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1st, and 2nd. Heathmont.



2nd. RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP DIARY.

JUNE '81.

- 1st. Mindari - Scout Leaders.
- 2nd. Parents Committee Meeting.
- 4th. District Association.
- 6,7,8th. Scout Camp Warrandyte.
- 8th. Group Council.
- 15th. Seeonee - Cub Leaders.
- 16th. Group Leaders & District Staff Meeting.

JULY '81.

- 2nd. District Association.
- 6th. Mindari.
- 7th. Parents Committee.
- 12th. Scout Lightning Football Championship.
- 13th. Group Council.
- 19th. Cub Badge Achievement Day.
- 20th. Seeonee.
- 21st. G.L. District Meeting.

AUGUST '81.

- 1st - 2nd. Cub Leaders Conference.
- 3rd. Mindari.
- 4th. Parents Committee.
- 6th. District Association.
- 8th - 9th. P.L. Bicycle Hike.
- 10th. Group Council.
- 17th. Seeonee.

- PROPOSED PACK HOLIDAY CUBS -

On the 30th. & 31st. of May the Cub Leaders were to have attended a Pack Holiday Course and after completion a Pack Holiday for the Cubs of 2nd. Ringwood is to be arranged.

Watch for further details of the Cub Pack Holiday in next Journal.

- ARTICLES REQUIRED -

YOUR ARTICLES FOR THIS PUBLICATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MAILING TO 11 YARANG COURT, HEATHMONT 1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION DATE: NAMELY, 1st. February, 1st. May, 1st. August and the 1st. November in each quarter.

MINDARI - (An Aboriginal Word), is a District Monthly Meeting of all Scout Leaders in Ringwood, at which the leaders discuss the forthcoming District Events.

SCOUT EMERGENCIES COURSE - The course is for Scouts wishing to pass their EMERGENCIES BADGE and is run for 4 weeks commencing 25/5/81.

PARENTS COMMITTEE - The Parents Committee look after the needs of the Group - Fund Raising, Purchases of Equipment, General Management of the Group and acquiring NEW LEADERS.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION - This is the governing parent body of Ringwood Scout District comprising of eight Scout Groups (1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th., 6th. & 7th. Ringwood and 1st. & 2nd. Heathmont). The District Association is made up of two Group Representatives, a District Commissioner and Assistants.

GROUP COUNCIL - This is a meeting of all leaders in the Group each month, where requests are made for help, equipment, etc. to Parents Committees. Planning and information is carried out for the following month.

SEEONEE - Same as Mindari except Cub Leaders in Ringwood attend.

GROUP LEADERS OF EACH GROUP & DISTRICT STAFF MEETING - They meet with the District Commissioner monthly, present report, discuss policy and problems in the Groups and the District.

THE WORST SHIP.

Between 1953, when it was built, and 1976, when it sank, the "Argo Merchant" suffered every known form of maritime disaster. In 1967 the ship took eight months to sail from Japan to America. It collided with a Japanese ship, caught fire three times and had to stop for repairs five times.

In 1968 there was a mutiny and in 1969 she went aground off Borneo for 34 hours. In the next five years she was laid up in Curacao, grounded off Sicily and towed to New York.

In 1976 her boilers broke down six times and she once had to travel with two red lights displayed, indicating that the crew could no longer control the ship's movements because the steering had failed. She was banned from Philadelphia, Boston and the Panama Canal.

To round off a perfect year she ran aground and sank off Cape Cod depositing the country's largest oil slick on the doorstep of Massachusetts.

At the time of the final grounding the ship had been "lost" for 15 hours. The crew was 18 miles off course and navigating by the stars, because modern equipment had broken down. What is more the West Indian helmsman could not read the Greek handwriting showing the course to be steered.

The above clanger is condensed from the Book of Heroic Failures by Simon Pile, published by Routledge and Kegan Paul of the UK, and distributed in Australia by Macmillan. \$8.95.

It was a cool Friday night (the 24th of October to be exact), when four Venturers - Andrew Nickholds, Robert Byatt, Adrian Gervaseni and myself - set off from the 1st. Mooroolbark Scout Hall on an 80 km hike.

