

SCOOP



**QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER FOR THE
1ST UPWEY
SCOUT GROUP**

A new look, with some history...

Chicken Scratchings has been retired. It was good while it lasted, but little did I know the previous incarnation of the group newsletter (some decades ago) was called SCOOP. So as editor-in-chief, journalist, photographer and publisher of this fine publication, I thought I'd take it upon myself to reinvigorate, renovate and renew SCOOP.

For a few notes on the origins of SCOOP, feel free to take a walk down memory lane here:
<http://bit.ly/2xzICsf>

Apart from a new name, we have plenty of news about what went on during Term 3 among all the sections.

Keeping with the Year of the Group theme we held an all-sections night – Cubs, Scouts, Venturers & Rovers came together for a Science Night. Read all about it!

With 80+ youth members, 1st Upwey Cubs and Scouts, the Foresters Venturer Unit and the Rover crews our Rovers call home are really thriving. The help provided by leaders of each section to one another, and between sections, 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.

Science Night

An all-sections Year of the Group event!

National Science Week was the impetus for this all-sections activity. Get a few leaders together, research a few science experiments, think about how to do it safely and voila! Science Night!

We had 5 experiment stations set up on the night and a special badge minted for the occasion.

Milk Adventure: Putting different colour liquids of different densities into milk has wonderful effects.

Construction: Using spaghetti and duct tape, can your construction hold an egg above the ground?



Combustion: Rockets made from PET bottles, metho and a flame! A small amount of metho provides a relatively great amount of energy.

Biology: Dissecting eyes and hearts is not your average Scout activity, but seeing the heart chambers and the workings of the eye is fascinating.

Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, leaders and some parents enjoyed these activities and the buzz around the hall with so many youth members engaging with each other.

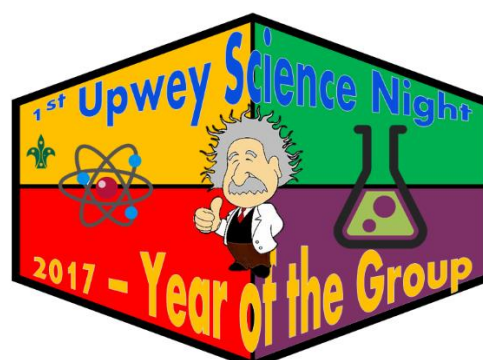
With some more input from the youth members it is our intention to run a similar night year – only bigger and better once we apply our learnings from this year.



Airflow and Friction: Hovercrafts & zip lines abound in this activity.



If you have experience with or a background in **science** and have some suggestions of some **activities** or **experiments**, we could run for the group please **get in touch** with Michael Walker.



Cub Scouts

Build them up – Build them higher!

Masterchef

On a Saturday night in August we held our Masterchef night for Cubs at the hall.

It was Masterchef with a twist. The leaders cooked the bacon, eggs and burger patties and the prepared the remaining ingredients.

The Cubs then each built a burger from the assembled ingredients. They were judged on the look of the burger as well as the healthy choices they made when designing burger. Then they got to eat it!

For dessert it was design your own ice cream sundae. No healthy choices here! The Cubs built their ice creams sundaes and decorated them with the available toppings before being judged on appearance and then devoured!

Cubs and Dads Hawaiian Night

In preparation for Father's Day, the Cubs invited their Dad's to Cubs for a Hawaiian themed evening. Hawaiian shirts everywhere! Awesome.

