



2ND MAROONDAH SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

2002



49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. Flag Break and Prayer.**
- 2. Welcome and Apologies.**
- 3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.**
- 4. President Report.**
- 5. Group Leaders Report.**
- 6. Treasurer Report.**
- 7. Joey Scout Mob Report.**
- 8. Kurrajong Cub Pack Report.**
- 9. Waratah Cub Pack Report.**
- 10. Scout Troop Report.**
- 11. Introduction of new Parents Committee 2003.**
- 12. Auditor Appointed.**
- 13. District Commissioner.**
- 14. General Business.**

PARENTS COMMITTEE 2002

**Graeme Dower
Chris Dwyer
Julie McMillan
Aletha Sbizzirri
Garry Whittle**



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Parent Committee Chair Report on Year 2002

The role of the parents committee is to provide support to the uniformed leaders and in particular the Group Leader. The committee ensures all facilities, equipment and resources are maintained in a safe condition for use by the troop. This is an onerous task and one in which all parents can participate. The committee is made up of willing parents able to provide some of their time to help our volunteer leaders and troop achieve the goals that we would like for our children.

The parent committee is also entrusted to ensure that there are sufficient funds to meet the needs and operating costs of the troop. This is done through social activities, sausage sizzles, raffles and other fund raising means available. This also requires an input from all parents and for this we thank you. We need to raise the awareness of the troop within the community through continually seeking new members from Joey's through to Scouts, and assistance from parent helpers.

In the past year we have seen a massive change in public liability insurance in the community and this in turn has affected the troop with additional costs for the insurance premium for each uniformed member. We have had the raffle and sausage sizzle to help these costs so that the burden was not necessarily forced on the parents. It is important that the fees for your child are paid as and when they fall due. This helps the troop and also ensures further availability of funds to allow the troop to develop and grow.

The hall is now maintained by Maroondah Council with the troop responsible for the interior maintenance. To this end there was a working bee to allow the painting and general maintenance items to be completed. These tasks require everyone's assistance and we look forward to greater attendance at future working bees.

The troop needs the support of the parent committee and this year the numbers of parents on the committee has fluctuated and we are in need of a strong committee for the forthcoming year. The troop are now well organised with the leaders providing the stimulus to the troop and an excellent activity program. The year ahead will be busy with the Jamboree in Adelaide in January 2004 and various other activities throughout the year.

Thank you to the members of the parents committee for 2002 for help and assistance. The members were Chris Dwyer, Aletha Sbizzirri, Julie McMillan, Graham Dower, Alex Kolevich, Geoff Naughtin and Gary Whittle. I would also like to say a big thank you to the leaders from Joey's, Cubs and Scouts, for their amazing efforts in 2002 and the on going work for the coming year. We look forward to an interesting year with a new committee and some new parents to help the troop and your child enjoy what 2nd Maroondah Scout Troop has to offer.

Gary Whittle
Chair, Parents Committee

GROUP LEADERS REPORT 2002

Welcome. Over the last year, many of the goals were achieved. They were to increase the Scout numbers, Adult Leaders and to finalize the Hall Lease Agreement with Maroondah City Council. The numbers have increased. The Scout Troop along with the Great Ryrrie Joey Mob and Kurrajong Cub Pack has increased in youth and Leaders. However Waratah Cub Pack was slow to gain Cub Scouts.

Recruitment still remains critical to Scout Group, even though in recent years we have gained in membership. Let's not become complacent. It's the duty of everyone at 2nd Maroondah to recruit new members. Currently we are seeking the services of two Cub Leaders for Waratah Cub Pack, because the current Leader is unavailable on weekends.

On a better note, the signing of the Hall Lease and Maintenance Agreement between the Scout Association and Maroondah City Council, committed 2nd Maroondah Scout Group to a 5 year Lease of \$22.00 per year. The Scout Group is to maintain the internal areas of the Hall and the Council is to complete major works and maintain external areas. You would have noticed the external walls have been painted, spouting and down pipes have been replaced, plus emergency door openers have been installed to external doors by Council. Next financial year other works will be undertaken. A Parent working bee painted the main hall walls and doors. This agreement will save us many thousands of dollars in the years ahead. However failure to complete the maintenance would result in the loss of the lease. It's up to us to make sure the maintenance program is completed as per the schedule.

It should be noted Hall Hire remains our main source of income, without which we would have been hard pressed to balance this year. The added cost of insurance \$880.00 strained resources in many Scout Groups. This was the chief cause for the finances to record only a small gain.

