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# **2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

*12<sup>th</sup> CAULFIELD SCOUT GROUP*

*Thursday 24 November 2011*



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Elsternwick

**81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND PRESENTATION  
EVENING**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 7.00pm**  
12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Hall, Elsternwick.

**AGENDA**

Welcome

Present

Apologies

Confirmation of the previous minutes

Treasurer's Report

President's Report

Group leader's Report

Section leaders' Reports

Election of office bearers

President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

District Commissioner's Report

Presentations

Questions and discussion

Meeting close and supper

## Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Summary and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 are presented with this report for your consideration.

The Group recorded a surplus for the year of \$9,666 compared to \$7,928 the previous year. This surplus was largely due to increased Hall Hire revenue up from \$14,642 to \$21,756. This increase was offset by \$7,888 spent on revarnishing the hall floor.

Fundraising and donations were down this year due to fewer BBQs and fewer applications for grants. The raffle ticket drive run by Michael Zcong was very successful raising \$1,850.

The total funds have increased from \$51,645 to \$74,311 over the last two years despite some large expenses. For this we must thank Jenny Bush for her tireless effort in managing the hall hire and applying for grants.

Over the next 12 months we have earmarked \$10,000 to renovate the kitchen and tidy up the toilets. With the hall hire revenue I expect there will still be a surplus in 2012.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank James Scott for his help with Audit.



Matthew Lloyd  
Treasurer  
12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Group

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*GROUP PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

*Jenny BUSH*

I am pleased to present my eighth report as Group President for 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield.

Sadly it is a miserable one, where the lack of input from an apathetic parent body have outweighed the magnificent achievements of our children and leaders.

Our sections have all thrived with full numbers and waiting lists. The weekly programmes have thrilled and inspired.

However, with Kristen's imminent departure at the end of the year, Cubs have only Roger – and this is an untenable situation. Without more leaders, Cubs will fold, the scout section will then decline and then the venturers...

We desperately need 2-3 parents to step forward to become assistant cub leaders. It's not rocket science or all-consuming. Our leaders have usually all had full-time professional jobs and still manage brilliantly.

The committee thanks Roger and Kristen for their magnificent work this year.

The Scout section has been breathtaking in it's scope of activities and achievements. Bob's report is attached. We welcomed Kevin and Greg to our ranks, commend Bob and Lesley on achieving their Wood Beads for advanced training and thank Bob, Lesley, Guy, Kevin and Greg for their work.

Venturers have maintained regular meetings but have lacked a regular leader. As such, guidance and progression towards Queen's Scout status is difficult. Roger Parish has kept an eye on them after Cubs on Tuesdays, but again, this is untenable...

The committee has managed the hall and finances well this year. Permanent hirers and rental income is up and maintenance has continued. Updating of the bathrooms and kitchen is underway. The polishing and line-marking of the floor was completed. Our equipment store is magnificent. We held a dinner mid-year to thank our leaders for their work.

Our main focus for 2012 will be fundraising to supplement those scouts who choose to attend AJ2013 in Queensland... and once again, we'll need all hands on deck for raffle ticket selling, BBQ-ing and contributing to the idea pool if we are to subsidise out scouts.

Personally, I'd like to thank Peter Chilton as our Group Leader and Jacinta Mackey, Mathew Lloyd, James Fox, Michael Zeeng as our committee for their input this year. They have made my job much easier – but managing hall hiring alone is a one person job.

I would like to relinquish the role of Group President during this forthcoming year whilst remaining on the committee to help. Hence, more parents volunteers are needed to step forward for our committee.

And volunteering in such a great group as this is, in fact, a joy.

## *12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Section Report 2010/11*

*Bob Northey*

2010/11 has been another very successful year for the 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Section which presently has 36 invested Scouts, all of whom are actively pursuing their Scouting life and enjoying Scouts - as evidenced by very strong attendances at Scout nights. At this date we are maintaining a short waiting list for joining Scouts. Cubs of course have a right of entry into Scouts so we are investing them as they reach the right age. We Scout Leaders continue to be very impressed with the standard and enthusiasm of our Cubs linking through into Scouts!

We have maintained a busy and complete program of events, including attendance at Troop, District and Regional camps, lightweight hikes, visits to community service organisations, recreational and educational facilities, and of course normal weekly Scout nights. We have also had selected Scouts attend Leadership and First Aid courses.

After the 4-night Stradbroke Cup camp at Easter we had seven 14 year old Scouts who moved out due to age, which has left us with a relatively young Troop – the eldest has only now just reached 14.

We were very pleased to have three Scouts during this past year achieve the highest award in the Scout section – the Scout Medallion. These were Edwin Dilnutt, Luke Marshall and Paige Gillham, all of whom moved into Venturers. As approximately only 1% of Scouts achieve this award, this was a good effort by them, their parents, and 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scout Troop! There are of course certain Scouts within our Troop now who with diligence and support are anticipated to also achieve this over the next few years.

On the Leader front we have had a good year – we have been joined by Kevin Payne and Greg Perkins, both of whom are presently busily working their way through their Basic training and are making material improvements to our Troop. Both Bob and Lesley Northey also recently completed their Advanced training, and achieved the Wood Badge. With Guy Delon too we have 5 keen Leaders and are able to share the load somewhat – but if there are other parents out there interested in contributing more as either an Adult Helper or Scout Leader we would still like to hear from you!

With the 2013 Australian Jamboree happening in January 2013 the main focus for 2012 will be preparing our attending Scouts for this special 3-yearly event (while maintaining a good program also for the Scouts who will not attend AJ2013). There are badgework, camping, funding, and equipment requirements to be managed in addition to the full program required by an active Troop like ours. We are certain to mount a strong representation to it!

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Post script: an anecdote. My father passed away this week; throughout his life he fondly recalled his youth Scouting activities and in particular his attendance as part of the New Zealand Contingent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australasian Jamboree in 1938 in Sydney as a 14 year old. He also achieved his King Scout Award. These experiences meaningfully contributed to him leading a very full, decent, and competent life. This is the incentive for all of us involved in the Scouting adventure; when we get it right for our youth, it's life-changing!

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Bob Northey  
Lesley Northey  
Guy Delon  
Kevin Payne  
Greg Perkins