



1st West Waverley
Scout Group



58TH ANNUAL REPORT

2023 1WWS

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Acknowledgements

Thank you to the 1st West Waverley Group Scout Leader, our Group Committee, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor and Section Leaders for assistance in the compilation of this Annual Report. Thanks to all the parents and kids for helping make 1st West Waverley Scout Group such an amazing group.



Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

1st WEST WAVERLEY SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD Tuesday 30 August 2022

Location: 1WWS Hall, 40 Fairway Ave, Mt Waverley, VIC

The meeting opened at 6:30 pm after pizza at 6:00pm

1. **Flag Break** by Riyaan Dhillon, Sithara Dissanayake, Emma Maisey
2. **Acknowledgment of Country** by Scout Darcy
3. **Opening Reflection** by Cub Darcy van Geyzel
4. **Youth MC** by Darcy Humphreys
5. **Welcome**

The Group Committee welcomes District Commissioner Chris Allen, George Pagonis District Treasurer and Tozer District Joey Leader, Parents, Leaders, family, and friends of 1ST West Waverley, thanks for your attendance at the hall tonight.

6. Present and Apologies

Attendance:

Parents	22
Committee	5
Leaders	11
Youth	34
Siblings	6
District	3
TOTAL	79

Apologies:

Tram Vu, Jasper and Stella Do
 Andrew and Adrian Chow
 Heather Miller
 Moulder family
 Ken Reid, District
 Sarah Thom

7. 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

8. Awards

Joey Promise Challenge – Mitchell S, Cameron S

Grey Wolf – Cameron F, Owen M, Zoe M

Australian Scout Medallion – Tyler Parfuss

Long Service – Karen Robinson 5 years

Adult Recognition Awards (2021) - Michelle Davis – Silver Koala
 Paul Crane – Silver Emu

9. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were taken as read as a copy of these minutes were included in the distributed 2022 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: Karen Robinson]

10. President

President Greg Robinson presented report as per 2022 Annual Report. Reflected on good year for 1WWS, great to see such a great turnout at the hall in person. Thanked committee, Group Leader, and Leaders for another successful year.

11. 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, particularly noteworthy year with all that has been going on for everyone. Farewell to Laura, thanks for her years of service in Joeys. Paul presented his Group Leaders report as per 2022 Annual report.

12. Treasurer

Sarah Scales – presented the Treasurer's 2021-22 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: Greg Robinson, Seconded: Paul Crane]

13. Appointment of Committee

Thanks to the committee for all your assistance this year.

Mark Parfuss stood down from the existing committee, and conducted election of the new incoming committee, with thanks to outgoing committee members Robyn Foley and thanks to Rose Duval for joining the committee during the year.

Committee nominations (all nominations uncontested)

President – Greg Robinson

Treasurer – Sarah Scales

Secretary – Rose Duval

Hall Manager/Bookings – Greg Robinson

Hall maintenance – Mark Parfuss

Quartermaster – Mark Parfuss

Registrar – Kylie Balmain

Grants – vacant

General Committee (Fundraising & maintenance) – Mark Parfuss

Vacant positions: Grants and someone to assist Mark with Hall maintenance/Quartermaster if anyone would like to join the committee, please let us know. A good committee is vital for a successful group.

14. Chris Allan – District Commissioner

Chris introduced himself as District Commissioner, explained his role and the great Monash District team. Commended 1WW on a wonderful year, great to see the awesome videos from youth members. Wonderful job, District are here to help if needed.

15. 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.

16. Virtual Flag Down

Flag down by Steve & Venturer Makaylah.

President, Greg thanked everyone for their time in attending this 57th 1WW ARAP, thanks and goodnight.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm

President's Report

Welcome to the 2023 Annual Report and Presentation for the 58th 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 2022-2023. 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.

Our committee continues to maintain the hall and facilities, and I especially thank Sarah Scales for her efforts as Treasurer, Rose Duval as Secretary, Mark Parfuss as Maintenance.

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:

- Installation of reverse cycle air conditioning in the hall
- On-average retention of our group numbers compared to district retention
- Continued strong financial position
- Continued maintenance of the hall
- 9 committee meetings were held (Sept 22 – Aug 23), including a quorum for all meetings
- Return of our hall renters
- Christmas Tree fundraising sales

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:

- Continue to 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
- Further improve storage solutions for the hall
- Retain current long-term hall hirers