Towards the end of the year, Scout Leader Bruce Dickie transferred to District, to become District Leader Scouts. This caused changes to the Scout Troop. Alan Yule became Scout Leader and Cameron Glover joined as an Assistant Scout Leader. I would like to thank Bruce for his enthusiasm and guidance of the Troop over the past years.

To night marks the beginning of our 50th Birthday year, which runs until the next Annual Meeting in 2004. Already people have put their hands up to attend our Birthday on Saturday 13th September 2003. It will be a busy year with the Jamboree in Adelaide and fundraising as well.

I would like to extend my thanks to Leaders, Parents Committee and everyone connected with 2nd Maroondah Scout Group.

Group Leader
Geoff Naughtin

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TREASURER REPORT – 2002 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| RECEIPTS | Opening Balance 01/01/02 | \$5,5546.81 |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Group Fees (Subscriptions) | \$ | 5,612.25 |
| Hall Hire | \$ | 2,936.40 |
| Special Functions | \$ | 809.60 |
| - Fund Raising | \$ | 809.60 |
| Membership (Joining/Dist & Region Levys) | \$ | 145.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$ | 253.71 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | \$9,756.96 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Equipment | \$ | 186.77 |
| T0 Other Sections | \$ | 614.00 |
| Land Building – Utilities | \$ | 763.75 |
| Leader Expenses | \$ | 1,359.70 |
| Special Functions | \$ | 504.85 |
| - Trivia Night | \$ | 80.26 |
| Membership (Joining/Dist & Region Levys) | \$ | 5,228.05 |
| Property Charges | \$ | 279.80 |
| Stationery, Postage & Telephone | \$ | 325.68 |
| Other Payments | \$ | 304.12 |
| - Bank Fees | \$ | 24.50 |
| - Building Insurance | \$ | 279.62 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | \$9,566.72 |
| YEAR TO DATE PROFIT/LOSS | | 190.24 |
| CURRENT CASH BOOK BALANCE | | \$5,737.05 |

GREAT RYRIE JOEY SCOUT MOB ANNUAL REPORT 2002

During the year the program for Joey Scouts was chosen to meet the need of children six and seven years of age.

- The Joey Scouts have learnt to work and play in groups.
- They have mixed with adults, outside the home and school environments.
- They have developed their physical, mental, social and spiritual activities.

All this has been achieved by participating in hands on experience such as in games, activities, crafts, stories, songs, play acting, and out door activities.

Some of the Program theme were

Water, Flight, Knots, Cooking, Easter, Mothers Day, Seasons, ANZAC, Fathers Day, Christmas, Maps, Footy Fever.

The Joey Scouts attended Formula Bike and enjoyed working through the Joey Scout bases. At lunch time they watched the Cub Scouts and Scouts competing in the Bike Ride.

The Joey Scouts held a Region Day in June at Camp Warringal near Whittlesea. The Theme for this day was Emergencies. The bases consisted of Fire, Ambulance, Life Saving, SES, Police and Animal Rescue. All the Joey Scouts who attended this day had great fun.

A Sleepover followed the Christmas Breakup.

I would like to thank all the Parents who have supported the Joey Scout Mob and Cub Scout Pack during the year. Especially our Parent helpers Mrs Merrin Baker and Mrs Cathy Frogley. Also thanks to our Assistant Joey Scout Leader Louise O'Brien.



KURRAJONG CUB SCOUT PACK ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The Cub Pack meets at the same time as the Joey Scout Mob. They share certain activities. The Cub Scouts have been working on gaining their Boomerangs and have gained Achievement Badges during the year eg. Cooking, Art and Craft, Entertainer, and Flight.

- The Cub Scouts attended the Dawn Service at the Clock Tower and enjoyed breakfast as the guests of the Ringwood RSL.
- They had a fun day with the Joey Scouts at Formula Bike.
- The Cub Scouts hiked in the Warrandyte State Park. Thanks to Peter Dean for arranging the Hike.
- Walked to Ringwood Lake and enjoyed a BBQ tea.
- A First Aid night was presented by Alan Dugan.
- Compass and mapping program.
- Five Cub Scouts attended the Camping under Canvas weekend held at Clifford Park and organised by the Maroondah District



The highlight of the year was the CUBOREE held at Gilwell Park it was attended by six of our Cubs Scouts and Rama.





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2nd Maroondah Cub Scouts – Waratah Pack

2002

For Cubs, 2002 was a big year. The 2002 Cuboree, held every two years at Gilwell Park over the 1st Term holidays, attracted a huge number of Cubs, some traveling from other parts of Australia to attend. The Waratah Cub Scout pack was represented by David O'Sullivan and he had a great time!

