



Chicken Scratchings



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UPWEY SCOUT GROUP NEWS

Camps, Camps, Camps!

by Michael Walker

The Cubs had a pre-Cuboree camp close to home, the Scouts got ready for and then went to Stradbroke Cup (and came home with GOLD!), and the Venturers bludged at Anything Goes.

In amongst all that we endured total fire bans, handed out raffle tickets and got back into the swing of Scouts after the Summer break.

With 70+ youth members, 1st Upwey Cubs and Scouts and Foresters Venturer Unit are really thriving. The help provided by leaders of each section to one another has enabled the program for each section to be delivered as well as possible.

Remember, the newsletter is published once per term. It is anticipated that the newsletter will (hopefully) be published during each term break.

If you have any stories or photos you'd like included, please email me at michael@walkerfamily.id.au and I'll see what I can do.



CUB SCOUT NEWS

by Seamus (Cub Scout)

Cub Camp

WOW! My first cub camp! I'm so nervous, but at the same time so, so excited! I'm going to have so much fun! I'm here after half an hour of driving, I'm finally here. First everyone had to set up their stretchers and get all their stuff together. Then we went down to the fire pit and I found out I was the sixer for the camp. My group was called 'The Flying Duck Jeff'. In my group was Ashton, Ollie, Declan and Charlie. Ashton was the seconder for the camp. In my tent there were Sicelo, Declan, Ollie, Michel, Zach, Epson, Oceon and me. Declan brought starburst lollies and everyone got one I think. He was going to toast them, but he didn't want to. We stayed up really late and we saw a fox and I was late for breakfast to. That day we went for a little hike to the lake and learnt that it used to be a pool.





That day we had wraps for lunch and the scouts came over to do activities. The first one for my group was the three person tug of war. Then we did some knots. We had to use a compass in the third activity. Then we played a game where we had to jump over sticks, and if we got through all of the sticks, you could move a stick. That night we roasted heaps of marshmallows with the scouts and told riddles and stories, I ate a termite, Sicelo ate a caterpillar, we could have apple or banana for afternoon tea. That night we slept really well. The next morning first priority: getting dressed and packing up. We had bacon and eggs for breakfast and we had wraps with the scouts for lunch again and then we had to pack up the tents, but we played this game where you had to run up a small hill and stay up there for as long as you could before you were pushed down. Hey! My mum's here. Okay, bye everyone! Bye!

THE END!

SCOUT NEWS

by Vicki Morris & Tim Allchin

Stradbroke Cup

GOLD! GOLD! Our two patrols Riders of Rohan and Owen Double have both achieved gold at Stradbroke Cup. Congratulations to Riders of Rohan patrol: Rohan PL, Felicity APL,



Thulani, Tamika and Hamish and to the Owen Double patrol: Owen M PL, Kalina APL, Owen W and Tianna for a well deserved Gold. Two Golden eggs were also taken out for the Funny Money questions and Raffle and the Leaders won a prize for their activity at the fair. The



Scout's meal assessment went well with a tick of approval for the fried rice from our ASL/Chef Ben.



Monbulk CFA, achieved more towards the water safety target. We have enjoyed Wide games and

attended the leadership course.

In preparation for the Stradbroke Cup we ran a

Other news

Welcome to Violet who joined our Troop this term and to linking Cubs Scarlet and Lucy. During the term we have introduced breaking the cycle and developed our Troop Code, visited

Laser Tag and developed our Patrol camping skills. Some of our Scouts also



Pre-camp which included our two Stradbroke patrols and a young Patrol with Zoe leading the Patrol as PL and Adam as her APL. All three patrols developed their skills in camping, cooking, safety, hygiene, leadership and working as a team. The Scouts are now well skilled in setting up a site in the dark. We joined in with our Cub pack for some afternoon Activities practicing our knots



and learning to use a compass. We shared a lunch together and a campfire with plenty of yarns and Marshmallows.

The Troop has developed its own Troop Code on expected behaviour towards each other and others. This forms part of the new section Breaking the Code in the Green Books for the Citizenship badge. Look out for the code in the Hall signed by the Scout Troop.

