



1st West Waverley
Scout Group



2022 1WWS **57TH ANNUAL REPORT**

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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 2021 Annual General Meeting

1st WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD Wednesday 28 SEPTEMBER 2021
Virtual meeting via ZOOM

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm

1. **Virtual Flag Break** by Scout leader Steve & Venturer Makaylah
2. **Acknowledgement of Country** by Scout Darcy
3. **Opening Reflection** by Cub Darcy
4. **Welcome**

The Group Committee welcomes District Commissioner Chris Allen, George and Liesel from Monash District, Parents, Leaders, family, and friends of 1ST West Waverley, thanks for your online attendance tonight. Welcome video presentation from Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria Rod Byrnes.

5. **Present and Apologies**
Apologies: John 'Chuckles' Chettle

6. **Presentations**
 Joeys – Video by Joeys with the years highlights presented by Laura
 Cubs – Introduced by Hendrix and videos by Cubs with the years highlights presented by Kat
 Scouts – Video by Scouts with the years highlights presented by Steve
 Venturers – Video of highlights from January Venturer trip presented by Hawksy
 Makaylah – video presentation regarding her year and achieving the Australian Scout Medallion
 Sean M – talked about achieving the Australian Scout Medallion

7. **Awards**

Joey Promise Challenge – Mitchell S, Cameron S

Grey Wolf – Cameron F, Owen M, Zoe M

Australian Scout Medallion – Sean M, Maxine M, Makaylah P

Long Service – Karen Robinson 5 years

Adult Recognition Awards (2020) - Michelle Davis – Silver Koala
Paul Crane – Silver Emu

8. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were taken as read and a copy of these minutes was included in the distributed 2021 Annual Report.

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

9. **President**

President Greg Robinson presented the report as per the 2021 Annual Report. Reflected on a good year for 1WWS, great to see some new faces tonight. Then he thanked the committee, Group Leader and Leaders for another successful year.

10. **Group Leader**

Paul (GL) Reiterated Greg's thanks, great to hear from the youth to capture what has been done this year. Thanks to the leaders for their unbelievable dedication in the last year, a particularly noteworthy year with all that has been going on for everyone. Farewell to Gayani, thanks for her years of service in Joeys and Cubs, welcome back at any time. Scouting is very much still needed in the community and is great to see the involvement of the youth members.

Paul presented his Group Leaders report as per the 2021 Annual report.

11. **Treasurer**

Sarah Scales – presented the Treasurer's 2020-21 financial report, with thanks to auditor Therese Cowan. Special thanks also to Mark Parfuss for his great fundraising work with the Christmas Trees. Thanks to Kylie Balmain and Greg Robinson for all their hard work around the annual census. Thanked all the leaders, committee and all 1WW families for a great year.

Paul forwarded thanks to Sarah for the great work she does as treasurer, and Kylie for membership work.

A motion that reports are accepted was put forward and carried [Moved: Steve Mitchell, Seconded: Dean Whitfield]

12. Appointment of Committee

Thanks to the committee for all your assistance this year. Need to replace outgoing committee members, Secretary Janene, Maintenance officer Dean & Quartermaster Jeff.

Mark Parfuss stood down the existing committee, and need to elect a new incoming committee, with thanks to outgoing committee members Janene, Dean and Jeff.

Committee nominations (all nominations uncontested)

President – Greg Robinson

Treasurer – Sarah Scales

Secretary – Vacant

Hall Manager/Bookings – Greg Robinson

Hall maintenance – vacant

Quartermaster – vacant

Registrar – Kylie Balmain

Grants – Robyn Foley

General Committee (Fundraising & maintenance) – Mark Parfuss

Vacant positions: Secretary, Hall Maintenance, Quartermaster if anyone would like to join the committee please let us know. A good committee is vital for a successful group.

13. Chris Allan – District Commissioner

Chris introduced himself as this is his first year as District Commissioner, and explained his role and the great Monash District team. Commended 1WW on a wonderful year, great to see the awesome videos from youth members. Thanks to all the leaders. Mentioned Long Service award for Karen, Silver Koala for Michelle, and Silver Emu for Paul, well done to those recipients. Wonderful job, District is here to help if needed, look forward to seeing you all face-to-face next year.

14. General Business

Nothing raised by attendees

Greg discussed the scope for the next 12 months, chasing grant money to hopefully assist with heating/cooling in the hall. Xmas trees are the big fundraiser, please help the group by giving some time for this fundraiser. Hoping to improve the lighting outside the hall and storage downstairs.

