



Newsletter

Ashmore
Scout
Group

Christmas 2016

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Group Leader

As we close out our regular Scouting activities for 2016, I reflect on what has been another big year in the life of our Group.

From Region Camps, ANZAC Day, competition camps (Triple S and Nighthawk), Brisbane Gang Show, Kokoda Challenge Junior Games, JOTA JOTI, through to leadership camps and Agoonoree, our leaders and youth members have racked up a massive number of varied learnings & experiences, and most importantly, have had fun whilst doing so!

Baden-Powell's method works naturally and unconsciously: naturally in the way that it follows the natural impulses of the Scout, and unconsciously because the Scout is not aware of the education.

Our Group has also recently welcomed new Section Leaders in Ken and Carolyn for our Cub Pack, and Lisa and Emily for our Scout Troop.

On Boxing Day, two youth members will be travelling to the 21st New Zealand Scout Jamboree. Fourteen days of fun and excitement!

Stuart McCONAGHY (Woody)
Group Leader
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Christmas Message

The Group wishes all members a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



If travelling on the roads this festive season, please drive carefully, rest often, catch up with family and friends, stay safe, enjoy yourselves, and prepare for another full Scouting year!

Scouting will resume for 2017 as per the following dates (current as at December 2016):

Joeys: Friday 27 January

**Cubs, Scouts & Venturers:
Week commencing Monday 30
January**



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Joey Scouts

Upcoming Activities:

Friday 27 January 2017 – First night back for the year!

17 to 18 February – Joey Scout Sleepover



Photos from our Mob's visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary – October 2016

Cub Scouts

2016 has been an amazing year; we have completed 38 Camps and Activities throughout the year! Well, done!! The biggest of those would of course had to have been Cuboree, Anzac Day Sleepover, NightHowl, Kokoda, Konrad the Magician, James the Scientist, Bowling, CCC, Air Factory, Father's Day Camp and Swimming! I hope you have some great stories to share with friends and family these Christmas Holidays.

2017 is shaping up to be a big year; we should have a camps and activities calendar available by January, dates may change but we are trying to give families as much notice as possible to aid in organisation. Our first camp will be on February 17th -19th at Brownsea Water Activities Centre (Redland Bay - Scout Run Site) where the cubs will be earning they're Canoeing Level One/Two Badge. The estimated cost will be \$80, but we will confirm this closer to the date. If your cub is interested, please let one of the leaders know so that they may be included in the numbers. Numbers are limited to 35 adults and cubs.

Next year around June we will be getting information on the 2018 Cuboree; this is a 5 night 6 day bi-annual camp for Cubs 9 years and older.... Estimated cost is approximately \$600, held during the September school Holidays. Fundraising opportunities are available for this event through Ashmore Dodgers BBQ Sausage Sizzles, every cub and parent are able to volunteer their time. Next time you see Woody around the Den ask him about it, I'm sure he will be happy to find a place on the roster to assist families in getting to Cuboree!!.

Now, wait for it, do you feel a little tired and worn as we approach Christmas Holidays, well this may be one of the reasons why.....This year we have earned a staggering 412 badges between 38 Cubs! We have had 10 new members join our pack, 2 joeys that have linked up, 6 cubs that linked to scouts, 4 Grey Wolf Awards achieved, spent 6-12 nights on camps depending on our age, hiked between 11km - 120km during our activities, camps & hikes and gained 3 new Leaders in Karryn, Carolyn and Ken. If you haven't met them yet, please stop and introduce yourselves!

We would like to thank all the parents for the assistance driving, supervising and partaking in activities and camps; you have been amazing with your support! Also, a mention to the Scouts and Venturers for the assistance during the year! Well done! A big Bravo to the Leaders of Ashmore in all sections for your assistance this year, it's great to work with so many wonderful people.

Hope All Cubs and Families have a Wonderful Christmas Break and return ready for an exciting year with Cubs in 2017!

To Infinity and Beyond, Rama.

Scouts

WHAT A YEAR for our Scout Troop! We have experienced another year of growth in our Troop. We started 2016 with 36 Scouts and finish the year with 46 Scouts! Our Scouts have participated in over 62 additional activities aside from their weekly program. Our weekends, in 2016, have been *JAM PACKED* with opportunities for our Troop members to get out and about in our community and the outdoors. Our 2017 Calendar is shaping up to be just as active!

