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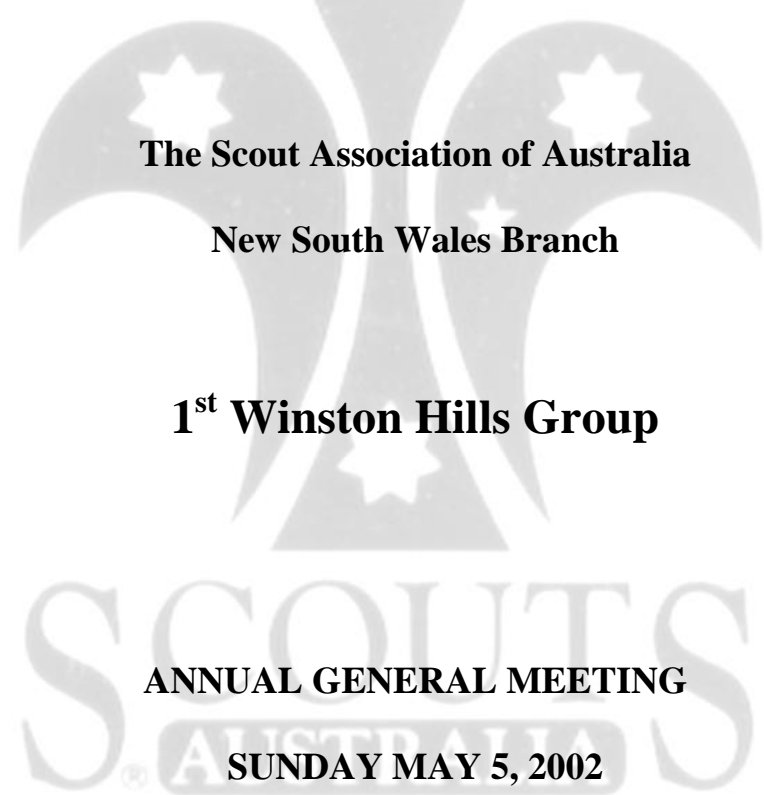
**The Scout Association of Australia**

**New South Wales Branch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Group**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY MAY 5, 2002**



## AGENDA FOR 2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is the thirty-second Annual General Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Scout Group Founded June 1970.

1. SCOUT'S PRAYER
  2. WELCOME
  3. APOLOGIES
  4. DUTIES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
  5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Peter Hanzlicek
  6. TREASURER'S REPORT John Hardiman
  7. GROUP LEADER'S REPORT
  8. JOEY'S REPORT
  9. CUBS REPORT Tony Mercieca
  10. SCOUTS REPORT Ian Shield
  11. RE-ELECTION / ELECTION OF GROUP COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
  12. VOTE OF THANKS Richard Spernick
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## ELECTION OF GROUP EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 2002

NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

<u>President</u>	Richard Sperinck	New
<u>Treasurer</u>	John Hardiman	continuing
<u>Secretary</u> (acting)	Genna Sperinck	New
<u>Trustee x 2</u>	Warwick O'Keeffe (Vacancy)	New
<u>Cash-a-Can &amp; Hall Cleaning</u>	Genna Sperinck	New
<u>Hall Booking</u>	Vicki Welton	continuing
<u>Transport Coordinators</u>	As needed (mainly for the Scouts)	
<u>Job Week Coordinator</u>	Vacant	
<u>Newsletter/Communications</u>	Vacant	
<u>Clothing Pool</u>	Vacant	

## LEADERS

LEADER-IN-CHARGE	Tony Mercieca
SCOUTS	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt
CUBS	Tony Mercieca David O'Shannessey
JOEYS	Mark Hurst Rhonda Glacken (in training)

## LEADER VACANCIES

Venturer  
Scouts  
Cubs  
Joeys

myself and Maggie to witness this alone, but the icing on the cake was taking out the carnival and winning the trophy (the other magnificent one at the back of the hall).



### ***Other Milestones***

We had some great nights out as well. The Edge with the Baulkham Hills Rovers and thankyou to Cobar for organising that one. We also had our first (hopefully not our last) zone wide game over at North Rocks. Again a Winston Hills Patrol took out the first inaugural widegame trophy.

The Year ended up with a super Disco, organised by Maggie and the Scouts and although it was very hot, the rap dancing and skip-a-thon made for a fun occasion that I am also sorry that I missed.

I would like to thank Bernadette Hanzlicek for her efforts as challenge badge adviser and also acknowledge Warwick O'Keefe for taking on this role for the future.

In finishing up, I would like to thank my wife Natalie for all her support and encouragement, Maggie for her tremendous support and assistance over the year gone, and Geeves (David Berger) for his welcomed assistance and we wish him well in his pursuit of Rovering. Thanks also to the ever-present parent team that helps out on meeting nights, camps and outings. I would also like to thank a friend and mentor in Tony Mercieca (aka: AKELA) for his help during my absence in 4<sup>th</sup> term as well as his continued support in making the Cub / Scout linking so successful.

Without all these people, the Troop would not function as it does. We again can be proud to have an active and enthusiastic Troop that the other Zone Troops look up to. This is, in my opinion, due to the fact that Maggie and myself do not run Winston Hills Troop, but more importantly, the Troop Council runs it and we just guide it along the way. Bravo to all, including the PLs.

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### **A SCOUT'S PRAYER**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
By whose grace thy servants are enabled to fight  
The good fight of faith and ever prove victorious;

We humbly beseech thee so to inspire us  
That we may yield our hearts to thine obedience

And exercise our wills on thy behalf.

Help us to think wisely,

To speak rightly,

To resolve bravely,

To act kindly,

To live purely.

Bless us in body and soul

And make us a blessing to our comrades.

Whether at home or abroad

May we ever seek the extension of thy kingdom.

Let the assurance of thy presence

Save us from sinning,

Strengthen us in life and comfort us in death.

O Lord our God, accept this prayer

AMEN

## OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2001

President Peter Hanzlicek  
Vice President Peter McFarlane  
Treasurer John Hardiman  
Secretary Natalie Shields 2 months  
 Deb Daly

Group Leader Jacy Harding

Trustees Donovan Gibbs  
 Richard Sperinck

Transport Coordinators As needed (mainly for the Scouts)  
Job Week Coordinator Rose Fernance  
Newsletter/Communications Penny & David Baker  
Clothing Pool Marilyn Langler  
Cash-a-Can Anne Papasavvas  
Hall Booking Vicki Welton

## LEADERS

GROUP LEADER Jacy Harding  
 SCOUTS Ian Shield  
 Lyn Barratt  
 David Berger  
 CUBS Tony Mercieca  
 Marilyn Langler  
 David O'Shannessey  
 Sam Hanna  
 JOEYS Jacy Harding  
 Marty Nelson  
 Mark Hurst

## Branch Rally

2 Patrols attended this year and to their surprise, a mixed Hawk / Scorpion Patrol, under Catherine's Leadership, took out 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in GWSR and the participants are now sporting their epaulettes to show it. Panther Patrol also had a great time.

## Group Camp - Nowra

The Scouts, mixing well with the other sections in attendance enjoyed a great weekend, and venue. Unfortunately I was overseas for work and unable to attend. For this reason a special thankyou has to go out to Maggie as well as the assistance of the parents, Warwick, Dennis and Richard for their support on this camp.

## Goodman's Ford

A great campsite on the river, even if the road in is a bit rough. A real summer 'BLUDGE' camp was had and thanks to some seasoned and not so seasoned 4 wheel drivers, we were able to do a bit of off roading as well. One of the weekend highlights for me was the lilo race along the river, with 23 Scouts / Venturers and 4 lilos (one with a severe leak).



## Swimming Carnival

Again a great night at the pool, with a full 4 Patrol plus attendance. As with tradition, the Winston Hills cheer squad (complete with war paint) was in fine form, cheering on all Winston Hills swimmers and even some other friends. It would have been enough for



trophy at the back of the hall) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Bravo Scouts. In addition to this, Hawk Patrol achieved the impossible with a 100% score in kitchen hygiene, which I might add has not ever been done before. For this they received a new inaugural trophy, proudly displayed in their Patrol corner.



### ***Jamborette***

This year saw the bonding of the zone due to the Jamboree friendships formed at Cataract in Troop 110. It was enjoyed by 3 full Patrols and saw Kirk and Michael settle into the Scout Troop as fully-fledged Scouts after their link.



The "I beat Paddy Patrol"

### ***JOTI***

Another great JOTI was experienced with 10 PCs this year hooked up all weekend. The number of countries contacted and the number of chats was in the hundreds. Again on Saturday night the Pizza went cold as too many were involved in communication to go and take a piece. Thanks must go out to Warwick O'Keefe for his expertise and assistance this year.

## **Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Group - Annual General Meeting** **Sunday April 1, 2001**

### **ATTENDEES: - held in the Visitor's Book**

Daniel Harding (Group Leader) welcomed guests. He opened the meeting with the Scout Prayer. He said scouting is about participation, and he was happy to see families attend the AGM/Registration Day. We are taking a new tack, doing Registration and AGM on the same day. He passed over to Peter Hanzlicek.

Peter Hanzlicek (President) led the meeting.

**Apologies by:** Donovan and Dianne Gibbs, Tim Pentagaast.

Peter read minutes of AGM March 2000

**Minutes Accepted by:** Andy Walker

Peter talked about improving communication with parents, and said it was good to see families at the AGM/Registration Day.

### **Reports:**

1. Peter gave his President's report as per attached booklet.
2. Richard Sperinck gave the Treasurer's Report as per attached booklet.
3. Daniel Harding gave the Group Leader's report as per attached booklet.
4. Jacy Harding gave the Joey Leader's report as per attached booklet.
5. Tony Mercieca gave the Cub Leader's report as per attached booklet.
6. Ian Shield gave the Scout Leader's report as per attached booklet.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The Committee elected for 2001 is provided on the previous page.

**Meeting Closed:** 4.15 pm

## GROUP PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To our distinguished guests, Troop members, committee members, leaders, parents and children, hello and welcome to the Annual General Meeting for 2002.

This is the last time as President that I will be here to address you and have the chance to look back over the last year's activities that the group has done for its youth members. I must thank the commitment of our leaders, our unwavering commitment of the committee members, and the conduct of our kids and you the parents.

As you will see during the course of the AGM, a number of your committee members and leaders are stepping aside or looking to take on other roles in the management of your group.

The old motto "Many Hands Make Light Work" does apply. Our real need continues to be for more parents to get directly involved in the operation and support of the Group. We can never have more than enough. So if you are interested, then please contact one of the uniform leaders or committee members. You won't be committed just by talking to us but any help would truly be greatly appreciated.

In thinking about this I would like you all to think of why we are part of the Scouting community. **We are here for our kids** and what we see Scouting can give them now and their future. We are not here for ourselves, or for the community, nor the environment. These are a consequence, benefiting from our involvement. Please remember that and don't let other side issues be the reason why we are here and the basis for some of our decisions. Keep the issues and the commitment to the Group within this context.

With the kids being our reason, then we will continue to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of youth members so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as a member of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting was born of an idea, the idea of a man who was a national hero of his time. The fact that nearly 100 years later Scouting continues to grow is

## SCOUT TROOP REPORT

Well once again it's time to recap the year and try to put into words what we have done as a Troop. It was an extremely busy, post Jamboree year, however I am sure that the Scouts had a great one, as I know the leaders did.

As I predicted last year, we have had 4 Scouts actively chasing their Green Cords. I am pleased to report that, at the time of writing this report, the 1<sup>st</sup> of these Scouts, Bligh Gibbs has achieved this honour with another Scout's application being currently processed by the Regional Leaders.

I thought I'd list the camps that we attended in the year just gone:

- *Competition Camp*
- *Regional Jamboree*
- *Branch Rally – Scorpions / Hawks and Panther*
- *JOTI at the hall*
- *Group Camp at Nowra*
- *Goodman's Ford (Wollondilly) River Camp*
- *Swimming Carnival*
- *Bligh's Green Cord Canoe Journey*
- *Evan's Green Cord Hike*

They are always well attended, as they should be, and I re-emphasise that Scouting is camping.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

### ***Competition Camp***

The Camp this year was between of the Zones Patrols and what an effort the Winston Hills patrols put forth. Hawk Patrol picked up 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and Panther Patrol took out the coveted Campfire Award (The magnificent



## ***THE CUB YEAR IN BRIEF***

Cubs have had a good year with a good attendance throughout the year. There have been a number of highlights my favourite was the Police Academy boomerang camp. Coming third at the swimming carnival was a nice surprise the most important thing was the fun and the team spirit that was seen on the night.

Our Year had some surprises especially on our red faces night. Father's Day dress up night was fun and so was the camp fire singalong. A number of cubs visited the Jamborette which was a fun filled day.

We had good attendance for the two Yellow cord camps over the year with Ben Scott, Kristian Hardiman, Michael Sperink, Dylan Baker, all being successful in obtaining their yellow cords with a possible two more waiting to be completed.

We look forward to a fun year ahead

## ***THANK YOU***

We have had Marilyn Langler and Sam Hanna leave us due to other commitments and I would like to thank them both for their commitment and help over their time with us. We miss you.

I would especially like to thank the other leaders for their support during the year , Lorna and David.

I would like to thank Jacy for filling in when we were short and also Jenny, John, Debbie, Jeff and Ian (Hodson) for helping out through the year. I would also like to thank Genna and Richard Sperink for their help during the year.

My last thank you is to the Scout Troop for providing P.L.'s, equipment, and support for our yellow cord camps.

I look forward to a fun year ahead.

Yours in Scouting Tony Mercieca Akela

testament that his was one of the great ideas in history. Today over 250 million people in the world are Scouts or former Scouts. So when deciding should I help or not, remember why we are here (**our kids**). Our youth members are our next generation business leaders, politicians (yet to say we fostered one), innovators (maybe millionaires), and responsible and caring parents. If we can mould their skills and capabilities then I think that we, as 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Scout Group, have done our jobs and we can be proud of our achievements.

This year, 2003, will be another challenging one balancing our funds against what the kids need in the way of development, skills, equipment and facilities. For the third year in a row, the Group starts the year with a positive and healthy bank balance.

We continue to be strong in youth numbers, as other Troops close to us and across Australia and the Scouting movement worldwide seem to be dropping. This shows we must be doing some things right. Our immediate need is for leaders and continued focus on our kids. I cannot heap too much praise for our uniformed leaders, assistants and helpers, as they are the ones who directly interact with and mould our kids.

The following speakers will focus on some the highlights that have been achieved during the past year so I won't take away their thunder. As with any good side must come the down sides, but we, as individuals, the committee and as a Troop continue to learn from these. What has made things that much more difficult was the terrible events of Sept 11. Its impact was worldwide and our hearts went out to all those affected.

With this being my final year in this position and with the Group, I would like to offer a special thanks to you for the friendship and dedication shown to my kids who have been members of the Group, my wife and myself. Just because we leave this community, we will always monitor what's going on with the Group and we will retain our contact with you.

In closing, my family & I would like to wish the Group all the best for its future and look forward to being invited to future activities. Thank you, good luck and God bless.

Yours in Scouting, Peter Hanzlicek

## HONARY TREASURER REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001

Financially the 1st Winston Hills Scout Group had quite a good year ending the 31st December 2001, with a bank balance of \$8,845.57 , despite having *a small operating LOSS of \$431.99 with Expenditure for the year at \$19,403.99 and Income at \$18,972.00 .*

A large part of that expenditure for 2001 came from the returning (reimbursement) of fundraising money for the 2001 Jamboree raised by scouting families in 2000 of \$3,434.63 .

An important financial contributor to the Group's funds in 2001 came from fundraising, which brought in \$5,897.65.

Many thanks must go to all the members of the fundraising committee last year, in particular, Natalie Shield, Jenny Scott, Deborah Daly, Rose Fernance, Penny Baker , Genna Sperinck and to all those parents and friends who supported our various fundraising efforts.

Some major fundraiser's for 2001 were Cash a Can - profit of \$860, Community Chest raffle tickets - profit of \$1,030.40, Bulb Fundraiser - \$623, Job Week - \$554.50.

Therefore without the efforts and proceeds from fundraising each year our scouting families wouldn't be able to enjoy all the activities etc as they currently do.

Please continue to support all our fundraiser's for 2002.

JOHN HARDIMAN  
TREASURER

## CUB SCOUTS REPORT

Another year has passed and I find it hard to believe I am writing another annual report. An opportunity for reflection, to look back and forwards.

What a year it has been with the world in disarray from the devastating attacks in Sept and then the retaliation. I asked myself why does there have to be this difference amongst peoples? Why is there so much hatred?

I have met Scouting members from different countries and by getting together we better learn about each other to share our experiences and hospitality when we can.

I take this opportunity to say that Scouting being a world wide organisation enables us and our children to make the world a better place. Peace starts by wanting to share what we have with others and being compassionate to others. We start by being this amongst ourselves first. If we cannot be at peace with our own country persons how can we be at peace with others.

I look at the diversity in our Scouting children and the friends they have from many nationalities, they all get on well. You will also see this in young children at school. When and why do they change? Children copy and repeat what adults say and do. They mirror us so we have the responsibility to take care of what we say and do so we do not adversely influence them.

I have seen this group grow then shrink then grow again. A cycle that can occur in any group but we have managed to keep good numbers for a good 6 plus years now. Maintaining group numbers has been possible due to keen dedicated leaders and parents who have a common goal and that is to have our children growing in the best environment possible learning life skills, friendship, fun and leadership.

Scouting is about investing in our children's future. An investment that involves putting your time and energy into the needs of our children. I have invested some 10 years and others even more to see our children achieve. Their achievement is the reward. We need others to follow in our footsteps for this to continue.

Scouting is a family commitment and you need to ask yourself what can I do to be part of this investment? If you don't it will shrink and fold.

This is a challenging time ahead. I would ask all parents out there to think about the following:

Too often we as adults sit back and criticise what is happening to our youth, their lack of direction, moral attitudes, work ethic and much more. Scouting provides a way for our youth to develop whilst having fun. At the end of their time in scouts, our youth show a greater degree of leadership, maturity social responsibility, skills and many more attributes.

You as adults are being given the opportunity to be part of the solution. Instead of lamenting the lack of virtues, get in and make a difference, even if just in a small way. I can personally attest that there is nothing more rewarding than being a leader of youth and being able to watch and nurture the development of our youth.

In closing, I hope that 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills can get over this hurdle and that Joeys can remain part of Winston Hills scouting family.

I would like to thank the parents and leaders that have helped us through the last three years of Joeys. I hope there will be many more years of Winston Hills joeys to come.

Yours in scouting, Jacy Harding

## **GROUP LEADER'S REPORT**

The last twelve months for the group have been a time of hectic activity within the sections and also a time of change for the leaders.

Earlier in the year Daniel Harding left us as Group Leader to take up a role at Regional Level as the Regional commissioner – Operations, Parramatta zone. Daniel felt that by taking on this role, the direction of the Parramatta zone could be strengthened.

Two of our cub leaders have had to leave us due to other commitments, those being Marilyn Langler and Sam Hanna. On behalf of the group I would like to thank them both for the hard work they put into their roles. Both of them will be sorely missed.

Marty Nelson, assistant Joey leader has also been unable to return to his role and has advised us that he will be moving so is unable to return. Again, I would like to thank him for all his help and enthusiasm.

Also David Berger, our trainee assistant scout leader left at the end of the year to pursue a path within Rovers, thank you to David, and I'm sure he will enjoy his time at Rovers and we hope to see him again take up a leadership role in the future.

We have two new leaders who have commenced their training this year. First being Lorna Hardiman who has commenced training as a cub leader and also Rhonda Glacken who is training to be a joey leader. I would like to thank them both for their decision and know that they will enjoy their time at Winston Hills and hopefully make lots of new friends during their training.

At present we have (invested) 11 joeys, 23 cubs and 22 scouts. We also have a number of potential members at the moment in each section.

This year will see the progression of the first Winston Hills joeys up to Venturer level and also the progression of the 1998 joeys (2<sup>nd</sup> time around after a recess) to Scouts. This will be a challenge for the scout section as we are seeing the movement of the older scouts up and the influx of 11 year olds (10 this year!)

At this point I would like to notify everyone officially that I have resigned as a leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills, effective 22/4/02. Scouting has had to make many changes over the last few years and especially this year as a result of insurance changes. This has made the role of group leader extremely difficult. The group leader is the person charged with implementing rule changes and ensuring that current rules are followed. These rules may at times appear extreme or to the detriment of scouting however I would like to assure all parents and youth that they were created after a great deal of discussion not only for the protection of our youth but also for the protection of our dedicated leaders.

There has been a degree of conflict within the administration of the group regarding these issues, hence I feel that I have no choice but to step down. The group now needs to take stock of how they are going to work within the scout association guidelines.

I would like to thank the leaders who have helped me in my time at Winston Hills, both as a Joey leader and then as group leader. I have enjoyed the friendships that have ensued. Also to the parents that have supported me, thank you for your help and friendship. Also to the kids themselves, thank you for letting me share in your experiences as joeys, cubs and scouts.

On that note, I would just like to wish the group well for the coming years. Winston Hills will always remain fondly in my mind, no matter that I continue my scouting life elsewhere.

Yours in scouting, Jacy Harding  
Group Leader - 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Scout Group

## JOEY SCOUTS REPORT

We have had a full year in Joeys again this year. Our numbers have increased, then decreased due to links then back up again to where they are now with 11 joeys on the books.

Our new trainee leader Rhonda Glacken has commenced with us, scouting name of Rosella.

Unfortunately Marty Nelson (Dingo) has not been able to return to us due to work commitments and the fact that his family is moving to Kellyville. I would like to thank Marty for all his help during his time at Winston Hills and wish him well for the future.

During the year we had a fairly wide programming field, covering such topics as nature and the environment during March and also Care and Share month in November.

We once again attended the regional Joey fun day, this time at Bundilla. A good time was had by all of the kids, parents relaxing in the sun whilst the kids went from base to base. The theme this year was a giant birthday party, being the official 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of Joeys. Bases included face painting, hat making, sponge throwing and many others. They also got to have a huge birthday cake!

In December we went back to the Willows retirement village to present the handmade gifts and also to entertain them with a mini concert. Many thanks to the cubs and scouts (and other leaders and parents) that also attended. A good time was had by all. At the end of our concert one of the residents asked if I could ask how many of the residents had been involved in scouts or guides. When I asked, half the room put up their hands. This was wonderful and stimulated a lot of conversation amongst the residents. The lady had always wanted to know but was too shy to ask. As we left there was a lot of reminiscing going on! The retirement village was very happy with the night and has said that they would love us to make it a yearly event.

Unfortunately though, we find ourselves in the position that we only one trainee leader to continue running Joeys. Discussions will have to take place as to how we are going to continue.