



Newsletter

Ashmore
Scout
Group

Term 1, 2015

Group Leader

Welcome back to another Scouting year.

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday.

Many adventures are to be had, with the Scouts going to Jamboree at Cataract Park in Sydney in January 2016. To be able to attend, Scouts must have ten nights under canvas, with three nights being consecutive. Scouts must also have their Pioneer badge.

The Group has a number of new Leaders, we ask that your full support is provided; some parent help will be needed.

If you can help on a Wednesday night at Scouts collecting the Subs, camp fees, or doing the cashbook, please see me.

This same assistance is also required for Cubs on Thursday night.

Thank you to our Leaders and youth members that attended at our Open Day on the 7th of February. Twenty-one walk-in inquiries were received on the day, a fantastic result.

Robyn BUGLAR (Possum)
Group Leader
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Group Chairman

Welcome back to Scouting for 2015.

The strength and calibre of any Scout Group is measured in a variety of factors; be it the number of youth members and Leaders, the support offered by our parents and/or guardians, the Den in which the Group meets, the equipment that we hold, or the standing that the Group has within the wider community.

All of these factors combined contribute to the Scouting experience for our youth members. This year brings about a renewed focus by our Leaders towards a safe and stable environment, combining quality programming with the traditional Scouting method of learning whilst having fun.

The Group's focus will continue to be maintaining strong youth member numbers. This can only be achieved by the support of our parents and/or guardians, and the continued positive promotion of the Group at all times.

The Group Executive Committee looks forward to supporting these aims in 2015.

Stuart McCONAGHY (Woody)
Group Chairman
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Joey Scouts

27-28 February – Sleepover & Ten Pin Bowling

05 March – Pack Attack (No Joeys on Friday)

13 March – Bring a Friend Night

14 March – Outing to Ipswich Railway Museum

21-22 March – Space Sleepover

27 March – Last Night for Term 1

24 April – First Night for Term 2

25 April – ANZAC Day March at Southport

10 April (Friday) 10:30am – Visit to CareFlight at Bilinga.

Further information to follow closer to this date.

Please note that this activity is within the school holidays.

Three of our Joeys dressed for dinner at the Region Joey Camp, held in October 2014.



POLICE VISIT 14 NOVEMBER 2014

Our Joey Scout Mob was paid a visit by Sergeant McConaghy, where they learnt about Police procedures and equipment, personal safety, and what to do in case of an emergency. This was finished off with a group photograph, and the contest of seeing how many Joeys will fit in the prisoner pod of a Police van (much to the delight of the parents, the answer is 'all of them').



Cub Scouts

01 March – Clean Up Australia Day – see separate section within this newsletter.

19 March – Our Cub Pack will be completing their Level 1 and level 2 swimming badges. All Cubs attempting their Level 2 Swimming badge must have an old shirt and shorts to swim in to complete Section 4 of their badgework.

Further information and Parent's Consent Form will be distributed closer to this event.

25 April – ANZAC Day – Citizen's March at Southport – see separate ANZAC Day section in this newsletter.

Scouts

2015 is set to be a VERY busy year for the Ashmore Scout Troop with lots of activities planned!

Here's a list of the camps we will be attending - Scouts are encouraged to attend one to all of these!

01 March – Clean Up Australia Day

28-29 March - WRECKED

15-17 May - Scout Leadership Course

05-07 June - Region Scout Camp

03-06 July - Triple S

24-26 July - 10 year old Camp

08-09 August – Operation Nighthawk

28-30 August - Scout Leadership Course

19-25 September - Agoonoree - over 12's

17-18 October - JOTI/JOTA

Mt Warning - MAKE IT TO THE TOP Motivational Camp -
Date TBA

03-14 January 2016 - 24th Australian Scout Jamboree

Venturer Scouts

Our Venturer Unit has experienced massive growth in 2015, even after only one meeting night. The Unit is pleased to welcome four Scouts linking from the Labrador Scout Group. These new Venturers are permitted to wear the Labrador name tape, pending the successful sourcing and appointment of a Unit Leader sometime in the future.

Our Venturers are formulating their own program for the year. We look forward to seeing and hearing about their adventures as the year progresses.

