



ScoutAbout

1st Parramatta Scout Group



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Positions Vacant

New Leaders Wanted

The Group currently has positions available in all sections:

- Joey Leader
- Cub Leader
- Scout Leader
- Group Leader
- Associate Leaders

All sections require additional Leaders to make sure that we can give the children QUALITY Scouting.

Did you know that there is a position for part-time commitment? This is perfect for those Adults that can be at a meeting once a month

Worried about the cost? Like most things these days there is a cost somewhere, but the Group fundraises to help pay for training, uniform costs and the annual fee.

If you would like to find out more contact Liz Sobolewski or Craig Kokay. You can find out additional information at <http://www.scouts.com.au>, <http://nsw.scouts.com.au> or on 1800-0-SCOUT.



Group Happenings

What's happening in the Sections?

Joey's

Bilby has been helping out with the Cumberland gang show, congratulation on this effort, and will be doing a Konara (ideas day) on September 18, 2004.

The Joeys have also been doing the buddy badge with 1st Merrylands Joeys, and they've had an afternoon hike around Lake Parramatta. Looking for with a visit from John Leohy (26th Oct), and a bowling Fathers Day (31st Aug).

Cubs

The Cubs have been busy with participating in the Scouts Own at Parramatta Park, Cub Fun day at Bundilla, and a walk through Parramatta CBD.

Scouts

Vicki Hartman has completed her initial training, and is now waiting to complete the in-service phase.

Committee

We have been able to form a committee who will next meet on.. 10 August 2004..

We understand that the Group has won a new hot water cylinder.

Hall and Equipment

Since last newsletter:

- The games lines in the hall have been painted.
- The kitchen shelves have been fixed.
- New signage around the hall.

Yet to be done:

- The pioneering wood needs the existing rack replaced with proper racks, and then stacking.
- The garage needs tidying.
- A general review of all our assets for condition and asset register confirmation is needed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

18-August-2004 Campfire at Bundilla to be run by 1st Ermington.

22-August-2004 Blacktown billy cart day

Cuboree 2005

We have some 6 Cubs, 3 Leaders and 2 parents wanting to attend this event to be held early in January 2005. Each member has paid half of the fee; this does leave another \$80 to be raised. Ideas will be required soon as it will come up on us very fast.

In October there is a pre-Cuboree camp cost is expected to be about \$30, but this is a good opportunity for the Cubs to get a taste of camping.



Cub Scout Review

Scout Australia has completed a review of the Cub Scout section, this occurs about once every 10 years. All aspects of the section are looked at using both internal and external people.

The implementation and re-training of the Cub Leaders will occur from September, but what will you see? In the main it will be new badges and deletion of a couple like the Scouting family badge.

The achievement badges will change to a two level system with the level indicated by the colour of the edging. Also the boomerang badges change shape to a triangle, and all badges have been made smaller with better graphics.

Cub Fun Day

We had eight Cubs attend the Cub Fun Day at Bundilla on August 8, where there were some 31 activities throughout the site. The Cubs split into two groups to around a lot of them. They participated in about 25 of them.



Training Matters

The training calendar is downloadable from <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/atd/forms/forms.htm>

Matai

Has been working on the Diploma of Leadership, and has got seven units of eleven so far. This means that now he will be working hard to find all the necessary evidence to support completing each unit.

Vicki

Vicki is almost finished, and will be doing some cross-training with another Scout Group.



Have you though "gee it would be nice to get the notices by e-mail?" Or "gee wouldn't be nice to have details, notices, and other info about the Group on the web?"

Well I would to do both for the Group. For the e-mails send me one at craig.kokay@mro.com, and include ideas and items that you would like to see on the web site. Have a look at mine on http://www.geocities.com/Craig_Kokay

Breaking news

The floor in the female toilet has serious problems.

What's happened is the concrete underneath the tiles has crumbled leaving gaps. The tiles are of course not too strong with nothing underneath them, so they break.

What does this mean? Cost! Unexpected cost! This is one of those jobs where most likely the tiles have to be pulled up and replaced and the concrete floor repaired. The committee is looking into ways of paying for the cost. If you would like to help contact Liz, or see one of the other members of the committee.



SNOWGUM HAS MOVED

Snowgum is located in shop 1008 on the lower ground floor of Westfields Parramatta. They have all the new uniform articles, including the non-uniform accessories.



17th New Zealand Jamboree

Matai is waiting for the Jamboree to come along, but will be only there for a few days before having to attend a work conference.

