

2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL MEETING 20/3/79

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1978.

1978 was perhaps the most eventful year for 2nd Ringwood Scout Group, and myself and my committee are most appreciative of the way you, the parents, have supported us during the year, for without your support and encouragement we could never have attained the goals we set ourselves for the year, and attain these goals we did. The Cubs and Scouts are now at full strength, a number of new boys joining throughout the year, and the Venturers have been re-formed. Fees for the ensuing year have been kept at the same level, and we urge you all to pay these promptly, as we do not wish to place an extra burden on your pockets through increased fees.

⁵³ What made 1978 so meaningful to us was without a doubt "Our Anniversary" ~~1928~~-1978. I personally wish to thank everyone who made that occasion possible, an event which saw, in spite of the inclement weather, more people gathered together in our hall than anyone thought possible to celebrate our Birthday. The culmination of this celebration was the attendance at Mass, Catholic and non-Catholic, joining together to give thanks to God in the way we believe in, thanking him for our boys and for our dedicated leaders and the wonderful way they train our boys to be good Scouts and good citizens.

"Impossible!" they said, "they can't do it." But do it we did. I am referring ofcourse to the demolition of the old convent. Once again was demonstrated the comradeship and enthusiasm that emanates from what we learn in Scouting, a will, not only to play together as boys but to work together as men. Thanks one and all, and a special thanks to all the good ladies who so willingly and cheerfully provided us with food and drink to sustain our efforts.

Catastrophe! February 11th 1979 - a dark day indeed for 2nd Ringwood. A day we lost everything. No, not everything! We lost our hall, we lost all our equipment, but we did not lose our enthusiasm or our will to carry on. Within days of that unfortunate fire which ended our hopes of extending our Patterson Street hall, the plans of which had been prepared and were to have been presented here tonight for your approval, a sub-committee was formed to inquire into all aspects of re-building, and this task has been carried out most diligently, and my thanks go to each member of this sub-committee.

Any Scout group relies on its Leaders to guide the boys and train them as true Scouts and citizens, and we are fortunate to have the dedication of these people, but it is with pride that we can look up to our leaders, the men and women in charge of 2nd Ringwood, in whose care we have entrusted our boys, knowing they are under the best leadership any Scout group can give. Congratulations Leaders on your magnificent efforts!

The 1979 committee will inherit perhaps the most important and most exciting task ever undertaken by such a committee, the re-building or acquiring of a hall suitable to all our needs. I know they will accept this challenge and carry it out successfully. I would urge all parents to fully support the new committee in this venture and continue to give every encouragement and assistance possible. I found it most encouraging during the past year knowing I had your confidence, and I ask you to accept my sincere appreciation for this.

In concluding, I would like to say "thank you" to the retiring committee. You were a pleasure to work with and carried out every duty without hesitation.

My wish for 1979 is this: " May we all continue to work together for the welfare of our boys, and may they be proud to belong to 2nd Ringwood.

Des Moylan.
President.

GROUP LEADERS REPORT FOR 1979.

On the 13th September 1978 we celebrated our Silver Jubilee with a Thanks Giving Mass, Going Up Ceremony and a brief history of the 2nd Ringwood (Our Lady's) Scout Group over the past 25 Years. A fortnight later the Group, Scouters Families, Parents and District Cub Leader (Marie Austin) travelled by bus to Walhalla as part of our Silver Jubilee celebrations. It was enjoyable to see Cubs and Scouts away together in a happy atmosphere. This outing was the high light of the year.

Last year I made mention on several occasions that for the Group to be successful everyone (Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders, Parents and Friends) must do his or her best to sell 2nd Ringwood Scouting. Our goals were achieved in as much as 3 new Leaders joined our ranks at various stages throughout the year, the waiting list for boys to join the Cub Pack increased by 24 for 1979, two Scouts were recruited from other Districts and two intakes of Cubs (9 boys) to the Scout Troop. The Venturer Unit commenced with 6 Scouts from the Troop on 14/3/79 and it is anticipated before 1980 girls will join our Venturer Unit. One Scout before Going Up to Venturers (Ewan McGilp) obtained the 1st Adventurer Cord (in this Group) the highest award in Scouts. Ewan along with the other Venturers in two years time I hope will have earned the Queens Scout award the top Venturer award.

Present strength in the various sections are as follows:-

Boys	Cubs 18,	Scouts 20,	Venturers 6.
Leaders	" 4,	" 4,	" 1.

However 2 Assistant Cub Leaders depart us this month, Cathy Schultz to Croydon District and David Probert and family to Sydney. I wish them every success in the future. One Assistant Scout Leader is also away until mid June. These Leaders need to be replaced quickly as Arch Lavell (Cub Leader) will be on his own with 24 boys at various stages throughout the coming year while Assistant Cub Leader (Trevor Molloy) is away on business.

Leader requirements:- Male/Female 15 to 50 yrs., will be trained by the Scout Association to the required standard, have a free night per week to attend the section.

This leads me to our next goal to be achieved in 1979, a second Cub Pack. It has been talked about for a long time but unless it commences this year with three new Leaders we will be taking a backward step. YOU THE PARENTS HOLD THE KEY TO SUCCESS talk about Scouting where ever you go "Success breeds success".

The present Cub Pack will not have vacancies for more than 10 boys in 1979 and 6 in 1980. At the moment 36 boys are on the waiting list for Cubs. This effectively means by mid 1979, 20 boys have no chance of entry into Cubs until 1981, 82. The Group needs Leaders.

At this stage I would like to thank the Parents Committee as a whole and to those Parents retiring this year a job well done, I thank you one and all. I wish to express my gratitude to the Scouters for their support and assistance throughout the year. Finally a thank you to the Scouters Wives and Families for their understanding and support.

Sunday 11th February may be of little significance to some people but at 3.40a.m. I was awakened by a phone call to say the Scout Hall had been destroyed by fire. This disaster has caused much discussion and tonight you will hear the Subcommittee's report on suggestions and information on acquiring a new Hall.

Geoff Naughtin
Group Leader.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP
AS AT 31/12/1978.

Balance in Bank as at 31/12/77 \$1165-50

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions	\$ 654-00	
Hire of hall	85-00	
Sale of bottles & papers	950-30	
Functions	2472-80	
Scout job week	251-48	
Bank interest	124-14	
Grants	259-17	
Uniforms sold	<u>9-50</u>	
	\$4806-39	\$4806-39

Government Loan at ANZ Bank Ringwood \$1000-00

TOTAL \$6971-89

PAYMENTS.

Equipment	\$ 874-42	
Payments to sections	50-00	
Loan repayments	557-96	
Leaders' expenses	239-42	
Functions	1545-09	
Members fees to Scout assoc.	519-70	
Maintenance exp.	452-95	
Stationery, postage & telephone.	54-50	
Insurance	<u>148-90</u>	
	<u>\$4442-94</u>	<u>\$2528-95</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

Balance as per bank statement as at 31-12-78 \$1528-95

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Group and have obtained all the information and explanations required by me. In my opinion the foregoing statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group for the year ended 31/12/78.

Audited by Mr. D. Dickson, Public Accountant, registered under Companies Act in State of Victoria.