



**12<sup>TH</sup> CAULFIELD (St John's) SCOUT GROUP**

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**GROUP PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
James Fox**

I am pleased to report that 2014 has been a productive year both in terms of Committee & Hall management. We now have 8 active Committee members covering 7 roles, and I am pleased to report that all Committee members have continued on from prior years' service. We have undertaken some significant hall maintenance, provided strong support for a successful 2014 Cuboree and managed the hall costs within budget.

You will read from our Treasurer, Matthew Lloyd's report, that financially, we have run a good surplus in 2013/2014 with a continued strong balance sheet. The surplus is mainly due to an increase in Hall Hire and a strong contribution from our annual Scout raffle. The other major change vs prior year is the significant support for 2013 Jamboree attendees as a non-recurring expense in 2012/2013 financial year. We will need to build funds over the next 2 years if we wish to support 2016 Jamboree to the same level. Thank you to our Treasurer Matthew Lloyd, for the never ending & crucial job of managing our finances

We have had another strong year with Hall Hiring. We are extremely fortunate with the location & amenity of our Hall providing a venue that serves well for a number of Hall Hire events including; daytime youth & adult recreation & learning activities, after school activities from dance classes to martial arts & social events from pre teen birthdays to bah mitzvahs. Hall Hire is an important & significant component of our revenue and greatly contributes to running a successful group – it subsidises our group to the tune of around \$500 per family. It also means that we don't have to rely on turning 1,000's of sausages at dozens of events! Thank You to Jenny Bush for your efforts with the very important (and sometimes painful) role of Hall Hire. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Fundraising is an important element along with Hall Hire in generating revenue to run our Group. Our major fundraising activity is the annual Scout raffle held in March/April. Thank You to the Parents that pitched in assisting with selling raffle tickets at the Caravan show in 30+ degree heat or taking raffle tickets to work. Your support is much needed with these events & is much appreciated. A special Thank You to Michael Zeeng for organising the raffle activities.

Our Hall maintenance has been a very active area this year with continued improvements & management of our Q store (equipment store) as well as a number of other maintenance items being attended to throughout the year. Our major event was a very successful working bee in July. It was great to see quite a few families and some Cubs, Scouts and Venturers pitching in. Much was achieved and the Hall is now looking a lot brighter, tidier and updated with some much needed repairs.

Some of the things we achieved are: 3 loads to the tip. Doors, windows, walls and even the basketball ring backboards painted, sorting and organising the q store and upstairs room, hanging rails for flags, hanging the scout emblem and flag, hanging whiteboard, tidying up the cupboards under the stage, clean up behind the hall and quite a few repairs! In addition to this, Sue, Victoria & their families have painted the kitchen and doors in the hall.

Special thanks to Sue Litchfield & Victoria Whitmee as our Hall Maintenance Committee members for organising the day and a terrific job throughout the year.

Thanks also to Michael Zeeng for his ongoing maintenance works & capability in favourable sourcing of various items.

I would also like to thank Julie Hector in her role as Secretary. Julie undertakes a valuable role that is instrumental in the smooth and effective functioning of our Group – this goes way beyond minute taking.

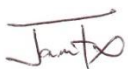
Our role as Group Committee is to support our wonderful Leaders in delivering great programs for our Children. We can only do that with a healthy Committee with lots of involvement to help share the load. I would like to thank the Committee for their significant efforts & contributions this year.

I would also like to thank our Group Leader, Jacinta Mackey. Your capable leadership, guidance and support is highly valued and much appreciated. We are very fortunate to have a Group Leader with your capability and commitment.

Lastly, the Committee would like to thank all our fantastic section 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.

I wish you & your Families all a Safe & Happy break over the Festive season & look forward to seeing you in 2015.

James Fox



Group Committee President



## 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Scouts

### 2014 Treasurer's Report

The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Summary and Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 are presented with this report for your consideration.

The Group recorded a Surplus for the year of \$8,960 compared to a deficit of \$14,156 the previous year.

Hall hire continued to provide most of our annual income with an increase from \$16,345 last year to \$18,030 this year. The raffle also provided about \$4,739 in income with the BBQs chipping in with \$1,015. Thank you Jenny Bush and Michael Zeeng for a great job. A special thanks also goes to Esso for their regular community program grant of \$1,000.

The total funds have increased from \$65,307 to \$74,268 which is a fantastic result and will enable us to provide support to the upcoming Cuboree and Venture.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt", written in a cursive style.

