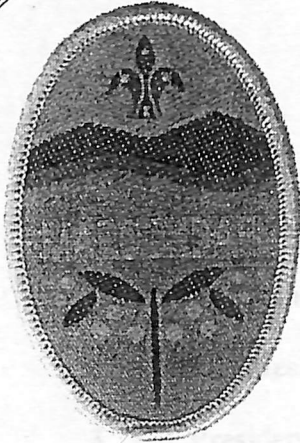


2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP

45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA



2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

1998

COMMITTEE 1998
(President)
(Group Leader)
Geoff Naughton
Trevor Bates
Doreen Cunningham
Garry Whittle
Andrew Wilson
Robert Simpson
Ivan Jones
Peter Walthe

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1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Presidents Report
4. Group Leaders Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Joey Scout Mob Report
7. Waratah Cub Pack Report
8. Scout Troop Report
9. Introduction of new Parents Committee 1999
10. Auditor Appointed
11. Maroondah District Commissioner
12. General Business

PARENTS COMMITTEE 1998

Allan Yule (President)
Geoff Naughtin (Group Leader)
Trevor Barter
Brendan Cunningham
Garry Whittle
Andrew Hilton
Robert Simpson
Ivan Jones
Peter Walshe



2nd RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP

44th A.G.M. 1st March 1998.

Meeting Opened : At 5:45 pm with a flag breaking ceremony and a short prayer.

Welcome : The meeting was opened and all attendees were welcomed by Richard Hodgson, the President.

Present : As per the Attendance Book.

Apologies : K. Mace, The Sbizzirri Family.

Minutes : Minutes of previous A.G.M. were read and accepted.

Reports : The following Reports were Received and Accepted :

- Presidents Report
- Group Leaders Report
- Treasurers Report
- Joey Scout Report
- Waratah Pack Report
- Scout Troop Report

Parent Committee : Richard Hodgson tendered his resignation from the committee because of increased work commitments. The Group offered its thanks to Richard for his dedication during his term as President of the Parent Committee.

The new Committee is -

- Trevor Barter
- Alan Yule
- Brendan Cunningham
- Andrew Hilton
- Ivan Jones
- Peter Walshe
- Robert Simpson

Committee Positions will be decided at the next meeting.

District Commissioner Address:

Claire Edmanson, District Commissioner offered congratulations to the Group on its achievements during the year. Claire urged everyone to advertise

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these achievements to their friends and neighbours thereby furthering the cause of Scouting.

General Business

The Auditor was re-appointed.

The need to increase junior membership was stressed to the meeting. This is critical to the survival and success of the Group. In all sections, we have the available capacity for additional members. It is the responsibility of all parents to encourage others to join.

Geoff Naughtin called for suggestions from the parent body for ideas on recruiting. He stressed that we need personal contacts into the local schools and kindergartens. Robyn Rowe offered to hand out material at the Tintern Fair. Jackie Jones suggested notices in the local church news letters. The meeting thought that both were valid suggestions.

Meeting Closed : 6:12 pm.

Note 1: Reports attached.

President's Report – 1998

Once again this year has been a successful year for 2nd Ringwood. While the Scouts have not been quite as dominant in the District events as the last few years, they have still been well represented at many of the District events. And of course, there can be no winning if there is no participation.

The Cub Scout section has been very active and our Joey section has increased in numbers. As a result of our Group maintaining its membership, 2nd Ringwood was awarded a Quality Scouting Award.

The Parent Committee has worked hard throughout the year. The committee has made a number of improvements, replacements and enhancements. Amongst these included the purchase of a Microwave oven, replacement of the LPG gas bottles, new tyres for the trailer.

The Group has received a regular income from the Ballet School, which is a long-term tenant, as well as funds from the hire of the Hall. This revenue has proved just barely sufficient to meet the operating costs of the Group. As such, the parent body, the Parent Committee and the Leaders will in the forthcoming year need to keep in mind the financial needs of the Group and as such, will need to support the Parent Committee raising the required funds to keep the Group operating.

As stated last year, it is a constant struggle to recruit young people to fill the Joeys, Cubs and Scout sections. There are vacancies in all of these areas. The need to recruit leaders is also always present. As parents whose children gain benefit from scouting, it is the responsibility of us all to actively participate in the recruitment of new members. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Group to express our thanks to Graham Holley for his years of service as our Scout Leader. Graham retired from this position as from Christmas 1998.

Special thanks from the committee to all the leaders for their time and devotion, especially to Geoff Naughtin for his continued guidance and support for the Parent Committee.

Finally to the members of the Parent Committee, thank you for your efforts and support during the year. Without your efforts 2nd Ringwood will cease to exist.

