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2nd. RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP DIARY.

SEPTEMBER '81.

- 3rd. District Association Parent Committee Representative.
- 4th./12th. Gang Show.
- 7th. Mindari Scout Leaders.
- 9th. District Venturer Council VL's & Unit Representatives.
- 11th./13th. Area Venturer Leadership Course.
- 12th./13th. Armstrong 500.
- 19th./20th. Patrol Leaders Training Course.
- 21st. Seenee Cub Leaders.
- 22nd. Group Leaders Meeting.
- 26th./27th. Waratah Pack Holiday Venue to be Advised.
- 27th. Scout Cohen Shield Training Day.
Venturer Unit Management Course.

OCTOBER '81.

- 1st. District Association.
- 3rd./4th. Rover Defensive Driving Course.
- 4th. Cohen Shield.
- 7th. District Venturer Council.
- 9th. Rover Train Trek.
- 10th./11th. Rover Defensive Driving Course.
- 14th. Going up Ceremony, both Cub Packs Attend this night.
- 17th./18th. Jamboree of the Air.
- 18th. Venturers Tennis Tournament.
- 19th. Seonee.
- 20th. Group Leaders and District Staff Meeting.

NOVEMBER '81.

- 2nd. Mindari.
- 3rd. Cup Day.
- 4th. District Venturer Council.
- 5th. District Association.
- 6th. Rover night navigation car trial.
- 6th./8th. Area Scout Hike.
- 13th. Ranger/Rover Square Dance.
- 16th. Seonee.
- 17th. GL Meeting.
- 20th. Rover Progressive Dinner.

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- 21st. Annual District Dance 1st. Ringwood.
- 27th./29th. District Scout Camp.
- 28th./29th. Warburton Chalet Working Bee.

DECEMBER '81.

- 4th./6th. District Venturer Hike.
- 7th. Combined D.A. G.L's Seonee, Mindari, DVC & RC Meeting.
- 11th. Group Break Up.
- 29th. and on. 6th. Australian Venture Tasmanian Corroboree.

From "SCOUTING FOR BOYS"

HONOUR.

The true knight placed his honour before all things; it was sacred. A man who is honourable is always to be trusted. He will never do a dishonourable action, such as telling an untruth or deceiving his superiors or employers, or those under his orders, and always commands the respect of his fellow/men. His honour guides him in everything that he does. A captain sticks to the ship till the last, in every wreck that was ever heard of. Why? She is only a lump of iron and wood; his life is as valuable as that of any of the women and children on board, but he makes everyone get away safely before he attempts to save his more valuable life. Why? Because the ship is his ship, and he has been taught that it is his duty to stick to it, and he considers that it would be dishonourable in him to do otherwise; so he puts honour before safety. So also a Scout should value his honour most of everything.

Tumont...2nd. Heathmont.

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BIRD WATCHING by UNCLE NORM.

Bird observing is a better name for this activity because to observe implies a closer study than merely watching something.

There are over seven hundred species of birds in Australia. A large number of these are found only in this country and many more are confined to the Australian Region, by which I mean Australia, New Zealand, Papua & New Guinea the nearer Pacific Islands and Antarctica.

Their great range of size, form and colour and their fascinating behaviour makes Australia a most exciting area, both for the bird-watcher and the more professional observer, the ornithologist. Therefore it is not surprising that there is an increasing interest being taken in our birds and a number of good well illustrated books have become available to us.

Scouts and Guides should make good use of their public libraries to read and to borrow these books about our birds so as to be able to identify, firstly, the birds inhabiting the area where you live and then to identify those seen further afield.

Identifying birds is fun. What greater thrill than to identify for the first time some bird that you have seen several times but now through your own efforts you can positively name.

When the First Fleet arrived in Australia in 1788 it carried some people very interested in Nature Study, who were prepared to follow-up the reports of Captain Cook's Party, on the unusual animal and bird life of this country.

These Naturalists carefully observed and wrote down descriptions of the birds around Port Jackson (Sydney) area and then further afield. They had to do their best in very descriptive writing because there was no photography to help them describe the birds of this new land. There were some very good artist observers who made accurate colour pictures of many birds but there was still the difficulty of printing these pictures in books because the printing industry had not reached anything like today's perfection in colour printing.