Greg Robinson
President 1WWS
29 August 2023



Committee Members, Leaders & Helpers

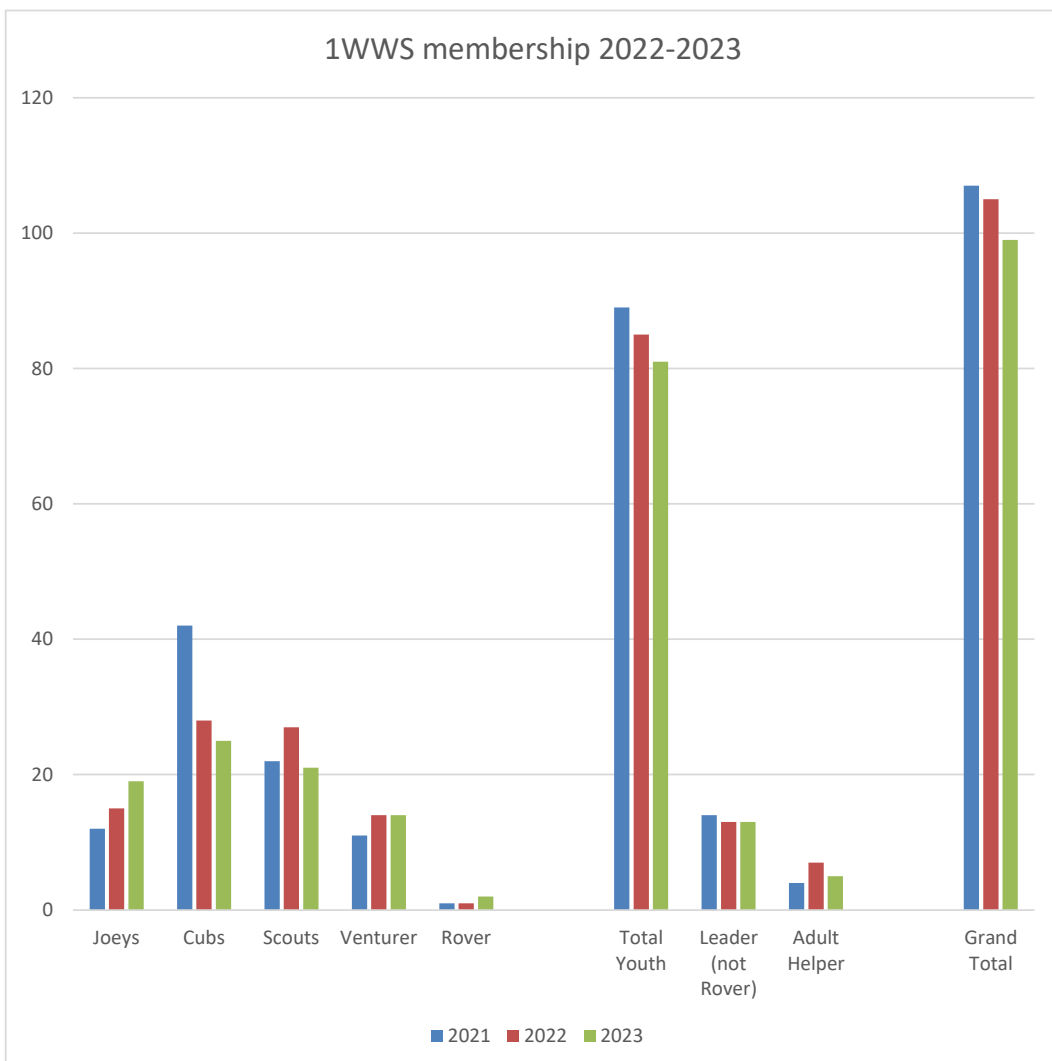
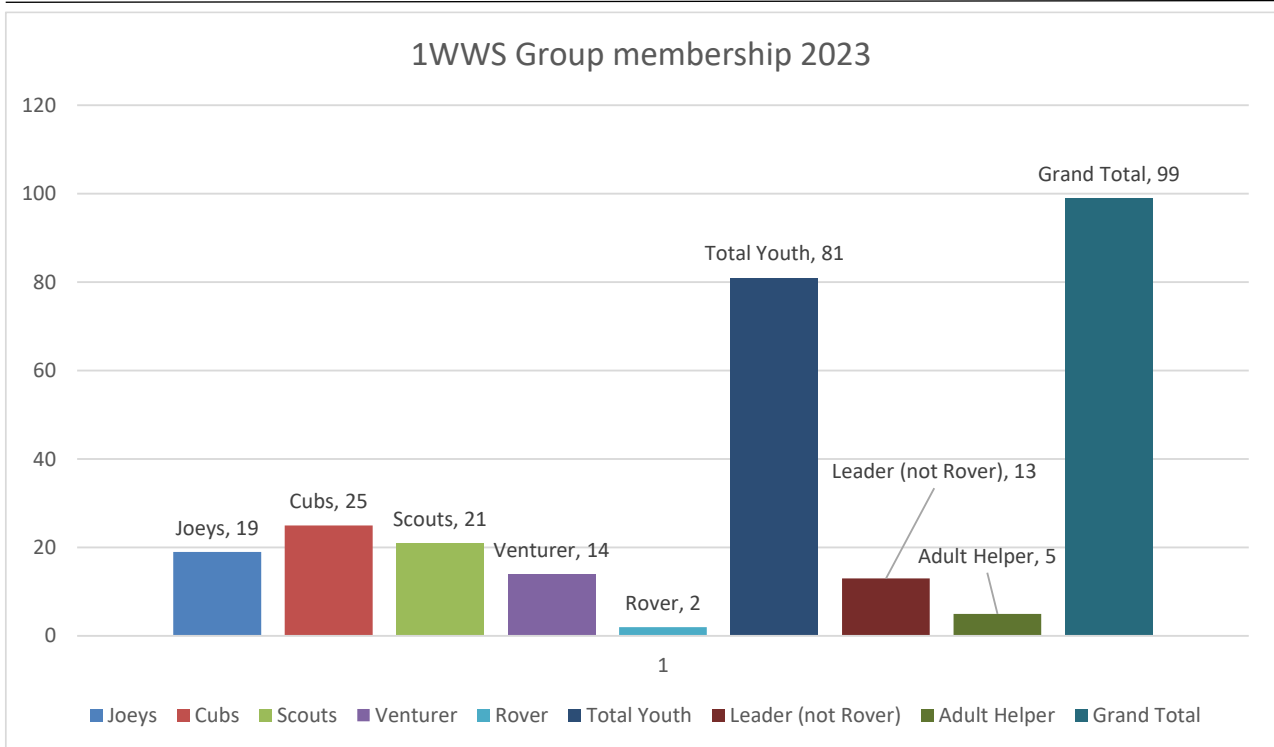
Committee	
Position	Name
President	Greg Robinson
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Secretary	Rose Duval
Treasurer	Sarah Scales
Membership	Vacant
Maintenance	Mark Parfuss
Equipment Officer	Mark Parfuss
Regular committee member	Vacant
Monster Raffle	Vacant
Hall Hire	Greg Robinson
Communications Officer	Greg Robinson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

