

2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL MEETING 12/3/80.

GROUP LEADERS REPORT FOR 1979.

Since the loss of the scout hall in Patterson St., East Ringwood, 2nd Ringwood has become alive and well, with the formation of a Venturer Unit and a second Cub pack (Kurrajong). The original Cub pack was named Waratah. This move allowed the Cub packs to absorb extra boys and to strengthen the Scout troop and in later years the Venturer unit and Rover crew.

The expansion has increased the overall numbers of the group but we still have vacancies in all sections especially the Venturer unit as well as a leader shortage throughout the group especially the Scout troop which has increased dramatically.

A Scout group headquarters is most unlikely before 1981, this is the prospect to look forward to until the outcome of several schemes which will be announced tonight.

The extraordinary meeting held in October at the Ringwood library created an infusion within the group of 6 new leaders, a parents' auxiliary sub-committee, recruiting sub-committee, a group registrar and magazine editor. The outcome of the meeting it is hoped will induce new enthusiasm into everybody in 1980, for without recruits (boys/girls/leaders) a scout group dies.

The recruitment committee consisting of M. Koschell, A. Culley, E. Carley and T. Molloy resulted in finding 6 new leaders - Rina Glumac, Scott Browne, Mark Hoffman, Stephen Adams, Norm Bain and Bill Fry.

The leader strength at present is 11. We still require 6 extra leaders to break even (1 leader per 6 boys). They are required for each of the following sections :-

Gub packs	Waratah one, Kurrajong one.	(Male or Female)
Scout troop	three	(" ")
Venturer unit	one	(Female only)

Parents must help recruit new members as well as leaders by talking to everyone you come in contact with and sell the scout group.

The scouting activity highlights of each section throughout 1979 would have been for Gubs, the trip to Luna Park and the combined pack holiday at Healsville, with the Venturer unit cooking and washing; The Scout troop participated in the Cohen Shield and Ringwood District Camp as well as patrol camps and hikes during the year; The Venturer unit tried snow skiing as a new activity and organised a canoe race on the Yarra in August.

The group strength (A) ANNUAL CENSUS MARCH.

	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers	Leaders	Families
1978	26	17	-	8	39
1979	41	26	9	11	58

(B) Anticipated membership increased in 1980 by 15 and 4 leaders.

(C) Movements of membership, loss/gain into other sections:

	Boys/Girls	Leaders
Recruits	23	7
Transfers	4	2
Resignations	2	2

(D) Wood badge courses attended by leaders in 1979.

Stage 1 (7), stage 2 (5), stage 3 warranted (6), stage 4 (2) stage 5 (2).

Usually stage 5 takes over a year to complete. A supplementary course was completed by Trevor Molloy for his pack holiday certificate enabling him to take Kurrajong on a pack holiday.

I acknowledge the efforts of the leaders of the group in the various sections (Cub, Scout, Venturer) in overcoming the problems associated with not having a headquarters during 1979 and of accepting the facts as presented by myself and the parents' committee.

During the year the parents' committee members (10) attended group parents' committee meetings and Ringwood District Association meetings, sections leaders attended their various meetings (Cub, Scout, and Venturer District Councils) plus our own group council (all leaders of the group). I have a district Group Leaders and District Staff Council to attend as well. All these meetings are held monthly which generate information around the group as well as showing other groups we are active and interested in the district as a whole.

The Parents' Committee office bearers retiring this year are Des Moylan, Carmel Francis, Brian Nicholson, David Whitehead, Brian Wood. To these people who have served on the Parents' Committee for the last two years, which for some was a very great sacrifice with difficulties not usually encountered by parents' committees, I say thank you for the advice and guidance especially over the past year. The remaining committee have the added burden of guiding the new members during the coming year. Thank you also.

The Group's name change from 2nd Ringwood (Our Lady's) Scout Group to 2nd Ringwood Scout Group means the group no longer is tied to Our Lady's Church and is therefore an open group for any person in the community to join. This came about during a meeting with Ringwood City Council and Our Lady's Parish Council with the view to building a new scout hall and the fact that the group had been acting as an open group for the last three years.

This report would not be complete without acknowledging the services of Mr. Doug Dickson (Our Lady's Parish Accountant) without whose help the final settlement of the scout hall in Patterson Street, East Ringwood would not have been possible.

The financial position as at present - \$300 is still outstanding from family levys which, with the lack of fund raising in 1979 leaves us short of cash for the start of 1980.

Geoff Naughtin.
Group Leader.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP
AS AT 31/12/1979.

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979.

Subscriptions	\$ 1081-50
Bottles collection	572-62
Functions	1780-08
Bank and bond interest	430-76
Government grant	65-00
Uniform sales	28-00
Proceeds from Insurance on hall & equipment	23820-00
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LESS PAYMENTS.

Equipment purchases	\$ 1353-39
Loan repayments on hall	424-38
Training & leader expenses	890-21
Special functions	1281-00
Membership fees	671-75
Property & equipment maintenance	39-78
Stationery, postage & telephone	89-65
Insurance premiums	127-55
Investment of insurance proceeds	21820-00
Hall demolition	450-00
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	\$27147-71
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Surplus for year	\$ 630-25
Opening balance at bank	1528-95
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Closing balance at bank	\$ 2159-20
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