Alan Yule
Chairperson
2nd Ringwood Parent Committee

GROUP LEADERS REPORT 1998

Welcome to the 45th Annual General Meeting of 2nd Ringwood Scout Group. Please take the time to read the Section and Committee reports, which gives an overall picture of the activities and events the Group participated in throughout 1998.

The figures indicate the present numbers in the Sections and in 1998.

Sections	Present No's in sections		No's in 1998		Projected No's in 1999	
	Scouts	Leaders	Scouts	Leaders	Scouts	Leaders
Joey Mob	4	2	2	3	8	1
Cub Pack	8	3	12	1	6	1
Scout Troop	15	4	17	3	4	1
Venturer Unit	3	0	2	0	2	0
Rover Crew	2	0	1	0	1	0

An even greater effort is required this year, if we are to achieve our goals.

Joey Scouts whilst small in size and numbers had an interesting year. They were invited to Parliament House for a State Reception to mark the visit to Victoria of Dr Jacques Moreillon, General Secretary of the World Scout Bureau.

We regret to announce Margaret Hanley will be transferring to Camberwell District. This is due to her work constraints and travelling time from Hawthorn to Ringwood. She has been in Joey Scouts for 6 ½ years. Her contribution and expertise to the weekly program was of an immense value and she will be sadly missed.

Cub Pack meeting times were changed to allow Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts to overlap, thus allowing enough Leaders to staff both meetings. This seemed to work well allowing both age groups diverse activities. Welcome to new Leaders Fiona O'Keeffe and Michael Burrows to assist Stephen O'Brien.

The Scout Troop achieved a creditable performance at the District Camp and at Lasseters base style competition. The improvement was at Cohen Shield where both Patrols achieved Silver Awards. The standard remained high and new skills were introduced such as hiking and canoeing. Four Scouts attended the Australia Day award ceremony at Ringwood Lake as part of their Citizenship award badge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Graham Holley for his service to this Group over the last five years. Without Graham the Scout Troop would have ceased altogether. Thanks Graham for a job well done. Bruce Dickie takes on the role of Scout Leader and Alan Yule commenced as Assistant Scout Leader.

Parents Committee initiated procedures for the loan of equipment and the creation of a computerised equipment inventory and a parent information booklet. Thanks go to Alan and the Parents Committee members for a job well done, especially the last few weeks when I departed for New Zealand prior to the Group Break-up.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the Group for their help and support during 1998.

Geoff Naughtin

TREASURERS REPORT

1998 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Group Fees and Registration	2869.75
Hall Hire	4160.00
Bank Interest	129.43
Fundraising	459.00
Sundries	5.00

TOTAL INCOMING

\$7623.18

EXPENDITURE

Equipment	758.69
To Other Sections	1062.00
Land Building & Loan	716.05
Scouter Expenses	544.26
Special Functions	130.74
Membership	1850.75
Property Charges	1208.65
Stationery, Postage & Telephone	197.30
Other Payments	529.24

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$6997.68

Surplus	625.50
Opening Bank Balance	4170.66
Closing Bank Balance	4796.16

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Cheque Account	3596.16
Term Deposit	1200.00

2nd RINGWOOD JOEY SCOUT MOB ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights of 1998 were:

Green Day held in March at Ringwood Lake where all the Joey Scouts of Maroondah District came together for an hour of fun through games, craft and stories.

Mothers Night. We joined with the Cub Scout Pack for this event and had a very enjoyable night.

State Reception. On Tuesday 16th June 1998, three Joey Scouts, Peter Hilton, Jack Simpson and Matthew Donovan were invited by the Honourable Jeff Kennett, MLA Premier of Victoria to a State Reception, to mark the visit of Dr. Jacques Morreillon, General Secretary of the World Scout Bureau. The reception was held in Queen's Hall, Parliament House. Light refreshments were served which the Joey Scouts enjoyed. After the speeches the three Joey Scouts obtained the autograph of Mr Kennett. They had the opportunity to visit both Houses of Parliament and the library. As we left the reception with 1st Vermont Joey Scouts, we stopped to talk to a young Policeman, where one of the Joey Scouts told him that he had just been to an **Ace House**.

Christmas Outing. We travelled by train to Flinders Street Station and had tea at McDonalds. After this we walked up to Myers to view their Christmas Windows, then travelled up Bourke street by Tram, to the Treasury Gardens to feed the Possums. By the time we arrived back at the hall we had some very tired Joey Scouts Parents and Leaders.

Because of low numbers during 1998 we ran our meeting between 6.00pm and 7.00pm which meant we overlapped into Cubs by half an hour. This has given us more scope to run interesting programs.

Leaders. I would like to thank Margaret Hanley for her enthusiasm, knowledge and support as Assistant Joey Scout Leader over the last few years. We wish Margaret enjoyment and success in her future Scouting.

