



2010 ANNUAL REPORT

*12th CAULFIELD SCOUT GROUP
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GROUP PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope this is not like a bad dream of an evolving fiefdom as I keep reappearing each year as Group President at 12th Caulfield! The reason that I and various other adult helpers and leaders continue to contribute to this group is because we can see the benefits it adds to our lives and the development of children – our society's greatest resource.

Psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg has said...

Adolescents have four key development tasks.

FIRST, they have to figure out who they are - get an identity;

THEN get themselves good friends;

THIRDLY have some kind of emancipation from their mums and dads - some sort of separation.

AND they have to connect with an educational institution, so they have some kind of vocational direction in life.

Who realises that Scouting covers the first three which, when in place bring the maturity to connect at school?

The arch-enemy of 14-15 year olds is boredom. They need their lives structured and shored up by at least two supportive friendship circles.

12th Caulfield continues to offer a chance for our children to develop just as the experts say they should! With structure, challenges, friends and a reason to not drift aimlessly.

It's good stuff, they waiting list and enrolments confirm it. Those of us already here know it. All we need now is more of you to help us and your children.

This year at 12th Caulfield, those children have responded in record numbers. ALL three sections and the Group as a whole have won Quality Scouting Awards for high retention rates... an outstanding achievement! They are sticking with us because we offer so much more than school Saturday sports matches. They have an alternative group of friends and fantastic leaders who put together inspiring programmes. It's the stuff that discourages aimlessly drifting from week to week and builds great childhood experiences and life skills. I sincerely thank all our leaders for their efforts throughout the year.

The Committee has had a financially successful year with continued reliable hall hirings, some grant monies and a couple of large sausage sizzles. Our enrolments are certainly burgeoning to the extent that our Scouts are at capacity and now have a waiting list.

Our sole problem remains an inactive parent body. We sadly farewelled Richard Bycroft from Cubs and Amy Tang from Scouts and all sections need extra adults to now step forward and help the remaining leaders.

We lost Lesley Valentini from our committee and welcomed Rosa Misitano but can always welcome more. We thank Michael Zeeng for his input with hall maintenance.

Since this is the 80th year of 12th Caulfield Scout Group – a fantastic feat – we plan to hold a great birthday celebration for all families in our group later this year. I hope you will join us both then and on a more regular basis to strengthen both this group and the lives of your children.

Jenny BUSH

Group President

Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Summary and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2010 are presented with this report for your consideration.

The Group recorded a surplus for the year of \$7,928 compared to \$20,276 the previous year. The difference is due mainly to extra funding provided to the Jamboree, some unpaid rent and an increase in program and equipment costs. A grant of \$4,863 is approved but yet to be received under the 2009 Volunteer Grants Program.

The fundraising has concentrated on some key events such as the Christmas Carols and Teddy Bears Picnic in a bid to increase return for effort. Hall rents have increased slightly over the financial year and we expect larger returns next year.

I take this opportunity to thank Lyn Harrison for help taking over the Treasurer role, Peter Chilton and Jenny Bush for their assistance during the year and James Scott for his help with Audit.

I thank all members for their prompt payment of subs this year and the assistance of Peter Chilton in achieving this.

The year has been an enjoyable one with increased numbers of scouts and some great programs. I look forward to the year ahead especially with the upcoming Cuboree.

Matthew Lloyd

Treasurer

12th Caulfield Scout Group

Bob Northey

Lesley Northey
Guy Delon
Amy Tang

4 August, 2010

12th Caulfield Scout Section: Annual Report 2009/10

2009/10 has been another very successful year for the 12th Caulfield Scout Section, which presently has 30 invested Scouts and 4 linking cubs, all of whom are actively pursuing their Scouting life. 10 of these are girls, 24 are boys, and all are wonderful! At present we have had to stop accepting new joining Scouts as we do not have enough leaders to run a quality program for larger numbers than this. Cubs are of course guaranteed a place in Scouts.

The year's highlight and the culmination of a lot of preparation was having 19 Scouts and 2 Leaders attend the triennial 12-day AJ2010 Jamboree at Cataract Park, south of Sydney. Many Scouts found that they were capable of things that they did not know they could do, and all had a unique and memorable life experience and a great deal of fun!

Other activities have included:

- ✓ 8 other one-to-four night camps at Clifford Park, Gilwell, Mt Martha and Bell Park Scout Camps. These had a wide variety of themes (bushcraft, abseiling, hiking, patrol activities, water skiing etc)
- ✓ Several Pioneer Journeys, a 2-day Explorer Hike and a 3-day 40km Adventurer Hike
- ✓ Visiting interesting places included Yarra Bend, French Island, and the Great Ocean Walk
- ✓ 40 different Thursday Scout night activities, including some hugely popular new activities ("Drive & Dump", "Iceblocking", "Masterchef" etc)
- ✓ Attendance by 8 senior Scouts at Level I First Aid Training and achievement of this Certificate (and their Adventurer level First Aid badge)
- ✓ Visits to the Moorabbin Police Station, Moorabbin Bowl, MSAC, Waves, a wildlife shelter, Moorabbin airport (and went for a fly), Hard Rock climbing gym, Como Park, and all over Melbourne in The Fantastic Race
- ✓ Convincingly winning the 2010 Glen Eira Stonnington District Swimming Carnival in late July

Competency progress as measured by badgework continues at all levels. We had three Scouts (now all Venturers) who were awarded The Australian Scout Medallion - the highest award in the Scout Section: Chloe Love, Rosie Marshall and Bec Parish. Approximately 1% of Scouts achieve this award. There are several more with a good chance of completing this later in 2010, and many promising younger ones on the way through.

On the equipment front Chris Love designed the best Patrol Boxes we've ever seen, and arranged for four of these to be constructed by the Beaumaris Mens' Shed, for which we are very grateful! They were successfully used for the first time at the 5 day Galaxy Theme Camp.

The Scouting system encourages the older Scouts to take increasing roles in not only assisting and training the younger ones, but also in the management of the Troop and running activities. 12th Caulfield has continued to carefully follow the Scouting 'Patrol System' to move our youth through to leadership and responsibility in a controlled and planned manner.

On the Scout Leader front we have welcomed Guy Delon into our ranks; Guy is moving through Basic Training. We sadly farewelled Amy Tang who moved to Sydney in March 2010. Both Bob and Lesley are working towards completion of Advanced Scout Section training in late 2010.

We do have a clear need for additional Scout Leaders, and note that it has been many years since any 12th Caulfield Scout Leaders have been parents of 12th Caulfield youth - a missed opportunity to interact with children at a short, critical, and fun time of their growing up!