



6TH RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP



HEADQUARTERS : NORTH RINGWOOD PARK, WONGA ROAD .

NEWSLETTER

Hello There,

This is the first of our hopefully monthly newsletters. It seems that it is a long time since the Group attempted such an effort. I feel that this is a move in the right direction to help us all overcome some of our previous communication misunderstandings. I would ask you all to read it carefully, as there is some important information within the following pages concerning the operations of the Group.

If you have some information which you feel could be used as material for our newsletter, please forward it to Jill Turner, 20, Craithie Ave., Park Orchards, or to Jan Skoblar of 56, Wonga Road, for publication in future editions.

Yours scoutingly,

TREVOR STANIER G.L.

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April Newsletter - Contribution from Group Committee

LET LUCKY DEAL HELP 6TH RINGWOOD

You all know about the COLES/NEW WORLD LUCKY DEAL COMPETITION in which you can win cash prizes by collecting cards from your local New World store and making up a winning combination!

Let's pool all our cards and give the Group a great chance to win a large prize. Bring all the cards you can to the Scout Hall, and drop them into the collecting box. The Competition closes on 13th May so ACT NOW and perhaps help raise some money QUICKLY AND EASILY!!!

GROUP COMMITTEE

The new committee aims to follow the good work done last year but needs the help of parents to do this.

Our aims this year:are:-

1. To help the Group to operate effectively.
2. To complete the proposed building extensions.

More details on Group finance will be given next month, but to achieve our aim the Group must raise \$4,000 beyond the money paid as registration fees. We see this coming from:-

Paper Depot	\$1,000
Scout Week ("Bob-a-Job")	400
Other Fund raising	<u>\$2,600</u>
	<u>\$4,000</u>

OPERATION OF PAPER DEPOT

The Paper Depot is important for fund raising. All parents (other than those who opt to pay a \$25 levy to be excluded) will be rostered to help through the year for one week of 5 days.

The arrangements are as follows:-

1. The Cubs and Scouts will collect paper at home (and from your neighbours) and bring it to the Hall on their regular night.
2. Cubs will compete for a cup. The Six which collects most paper amongst the two packs in any month will hold the cup for the next month; a Six holding the cup for three consecutive months will have its name engraved on the cup.

Scouts will compete for a prize:- (e.g. a silver compass) to be awarded each school term to the patrol collecting the most paper amongst both troops.

3. The Roster of parents is on display in the Scout Hall: please make sure you know when your turn is.
4. On Monday nights, the "duty Parents" should collect the Paper Depot key from 128, Wonga Road, and spend, say, 25 mins. clearing any paper or bottles left (wrongly!) ~~around~~ the Hall, and binding paper in the Depot.

On Tuesday to Friday nights, the "duty Parents" should attend at the start of the regular meeting and:-

(a) Measure the paper collected by each Six or patrol, which is stacked in the appropriate place in the Depot.

(b) Enter that night's collection - by Six or patrol - into the Record Sheet.

(c) Bind and stack away the paper collected.

5. The various packs/troops start at the following times:-

Tuesday	7.00 pm
Wednesday	7.30 pm
Thursday	7.45 pm
Friday	7.00 pm.

6. On completing their work on Friday, the parents should return the key to 128 Wonga Road.

NOTE: It is the Parents' responsibility to look after the Depot, NOT THE SCOUTERS; they are busy helping our children.

The Roster of Parents for the next 8 weeks is:-

April 24 - 26	Davey and Dwyer.
May 1 - 5	Nemec and Van Abbe.
May 8 - 12	Hubbard and Percy.

May 15 - 19 Corr and Ford
 May 22 - 26 Haxby and Richards.
 May 29 - June 2 Thornton and Thomas.
 June 5 - 9 Alan Griffiths and Jacky Devidal
 June 12 - 16 Dorn and Jarman

OTHER FUNCTIONS COMING UP

The following functions are being organised for the near future:

- (a) A Lamington Drive in April/May.
- (b) A Strikathon at the Ringwood Bowl on June 4th. (SEE BACK PAGE.)
- (c) A live theatre night at the Lilydale Mechanics' Institute in June.
- (d) "Operation Switch-On" (the sale of light globes) to be arranged shortly.

It is planned to hold 2 or 3 Lamington Drives during the year. In addition, a Raffle is planned later on.

Parents are encouraged to enlist the support of friends, neighbours, etc. to participate in these programmes and ensure their success.

A SHORT STORE STORY.

Once upon a time, children gathered in the old North Ringwood Pavilion to play Cubs and Scouts. They had nowhere to keep their knots and black billies except along the walls of a private garage and under a house. Imagine this true situation when going to Camp.

Then it came to pass and a new Hall was built, the usual problems were evident, where the casual storage method became a survival of the fittest existence.

Bad News: The big fire destroyed a portion of the Hall and contents.

Good News: The damaged section was rebuilt, together with the present day Store.