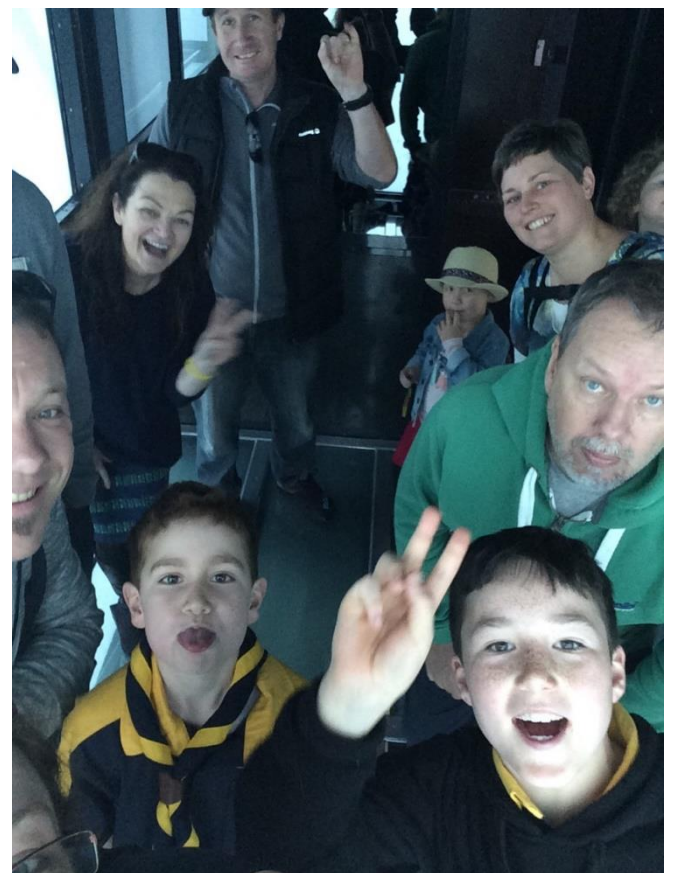
Party games, hula dancing, hula hoops and Hawaiian pizza and 'Cub-friendly' pina colodas were the order of the night.

And how do you finish off a Dad's night? Dad jokes of course!

Eureka Sky Deck visit

The first weekend of the school holidays saw the Cub pack head into the city to visit Eureka Sky Deck.

From the top of the tower you can see for miles! The MCG, the bay, the mountains surrounding Melbourne and everything in between. It was awesome.



Cuboree 9

1,001 Nights

As we go to press, 18 Cubs, 5 leaders, 2 parent helpers, 1 Rover and 2 Venturers from our group are at Gilwell Park for Cuboree 9 – 1,001 Nights.

We're fortunate to have some photos to share with you before they return. There'll be some Cub stories for the next newsletter.

It looks like they had a ball.





Cuboree

by Mitchell

My favourite thing so far on Cuboree is that I have met a lot of different kids that I never knew.

I've met up with my cousins too! Cherry Lane has been my favourite activity because I got to throw balls at massive barrels.

Cuboree

by Bailey

It started when I was at the bus stop. Then we were called onto the bus.

On the way there we picked up some more Cubs from Cockatoo. Then when we got to Gilwell Park, we were amazed by how many tents were pitched!

Then we found out sixers and tents and walked down to Cherry Lane. We had lots of fun there.

Then we went back to our tents. We got our bug spray and went down to the



Campfire circle. After that we got into our beds.

Then next morning, we had eggs and bacon for breakfast!



Scouts

Term 3 rundown

An exciting Term started in Rye with PLs, APLs and leaders at a Leadership weekend followed by Fantastic Race, Theatre Sports, night walks, survival and construction, Hiking from Sherbrooke to Macclesfield, Cohen Shield, Kendo, Radio Night, paintball and the group Science night and finishing at Eumeralla for a great District Super Camp.



Troop comings and goings

We welcomed to our Scout Troop Scarlett and Fern advancing from Cubs, linking Cub Xander and Scout Erin. The Troop Code was



signed by our new Scouts as part of our advancement and investiture ceremonies.

The Troop Code now hangs in our hall as a reminder of our commitment to each other and others. This term we said goodbye to three of our advancing Scouts Thulani, Kalina and Hayden as they move on to Venturers.

Leadership activity

During the July school holidays, the leadership team headed to the Rye foreshore.



The PLs, APLs and Scout Leaders tried out paintball, developed our campcraft and Citizenship skills and planned the Patrols for the linking and advancement of many of our Cubs over the next two terms.

Fantastic Race

We had three patrols join the Fantastic Race challenge, or "Fantastic Feast". The three Patrols solved clues and travelled on Train to get to each point. They also



stopped to sample the array of Junk food along the way.

