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**GROUP PRESIDENT'S REPORT
James Fox**

I am pleased to report that 2012 has been a productive year both in terms of Committee & Hall management. I took on the role of President during the year filling some very big shoes of our outgoing President, Jenny Bush. Jenny has been involved with 12th Caulfield Scout Group for many years & has been our Group President for the past 9 years. I would like to acknowledge upfront, the considerable contribution that Jenny has made to our Group & thank her particularly for her tireless efforts & achievements as our Group President over the past 9 years. I am delighted to say that Jenny has agreed to stay on supporting our Group in the role of Hall Hire management – more about that shortly.

We have had a successful year both on & off the field to use a football term.

You will read in Matthew's report that Financially, we have grown our bank balance & have a strong balance sheet. This will be required as we have made substantial subsidies for 2013 Jamboree fees and are looking at major expenses in 2013 with a Kitchen update & Venturer Den extension.

Our Hall maintenance has been an active area with major works being floor sanding, line marking & resealing; the toilets received a much needed spruce up; we have some new cupboards & tables as well as a number of other maintenance items being conducted throughout the year.

Thank you to all involved in these activities & in particular, a big thank you to the man who enthusiastically wears many hats, Michael Zeeng.

As Hall Hire is an important & significant component of our revenue, we plan to upgrade our Kitchen to ensure we can maximise the Hall Hire & income opportunity for our Group.

Our Venturer group are rapidly expanding in numbers, which is really terrific, however they are quickly outgrowing the small Venturer Den so we are looking at options to expand this space.

Fundraising is an important element along with Hall Hire in running our Group. We have undertaken a number of BBQs in the back half of 2012 to help boost the coffers. Thank You to all Parents that pitched in with their rostered shifts, your support is much needed with these events & is much appreciated. I hope you met some other parents & made some new friends during these events. A special Thank You to Leonard de Zilva & Peter Hede for their organisation efforts.

The Scout raffle is another significant fundraiser for our group & along with Phone Book delivery & Entertainment books, I would like thank Michael Zeeng for his efforts & energy in organising these activities.

Our role as Group Committee is to support our wonderful Leaders in delivering great programs for our Children. We can only do that with a healthy Committee with lots of involvement to help share the load. I would like to thank the Committee for their significant efforts & contributions this year.

Our Treasurer Matthew Lloyd, thank you for the never ending & crucial job of managing our finances. Leonard & Peter for your assistance with BBQs & fundraising, to Michael Zeeng, thank you for your enthusiastic efforts with Fundraising, Maintenance as well as taking on the role of Venturer Leader & to our outgoing President, Jenny Bush, thank you for your efforts with the very important (but sometimes painful) role of Hall Hire. We also welcome some new Committee members to the team. Sue Litchfield & Victoria Whitmee have kindly agreed to jointly manage our equipment store (Q Store). We are delighted to have Sue & Victoria join the Committee who are already making a difference in management of our equipment & stores.

I can also announce that Wendy Dunstan has kindly agreed to join the Committee as Group Secretary in 2013. Thank You Wendy for stepping forward, I eagerly look forward to your assistance.

Unfortunately we did lose a really good Committee member this year in Jacinta Mackay. The good news is that we gained a really good Group Leader. Thank You Jacinta for your efforts on the Committee for the 1st half of 2012 & I am really pleased & looking forward to working with you as our Group Leader.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank our outgoing Group Leader Peter Chiltern. As a group, we largely owe our current position of strength to your leadership & stewardship and thank you for your many years of valuable service to 12th Caulfield.

Lastly, the Committee would like to thank our fantastic Leaders for the efforts & sacrifices they each make to deliver the very high quality programs that our children benefit from. Thank You for the impact you are having on the development of our kids & the contribution to our Community.

Good luck to all our Scouts attending the upcoming Jamboree.

I wish you & your Families all a Safe & Happy break over the Festive season & look forward to a big 2013.

James Fox



Group Committee President

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GROUP LEADER'S REPORT
Jacinta Mackey

I am pleased to present my first report as Group Leader for 12th Caulfield. In short, it is a very positive one, considering where we sat as a Group 12 months ago and given the Group 'crisis meeting' held at the start of this year.

CUBS

With only one leader and thus the Cub section on the verge of folding, at the BBQ this time last year, we welcomed Toni Osborne as a new Cub leader to assist Roger Parish. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Roger for his longstanding service, earning a Certificate of Merit this year, and for Toni in stepping forward so capably. We have struck it rich again, with our new cub leader, Roisin, who comes to us from Ireland as a qualified scout leader. We welcome Roisin to our Group and are hopeful to add further to our leader numbers in our Cub section next year.