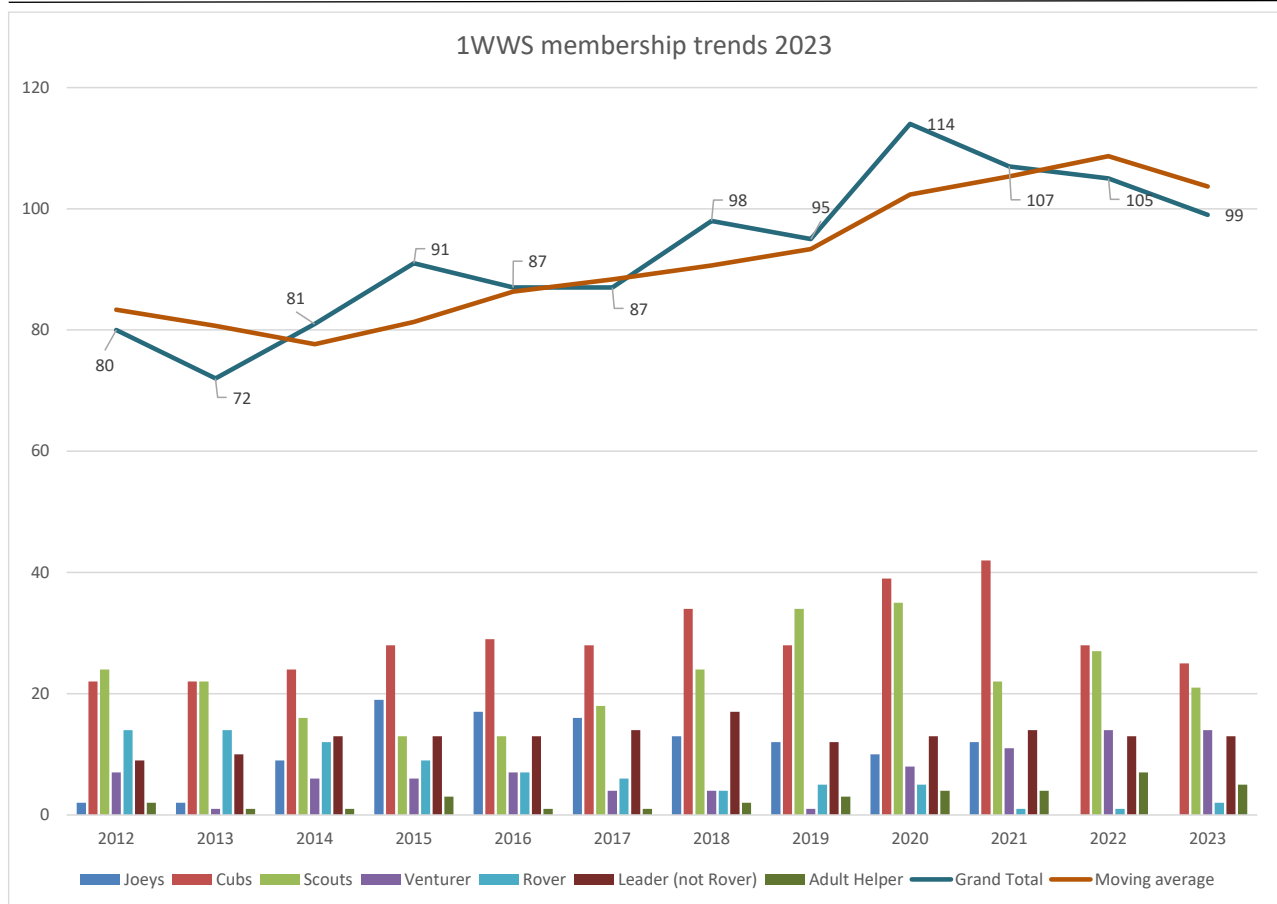
Leaders/ Assistance Leaders	
Position	Name
Group Leader	Paul Crane
Joeys	Emily Chen Sheenu Sharma Felicity Pincott
Cubs	Karen Robinson Kat Marie Van Geyzel Dale Jarvie Julia Thom Courtney De Wan
Scouts	Michelle Davis Ash Parfuss Andrew Sanderson Jason Kingston
Venturers	Tania Maisey Graeme Chard Adrian Hawkes
Rover Advisor	Kieran Van Geyzel

Membership

Our numbers indicate a healthy membership base and is consistent with other scout groups in the Monash district. We had an overall growth in joey membership as a highlight to indicate later growth.