Thanks to Louise and Stephen O'Brien for their assistance during the year. We welcomed new Leaders Michael Burrows and Fiona O'Keeffe.

The Leaders would like to thank all parents who helped in any way during 1998.

Ann Naughtin

WARATAH CUB SCOUT PACK ANNUAL REPORT.

Highlights of 1998 were:

Maroondah District Cub Scout Trip to Portsea.

This was held over the weekend of the 27th to 29th March, we travelled by car to Portsea on the Friday night. Our Cub Pack arrived by 8.15pm they were then allotted the groups for the weekend and the bunk rooms. Then we all walked to the Portsea Pier and back. On Saturday after breakfast they worked through various bases, which they all enjoyed. The highlight of Saturday was the boat trip out to see the Seals and the Sorrento aquarium.

On Sunday the Cubs walked to Portsea back beach for lunch. By the end of the weekend leaders and cubs had a terrific time but were all tired.

Mothers Night.

The Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts joined together for this annual event when all Mums are invited to a fun night which ends with everyone sitting down to Dinner.

Mystery Day for 8-9 year old Cubs Scouts.

This was an orienteering day held in H.E. Parker Reserve and the surrounding streets.

Whitehorse Showtime

The Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts both attended Showtime and enjoyed the fun and entertainment. It was great to see so many members on 2nd Ringwood in the cast.

Cub Scout Ten Year Old Camp.

On the weekend of 14th and 15th November Bundarra and the 10 year old Cub Scouts attended the camp under canvas at Clifford Park.

Sleepover and Christmas Outing.

The Christmas outing was held with the Joey Scouts with our visit to Macdonald's, Myers windows and the visit to the Treasury Gardens to feed the possums. When we arrived back at the hall the Cubs Scouts made up their beds, had supper, watched Television and slowly fell off to sleep. After breakfast the tired Cub Scouts Parents and Leaders went home for a much needed rest.

During the year we worked on Boomerangs, encouraging all Cubs to achieve their levels.

Thanks to all parents for the help during the year.

Special thanks to Stephen O'Brien without Stephen the Cub Scout Pack would not have survived.

Thanks to Margaret Hanley and Louise O'Brien for their help with the Cub Pack.

Welcome to Michael Burrows and Fiona O'Keeffe as Assistant Cubs Leaders.

Ann Naughtin

2ND RINGWOOD SCOUT TROOP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1998.

Jamboree.

The troop was represented at the Jamboree in Queensland held at Ipswich just outside the metropolitan area of Brisbane. The scouts who attended were Stuart Holley, James Latimer, Philip Yule and Craig Dickie. They traveled by bus leaving on the 1st of January and returned on Sunday the 11th of January. Although the scouts found it hard to acclimatize to the hot humid tropical weather, they managed to enjoy all the Jamboree activities on site plus attend the outside attractions on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and at the Amberley air base.

Explorer Hike.

On the 7th and 8th of March Steven Jones, James Latimer and Craig Dickie did their 18 kilometer Explorer Hike in the Mount Tanglefoot and Mount St. Leonard area north of Healesville. The Saturday was fine but the rain came down overnight. With the wet the scouts were able to study the action of leeches as they loped along the outside of their tent and Bruce Dickie found out that his thirty year old hike tent was no longer up to standard.

Lasseter's Weekend.

The 1st to the 3rd of March saw all 14 scouts in the Troop participate in 'Lasseters', which is a competition weekend wherein during the day, scouts hike from one activity to another where they compete for points. The weekend is organized and run by the Lasseter Rover Crew as a District activity. It is at a different location and has a different theme each year. This year it was 'THE BLUES BROTHERS' and was held in the Beenak Forest. (behind Gembrook) It was quite a sight to see scouts in black suits, white shirts with black tie, black hats and sunglasses emerge from the bush. The patrol lead by James Latimer was awarded the prize as best dressed. Many new scouts learnt how cold it can get overnight. The temperature on the Friday night dropped to 3 degrees.

Patrol Leaders Training Weekend.

Kate Rowe and Philip Yule attended a P.L. training weekend at the Ist Ringwood Scout Hall on the 20th and 21st of June.

Cohen Shield.

All but one scout attended the Cohen Shield competition day held at Clifford Park on Sunday the 13th of September. The patrol leaders were Steven Jones and Stuart Holley. They had a successful day with both patrols winning a silver pennant.

Showtime.

Once again 2nd Ringwood Scouts starred in 'Whitehorse ShowTime.' Each year more of our members participate. The show is a major commitment with a least 9 rehearsals starting in May, culminating in over six shows presented in September. At the end of each 'ShowTime' the scouts participating are always enthusiastic and want to 'come back next year'. In 1998 we had Kate Rowe, Stuart Holley, Philip Yule and Bridget Irving. They had strong support from all their parents, with a special mention for the 'back stage' efforts of Robyn Rowe and Lorraine Yule.