On our visit to Monbulk CFA we were shown the different equipment and clothing worn by our firefighters for building fires, bush fires and rescues. We learnt about the roles of our volunteer firefighters and the time, effort and training they do. The Scouts were shown the equipment for rescues and even had a try at using the Jaws of Life to cut up a car. Special thanks to Volunteer Firefighters Glenn and Rob.

Trello is now where we place our Term Programs, Camp and Activity Information sheets, Photos and other resources. Most Scouts and Parent have access, if you haven't access please email Vicki Morris.

Term 2 for Scouts

Term 2 has the following treats in store for your Scout:

- ANZAC day
- Scout Hike
- Awards Night
- Cultural Cooking
- Indigenous night
- More Games
- And Mysteries
- GANG SHOW:
starring Scouts
Ezekiel and Hayden
and Venturer Guy

VENTURER NEWS

by Michael Walker



Anything Goes

The annual state-wide Anything Goes was on again at Lardner Park, Warragul. The unit attended again and participated in such activities as horse riding, helicopter joy flights, mountain biking, paintball, a visit to a trampoline park and many more opportunities.

The Saturday night dance party was a hit as always and we enjoyed



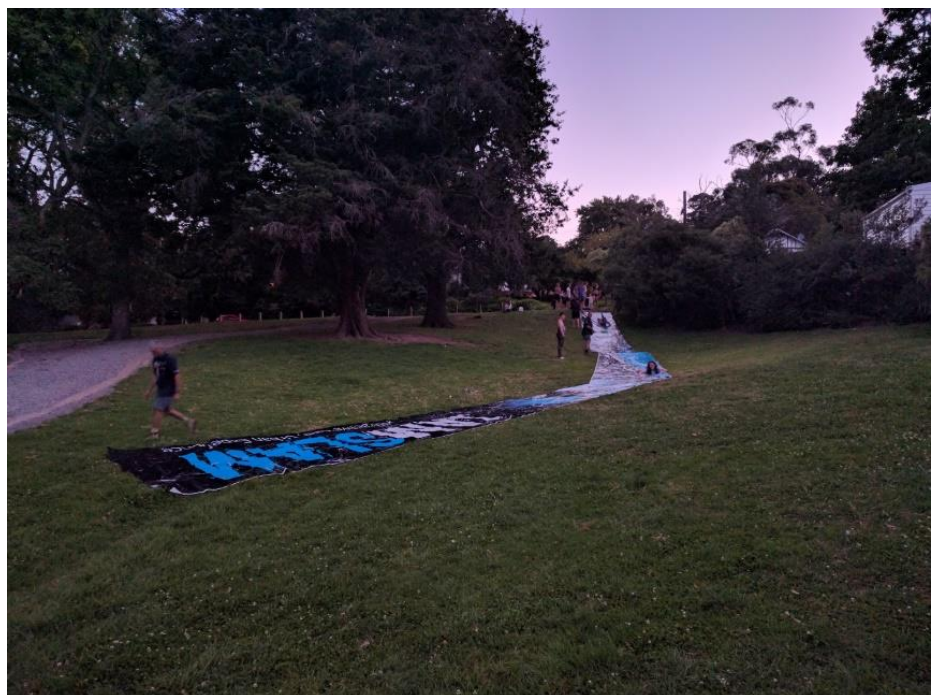
our time camping with our other District Venturer Unit, Jets.

Waterslide

We cracked open the old advertising tarps and set up our biggest waterslide yet on the grassed area near the hall. This is

