### October 2014 Newsletter



# Scout'n'About

# Welcome !

Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter. Can you believe that there are less than ten weeks till Santa comes?

Term 3 flew by, with lots of exciting activities for all our members. It started with Region Camp at Tarmaroo, followed by Cultural Fest. A huge thank you to all our families and members for their help across the week, and especially to the Rovers for their management of the drinks and ice.

The Group also had a rewarding time at Region Regatta, taking out a total of 4 trophies, including overall winner. We also saw the Scout raft complete not one but two full courses across the River. Well done Scouts; we think this might be a record.

In September, two of our Cubs (Annalise and James) attended Cuboree in Maryborough. They had a whale of a time!

Also during Term 3, our long serving Group Leader, Yogi, moved on to a region role and Lenny "Pumbaa" Strong became our Group Leader. There have also been some changes in the Group Executive Committee - Sue Drew has moved from being President to Treasurer, Julieanne Cox is now President and Sandra Farrington has taken a well earned break from her Treasurer role. Many thanks to Sandra for all her hard work as Treasurer.

Finally, the term ended with a very special event – Lenny Strong and Sonia Grigg tied the knot. Congratulations Pumbaa and Keego. We wish you long life and happiness together.

The Group Committee







Annalise Eyears and James Low ready for Cuboree 2014!

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Meeting times: Joeys—Mondays 6-7.30 pm Cubs—Wednesdays 7-8.30pm Scouts—Thursdays 7-9pm Venturers—Thursdays 7-9pm

**Pirates Victorious** 

## Joeys



The Joeys kicked off the term at Region Camp, winning the best campfire item for Joeys (Great Green Globs of Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts). They also had lots of fun on the Joey bases.

The Joeys and their Dads had fun making the Joey boats for Region Regatta and celebrating Fathers Day. They did such a good job that their boat won most original design.

The Joeys also tried their hands, and feet, at broomball. Broomball is like ice hockey, but much safer and a lot more fun. It still has slippery ice though!

The Joeys ended the term with a movie night at the Den, with pizza AND lollies!

















# Cubs



The Cubs also had fun at Region Camp, exploring the bush around Tarmaroo while learning about their environment. They held a pack council in September (which looked just a little bit like ten pin bowling), and welcomed their new leader David "Rama" Low during the term.

The Cubs won two trophies at Region Regatta – strongest boat and most original design.

And from 20 to 26 September 2014 Annalise Eyears and James Low attended the 2014 Cuboree. They participated in activities including obstacle courses, making water rockets, bush dancing, bowling .... and they even went on a whale watching cruise and saw humpback whales. With 680 Cubs and 181 leaders plus about another 60 helpers from around the State, it was a huge adventure for everyone. Big thanks to Kaa and Banda-log from Kirwan for taking Annalise and Jamie with the Kirwan cubs. They had an AWESOME time.











# Congratulations



#### **GREY WOLF**

Congratulations to Kasey Woodhead and Julian Harding on receiving their Grey Wolf award, the highest award in the Cub section. Kasey and Julian received their Grey Wolf awards at Region Camp.

#### **AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION**

Congratulations also to Larni Wallace. After much hard work (and that gruelling green level hike at Hidden Valley), Larni received her Australian Scout Medallion in September. The Australian Scout Medallion is the highest award in the Scouts section and requires the Scout to have achieved their adventurer (green) cord, as well as demonstrating leadership skills. Well done Larni, this is a fantastic achievement.

The Scouts farewelled Larni as she moved up to Venturers this term.



#### **RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank to you families and members for selling tickets. The raffle raised nearly \$800.00 which will be used to help fund ongoing operational costs of the Group.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize 2012 signed and framed Cowboys Jersey : Joanne Grimmer
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 4 tickets to the JCU Townsville Fire WNBL opening game on 18 October 2014 : Hazel Illin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Bosch electric lawnmower : Jack Gardner Allen (one of our newest Cubs)
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize 26L esky and picnic rug : Angela Stanfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize beach umbrella : Hayley
- 6<sup>th</sup> prize BBQ tools : Alan Meiklejohn

### **Scouts**





The Scouts success at Region Regatta has already been mentioned – but its such a brilliant feat, let's mention it again: the Scouts did not sink!! They even allowed the Venturers to borrow their raft for the Venturers race.

The Scouts worked on their patrol activity and other badges during the Term. However, the highlight of the term surely was the Jourama Falls camp. Hiking, swimming, gladiator games – it looks exhausting.

The Scouts had their term break up at Launch Zone – looks like a lot of fun.







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### Venturers





Perhaps the high point of the term (or even the year?) for the PM Venturers was being a part of the Region Venturers winning team at Region Camp – receiving the trophy for tidiest camp. With the camp theme being "wonders of the world" the Judges agreed that a tidy Venturer camp was indeed a wonder of the world.

The Venturers won their race at Region Regatta (on the Scout raft and with a couple of Scout ring-ins as well!). A great result.

The Venturers also helped the Bunnings Domain team to celebrate Fathers' Day, with a well patronised sausage sizzle. Stella Rapson also did her bit to raise awareness of ALS, completing her ice bucket challenge. Well done Stella.



# AJ 2016



Registrations are now open for the Australian Jamboree 2016 (AJ 2016). AJ 2016 will be held at Cataract Park in New South Wales from 3 to 14 January 2016. AJ 2016 is open to Scouts who are 11 and over on 1 January 2016, and also to Venturers and Rovers. Those attending will participate in a range of challenging activities, such as abseiling, flying foxes, caving, waterslides, a city tour, water based activities and much, much more.

They will also get to live and play with other Scouts from all around Australia.

For more information on AJ 2016, see the website (www.aj2016.com.au ), the Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/aj2016.com.au</u>) or speak to one of the Scout leaders.

# **Region Camp**



























#### 2014 Yearbook

The Group will be publishing a photo Yearbook, recording the highlights of 2014.

The yearbook will be available for families to purchase **at cost**. A copy of the Yearbook will be available in early November at the Den together with order forms.

If we have sufficient orders, we will be able to obtain a group discount, bringing the cost of the Yearbook down to approximately \$40 (requires 25 orders).

For further details, please contact Julieanne Cox (calypsogold13 @yahoo.com.au).



Our new Group Leader

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### Important Dates—Term 4\*

#### October

- 8 Cubs Term 4 commences
- 9 Scouts /Venturers Term 4 commences
- 13 Joeys Term 3 Commences
- 18/19 JOTA/JOTI camp (Tarmaroo)
  - 21 Group Committee meeting

#### November

- 1 Cubs Treasure Hunt
- 8 Cubs RPSCA visit (TBC)
- 18 Group Committee meeting

#### December

- 1 Joeys last day Term 4
- 3 Cubs last day Term 4
- 4 Scouts and Venturers last day Term

#### ALL SECTIONS RETURN FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2015

### \* Please note dates/activities subject to change—always check with your Leaders