It could be said we have come a long way; however, it should be said we still have a long way to go.

We can develop the store and its contents even further to serve the demands of the Group. All that is required is the continued support and co-operation from all members of the Group.

Next Issue - watch for "The Phantom Invader".

Signed: Ina Watchin.

HUPALI PACK

Last month we held a very happy and successful Pack Holiday at

Phillip Island. The highlights were many and varied - sleeping in tents, penguins, koalas, crab hunts and crab races, just to name a few. Our thanks to Fay and Dave Hubbard and Don Percy who were our excellent cooks.

We welcome "New Chums" Wayne Hubbard, Andrew Haxly, Leroy Sharrock, Stuart Caird, Adrian Nemec, Micky Corr, Chris Chivers, Dominic Van Abbe and Stuart Currie into the Pack, and hope their stay is a happy one.

Badge work is progressing well:

Mark Crick Bronze Boomerang
Andrew Griffiths . Gold Boomerang
Grant Spittle . . 10 y.o Athlete

WANTED!!

A Mum to organise and operate the second-hand uniform shop.

5TH RINGWOOD "WARUNGI"

We started the year with a Parents' meeting on 14th February, which was very well attended. Thank you all for coming along. On that night we also welcomed Mark Dynes, Andrew Hamilton, Brendan Paddock and Cameron White into the Pack, bringing our membership up to 26 Cubs. We hope we will be able to prepare you for Scouts.

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On Tuesday, 28th February, we joined in the Ringwood District Cub Swimming Sports. Although only thirteen Cubs attended, we still managed to get 5th placing out of 14, which was a great effort for those boys who braved the cold to swim for us. Many thanks to you boys. Also to the Parents who cheered us along.

We sadly farewelled "Ricky" Rod Anderson, who will be leaving us for a while to try his luck in Western Australia. He has promised to return. Ricky was very popular with the boys, and we will all miss him. However, tonight we welcome a new leader Mrs. Yvonne Tolley into the Pack. We hope her stay will be a long and happy one. We are very proud of our Pack, and I am sure the boys will make her welcome. Yvonne's husband Noel, is our Rover Leader and also helps with the Troop.

Although Cubbing is primarily fun, we would like to see the boys putting more effort into their test passing also.

Craig Talbot and Robert Fry are at present working on their Link badges prior to going up to Scouts.

"BINALONG" TROOP

Master Camp was held at Glenburn when 15 "Binalong" and 2 "Warramook" boys attended. The boys enjoyed themselves, and some Patrol Activities badges were gained by:-

S. Dwyer	T. Crossett
D. Stanyer	W. Crossett
P. Eirschfeld	A. Tolley
A. Skoblar	J. Thomas
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Water Activities Day was held at the Liverpool Road Retarding Basin on 9th April, when part of the troop attended. 3 rafts were put

into the water, yet none entered the race. S. Dwyer won the Kyak race and also his heat in the slalom, but had to leave before the final. Perry Proeger won the final of the slalom. Andy Lawson entered the walking on water event, and was the only entrant.

EASTER CALE

"Who wants to go walking in the rain?" I said, explaining why the afternoon walk and navigation exercise was off. "We do!" they all said, so off we went.

Most wore nylon parkas. Nice and warm - but not all that waterproof. Frank lent his parka to somebody who didn't have one, thinking his denim outfit wouldn't let the water in. Trevor, Joy and John came along to enjoy the stroll.

Everything went well for the first 2 km or so. Every boy had a map, and many were able to pinpoint their position as we walked along the road. Things looked good for the cross-country navigation exercise, towards the end of the walk.

Then it happened! Rain, rain, rain! Floods of it! Most of us were wet and uncomfortable, but Frank was soaked through, and turning crisp white. Trevor and John to the rescue! We aborted the exercise, and headed back along the road, while the two intrepid rescuers ran all the way back to camp for transport. Keith and Harry soon arrived in their vehicles, and ferried everyone back to warm drinks, dry clothing and cheery campfires.

On arrival back at camp, H. stopped at the green sentry boxes beside the drive-way to show his pass. Terrible security though nobody came out, and we just drove on into camp! (For the uninitiated, the "sentry boxes" were K's newly constructed throne rooms!)

We are grateful to those who came especially to help us to settle in at Glenburn (and to those who helped us move out). Dick Stanley dug some enormous holes for grease pits ETCETERA, but Warren Crossett declined to hop in to check their depth before use! Keith Fry went one better after the campfire; he stepped right INTO the grease pit! YUK! Poor fellow had to have an icy-cold wash before he went to bed.

At Glenburn a scouter from Binalong
Had forgotten to bring his tin along,
But a plate lent from Keith
Brought him utmost relief
'Twas no need to wait for his dinner long!

Those who have missed out on this issue are:-

The Venturers

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Jack's Mob

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20 (TWENTY) team captains, for STRIKATHON.

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