15. Virtual Flag Down

Flag down by Scout leader Steve & Venturer Makaylah

President, Greg thanked everyone for their time in attending this 56th 1WW ARAP, apologies that it ran a little long, thanks and goodnight.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm

President's Report

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report and Presentation for the 57th 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 2021-2022. 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 past year continued to be challenging for all Scouts, and I thank our Group Leader Paul "Kooka" Crane and especially our Leaders for their efforts. Online scouting continued through 2021 and we slowly returned to the hall and face-to-face scouting. Our committee continued to maintain the hall and facilities, and I thank Robyn Foley for her time on the Committee helping apply for and secure grants. Rose Duval joined the Committee as Secretary in the year and we welcome her assistance and input. Mark Parfuss assisted with equipment and maintenance, Sarah Scales was Treasurer and Kylie Balmain our membership registrar.

Ongoing, the committee requires further help to achieve our strategic goals and conduct the ongoing running of our great hall, so please consider joining or assisting the committee where you can.

Highlights

The highlights for this past year include:

- Above-average retention of our troupe numbers during and after covid
- Continued strong financial position due to lower costs and higher revenue
- Continued maintenance of the hall
- 11 committee meetings were held (Sept 21 – Aug 22), 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
- Improve gear and storage solutions in the hall

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 1WWS
30 August 2022

Committee Members, Leaders & Helpers

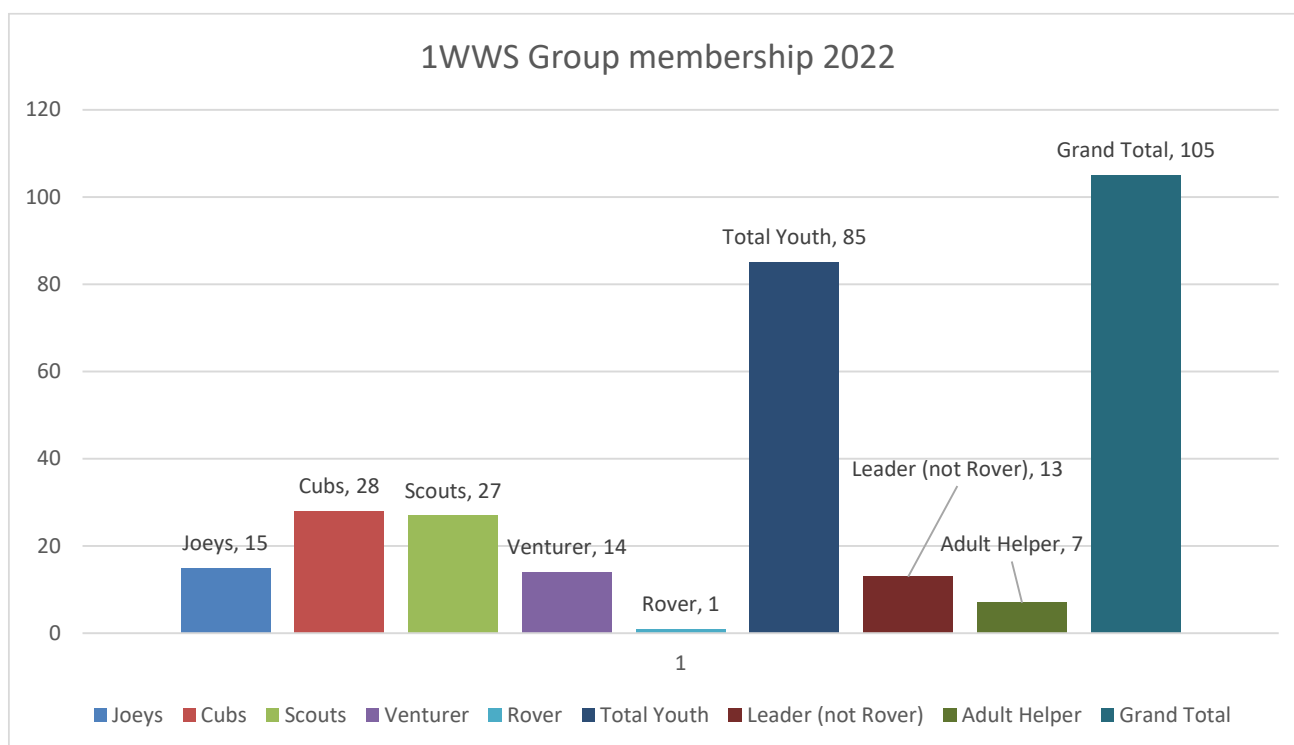
Committee	
Position	Name
President	Greg Robinson
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Secretary	Rose Duval
Treasurer	Sarah Scales
Membership	Kylie Balmain
Maintenance	Mark Parfuss
Equipment Officer	Mark Parfuss
Regular committee member	Robyn Foley
Monster Raffle	Vacant
Hall Hire	Vacant
Communications Officer	Vacant
Grants	Vacant
Fundraising	Vacant