Maroondah October Camp.

The Maroondah October Camp (MOC) was again held at Clifford Park for five days, being the 30th of September to the 4th of October. The camp is a mixture of scouting and other activities including 'bike bungle', archery and Sumo wrestling run by the 'Grand Poobah' Buddy (Graham) Holley, who was resplendent in his red Mikado dressing gown. We entered two patrols being:-

Wombats.

James Latimer P.L.
Craig Dickie A.P.L.
Matthew Barter.
Jarrod Hodgson.
Jason Hudson.

&

Scorpions.

Steven Jones P.L.
Kate Rowe. A.P.L.
Kirsten Morrow.
Michael Hilton.
Philip Yule.

The camp was preceded with the usual Practice Camp beside the Scout Hall on the 18th and 19th of September. Both patrol acquitted themselves well with the Wombats coming within a whisker of being Camp Champs. They only missed out by a small percentage.

Pedal to the Metal.

The Victorian Branch ran a post jamboree program entitled 'Pedal to the Metal' which rewarded scouts with various stripes to pin on their epaulets. The program was centred around bicycle type activities including bicycle maintenance & safety, 'wheelie bin' races and culminated in an organized cycling event. The troop participated in the annual Knox 'OPPY RIDE' on the 1st of November. Phillip Yule, Stuart Holly James Latimer, David Latimer and Sarah Dickie were followed by the 'oldies' Alan Yule, Graham Holley, Bruce Dickie and Steven Latimer. It was a pleasant 18 kilometre pedal around the Knox Bicycle paths. Most of us had an instant recollection of the event whenever we sat down during the following few days.

Explorer Hike.

The second overnight explorer Hike was held at Murrindindi on the 21st and 22nd of November. Some of the older scouts also came along as they had now acquired a taste for light-weight camping. The first day we started at the Murrindindi Cascades and followed old timber tramway/ walking paths downstream to our camping spot beside the river. On Sunday we hiked up-hill past the spectacular Willhelmina Falls to the top of the ridge (a climb of 370 metres). We then walked along the ridge with views across the Murrindindi and Yea River valleys. Then down and back up the Murrindindi River to the Camp site. We hiked a total distance of 20 kilometres over the two days in absolutely beautiful weather. Those who participated were James Latimer, Philip Yule, Michael Hilton, Matthew Barter, Matthew Walshe, Jarrod Hodgson, Stuart Holley, and Kate Rowe. The leaders were Graham Holley, Robyn Rowe and Bruce Dickie.

Air Activities

During the year we worked on the Air Activities Badge. On the 13th of May the troop visited the R.M.I.T. Aerospace Technologies Laboratories at Fishermans Bend. We saw how materials are tested for strength and stress and also experienced the inside of a wind tunnel. They had lots of aircraft and we were allowed to climb in and out of them. They had helicopters, fighter aircraft and different aircraft engines including engines from the 'Buzz Bombers' of the Second World War.

On the 29th of November the whole troop (plus some fathers) visited the Scout Air Activities Center at Morrabbin Airport. We were taught about the theory of flight, flight controls, weather, and had a short 20 minute flight. This was followed by a visit to the Aircraft Museum at the airport.

Emergencies Day

On Sunday the 6th of December Graham Holley conducted an Emergencies Day. Firstly we went to the Knox SES and then to the Fern Tree Gully Ambulance Station where first aid was learnt. After we had perfected our resuscitation technique on the plastic mannequins, Graham took us for a ride in an Ambulance.

Other events.

These are just some of the events the scout troop engaged in. Needless to say there were sleepovers, swimming and roller skating nights, visits to Time-zone, Dark- zone and a few end-of-term nights at Pizza Hut.

Buddy steps down.

The end of the year came all too quick and 'Buddy' (Graham Holley) insisted it was time for a rest. After over five years of being at the helm he has decided to be an occasional/emergency ASL when available. He will help in such things like conducting an Emergencies Badge courses and assisting at camps and sumo wrestling. Both Robyn and I greatly appreciated his leadership and experience in running the troop. His constant presence will be greatly missed but we look forward to his assistance where he can help.

Luckily, Graham gave us plenty of warning of his stepping aside for a while (so he can cross a few things off Rosemary's job list). We were then able to recruit Alan Yule from the position of Group Committee President, to Assistant Scout Leader. **Welcome Alan.**

Bruce Dickie.
SL. February 99.

Robyn Rowe.
ASL

Alan Yule.
ASL.

Graham Holley.
ASL