Australian Jamboree 2016

All Scouts and older Cub Scouts that are planning on attending the 24th Australian Scout Jamboree (AJ2016) are reminded of the following important dates:

31 March 2015 – Applications due in with first payment (\$750.00). Early Bird discount fee ends.

30 June 2015 – Second payment due (\$700.00). Applications close with no more being accepted. Souvenir orders close.

30 September 2015 – Final payment due (\$500.00)

03 January 2016 – Let the fun and games begin!

Further information is available from the Jamboree website: <http://www.aj2016.com.au>



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 a fantastic opportunity to socialise with other members of the Group, with the opportunity to reduce your expenses towards major events. Further information on any of the Group's fundraising activities is available from our Acting Fundraising Co-Ordinator (Woody): ashmorefundraising@gmail.com

MOTOSPORT INDUSTRIES

The Group has also been successful in securing a fundraising BBQ at Motosport Industries, Lawrence Drive, Nerang, on **Saturday 28 March 2015**. This first BBQ will be for general Group fundraising.

New Leaders

2015 sees the beginning of a new era within our Scout Group, with three new Leaders for our Cub Scout Pack, and two new Leaders for our Scout Troop. All five Leaders have expressed a desire to provide a fun and safe Scouting experience, with participation in as many Branch and Regional activities as possible. The Group welcomes these new Leaders, and looks forward to supporting them within their Scouting journey.

CUB SCOUT PACK

Yolandi King will be known by the name Rama. Traditionally, Cub Scout Leaders take their names from Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*. Rama is a water buffalo within the *Jungle Book*. Yolandi will be the Leader in Charge of the Pack.

Susan Anderson will be known by the name Rikki Tikki Tavi (Rikki for short). Rikki is a mongoose within the *Jungle Book*. Susan hails from New Zealand, where she grew up in the country, achieving agriculture certificates, and a Junior Merit Award for Young Farmer of the Year in 2013. Susan's mother was a Kea (Joey) Leader. Susan participated in Keas and Girl Guides, and was a Programme Activity Leader for Keas when she was fifteen. This involved working with the Leaders in their programme and helping out on meeting nights. Susan is now a childcare educator with a Diploma.

Steven Green will be known by the name Bagheera. Bagheera is a black panther within the *Jungle Book*. Steven is an Age Manager Nippers (Kurrawa), and has a Bachelor of Science (Geography) and Diploma of Business. Steven was a youth member in Scouting between 1975 and 1991 (Cubs to Rovers). Steven was awarded his Queens Scout Award, and was also an Assistant Scout Leader.

SCOUT TROOP

Leesa Kennedy will be known by the name Waikerie, which is Aboriginal for "many wings" or "bird with many wings". Leesa brings with her over 30 years' experience within the Girl Guide Association, and has camped over 600 nights under canvas. Leesa will be the Leader in Charge of our Scout Troop.

Steven Kennedy will be known by the name Dung Beetle (DB for short). This name was picked out by the Troop, due to this beetle having strength up to 250 times its own body weight, using the Milky Way to navigate and orientate themselves, and being one of very few insects to look after its young. Steven has a Certificate in Performing Arts, Certificate in Radio Presentation, Diploma in Justice, administration helper with Girl Guides, Senior First Aid and Mining Safety (Risk Management).

ANZAC Day



Our Joey Mob, Cub Pack and Scout Troop will all be participating in the Citizen's March on ANZAC Day. All youth members and Leaders from these three sections will be meeting near the Southport RSL (Lawson Street). The March commences at 9:00am.

All youth members must wear beige (sand or stone) coloured pants.
Individual section Leaders will distribute further information closer to this activity.

Clean Up Australia Day

This year Clean Up Australia Day will be conducted on **Sunday the 1st of March**.

Our Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop will be conducting their activities at our Den. The Group is seeking the services of two adults with chainsaws, to assist in the trimming of a number of trees to the western side of the Den.

If you are in a position to assist, please email our Group Leader: ashmoregl@gmail.com



Membership Invoices

Our Group Leader and Treasurer will be distributing invoices for Scouts Queensland's Membership Fees next week. These fees are due by the **15th of March 2015**. Any family not able to pay by the due date is to email our Group Leader.

Renewal Fees: (For existing members - 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2016):

One youth member: \$121:00

Second youth member in same family: \$116:00

Third and subsequent youth members within the same family: \$111:00

Parents and/or guardians are reminded that these fees are collected by the Group on behalf of Scouts Queensland, and are to be kept separate from any Section fees, camp fees etc.

Payment methods are cash, cheque or direct deposit.

If paying via direct deposit, please note this payment goes into a different account to Section fees.

Parents and/or guardians are requested to email our Group Treasurer once the direct deposit has been made:

ashmoretreasurer@gmail.com

Events Calendar

Founder's Day

Birthday of the Founder of Scouting,
Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell

Sunday
22 February 2015



Clean Up Australia Day

Sunday
01 March 2015



Wandarrah Day

Joeys & Cubs

Sunday
15 March 2015