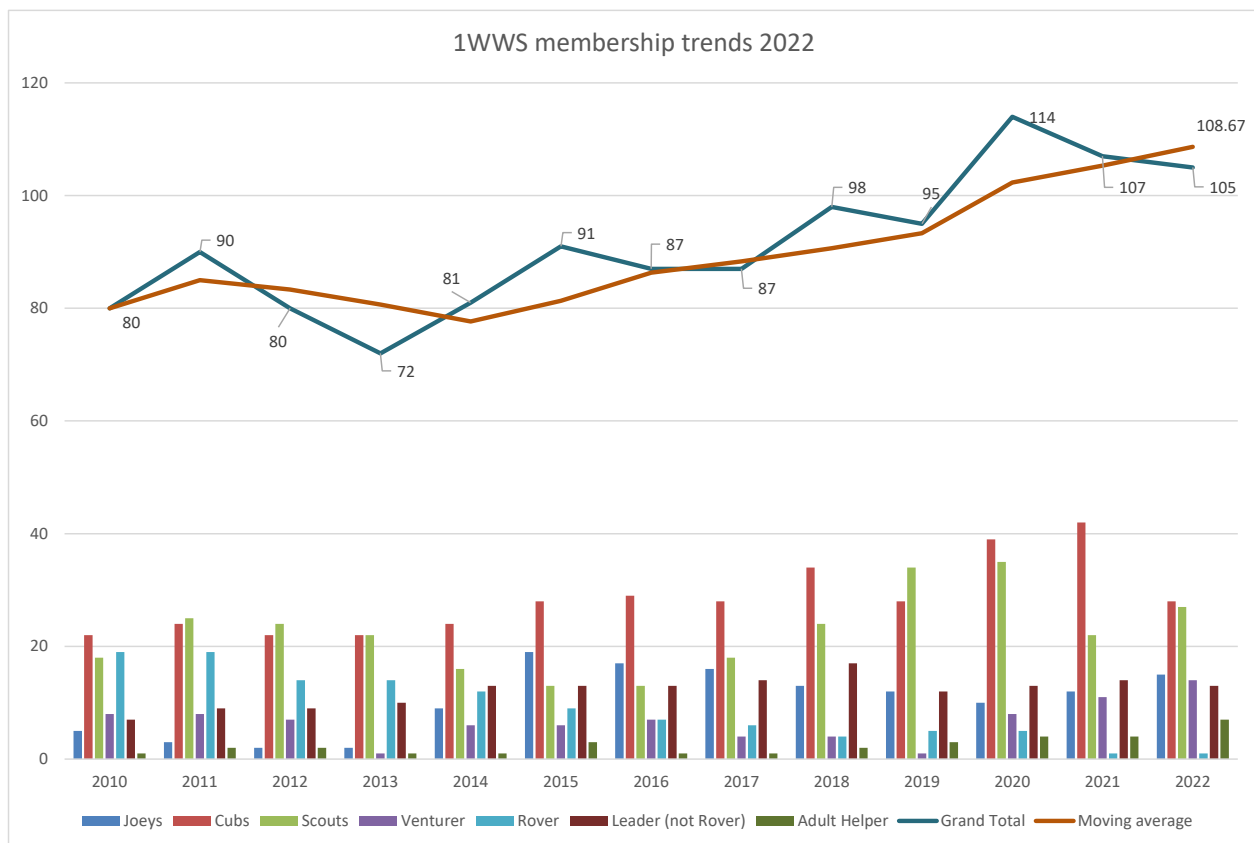
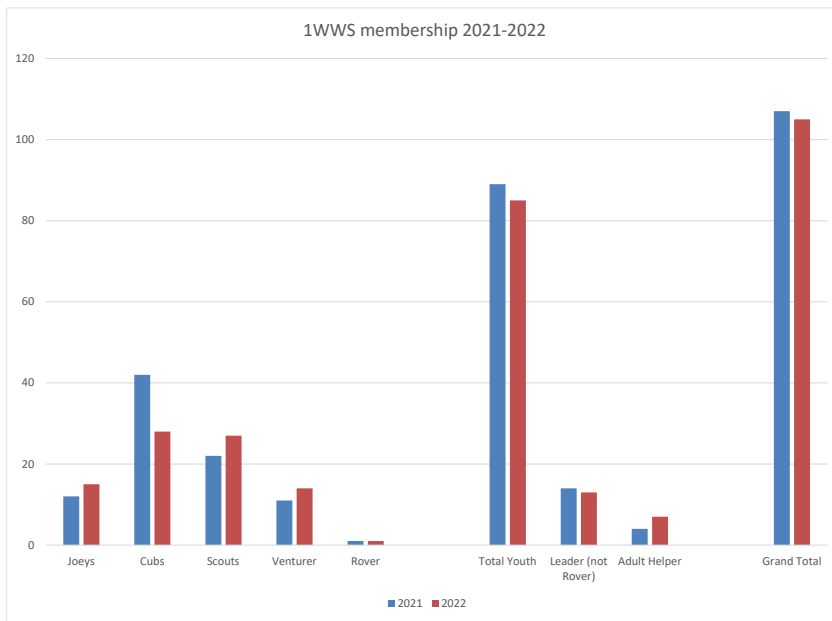
Leaders	
Position	Name
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Joeys	Laura Litcanu Emily Chen Sarah Thom
Cubs	Karen Robinson Kat Marie Van Geysel Dale Jarvie Courtney De Wan
Scouts	Michelle Davis Ash Parfuss Steve Mitchell Jason Kingston
Venturers	Tania Maisey Graeme Chard Adrian Hawkes
Rover Advisor	Vacant