When asked to describe Fantastic Race in one word the reply was 'Diabetes' ☹. (May need to work on that!).

Science Night

The group Science night went well with Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers forming patrols/packs for the evening. At the dissections activity Cubs enthusiastically investigated hearts and eyes, with the assistance of Venturers and some of the scouts. It appears we have discovered some squeamish scouts.

Kendo

At this year's Kendo night there was an improvement in the level of screaming the Scouts could muster as they hit their



targets. A miss resulting in the Death Stare for many (ouch!). Thanks to Michael Liddell

and the Tecoma Kendo Dojo for the night of Kendo.

Radio Night

The Radio and Electronics Team joined us for a night of activities. The scouts set up an antenna, played battle ships using Morse code, used the phonetic alphabet and went Fox hunting. The scouts managed to hide the transmitter beyond the reach of our tallest Scout.

Cohen Shield

Two patrols of our younger Scouts led by Georgia and Zoe competed in Cohen Shield both achieving Silver. Well done Scouts. Scouts were scored in areas of construction, navigation, first aid. This year only one Patrol in the district achieved Gold with 1st Gembrook taking the Shield.

Paintball

At the end of term, we had a day of paintball fun with family, friends, Scouts from our district and our friends at Wirringga Scout Troop, with 57 in all battling out on the field to protect the flag.

See later in the newsletter for a full story.

Patrol Activity Camps - Electronics

Owen Walker (Scout)

During the Term 2 school holidays I found out that an electronics camp was running at Clifford Park early in Term 3. Without thinking, I booked the remaining 4 spots. Finding people to join me was harder than you think, but thankfully 2 Scout mates of mine (Hamish and Hayden) booked but that still left one (nobody else booked). These camps are really great because you don't just camp – you actually learn something.

So, after booking I had to whip up a meal plan and go to Woolies to buy the ingredients. Our meals were great. We had wraps for both lunches, spag bol that I made the night before (I make a mean spaghetti) and of course in the morning we had PANCAKES!



Organising our camp equipment was next. We used a marquee, 2 hike tents, 2 tables, 2 seats and 1 double cooker. With such a small group (3 people) we were able to use just 2 hike tents, 1 with 2 guys and 1 with 1 guy and our luggage. Me, being the PL, was the person in the tent alone (so I could get sleep).

Our activities were awesome! We flew drones in a big room and tried to land them on a small plastic lid – that was pretty hard. We learnt some sign language – we learnt to say our names, our vowels and say the whole phonetic alphabet. We also did archery.

Reverse engineering, which was just tearing things apart and then putting them back together, was great fun. We learnt all about batteries, we used all different kinds of radios and the best activity was called Project. We made this really cool gadget on which we can play pong, snake, display the

temperature and say 2 sentences in scrolling text (it's all in red dots).

Being only 13, it was quite a challenge putting a patrol together. Out of this whole camp we achieved 3 badges. We received a technology proficiency, a communications proficiency and, being the PL, I achieved my explorer patrol activity badge.

Anyone looking for a great weekend should definitely consider Clifford Park Patrol Activity Camps. They host great camps and give you a weekend to remember!!

AJ2019 Fundraising (and fundraising in general)

Fundraising....a word almost guaranteed to strike terror in the heart of the most robust scouting parent.

We have moved towards a new way of thinking across our whole group where cubs/scouts/venturers can raise funds for any event that they like and hold those funds as they move across sections. It is no longer just in relation to Cuboree/Jamboree/Venture but can be for **any event or camp** of their choosing, possibly even assisting to ease the annual fee hit.

Further to this thought, each of our fundraising events will now have a component that goes to the group and a component that builds up in the individual scouts 'account'. This will mean that there is specific individual reward for attendance at all fundraising events.

Coffee, Tea, Chocolate

Have you ever thought of a way of raising funds for your cub/scout/venturer while just going about your normal day to day

activities... sounds suspiciously like heaven...and far too easy!

You can now order fresh good quality coffee (beans or ground), tea or drinking chocolate one week and have it delivered to scouts the following week. Getting it to Cubs or Venturers won't be that hard given the close relations between our sections. Each order that you place adds to the funds of the scout of your choosing so you can get your friends and family to do the same.

Have a look at the TryBooking order page (<https://www.trybooking.com/313760>) or email Tim at tim@bcsmallbiz.com

And.....



The coffee and tea are all fair or direct trade so most of the profits go back to the farmers which is another good thing.

A price list and description of this opportunity is at the end of the newsletter.

District Supercamp

Our Troop joined in with Scouts from around Sherbrooke District for the District Super camp at the Eumeralla Scout camp in Anglesea. Our journey started at Belgrave station as we travelled by train to Geelong. On the train we formed our five Patrols; Fire breathing Dolphins, The Chickens, The

Favourites, Snuffleupaguses and Dobby's magnificent impaling Unicorns. We tried to answer the Ice breaker questions. Apparently, the Camp Chief Damian's favourite ice cream is rum n raisin.



From Geelong Station we caught a bus into camp. After lunch we set up camp in windy conditions. Raising the dining fly however had to wait until the next day when the wind dropped. After a night's sleep we learnt to back splice ropes ready for our construction. We took a break from construction as three of our fellow scouts sent us on an orienteering course though



the bush with views of the ocean.

Over the next few days we constructed our flying fox ensuring our lashings were tight. We also learnt more about navigation and

cooked our dinner in hay boxes. On the fourth day we got to use the flying fox we



had constructed.

The Leaders also set us a challenge. Each patrol had to prepare a three-course meal using four of the five tins from mystery bags provided to each Patrol. There was a list of basic ingredients from the Pantry we could also use. The rejected tins were given back to the Leaders who also had to complete the challenge using our rejects. Tins of Spam, corned beef, coconut cream, spaghetti, soup, vegetables champions, lentils and more were hidden in those mystery bags. Spam got the thumbs up, corned beef a thumbs down. The scouts rose to the challenge with one Patrol preparing Gnocchi.



During the five days our night time activities included camp fires where we recited our Patrol chants and wide games of capturing the flag without getting caught by PLs. On the final night we watched a Harry Potter movie. *Rumour has it next time Supercamp may be leaving from Platform 9 ¾*

Paintball

57 scouts and adults in a couple of small spaces armed with helmets, padded overalls and a pump action guns ducking in and out of small buildings, toxic waste drums, mine tailing dumps and even a real plane whilst shooting bright yellow paint pellets at each other. That's what real friendships are made of....

We had representatives from 4 other troops there as well as Upwey and friends and all seemed to be happily paint smeared at the end of the afternoon. There were a number of families attending together and one was heard to *remark* that paintball enabled revenge on a variety of fronts in their family.

Some thoughts from Erin Bedford who transferred to 1st Upwey last term:

"My name is Erin and I transferred to 1st Upwey during Term Three. Recently we had a fantastic afternoon playing Paint Ball with other Scouts from Sherbrooke District and Wurringga.

The session started with a safety briefing and we were given paint balls and protective gear. Next, we were divided in to two teams – orange and white. I was on the white team. When everyone was ready we went to get our guns and start our first mission. The first map we went on had a

mine cart in the middle and we played a game of capture the flag. We used the mine cart as a shield. Our team won both rounds. In the first round the person on our team that went out to get the flag was not seen by the other team, but in the second round he got the flag and headed back but got hit just before reaching our home base so someone else had to get the flag and finish bringing it back. I enjoyed defending but didn't shoot much.

After a break where we had some water and stocked up with more paint balls, we went on to a different map in our teams. We had fun trying to shoot people on the other team. When you got hit you had to go down on your knees and say "medic" and one of your team members had to come over and say "one, two, three, revive" before you could continue.

Our next mission was on the air field map we played a round of demolition where the aim was to cross the bridge and plant a bomb on to the other team's plane. At the end we played Man Hunt and if you got hit you had to change teams.

I had a really fun time and enjoyed meeting other Scouts and making new friends."

The end of term big functions that scouts run each term have been a great thing for inviting friends and giving them a bit of a taste of what scouting could be for them. We generally plan for 60-80 people and invite some of the smaller troops in our district to be part of it as well.

These events are generally the only event that costs each term aside from camps with other nights and activities covered by the annual fees.



But wait there's more....

We have quite a few things on the way...

JOTA – Jamboree of the Air

Early in Term 4, with electronics and radio activities in store.



Caving/exploring camp

In early November with some exploring of caves underground and others exploring volcanic features above ground.



Jamboree – AJ2019 is coming!

AJ2019 is on January 2019! We had a brief info session at the end of a scout night last term but if you missed that and are keen to find out a bit of info about Jamboree there is another one coming up in the first week of term. Speak to Tim.



Venturers

Car Maintenance

As Venturers reach 16, it's amazing how many of them rush out and get their learner's permit. To assist in their automotive education, we ran an intro to car maintenance evening.

Using Ben's car (thanks Ben) and some small engines donated from a mower repair shop (thanks for organising that, Bruce) the Venturers learnt how to check the essentials under the hood, change a tyre and they also got to pull apart those small engines I mentioned earlier!

While the engines were smaller, the concepts and science are just the same as your car engine. It was a great opportunity to teach the Venturers something else they can apply.

Unit Hike

The first thing each Venturer SHOULD achieve is the Venturing Skills Award.

This involves learning about the Venturer Award Scheme, some basic first aid and a hike including navigation and showing us that you hike, pitch a tent and camp overnight and return unharmed!

We piggy-backed on the Venturing Skills Hike of the Cardinia District. The leaders of both districts know each other well, so it was a great opportunity to introduce the Venturers to each other.

The Bunyip State Park was the setting for the hike and activities along the way, while the overnight camping spot was private property courtesy of one of the Cardinia leaders.

The hike wasn't without its' challenges and while a couple of Venturers had to be rescued from blistered feet (and some managed to mis-navigate), all's well that ends well.

We're holding another similar hike in mid-October for those Venturers that couldn't make it last time and need to achieve this award.

Biscuit Decorating

Our latest Venturer to turn 18, Hannah G, had a request for her last night with us. Could we have an evening dedicated to decorating biscuits with a wide array of treats and icing. Done!

It was a great, relaxed evening and it was good to see Hannah return home to her VCE studies with a smile on her face and some sugary treats in her belly.

Thanks for the memories, Hannah.

Yoga

While some Venturers whine about it, most of them enthusiastically participate in our Yoga evening.

It's become an annual staple in the program over the past 3 years and the

instructor, Ivana, has continued to make an impression on the unit.

Not everybody is naturally flexible, and that's what this about – little by little, if you continue with it, you'll become more flexible and (possibly) calmer!

There's always some giggles and laughs as various people creak and crack and inevitably fall over. The announcing of the Downward Dog is always good for a laugh too.

Shocking Smoothies

In true Scouting tradition, the Venturers challenged themselves to drink a selection of shocking smoothies.

Each Venturer was asked to bring an ingredient that could be added to a smoothie – the unit would provide the milk and the blenders.

Hot sauces, fish, vegetables, fruits and some assorted sweet ingredients were presented. The combinations that were concocted were truly ghastly. The looks on the faces say it all really.



Rovers

World Scout Moot

Hannah, Patrick and I travelled on a fantastic journey together to the other side of the world, to we spend 3 weeks in Iceland and Switzerland. We camped in a country where the sun never set. The journey was an amazing life experience.



We explored volcanic caves, waterfalls, natural heated pools, the local towns and beaches. We got the chance to hike up old volcanoes, climb mountains just to swim inside, jumped off bridges and sight see this beautiful country.



The Australian Contingent included both Scouts and Guides from across the country joining 5000+ international Rover Scouts from all over the world where together we created a village in Reykjavik full of new friendships, music, culture, food and entertainment.



The Moot was never dull. Everywhere you went there was a new activity to do either by taking a journey through culture and religion, participating in iron man competitions, cook local foods, weave and sew woggles, experience and create the sounds of Iceland. There was a pop up circus, a rugby match, blow up water park and so much more.



We got to be a part of a whole new world of so many cultures that taught everyone a skill or a bit of something from their country. We traded our gear and souvenirs from home just to receive something special and different from another country.

World Moot was an experience no one could forget.

When Moot was over, we participated in the post-tour to Switzerland and spent one week camping and exploring the Swiss Alps

of Kandersteg – the first international Scout park. It was full of adventures and a wonderful bonding experience for the Australians as the entire contingent got to travel be a part of and live in a beautiful, unique country.

Rover, Leaders and Parent Helpers at Cuboree 9 – we thank you all!



Group Leader & Committee

End of Year BBQ

This year's group Xmas break up BBQ has been scheduled for Monday 18th December at Belgrave Lake Park from 6pm

Cuboree Staffing

As mentioned in the Cub Scouts section, Cuboree is happening during the second week of these school holidays at Gilwell Park at Gembrook.

This is the 9th and **BIGGEST** Cuboree ever. With over 3,500 Cubs and more than 2,000 Leaders, Rovers, Venturers, parent helpers and carers under canvas for 5 days, this is a huge undertaking.

Cubs, leaders and parents from 1st Upwey are combined in a Cuboree Pack with Cubs from Cockatoo and Kallista.

Helping, either in the pack or at Gilwell Park, during this fantastic event are:

- Group Leader – Eric Staff
- Asst. Group Leader – Ken Stanford
- Cub Scout Leaders – Judith Liddell (Akela), Phil Yarra (Bagheera), Ross Beggs (Hathi)
- Parents – David Sporle, Jason Prochazka
- Rover – Tim Chaplin
- Venturers – Jordan Postlethwaite, Brendan Jahn

Add to that the 18 Cub Scouts from 1st Upwey, and it's a great sized group!

Fundraising!!!

See below for the upcoming fundraising opportunities. Please volunteer for a couple of hours where you can – it shares the load and make the world of difference to your kids and the group.

Christmas Trees

The single biggest fundraiser for the group each year is the sale of Christmas trees in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

This year the dates for selling the trees are:

- 9th & 10th December
- 16th & 17th December

Families will receive an email to sign-up and volunteer for 2 hour slots closer to December.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

We also have a Bunnings Scoresby sausage sizzle on Saturday 28th October.

More details and sign-up sheets will be coming soon.



Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate!



Raise funds by drinking tea, coffee and chocolate!
Fair and Direct trade! You are supporting local farmers not big companies!
All tea comes with an infuser to save the extra rubbish created by tea bags.
Coffee can be supplied ground if preferred
Good quality tea, coffee and hot chocolate from a local roaster
Order some to try!! Samples to see at Scouts as below



How does it work?
 You simply order and pay by Thursday night through the TryBooking link given below and the tea/coffee/chocolate can be picked up from Scouts the next week or by arrangement from Tim at 12 Hughes Street Upwey.

Funds are kept together for your scout and can be used for camps, end of term functions, patrol activities, Jamboree or other Scout events. Your fundraising amount can be checked at any time by an email to Tim

How do I order?

Order through Trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/313760>).

Cost: As you order, you raise money for your scout and for 1st Upwey as shown in the table below. When your friends order get them to enter your scouts name so he/she can be allocated the funds.

Product name	Unit size	Price	Scout	1 st Upwey
Ethiopian Fair Trade	250 g	\$ 10	\$2	\$1
Ethiopian Fair Trade	1 kg	\$35	\$7	\$3
Copper blend Fair trade	250g	\$10	\$2	\$1
Copper blend Fair trade	1kg	\$30	\$6	\$2
Silver blend Fair trade	250 g	\$10	\$4	\$1
Silver blend Fair trade	1kg	\$30	\$7	\$3
Sumatran Tiger coffee Direct trade	250g	\$10	\$2	\$1
Sumatran Tiger coffee Direct trade	1kg	\$35	\$7	\$3
35 Dark drinking chocolate	500g	\$20	\$7	\$3
White drinking chocolate	500g	\$20	\$7	\$3
23 Drinking chocolate	500g	\$20	\$4	\$1
Loose leaf tea with infuser	100g	\$15	\$4	\$1

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