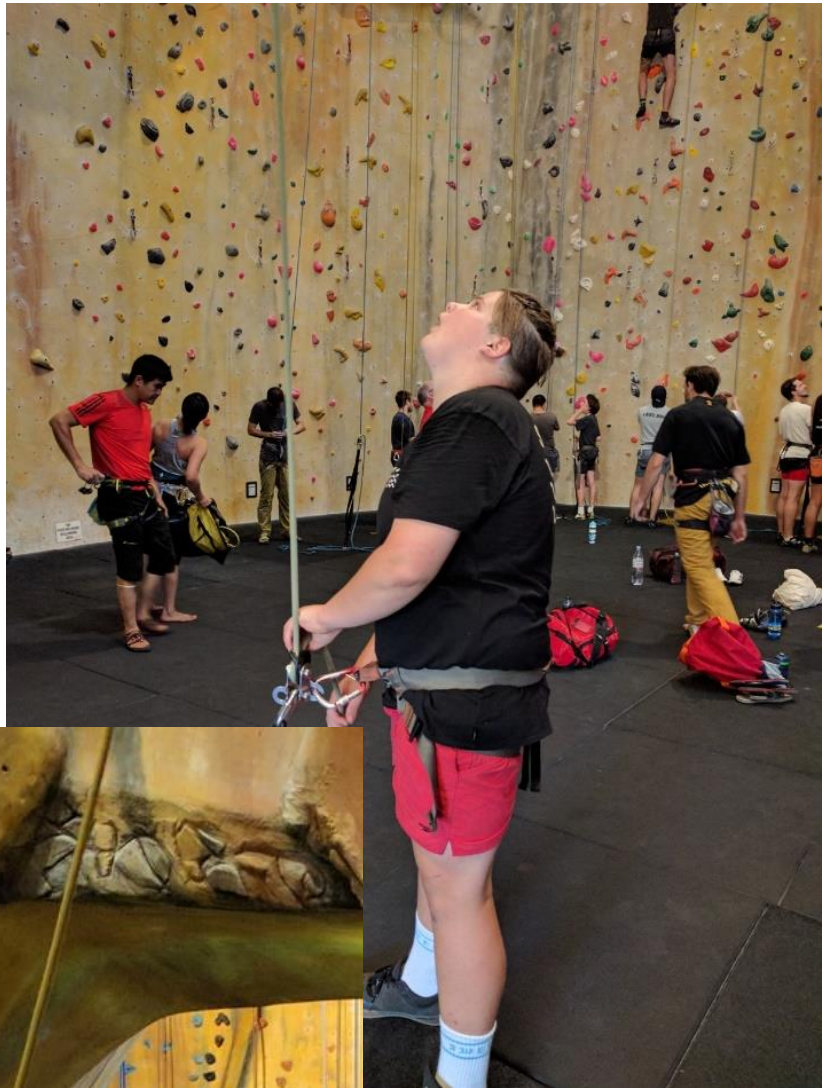
always a great evening of thrills and spills.

We need to remember to do it really late in term 4 or really early in term 1 as the sunset always encroaches on the activity. Much fun anyway.



Indoor Rock Climbing

To mark the end of Jazz's Venturing, we headed off to Hard Rock indoor climbing for the evening. With a really great turn out and cake for Jazz's birthday, the unit had a great night out of the hall.





Australia anti-bullying program.

Unit in Council

Unit in Council is a chance for the whole unit to discuss any topic and think about programming and activities they want to do as well.

It had been 12 months or so since our last Unit in Council, and with a lot of new members joining the unit in that time, we were due for one. The unit had many great discussions and we also watched videos and spoke about bullying in line with the Scouts

Air Action

To wind up the term we visited a new(ish) trampoline park – Air Action at Chirnside Park. It's a great facility and on a Monday night we had the place to ourselves! Bonus.

What else did we do?

- Sign language
- Vocations
- Bring-a-friend

Term 2 for Venturers

Term 2 has the following treats in store for your Venturer:

- Scout Hike service
- Warburton Trail ride
- Gang Show
- Much more

GROUP & COMMITTEE NEWS

by Michael Walker & Ken Stanford

Raffle Tickets

The annual Scout Monster Raffle tickets have been distributed to all group members. Please make your best effort to sell these tickets as ALL proceeds come back to the group.

Tickets are \$2 each and each book has 10 tickets. If you can sell more, please contact your leaders about getting more books.

Total Fire Bans

As you would know, the current policy for the Sherbrooke Forest District is that no scouting activities are to be held on declared total fire ban days.

This policy is currently being reviewed to better reflect the local conditions as well as taking into account the warnings and declarations for the Central forecast district. More information will be available in the coming months.