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Joeys	5	3	2	2	9	19	17	16	13	12	10	12	15
Cubs	22	24	22	22	24	28	29	28	34	28	39	42	28
Scouts	18	25	24	22	16	13	13	18	24	34	35	22	27
Venturer	8	8	7	1	6	6	7	4	4	1	8	11	14
Rover	19	19	14	14	12	9	7	6	4	5	5	1	1
Total Youth	72	79	69	61	67	75	73	72	79	80	97	89	85
Leader (not Rover)	7	9	9	10	13	13	13	14	17	12	13	14	13
Adult Helper	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	4	4	7
Grand Total	80	90	80	72	81	91	87	87	98	95	114	107	105





Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the 2021-22 financial report for the 1st West Waverley Scout Group.

Thank you again to Therese Cowan for auditing the financial report.

We ended the financial year with a net profit of just over \$12,300. Highlights from the past financial year included:

- A Government Volunteers Grant of \$4,695. Thank you to Robyn Foley for all your efforts in chasing down grants over the past few years.
- Christmas tree sales in December for a profit of nearly \$5,500. This is a great result given we were only able to sell trees for 2 weekends, due to a shortage of trees. Thank you once again to Mark Parfuss for his tireless efforts and to the parents, leaders and Scouts who assisted with sales.
- An increase in the hall hire fees.
- A major reduction in the electricity expense resulting from the solar panels installed last year.

Our net assets are currently \$40,700.

The annual census on 1 April went smoothly due to the ongoing commitment of Kylie Balmain (registrar) and Greg Robinson (online payment process). Thank you both once again for assisting with this.

Though I say this every year, we shouldn't underestimate the leaders, committee members, parents, and Scouts who to volunteer their time, and once again I thank them for their efforts. Their contribution goes an incredible way to support our children at 1st West.

Sarah Scales

Treasurer

Balance sheet

1st West Waverley Scout Group
as at 30 June 2022
cash basis

	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Bendigo Bank	\$43,672.24	\$36,243.90
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$10,034.81	\$10,000.00
	\$53,707.05	\$46,243.90
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Furniture	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$57,707.05	\$50,243.90
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST Payable		
GST Collected	\$1,022.66	\$4,096.50
GST Paid	-\$4,874.58	-\$5,986.10
Total GST Payable	-\$3,851.92	-\$1,889.60
Hall Hire - Key deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00
Other Creditors	\$10.00	-
	-\$3,741.92	-\$1,789.60
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Scouts Vic loan	\$20,669.37	\$23,623.37
	\$20,669.37	\$23,623.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$16,927.45	\$21,833.77
NET ASSETS	\$40,779.60	\$28,410.13
EQUITY		
Current year earnings	\$12,369.47	-\$17,881.68
Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses)	\$28,410.13	\$46,291.81
TOTAL EQUITY	\$40,779.60	\$28,410.13

Section bank accounts not included above (balance at 30 June 2022):

Joeys	\$664.02
Cubs	1408.77
Scouts	\$1,197.97
Venturers	\$4,098.77
Rovers - amount not provided	

Profit and loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group
For the year ending 30 June 2022
cash basis

	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-21
EXPENSES		
Scout Association & District Fees		
Registration Fees	\$24,747.00	\$30,268.00
Total Scout Association & District Fees	\$24,747.00	\$30,268.00
Hall Expenditure		
Insurance	\$626.70	\$597.98
Electricity	\$117.33	\$1,009.59
Signage & Boards	\$99.00	\$216.50
Repairs/Maintenance of Hall	\$2,947.50	\$1,567.74
Cleaning of Hall	\$141.79	-
Major hall upgrades	-	\$11,723.64
Keys	\$324.00	-
Miscellaneous	\$12.27	-
Total Hall Expenditure	\$4,268.59	\$15,115.45
Other Expenditure		
Section Subs	\$675.00	\$4,180.00
Leaders Training	\$50.00	\$320.99
Leader Fees - Cuboree, Jamboree etc	\$2,024.50	\$3,050.50
ARAP expenses	-	\$95.50
Equipment expensed	\$1,599.31	\$2,354.40
Badges / Scarves / Uniforms	\$1,362.06	\$4,253.03
Trailer Maint. & Rego	\$121.86	\$185.00
Group Camp	\$200.00	-
Bank and Transaction Fees	\$530.89	\$531.13
Bushfire badge 2020	-	\$0.30
Backpacks	-	\$1,032.00
Miscellaneous	\$162.28	\$1,136.75
Total Other Expenditure	\$6,725.90	\$17,139.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,741.49	\$62,523.05
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1st West Waverley Scout Group**Audit Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2022**

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.

Well done for another year of a neat and clean set of accounts, upon review, of the working papers, these are clearly labeled on the banking statement, they match the Reckon one file and the use of notations whilst banking is well presented.

The following us 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:

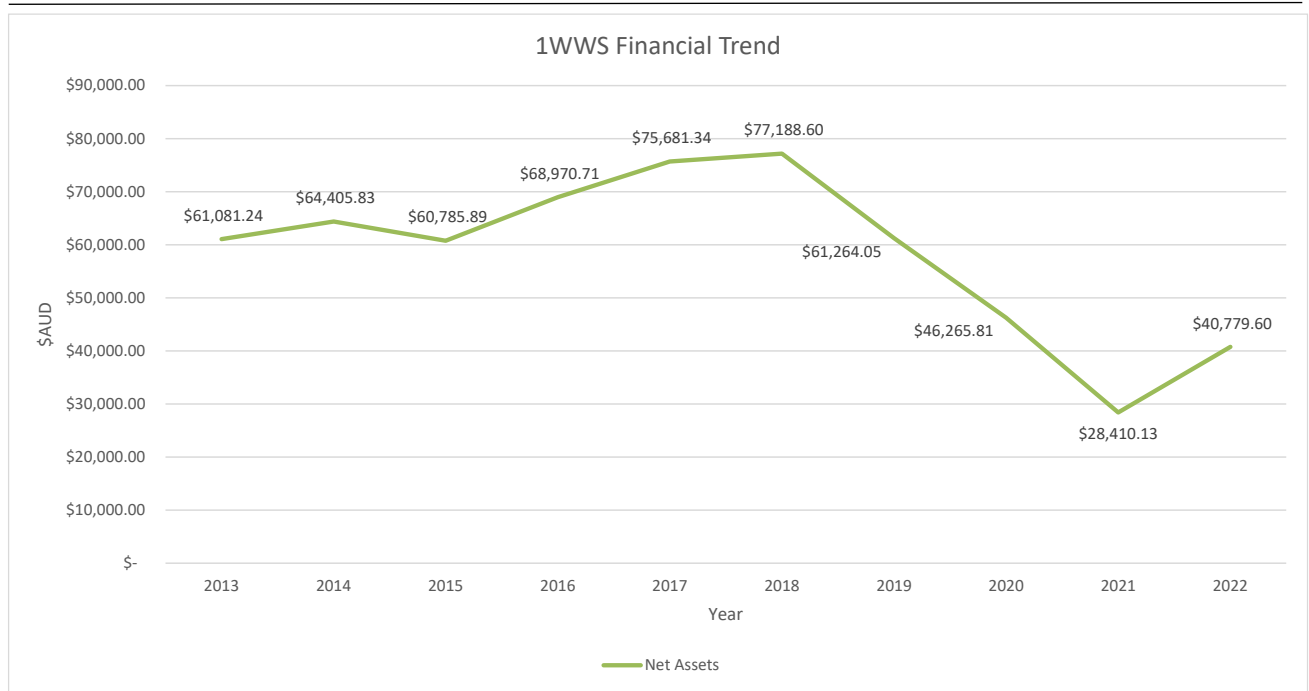
- Once the BAS is complete, allocate to the GST accounts to negate the liability accounts.

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

It is a pleasure to be able to present this report to you in person. And "in person" has at long last been the reality of our scouting world. Nonetheless, this is the third scout year now that has been severely compromised by the lockdowns and other forms of isolation. I will leave it to parents and youth to make their judgement on how scouting has helped you in the covid world.

However, I am very firmly in the camp (haha) that scouts have been a great outlet for all of us. This has been further evidenced by our strong retention rates and participation rates, especially in outdoor and weekend activities.

Fortunately, we were able to proceed with Jamboree in January. Our largest ever contingent to a Jamboree along with 5,000 other Victorian scouts embraced the Heat and Dust that is the standard Jamboree environment but at the same time having fun and making new friends and reinforcing old ones.

At the foot of this report is a list of all the major individual achievements of our Group members. Congratulations to all peak Youth Award recipients: Australian Scout Medallion and Joey Promise Challenge. Thank you to leaders and the committee who passed service milestones and those who were recognised at State and National levels for ongoing exemplary service.

Refresh and renew

One of the downsides of our stop-and-go scouting is that the number of events where parents can come together has been curtailed. I see the effect of this in a lack of engagement of new parents with the committee and leaders. We need to add **new faces, new enthusiasm, new skills, and new backgrounds** to the Committee. The current committee has been superb over the last five years but now **we need parents of Joeys and Cubs** to come on board to learn the ropes and then step into their shoes. Our adult support has to reflect our youth members. Please put up your hand. In Greg Robinson's report, you will see the roles we are looking to fill but mainly it is a numbers game.

Membership

At the census date, we totaled **85 youth** members, compared to 89 in 2021. As of the writing of this report, our membership stands at **90**. These are just off recent record high numbers for 1st West for this century reflecting the demand for scouting and the quality of the program we are offering.

We enrolled 15 new members - 8 Joey, 3 Cub, 1 Scout and 3 Venturer. Retention rates across the Group were above or close to 75% with Venturer retention of 82% the standout.

We continue to have a steady number of enquiries from prospective members.

Leaders

We are not as well placed as we were a year ago. In fact, we need to quickly add to the Joey and Cub leader team, or I can foresee these units declining in quality programming.

We will be farewelling Joey Scout Leader Laura Litcanu Karri very soon as her family have moved to Bayswater and will join a very lucky Scout Group in Knox District. Sarah Thom whose very big scout role is state commissioner STEM has been able to assist less frequently with our Joey Mob. Emily Chen has been powering through her training but needs support urgently.

I have closed the Joey unit in past when leader numbers made it impractical to operate. I would hate to do it again. I love Joey Scouts and don't want to make them sad.

We appreciate all parents who have signed on as Adult Helpers, but only trained leaders can run programs and take responsibility for your children in scouts.

Joey and Cub's parents particularly please talk to me or your children's leaders about the pleasure, responsibilities, and satisfaction of being a scout leader.

As youth numbers stay high more leaders will help maintain the quality of programs and to provide the individual attention to every member.

Thanks

Words aren't sufficient to thank 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 the sacrifices you make.

To President Greg Robinson and all on the Committee, all your hard work continues to deliver great results for 1st West.

And to every parent thank you too for your contribution towards making 1st West the Best.
Looking forward to another year of this great game of scouting

Kooka
Paul Crane

YOUTH AWARDS	
Joey Promise Challenge	Jack Bowen
Australian Scout Medallion	Tyler Parfuss

ADULT AWARDS	
Long service	<p>5 years</p> <p>Leaders Gayani WANIGASOORIYA Courtney DE WAN</p> <p>Adult Helper Steve MITCHELL</p> <p>Committee / Support Duncan BALMAIN, Kylie BALMAIN, Greg ROBINSON, Sarah SCALES, Dean WHITFIELD</p> <p>30 Years</p> <p>Leader Graeme CHARD</p>
Adult Recognition Awards (August 2022)	<p>Special Service Award Jason Kingston, ASL</p> <p>Meritorious Service Award Steve Mitchell, AH Ash Parfuss, ASL Mark Parfuss, Trainee Asst Activity Leader (and Christmas Tree Guy)</p>

Joey Scout Report

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Joey Scout Families! This year has been one of setting amazing challenges and creating new records.

In the spirit of Scouting, we spent as much time as possible outdoors, even during cold weather.

Our Joeys have not only been **discovering adventure** - but they have also been taking it to the next level.

Since our last ARAP, our 16 Joey Scouts hiked 400km(!) in total.

One of our Joeys covered 43km over 12 months during our shared activities and one of the five-year-old Joeys already covered 35km hiked. They have all shown amazing determination, good planning skills and enthusiasm.



We planned and organised three camps, that allowed Joeys to improve on their Outdoor Adventure Skills.

We focused on the three core areas of Bushcraft, Camping and Bushwalking, but we also took part in activities from the Specialist Areas, such as Cycling and Aquatics.

Our Joeys love cooking (and eating) delicious treats and toasting marshmallows in the fire. They also love exploring their creativity through building with Lego pieces, sticks and paper or just mud.

We learnt how to plant seeds and decorate a mini-pot for our flowers.

We expanded our knowledge by visiting Scienceworks and Melbourne Museum, as well as joining our Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve on a guided tour of the reserve.

Science experiments were high on our planning list and we explored playing with different types of waves, with colour and chemical reactions, using matches to light candles and put them off without blowing.

There was so much fun telling a story with shadow play!

Leaders barely kept up with the Special Interest Areas our Joeys set personal goals for.

The Joey Scouts overcame their fear of heights and small spaces by going indoor climbing and caving.

Their interests are amazing and diverse: learning how to fish, cooking three meals for their loved ones, cleaning the neighborhood by picking up rubbish, taking part in a puzzle marathon of 720 pieces in five days, creating amazing art pieces for mum, room decoration and special cultural occasions.

One of our Joeys organised a special Supper and managed to raise over \$1,000 for Cancer Council Australia.

We would like to congratulate Jack Bowen for earning the Joey Scout Challenge Award, which is the peak award in the Joey Scouts Section. Your dedication and hard work have been nothing but amazing!

Five other Joeys are working on the requirements for their Joey Scout Challenge Award. It is great to see so much perseverance and effort this year!

We look forward to sharing their achievements with you in the close future.

We thank our leadership team Karri (Laura), Minmi (Sarah), Callista (Emily) and our adult helpers Dishna, Sheenu and Channa for their time, work, and dedication.

We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to our group leader Kooka (Paul) for his continuous support and to the leaders of the other age groups for their generosity in sharing ideas and resources and assisting when we needed an extra helping hand.

We look forward to sharing many more wonderful adventures, discovering new passions, and building on our skills. Kangaree 2022, here we come!

Cub Scout Report

What another challenging twelve months we faced, not just as a Cub Unit, but as a community and world. It has been so exceptional to see the resilience and creativity that has come from our youth.

We continued to face lockdowns which meant more zoom meetings, but finally we were able to start meeting face to face.

We have a fantastic leadership team consisting of Karen (Kanga), Dale (Kaa), Julia (Dobby), Courtney (Clover), Kat (Hathi) and Paul Moulder (Adult Helper). We have worked hard together to continue providing a great environment, encouragement, and support to see the cubs taking on more lead and assist roles. We said farewell to Baloo (Gayani) and thank her for all of her help and support in both the Joey and Cub sections.

We have welcomed new Cubs into our unit, said see you later to a few heading up to the scout unit and currently have 28 active Cubs who have adapted incredibly well to the new Scouting system, working hard on achieving Milestones. Special Interest Areas (SIA's), powering through the Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) achievements and are enjoying the new system of Youth Leading and Adults supporting.

Some of the highlights of the year have been-

- 2 Sleepovers
- Swimming night with the Joey scouts where we saw many youth achieving level 1 and 2
- Night Hiking. At Damper Creek spotting the local wildlife and finishing off with hot chocolate
- District Campfire.
- Fire lighting.
- Cooking - Cubs have cooked their own dinner and breakfasts at the sleepovers. This included a one pot pasta dish, pancakes, pizzas and bacon and eggs. Other cooking has involved flapjack, brownies and marshmallows being cooked on a campfire.
- Lego Master building night with the Joey Scouts
- Come and try Paddling with the state team
- Woggle making
- Bike Night- which was made even more exciting with a visit from the Traffic police and VIC Roads safety team.
- Navigation – learning how to use a compass

Just to name a few!

We are looking forward to another successful year, full of fun adventures and experiences!

Thanks!



Scout Troop Report

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

In **September and October**, we still had to hold our weekly meetings over Zoom. We cooked, played games, visited museums and Vatican, and went on a scavenger hunt. By the end of October, we were eventually allowed back at the scout hall to meet in person again.

We welcomed Gaurika, Lindsay, and Zachary into the scout troop from cubs.

In **November** we had a bonfire night for Guy Fawkes night, Celebrated Remembrance Day at the Glen Waverley cenotaph. We also had our Pre jamboree camp to meet the other troops we will be with at VicJam at Tree Tops in riddles Creek.

For **December** Our last District event for the year was the District scout Trivia night held at our scout hall (which 1st west won again for the second year in a row). For our last night of the Year, we had a Sundae making competition at the hall.

29th December 2021 to 8th January 2022 was VicJam at Elmore. We had 21 scouts from 1st West Waverley, along with scouts from 1st Monbulk, 1st Bright, 1st Myrtleford and 1st Mt. Beauty attend Vic jam as troop 230. Also, the 5 scout Leaders from our troop attended as well. The scouts did many different activities around the campsite, went into Echuca for the day went on a Paddling expedition overnight, and went bike riding near Bendigo. They also spent the day at Funfields in Whittlesea.

February we were back at the scout hall running nights outside. We had a clean-up the beach night in Mordialloc, construction night and bushcraft night. 4 scouts went on an Adventurous bike ride on the rail trails of Ballarat for Tyler's Green Cord Bike hike.

March, we said goodbye to Max, Zara and Christian who went up to Venturers. Had an Aquatics night at Waverley Pool and a Mock Emergencies night as well at the hall.

April, 5 scout leaders and 7 scouts attended a Flat water Paddling course in Ballarat for the weekend. Darcy organizes an overnight hike to French Island

May -we had Parliament night, did the Coles \$15:00 cooking challenge over 2 nights where we walked up to Pinewood Coles and the Patrols had a \$15:00 challenge to buy a meal for their Patrol, then the next week the **scouts** cooked their food. We also had 6 scouts and ash attend Scout Hike at Tallarook State Forest.

June, the District organized a night at Monash SES for the scouts and we finished off the term with a Ten Pin Bowling night at Glen Waverley. Henry organized a day hike to Cape Shank.

We also had our last Adventurer Green Cord presentation to Tyler Parfuss (the old Badge system)
In **July** we had 2 scouts and 2 Leaders attend the Branch STEM Star trek camp at Mafeking Rover Park. We also had a troop camp at The Pines scout camp in Altona, where the scouts went and visited Scienceworks and went Ice Skating on Saturday, then went for a bike ride on Sunday. we had a cooking Damper night at the Hall, made a construction bridge, and then the next week said goodbye to Jonathon and Tyler who went up to Venturers and welcomed Ryan up from cubs and invested a new scout Cameron. Harry organized a day bike ride from the scout Hall to Williamstown and back.

At the moment we have 24 scouts and 5 Leaders.

Thanks to Steve Mitchell, Ashleigh Parfuss, Jason Kingston and Andrew Sanderson 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.



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Venturer Unit Report

Over the last 12 months like all of us it's been learning to live with the challenges of COVID-19, just when we thought we were getting back to having some face-to-face meetings it was only to be for a short time and we were in lockdown again, so our program had to quickly change to a meeting via Zoom meetings again.

Some of the activities on Zoom were cooking nights, Trivia night, games nights, Venturer Cultural Night with another Venturer Unit and a cupcake decorating night where the cakes were decorated to different themes.



To be noted is that the Zoom meetings mostly had low numbers of Venturers attending during the lockdown this time around, possibly the isolation was now getting to everyone.

A couple of our annual events, Gang Show, Parents Dinner and Mt Buller Ski Weekend were sadly missed due to lockdown and isolation requirements. When we could meet face to face, in between lockdowns and after the lockdown we went back to having quite good attendance to our activities and the Venturers just wanted to do things as a group. Some of the activities we have done are First Aid Night, Bouldering, Painting Boxes for Vic Jam, City Photo Scavenger Hunt, Penny Hike, Bowling / Laser Tag, Mystery Drop Off Night, Bike Ride, Ice Skating, Anything Goes, Shooting at Sporting Shooters, Paintball Night etc.



We did have a couple of Venturers leave the unit for various reasons but with some Scouts moving up to Venturers and a couple joining the Unit from outside our Unit numbers are still increasing. We have maintained our main Unit fundraiser having multiple Bunnings BBQs, these funds help to subsidise some of our major activities.

Thank you to the parents who have helped with transport and for supporting the leaders over the past year and to the Venturers who give us leaders a reason to catch up each week.

Yours in Scouting,

Graeme Chard, Tania Maisey & Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes