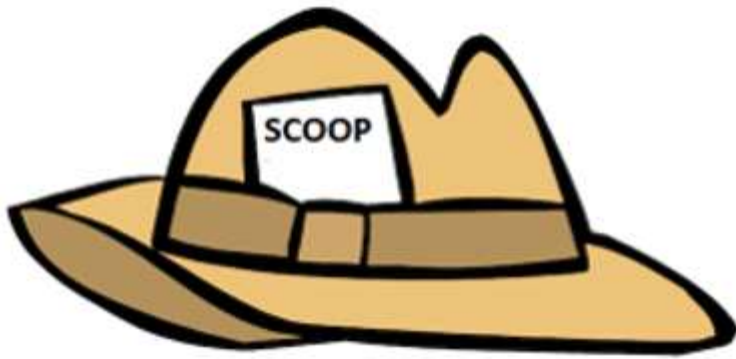


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE **1ST UPWEY SCOUT GROUP**

Term 1 – short on weeks, big on adventure

As is often the case, Term 1 was only 9-ish weeks long. While this is a little shorter than the average term, it was jam-packed with activity.

You may have seen a bunch of little people in Scout uniform with an ochre colour on their shoulders. They are members of our **Joey Scout Mob!** Welcome to the Joeys, their fantastic leaders and families. The Joeys kicked off 2018 with a fun-filled program culminating in their bi-annual state-wide gathering – **Kangaree**. Kangaree is like Jamboree (or Cuboree), but for Joey Scouts. Given that the mob is so new and shiny, it was great to see many of them (and their leaders and some of our Venturers) head to Kangaree with over 1,000 of their closest friends for a weekend of activities and excitement at Lardner Park. Well done to you all.

The **Cub Pack** have been getting involved in all things Trains, Planes and Automobiles including a trip to the local mechanic, the model aero club at Wantirna and a train trip as well.

The **Scout Troop** have been busy whizzing down hills on iceblocks, getting their camping skills up to scratch for Stradbroke Cup and AJ2019 as well as re-visiting their Troop Code.

The **Venturer Unit** made the annual pilgrimage to Lardner Park for Anything Goes, had the help of some wonderful parents for a craft and cooking night as well as a couple of night hikes and some Citizenship award scheme activities.

I have no idea what the **Rovers** have been up to. It must be a secret?!? (hint, hint)

Joey Scouts

Joey Mob – ACTIVATE

By Monique (Echidna)

Term 1 2018 saw the return of Joeys Scouts to 1st Upwey. After advertising in local school newsletters, we reached capacity before we started(!) and are thrilled to report that our mob is thriving.

Our leaders are Kookaburra (Emily), Echidna (Monique) and regular special guest appearances by Rama (Eric) and Akela (Judith) sharing their scouting enthusiasm with the Joeys! Our program has included predominantly exciting hall-based activities in Term 1 including the nights based on 'Mission Impossible', 'Going Gaga Baby' and 'Donutters' and others which explored the Joey theme of Caring and Sharing and the Joey Mob Buddy and Environment scheme badges.



We had Joeys represented at the district canoeing event and our first excursion was cleaning up Main St, Upwey for Clean Up

Australia Day - we sang lots of songs while we were at it!

We have been lucky to have received the help of a keen group of Scouts including Felicity, Hamish, Jess, Sam and Rylan.



Foresters Venturer Riley has helped all Term and has been a popular addition to our mob and we sincerely thank him for committing to our mob in the midst of his secondary studies - what a star! We are very excited that Joey's in Term 2 will include a disco run by Riley too!

We have also had help from local Rover Hannah. In Term 2 we will be working on our Environment Scheme Badge and can't wait for our campfire with the Venturers.

Our parents have committed to a parent roster which has meant we have had an outstanding amount of help and support at weekly activities which ensures our sessions run smoothly and makes our leaders very happy :-)

We are lucky to have been welcomed into such an inclusive and friendly group and we look forward to many more Joey scouting adventures with 1st Upwey in years to come.





Kangaree – Dare to Dream!

Seven Joey scouts, two Joey leaders and two Venturer helpers from Upwey joined over 1,200 other Joeys who attended Kangaree on March 17th at Lardner Park in Warragul - a brilliant night away marred only by the extreme wind that pummelled the venue as we were at the Try Cubbing activity. The theme for 2018 Kangaree was 'Dare to Dream' and our Joeys were able to try canoeing, make cubby houses, climb a pirate rope bridge and enjoy lots of fun and food.



Cub Scouts

Planes Trains and Automobiles

By Judith (Akela)

Billy carts

Cubs started this year with transport and movement on the brain. Thanks to Aaron (Cub Dad) we have two new billy carts on the go which will be ready by Mudbash in November. The Cubs had fun using the old ones and taking some of them apart.





Mechanic visit

We moved on to learning about how to maintain your car and thank Belway motors for opening up his workshop so the cubs



could climb under and see pistons, chassis and other bits and pieces. All Cubs were told how regularly checking their parents' oil and water would keep their cars running much more smoothly.



Flight

Jeff (Joey Dad) came to the hall to not just



teach us Cub pack about the Bernoulli Effect, but also help us make some corflute planes that were really cool to fly down the hill. We followed this up with some flying at



VARMS (model airplane club) in Wantirna but our planes sadly could not compete with the head wind. VARMS also had a conservation area with some original trees and bushland for the area which was fun to squelch through.



Trains: new and old

We also had some train adventures in our term going up to the Puffing Billy workshop and seeing how they fixed and worked on the different steam trains. The metal shavings were fun to pick up as well as the coal so apologies to all parents who had



sooty cubs come home with stuff in their pockets.

We also went on the train to a magical place where soft serve machine was

working. Familiarising the cubs with train travel that many will experience more as they get older in events like Fantastic Race in scouts.

We have a huge amount of Cub scouts and in will continue to rely on parents and friends to supplement our leadership team. Thank you to all for our successful term 1.

Bring on Term 2: Upwey Cub Ninja Warriors!



Scouts

Term 1 Highlights

By Vicki Morris

Cable Park visit

This was a very short term, but we managed to fit heaps in. The term started with Melbourne Cable Park, which was totally awesome. Scouts, Cubs, Venturers and families joined in. Some tried Cable wake boarding others tried the Aqua Park and those that liked a challenge tried the Ninja course.

Games Night

Kookaburras and Scorpion patrols organised a Games night, proficiencies and

reviewed the Troop Code. We now have a new Troop Code hanging in the hall.

Combined nights with other local Troops

1st Healesville joined us at Silvan Reservoir for ice blocking followed by a sausage sizzle and 1st Cockatoo joined us in completing our Water Safety target badge at the pool.

Camping skills

Redbacks ran a Camping Skills night before heading off to Heany Park for Patrol camping and preparation for the Stradbroke Cup. We spent some time practicing our prussick square lashings with Telstra rope. We enjoyed a night walk and



a Scouts Own followed by a campfire with marshmallows.

Theatre Sports

Olinda Ferny Creek competed in our Theatre Sports at Tecoma Primary run by

Platypus Patrol. We have some very talented actors and comedians in the making in both Troops. You will be able to see some of our talented Scouts, Georgia, Ezekiel and Noah in this year's Gang show in June.

Pizza & Rollerskating

We finished the term with our group Pizza and Rollerskating night, celebrating the return of Joeys. We ate 32 pizzas and put on 55 pairs of skates for a fun night. The Easter Raffle organised by Scout Violet added a lot of colour to the night. There were 12 prizes and good odds many went home with a chocolate Easter feast.

Stradbroke Cup (or, Where does my Scout go over Easter?)

More Gold at Stradbroke! The NCM hop led by Patrol Leader Felicity achieved Gold at this year's Stradbroke. Zoe's Zebras did well achieving Silver. We also had our combined 1st Cockatoo and 1st Upwey Patrol the Uptoos with 1st Upwey Scout Adam as Patrol Leader achieving Gold. Congratulations to all our Scouts at Stradbroke. Rumour has it the Zebras performed some makeovers and the NCM hops fed Subcamp A on Friday with a bucket load of rice, greatly welcomed by the other hungry patrols.





Venturers

Canyoning in the Blue Mountains

The idea to go canyoning was first raised in April 2017. Michael and another Venturer leader (Ben, from Manningham District) started discussing how awesome it would be and then thought about how to make it happen. There are no (known) canyons in Victoria, and definitely no Scout Canyoning team in Victoria.

Michael put the call out in various social media groups hoping that somebody could put them in touch with the right person. Less than 24 hours later their wish came true. One of the canyoning leaders from Sydney North region was put in contact with them. And he just happened to be working most weeks in Melbourne until about August! Score! Enter, Duncan McRae.

Michael met with Duncan to discuss what it was that they wanted. Essentially, being the first time they'd thought about it, Michael and Ben just wanted to experience canyoning and take some Venturers and Rovers along from their local groups to also participate in an adventurous activity not normally available to Victorian Scouts. That was simple enough.

Duncan, with Michael and Ben, organised an information/theory night for those interested and that started the ball rolling.

All that was left after that was for each member of the travelling party to undertake a Level 1 Abseiling course and organise their kit for the trip.

So from the theory night (June) to the trip (January) was quite some time. It seemed like it was taking forever. And then - BANG! - it was here.

The day before departure, Duncan contacted Ben and Michael to let them know that the location for both camping and canyoning activities was now closed - due to bushfires burning in and close to the Wollemi National Park. Not to worry - the NSW team were busy organising a Plan B!

Instead of Newnes Plateau, the destination was now Mt Wilson and canyons with names such as Yileen, Serendipity and Bowens.

Friday morning, Australia Day at 7am - assemble at Heathmont Scout Centre to split up into the three vehicles that would drive in convoy and roll out! First stop was Wangaratta for a morning tea break and a chance for Sonja to purchase a sleeping mat. Next stop was Gundagai. A chance to re-fuel, grab some lunch and visit that age old icon of Australian culture - The Dog on the Tuckerbox. With that ticked off the list it was on the road again until reaching Lithgow for a quick break and a chance to plug Mt Wilson Reserve in to google maps for navigation of the final leg. Once back on

the road it was a little over half an hour until the group arrived at Mt Wilson Reserve. 11-ish hours on the road was now behind the intrepid travellers. Canyoning awaits.

As Saturday morning rolled around and everybody started rising, it was a cracker of a day. Slightly overcast, but with the promise of clearing skies and no rain. The canyoning team explained the finer points of the three canyons that would be explored today and the group picked a canyon accordingly. From here activity guides and leaders were assigned and it was time to head off after a final gear check.

For the uninitiated, canyoning involves a combination of hiking, abseiling, scrambling and (often) swimming. The canyons visited did not disappoint. The rest of the story is told in pictures.





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Get Urban

By Tamika

On the 2nd of January, 332 Venturers and I headed off on a 12 day experience of a lifetime up in Queensland. We arrived at a place called Old Petrie town where we would get to meet our units for the first time and begin the amazing friendships we were about to make over the next 12 days. We all got on the bus and headed off on our expeditions.

My expedition was called Get Urban and what we did was a huge Amazing Race style game starting in the Gold Coast then moving up to Brisbane and finishing off in Noosa. I know what you're thinking – these places are quite far apart. Well I can tell you they definitely are. They told us upon signing up that we would be walking mostly of what was a 300km race across these cities, but as you know we are Venturers, so we did get lazy at times and use public transport. Besides the fact of the amount of walking we did I would have to say that completing an Amazing Race in a place that you are not very familiar with can be challenging at times.

Some of the challenges that we faced along the way was having to go up the Q1 tower and work out all the compass points and take a selfie with the view from that compass point. Another challenge was all members of the team had to get in a selfie with a life guard, probably the most challenging thing was on the last day of the race just as we were about to get our first clue we got given a whole watermelon and we were told that we had to carry it around

with us all day and it had to complete all challenges with us. Well let me tell you, this was very difficult because this watermelon weighed about 12kg and we were travelling from Brisbane to Noosa. At many points we thought of just eating this watermelon and then not having to carry it back with us but we were told that we would need it for something later on.