Section Name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Joeys	5	3	2	2	9	19	17	16	13	12	10	12	15	19
Cubs	22	24	22	22	24	28	29	28	34	28	39	42	28	25
Scouts	18	25	24	22	16	13	13	18	24	34	35	22	27	21
Venturer	8	8	7	1	6	6	7	4	4	1	8	11	14	14
Rover	19	19	14	14	12	9	7	6	4	5	5	1	1	2
Total Youth	72	79	69	61	67	75	73	72	79	80	97	89	85	81
Leader (not Rover)	7	9	9	10	13	13	13	14	17	12	13	14	13	13
Adult Helper	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	4	4	7	5
Grand Total	80	90	80	72	81	91	87	87	98	95	114	107	105	99





Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the 2022-23 financial report for 1st West Waverley Scout Group.

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

We ended the 2023 financial year with a net profit of nearly \$7,800. Highlights include:

- A large increase in hall hire fees.
- Christmas tree sales continue to grow, and last December we made a profit of over \$7,600. Thank you once again to Mark Parfuss and to the parents, leaders and Scouts who assisted with sales.
- Our loan from Scouts Victoria continues to be paid down each year. This 10-year, interest free loan was approved in 2018 and was used to upgrade the hall, including the kitchen renovation.

Our net assets are currently **\$48,500**.

Thank you, Kylie Balmain, for your assistance as Registrar at the start of the financial year, and to Paul Crane for stepping in at the latter part of the year. I would also like to thank Greg Robinson for your assistance with the online annual census process.

Thank you to the leaders, my fellow committee members, and to those parents and Scouts who volunteer their time. Your efforts keep 1st West the Best.

Sarah Scales

Treasurer

Balance Sheet

1st West Waverley Scout Group
as at 30 June 2023
cash basis

	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - Bendigo Bank	\$52,264.01	\$43,672.24
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$10,058.34	\$10,034.81
	\$62,322.35	\$53,707.05
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	\$66,322.35
		\$57,707.05
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST Payable		
GST Collected	\$411.54	\$1,022.66
GST Paid	-\$562.82	-\$4,874.58
Total GST Payable	-\$151.28	-\$3,851.92
Hall Hire - Key deposit	\$185.00	\$100.00
Other Creditors	-	\$10.00
	\$33.72	-\$3,741.92
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Scouts Vic loan	\$17,715.37	\$20,669.37
	\$17,715.37	\$20,669.37
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$17,749.09
		\$16,927.45
	NET ASSETS	\$48,573.26
		\$40,779.60
EQUITY		
Current year earnings	\$7,793.66	\$12,369.47
Retained Earnings Surplus/(Accumulated Losses)	\$40,779.60	\$28,410.13
	TOTAL EQUITY	\$48,573.26
		\$40,779.60

Section bank accounts not included above (balance at 30 June 2023):

Joey's	\$1,251.54
Cubs	\$1,088.68
Scouts	\$812.45
Venturers	\$3,914.92
Rovers	\$1,453.78

Profit and Loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group
For the year ending 30 June 2023
cash basis

	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
INCOME		
Fees		
Annual Fees	\$35,703.00	\$33,526.50
Total Fees	\$35,703.00	\$33,526.50
Fundraising		
Christmas Trees	\$21,825.65	\$12,234.75
Prior year GST adjustment	-	\$1,449.65
Expenses against Christmas Trees	-\$14,182.84	-\$8,228.00
Total Christmas Trees	\$7,642.81	\$5,456.40
Total Fundraising	\$7,642.81	\$5,456.40
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Interest on TD	\$23.53	\$34.81
Ritchies Donations	\$45.62	\$37.48
Hall Hire	\$4,115.46	\$1,760.77
Donations	\$110.00	\$100.00
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	\$4,294.61	\$1,933.06
Grants		
Scouts Vic grant	-	\$2,500.00
Government Volunteers Grant	-	\$4,695.00
Total Grants	\$0.00	\$7,195.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$47,640.42	\$48,110.96

