a youth member.

Advised all sections have presented reports which are included in the Annual Report handout, including an insert from the Rover crew. Paul presented his 2019 Group Leaders report as per 2019 Annual report, touching on years achievements, events, hall renovations and membership retention.

President

President Greg Robinson presented the report as per the 2019 Annual Report. Thanked committee and Group Leader for another good year. Particular thanks to Dean for all his hard work with the kitchen renovation, now completed. Congratulated all on successful fundraising for the year with BBQ's, Adventure Racing, Xmas trees (for the first time - much thanks to Mark) & raffle (much thanks to Jules Berry for coordinating again this year).

Treasurer

The Treasurer Sarah Scales presented the 2018-19 treasurer's report, with thanks to auditor Therese Cohen. Discussed renovation, loan, grants, invited any members to come forward and join the committee to help the group.

A motion that reports are received was put forward and carried [Moved: K. Robinson, Seconded: D Whitfield]

7. Appointment of Committee

Following roles have been retained: President Greg Robinson, Sarah Scales Treasurer, Sarah Scales Registrar, Maintenance Dean Whitfield, Quartermaster Jeff Fuller, Secretary Janene Smith, Grants Robyn Foley, and Fundraising Mark Parfuss.

Vacant positions: Registrar, Hall manager -any interested parties asked to speak to the president after the meeting.

8. Awards and Acknowledgements

Joey Promise Challenge - completed by Edward, Lachlan, Campbell, Isaac, and Madeline

Cub Grey Wolf - completed by Emma Maisey & Cameron Goddard

Queen's Scout Award - Lisa Hawkes

5 Year Service Certificate - presented to Adrian Hawkes - Venturer leader

ACE Family Award - presented to Whitfield Family, many thanks to Dean & Dearne

9. Presentations

Joey's unveiled the Joey Promise board, with another presentation to come at the end.

Cubs Grey Wolf recipient Cameron presented on his activities to complete the Grey Wolf; Gold boomerang completed, hike in Dandenong Ranges, Jungle Game, Camps, thanked leaders and family.

Cubs Leah and Vishal shared some of the activities done, Vishal talked about Pax Hill Camp - Archery, Billy Carts & yummy food. Leah talked about swimming, adventure racing and sports night, thanked leaders for a fun year.

Scouts Rachel and Sean attended 24th World Jamboree held in West Virginia, USA July 22 - Aug 2. The first time any 1WW Scouts have attended a World Jamboree. Rachel said it was the most amazing experience, meeting so many Scouts from all over the world, recommend anyone should go if they get a chance, presented a video showing some highlights that Rachel made. Sean talked about all the fun he had, activities he did and people he met, it was a fantastic (and exhausting) experience. Jamboree is amazing!

Joey's presented a fun and entertaining Baby Shark puppet show.

10. General Business

No general business was raised.

11. Flag Down

Sean and Mitchell lowered flag.

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

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

President's Report

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report and Presentation for the 55th 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 2019-2020 timeframe.

I thank the dedicated Committee for their continued commitment to the conduct of 1WWS. They continue to support the group, our fantastic Group Leader and hardworking leaders to provide Scouting to your family.



This year has been particularly challenging for all Scouts given the COVID-19 pandemic, and I thank our Group Leader Paul "Kooka" Crane and especially our Leaders for their efforts towards the wellbeing of our Scouts, and the changes made to online Scouting. Online Scouting will never replace our times in the hall, but it is especially appreciated while we are in our current lockdown situation.

Financially the Scout Group is impacted by the pandemic – fees were delayed (from May 2020 until March 2021), rental income ceased as restrictions were put in place, and our fundraising activities were impacted. Similarly costs to power and maintain the hall were still incurred. I thank the families who donated to 1st West Waverley over the past year. Previous savings held will allow us to manage these times without risk to the group overall.

Highlights

The highlights for this past year include:

- Consolidation of our troop numbers, the continued growth of Scout numbers
- Continued strong financial position
- Continued growth in equipment owned
- 11 committee meetings held (Sept 19 – Aug 20), including a quorum for all meetings



Strategy

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

- Maintain existing youth membership
- Grow fundraising opportunities
- Installation of Solar Panels
- One large event (group camp)

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

- Return to the hall for face-to-face Scouting
- 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 1WWS
23 August 2020

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

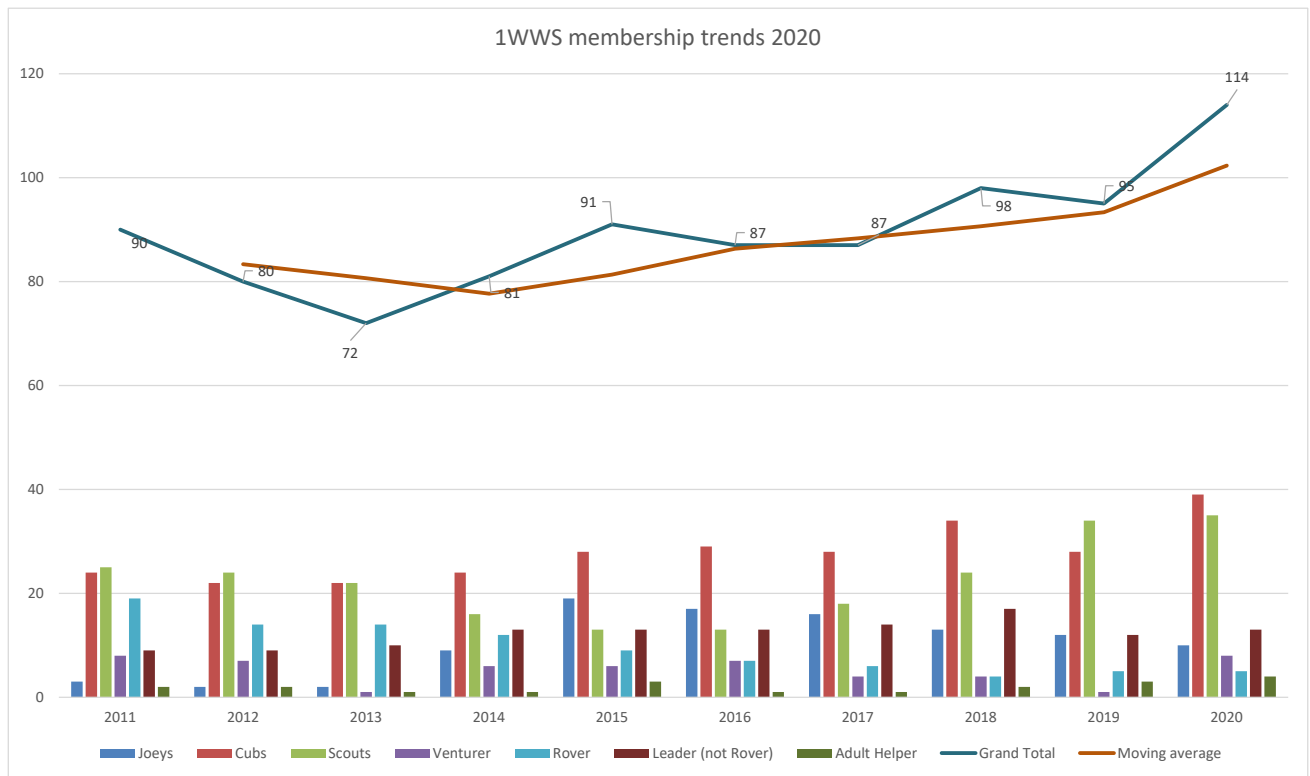
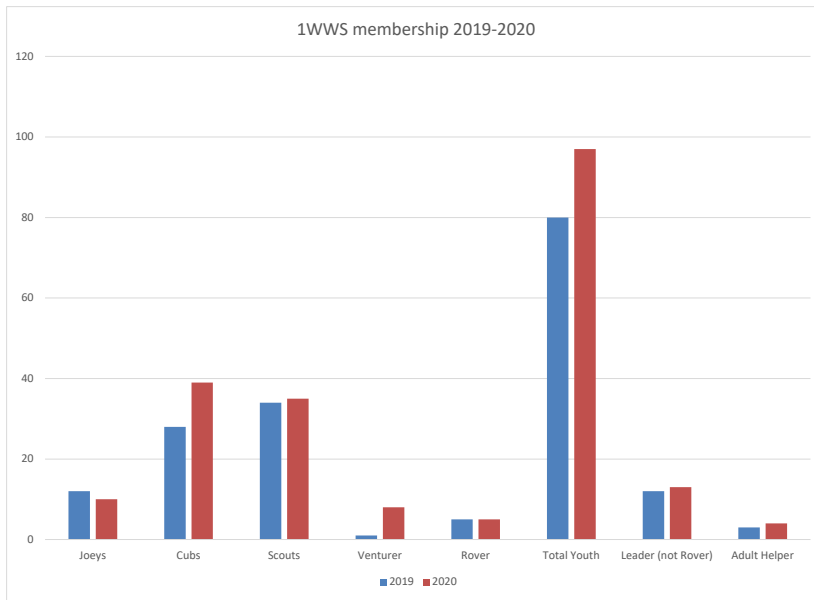
Leaders	
Position	Name
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Joeys	Laura Litcanu Kelvin Bailey Gurnik Dhaliwal
Cubs	Sarah Thom-Tydell Karen Robinson Kat Marie Van Geyzel Gayani Wanigasooriya Dale Jarvie
Scouts	Michelle Davis Ash Parfuss Steve Mitchell Jason Kingston
Venturers	Tania Maisey Graeme Chard Adrian Hawkes
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 Scouts grow older and move up over the years.

Section Name	2018	2019	2020	Retain %
Joeys	13	12	10	83%
Cubs	34	28	39	139%
Scouts	24	34	35	103%
Venturer	4	1	8	800%
Rover	4	5	5	100%
Total Youth	79	80	97	121%
Leader (not Rover)	17	12	13	108%
Adult Helper	2	3	4	133%
Grand Total	98	95	114	120%





Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the 2019-20 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 \$15,000. This was mainly due to timing of the annual census (registration fees) moving from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021. In previous years the majority of fees were collected in May and June. This did not occur in 2020, so our income has decreased substantially. The group did pay a reduced Service Levy to Scouts Victoria of \$5,600 in July 2020, and our net assets are currently \$36,000.

This year we were successful in obtaining a grant from Bendigo Bank for \$3,150. This will assist with the purchase of a solar system, and installation will commence shortly. Details of money spent on the grants obtained last year are detailed at the end of the Profit and Loss.

Money raised from Christmas tree sales in December 2019 increased from last year to \$4,600 with the return of many customers. Thank you again to Mark Parfuss and those who volunteered.

Takings from this year's raffle were not received until July 2020. Due to the trying circumstances only \$680 was raised, however, every dollar helps, and it is testament to the tireless efforts of Jules Berry in assisting the committee with this annual fundraiser.

Hall hire fees decreased slightly from the last financial year with the ceasing of all hires from late March 2020. Thank you again to Greg Robinson for organising the hall hire.

The past 6 months have been very different for all of us. I believe it is more important than ever to recognise the leaders, parents and Scouts who continue to volunteer their time. I thank you again for your contribution as, without your support, we would not be able to continue providing this important service.

Sarah Scales
Treasurer

Balance sheet

1st West Waverley Scout Group

As at 30 June 2020 vs as at 30 June 2019, cash basis

ACCOUNT NAME	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Bendigo Bank	\$36,990.98	\$54,731.91
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$30,375.41	\$30,000.00
Loan to Cubs	-	\$500.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$67,366.39	\$85,231.91
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$71,366.39	\$89,231.91
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST Payable	-	-
GST Collected	\$2,678.92	\$1,340.62
GST Paid	-\$3,034.41	-\$1,527.13
Total GST Payable	-\$355.49	-\$186.51
Hall Hire - Key deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00
Pre-paid fees	\$170.00	-
Other Creditors	\$59.70	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-\$25.79	-\$86.51
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Scouts Vic loan	\$25,100.37	\$28,054.37
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$25,100.37	\$28,054.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$25,074.58	\$27,967.86
NET ASSETS	\$46,291.81	\$61,264.05
EQUITY		
Current year earnings	-\$14,972.24	-\$15,924.55
Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses)	\$61,264.05	\$77,188.60
TOTAL EQUITY	\$46,291.81	\$61,264.05

Section bank accounts not included above (balance at 30 June 2020):

Joeys	\$310.84
Cubs	\$573.04
Scouts	\$821.64
Venturers	\$2,984.90
Rovers - amount not provided	

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group

For 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 vs 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019,
cash basis

ACCOUNT	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
INCOME		
Fees	-	-
Annual Fees - 2018/19	-	\$4,903.00
Annual Fees - 2019/20	\$6,811.75	\$22,307.50
Family Hall Fund - 2018/19	-	\$330.00
Family Hall Fund - 2019/20	\$357.50	\$1,925.00
Total Fees	\$7,169.25	\$29,465.50
Fundraising	-	-
Raffle	-\$50.00	\$1,692.64
Christmas Trees	\$10,327.38	\$9,018.18
Expenses against Christmas Trees	-\$5,684.00	-\$5,441.81
Total Christmas Trees	\$4,643.38	\$3,576.37
Scout Adventure	\$750.96	\$584.92
Christmas Carols	\$308.04	-
Trivia Night	-	\$4,221.85
Total Fundraising	\$5,652.38	\$10,075.78
Miscellaneous Receipts	-	-
Interest on TD	\$375.41	\$340.81
Ritchies Donations	\$358.68	\$313.81
Hall Hire	\$3,105.80	\$4,428.00
Donations	\$1,385.00	\$300.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$5,224.89	\$5,382.62
Grants	-	-
Scouts Vic grant	-	\$20,000.00
Telstra Grant	-	\$1,200.00
Government Volunteers Grant	-	\$2,770.00
Bendigo Bank	\$3,150.00	-
Total Grants	\$3,150.00	\$23,970.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$21,196.52	\$68,893.90
GROSS PROFIT	\$21,196.52	\$68,893.90

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group

For 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 vs 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019,
cash basis

ACCOUNT	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
EXPENSES		
Scout Association & District Fees	-	-
Registration Fees	\$22,354.00	\$20,407.00
Total Scout Association & District Fees	\$22,354.00	\$20,407.00
Hall Expenditure	-	-
Insurance	\$535.00	\$511.00
Electricity	\$1,452.65	\$1,612.88
Signage & Boards	\$500.00	\$105.00
Repairs/Maintenance of Hall	\$279.66	\$2,500.00
Cleaning of Hall	\$48.19	\$11.81
Major hall upgrades	\$1,708.62	\$30,247.31
Keys	-	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$132.50	\$288.34
Total Hall Expenditure	\$4,656.62	\$35,426.34
Other Expenditure	-	-
Section Subs	\$3,300.00	\$1,750.00
Leaders Training	\$150.00	\$760.00
Leader Fees - Cuboree, Jamboree etc	\$170.00	\$1,822.10
ARAP expenses	\$57.81	\$244.04
Equipment expensed	\$1,193.28	\$328.14
Badges / Scarves / Uniforms	\$412.99	\$610.89
Trailer Maint. & Rego	\$145.10	\$98.45
Jamboree/Cuboree family reimbursement	\$250.00	\$695.00
May 2019 Group Camp	-	\$697.33
Bank fees	-\$187.16	\$82.29
Miscellaneous	\$486.88	\$1,107.62
Total Other Expenditure	\$5,978.90	\$8,195.86
Expenses against grants	-	-
Scouts Vic grant	-	\$20,000.00
Telstra Grant	\$430.75	\$769.25
Government Volunteer Grant	\$2,748.49	\$20.00
Total Expenses against grants	\$3,179.24	\$20,789.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,168.76	\$84,818.45
NET POSITION	-\$14,972.24	-\$15,924.55

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group
For 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 vs 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019,
cash basis

ACCOUNT	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
Expenses against grants - summary of amounts spent		
Telstra Grant		
Camp ovens, ring burners and boxes	\$430.75	
Government Volunteer Grant		
Personal locator beacon	\$235.45	
Leader training	\$320.00	
Leader membership fees	\$50.00	
PA system	\$400.00	
1st aid supplies	\$814.53	
Fold-up table	\$49.98	
Hiking tents	\$878.53	
	\$2,748.49	

1st West Waverley Scout Group

Audit Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2020

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,
- Bank statement.
- Review of the Reckon online

Reports:

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

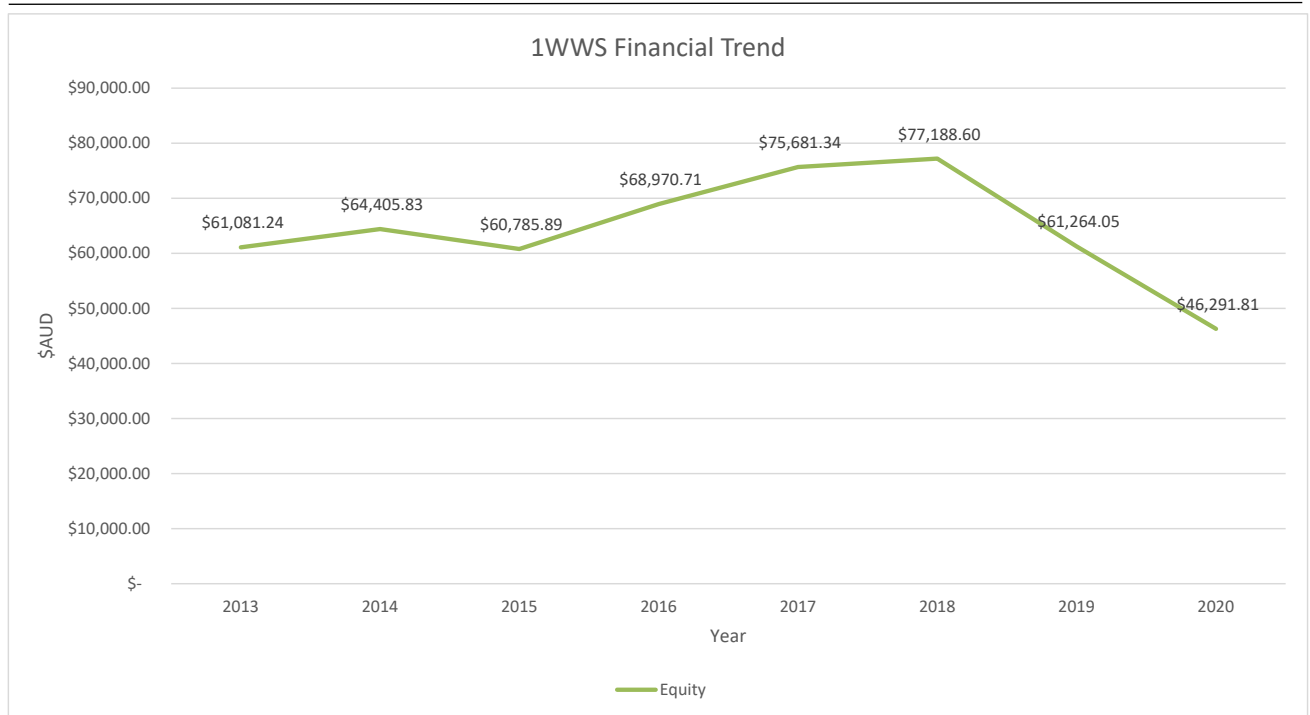
Suggestions:

- Apply the BAS to the GST accounts to reduce the liability accounts.

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

As tempting as it is to start with the situation we find ourselves in today, this is firstly a report on the achievements of 1st West Waverley in the twelve months from July 2019 to June 2020.

As difficult as it seems to recall now, nine months of that period were pretty much Scouting as usual. The reports from each section will highlight so many of the achievements and activities that we all took for granted for the last 112 years of Scouting.

As late as February we hosted over 500 Scouts from all parts of Melbourne at our second Suburban Adventure Racing event, Joeys attended another successful Kangaree over the March long weekend, Cubs were doing Gold Boomerang journeys, the Troop were hiking in Murrindindi Forest and Venturers were enjoying Anything Goes, that section's biggest event.

Come the final quarter of the year and Scouting, along with just about every facet of daily life, took on a different form.

I have never been prouder of our leaders. They did not miss a beat as we went from breaking a real flag in the Hall to saluting a PowerPoint image sliding off the screen! But beyond that quiriness real Scouting was simply transferred to your kitchen and lounge room.



Anzac Day was observed as solemnly as any other year. Cub and Scout cooking lessons have proved more successful as every Scout has their own stove (and kitchen hand, thanks to parents). A Venturer Unit investiture was as authentic and meaningful as any held on a mountain top. Joeys continue to show their mastery of craft activities that an old GL like me struggles to master. I have been privileged to be able to join in so many section meetings over the past 5 months, many more than I do in person. At least I know "where" the section is each week and I can observe quietly without annoying too much.

I have never been more convinced that scouting provides something for our children that no single organisation or activity can. The variety of stimulating challenges youth and leaders have embraced and the genuine camaraderie has been uplifting to witness. That scouting has continued in a relatively seamless form may have helped mitigate other disruptions that families have had to accommodate – homeschooling and working being high on that list.

Thank you to the many families who generously donated to help offset the levy of \$5,600 the Group had to pay to Scouts Victoria. With our traditional fundraising avenues effectively shut down this support is highly valued.

At the foot of this report is a list of all the major individual achievements of our Group members. Congratulations to all Youth Award recipients: **Grey Wolf** and **Joey Promise Challenge** - plus everyone who has earned a Boomerang in the Pack or Pioneer and Explorer Cords in the Troop. Congratulations to leaders who passed service milestones and have been recognised at the State and National level for ongoing exemplary service.

Membership

On 30 June 2020, we totalled **97 youth** members, compared to 80 last year and 79 two years ago. We did not have a re-enrollment process this year as all fees were waived by Scouts Victoria. A large proportion of members are regularly joining weekly section meetings so I am confident that when we eventually return to normal activities, we will see nearly all our youth again.

We enrolled **21 new members** up from 16 - 9 Joeys, 7 Cubs 4 Scout and 1 Venturer. [and continued to recruit even in the COVID period]

Leaders

We welcomed Kelvin Bailey and Gurnik Dhaliwal to the Joey team.

We still need 2 more Assistant Cub leaders and 2 more Assistant Scout Leaders.

Congratulations to Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi) on her appointment as State Commissioner – STEM. This is a new role instigated to support the introduction of STEM content in our New Program. Whilst Scouts throughout Victoria will gain from Sarah's expertise, at 1st West we will need to prepare to lose her substantial contribution.

Challenges

Last year I said our biggest challenge was the need to **rebuild the Venturer Unit**. I am pleased to say that the foundations have been well and truly laid. Unit numbers are growing as Scouts move up from the Troop and embrace a very lively and varied program.

We also launched a second cub Pack on a Wednesday evening to keep Pack numbers manageable. and to allow us to offer scouting to new members. Everything was progressing well and looking like a very successful venture up to the shut-down. When we resume hall nights, we hope to continue with two packs subject to leader resources.

Without a doubt, the biggest mountain we need to climb now will be the post or ongoing COVID world. There is little point in speculating what that may look like, but I am confident that

- a) scouting will have even more relevance and benefit to youth members*
- b) the strengths of 1st West Waverley that made us a vibrant and thriving Group pre-COVID will set us up well for whatever form scouting will take in the months and year ahead.*

Thanks

On behalf of the Group, I thank all Leaders for their contribution to 1st West over the last year. Your dedication to our youth members is truly inspiring. Thank you to spouses, partners and children of all our leaders for the support you provide and sacrifices you make.

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 even under the "duress" of less convivial settings lately.

We are very much in need of a Registrar to manage all membership matters such as registration and annual renewals. In addition, one "general" Committee member would help us do more without further burden to our current committee members.

And to all parents thanks too for your contributions towards making 1st West the Best.

Kooka

Paul Crane

YOUTH AWARDS

Joey Promise Challenge

Oscar Bisson-Gaskell, Lachlan Foley, Charlie Kerle, Alexander Kingston, Campbell Miller, Aidan Moulder, Darcy Van Geyzel

Grey Wolf

Hannah Kingston, David Lee, Hendrix Mitchell, Hannah Robinson, Aidan Sanderson, Mars Thom-Tydell

ADULT AWARDS

Long service: 5 years - Tania Maisey and Ash Parfuss; **30 years** - Michelle Davis.

Adult Recognition Awards

2019 – Katrina van Geyzel – Special Service Award

2020 – Michelle Davis - Silver Koala; Paul Crane - Silver Emu

Joey Scout Report

Over the past 12 months, the 1st West Waverley Joey Scouts have actively participated in a range of different activities across the four challenge areas that we have planned for together during the mob councils.

The Joey Scouts started assisting and leading the different activities, and we have been impressed with their creativity, enthusiasm and resilience.

Outdoor Challenge

We have participated in a Scavenger Hunt, several Suburban Adventure Racing nights, canoeing, an evening hike, tried Bike Riding, completed our Environment Badge and participated in a state-run Zoo HOP.

Community Challenge

For the community challenge, we completed a walkathon last year to raise money that we used to purchase food with the help of our Scout friends for distribution by the Waverley Benevolent Society. Harmony Day and ANZAC Day have been great opportunities for us to extend our community involvement.

Scouting from Home did not stop us from learning about the importance of different animals for our environment, spotting tracks and going on online expeditions.



Personal Growth Challenge

We have extended our personal skills with a few different cooking nights, energy night, Baden Powell night, games nights, space-related activities. We had a great time at the District Science Sleepover.

Creative Challenge

Drawing challenges, superheroes play, building a cubby house, building bridges, towers and rafts out of spaghetti and marshmallows have been great ways to extend our creativity. Lego play, cards and dice night, my furry buddy theme 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 Aidan Moulder, Alexander Kingston, Darcy Van Geysel, Oscar Bisson-Gaskell who have all worked hard and completed the Promise Challenge before moving up to the Cub section for even bigger and better adventures.

A big highlight of the year was **Kangaree 2020**, the biennial state sleepover for Joey Scouts held at Lardner Park in Warragul. Nine of our Joey Scouts were lucky enough to spend the long weekend camping for the first time at such an event, enjoying a whole range of “**Beyond All Limits**” activities with hundreds of other Joey Scouts from all over Victoria.

We have welcomed Kahu (Kelvin) and Mountain Ash (Gurnik) to our leadership and adult support team and have enjoyed their new ideas and enthusiasm. We also thank our Scout helpers Koala (Makaylah) and Taz (Harry) for their support.












Cub Scout Report

The last 12 months have certainly been full of changes for the 1st West Waverley Cub Scouts. In Term 4 of last year, we saw the Cub leadership team start to change and at the end of the year, we said farewell to Akela (Tania Maisey), who is still leading at 1st West but is now with the Venturer unit.

At the beginning of this year, we celebrated the momentous occasion of opening a second Cub pack to accommodate our booming youth numbers. The Cubs and leaders all did a magnificent job adjusting to our 'Two Packs – One Program' approach and the dynamics of working with new Sixes and Leaders. Across the State, the introduction of the new youth program (called Our Program) was ramped up, so our Cubs learnt to program at the Pack Council using the Challenge Areas and how to take an active role in the Participate, Assist and Lead component of the new Milestone badges.

Of course, by the end of Term 1, we had to cease our face to face Scouting and make some massive adjustments to adapt to our new virtual world. Since then we have tried all sorts of different activities online as well as face-to-face in small groups when we were allowed. The Cubs have shown amazing resilience in the way they have embraced the many changes and different versions of Scouting they have experienced this year.

Some of our activity highlights across the past year have been;

-  District Rollerama event
-  Joined activities with the Scout Troop – hut building, 10-year-old camp, bike night
-  Come'n'Try canoeing day at Lilydale lake
-  Suburban Adventure Racing
-  Night Hike
-  Grey Wolf Hikes and Bike Hikes
-  Master Chef and Lego Masters competitions (Zoom meetings)
-  Sixer and Seconders in charge (Zoom meeting)
-  Online campout Term 2 and online sleepover Term 3 (Zoom meetings)
-  ANZAC Day (Zoom meeting)
-  Pet Night (Zoom meeting)

We should take this opportunity to publicly congratulate the 6 Cub Scouts who completed their Grey Wolf Award, the peak achievement for the Cub Scout section; Aidan Sanderson, David Lee, Hannah Robinson, Hannah Kingston, Hendrix Mitchell, Mars Thom-Tydell.

We welcome 8 Cub Scouts and their families who are new to 1st West Waverley; Josh, Alex, Zachary, Ada, Seyara, Robert, Charlie, Maddie. Along with 6 new Cub Scouts who have linked from Joey Scouts; Oscar, Alex, Aidan, Darcy, Taneesha, Hiyara. And we farewell 7 Cub Scouts who have linked up to the Scout Troop; David, Leah, Aidan, Hendrix, Hannah, Hannah, Camryn.

A big thank you to the rest of the Cub leadership team for their persistent efforts to keep providing great Scouting to our youth. This includes our uniformed leaders, Gayani (Baloo), Kat (Hathi), Karen (Kanga), Dale (Kaa) and myself, ably assisted by our new Adult Helper Julia (Dobby) and Scout helpers Makaylah and Harrison.

We have another big 12 months of changes ahead; implementing the rollout of the rest of Our Program, phasing out the current award scheme and adjusting to shifting roles within our adult leadership team. I know that change can be scary, but I also know that the benefits we will gain from embracing the changes that are planned will far outweigh anything we might lose. I ask you all to stick to this philosophy...



... so that when we reconvene for the 2021 ARAP (hopefully in person) we will be able to report on another crazy but awesome 12-months of Scouting!

Sarah Thom-Tydell (Minmi)



Scout Troop Report

Another year has gone by and we have been very busy over the last 12 months.

In **September** we visited Forest Hill Police Station.

We also attended the District Scout Trivia night at 2nd Glen Waverley Scout Hall.

In **October** we went and visited Mt. Burnett Observatory for our Astronomers Badge. We did a photo hunt around Mt. Waverley in Patrols. Attended Cohen Shield at Eumeralla, Anglesea, where 2 Patrols attended. And they Achieved Gold and Bronze.

We also welcomed **Jason Kingston** into the Troop as an **Assistant Scout Leader**.

In **November** we ran a 10-year-old camp for the Cub Pack at Dallas Brook Scout Camp on a very wet weekend. All went well and everyone survived. (Even Harry who came face to face with a sleeping snake)

We said Goodbye to Sean Mck. Mitchell H-W and Rachel who have gone up to Venturers and welcomed Leah, David and Aidan into the Troop.

The last night of the Year the Scouts had a Hot Dog making competition. (thanks, guys, for organizing while I was away overseas)

February 2020, we had a troop camp at Bat Park Mt. Martha. (this seems a long time ago now as we didn't know what was to come) We had a cooking night on Trangia's and a hike info night. We also went for a small night hike with some Scouts carrying their hike pack to practice for an upcoming hike.

March, we had 10 Scouts attend an Explorer Level overnight hike to Murrindindi. Thanks to Glenn Maisey and Jason for attending as well.

April - COVID -19 hit Australia, and suddenly we are not allowed to meet at the Scout hall anymore and now have to do our weekly programs on Zoom.

For ANZAC day we did a night of making ANZAC biscuits and some participated in their driveway and made lanterns for an at Home ANZAC DAY remembrance.

May - For the first time we participated in ISO Stradbroke Cup where 2 Patrols met over 2 weeks on Zoom and we talked about campsites and food. Each Patrol set up a virtual campsite and on the weekend of the 23-24th may (when we were allowed to meet in groups of 10 people) a patrol on Saturday then the other one on Sunday met outside the Scout hall and we set up the kitchen area and made gadgets to finish ISO Stradbroke cup. Both Patrols achieved Gold. Well done to all 13 Scouts that participated.

We also welcomed Hannah K, Hannah R, Hendrix and Camryn from Cubs. They did their linking with us over Zoom and we were lucky enough to be able to quickly invest them outside the front of the Scout hall, by themselves with everyone else watching on Zoom.

For the last night of Term 2, we were able to meet at the Hall where we had a wet fire lighting night, and all four Patrols were successful in lighting a fire in the rain.

While on Zoom over the last 3 months from **June to August** the Scouts have



- Completed their World Scouting Proficiency Badge.
- Lots of cooking nights
- 6 Pioneer cords have been earned
- We have been on a virtual hike around Mt. Waverley
- A Proficiency Badge night where Scouts chose a badge and did a presentation on it.
- Had a cupcake decorating night (cupcakes were made before Scouts started)
 - With all of this cooking we now know all of the Scouts are becoming great cook!
- A virtual tour of Parliament House in Canberra and Phonetic alphabet night (which they achieved their communication Proficiency Badge)

At the moment we have 35 Scouts (which is amazing) and at the end of August, we will have 3 more Cubs join the troop.

The most exciting news from the Troop to come out of the upside-down year of 2020 is the completion of **3 Adventurer Level Cords** and earning of their **Australian Scout Medallion**. This is the highest award to be earned in the Scout Section and we congratulate - **Sean Maisey, Makaylah Pedersen and Maxine Milasinovich** on achieving this award. They have completed a lot of work over the last 12 months to achieve this award and we are very proud of them. This is the 1st time in 10 years that a Scout has achieved this award and we now have 3 names to finally put up on our Adventurer cord board. When we are finally able to get back to the Hall, we will have a presenting of the board to them



Thanks to Steve Mitchell, Ashleigh Parfuss and Jason Kingston for their help over the last 12 months and who have done an amazing job as Leaders each Week

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
Scout Leader
1st West Waverley

Venturer Unit Report

After the 2019 Census for various reasons the 1st West Waverley Venturer Unit was left with no youth members hence, it was no longer a functioning Venturer Unit.

Third term 2019 was a non-event and it was looked into getting some of the older Scouts to come up to the Venturer section and start the unit off again.

In October we had 4 Scouts starting to Link into the Unit, meeting every second week until their official going up in mid-November and finishing the year off at the 1st West Waverley Xmas BBQ.

At the start of 2020, we had another 3 Scouts start Linking into the unit along with a potential Venturer from outside our Group, we also welcomed Tania Maisey to our Leader Team moving up from the Cub section.

Just as we were starting to get the Venturer section functioning again, like all sections we had to adjust how we met due to the restrictions imposed on us due to the Coronavirus.

Meetings went online via Zoom, overall these meetings have gone well with good attendance every meeting.

In May we were able to do some outdoor activities and managed to do a Photo Scavenger Hunt into the City and planning to have restricted face to face meetings in Term 3 this all changed and went the other way with even greater restrictions and back to remote meetings via Zoom.

Activities over the last 12 months:

- Bounce in Glen Iris
- Zone Bowling in Clayton
- Warrigal / Drouin Pistol Club
- 1st West Waverley Family Xmas BBQ
- Bunnings BBQ
- Joint Night with Tarlow Rover Crew (Games & BBQ)
- Anything Goes 2020
- Bike Ride to Dairy Bell
- Skills and Games Night
- Cooking Night
- Springvale Shooting Range (Very well attended the night with Ventures, Rovers and some parents seeing how good their aim was)



Then the restrictions of COVID-19 came to reality and Zoom meetings became the norm.

- Investitures of Venturers via Zoom
- Scavenger Hunt
- Cooking of ANZAC Biscuits
- Interactive First Aid night
- Review of Venturer Record Book
- Movie Night (Ferris Bueller's Day Off)
- Trivia / Kahoots
- Photo Scavenger Hunt in City
- MasterChef Cooking night

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



Yours in Venturing,
Graeme Chard, Tania Maisey & Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes.