

## Election of Group Executive Members for 2005

NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### COMMITTEE

President	Richard Sperinck	continuing
Vice President	Chris McClure	continuing
Treasurer	Vicki Welton	continuing
Secretary	Genna Sperinck	continuing
Trustee x 2	Warwick O'Keeffe	continuing
	Ian Hodson	continuing
Cash-a-Can	Chris McClure	new
Hall Cleaning	Genna Sperinck	continuing
Hall Booking	Jenny Scott	continuing
General Fund Raising	Rhonda Glacken & <i>Vacant</i>	continuing
Public Relations	<i>Vacant</i>	
Job Week Coordinator	Warrick O'Keefe	continuing
Newsletter/Communications	Penny Baker	continuing
Clothing Pool	Anne Papasavvas	continuing

### LEADERS

Group Leader	John Hardiman
Venturers	Kim Partridge Penny Pearce
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton
Cubs	Lorna Hardiman Scott Leacey <i>Evan Gibbs (in training)</i>
Joeys	<i>Helen Sara (in training)</i> <i>Bligh Gibbs (in training)</i>



**The Scout Association of Australia**

**New South Wales Branch**

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

## Agenda for 2005 Annual General Meeting

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

1. WELCOME John Hardiman
  2. SCOUT'S PRAYER John Hardiman
  3. APOLOGIES John Hardiman
  4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
  5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Richard Sperinck
  6. TREASURER'S REPORT Vicki Welton
  7. GROUP LEADER REPORT John Hardiman
  8. SPECIAL GUEST Meg Brewer
  9. SCOUTS REPORT Ian Shield
  10. CUBS REPORT Lorna Hardiman
  11. PRESENTATIONS John Hardiman
  12. RE-ELECTION / ELECTION OF GROUP COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
  13. VOTE OF THANKS Richard Sperinck
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## Cub Photos



*Walking on stilts at the Cuberec Shakedown Camp*



*A visit to the water works, Prospect Reservoir*

I would like to give special thanks to Greg who is always there to assist and Richard and Genna for all their help during the year.

Thanks go to our scout troop for helping us with the Yellow Cord camps by providing PL's , equipment and support. Also those scouts who have helped with various nights and the Cuboree.

We would also like to thank the scout leaders, Khan, Maggie and Grizzly for all their support and help during the year, especially helping getting the gear ready for Cuboree.

Thanks also go to our Group leader Hardy for his help and support, coming and helping at nights where we were short of Leaders and also for ensuring our new chums had a smooth transition into cubs and welcoming our new parents.

Yours in Scouting

Lorna Hardiman (Akela)

Cub Scout Leader.



*"Challenge Valley at the Cuboree"*

## 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 2004

### LEADERS

Group Leader	John Hardiman
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton
Cubs	Tony Mercieca (retired) Lorna Hardiman David O'Shannessey (retired) Scott Leacy (in training)
Joeys	<i>Vacant</i>

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President	Richard Sperinck
Vice President	Chris McClure
Treasurer	Vicki Welton
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Job Week Coordinator	Warwick O'Keefe
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Hall Cleaning	Genna Sperinck
Hall Booking	Jenny Scott

Yellow cord camps have been well attended at Bundilla. Joel Devlin, Shannon McClure, Jenna Leacey, Kieran Glacken and Patrick Astermann were all successful in obtaining their Yellow Cord. Well done to those cubs. 1,2,3 Woof! The yellow cord has finished now with our new top award being the Grey Wolf.

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 week. Although our numbers were small it was great to see a good number of scouts of all sections from various groups at the services.

We've certainly had a rewarding and fun-filled time and are looking forward to another fun year ahead

Sadly Tony and David have resigned from being leaders after many years of service to our group. They will be missed greatly. I don't have room here to say all the wonderful things that I'd like to about two great people. Tony has been an inspiration to me and I hope we will continue to run the cub pack as Tony has shown me with great programs and camps and teaching the value of scouting.

Luckily we have a new cub leader Scott (Bagheera) and a new Leader in training Evan. I feel confident that we will make a great team.

### THANK YOU

We would not be the pack we are without the generous help of many people.

I would like to thank Tony for his friendship and support during the year. Running a pack is a team effort and we make a great team. Also I'd like to thank David and Scott for their assistance and support during the year.

A big thank you to all those parents that assisted us on our camps, especially those that slept over.

It's been difficult to keep up with boomerang work with only a couple of leaders so we organised a Gold Boomerang camp which turned out to be a great idea resulting in all getting their gold boomerang. Well done Jenna, Nicole, Melis, Patrick, Kieran and Gemma.

Winston Hills hosted the district campfire at Bundilla, which was enjoyable despite the rain.

We have had lots of fun nights including our Mother's Day Olympics night where our mums showed their skills at broom throwing and skiing; the Pirates Day night where the dads walked the plank and stole each other's treasure. We've also had campfire nights and spook night. Excursions have included ice-skating, indoor rock climbing, a terrific visit to Rouse Hill Rural Bush Fire Brigade and a great day at Regional cub fun day at Bundilla.

Our cubs really enjoy play-acting, singing, puppet shows etc. Last year Gemma, Shannon and Jonathan were in the Cumberland Gang Show, which we all went to see and thoroughly enjoyed. This year Winston Hills is represented by 9 kids, Gemma in cubs and Danny, Kristian, Luke, Emily, Nathan, Shannon, Jonathan and James in scouts.

The cubs spent a few weeks exploring science and discovery culminating in a great visit from the regional science team of John Leahy and Andy Walker

They have been on a bike hike and worked towards their waterwise badge by building a water filter. We also had a lot of fun at Crosslands reserve at our recent cub canoe fun day with the regional water activities team of John Vandenburg and Peter Craft. The flour bombs were a great hit (literally). Thanks go to these great regional teams of volunteers.



## Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Group - AGM 2004

Attendees: - as per the Visitor's Book

At 3.12pm John Hardiman (Group Leader) declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone especially our guests Neville Henderson, Sandra Parker and Val & Andy Walker.

He then led the Scout prayer.

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted by Ian Shield, and seconded by Vicki Welton.

- **Group Presidents Report**, refer attached , was read by Richard Sperinck
- **Treasurer's Report**, refer attached , was read by Vicki Welton
- **Group Leader's Report**, refer attached , was read by John Hardiman
- **Cub Leader's Report**, refer attached , was read by Lorna Hardiman
- **Scout Leader's Report**, refer attached, was read by Ian Shield which included a brief viewing of the DVD of Troop 403 at the 2004 Jamboree.

Neville addressed the meeting, congratulating the leaders and the parent committee on a well organized Group.

He advised that a District Venturer Unit was being considered, with Winston Hill Scout Group as the preferred base.

He also advised that applicants for the position of District Scout Leader (a role that Neville is temporarily fulfilling- amongst others!) are being interviewed and hopefully it wont be too long before we have a dedicated District Scout Leader.

He would love to see a Joey Mob at Winston Hills and asked that the Leaders and Committee consider a Joey Mob as one of their priorities in the near future.

Neville reminded us that the new uniform commences from 1<sup>st</sup> July and that any new leaders and youth joining after this time will need to be in the new Uniform.

**New Office Bearers** - Sandra Parker declared that nominations had been received for the following positions:

**Group Committee**

President	Richard Sperinck (cheque signatory)
Vice President	vacant *
Treasurer	Vicki Welton (cheque signatory)
Secretary	Genna Sperinck
Trustees	Warrick O'Keefe & Ian Hudson
Hall bookings	Jenny Scott
Rosters	Genna Sperinck
Newsletter	Penny & David Baker
Clothing Pool	Anne Papasavvas

\* The position of Vice President being vacant was opened to nominations from the floor, Chris McClure volunteered for the role and was accepted.

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

The uniform leaders were confirmed as:

**Leaders**

Group leader	John Hardiman (cheque signatory)
Scouts	Ian Shield Lyn Barratt Denis Welton
Cubs	Tony Mercieca David O' Shannessey Lorna Hardiman Mark Hurst
Joey's	<b>Vacant</b>

**Cub Leader's Report**

Well it's been another fun active year in cubs. Our numbers have remained strong and attendance has been very good.

The cubs have been on some exciting camps- the sleepover on the James Craig was really great. The cubs got to hoist the staysail and sing traditional songs. We also sang some of our own songs, especially the parachute song!! For once the cubs were happy to go to bed as they slept in hammocks. What an exciting experience.

Of course our big camp was the 2005 Cuboree, which was held in January at the Cataract Scout Park. Five days of non-stop activities and fun including water slides, Challenge valley, and lots of fun bases, plus the experience of sleeping in patrol tents. What an experience and one they'll always remember. Thanks to our camp cooks, Greg, Robert and Richard who ensured we were all kept well fed and healthy.



Special thanks to the scouts who helped with our shakedown camp at Bundilla and setting up at Cataract.



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Richard Sperinck then unveiled the new Scout Honour board containing names of past Scouts who had achieved the highest award in Scouts namely the Green Cord, which has now become the Scout Medallion.

Richard Sperinck then proposed a vote of thanks to

- *Our Guests Neville Henderson, Sandra Parker and Val & Andy Walker for attending the meeting*
- *Ann O'Keefe for providing the scones and cream for the after meeting social*
- *The parents and youth joining us this afternoon.*

The meeting was closed at 4.06pm



*1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Cub Pack at the Cubaree, Cataract Park, January 2005*

## Group President's Report

To our distinguished guests, troop members, leaders, committee members, parents and children, hello and welcome to the Annual General Meeting for 2005

In some respects this year has been similar to previous year's, we have had a fair number of camps, outings, social events, fundraising activities, etc. However there is one event that, in my mind, really stands out – the Family Camp at Attunga. It was relaxing, fun, well attended, but there's more! There is a saying that a bush fire can start with a single match and I believe that just before the camp our Group Leader "Hardy" (John Hardiman) put the proverbial "match" to 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Scout Group. What I'm referring to is the "Future Directions" project which essentially started after dinner on the camp. As most of you know it was a 'braining storming' session to get you the family and friends of 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Scouts to advise us, the Leaders and Committee, what we can do better and how you would like to see the group progress over the next 3 to 5 years. I believe we are now on fire!

Our Bank balance is looking good, perhaps the healthiest its been since I have been involved at Winston Hills (some 7 or 8 eight years now – but who's counting!) which means we can seriously start planning some of the ideas put forward at Attunga. Not only have we embarked on some additional youth sections (more on that in Hardy's report) but we have put together a much needed Budget / Plan for next year involving some new equipment, hall maintenance, etc.

You no doubt would have noticed the communication pockets under the notice board and on the opposite wall in the entrance foyer (who could miss their bright colours), this is a small step towards improving the communication between leaders, parents, committee, etc. one of the problem areas high lighted at Attunga.

Also the back wall has been stripped of its memorabilia, we haven't thrown anything out, we are planning to use the back wall for current awards, photos, (i.e. less than two years old) with the older items being strategically placed elsewhere around the hall.

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*"On Parade!" at the 6 day Camp*



*Canoeing at the Family Camp*

As always it would be nice to see some new 'blood' attending the committee meetings for some fresh ideas, meetings are held 8pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, just see me or any of the committee members. On that note I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their dedication and hard work in keeping Winston Hills Scouts ticking over like a well oiled machine (even if it is on fire!), Rhonda in particular has worked tirelessly organising various fundraising activities as well as the social events like the Christmas Party, Bingo and Trivia nights, thanks you!

I would also like to thank all the leaders for their enthusiasm, week after week running programs, organising outings, camps, hikes, etc.

Lastly I would like to thank my wife Genna for her support and help throughout the year

Thank you and God bless.

Richard Sperinck

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## **Treasurer's Report - Year Ending 31 December 2004**

2004 was a successful year financially, its always successful when your income exceeds your expenditure. We ended 2004 with a healthy bank balance of \$9,191. If you check out the budget you will see that this is not excessive in view of our expenditure.

Hall hire income in 2004 of \$2,200 and the expectation of the same in 2005 certainly takes the pressure off fundraising. In 2005 it is very important that we keep the hall clean and tidy and in good repair to encourage our regular leases to stay and attract further regulars.

Our biggest expense during 2005 will be leader training and costs, expected to be approximately \$4,000. We are fortunate to have 3 leaders currently training, two more expected to start shortly and all of our leaders continuing to advance their skills.

During 2005 it will be important to not erode our bank balance as late 2005 and most of 2006 will see fundraising efforts being directed towards the next Jamboree.

Full accounts are available for all to peruse at any time.

**Vicki Welton**

**Treasurer**

**(See the centre page for the Budget that was presented at the last Committee Meeting.)**

## **Summary**

Again we saw a transition of well-established Patrol Leaders pass on to Venturers, however this time they have gone to the new Winston Hills Unit, which is fantastic news for the Group and the new Venturers. Maggie, Grizzly and I, even though we will have to retrain new PLs, wish them all the best on their continued Scouting path.

Two new PLs are now in place for 2005 and pretty soon we will see another two pass to Venturers, but we have some high quality Scouts coming through the ranks to take over this time.

I would like to thank Warwick O'Keefe for his efforts as challenge badge adviser and continuing parent helper again last year as well as for the future.

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, and Grizzly for his welcomed ideas and skills.

I would like to add a thankyou to Vicki Welton, for her part in allowing the Troop to use the 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. It is thanks to these 4 Scouts that again we had a great year in the Winston Hills Scout Troop.

**IAN SHIELD (Khan)**

**Scout Leader**

## Branch Rally Results:

Winston Hills Patrol	PL Leadership <i>(top mark 414)</i>	Points <i>(top mark 1786)</i>	GWSR position <i>(out of 31)</i>	State Position <i>(out of 154)</i>
Panther	368	1555	5 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
Hawk	347	1494	6 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Scorpion	230	968	22 <sup>nd</sup>	107 <sup>th</sup>
Redback	198	939	24 <sup>th</sup>	131 <sup>st</sup>

### PL / APL Camp

We again decided that the up and coming PLs and APLs needed to have the opportunity to show us what they knew and, more importantly, learn what they did not know about their Scouting skills.

The venue picked again this year was Grizzly's farm, due mainly to the ability to plan great activities for the Scouts to accomplish.

We had 10 Scouts in attendance (Kirk and Andrew as assistants) and they all did remarkably better than last year. What this means is the ones who went last year have indeed managed to pass some of their skills on.

## Group Leader's Report

This has been a year of great excitement and optimism for Winston Hills Scout Group as we have new leaders training for Venturers and Joeys and it has also been a year of great sadness as we farewell two of Winston Hills longest serving cub leaders, David O' Shannesy and Tony Merceica who between them have given a total of 25 years in scouting. An outstanding effort!

They deserve the best ever 1,2,3 ..... Woof !



David

Tony

This year has seen a 25% increase in the number of youth members joining our group and this will continue to increase when our Venturer Unit and Joey mob are registered over the coming months.

This year Winston Hills Scouts produced its first Australian Scout Medallion recipient with Michael Sperinck earning the highest award within scouts and congratulations go to Michael and the scout leaders for a great effort.



Michael Sperinck

This year we had our best attended and most enjoyable family camp ever at Attunga with over 90 people and it was great to see so many of our cub and scout families mixing together and having fun.

This year we have set our group many new goals to achieve as we strive to offer the best scouting experience in the district. The input from our families and

friends in the group, together with our leaders has helped us to put forward a plan for our group for the next three years from 2005 to 2007.

Copies of that plan are available today.

Winston Hills Scout Group now has a very promising future and we want everyone to participate in this growth and to celebrate what our youth achieve, whether it's their first ever badge or boomerang or they are a seconder or a patrol leader. It may even be their first camp, canoe hike or abseil; they are all special moments for young people on their journey of life.

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 Ian, Lyn, Dennis, Tony, Lorna, David and Scott who have kept our group going whilst we start training our new leaders, Kym, Penny, Helen, Bligh and Evan.  
I wish to thank all of them for volunteering their time to put forward a great year's program for the children.

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 you.

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.

Thanks must go to the Committee, Rhonda, Warwick, Ian, Jenny, Penny, David and Chris, your support 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 thank you.

Yours in Scouting

John Hardiman (Hardy)

Group Leader

## **JOTI**

Another great JOTI was experienced with 18 PCs this year hooked up all weekend. The statistics still amaze us leaders:

- 107 Visitors
- 60 Countries
- 2000+ contacts

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

## **Branch Rally - Catteract**

We sent along 4 Patrols this year and they not only had a great time (enough to register to attend again in 2005), but they did really well as well.



Some of the highlights are as follows:

### **Competition Camp**

The Camp last year was again between a number of the District Patrols and the Winston Hills patrols again did us proud. Red Back Patrol, under the leadership of Michael, picked up the coveted Campfire 1<sup>st</sup> place Award.



Panther Patrol, under the leadership of Becc, took out 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the campfire.

Scorpions took out 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Campfire and 7<sup>th</sup> overall, under the leadership of Emily, and Hawk under the leadership of Kirk, picked up overall 7<sup>th</sup> place in the campfire and 5<sup>th</sup> overall at the competition

If you haven't yet worked it out, that is a clean sweep on the campfire.



## **Scout Leader's Report**

The year gone by has again gone so quickly that I am not sure it is actually over. The Scouts have grown in maturity and size and the Troop as a whole has become an awesome collection of incredibly resourceful young men and women. As in every year we have had to say farewell to the older ones, which is always sad, but fortunately they have all gone on to be the formation of the new Venturer Unit.

It is always a great reward as leaders to be able to present a Green Cord. This year we not only presented a Green Cord, but a Scout Medallion as well was presented to Michael Sperink for his achievements. I think there were only 14 Medallions earned in NSW in the year, so this truly is a remarkable achievement.

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

2004

- *Regional Jamborette*
- *Competition Camp*
- *Branch Rally*
- *6 Day Camp – Grizzly's Place*
- *Family Camp – Attunga*
- *Wollondilly River Camp*

2005

- *Canoe Hike – Tallowa Dam*
- *PL / APL Camp - Grizzly's Place*
- *Grand Canyon Hike*

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

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## Budget for 2005

### Expenses - expected

#### Leader Costs

Registrations	\$792.00
Training - Current Leaders	\$900.00
Training - New Leaders	\$1,900.00

New Leader Uniform \$300.00

Bulletin \$110.00

**\$4,002.00**

#### General Expenses

PO Box	\$56.00
Electricity	\$440.00
Domain Name	\$76.00
Phone	\$320.00
Council	\$200.00
Trailer registration	<u>\$98.00</u>

**\$1,190.00**

Contents and property Insurance **\$1,600.00**

Registrations **\$4,400.00**

#### Notes

9 @ \$88 each  
 Allow \$100 per year  
 3 currently training, plus  
 2 new leaders expected during the year  
 Shirt & belt x 5

allowed 50

#### Expenses proposed

PFDs	\$500.00
Award Boards	\$300.00
Canoe trailer repair	\$100.00
Hall	
Painting	\$200.00
Back Wall	\$500.00
Doors	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

**\$3,100.00**

**\$14,292.00**

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## Budget for 2005

### Income - expected

#### Fees

Registrations	\$6,500.00
Term fees	<u>\$750.00</u>

**\$7,250.00**

Hall Hire **\$2,000.00**

#### Fundraising

BBQ	\$500.00
Trivia	\$350.00
Bingo	\$350.00
Garage Sale	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

**\$2,200.00**

**\$11,450.00**

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