The catch with this exercise was that we had 16 hours to do it in. A late start and a slight geographical embarrassment caused us to lose a lot of time but this was made up between jogging and fast walking. This soon took its toll. The first check point after 20 kms was at Seville where we were greeted with lots of sandwiches, cordial and encouragement. After 1/4 of an hour it was off again with a lot less competition. The next 3 hours saw a lot of sore muscles and tired Venturers but once again we reached our goal. This time Monbulk where we were welcomed by more sandwiches, cordial and encouragement. It was a tired group that left Monbulk for Upwey, 3 long weary hours away. After about an hour disaster struck. Adrian pulled a muscle in the back of his knee, which prevented us jogging. We continued at a slower but steadier pace until 6 O'clock, when a combination of the cold, pre-dawn chills and my shorts and T-shirt forced me to leave the group and commence jogging. Andrew came with me and Robert stayed with Adrian.

Andrew and myself arrived at Upwey as dawn was breaking and waited for Robert and Adrian until the cold forced us on the road again. We set off with much encouragement on the last strenuous 25 km stretch. It is hard to remember anything about those 25 tortuous kms, except the endless step after step. Paradise, in the form of 1st. Mooroolbark, was achieved at 10.15 a.m., just 14 hours and 15 minutes after we set off.

Adrian and Robert achieved the unexpected, with what was an amazing feat of endurance on the part of Adrian, who walked about 39 kms with an incredible pain in both knees. They arrived at 3 minutes to 12, just 15 hours 57 minutes after their departure the night before (only 3 minutes to spare).

It is a credit to our perseverance and endurance when we consider that out of roughly 120 competitors only 26 people made the distance, 4 of whom were from 2nd. Ringwood representing over 1/7th. of the successful entrants.

By  
Ewin McGilp.

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## - INTERTROOP SPORTS -

On Friday the 24th. April, last, we played against 7th. Ringwood "Pimba".

The first game we played basket ball and we lost 4 goals to 2.

The second game we played continuous cricket and there were two innings. We made 105 runs to 60 in the first innings. In the second innings we made 128 runs to 127 with 7 wickets in hand.

The third game we played was volley ball and there were three sets. In the first set we beat them 11 to nil, in the second set we lost 11 to 6 and in the third set we lost 10 to 12.

After the games had ended we gathered around in a horseshoe and had cakes and drinks, it was a fun night for all of us.

Thank goodness "HUNCHBACK" Peter Glumac brought his friend Chris, because we would have won if there had been more of our Group along.

Although we lost we advanced to the second round because we were the best losing team and would like to thank the leaders for organizing the night.

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8TH. GIPPSLAND CORROBOREE

The 8th. Gippsland Corroboree was held at camp "CARINGAL" via Tyer's Junction, 50 years since the first corroboree was held at Inverloch in 1931. "Caringal" now has assets of over \$120,000 and was developed for the Scout Association along the lines of Gilwell Park for the Mc Donald District in the Latrobe Valley.

The Journey to "Caringal" commenced from Heathmont Railway Station at 9.00 A.M. on Good Friday morning. We arrived at 11.30 A.M. and were allocated a site by the river amongst dead blackberries, which we commenced to clear in order to put up the tents.

After lunch the dining fly and fireplace was constructed together with tables, gadgets and seats. Later that afternoon Bartley Kelly went to the activity centre and booked us into the various activities which consisted of :-

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SECTION 2. TIMBER TRAMWAY WALKS, ABSAILING, TOURS, POTTERY, SCREEN PRINTING, HIKING, WELDING, MINI GOLF, BLACKSMITHING, GRAFFITTI WALL, RADIO. Challenge Activities - 5 points each.

EACH BOY WAS TO ATTAIN 40 POINTS IN ORDER TO GAIN THE CORROBOREE AWARD.

After tea 9.00 P.M. we went to bed! But managed to stay awake most of the night.

Saturday was the official opening of the Corroboree by the Chief Commissioner for Victoria, Mr Neil Westaway, on the main arena at 1.45 P.M. and at 3.30 P.M. our first activity, the "COMMANDO COURSE", everyone got wet. That evening the film "Zulu" was shown in the arena. We slept that night.

Sunday started with breakfast followed by church then three activities, BLACKSMITHING, ABSAILING AND BRICKMAKING. The afternoon was then spent BADGE SWAPPING and TOURING the site.

Monday morning before breakfast we packed up, had breakfast and gathered in the main arena at 11.00 A.M. for the closing ceremony which lasted about 45 minutes. We then had lunch prior to our parents arriving to take us home.

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## LEADER SHORTAGE IN GROUP.

LEADER SHORTAGE: At present both Cub Packs have two leaders, the Scout Troop one leader. The Scout Association ratio of boys to leaders is 6 to 1. In our situation little test work is being done because the time required to supervise does not leave sufficient time for test work to be carried out.

Programming is another area that is a present falling down due to insufficient leaders and due to these problems enthusiasm is fading as if one leader is sick or working the other is left to look after the section for that particular night.

Leaders are also required to attend District and Group Meetings monthly. THE WHOLE PROBLEM WOULD SIMPLY BE SOLVED WITH EXTRA LEADERS EACH NIGHT, THUS THERE WOULD BE AN EVENING OUT OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RUNNING OF A SECTION.

----- MORE LEADERS URGENTLY REQUIRED -----

PLEASE HELP US NOW!!

### CUB ACHIEVEMENT BADGE DAY - 19th. July, 1981.

Each Cub will be able to pass several achievement badges on this day, whether he is 8, 9 or 10 years old.

The same type of day was held two years ago and proved very successful. Parents will receive further details and information closer to the day.

### 13TH. AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE - Ipswich Queensland 1982.

Jamboree fee is \$160.00 plus transport from Victoria and for further details parents are urged to see the NOTICE BOARD in the hall when picking up their boys or girls.

### TASMANIAN CORROBOREE - December, 1981.

Information related to the above has been posted on the NOTICE BOARD in the hall and application forms are now available.

### \*\*\*\*\* FAMILY FUN DAY - 14th. June, 1981 \*\*\*\*\*

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE URGED TO COME ALONG TO THIS GREAT DAY - MEAT PROVIDED - STARTS 3.00 SHARP.

## \*\*\* Good News \*\*\*

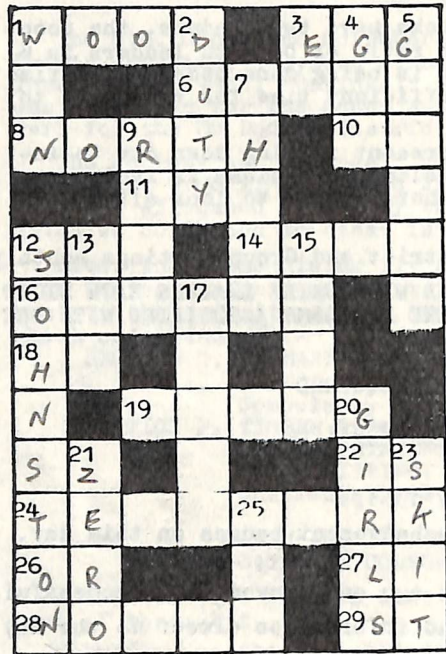
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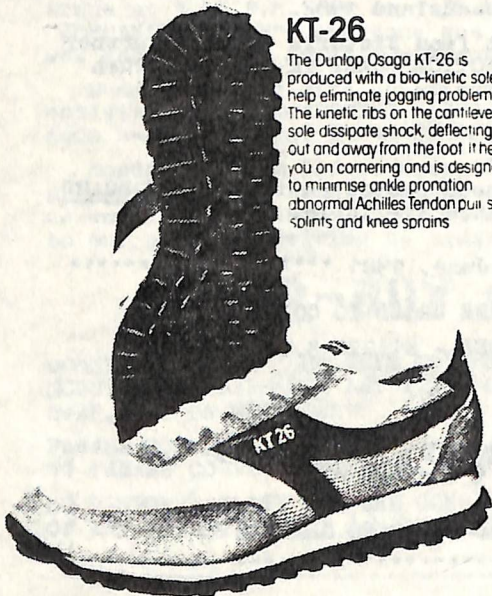
1. Scouts need plenty of this.
3. Easter \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Speak.
8. Compass Point.
10. Mother.
11. Yes.
12. Damp.
14. Sex.
16. Religious Season.
18. Saint (Abbrev.)
19. Camp Chief.
22. Scouting \_\_\_ great.
24. Corroboree Activity.
26. \_\_\_ egg.
27. Girls name.
28. Used in Hot Cross Buns.
29. Street.

DOWN.

1. You have this at Caringal.
2. \_\_\_ to God.
3. And (Latin).
4. \_\_\_ stone.
5. Sand.
7. Topic.
9. Water.
12. Chief Commissioner of Victoria.
13. Consume.
15. Breed of Horse.
17. What Scouters are after the Corroboree.
20. See plenty of these at Caringal.
21. Nil.
23. An act in a concert.
25. Rainy.

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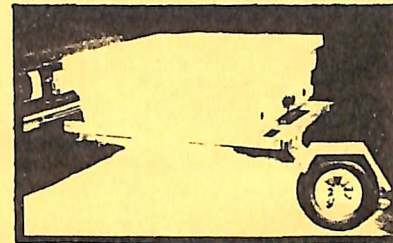
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