Activities that we participated in over the year were:

- Scoutcraft training
- Navigation using maps and compasses
- 2nd Maroondah Talent Show
- Explore different cultures
- Swimming
- The Jungle Book
- Pirate night
- District hike up One-Tree Hill
- Cooking
- Learning about where we live
- Handicrafts
- Night walks
- Rock climbing
- Construction night
- Music night
- Bike riding

Over the year we gained a few new Cubs, and watched a few make their transition into Scouts. I wish them best of luck in their Scouting careers.

Throughout the year I've had the invaluable assistance of David Bryden, who got to see first-hand why the Scouting motto is 'Be Prepared' on our District hike up One-Tree Hill. It was COLD! Thanks for all your help David!

Once again, many thanks go to Geoff Naughtin who has made himself available for assistance on Thursday nights. Thanks go to my predecessor Stephen O'Brien who had helped out on occasion throughout the year with specific activities.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the parents for their support over the past year. This year promises to be a great one. I look forward to everybody's participation with the 2nd Maroondah Waratah Cub Pack in 2003!

James Dugan, ACSL



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2nd Maroondah – Scout Section Report.

Youth Members (Scouts)

The year began with 12 scouts in the Troop, plus 1 new recruit on the first night. A good beginning. At the close of the year the Troop contained 17 scouts, with the maximum during the year 19.

During the year two new members joined from outside the Scouting association and two others transferred from other troops. Matt Sbizzirri went up to Venturers, and one scout resigned.

From a membership viewpoint 2002 was a successful year however recruitment of new members and retaining current Scouts continues to be a major focus for the Scout Leaders.

Activities.

The Troop participated in a wide range of activities at Group, District and Region level during the year. The activities included ;-

Wet Night – waterfight.

Achieving Scouting Awards.

Formula Bike.

Patrol Camps.

Visit to Ringwood Fire Station.

District Camp (M.O.C.).

Lasseters Hike.

Murray River Rescue.

Canoe Training.

Night Hike.

Swimming.

Cohen Shield.

Venturer Night.

Rock Climbing.

Cooking Night.

Whitehorse Showtime.

Ice Blocking.

Highlights of the Year.

All scouts within the Troop advanced within the Award Scheme. Some achieved new levels such as completing their Pioneer Badge and Cord, 3 others achieved the Explorer Badge and Cord. Well done. Matt Sbizzirri earned his WOMBACAT Award, having had it approved at District level in March.

At Formula Bike, our team rode throughout the night. There was a short break of under an hour just before dawn where we didn't have a rider on the track. In all, the team covered 512 kilometres (80 team laps).

At Ringwood fire station, all scouts nearly had to change their underpants when the Station Alarms went off and the main door automatically opened. Even the firemen

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Allan Dugan - ASL
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panicked until a control informed us that it was just a demonstration for our purposes. The leaders have never seen the scouts move so fast.

During canoe training, 2 leaders and 4 scouts achieved their level 1 charge certificates. It was hard work paddling down stream in the lower Yarra against the incoming tide. We thought we would never reach our landing point. The trip, thanks to the tide took two hours longer than expected.

At Lasseters Hike, our scouts performed well and the leaders won the best stunt award for the 4th year in a row.

As a troop, we undertook tree planting for the Murray River Rescue.

At Cohen Shield our Patrol gained a Silver Pennant. It would have been Gold except one scout forgot to wear uniform.

Two Patrols attended MOC and survived the experience. Considering the weather, this was quite an achievement. Platypus patrol won the Gadget Award.

We finished the year up at Lilydale Lake where we went ice blocking. For those that went, a great deal of fun was had. Never have we seen scouts go so far, so fast with so little effort.

Leaders.

Towards the end of third term, Bruce Dickie transferred from the position of Scout Leader having accepted the role of District Leader – Scouts. Alan Yule took on the role of Scout Leader and continues to be supported by Assistant Scout Leaders, Robyn Rowe, Allan Dugan and new to 2nd Maroondah, Cameron Glover.

During 2002 Allan completed his Basic Training, Robyn and Alan completed Advanced Scout Training, and Cameron having already completed the Advanced modules focused on the specialty training area of 'working with youth with disabilities.'

At a First aid course conducted by Allan during August, Bruce, Alan and Cameron completed their level 2 first aid certificates and emergency asthma management.

Parent Support.

To all the parents that have provided support to the leaders and the scouts over the year, the Scout Troop would like to say thank you. We would also like to ask you back to support us and join us in scouting in 2003.

Alan Yule – SL
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