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

**12th Caulfield Scout Group**  
**Profit & Loss for year ending 30th June 2013**

	<u>June '14</u>	<u>June '13</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions (Note 3)	11,877	17,114
Fundraising (net of direct expenses)	5,244	3,730
Hall Hire	18,030	16,345
Grants, Other Income (Note 1)	1,791	1,561
	<u>36,942</u>	<u>38,750</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Administration	1,989	1,974
Building Related Expenses	11,797	13,763
Cub/Scout/Venturer Programs	1,472	1,059
Cub/Scout/Venturer Equipment	995	2,587
Scout Census Costs (Note 7)	11,729	11,487
Jamboree/Cuboree/Venturer (Note 5 & 6)	0	22,037
	<u>27,982</u>	<u>52,906</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for Year</b>	<u>8,960</u>	<u>-14,156</u>

**Notes to Accounts**

1. Grants, other income comprises		
Bank Interest	791	1,561
Grants/Donations	1,000	0
	<u>1,791</u>	<u>1,561</u>
2. Cash at bank consists of:		
Bendigo Bank Account	10,010	0
Group Committee Account	36,746	38,457
Cub Pack Account	100	100
Scout Troop Account	2,361	1,700
Venturer Group Account	50	50
	<u>49,267</u>	<u>40,307</u>
3. Subscriptions outstanding at June	3,640	1,060
5. Jamboree component paid 12th Caulfield	0	22,037
6. Cuboree/Venturee component due 2015 (est)	7,000	0
7. Census fee due August 2014	8,968	10,816

**12th Caulfield Scout Group**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2013**

	June '14	June '13
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank (Note 2)	49,267	40,307
Term Deposits	25,000	25,000
Total Assets	74,267	65,307
Less Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	0	0
Net Assets	74,267	65,307
Represented By:		
Accumulated Surplus @ start of period	65,307	79,464
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	8,960	-14,156
	74,267	65,307

Auditors Report

I have audited the financial statements of the 12th Caulfield Scout Group set out herewith. It was not practicable as an audit procedure to extend my examination beyond accounting for amounts received and amounts expended as shown by the books and records of the Group.

Subject to the above, in my opinion, the Income & Expenditure Summary, the Balance Sheet and Notes to Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view on a cash basis of:

1. The state of affairs of the Group as at 30th June 2014, and
2. The results of the Group for the year ended on that date.

  
 James Scott  
 Melbourne

Date: 14/6/2014

## **GROUP LEADER'S REPORT 2014**

**Jacinta Mackey**

I am pleased to present my 3<sup>rd</sup> annual report as Group Leader for 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield. As I reflect on another year, let me start by saying it's a privilege to be involved with this Group, our enthusiastic Youth Members and our dedicated leaders, who facilitate such amazing experiences for our Youth,.

We finished the June 2014 census year with approximately 53 enrolled youth (and 5 hosted Venturers) . This is down on last year, particularly in the Cub section as new cubs who joined last year were almost all 10 years old and hence moved up or out once they reached 11. We are now back to manageable numbers with no waiting lists and invite Youth Members to consider bringing along a friend to try scouting.

### **CUBS**

It has been terrific to see our cubs participating in fun activities and learning experiences during this year. Whilst quite a few cubs moved up to Scouts or on to other activities, it's been great to see the following new and enthusiastic members invested post Census (financial) year-end - Quinton and Max Glen, Max Heath, Natalie Way and Nick Morrison.

Highlights included: 9 cubs attending Cuboree in the September school holidays, joining over 3,000 other cubs from across Victoria for 5 action packed days of fun, Mt Macedon Anzac weekend camp and many other activities - Refer Roger's report on the following pages for more details.

Special mention to Ella Thomas and Laura Patterson (now in Scouts) who earned their Grey Wolf badges early in the year – the pinnacle award for Cubs - and were proudly added to the honour board. Congratulations again girls.

Huge thanks to our Roger Parish and Toni Osborne who have been key for 2014. We also thank Andre Bonnici who provided regular assistance on hall nights and stepped down early in the year. Toni has been a wonderful Leader but is resigning at the end of this calendar year as her daughter Steph moves up to Scouts next year. We thank her for all her fantastic and dedicated work with our Pack. Thanks also to Michelle Saffin, Venturer, for all her valuable help earlier in the year. Roger, who we are indebted to for over 11 years of service, is easing back from Leader in charge but hopefully will still be involved during 2015, to a lesser degree. He has put in a mighty effort, thank you Roger! We are thrilled that Rob Heath who joined us in Term 3 (with son Max) will be stepping up as Leader in Charge for 2015, thank you Rob, we all look forward to assisting you.

Thanks also to all the parents who have supporting our Cub Leaders where they can, by helping on particular hall nights or accompanying the leaders on various activities and camps. In particular a huge thank you to Paula Clark (mum of Brandon and Alissa) and James Osborne (dad of Austin and Isobel) who both attended and assisted at Cuboree James also has been in attendance almost every hall night to assist (and with plumbing matters at the hall) thanks again! Special thanks also to Paula Fisher (Jonah's mum) and Kate Bissett Johnson (Luka's mum) who have been

of tremendous help in badge-tracking on hall nights and Julie Hector (mum of Adam and Liam) on the Committee.

