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AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 27 April at the Scout Hall where we had seven people attend. The office bearers are:

- Chairperson: Philip Bohan
- Treasurer: Liz Sobolewski
- Secretary: Mary Malencia
- Trustees: Emil Sobolewski
Alister Hayes

Neville Henderson (Special projects commissioner) spoke to the committee about the Group development and what the Scout Association has to offer in the way of pamphlets, banners and other general handout materials.

The committee will meet on the last Wednesday of the even months (December excluded). This means the next meeting is **June 29 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Scout hall.

Yellow cords earned

Congratulations have to go to Vandy, Liam and Adam on earning their Yellow Cords. This has taken a lot of effort and time so let's give them a big...

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Group Happenings

What's happening in the Sections?

Joeys

Due to the resignation of Liz Hayes, the Group could not continue Joeys. So at the moment if we are to restart this section we will need to find two people who can make a commitment for two years.

Cubs

The Cubs have attended the NSW Cuboree 2005 held at Cataract Scout Park at the beginning of January. Craig has been to the 17th New Zealand Jamboree, and to the Victorian Cuboree.

Scouts

We are actively campaigning at the moment to get more interest in both youth and adults joining the Scout section. An additional 4-5 youth and one adult is needed. In the meantime we are intending to meet with 1st Merrylands.

An information evening will be organised in next few weeks. Keep an eye out for this.

Committee

No meeting have been held this year, but we still are in the process of fixing the ladies toilet floor, where we will need **your** assistance to clear out the rubble, and we can at the same time clean up the garage.

Investigations are underway to install the gas water heater that was obtained last year. We are looking at where it will be placed, the best LPG cylinder to get and the total cost.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

25 April ANZAC dawn service.

27 April 2005 – AGM. All parent and interested parties to attend.

27 May 2005 – Jamborette, Bents Basin – This is the Cub day at this Scout event.

19 June 2005 – Cub Scout leadership course. This is the first of the new course for the revised badge system that came to effect in February. Invitation only.

13/14 August 2005 – Palaver. Ideas weekend for Cub Scout Leaders and helper.

Cuboree 2005

NSW Cuboree

By Baloo

My gosh! Where has the time gone?

January 2005 seems so long ago, but it was that time of the year all right that the Cuboree took place.

For most of our Cubs it was a new experience, away from home for four days and nights. During the day it was fun moving constantly from base to base. Up in the trees in the George of the Jungle. Spears and woggles – finding treasure in a mud pool – slime green and thick, elbow deep – making a dinosaur out of real bones – going to the movies – the water slide and heaps more.

Learning – playing – adjusting to being with young people who had until now had never met. It wasn't always easy, but look at those Cubs now, even their parents at times must wonder.

Cuboree is the best experience a young Cub can have. There were plenty of house duties to do. Have you aired your bed, tidied your tent, and packed your bag for today. Where is your hat? The food was nearly as Mum's, but not quite.

The dust wasn't so good, but the weather was fine, so we just put up with the dust.

Cuboree for these Cubs now is just a memory, a good one I hope.

God bless you all,

Baloo

VIC Cuboree

By Matai

Since couldn't get to the NSW Cuboree I took the opportunity to attend the Victoria Cuboree held a week after Easter at Gilwell Park. This park is about 35-45 minutes east of Melbourne and is a major Scouting asset being their training centre. Sought of like combining Pennant Hills and Cataract Scout Park.



So I teamed up with 2nd Prahran Cubs with whom I have been assisting whilst in Melbourne. They sent five Cubs and one other Leader to match the 3,000 Cubs, and 1,000 Leaders and helpers from around the State. Just like NSW we were all bussed in with all the tents set-up already, so it was just a matter of moving our bodies onsite as the bags were delivered to site.

Most of the campsites were squeezed between trees and the tents were aimed so that you rolled down the hill overnight. Each of the 12 subcamps or rather Gunyah's (meaning home) catered for all meals (note: no mess kit required, all was supplied), and had spare time activities for those Cubs needing a rest.

The activities included:

- Going to the movies
- CSI: Cub Scout investigators
- TI's pirate school
- Go extreme: camp roswell
- Go back in time: go medieval
- Tony the toy maker
- Cherry lane

I found the going to the movies fun as they had a great rocket launcher, medieval fun as I got locked in the stocks, Tony the toymaker, as he was a great storyteller.





17th New Zealand Jamboree

By Craig Kokay

Mud is the thing that this Jamboree is going to be most remembered for. That is however not what I remember of the site some 20 years ago when I attended as a Scout. But first about the Scouts Australia contingent.

The Contingent for the first in a long time came from all states and territories, some 105 Scouts and Leaders lead by Brendan Watson.

We formed up in Wellington, NZ on December 28 and bused to Feilding on 30th. Manfield is a raceway being the site of the Jamboree, there were three sub camps: Fearless, Furious, and Fast.

At this point the story gets muddled. By that, I mean it rained (some more) and the sites that had already started to turn into bogs, turned into mud pits with lakes. As in these situations you have to make the most and discover why you have more than one set of shoes and clothing.

The activities are as varied as the Australian Jamboree with this one having three days off site for each Scout. Trips to Tatum Park, Ashhurst, the local gorge, hobbits challenge (challenge valley), ATV's and high wire are some on them.

As with most Jamborees one of the most important items is the food. As maybe able to imagine the delivery of food was almost impossible in the mud, but like to mail it got through. Even the ice cream was still cold.

I had a ball of fun being on the Fearless subcamp staff, seeing yet another side of the Jamboree never seen before. It was arrange this, take that booking and generally be there to assist with answering the question.



Training Matters

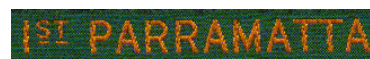
The training calendar is downloadable from <http://www.nswscouts.com.au/leaders%20forms/forms.htm>

- Vicki has completed her training, and
- Matai is still working the diploma

Group changes

You may have not noticed a few changes within the Group, but it's happening. Firstly, Baloo is going from Assistant Cub Scout Leader to Cub Scout Leader.

Craig has taken on the role of Leader-in-Charge (LIC), which has been with Neville Henderson (Commissioner special projects and development). What this will mean is that Craig is now responsible for the welfare of the Group.



You can find the web site at <http://au.geocities.com/parramattascoutgroup>

It is currently being built so please send suggestions in to craig.kokay@mro.com

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Cut-off Date

The cut-off date for the next ScoutAbout is end of June 2005.

All articles can be sent to craig.kokay@mro.com



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