Profit and Loss

1st West Waverley Scout Group
For the year ending 30 June 2023
cash basis

	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
EXPENSES		
Scout Association & District Fees		
Registration Fees	\$26,594.00	\$24,747.00
Total Scout Association & District Fees	\$26,594.00	\$24,747.00
Hall Expenditure		
Monash Leasing Charges	\$515.25	-
Insurance	\$635.74	\$626.70
Electricity	\$660.01	\$117.33
Signage & Boards	\$100.00	\$99.00
Repairs/Maintenance of Hall	-	\$2,947.50
Cleaning of Hall	\$451.14	\$141.79
Keys	\$204.80	\$324.00
Miscellaneous	\$204.95	\$12.27
Total Hall Expenditure	\$2,771.89	\$4,268.59
Other Expenditure		
Section Subs	\$3,457.50	\$675.00
Section Activities	\$475.00	-
Leaders Training	-	\$50.00
Leader Fees - Cuboree, Jamboree etc	-	\$2,024.50
ARAP expenses	\$3.20	-
Equipment expensed	\$167.70	\$1,599.31
Badges / Scarves / Uniforms	\$599.18	\$1,362.06
Trailer Maint. & Rego	-	\$121.86
Jamboree/Cuboree family reimbursement	\$600.00	-
Group Camp	\$379.93	\$200.00
Bank and Transaction Fees	\$402.34	\$530.89
Backpacks	\$683.00	-
Miscellaneous	\$825.79	\$162.28
Total Other Expenditure	\$7,593.64	\$6,725.90
Expenses against grants		
Government Volunteer Grant	\$2,887.23	-
Total Expenses against grants	\$2,887.23	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,846.76	\$35,741.49
NET POSITION	\$7,793.66	\$12,369.47

1st West Waverley Scout Group

Audit Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2023

To the Members

An Audit has been conducted on the 1st West Waverley Scout Group. folder which contains payments, receipts and relevant bank statements from the bank and some printouts of the online transactions 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 as been audited:

Bank Accounts:

- The Bank statements express Revenue & Outgoings,
- Bank statement. Main bank missing paper statements A print out was supplied
- Review of the Reckon online

Reports:

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

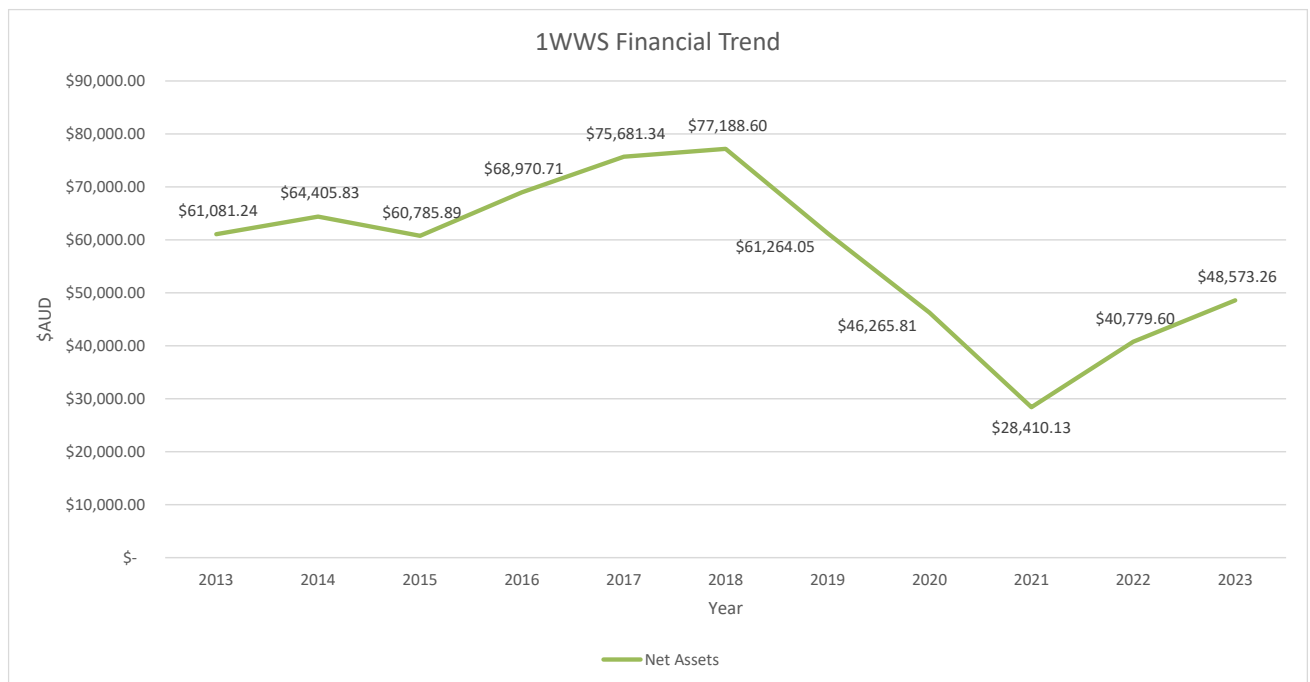
Suggestions:

- 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

This is the first year since 2019 that we can report an uninterrupted 12 months of scout activity. And how did we exploit that! Every unit has been active in the outdoors, weekly meeting nights and weekend events, right through term breaks. Unit reports have all the details of their highlights, but I will mention one – the Group Camp in December 2022. To have every unit in camp, having so much fun together in the beautiful bush of Camp Caringal gave me a reminder of the sheer joy of being a scout and of the magic of the way the scouting experience influences young lives.

At the foot of this report is list of all the major individual achievements of our Group members. Congratulation to all peak Youth Award recipients: Australian Scout Award, Grey Wolf and Joey Promise Challenge. Thank you to leaders and committee who passed service milestones and those who were recognised at State and National level for ongoing exemplary service. Nine 1WW leaders were recognised this year - an exceptionally large number for any single group.

The reawakening of 1st West's Rover unit, Tarlow Rovers, has been a major highlight of 2023. Comprising current and returning 1WW youth and rovers from other groups. We look forward to seeing our 18- to 25-year-old youth members as an integral part of 1st West once more.

Membership

At census date of 31 March 2023, we had **81 youth** members, compared with 85 in 2022. By mid-August our membership stood at 95 v 90 12 months ago. These numbers reflect the demand for scouting and the quality of the program we are offering.

We enrolled **24 new members** up from 15 - 11 Joey, 8 Cub, 3 Scout and 2 Venturer. Retention rate across the Group was 74% with Joey retention of 87% the standout.

We continue to have a high demand from prospective members and work hard to offer them all a place as soon as practical though generally earliest we can offer is the next term.

Parent support

I am very concerned with numbers of parents coming forward to fill Committee positions and other roles which are essential part of a successful Scout group.

We need to add **new faces, new enthusiasm, new skills, new backgrounds** to the Committee. The current committee has been superb over the last six years but now **we need parents of Joeys and Cubs and Scouts** to come on board. 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 – many hands make light work.

Leaders

We said a massive thank you and goodbye to Joey Scout Leader Laura Litcanu Karri as her family moved to Bayswater where 3rd Croydon has gained two great scouts and one exceptional leader. Steve Mitchell has also stepped down as his children left the Group. Steve packed a lot into his 6 years as a Scout Troop leader / helper, proving that an adult contribution doesn't have to be decades to have a substantial impact.

We welcomed Sheenu Sharma and Felicity Pincott as a trainee Assistant Joey Scout Leaders in late 2022. (The Joey's appeal at last year's ARAP had an impact.) Julia Thom also decided to move to Assistant Cub Scout Leader after several years as an adult helper.

Each of our units can do with one or more new leaders. Now is a great time to join as every unit is running well, with active and enthusiastic youth. As youth numbers stay high more leaders will help maintain quality of programs and to provide the individual attention to every member. Always better to join a team at the top of the ladder than one that is struggling.

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 unparalleled. 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, all your hard work continues to deliver great results for 1st West. And to every parent thank you too for your role in making 1st West the Best (though I refer to my earlier comment that not enough parents are making the contribution we need to ensure we remain the Best Scouting option for your child).

Looking forward to another year of this great game of scouting

Kooka

Paul Crane

YOUTH AWARDS	Year to 30 June 2023	Since 1 July 2023
Joey Promise Challenge	Frankie Colley Riyaan Dhillon Beverley Hsueh Mia Huang Andrew Jarvie Mia Lai Brent Rathnayake	
Grey Wolf	Owen Pereira Anishka Thakkar Harry Colley Emma Maisey	Abby Jarvie
Australian Scout Award	Tyler Parfuss	Gabriel Ariyanto Darcy Humphreys

ADULT AWARDS	
Long service	5 years Jason Kingston, ASL Katrina van Geyzel, ACSL Paul Moulder, AH
Adult Recognition Awards (August 2023)	Special Service Award Emily Chen, AJSL Dale Jarvie, ACSL Karen Robinson, ACSL Meritorious Service Award Adrian Hawkes, AH Venturers Laura Litcanu, JSL (at time of nomination) Tania Maisey, AVL Greg Robinson, Group President Sarah Scales, Group Treasurer Silver Wattle Andrew Sanderson, ASL and State Leader Digital Transformation

Joey Scout Report

What a year it has been!

Our Joey Scouts Unit has grown to 19 youth members who are enthusiastically planning challenging activities, **discovering adventure** in the true spirit of the Joey Scouts motto, and sharing their honest feedback on the work we do together. A warm welcome to all our new Joey Scout Families! Over the past 12 months, the 1st West Waverley Joey Scouts have actively participated in, assisted and led activities across the four challenge areas, demonstrating curiosity, creativity, courage, friendship and resilience.

Outdoor Challenge

We have participated in a Scavenger Hunt, Night Hikes, Penny Hike, and Bike Riding together with Cub unit. We had a two nights Group camp at Caringal Scout Camp in December 2022. Joeys have the opportunity to have Obstacle course/Orienteering/Outdoor cooking/Bushcraft/Billy Karts, etc. We had 9 Joeys Adventurous Hike, which in total about 70 km.

Community Challenge

For the community challenge, we had Clean up along the creek and visited Notting Hill Bunnings and Wheelers Hill Library. The librarian guided Joeys to start a world environment project. We also had RSL Commemorative Service at Glen Waverley.

Personal Growth Challenge

We have extended our personal skills with Cooking nights, Sports night, Science experiment night, First aid night, Performing arts night, Vertical night and Knots and Shelter building nights joint together with Cubs and Scouts. We had Harmony night joint together with Wirringga Joeys. We also had two great sleepovers at our Hall, lots of new Joeys' first sleepover.

Creative Challenge

Games, Space night, Easter crafting and Flight of friends have been great ways to extend our creativity. We also got creating on Mother's day and Father's day theme!

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 Jack Bowen, Frankie Colley, Brent Rathnayake, Victor Litcanu, Riyaan Dhillon, Ruotong Huang, Mia Lai, Andrew Jarvie and Beverley Hsueh 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 2022**, the biennial state sleepover for Joey Scouts held at Lardner Park in Warragul. Fifteen 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 thousand other Joey Scouts from all over Victoria.

We have farewelled 12 Joey Scouts over the past 12 months who have moved up to the Cub section for even bigger and better adventures but with a continuous stream of new recruits coming through the door mob numbers have remained stable.

We thank our leadership team Emily (Callista), Sheenu (Bilby), Felicity (Bluey), Robin (Chil) (Cub leader in Waverley Valley), Stephanie (Parent Helper) and our youth helpers Sean, Henry and Koala (Makaylah) for their work and dedication to making the mob programming so fantastic. Special thanks to Minmi (Sarah) and Karri (Laura) who have been committed to make mob programming for so many years.

We look forward to sharing many more wonderful adventures, discovering new passions and building on our skills.

Cub Scout Report

We have had a fantastic year in Cubs with the support of a great leadership team consisting of Karen (Kanga), Dale (Kaa), Julia (Dobby), Courtney (Clover), Kat (Hathi) and Paul Moulder (Adult Helper). Dobby aka Julia decided to become a leader and we invested her officially into the group.

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 have welcomed new Cubs into our unit, said see you later to a few cubs who were heading up to the scout unit and currently have **32 active Cubs**, 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:

- Visit to HMAS Cerberus Open Day
- 2 sleepovers
- A weekend camp at Philip Island and a weekend camp at 2nd/7th West Waverley when we visited the Lego exhibition at the Melbourne Museum.
- Group Camp at Caringal with 2 cubs leading the campfire sing song
- Swimming night with the Joey scouts where we saw many of our youth achieving level 1 and 2
- District Cook off
- Fire lighting
- Cooking – Cubs have continued to cook for themselves on our sleepovers and camps, this has included pancakes, bacon and egg, chicken tacos.
- Bike Night
- Mother's Day Night
- Navigation – learning how to use a compass
- 3 Grey wolf awards: the peak award of the Cub section – Owen P, Anishka and Abby J

Just to name a few!

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



Scout Troop Report

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

In **September and October**, We had a few weeks of different Bushcraft activities - like cooking nights on the fire, making personal survival kits. Then we finished it off with a Bushcraft camp where the scouts completed things from Stages 3 to 5, and all of the scouts built shelters and some slept in them overnight.

Harry completed his Adventurous Journey (a bike Hike) for his ASA award, and Emma completed her Adventurous Journey (a hike) for here ASA award. Darcy also organized a night At Oakleigh Fire station, and we had a NO talking night at scouts which was interesting for some of the scouts as they weren't allowed to talk during the games and activities. We also welcomed Owen P and Anishka into the troop from cubs.

In **November** we had a sleepover at the Hall and incorporated Remembrance day on the Friday night, by catching the train to Glen Waverley and having a ceremony at the Cenotaph on Springvale road. On the Saturday we went and visited the Shrine of remembrance and also went to Queen Vic Market where scouts bought food for tea, then came back to hall and cooked it over the open fire.

We also had Emma's and Harry's Australian Scout Award presentation at the hall, then said goodbye to them as they went up to Venturers. For **December** we attended the Group camp at Caringal Scout Camp.

February we were back at the scout hall we had a Catapults making night, joint night with the cubs and joeys, and a first aid night and ended with the scouts going on the slip and slide at the side of hall.

March was busy with different hikes = day hikes, day bike hikes, overnight hikes and overnight bike hikes – all getting ready for Adventurous Journeys later in the year. So, this meant we had a few nights on hiking – gear packing, what you would take on a hike, and Trangia cooking. We also welcomed Isaac and Alex into the troop from Cubs. We also welcomed Avary, Jacob, Dylan and Lucas into the troop – new scouts who hadn't been in the group before.

April, after a 3-year break, we were able to attend the ANZAC day morning service at the Shrine, then all of the scouts were able to participate in the March carrying banners.

Darcy completed his Adventurous Journey for his ASA.

May – as a whole Troop we had 4 nights of STEM for the scouts SIA badge the scouts had a fire night experimenting with different colours and how things interact with the fire, they also made Sherbet from scratch, made water rockets, made a Newton's cradle

We also had 2 Patrols scouts and Ash attend Scout Hike at Tallarook State Forest where the scouts competed as Patrols.

In **July** we welcomed some more new scouts into the troop – Jonah, Ari and Duncan

Also, Gabriel completed his Adventurous Journey (a bike Hike)

We had a combined sleepover with the Joeys coming to the hall on the Saturday night.

And a troop camp at The Pines scout camp in Altona, where Hannah organized a few bike rides to go towards her ASA.

Darcy attended the KISC 100 camp in Switzerland

We finished off with Darcy and Gabriel being Presented with their Australian Scout Award badge, welcoming Abby into the troop and saying Goodbye to Darcy, Gabriel and Mickey as we sent them up to Venturers.

At the moment we have 26 scouts and 4 Leaders.

Thanks to 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 (especially when I am away working night shift.)

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

Over the last year the Venturer Unit has been active with Venturers taking advantage of a range of activities on offer. Since term 3 last year we have been meeting with Wurringga Venturers on and off due to leader numbers which has created a bigger and better unit and given the Venturers more friends to connect with. Some of the highlights over the past year have included those below.

Term 3 – Tyler did a fantastic performance at South Metro Showtime and the Venturers went to support and enjoyed the party! We are very lucky to have access to Benmore Lodge (thanks Kooka) for a weekend ski trip in September. We took around 12 Venturers who both skied and snowboarded, enjoyed sitting around the lodge playing cards and having a big dinner together in the lodge on the Saturday night. We also revived the Annual Parents Dinner after a few years off for Covid. All the parents enjoyed the evening, and the Venturers learnt a lot about how to organise, decorate and feed their parents.

Term 4 – This is always a bit of a quieter term with exams underway for our older Venturers. We did still attend Vic Gathering (VG) and the Group Camp. There was a good turn out for VG where the Venturer got to on the flying fox, obstacle course and of course the rave party! With VG the week before, the wasn't a large turn out of Venturer's for the Group Camp. The Venturers toured around Walhalla on the Saturday morning and enjoyed a swim in the afternoon as well as helping support the younger sections.

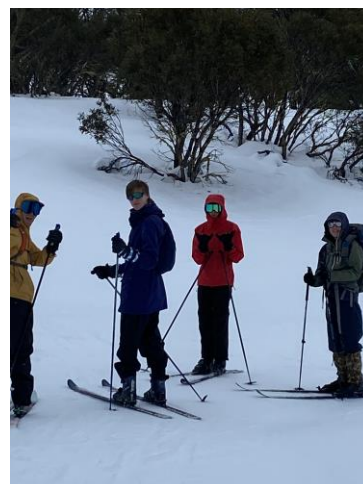
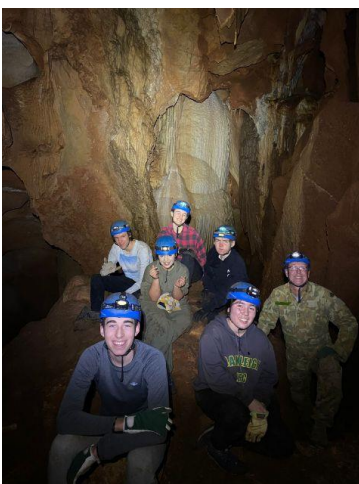
Term 1 – The beach night at the start of the year is always a highlight with a bbq dinner and jumping off the pier. A few of us went to Anything Goes at the start of February, catching the train down to Warrigal and participating in both some of the offsite activities (scuba diving and Gumbya World) as well as the onsite activities. We helped out the Joeys on a sleepover, taking them for a bike ride and watching a movie. The end of the term saw a patrol undertake a very wet Hoadley Hide. The patrol did really well under the conditions and learnt a lot about resilience and how to stay dry!

Term 2 – Caving was the highlight of the term with a weekend spent up a Buchan crawling around in dark holes. Three caves were ventured into over the weekend, one by abseil! Sean and Emma did a day of rock climbing at the You Yangs. Always a highlight is going to the Springvale Shooting Range. We won the photo scavenger hunt with the scouts, including the trivia section! During the July holidays Sean and Emma took part in the Ski Venture up at Bogong Rover Chalet. This was a lot of fun on the sunny days and taught resilience when skiing out in a blizzard.

Other highlights of the year have included: investitures (of Tyler, Emma, Harry, Billy, Henry, Kaylie, Jonathon and Maya), indoor rock climbing, ice blocking and Bunnings BBQ fundraisers.

Yours in Scouting,

Graeme Chard, Tania Maisey & Adrian (Hawksy) Hawkes



Rover Crew Report

Tarlow Rover Unit is now officially back up and running. We'd like to thank everyone who was involved in helping us to get back up and on our feet.

Tarlow Rover Unit have been getting out and about in the last few months doing different activities such as Karaoke, Bowling and even attending the monthly Region Meetings where we met other Rover Units and gained more knowledge and understanding on how the Rover Region works. We also have done some fundraising; the Bunnings BBQ was a successful day and have many plans for other fundraisers in the future.

We have lots planned for the unit in the next few months such as a joint night with another Rover Unit, a penny hike, and a movie night, just to name a few of the various things in which we are getting up to. We are also hoping to have a joint night with our venturers in the future.

Again, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us get back up and running, we greatly appreciate it. And cannot wait to share more of our progress and get involved in organising some joint nights with other sections in the future.

Thank you