## **SCOUTS**

We have experienced a year full of amazing activities under the fantastic leadership team headed by Scout Leader Bob Northey and Assistant Scout Leaders Lesley Northey, Kevin Payne and Greg Perkins. The Northeys again have provided the backbone of our Troop with Kevin and Greg in support, until both of them left at the end of Term 3 with their sons Tim and Sam moving on to sea scout Venturers. A huge thank you to Kevin and Greg for their stellar contribution whilst at 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield. We were thrilled to welcome young Assistant Scout Leaders Rob Barnes and Angela Kane to our troop this year and look forward to having them on board again in 2015.

Fortunately Bob and Lesley anticipate staying on to accompany our Scouts to the next Australian Jamboree (Sydney Jan 2016) where over 10,000 scouts from the Australasian region and around the world, will convene for an amazing two weeks of fun filled activities. However beyond that, in all likelihood Bob and Lesley will be stepping down with only intermittent involvement. Whilst Bob currently remains Leader in Charge of the Scout Troop he is looking for a new Leader to step up and take on this important role in 2015 so that he can ease back. Please let us know if you, or anyone you know is interested!

Special mention and congratulations to Rubina Smith, Sam Perkins and Tim Payne, who this year all earned the Australian Scout Medallion (ASM) - the pinnacle Scout award - before moving on to Venturers.

## **HOPETOUN VENTURERS**

This year we have been thankful to have leaders Michael Zeeng and also Bronwen Rogers intermittently helping to guide our Venturers. We were thrilled to welcome Peter Crowhurst to the Unit. Highlights included a Queens Scout award achieved by a Venturer we hosted at our Hopetoun Unit, seeing numbers rise significantly from last year, including bringing in the fledgling 1<sup>st</sup> Elwood Venturer unit during term 4 on combined nights.

Please refer to Rubina's report on the following pages for a Venturer's perspective on 2014.

All the best to our 4 Venturers Dan Parish, Chris McNaughton, Rubina Smith and Sam Lloyd who are all off to join approximately 5,000 others in South Australia early January for 10 days of adventure at AV2015.

The benefits of Scouting – as I have observed with 3 children in the Group, including an alternative peer group to school and sport and learning valuable life skills whilst having lots of fun - are huge. However we can only run as a volunteer Group with input and assistance from parents. Thanks again to all parents for all your help and if you are interested in becoming a leader (all uniforms, training costs provided,



including no annual charge for your children), please let me know. Alternatively if you know someone who may fit the bill and is interested, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincere thanks again to all those that have assisted our Group, including the hard working committee. In particular I would like to thank James Fox, for his fantastic work as Committee President. In closing I wish all our Leaders, Parents and Youth all the best for the Festive Season and hope to see you all back in 2015. Look forward to seeing you at our Group Beach Camp Feb 20-22<sup>nd</sup>!

<i>Group Census Figures</i>	<i>June 2012</i>	<i>June 2013*</i>	<i>June 2014</i>
<i>Youth</i>			
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Venturers</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Rovers</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Total enrolled Youth</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>+ Hosted Venturers</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Total Youth</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>59</i>

## **Cub Leader's Report by Roger Parish**

The cubs had an active twelve months as usual.

In April 2014 we had the qualification camp for Cuboree at Tree Tops Camp Riddles' Creek after attending the Anzac Day morning service at the Caulfield RSL. There were many kangaroos and we enjoyed a good campfire. We had another walk around Mount Macedon which was completed just before it rained. We did a lot of badge work and enjoyed the obstacle courses and compass work.

Cuboree was at the end of September and we had a great time. A special thank you must go to James Osborne and Paula Clark. Paula was great organising the cooking for the forty five people at our camp with several other groups from the district. We had nine cubs from 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield. We never had a late meal and everything was cooked to perfection. James helped set up camp and dismantle it again. His plumbing skills were important to get stoves working and having the water supply sorted. Many thanks also to Bob Northey, the Scout leader, who gave us many tips about the camping equipment for the camp, which came almost exclusively from 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield. There was the obligatory wet day and a branch through a tent – not ours! The cubs all did well and Jonah Fisher celebrated his birthday during the camp. We have a good set of solar lighting which makes the nights much easier to manage. The cubs had a good time and a particularly memorable water fight and great photos with Shrek. Some of our venturers also helped at Cuboree with some activities working on GR8 Senses.

We did many district activities like Founders day at the Melbourne Zoo. The bowling at Clayton Bowl and JOTT hike at Belgrave. We also caught the train one Sunday morning in August to the city and had a bike hike from the city to the Melbourne Star, a giant Ferris wheel in the Waterfront City precinct in the Docklands area of Melbourne. We had a ride on the wheel and rode to Port Melbourne and along the bay to St Kilda and home, a distance of over 22 km. We also attended the South Metro Showtime which included a 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield Venturer in the cast and was very enjoyable. Two cubs attended the Leadership Course at Moorabbin in July 2014. There were two Grey Wolf awards to Laura Patterson and Ella Thomas. Brandon Clark's submission has been made and we hope to award it in early 2015.