So the young bird observer then had to rely on the printed word to enable him to identify the birds he saw.

Later on, towards the end of the 1800's photography in the field came into being and some very good illustrations were obtained. These, of course, were not colour photographs, but even in black and white they presented a good picture of the general shape and colour pattern of the bird and of its habitat and nesting arrangements. So bird observing then became much easier and lots more people began to enjoy this activity.

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Today we have such good colour cameras and such fine printing techniques whereby the exact colouring of the birds can be reproduced that we can all enjoy our bird watching. We can make notes to help us remember what we saw and can refer to the illustrations and texts in the available books.

We need to be very grateful that we have some very dedicated Naturalist/Photographers who have made available to us these pictures of birds in their natural settings, feeding, nesting and tending their young and doing their own thing in the ways natural to them. Some of these photographers have taken hours and hours of patient sitting still awaiting the parent bird coming to its nest and not being scared away by any sudden movement.

The photographer must really love his job to patiently wait for the birds to provide him or her with just what that person is waiting for in a picture. I have known cases where the naturalist birdlover has returned day after day to the same site in the hope of getting the wanted picture.

Bird observing is more than just looking at the appearance of the bird. We often need to observe the birds habits to positively identify it. Watch the feeding...

- (a) Is the bird feeding at the flowers of such plants as banksias or grevillias? (Honeyeaters, for instance, have brushlike tongues for probing into flowers and gathering up the nectar).
- (b) Is it ground feeding on grass seeds?
- (c) Is it ground feeding on insects, worms and grubs?
- (d) Feeding in shrubs and low scrub?
- (e) Feeding on fruits and berries?
- (f) Feeding on eucalypt gum nuts?
- (g) On insects at higher levels of trees?
- (h) Catching insects while on the wing?

Most birds will feed in several of these ways but do keep a watch on their feeding habits.

Watch the flight pattern also. Does the bird fly in a straight line or is its flight undulating? Strong flight or weak? Hovering? Soaring like eagles?

Make notes on the feeding and flying habits also nesting and type of nest if you can locate it. But do be careful not to scare the birds from the nest by a too rapid approach, and certainly do not interfere with the nest for the birds will likely leave it if you do.

Always carry a small note book and pencil so that if you come across a bird unexpectedly you can jot down some features and check up later when opportunity occurs.

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As I said earlier you will find a good selection of bird books at your local library. There is no charge for borrowing books so make good use of your library and seek the help of the librarian who will help you obtain the book you need. (Libraries, by the way have books on all other hobbies and activities so get into the habit of visiting yours and when necessary, asking for the help of the librarian on duty).

Useful books for the beginner and not expensive are the series "Birds of Victoria" published by the "Gould League of Victoria". For a start I recommend the first two volumes: No. 1 "Urban Areas", No. 2 "The Ranges".

These books cost about \$1.50 or \$2.00 each and its nice to have your own if you can manage it. They are sold at most bookshops or you can purchase at the Bird Observers Club shop at 183 Springvale Road, Nunawading.

Get to it. Good Hunting.
Uncle Norm.

THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF RINGWOOD.

What is it? The District Association is the parent body responsible for the governing of Ringwood Scout District. The D.A., under the new District Commissioner Trevor Stanyer, has been revamped from a solitary monthly meeting of parents and District Commissioner's Staff into mixed sub/committees of Parents and Leaders.

The Sub/Committees are as follows:

1. Warrants...People wishing to be leaders.
 2. Finance...Raising money to fund district expenses.
 3. Boating...All types of craft tested and certificates awarded.
 4. Public Relations...District Magazine Production & Scout Publicity.
- Each Scout Group in Ringwood (1,2,3,4,6,7, Ringwood & 1,2, Heathmont) has two representatives attached to the District Association, who meet the 1st. Thursday each month at the Ringwood Library.

BE SMART AND ALERT * WEAR UNIFORM.**

All members of the Scout Movement *** Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Scouters *** must wear full uniform on all activities. This includes going to camp and coming home from camp, as well as your normal weekly meeting nights.