We also thank our team of regular parent helpers, who have all done a tremendous job in supporting our Cub leaders in the week-to-week program. Thanks especially to committed dads Allan Alderson and James Osborne who have been there every week, providing valued assistance.

In terms of the most important people in our Cub section, our active and enthusiastic Cubs, it has been terrific to see so many new members invested in the latter part of this year, including Codie and Elizabeth last week and Riley and Luca tonight. This year has been fun, and enthusiastic, and with more leaders to share the load, we can hopefully inspire our Cubs to achieve great things, including working on their goals under the badge earning system. I commend Thomas for his work towards his Grey Wolf award - the highest achievement level a Cub can earn - and congratulate the whole Pack for a great year.

SCOUTS

The reputation of our Scout Section continues to grow based on the fantastic scope of activities undertaken, our enthusiastic Youth members and the amazing leadership team we have in Bob and Lesley Northey, Kevin Payne and Greg Perkins. Thank you to our leaders for their dedicated and inspiring work. Congratulations to Bob and Lesley on earning their Silver Arrowhead awards this year and to Kevin and Bob on 5 Years of Service. Our Scout Troop, was one of only 2 out of 17 across the district of Glen Eira to obtain a Quality Scouting Award this year. Little wonder we have children on the waiting list to join.

Our four leaders will accompany nineteen of our Scouts setting off for Jamboree on the 1st January. We have one of the biggest contingents going in Victoria. The excitement is building, in anticipation of joining over 8,500 other Scouts (and several thousand Venturers and Leaders), on an adventure of a lifetime in Queensland. We wish them all well, and look forward to seeing our Scouts back safely, having grown in stature and capability, and having had tonnes of fun.

VENTURERS

What a difference to a year ago. We are very thankful to the capable Michael Zeeng, who stepped up to be a Venturer Leader at the end of last year, when there was none. He has been joined by the very enthusiastic Bronwen Young. We now regularly have up to ten Venturers each week, with four potential 'new recruits' turning up only last week. It is fantastic to see an active, renewed commitment to Scouting activities and achievement, with seven Venturers accompanying our Scouts to assist at Jamboree and four Venturers aiming for their Queen's Scout award next year.

Central to our organization, is the belief that Scouting provides a solid development base for our children and a springboard for them as they launch themselves forward in life. In an era of increasingly socially detached youth, who think that their extra curricular lives should be spent tweeting, you-tubing, on facebook, or just drifting aimlessly, we offer so much more than the standard positive alternative of weekend sport. As a parent of three children in the Group, the benefits of an alternative peer group to school and sport, learning skills that will serve them well through life, are tangible, character building, and totally worthwhile being involved in.

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We are a volunteer organization, reliant on parental help. My sincere thanks to all those parents who have assisted this year, including the hard working committee as outlined by James. I would personally like to thank James Fox, for stepping up to be a terrific President.

My report would be incomplete without mentioning our dynamic duo - Jenny Bush, immediate past President and Peter Chiltern, outgoing Group Leader. 12th Caulfield has been truly blessed to have these two serving our Group, so long after their own children have moved on. They have literally held the Group together over the past decade and we are thrilled and thankful that they are continuing to be involved. My personal thanks to Peter for his kind assistance and wisdom as I make my way forward in the role of Group Leader.

I congratulate our most inspiring members of our Group on a great year - all of our Youth members - who I know are having great experiences through Scouting and are being equipped to be valuable members of society.

I wish all our Leaders, Parents and Youth all the best for the Festive Season and hope to see you all back in 2013.

Yours in Scouting

Jacinta Mackey

Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Summary and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2012 are presented with this report for your consideration.

The Group recorded a surplus for the year of 55,153 compared to 59,666 the previous year. This reduced surplus was largely due to reduced Hall Hire revenue down from \$21,756 to \$15,300. Other significant expenses were a minor renovation of the toilets and completion of the hall floor varnishing.

Fundraising and donations were slightly up this year due to some great work by Michael Zeeng with the raffle and the phone book delivery drive with \$3,926 being raised.

The total funds have increased from \$74,311 to \$79,464 over the last year. We must thank Jenny Rush for her tireless effort in managing the hall hire and also Jacinta Mackey who stepped in while Jenny was on holiday.

Over the next 12 months we expect a significant deficit due to \$35,000 of planned expenses. These expenses include about \$20,000 for the second instalment of scout's Jamboree fees, expected equipment costs of \$5,000 for the Jamboree and up to \$10,000 for renovation of the Kitchen.

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

 4/9/12

Matthew Lloyd
Treasurer
12th Caulfield Scout Group