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**1st Winston Hills Scout
Group**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Office Bearers for 2010-11

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Group Leader	John Hardiman
Venturers	Warwick O'Keefe Julie McEwan (Associate)
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton Lindsay McEwan
Cubs	Scott Leacey Lorna Hardiman Grant Sollom Greg Boxall (Associate)
Joey's	Helen Sara Jodie Richards Greg Boxall (Associate)

COMMITTEE

President	Richard Sperinck
Vice President	Chris McClure
Treasurer	Peter Rose
Secretary	Genna Sperinck
Trustees	Des Saunders Scott Brush
Job Week Coordinator	Chris McClure
Fundraising Coordinator	vacant
Hall Booking TM	Jenene Archer
Public Relations	Michelle Sollom

Agenda for 2011 Annual General Meeting

This is the 41st Annual General Meeting of the 1st Winston Hills Scout Group, founded June 1970.

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1. OPENING FLAG PARADE Youth Members
 2. WELCOME Kym
 3. SCOUT'S PRAYER Kym
 4. APOLOGIES Kym
 5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Richard Sperinck
 7. TREASURER'S REPORT Peter Rose
 8. OFFICER-IN-CHARGE REPORT Kym Partridge
 9. JOEY SECTION REPORT Helen Sara
 10. CUB SECTION REPORT Scott Leacey
 11. SCOUT SECTION REPORT Ian Shield
 12. VENTURER SECTION REPORT Warwick O'Keefe
 13. RE-ELECTION / ELECTION OF GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE District Commissioner
 14. 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 2010

Date: Sunday, 3rd May 2010

Attendees: - as per the Visitor's Book

At 11.30am, following the Flag Parade Ceremony) John Hardiman (Group Leader) declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone especially our guests Andy Walker and Neville Henderson..

John then led the Scout prayer.

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted by Andy Walker and seconded by Ian Shield.

This being a combined AGM / 40th Anniversary it was decided to forgo the usual presentation of Section Reports, but simply highlight some of the year's major activities, e.g. the Scout Jamboree in January.

New Office Bearers – Neville Henderson, advised us of that Bundilla had been renovated and Regional officers were now in place.

Camping would also be offered at Bundilla at three levels:

- a) Region
- b) Out of Region
- c) Commercial (non Scouts)

Nominations have been received for the following positions:

Group Committee

President	Richard Sperinck (cheque signatory)
Vice President	Chris McClure
Treasurer	Peter Rose (cheque signatory)
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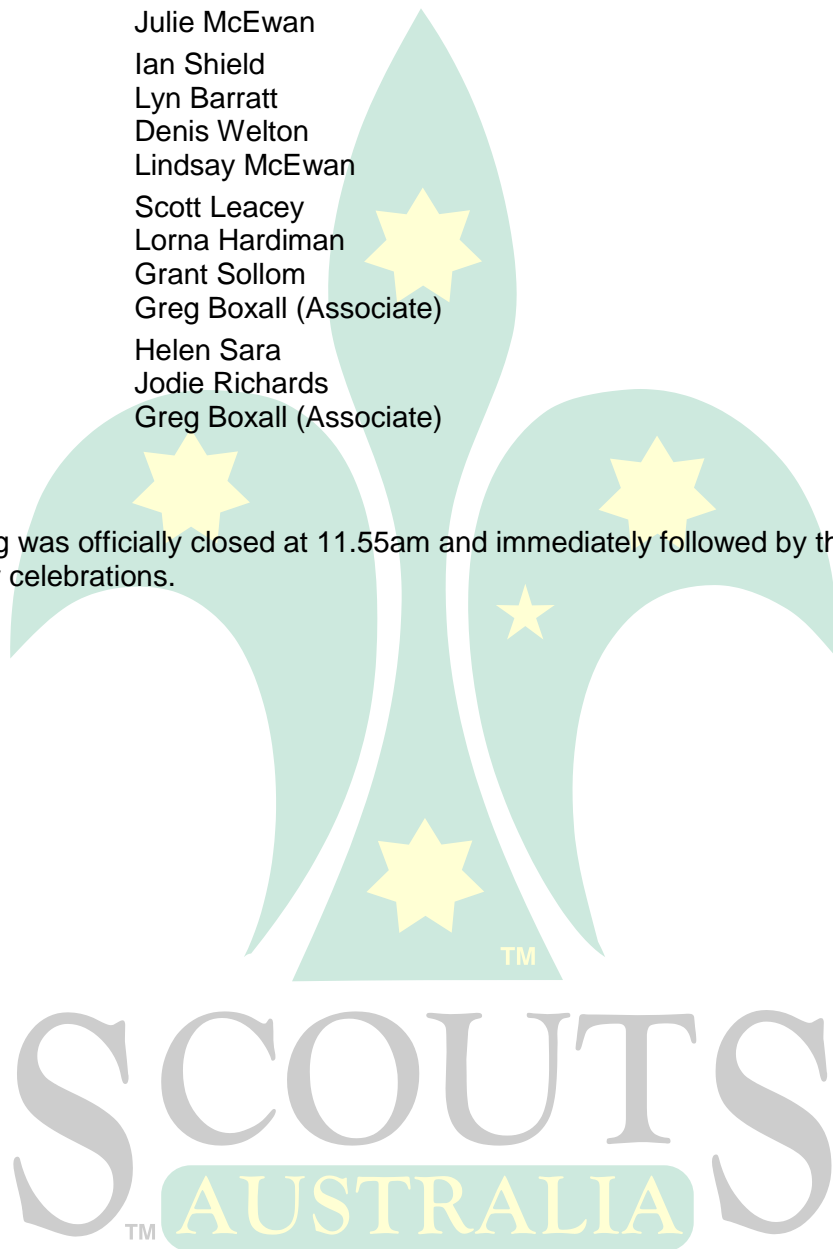
There being no other nominations, the above positions were declared filled.

The uniform leaders were confirmed as:

Leaders

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The meeting was officially closed at 11.55am and immediately followed by the 40th Anniversary celebrations.



Group President's Report

Well here we are at the end of another successful year. We have achieved a number of goals, not least of which is to resolve the issue in our under store area, thanks to many people, including Parramatta City Council, we now have a fully concreted storage area which is now much less dusty and drier.

Thanks also to our new Trustee Scott Brush, we have a renovated floor, and at the time of writing work is progressing well on renovating the roof. This is a proactive initiative as part of the roof is now over 40 years old and this will hopefully prevent any possible leakage and hence damage to our equipment.

We have had a couple of 'working bees' and I would like to thank Des & Scott for organising these along with the Dads (and Mums) that came along and helped maintain the equipment and hall, thank you.

During the year John, our Group Leader of just over 7 years, decided to stand down and continue his scouting life in the Training team at Region. Thank you John for all your help, I believe it was your enthusiasm and leadership skills that grew the group from just two sections to now four full sections, thank you.

In the meantime Kym has agreed to step up to become Officer-in Charge and lead the Group whilst we confirm the new Group Leader, on behalf of the Group thanks Kym for your support.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Jenene, our hall hire coordinator, she came on board last year and almost every few weeks Jenene is advising me of yet another casual hall hire to add to the calendar. Whilst unfortunately we lost our permanent hall hirer Kristy in January, another permanent hall hire offer came along and Jenene has been working hard bringing together the necessary paper work to Branch for approval.

Peter has again looked after the books admirably and made sure all the bills are paid on time, etc. despite being sent away to China a couple of times. Unfortunately Peter will step down as treasurer this year, however Simone has kindly offered to take over the reins Thanks, Peter for all your help and welcome Simone.

This year we were very quiet on the social scene with only the Bingo Night and Christmas Party, however both proved very popular and no doubt will be scheduled on the coming year's agenda.

Support for the Bunnings BBQ has been quite a challenge, so much so that we only did one this year. These BBQs are a profitable venture, often providing close to \$1,000 for one day's work. Hopefully we will see better support next year as 2 or 3 of these BBQs would see a significant contribution to our funds.

I would like to thank my wife Genna, as Secretary, for always being there offering advice and support, as well as looking after all the 'paper work' however after nine years Genna has also decided to stand down, and will be handing over to Kylie, welcome aboard Kylie!

It was twelve years ago in 1999 that I sat out there in the audience at the AGM and was nominated for Vice President, this was followed by Treasurer, Trustee and eventually President. I have had a great time and met a lot of wonderful people. I believe the experience has made me stronger and I hope I have helped Winston Hills Scouts become a stronger group. It's the people that make a group and the leaders of our youth are at the core of what makes Winston Hills Group a great group. My sincere thanks go out to **ALL** the leaders from Joeys through to Venturers, including the Group Leader. In my small way, along with the help of the committee, I hope we have provided the support they needed, be it sufficient funds, new equipment, or a safe, well maintained hall.

The time has now come for me to step down as Group President to renew my other volunteer pursuits via Lions. I will be leaving the Group in the capable hands of Chris who has been my Vice President since 2004, thanks Chris for all your advice, suggestions and general help over the years, thank you.

I will still be around for another couple of years and will be happy to offer what support I can to the new committee.

Please remember all the people I have mentioned, including the Leaders, are in reality "parent helpers", they are just like you, they have a love of seeing kids grow in a fun, risk managed environment, and you too can be part of it!

Yours in Scouting

Richard Sperinck

Group President



Treasurer's Report

Our Group had a cash surplus for the 2010 year of \$2699.02, leaving a cash balance of \$12596.97 at 31 December 2010. Total income was \$57250 and expenditure was \$54551. Full audited accounts are available for your perusal.

Fund raising showed a net inflow of funds of \$1766. A special thanks to all those parents and others who volunteered to raise funds by working on the Bunnings BBQ's, Bingo Night and Cash a Can. We also extend our thanks to Bunnings for allowing us to use their site and equipment.

Hall hire was successful again this year, with total revenue of \$4330 (an increase of \$1163 compared with 2009). Special thank you to Jenene Archer for coordinating the hall hire, and to the committed group of parents and children who volunteered to clean the hall on a regular basis.

Our sincere thanks go to the following for their generous financial assistance during the year.

Lions Club of Winston Hills
Winston Garden Chinese Restaurant
Rotary Club of Winston Hills
Bunnings

I appreciate the assistance of the Committee and all the Leaders and parents as I carried out my Treasurer duties.

As you know, I am stepping down as Treasurer. I have very much enjoyed my time with the Group, and I wish you all the best for the future. The Group is in very good hands and I am sure it will continue to provide a fabulous experience for all the children and young adults.

Yours in Scouting

Peter Rose

Treasurer



Officer-in-Charge Report

Verbal report to be provided by

Kym Partridge (Bugsy)

Officer-in-Charge

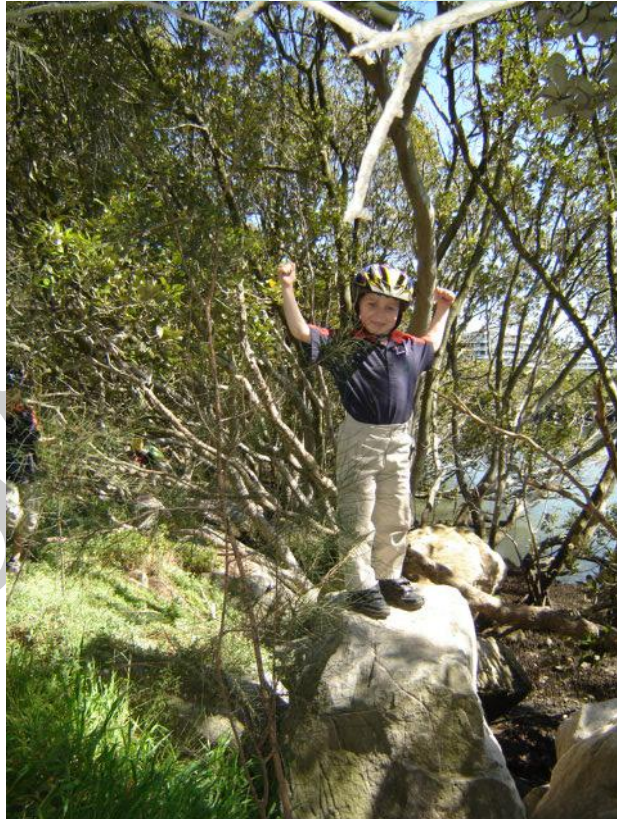


Joey Leader's Report

Firstly I'd like to give a special thanks to the leaders: Jodie 'Quoll', Greg Boxall 'Baloo' and most recently Adele Lockman 'Bambi' who have assisted tirelessly in helping to run the Joey Program throughout the year.

The year commenced with the 'Our Heritage' theme and the Joeyes commemorating Anzac Day whereby we made Anzac Biscuits and learnt about our Anzac Heritage. Our heritage theme saw the Joeyes and mothers dressing up as convicts for mums' night and participating in the fun and games. The Joeyes also attended the Joey Fun Day. The Winston Hills Joey Leaders also ran a games base which proved to be very popular including wrapping villains 'parents' in toilet paper & dodgem ball with the giant ball. This event saw Joeyes from across the Greater Western Sydney Region come together for a day of celebration and fun in fine super hero style. We also enjoyed a science night conducted by the Science Team and a visit from the Rovers who also ran a night.

In 3rd term we completed our 'Environmental Challenge Badges' on the theme 'Endangered Animals'. We didn't realise how endangered those 'Potoroos' and 'Quolls' are – we'd better look after them. Dads were also invited along for a night of games and challenges. Boy! some of those dads are very competitive. We practiced our bike skills on a 'Bike Hike' at Bicentennial Park and completed challenges under the theme 'The Amazing Race' for our Adventure Challenge Badge. We also had great fun at the 'Blacktown Region Billy Cart Derby Day'.



In 4th term the Joeys, parents and leaders attended our Mob Holiday at 'Walkabout Park'. Here we stayed in tents and were visited by the local wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies, emus etc. Everyone had a great weekend having fun through games, craft, bushwalks, learning how to throw boomerangs, campfire and singing. The staff also conducted talks and displays involving local wildlife and local indigenous culture. 'Some lucky Joeys even got to try eating termites (one way to solve that termite problem). We joined North Rocks Joeys for this camp.

4th term also saw us complete 'Our Care & Share Badge', which culminated in a visit with our senior friends at 'Woodberry Village' to share some activities and stories with them. A Halloween night and a great 'wet night' saw the completion of the year.

The Joeys commenced 2010 with a variety packed term including: Founders Day celebrations, Buddy Badge activities with Ermington Joey Scout Mob where we also went on a ferry to visit Cockatoo Island dressed in Pirate costumes. A fun day was had by all despite the rainy weather. We also practiced our map reading skills on an orienteering night. The joeys also invited their senior family members to Joeys to share stories about special treasures from their past – the Joeys were enthralled. The grandparents joined in some fun activities.

We look forward to another year of fun and adventure in Joeys.

Yours in scouting

Helen Sara (Potoroo)

Joey Scout Leader - on behalf of

Jodie Richards (Quoll)

Greg Boxall (Baloo)

Adele Lockman (Bambi)



Cub Leader's Report

Well it's been another big year for 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack. We have had a busy time over the year with camps, activities, grey wolf's and badges earned plus community service achieved. We have had some fun and learnt new skills along the way.

We had a big spy camp at Glenfields scout camp, near the Holsworthy army base. This proved that even the Cubs can get through a busy badge schedule, construct a ballista and still have time for some fun. We really did get through some badge work with every one there earning their relative boomerang badge, we grilled the Cubs on a whole range of subjects and topics, their answers proved that they do take things on board. We were well looked after by the parent helpers that came along to set up, cook and pack up – 1,2,3, wolf.

Throughout the year we have also attended a number of Region and District events. We did a stirring job at our founder's day swimming carnival at Parramatta pool, coming in - second place. Also we had a great day at Blacktown district's billy cart derby at Rooty Hill, Blacktown District always put on a great day of racing.

The ANZAC day dawn service was on the list of things achieved as well as a visit to the Kokoda memorial walking track at Concord. Being shown the walk by veterans made it special to the Cubs, as these aren't just veterans – "they look like my granddad". It was great to do this event with the Joeys....as it's not long and they're Cubs.

The Cubs have also been busy during the year with Mother's and Father's Day programs, re-enforcing their Cubs Scout Law and Promise, learning Australian symbols and culture, navigation and knots, general scout craft and cooking skills, visits to Fire Stations and the Willows retirement home. Plus bike hikes and Grey Wolf walks.

We must thank all the parents for their support and help through out the year with activities and transport ...and being ever patient on Tuesday nights.

To fellow leaders of the other sections thank you for making the year a smooth trip. To Kym our officer in charge – thanks for the guidance and the same to John Hardiman (Hardy) still there in the background helping out.



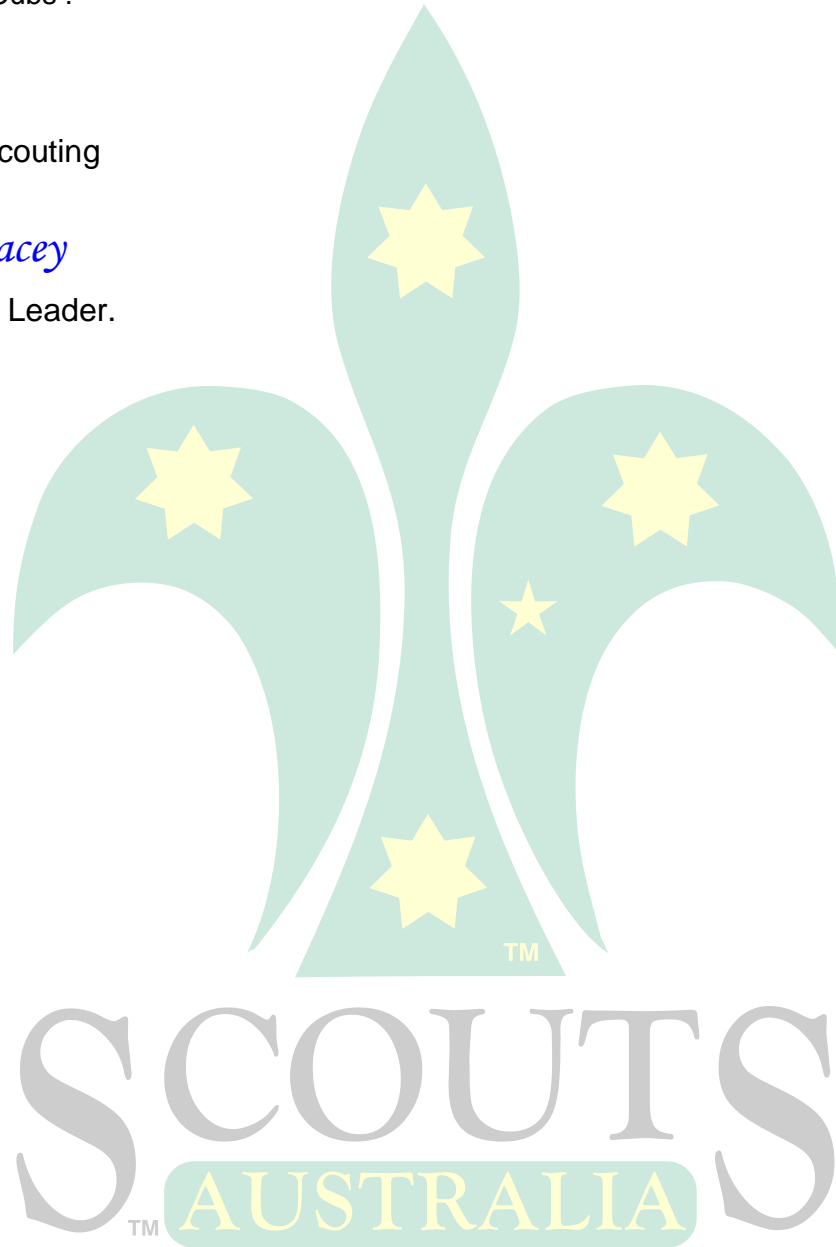
To Lorna , Grant and Richard we yell “**1,2,3, wolf**” , for without their effort the pack would not run ...and a big welcome to Des Saunders who has been in the background as a parent helper and committee member for years but has now joined the ranks of the leaders...coming aboard as a Cub Leader. Well done Des. (it's only a couple of hours each week).

Well done Cubs !

Yours in Scouting

Scott Leacey

Cub Scout Leader.



Scout Leader's Report

Well once again it's time to recap the year and try to put into words what we have done as a Troop. I will attempt to get the year chronologically correct for those detail hungry people, however, I will also make it short for the rest of you.

We had a Green Cord and Scout Medallion achieved, in the year just gone, by James Shield. This was an amazing achievement for James as some of you would know that he received only encouragement from me, much to his dissatisfaction. We leaders at Winston Hills never do badge-work for our own children as a matter of principle and we tend to set the bar a little higher as well. BRAVOOO! James.



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

- Regional Jamborette - Bents Basin
- PL / APL training Camp - Grizzly's Farm
- NSW Branch Rally
- Parramatta District Competition Camp
- JOTI
- Troop Hike – Grand Canyon
- District Raft Race

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

They were not as well attended, as they should be (about 55% - previously above 80%) and I re-emphasise that Scouting is camping. I do not know as yet why the drop off in participation, however we are moving into the pre-Jamboree planning year now and I am sure it will get better.

Cubs are continuing to come up into Scouts and stay and worthy of note is that most had achieved the Grey Wolf. This is a great achievement from the Cub Leaders to have them so well prepared for the Scout Troop.

NSW State Rally - Cataract Scout Park

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

Patrol	PL Leadership (Max 449)	Overall Points (Max 1846)	G.W.S.R. Position (Out of 22)	State Position (Out of 164)
Belle	344	1441	7th	45th
David	347	1415	9th	49th
Jason	344	1384	10th	59th
Ryan	310	1251	14th	85th

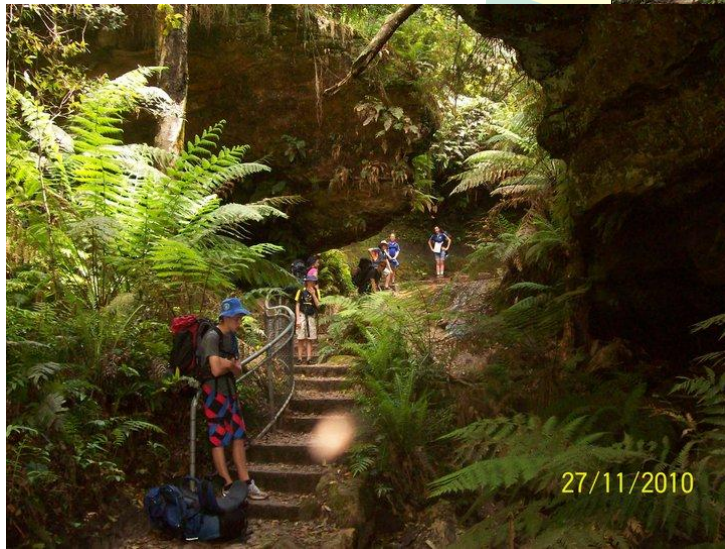
Competition Camp

The Camp is, as always, a place to test the Patrol Leader's leadership skills and the camping skills of the whole Patrol, whilst having fun. Panther Patrol took out the honours in the Campfire award and took home the trophy.



Troop Hike – Grand Canyon

We try and get a canoe and or foot hike in every year for adventure and experience and this year was no different, with a sensational hike to the Grand Canyon at Blackheath. If you have not hiked in the Blue Mountains, I believe you have missed one of nature's wonders. All the hikes are different and this one is just pure beauty as the photos will attest to.



Thanks for Grant assisting on this hike as a fellow leader. I know he enjoyed it as much or even more than I did.

Swimming Carnival 2011

We unfortunately did not get our swimming trophy back at the swimming carnival this year, however we achieved 2nd place overall and 2nd in the Relays and our troop had a great fun time, as the traditional Winston Hills "War Paint" utilised by some of our Scouts. I might add we lost on a technicality in that the scores are weighted by the percentage turn up from each troop. We had 49% attend.



Special Rotary Recognition Dinner

In March this year we were invited to attend the annual recognition dinner held by the Winston Hills Rotary Club.

The club asked if the youth could be present and we managed to get the four Patrol Leaders (unfortunately the Venturer invites had other commitments) to attend in full uniform.

The Group was honoured with a thank you plaque for all our years of dedication to the annual Australia Day celebration at 3rd Settlement Park.

Also each of the PLs received a Patrol thank you, framed certificate that you will see on display around you. The Group has been doing the set-up for the ceremony for 15 years.



Summary

In finishing up, I would like to thank my wife Natalie for all her support and encouragement, Grizzly for his energies and assistance over the year gone, Maggie for all her ongoing wonderful help with the troop and the mountain of paperwork, Maluka for his dedication to detail on specialty badges and the ever-present parent team that helps out on meeting nights, camps and outings.

I especially would like to thank Richard and Genna, who will be sorely missed by us as well as the Group. I would like to instigate a huge BRAVOOO for Richard and Genna for years of dedication and friendship.

Without all these people the Troop would not function as it does. Well done to all.

Yours in Scouting

Ian Shield (Khan)

Scout Leader



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Venturer Leader's Report

The 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit has been in operation for 7 years and is still going strong. The original 10, lead by Kym and Penny have grown to an impressive 17 members. Unlike Scouts, Venturers are senior scouts and as such have the opportunity to run the Unit as they see fit. The Unit elects a Council which decides the term program. Unit council also keeps track of the Award Scheme making sure that Venturers working towards Queen Scout have the support they need and complete their tasks as approved. The Queen Scout Award is the top award in scouting and is presented by the Governor General. It is not a badge it is a lifelong achievement, you become a Queen Scout.

The Unit has 2 Queen Scouts, Julie McEwan and Ben Scott both these people are Associate Leaders. Ben Scott and Andrew Marsden are both training to become Assistant Venturer Leaders. When they have finished their courses we will have 5 leaders.

The Unit has achieved success in region activities; they have always run a base at scout Jamborette and have helped out at State Rally. A member of the unit won first place at Dragon Skin competition three years ago and some members have tried to emulate that achievement this year. "Laurens Thai Massage Parlour" team succeeded in achieving the distinction of coming last in this year's Dragon Skin. They didn't fail as they set out to try and score "0" points, they failed in this as the organisers gave them a point for being there.

Some Venturers are involved in Abseil and Caving activities and were invited by the Caving Activities Team to help 46 scouts achieve their caving badge at Wee Jasper. We have three cavers currently, but look forward to having more soon.

Our Unit Chair, Jordan Fenech has done a great job in running the Unit and has endeared himself to our Regional Commissioner for Venturers by his work in the betterment of the environment by removing rabbits from his grandfather's property at Braidwood. Angus Boxall is another Venturer who has achieved greatness. Angus is the G.W.S. Region representative for Y.A.C.S. And as such is planning the way forward for Scouting Australia wide into the future.

The G.W.S. Venturer annual camp for Venturers is called Waratah and teams compete for glory. Last year the best base award was won by 1st Winston Hills Venturer Leaders. Next year there will be a camp like Waratah called BUD where Venturers will organise and run a Waratah type camp for Scouts. Our I.T. Guru Angus Boxall has been made camp leader for BUD.

The Queen Scout award is hard to achieve and I think we will have another Queen Scout in our unit soon and the way people are working we may have more.

Some activities Venturers have attended in the last year have been Hiking in the Blue Mountains and in the Royal National Park both with leaders in attendance and without, Zombies night at McDonalds, Night Hike at Cherrybrook Lakes complete with

thousands of leeches, Master Chef, Laser Tag, Search and rescue Wide Game and a citizenship ceremony at Blacktown Town Hall for their Queen Scout award.

My thanks to the group for the support we receive.

Yours in Scouting

Warwick O'Keefe (WOK / B2 / WASSA)

Venturer Leader



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