THANK YOU to the following companies that have assisted the Troop this year with donations & assistance:

Bunnings Southport (equipment and fundraising opportunities for our International Jamboree

Participants) <https://www.bunnings.com.au/stores/qld/southport>

RW Promotion (printing and banners) <http://www.rwpromotion.com.au/>

S & A Stairs (Firewood) <https://sastairs.com.au>

Kamtech (Tools) <http://stores.ebay.com/Kamtech-Tools>

GCweb (Tents and printing) <http://gcweb.com.au/>

Gemini Court (product donation) <http://geminicourt.com.au/>

Queensland Police Service (presentations) <https://www.police.qld.gov.au/>

Wynnum Marine (Boat Transport) <http://www.wynnummarine.com.au/>

VMR (Boat Transport) <http://marinerescueqld.org.au/>

Encouraging our Troop members to participate in International Events continues! We have two Scouts heading over to the 21st New Zealand Jamboree with their "Key to Adventure" over the School Holidays - we wish Eloise and Zayden an *AMAZING* time! Follow their journey on the Group's Facebook page!

We have also had a great time attending National, State and Region events in 2016 - from AJ2016 to 10-year-old Linking Camp, the adventure continued! If you would like your Scout to attend an International Jamboree, pop Waikerie an email. We can assist with fundraising opportunities to help towards the cost of the event. Realistically, the next International opportunity will be in 2018 so let us know now so we can help plan and fundraise!

We have welcomed 3 new Leaders this year - Richard (Thylacine), Lisa (Bunji) and Emily! We have also had Daniel from Rovers assisting and Mel (Venturer Leader) helping with badge work! Brock and Cecile from Venturers have also been assisting with the program in Term 4. Working closely with the Venturer Unit is a positive step forward for our Troop as the relationship with Venturers is extremely important as they progress between the sections.

WHAT HAPPENED IN TERM FOUR 2016:

Weekly meetings

Agoonoree (September school holidays - 4 Scouts)

Cuboree (September school holidays - 2 Scouts, 1 Leader)

JOTI/JOTA

Try Venture Camp

Troop Camp

New Zealand Contingent Meeting

Canoeing Currumbin

Assisting Region Cub Camp

McHappy Day

Nieka, Sera & Eloise's Leadership Activity

Wallaby & Falcon Patrol Activity

WRECKED

Aquasplash

Patrol Leader Dinner

Bunnings & Dodgers BBQs.

I think we are all looking forward to the School Holiday break to recharge for 2017!

Finally, we received a beautiful gift this Christmas that had these words crafted into them...

“Behind every good Scout is a Great Leader” & “Scout Leaders plant seeds that grow FOREVER”. Leadership of these amazing youth members is an absolute privilege. Now 2 years into our role as the Troop Leaders (DB & Waikerie) we have watched your children grow and it’s a true honour to be a part of their lives and provide them skills that will take them into their adult years!

If you’ve considered joining us as Leaders and be a part of this, we would welcome you and the time you can give to assisting the Troop hit some big goals for 2017! (Remember, it’s just 2 hours every week!!! haha).

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and we will see you in 2017!

Waikerie
Scout Leader

Venturer Scouts

We've had a very busy term with Try Venture, a Skills Hike, Noosa Venture and activities at the den. We've had three of our number return to Labrador with their Unit reopening. Next year will start with a planning camp at Mt Tamborine and we look forward to a great year. The Venturers finished an active term saying goodbye to Lauren who's heading off to Rovers. She will be missed greatly and we wish her all the best.

From all of the Venturers have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mel
Venturer Leader



Photos from Noosa Venture – December 2016

Group Fundraising

DODGER'S BBQ

Dodger's Touch Football Car Boot Sale, Cos Zantiotis Park, Labrador (Behind Hungry Jacks)

2nd Sunday of each Month – 5:00am to 12:00pm

These BBQ's are currently assigned to members of our Venturer Unit for AV2018.

<http://www.ashmore.scoutsqld.com.au/pages/parentinformation.html#fundraising>

Events Calendar

21st New Zealand Scout Jamboree

Renwick Domain,
Marlborough

29 December 2016
to
07 January 2017



State Sign-On Open Day

Ashmore Scout Den

Saturday
04 February 2017
10:00am to 2:00pm



17th Australian Venture

YMCA Camp Warrawee,
Joyner

02 to 13 January
2018



25th Australian Scout Jamboree

The Bend Motorsport Park,
South Australia

03 to 14 January
2019



24th World Scout Jamboree

'Unlock a New World'

July 2019