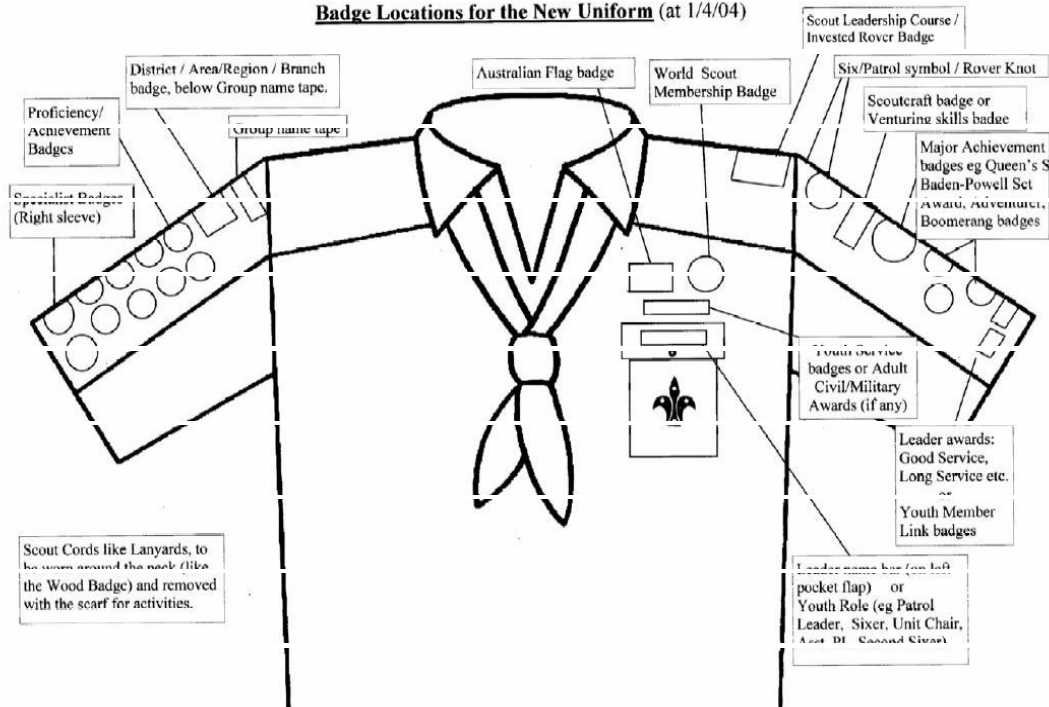
New Uniform

Scouts Australia have a new uniform!

Firstly will you have to change immediately, no. The changeover time is five years. There are two shirts, a polo (\$29.95) and a button shirt, and you will also need a new belt. For the youth members they will need a new shirt as they progress through the sections.

There will be some new badges, for the Sixers, Seconds, PL and APL's they get a stripe with their role on it, instead of the one/two bars. Some badges change so make sure you get the placement chart when you get the new uniform.

Badge Locations for the New Uniform (at 1/4/04)



MATAI'S TALES

Some of you may wonder what Matai does when he's away from the Group, it's like he's a bit of a ghost at times, there one meeting and not the next.

Well this time I'm helping out at 2nd Prahran Scout Group with their Cub Pack whilst in Melbourne.

2nd Prahran Web Site

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~scouts2p/index.htm>

Is there more?

Of course! I'm still in contact with Baloo and the other Leaders helping as best from afar with activity permits, and where possible making myself available for weekend activities.

World Scout Day Awards

Two members of the Group have received awards in the first World Scout Day Awards. This occurs on the 1st of August each year.

Liz Sobolewski

Distinguished Service Award

Craig Kokay

Silver Wattle

Each of these awards reflects the great effort and dedication put into the Scout Movement and to the Group.

1-2-3 Wolf and B.R.A.V.Oooooo



ADULTS IN SCOUTING REVIEW

The Cubs have had their review. The Scouts have had their review. The uniform has been reviewed. Well now it's time to find out what the Adults do.

With adults volunteering their time to Scouting, it's important for Scouts Australia to keep up-to-date, to ensure that training is appropriate and that the roles are correct.

If you are asked to assist with the review I encourage you to be honest and also to give constructive ideas.

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Cut-off Date

The cut-off date for the next ScoutAbout is October 10, 2004. All articles can be sent to craig.kokay@mro.com

GROUP CONTACTS AND SECTION TIMES

Section	Meeting Time	Contact/Section Leader
Joeys	Tuesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Liz Hayes (Bilby) (h) 02-9630-2557, hayesplumbing@optusnet.com.au
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