Anzac Weekend Cub Camp – Mt Macedon hike



Ella Thomas and Laura Patterson receiving their Grey Wolf Awards (by which time they had joined Scouts!)



Cuboree, attended by 9 of our Cubs and 3000 others!



Cuboree Fun



Pack 208 including 12th Caulfield Cubs ( Brandon, Alyssa, Audrey, Luca Austin, Isobel, Stephanie, Jonah, Elizabeth) Cub leaders Roger, Toni and parent helpers James Osborne and Paula Clark

## **Scout Leader's Report by Bob Northey**

The Scout section this year had another busy calendar, with excellent attendances at Scout nights, and a core group of about 10 who miss nothing at all and get a great deal from the program.

Activities included:

- 10 camps and hikes covering 18 nights under canvas, including a PL/APL camp, various District and Region camps, Patrol Activity camps, and each of the three levels of Scout hiking
- A wide range of fun activities (Bounce, 10 pin bowling, and the District Billycart Derby arranged by 12<sup>th</sup> Caulfield) and formal visits (such as ANZAC Day and a Police station visit)
- 40 Scout nights covering all aspects of the Scout curriculum and a great deal of fun
- A number of service activities within and outside of the Scout movement

Badgework progress was very good and included not only the 3 ASMs (achieved by less than 2% of Scouts in Australia) but also some very good work in the lower badgework areas that appears likely to lead to further ASMs over the next 2 years.

Membership has been allowed to reduce in anticipation of the Scout Leadership changeover in 2014/15 – we have not encouraged joining members. We are tentatively now accepting joining Scouts in addition to linking Cubs (who have an automatic right of entry into our Troop), in order to slowly build troop numbers a little.

The 2015 focus areas and goals will be to:

- Prepare for AJ2016 attendance in January 2016 (this will be at Cataract Park, south of Sydney)
- Build the Scout Leadership Skills of our new ASLs Angela and Rob, and keep searching for one or two more ASLs
- Conduct at least as many Troop camps and adventures as in 2014



Sam Collins, Hugh Cowie and Hugo Smith – 38km Adventurer Hike over 3 days on the Great Ocean Walk



Stradbroke Cup Camp – some of our Scouts at Final Parade



Tim Payne, Hugo Smith, Jeremy Crump and Libby Collins volunteering as wait staff at a St John's church luncheon

## Hopetoun Venturer's Unit Chairman's Report by Rubina Smith

Hello all 12th Caulfield Group members. I'm the Unit Chairman of the Venturers Unit, and have been for most of this year. The 12th Caulfield approach to Venturers is like no other, and quite un-orthodox.

However so, we did have a member achieve the Queen Scout award this year: Alex Tolnai who we hosted from 4th Caulfield.

Earlier this year we celebrated Anzac day by hosting a sleepover at the scout hall with the Deaf Venturer Unit, including communicating in sign language (some we just made up!) and then attending an ANZAC service at our local RSL (with an official sign language interpreter on the podium).

Almost all of our unit members have completed their Venturer Skills badge, involving a weekend away hiking and doing more traditional scouting 'stuff'.

We had a blast in the second term when we all went rock climbing one Tuesday night. Definitely one to do again.

Earlier this year I represented our unit in the cast of the South Metro Showtime (with my brother Hugo from Scouts), this was a musical variety show that the Unit was very happy to come and support (and laugh at me) :)

Two members of our unit attended Snow Venture at the start of winter (Dan Parish and I), a week long cross-country-skiing adventure. It was amazing to connect with Venturers from different units, Venturers who were aiming for their QS or Venturers simply having fun and exploring the world. Either way, they lead us to go on another adventure...

Cuboree! Three of us (Dan Parish, Macgregor Smith and I) assisted in the running of the Cub Scouts' 5-day long camp with 3000 Cubs coming through our rostered activity.

That's a summary of what we have done this year, so far. As I write this, we are preparing to execute a fund-raising sausage sizzle outside the Election booths in our own Scout Hall. These funds will help some of us go on a crazy adventure with about 5,000 other Venturers that will last two weeks in Adelaide, and that's the Australian Venture 2015. From what the promotional advertisements have told us, it'll be 'Heaps Good'!

So while we are not all planning seriously a compulsory checklist for the Queen Scouts Award, the (12th Caulfield) Hopetoun Venturer Unit is committed to helping out the Scouting community, getting physical and having fun! It's been great in 2014 to work with 'a bunch of teenagers to do what we've done this year.



Snow Venture Parade





Blazing sunshine and awesome views on Snow Venture