



# Newsletter

## Ashmore Scout Group

### Term 2, 2017

Cub Pack Penny Hike – May 2017

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## Group Leader

As a Group Leader, it is always heartening to see the number of challenging activities being completed by both our youth members and Leaders.

During the Easter school holidays, five Venturers and one Leader attended Dragon Skin for the first time. Dragon Skin is a competition event run by Scouts New South Wales. Look out for Mel and Jake’s wrap-up of this event further within this newsletter. By all accounts, more Venturers will be heading to Dragon Skin in 2018!

Other activities included a huge representation at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Citizen’s March; Joey Scout Sleepover, Air Activities, Penny Hikes, Panning Camps, Region Camps, Leadership Activities, Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT), May Venture and Theatre Nights, just to name a few.

Our Leaders have also been busy, with first aid courses, e-learning modules, and basic and advanced training weekends being completed.



Recently I have been liaising with the Gold Coast City Council, in relation to the completion of a sustainability audit, which is required for the renewal of our lease. Our current lease is due to expire in June 2018, with the renewal seeking hopefully another ten years, and a larger lease area, to allow for the construction of our second Quartermaster’s Store.

This is a project that has been well over five years in the making!

The City Council has also advised me that they have preliminary funding allocated within next year’s budget for repairs to the retaining wall to the rear of the Den. Further advice will be provided as this project commences.

The Council has indicated that there may be possible disruptions within our local area in the lead-up to, and during, the 2018 Commonwealth Games. I will keep you posted on any further developments in this area as they are made available to me.

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# Joey Scouts

## Upcoming Activities:

**Friday 23 June – Last Night Term 2**

**During School Holidays – Outing – Brisbane Gang Show – Date TBA**

*Echidna and Kookaburra*



# Cub Scouts

## Upcoming Activities:

**Saturday 13 June – Erapah Environment Day 2017 – World Scout Environment Badge and Waterwise Badge**

**Saturday 17 June – Cub Scout Leadership Course**

Billy Cart Race with Parkwood Heights Cub Park – TBA

**Saturday 01 July – Cubs Can Come (CCC) – BP Park, Samford – Mudlarkings, geocaching, low ropes, catapult building and pioneering skills.**

**Saturday 15 July – Kokoda Junior Games - Nerang Velodrome**

To Infinity and Beyond!

**Rama**

**Ashmore Cub Scout Leader**

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# Scouts

WOW are we busy at Ashmore Scout Troop!

## NEWS ON OUR TROOP LEADERSHIP TEAM

We welcome Kiwi (Phil Rees) and Quokka (Steve Corbelli) to our Leadership Team - both bring a bucket load of skills (actually a TRUCK LOAD of skills!) and we are incredibly happy to have them join the Troop! We will also be joined by Ormeau Scout Troop's new Leader, Rob - Ormeau is looking at opening in Term 3 so Rob has been joining and assisting us this term. We also welcome back Jake from Venturers who will be joining us in a Youth Leadership Role. More Leaders mean more opportunities for ADVENTURE!!

On the school holidays, we held a Patrol Leader & Assistant Patrol Leader planning camp for Term 2-3. It was a very impressive sight watching these Leaders plan an exciting program for the Youth members.

**ANZAC Day** saw 40 of our 50 Scouts camp at the Den and hike into Southport at 3:30am for the Dawn Service. With the previous week's ANZAC Day activities and the following hike to the Southport Military Museum, 95% of the Troop received the "Their Service, Our Heritage" badge.

**REGION CAMP** was a great success with us sending 34 Scouts and 5 Leaders from Ashmore away for the long weekend! Congratulations to all who attended. You certainly did Ashmore PROUD!

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## **THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!**

### **Imanuele & Zayden - INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREES**

Imanuele is heading off to the Mongolian Jamboree & Zayden is heading to the Norway Jamboree, both as part of the Australian Contingent. We are extremely proud of these two young Scouts embracing the International Scouting opportunities available! *GO WELL AND SAFELY SCOUTS!* We are very much looking forward to hearing your stories of your adventures when you return.

### **SSS**

Our Troop will be sending up a large number of our Scouts to this annual event! We know you'll enjoy hearing about all they get up to!

### **FOR THOSE OVER 12**

Have you considered Agoonoree? Agoonoree is a camp of service helping those with special needs. It's held during the September school holidays. Last year, our Troop had 4 Scouts attend so if you would like more information, I encourage you to speak to Eloise (has attended twice), Zion, Zayden or Noah about what the experience meant to them. This year, we have at least 8 Scouts applying to give service for the week. <http://agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au/>

### **IT'S TIME TO START CONSIDERING.... Are you going to AJ2019?**

#### ***AJ2019 (25th Australian Jamboree)***

***3-14 January 2019***

Cost will be approximately \$2500 for this 12-day adventure in Adelaide!

There will be many fundraising opportunities to help with the cost. Keep an eye out!

### **DRAGON SKIN 2017**

Over the Easter Holidays, I had the pleasure to join 5 Ashmore Venturers on an ADVENTURE to Sydney and the Blue Mountains for Dragon Skin. The event was outstanding - so well organised and one I would love to be a part of in the future! As a Scout Leader, it was exciting to see that the Adventure certainly does continue into the next section. BRAVO to Jake, Dalton, Nieka, Xavior & Jaiden for accepting the challenge of being the first Venturers from the Gold Coast in MANY years to attend this event!

We encourage you to join our Troop's Facebook Group.

Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1609798739239813> Click on the JOIN button

We will also have Scout belts for sale each week - these are \$14.95. You can also order these directly from the Scout Shop - The Scout Shop offers free delivery Australia Wide! <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/uniforms/scouts-11-14>

### ***EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT!***

Scouts need to bring their water bottle and pencil case with the following:

Scout Record Book, Pen/Pencil, Paper, Rope, First Aid Kit, Multitool (optional),  
Anything else they feel necessary for their Troop Night.

We look forward to continuing our Scouting Journey with you in 2017!

### ***Waikerie***

#### ***Ashmore Scout Leader***

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# Venturer Scouts



The Venturers have been very active over the last term - We had the pleasure of investing Corey, Nieka & Sergio at the end of last term and will be investing Leo, Pierce & Quinn at Rock Climbing at the end of this term. A team of five travelled down to Sydney for DragonSkin which is a competition hike held over Easter. It was the first time a team from the Gold Coast has attended in a very long time – but is certainly won't be the last. I'd like to say a HUGE thanks to Waikerie our illustrious Scout Leader for taking them – It wouldn't have happened if not for her dedication to our kids.



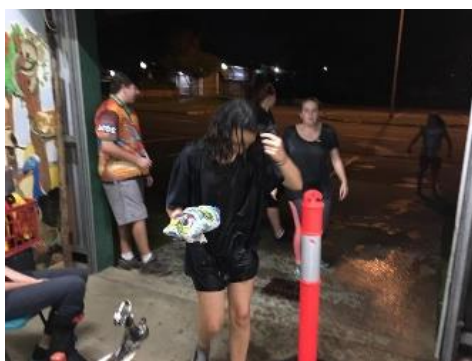
We had all except two of our number attend May Venture where we cleaned up on the competitions – perhaps our biggest success was the Iron Gut challenge where we had four of the top six spots – not sure if this is something we should be proud of or not, but what the heck I am....



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We are very active this term – May Venture, a night to the theatre to Rock of Ages which was fantastic, an insane water activities night, a visit to Bounce for Charlottes final night before she heads off to Rovers. Coming up is our Citizenship night, a Venturer Skills hike, construction night, first aid evening and finishing our term with Rock Climbing and investing our 3 new Venturers.



We are privileged to have had Sergio with us for the first 6 months of year. Sergio is an exchange student from Italy and has been a wonderful addition to the unit. We will miss him when he returns home and we hope his memories of his time in Australia Scouting will be one of the highlight of his trip.



The Venturers will be running a Family Movie Night for the whole group – this includes family and friends. It's a fundraiser for the Unit and will be a great night – Look out for more details to follow...

*I am very lucky to be part of a group of exceptional kids who, warts and all, make attending Venturers very worthwhile. As a leader, it's sometimes hard to be motivated but then you think about the kids you're about to engage with and there's all the motivation you need.*

Mel – Venturer Leader

# Dragon Skin 2017

I can walk 500 miles....or maybe just 90km! Over the Easter weekend, 5 Venturers attended an event called Dragon Skin.

Dragon Skin is an annual NSW Branch Venturer Scout activity that was first run in 1984. It is an initiative competition held over four days each Easter long weekend in a forest a few hours from the Sydney metropolitan area; this year it was held in the Newnes State Forest, Lithgow. Teams of Venturer Scouts, Guides and school groups from NSW, the ACT and QLD participate in a variety of activities that allow them to test their initiative, leadership, teamwork and technical skills against members of other Units. Current participation is around 200 teams comprising up to 1000 Venturer Scouts and Ranger Guides supported by 600 Rovers, Leaders and supporters.

To help us adjust to the NSW way of life, Ashmore enlisted the help of the incomparable Aaron Wardle. Aaron has attended over a dozen international Jamborees and events in a leadership role, and has also been the Chair of the Scouts Australia National Youth Council in his youth. As an international commercial pilot, Aaron spends much of his time in foreign countries, and passionately supports youth in their growth and development through international Scouting experiences. Aaron's official scouting title is Australian Scouts International Commissioner. The International Commissioner's role is to prepare and organise Australian Contingents to international events and anything that involves Australian Scouting internationally. Aaron's role is not just international events, he is also second in charge of Australian Scouts. Aaron's kind generosity in providing us with free accommodation before and after the event, and being one of our main sources of transport in Sydney has been beyond compare and we thank him extremely.

Another person who we needed was our unmatched supervising leader Leesa Kennedy. Leesa had kindly offered to come with us due to Mel still being injured; she helped us with absolutely everything. She helped us organise our packing, flights, food and even whether we should take ham and cheese or not. She was an integral part of us completing Dragon Skin and her help was priceless. Overall it was a great weekend and I believe that all the team thoroughly enjoyed it.

Watch out Dragon Skin, Ashmore is coming back next year with a vengeance!!

Jake Goodall  
Dragon Skin Team Leader

## Group Birthday

Happy Birthday to Us!

Our Group was Founded on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1983.

Initial meetings were held at the Hamilton Heights Scout Den, and in classrooms at Benowa State School.

The Group moved into our Den on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1990!



# Group Fundraising

Dodger's Touch Football Car Boot Sale, Cos Zantiotis Park, Labrador (Behind Hungry Jacks)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month - 5:00am to 12:00pm**

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

**Fundraising for Cuboree 2018 will commence in July 2017.**

Further information on all Group Fundraising is available from our website:

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

## Events Calendar

**Triple S**

30 June to 03 July  
2017



**Triple C**

01 July 2017



**Cubs Can Come**

**Brisbane Gang Show**

30 June to 08 July  
2017



**National Scout Jamboree  
Norway**

01 to 08 July 2017