If you are clean and your uniform is neat and tidy, you will feel enthusiastic and ready to enjoy your Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers. Just the same enthusiasm and enjoyment will be generated when you are ready to travel to camp or expedition. People will judge you on your alertness, appearance (clean face and hands, hair neatly combed, clothes clean and smartly worn) and enthusiasm for life generally if you are being interviewed for a job; so, too, do people look upon members of the Scout Movement; by your actual membership we, as Leaders, are trying to better equip you in your adult life.

Scouters are proud to wear their correct uniform, indeed, the example to others is our number one asset. Have pride in your own self. Show others that you have some self esteem and wear your uniform to show that you belong to Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers. Keep yourself clean from top to toe, inside and out!

Scouting is judged by what is seen in public. It is therefore the duty of every Scout, whether he be man or boy, to see to it that his personal appearance, bearing and behaviour always reflect credit on the Movement.

Please see the accompanying pages in this Journal for a 'pictorial' description of the correct uniform.

TUMONT 2ND. HEATHMONT.

WINE & CHEESE TASTING NIGHT.

Our Wine and Cheese night was enjoyed by all who came to Toni and Stan Kelly's home on Saturday, 8th. August, last. Door prize was won by Rhonda Colliver, raffle by Nola Ronaldson.

It was rather disappointing that a lot more people did not come along and have a good time.

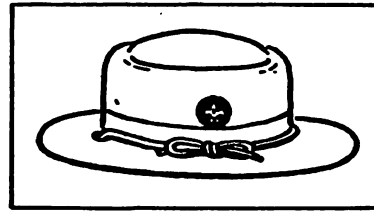
These functions are being held to help raise money for your children so please come along and support them.

Our next function is a Progressive Dinner to be held on Saturday, 3rd. October, 1981. More about this later.

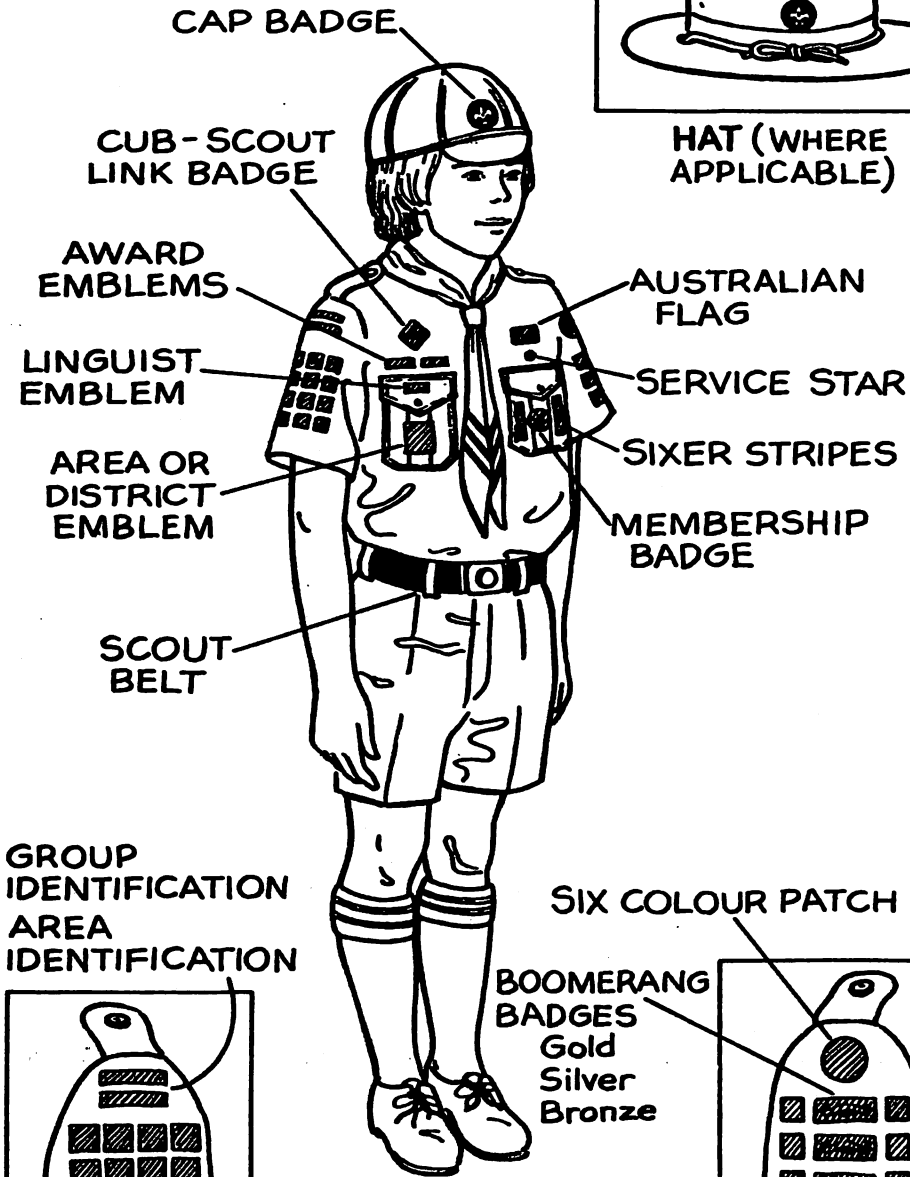
Our next fund raising meeting is to be held at Mrs. Anne Naughtin's on 22nd. September, 1981 at 8 p.m. All welcome to attend and give us some of your ideas for fund raising.

