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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Celebrating 100 years of Scouting (1907 - 2007)

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Office Bearers for 2006-7

LEADERS

Group Leader	John Hardiman
Venturers	Kym Partridge Penny Pearce Julie McEwan (Associate)
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton Lindsay McEwan
Cubs	Lorna Hardiman Scott Leacy Greg Boxall (Associate) Grant Sollom (Associate)
Joeys	Helen Sara Bligh Gibbs Jodie Richards

COMMITTEE

President	Richard Sperinck
Vice President	Chris McClure
Treasurer	Vicki Welton
Secretary	Genna Sperinck
Trustees	Warwick O'Keefe Ian Hodson
Job Week Coordinator	Chris McClure
Fund Raising Coordinator	Rhonda Glacken
Hall Booking	Jenny Scott
Public Relations	Des Saunders

Agenda for 2007 Annual General Meeting

This is the thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the 1st Winston Hills Scout Group, founded June 1970.

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 2. WELCOME John Hardiman
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 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Richard Sperinck
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 8. GROUP LEADER'S REPORT John Hardiman
 9. JOEY REPORT
 10. CUB REPORT
 11. SCOUT REPORT
 12. VENTURER REPORT
 13. SPECIAL PRESENTATION John Hardiman
 14. RE-ELECTION / ELECTION OF GROUP COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
 15. VOTE OF THANKS Richard Sperinck
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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

Minutes of 1st Winston Hills Group - AGM 2006

Date: Sunday, 27th May 2006

Attendees: - as per the Visitor's Book

At 2.45pm John Hardiman (Group Leader) declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone especially our guests Val & Andy Walker.

Apologies were received from:

Julie Owen (MP)	Peter Hanzlicek (ex-President, Winston Hills Scouts)
Genna Sperinck	Lindsay and Julie McEwan
Bligh Gibbs (Ast. Joey Leader)	Lyn Bartlett ("Maggie", Scout Leader)
Jodie Richards (Ast. Joey Leader)	Scott Leacy (Ast. Cub Leader)

John then led the Scout prayer.

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted by Andy Walker and seconded by Vicki Welton.

Group Presidents Report was presented by Richard Sperinck

Treasurer's Report was presented by Vicki Welton

Group Leader's Report was presented by John Hardiman

Joey Leader's Report was presented by Helen Sara

Cub Leader's Report was presented by Lorna Hardiman

"Grey Wolf" Honour Board, Richard Sperinck then unveiled our latest honour board for recipients of the new highest award in Cubs – the "Grey Wolf"

Scout Leader's Report was presented by Ian Shield

Venturer Scout Report was presented by Kym Partridge

New Office Bearers – Andy Walker then gave a brief history of awards and emblems in Scouting, for example the "red knot" which is seeing a revival in the Long Service pins that have recently been presented to some of our Leaders and Committee members..

He then declared that nominations had been received for the following positions:

Group Committee

President	Richard Sperinck (cheque signatory)
Vice President	Chris McClure
Treasurer	Vicki Welton (cheque signatory)
Secretary	Genna Sperinck

Trustees	Warrick O'Keefe & Ian Hudson
Job Week Coordinator	Chris McClure
Hall bookings	Jenny Scott
Public Relations	Des Saunders
Recruitment Officer	Jenny Scott

There being no other nominations, the above positions were declared filled.

The uniform leaders were confirmed as:

Leaders

Group Leader John Hardiman (cheque signatory)

Venturers Kym Partridge
Penny Pearce

Scouts Ian Shield
Lyn Barratt
Denis Welton
Lindsay McEwan

Cubs Lorna Hardiman
Scott Leacy
Julie McEwan (Associate)
Grant Sollom (Associate)
Greg Boxall (Associate)

Joeys Helen Sara
Bligh Gibbs
Jodie Richards (In Training)

Richard Sperinck then proposed a vote of thanks to

- *Val & Andy Walker for attending the meeting*
- *The parents and youth for also joining us this afternoon.*

The meeting was closed at 3.50pm



Group President's Report

To our distinguished guests, youth members, leaders, committee members, parents and children, hello and welcome to our Annual General Meeting for 2007.

No doubt the biggest event this year was the Australian Jamboree in Elmore. A lot of time, energy and planning went into this very special event in a Scout's career, not only on a National, Branch or District level but also at the grass roots level in all the various groups such as our own. On behalf of the Group I would like to give a big thank you to the Leaders who prepared our Scouts, and all the equipment, necessary for 12 days away. This year's Jamboree has been hailed as the best yet; it was certainly the flattest, driest, windiest and dustiest! But the main thing is the kids had a ball, the events and activities this year were eclectic.

However August this year is yet to see something even more special – the celebration of 100 years of Scouting.

A lot of energy in the group was obviously directed towards the Jamboree however during the year we found time to socialize with a Crazy Whist night which was great fun for all age groups. Thanks Ian for the idea and for running the night.

We also had our Family Camp at "Attunga" where the hospitality, food and facilities were excellent, as usual. After dinner on the Saturday we reflected on the goals we had set ourselves last time (almost three years ago) – most have been achieved! We then canvassed some new ideas and objectives which will be published in the coming weeks.

The Bunning's BBQs have been a great fund raiser so much so that just two or three BBQs per year can really make a difference in boosting the group's finances. Thank you to Penny & David Baker for their coordinating skills and also to all the parents that have assisted on these events, remember the more helpers we have the shorter your shift.

Our Annual Garage Sale was also a success, thanks Natalie for bringing this together with all your helpers. This a good example of the Group (both Committee & Leaders) all pulling together with many helpers giving their time over a couple days of preparation as well as the sale itself.

The major maintenance event this year has obviously been the kitchen renovation which was only possible by:

1. A generous grant from The Parramatta Leagues Club and Northmead Bowling Club via the CDSE (Community Development Support Expenditure) scheme, and
2. The hard work and dedication of Tom Astermann and Greg Boxall who put in many, many hours work. On occasions they were assisted by "apprentices" Scott Leacey and myself, with the electrical work being ably performed by Paul.

Thanks guys, we now have a kitchen to be really proud of!

We were very pleased with the front doors which were replaced by Wormald, the year before last that this year we have decided to engage them again to replace the side doors. These will be similar to the front doors but with emergency panic bars for extra safety.

Other planned projects this coming year include:

- Possible renovation of the bathrooms; (we are in the process of obtaining quotes and submitting grant applications).
- Installation of emergency “Exit” signs and lighting. We have all the equipment, we just need to get it all installed!
- Replacement of the ‘memorabilia’ that was removed some time ago to make way for the new notice boards.

I was browsing through some previous AGM reports recently and was pleased to note that the committee has been fairly stable over the last 4 to 5 years. This could be seen as a good thing – dedicated parents giving their time each year, however we could do with some fresh ideas. Sadly this year we see Rhonda Glacken stand down as Fund Raising/Social Coordinator. Thanks Rhonda for your tireless energy in organising the many events over the years, every one a resounding success.

Warwick also leaves us after several years as one of our trustees, together with Ian you two have been a fun duo in looking after the equipment, thanks guys (the Committee meetings just won’t be the same!)

Vicki also has performed marvelously in keeping our finances in check (no pun intended!) thanks Vicki.

Thanks also to David & Penny Baker for their informative and fun Newsletters (contributions are always welcome, just see Penny, David or myself), thanks guys.

Chris has been one of our ‘quiet achievers’ as Vice President he has been looking after some of the rosters e.g. Cash-a-Can, as well as “Job Week” and generally helping out as required, thanks Chris.

Jenny Scott has done a great job in managing the Hall Bookings. I acknowledge that we have tested her patience occasionally when we had some delays in renovating the kitchen; luckily our friends The Guides were able to bail us out! Thanks Jenny.

Thanks also to our uniformed Leaders, as we all know it is not jut two hours a week! We really appreciate the effort and dedication that you all put in to help our children – tomorrows leaders and citizens, thank you.

Lastly I would like to thank my wife Genna for her support, her secretarial skills, and being there when I needed some prompting and inspiration, **thank you.**

Yours in Scouting

Richard Sperinck

Group President

Treasurer's Report

2006 was a big year. With a large active group and more than 30 members going to Jamboree there was always something happening financially. In excess of \$80,000 passed through the books. Full, audited accounts are available for your perusal.

We have ended the year with a balance of \$ 17,460.00. Of this \$3,000 represents fees in advance, \$1,500 family camp deposits and \$2,000 is for the final payments for the kitchen renovation.

Hall Hire totaling \$2,560.00, though less than last year, is still a major contribution to funds.

Grants and donations from local clubs were in excess of \$4,500 this year and put to good use on hall improvements. Thanks to Richard for putting together the applications that were needed and thanks to the following:

Lions Club of Winston Hills	\$ 500
Hills District Bowling Club	\$ 200
Seven Hills – Toongabbie RSL Club	\$1,000
Northmead Bowling Recreation & Sporting Club	\$ 250
CDSE Grant* (<i>Specifically for the kitchen</i>)	\$2,845

* CDSE Grant was provided by

- The Parramatta Leagues Club (\$2,000)
- The Northmead Bowling Recreation & Sporting Club (\$845)

The Lions Club of Winston Hills also supports us and we support them with Cash-a-Can resulting in \$840 being raised for Jamboree funds.

There were some big value items this year, including

New front doors	\$3,400
Tents	\$4,500

This year we have allowed payment for high value items to be made direct to the Group bank account. This is working well.

If elected to the position, I plan to make 2007 my last as Treasurer. The Group will need someone to volunteer for the position from January 2008, please talk with me if you are interested.

Yours in Scouting

Vicki Welton

Treasurer

Group Leader's Report

This has been a good year for Winston Hills Scout Group as we have all four sections registered with healthy numbers of youth in each section.

We also have many more leaders than ever before, with double the number of leaders than three years ago. And the future looks positive with new parents like Grant, Greg and Jodi becoming leaders and Robert will complete his training later this year.

This year has seen a continual increase in the number of youth members joining our group and this will continue to increase when our Venturer Unit and Joey Mob attract new members over the year.

We also say farewell and thank you to two fine leaders, Penny as our Venturer Leader and Mark who has been an Associate Leader with the group for the past five years.

Your contribution to the youth at Winston Hills is very much appreciated and we are all very grateful for the time you have given to us.

You both deserve a big BRAVOOO !

In August last year, Winston Hills had its first ever Patrol win the Scout Branch Rally event with Albatross patrol coming first in the state and the first time ever that a patrol from Greater Western Sydney Region has won this event.

Congratulations also go to Danny Hardiman on being the best Patrol Leader in the State. Danny has also gone on to achieve the Australian Scout Medallion earning the highest award within scouts and a big Bravo ! go to Danny and the Scout leaders for a great effort.

Another achievement for the group was the huge number of scouts who went to the Australian Jamboree in Victoria in January this year. They all had a great time and we must give much thanks to our Scout leaders for looking after them so well.

In March this year we had another successful family camp and this gave us an opportunity to reflect back on what the group has achieved in the past two years and to examine any possible new directions and improvements that the group will need to look at in producing our next 3 year group development plan. A draft plan will be put to parents and leaders, etc. later this year.

I said last year that Winston Hills Scout Group now has a very promising future and we want everyone to participate in this growth and to celebrate in what our youth achieve and from reading the reports in this booklet and from talking to many parents, relatives and friends and other people in scouting, we can say yes, we have done a great job!

Now, all of the activities and experiences you will hear about today are down to our volunteer leaders and parents.

Many thanks to our Leaders Helen , Bligh and Jodi in Joeys; Lorna, Scott, Greg and Grant in Cubs; Ian, Lyn, Dennis and Lindsay in Scouts; Kym , Penny and Julie in Venturers who have done a marvellous job.

They all deserve a big B R A VOOO !!

I wish to thank all of them for volunteering their time to put forward a great year's program for the children and youth.

I would like to thank, Richard our Group President for all the many hours and endless commitments he has made this year to support our leaders and to effectively manage the Group Committee. We could not have achieved much of what has happened this year without him.

Genna, our Group Secretary has done an excellent Job this year and Vicki our Treasurer has kept an accurate record of the Group's finances and her budget planning for next year and beyond, will help to keep our Group financially healthy as our group continues to grow. The financial transactions and movements in the group are now double what they were 3 years ago and Vicki has done a great job and has kept an excellent hand on the Jamboree fundraising this year.

Thanks must go to the Committee, Rhonda, has done a great job with fundraising and social events over the year and to Warwick as our trustee , and we are very sad that Rhonda and Warwick have both decided to leave their positions on the Committee and the group would like to give both of the a big bravoo ! for all the time and hard work they have given to the job and to our scout group.

Many thanks also to Ian, our other Trustee and to Jenny for looking after so patiently Hall Hire and to Penny and David for the newsletters and those well organised and highly profitable BBQ'S at Bunnings and to Natalie for organising another successful garage sale and to Chris, your support and time that you give up is very much appreciated.

Also, any parents, grand parents, friends, brothers and sisters who have helped in any way this year, I also give a big thankyou.

Finally as Group Leader, I have taken much pleasure in seeing how so many of our youth have enjoyed their scouting experiences at Winston Hills and feel certain that our group has definitely lived up to the Gold Quality Scouting Achievement Award.

If as a parent or a friend you would like to involve yourself more in the group, please come and talk to us, being a leader is very rewarding and you will help to continue into the future, what Baden Powell started 100 years ago.

Yours in Scouting

John Hardiman (Hardy)

Group Leader



Joey Leader's Report

The completion of this year saw us with a Joey Mob of 10, with two Joeys; Sienna Archer and Luke Peemoller to join Cubs early in April. It has been an exciting year with the Joeys sending more of our first Joeys up to Cubs, and celebrating our new Mob's first birthday.

The completion of the "Adventure Challenge Badge" with an adventure program running for 1 month on Monday nights, Joeys went to Egypt, under the sea, and celebrating Father's day with an Indiana Jones father & son night. The challenge was completed with two outings which presented a challenge for both Joeys and Leaders a-like. The first a bike hike through bi-centennial park lands at Homebush. The second a day trip to

Sydney's Taronga Zoo, by train and ferry; the same day the new family of Asian Elephants arrived; which added to the excitement of the day. Whilst at the zoo the Joeys visited many endangered species, both Australian native and Foreign, continuing our ongoing theme on conservation of Australian native animals; in particular the leaders endangered name sakes Potoroo (The Gilbert Potoroo) Quoll (the spotted Quoll) and Wombat (the Northern Hairy Nosed Wombat).



Joeys at the Zoo, in the rain

Putting together Christmas shoeboxes for a boy and a girl of similar ages to the Joeys for operation "Christmas Child".



Joeys with Gayle -Operations Christmas Child, Samaritans Purse

The participation of our Joeys in the Buddy badge scheme in which our Joeys enjoyed a night hosted by 1st North Rocks' Mob, at which we made puppets, showing them off by putting on performances of puppet shows. Followed by our Joeys hosting 1st North Rocks' and participating in an aboriginal coroboree including face painting at our hall.

Touring the World, including Europe, South America, and Japan.

Celebrating Baden Powell's Birthday



Happy Birthday B.P.

Most recently the Joeys have been working on their environmental challenge badges, testing water and looking at ways to reduce energy use in their homes, water saving, and how the weather works.

Sienna Archer is *[most likely to be]* the first Joey in our Mob to achieve her Joey Promise Challenge badge *[subject to final District Approval]*; a challenge which the Joey undertakes themselves, and presents to the mob about the Joey Law, Promise and Baden Powell. Congratulations Sienna!

The coming year has us looking forward to Joey Fun day at Bundilla in May, which this year features an Australian theme. We and the Joeys are looking forward to an exciting Year ahead.

Just a reminder should any Cubs, Scouts, etc. have any siblings aged 6-8 Joeys is a GREAT opportunity to become involved in scouting.

Yours in Scouting

Bligh Gibbs (Wombat)

Assistant Joey Scout Leader

Cub Leader's Report

Well it's been another fun active year in Cubs. Our pack is currently full and attendance has been very good.

This year we utilised our state activity centres; Air activities at Camden airport is a really great day where the Cubs learnt about an airfield and aircraft, made a model airplane and best of all got to fly in a small plane. What a great opportunity and much more affordable than a commercial joy flight. Water activities at Woolwich is again another well run amazing day. The Cubs got to sail, canoe and ride in zodiac up the harbour.

We also used our regional activity team for a day on the water at Chipping Norton Lake; the Cubs spent all day on the water canoeing and swimming and generally having a good time.

We have had other outings including Nepean Observatory where the Cubs earned their space badge. We also went on a local history trek provided by Grant where we learnt a lot about Toongabbie and surrounds.

We had a recent camp at Bundilla with a Spy 007 theme. This was really great fun. 'Joe' was kidnapped and we spent a lot of time working out who had him. All we had was a name - Boris. Despite our best efforts we didn't find Boris but we did save Joe before he was blown up by a briefcase bomb and dynamite. The Cubs slept in tents, they cooked their own dinner on open fires, and learnt quite a bit of Scout Craft and First Aid. It was a great introduction camp for our newer Cubs as it was near to home but had all the elements of a good cub camp.

Our pack holiday camp was at the Megalong Valley Farm in the Blue Mountains. We stayed in a settler's cottage which had bunks and an attached kitchen. The cottage was surrounded by farm animals and bushland which was very nice and gave the cubs extra to see. Megalong Farm is a centre for horse riding so most of the Cubs took the opportunity to go on a trail ride. Greg and the dads cooked for us including steak for dinner. With Greg we certainly don't go hungry!

We have had lots of fun nights including a Melbourne Cup night where we visited North Rocks Cub Pack and won the cup. We've also had other fun theme nights, District campfire at Bundilla and Father's Day where we had an Australiana theme. Mother's Day was great this year with the theme 'Day at the Races' where our mums were very creative at making hats out of oddments. The Cubs loved seeing their mums on the catwalk.

The highest award in Cubs is the Grey Wolf award. We have had a number of Cubs achieve this award, which includes leading a bushwalk and achieving a number of Level 2 badges: Ryan McClure, Ryan Summers, David Leacey, Nicholas Astermann, Siobhan Fraser, Malav Shah, Callum Oldfield, Nathan Webster, Mitchell Laybutt and Damian Abood.

One aspect of the award is to produce a resource based on the Jungle Book. Our Cubs have designed and carried out some great games and activities.

Recently some of our Cubs and Scouts attended the ANZAC Youth Parade at Seven Hills RSL and the Dawn Service at Castle Hill the following Wednesday. It was great to see so many Cubs turn up.

LEADER NEWS

Scott (Bagheera) has earned his wood badge and it is great to have such a dedicated leader. Grant Sollom (Kaa) has completed his training and is a warranted leader which is great for the pack. Greg (Baloo) continues as an Associate Leader and pack cook! Thanks to Kristian (Rikki) for helping as a youth helper.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to those parents that assisted us on our camps by cooking, transporting gear and Cubs, and especially those that slept over.

We would also like to thank the Scout Leaders, Kahn, Maggie, Maluka and Grizzly for ensuring a smooth transition of our Cubs to Scouts.

Thanks also go to our Group Leader Hardy for his help and support especially by ensuring our new chums had a smooth transition into Cubs and welcoming our new parents.

Yours in Scouting

Lorna Hardiman (Akela)

Cub Scout Leader.



Scout Leader's Report

Being a Jamboree year, 2007 started at Elmore in Victoria at the AJ2007 site, where 26 Winston Hills Scouts had the time of their lives. Us leaders had a not too bad time neither.

We were very pleased to see Danny Hardiman be recognized at the Jamboree for his Green Cord and Australian Scout Medallion. BRAVOOO Danny.

There are one or maybe two who have been inspired by Danny's efforts and with some effort could achieve their Green Cords / medallions with some well placed effort in 2007.

The camps that we attended in the year just gone were as follows:

2006

*Regional Jamboree
Royal National Park Hike
NSW State Rally
Competition Camp
Jamboree Shakedown Camp*

2007

*Family Camp – Attunga
Jamboree Re-union Beach Camp – Glenrock
PL / APL Training Camp – Grizzly's*

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

Some of the highlights of the year gone by are detailed in the following small passages.

Blue level hike – Royal National Park

Hikes are great and this one was no exception. It is one of the most picturesque hikes in NSW and we had a number of Scouts using it for their blue level journey. We had good numbers on the hike and split into 4 teams to start the 32km walk at Bundeena camping ground on the Friday night.

An early departure was essentially wasted as all 4 groups got disorientated (lost) trying to find the bush track starting point.





Eventually all got underway on the long 22km 1st day down past Marley beach and Garey.

The first night came on us quickly with about 6kms still to travel in the semi-dark with some 1st aid thrown in to assist in a badly twisted ankle.

Day 2 was easy and all had plenty of energy whilst awaiting the train home.

NSW State Rally - Cataract Scout Park

We sent along 4 Patrols this year and they not only had a great time but they did really well, as can be seen in the following results table.

Patrol	PL Leadership (Max 431)	Overall Points (Max 1767)	G.W.S.R. Position (Out of 27)	State Position (Out of 183)
Albatross	431	1767	1st	1st
Redback	325	1309	11th	70th
Hawk	295	1271	14th	81st
Scorpion	216	984	23rd	139th

You may note that Albatross Patrol actually took out 1st place in the entire NSW State. On top of that Danny Hardiman achieved (by point score) the best PL award at the rally, which has a trophy that has been proudly displayed at the back of the hall all year.



Albatross Patrol – The winners!



Danny Hardiman

JOTI

Another great JOTI was experienced with 22 PCs this year hooked up all weekend.

The statistics still amaze us leaders:

160 Visitors

56 Countries

517 PC Hours

1000's of contacts

It is a great weekend; so don't miss it this year.



Competition Camp

The Camp was unfortunately rained out, so our Scouts are eagerly waiting another one this year to test their newfound Patrol leadership skills. We will have to wait and see how they go.

Jamboree Shakedown Camp

We joined with Ermington and Rydalmere Scouts to try out the Jamboree Troop and the equipment for the Jamboree.

The camp was held at Winston Hill's hall grounds and went surprisingly well. We measured out the exact size of the block of dirt we were going to get at the Jamboree and proceeded to put everything we were going to take in its rightful place, just to check it would fit.



All Scouts got on well together and were all looking forward to the Jamboree itself.

After the weekend, us leaders had to get all that gear (photo above) into palecon containers that were only 2m x 1m, so we practiced to get it right and eventually, with Grizzly's mathematical mind, we did.

Jamboree

What can you say about the absolutely most fantastic opportunity for a child but perhaps – AWESOME!



The Jamboree is too much to do justice to in a report like this, however I will say that you (if your Scout attended) probably noticed a child go away on New Years Day to return 2 weeks later as a young man or young woman.

The Scouts learn so much about leadership, comradeship, organization, living with others that it is impossible to put a value on the learning outcomes.

Some photos of the Jamboree:



Our Gateway, complete with shade cloth for sun and dust protection, and flashing lights to assist Scouts finding their way home at night.

Andrew with one of his friends, found whilst on a half-day activity called Planet Blitz.





Gemma having a wonderfully wet time, attempting to get the camp dust off, without having to have a boring shower.

Ready for a day offsite at Wet & Wild. Again, a really good way to wash the dust off, without showering.



Never disturb a Scout after they start reading "Kevin" the daily Jamboree Newspaper.

Even the leaders managed to enjoy the Jamboree and one another's company.



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Family Camp - Attunga



The bi-annual Family Camp was on again and many families from the group attended; unfortunately not many Scout families. The families that did attend had a great time and were very well fed (and fed some more).



It is a great place, with good activities like archery and abseiling, but the parents liked the food. Some of us managed to keep eating (grazing really) from breakfast until dinner without stopping.

PL / APL Camp

We again decided that the up and coming PLs and APLs needed some leadership practical training. The venue picked was Grizzly's farm, due mainly to the ability to plan navigation exercises and construction material acquisition.

The ten Scouts selected all learnt more than they thought they would and all were keen to keep learning as their skills came up short. We even have a new term in navigation that has been developed. The new term for working with a map and compass to confirm actual position of a person on a hike is "Getting Un-lost".

Summary

Again we saw a transition of well-established Patrol Leaders pass on to Venturers (this appears to be a consistent statement year after year).

I would also like to thank my wife Natalie for all her support and encouragement, Maggie for her tremendous support and assistance over the year gone, Grizzly for his welcomed ideas and skills and Maluka for his growing involvement and heart felt warmth towards the Scouts.

I would like to add a thank you to Vicki Welton, for her part in allowing the Troop to use her property for camps and her assistance on the PL/APL Course again. Thanks also to the ever-present parent team that helps out on meeting nights, camps and outings.

I would also like to thank the Cub Leaders for their help 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 District Troops look up to. This is, in my opinion, due to the magnificent attitude and enthusiasm of the Patrol Leaders and the collective efforts of the leaders. It is thanks to all the above-mentioned people that again we had a great year in the Winston Hills Scout Troop.

Yours in Scouting

Ian Shield (Khan)

Scout Leader

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Venturer Leader's Report

Well here we are at the completion of our first full year as 1st Winston Hills Venturers.

It has been an interesting year with our unit growing from 18 this time last year to approximately 24.

Sadly in March we had to farewell Penny (Turtle) as she leaves to focus on her new found career in Aged Care and family commitments. It will not be the same without her and we wish Turtle and her family all the best for the future and all in the unit will dearly miss her.



Penny, we'll miss you!

On the up side Julie McEwan joined us as an assistant leader and has brought with her a wealth of scouting knowledge and experience. She organized a hike in March this year in the Budawang National Park. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the challenges of the weekend and we are all looking forward to the next hike she is organizing, thanks Julie.

The Venturers have taken the control of the unit and it's programming which has resulted in some interesting learning curves with the organization of the unit and events and some fun and interesting activities.



State Rally 2006

To their credit we have organized and run bases at two scout activities Jamborette and State Rally over the last year. The feed back from region and scout leaders from other groups on the quality of the bases and behavior of our ventures has been exceptional and all the Venturers involved and the group can be proud of the reputation our Venturer unit has within the scouting organization. And a big thank you to Maggie for the banner she painted for state rally.

The unit attended the regional Venturer camp Waratah in November last year and all had a great time. This camp was yet another indication of the dedication the volunteers within the scouting organization have. The week before the camp bushfires closed the original site that was to be used for the camp, a new venue was sourced, the events and activities reorganized and planned again to suit the new venue, everyone notified of the changes and paperwork redone, and everyone had a great time. (Only in scouting)

Our main event for Venturers, Dragon Skin, has been and gone for this year with a large number of our veggies participating. Well done to the team that achieved tenth place for the weekend.

Thanks to all the parents and leaders who have helped and contributed over the past 12 months, we really appreciate it.

Yours in Scouting

Kym Partridge (Bugsy)

Venturer Leader



Office Bearers for 2007-8

LEADERS

Group Leader	John Hardiman
Venturers	Kym Partridge Julie McEwan (Associate)
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton Lindsay McEwan Robert Oldfield (In Training)
Cubs	Lorna Hardiman Scott Leacey Grant Sollom Greg Boxall (Associate)
Joeys	Helen Sara Bligh Gibbs Jodie Richards

COMMITTEE

President	Richard Sperinck (continuing)
Vice President	Chris McClure (continuing)
Treasurer	Vicki Welton (continuing)
Secretary	Genna Sperinck (continuing)
Trustees	Ian Hodson (continuing) vacant
Job Week Coordinator	Chris McClure (continuing)
Fundraising Coordinator	Peter Rose
Hall Booking	Jenny Scott (continuing)
Public Relations	vacant