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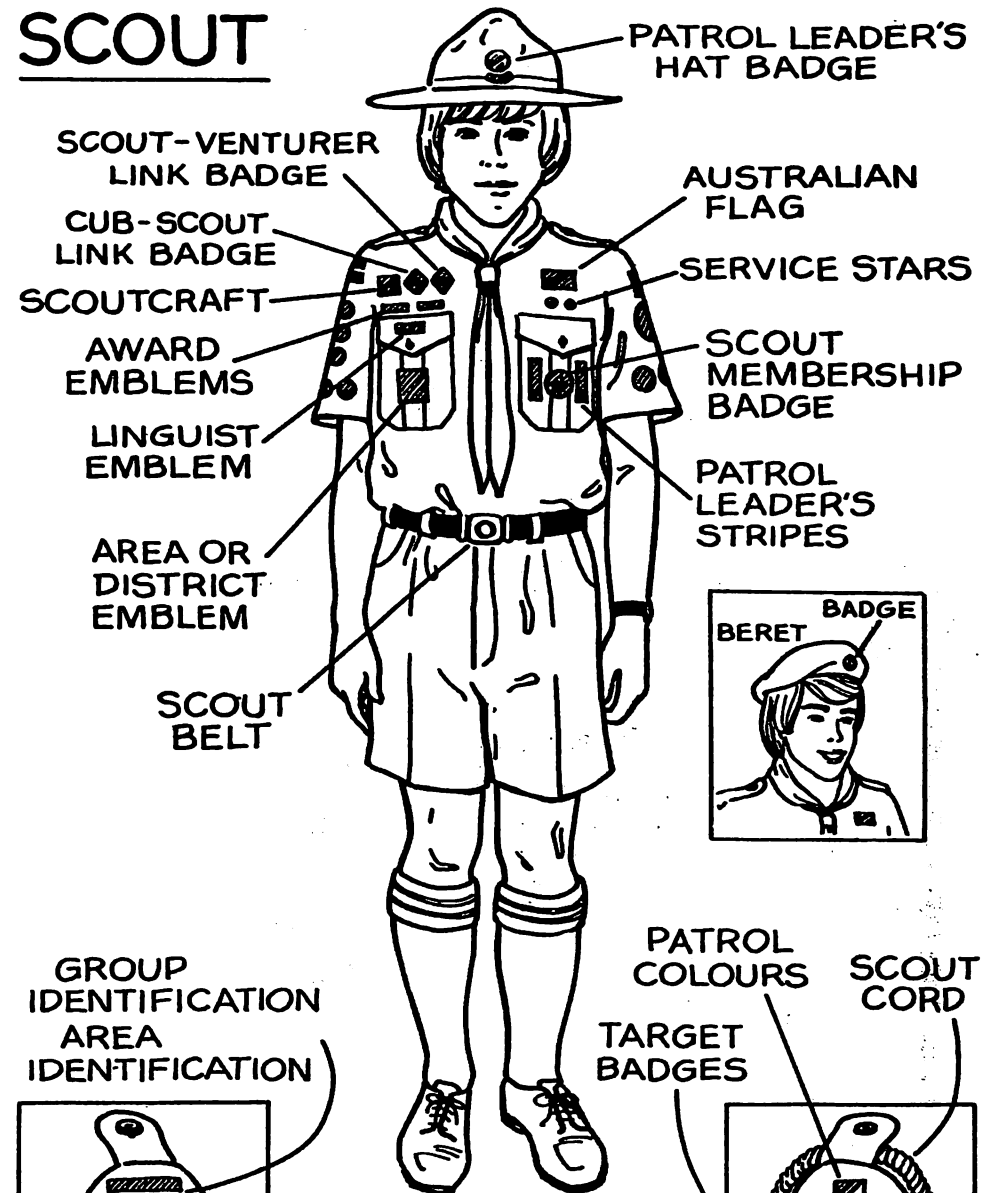
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John Dexter.
Publication Manager.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.

On Friday night the 5th. of June, we left our New Home for a weekend away up at a rather chilly (to say the least) Pound Bend Warrandyte. We arrived to set up our tents and then huddled ourselves around a warm fire.

Saturday morning came and we saw the arrival of a few more Scouts and Venturers who were unable to make it up on Friday night. Saturday morning was also a time for fixing campsites and tents. How some of the tents survived the first night God only knows.

Saturday morning was also a time for making new friends, as we were camping away with 2nd. Heathmont.

Saturday afternoon saw the start of the special activities for the patrols. The patrols had to do all of the activities and they were canoeing, orienteering, first aid and a mystery activity, which was orienteering by the sun. Later that afternoon we suffered a leader set/back, with our ASL Joe Nickholds becoming rather overheated, due to the fact that when he was attempting to warm up the inside of his legs, his legs went up in flames. Due to the fact that "WHERE THERE IS NO SENSE THERE IS NO FEELING", Joe casually wandered off without noticing until some kindly soul pointed out that his leg was on fire!!!

Later that night we all gathered around the campfire for a good old sing/song. We were joined by 1st. Waverley Scout Troop who happened to be camping near/by. Our campfire was opened by 2nd. Heathmont SL Steve Kidder. He did such a good job of opening it, he stayed on to run it through the closing ceremony.

Everybody was in fine voice at the singalong. When it came time for sketches a certain female Venturer learnt the hard way on how to polish and sit on the THUNDERBOX.

Sunday saw the continuation of patrol activities until tea time. Sunday also saw the Rovers travel up to Powelltown to find the mud-bath and return a few hours later without finding it. Due to the coldness of the previous night (approx. 3 degrees C) the Venturers, Rovers and Leaders decided it would be wiser (and warmer) to sit around the open fire. Next morning they were still there, minus two of us who had departed about 2.00 A.M. that morning.

Monday came much to the thankfulness of the Leaders. Parents arrived for lunch and watched the final parade and presentation of trophies for the best six, won by 2nd. Ringwood's "EAGLES PATROL" by a margin of 20 points from 2nd. Heathmont Patrol. Afterwards the Scouts returned home for well needed showers, home cooked meals and most of all their electric blankets.

On the whole it was a well enjoyed weekend for all.

Bredan Cunningham....Rover.

1981 SCOUT WALKATHON.

3rd. May, 1981.

In attendance our Assistant Venturer Leader: Rob Byatt and a few Venturers.

Paul (who came to the walkathon but decided to walk home for unknown reasons).

Andrew (who preferred rollerskating than walking with us).

Tammy (who was a bit upset for Paul leaving her and didn't hold her hand all the way).

Everything was fine until we got to the fifth or sixth check point then we found out (Tammy and I) were receiving lovely BUBBLY BIG BLISTERS.

But with the help of AVL Robert, we kept everything cool and under control, so we decided to go on. (Robert made us).

Tammy and I were quite willing to stop but Bob insisted that it was just over the next hill. After soaking our feet for half an hour to an hour, we decided to phone and see how Robert was coping (in bed), he said, "that it was a SHORT STROLL".

To Robert....NEXT TIME tell us that it is over the last hill, and NOT say it, if it is the 20th. last hill.

Love from Tired, Blistered Feet,
(Especially Tammy's and Mine)

Bye.

FAMILY FUN DAY

14th. June, 1981.

Whilst the day was cold and wet over one hundred Mums, Dads and Children braved the cold weather. The kids played games (both active and passive) while the adults drank tea or coffee throughout the afternoon.

Pancakes were made for afternoon tea and late in the afternoon a Cub was invested and Mr. David Alford was presented with an engraved pewter mug from the group for his excellent work in preparing the tender for H.E. Parker Community Hall (Our Present Hall), which has successfully been accepted by the Ringwood City Council.

GROUP FEES: They are payable NOW!! Many dollars are still outstanding from 1/4/81, and some of these parents try to be vexatious in not supporting functions on behalf of their sons and daughters, as well as not paying fees. Perhaps they have forgotten? No, they received a TERM ACCOUNT!! Then maybe in financial trouble, if so, they should have contacted the Treasurer, Mr. Noel MacPherson, 729 5912.

CUB BADGE ACHIEVEMENT DAY.

165 Cubs attended of which 9 Kurrajong and 6 Waratah will receive a total of 29 achievement badges.

JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND 1982/1983.

All boys reaching the age of 11 on (see date) are eligible to go if they have gained Pioneer Level and Campfire Badge. This includes boys in Cub Packs at the moment who turn 11 on or after this date. The Jamboree is commemorating 75 years of Scouting in Australia.

The 13th. Australian Jamboree is for boys born between the 29/12/70 and 29/12/67. I.E., boys 11 to 14, and this includes cubs turning eleven between the above dates. So start saving now, the Campfee is \$160.00 and transport to Queensland is extra.

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LEADER SHORTAGE IN GROUP.

Desperate Situation *** Leaders Urgently Required.

LEADER SHORTAGE: The Scout Association ratio of boys to leaders is six to one. 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 at present falling down due to insufficient leaders and due to these problems enthusiasm is fading, because if one leader is away for any reason the other is left to look after that section for that night.

Leaders are also required to attend District and Group Meetings Monthly.

THE WHOLE PROBLEM WOULD SIMPLY BE SOLVED WITH EXTRA LEADERS EACH NIGHT, THEREBY EVENING OUT THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RUNNING OF A SECTION.

******MORE LEADERS URGENTLY REQUIRED******

PLEASE HELP US NOW!!!

2nd. RINGWOOD CUB PACK.

This year in 2nd. Ringwood there have been approximately 45 Cubs combined in the two Packs, Waratah and Kurrajong. There are at this stage 7 leaders. Kurrajong Pack is being run by Mark Hoffman, a new Scouters with lots of new and interesting ideas for the boys. His assistants are Mark Browne and Mrs. K. Eyssens. Their program has run well to date and in the pipeline there have been times set for a camp and special activities night such as cooking etc. combined with Waratah.

Waratah Pack has been run by myself, Scott Browne, also a new comer to scouting but willing to give it the best I can, my assistants are Bredan Cunningham, an old scouter compared to myself, having been through cubs, scouts and venturers and is still a very active member of the rover crew. Ian Shaw only recently invested has quite a knowledge of scouting from previous days as a cub and a scout, and an old friend of Trevor Molloy. Also, starting as an ACL in the near future is Mrs. Ann Naughtin, wife of our group leader Geoff.

In writing this article I hope that all parents will get to know all our leaders and come and see us before, during and after Cubs. We would like to see all parents become involved with the Cub Pack.

You may not realise but everyone can help. Maybe your a good cook or a carpenter, please let us know, for you could help us pass some of the boys in test work. We would like to draw up a list of Badge Examiners, so please tell us about any special interest you might have. I hope to see you all soon, helping us run the best cub pack and scouting group in the district. You will not only be helping the leaders with your assistance but you are also helping your boys.

Yours in Scouting,
Scott Browne.
Kurrajong.

2ND. RINGWOOD SCOUT GROUP HALL.

The last Official Journal of 2nd. Ringwood Scouts announced we had been granted the Hall Lease, this is for a 10 year period with an option for a further 10 years, provided improvements are made to the surrounds and the building is maintained. The lease should be signed shortly, as soon as the plan for extensions has been submitted and the Council has prepared the document to be signed.

We will require a combined effort from EVERY FAMILY once construction begins, from Hammering Nails to Serving Morning & Afternoon Teas.

The Kitchen is to be Renovated first and then onto the Main Hall.

***** SOMETHING INTERESTING *****

(I Think).

It all began a couple of weeks ago on a Saturday, when we were called upon to deliver phone books.

There was an average of about (six) supposedly starting at 8.00 A.M., so we were told by our industrious leader.

We later found out that the hall wasn't to be opened til 9.00 o'clock, the key was exposed by the exposor....Graeme (4th. Ringwood).

After a short while the truck was loaded with books.... there were about 50,000.....well about 1,498 to be exact.

Then we went on our way, three people did a good job in the morning.
Adrean.

I caught up with the truck on Wantirna Road, just as Adrean left, and found that when I arrived 30% of everyone was working. So I supervised the delivery.

When the three main runners were extremely exhausted, I pitched in for a while, to let them recover.

The rest of the day went very smoothly, apart from the rain from up above, which drowned most of us.

A good effort by all, mainly Andrew and Tom.

THE VENTURERS.

INTERTROOP SPORTS.

About nine of us arrived at 3rd. Ringwood Scout Hall on Thursday night, the 9th. of July, last.

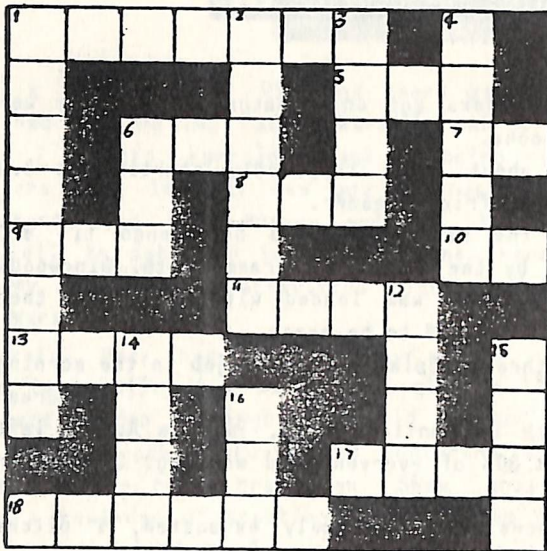
Our first activity was Volley Ball. The first set we lost about 9 to 11, our second set we also lost, at about 5 to 11. The third set we lost at about 2 to 11.

The second activity was Continuous Cricket and we were sent into bat first. We made a score of about 45 runs. Then it was their turn to bat and they made about 43 runs. The 2nd. innings we got a score of 45 again and 3rd. Ringwood got a score of 63. So they won that activity 90 to 106.

The third and final activity was Basket Ball. They won that no worries, about 6 goals to 2.

But although we had lost we had an enjoyable night. Especially the food (I think that everyone enjoyed that part). The Ref. was O.K. but a little overexcited sometimes I thought.

2nd Ringwood Scout Group.



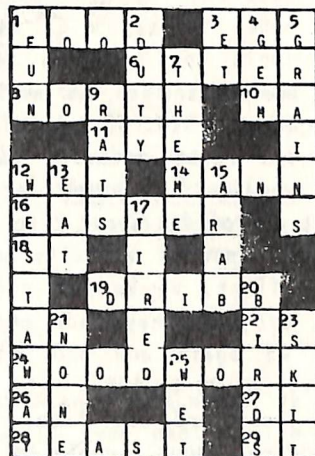
ACROSS.

1. Game Played at Scouts.
5. Brand of Peanut Butter.
6. Sex.
7. Thank you.
8. Type of animal.
10. Laugh.
11. a long time.
13. Ready.
17. Type of Payment.
18. Post a

DOWN.

1. Sit by a
2. Dog House.
3. You need pegs with this.
4. Light a fire with a
5. Boys name.
12. Must be inflated.
14. Imperial Measure.
15. Needed for Cricket.
16. Good to eat.

- CORROBOREE CROSSWORD -



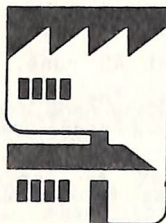
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