We finally got back to camp and were then told to just place our watermelons on this table and they just told us “we don't actually need those watermelons for anything we just wanted to see you carry them around with you all day”. In the end this was an amazing experience that I would totally do again in a heartbeat.

Get Sunshine

By Brendan

Our Venture experience started at the opening ceremony at Old Petrie Town in Petrie, QLD, where we were sorted into units and fed dinner. In true Scouting fashion, right as people were being distributed onto buses, a storm passed over, drenching everything on the ground or not undercover. The bus ride to Noosa for our expedition “Get Sunshine”, proved to be very moist, but also a great chance to catch up on some sleep after the earlier delays. Upon arrival to the Badgers Wood campsite, we set up our tents and enjoyed a comfy rest after a long day of travel.

My unit consisted of 16 Venturers from across all of Australia, barring SA and TAS, full of different scouting cultures and pronunciations (its PARMA, not parmie). In Noosa, we participated in many different activities, including 4WD, Australia Zoo, a

big waterslide, a mystery tour, Bli-Bli Aqua Park, an evening Scouts own on the beach (with pizza), another hour at the beach and even a trip to the laundromat! We built strong friendships over drying our clothes and watching our leader flip over another unit's chairs on a dare. From dressing up as dads for a rave, to buying cheap hot cross buns on a Coles run, it was an action-packed and enjoyable expedition.

But the fun didn't stop after our expedition, we travelled back to YMCA's Petrie site, where there was live entertainment each night, catering, many activities, both on and off site, and more! Venturers rocked out to the sound of artists such as The Potbelleez, Bad Moon Born and several live DJs. The site also featured a chill-out zone, complete with charging stations, laundry machines, rock-climbing, abseiling and many decks of cards for anyone looking to relax onsite.

Our unit, however, decided to shun most of these activities in favour of napping under the shade of our gazebos and playing countless games of Mao (an infuriating and confusing card game), with the occasional trip to the site centre for meals and to buy more food from the onsite food truck. During Venture I participated in 2 offsite activities, being 'Get Cultured', where we devised and performed our own variety show, and 'Get Equestrian', spending the day riding horses in the local Brisbane hills.

Finally, after 11 days of excitement and bonding over fun times, we all said an emotional goodbye and returned back to our home states. I joined my travel group and got on the bus before flying back home to Melbourne. I was sad to leave my good

friends, but glad to get home to my family, after 11 lively jam-packed days interstate.

Bee Experience

Adapted from Tara's report to Unit Council



Day 1

On the 20th of January on a bee-utiful day Paris, Aly and I set off to GWS Anderson Scout Park to take part in a Bee Experience Environment course.

As soon as we settled in we started by learning a bit about bees and their life style also the tools they use to maintain the beehives and collect the honey.

After bee-ing in the hot room for an hour or so we went outside, so they could show us how to prepare the smoker (the tool used to keep the bees calm when opening the hive. Also, it makes them think there is a fire, so they eat lots of honey, so they can't sting you as much). Once we had a smoker ready we took it in turns to suit up and inspect the hive, where they showed us how to safely open it and inspect it. The instructors also told us what to look out for when inspecting the hive.

After inspecting the hives, it was time for lunch. For lunch we had hamburgers with salad and a great fruit platter. Once we had

stuffed our faces we went back in the hall to learn more about how bees pollinate plants and what pollination does for the plants.

Prior to the course we had to complete some questions about pollination, which we had to read out to the other course members. Later that afternoon we had some free time to look around and study for our test the following day before we left to get a good night's sleep.

Day 2

Once again, we arrived at GWS Anderson Scout Park at 9am for another day of learning about how bees help the environment and plants. This time we started the day outside on a picnic table where we learnt more about bees and their habits whilst we took notes.



Next, we went inside the hall to learn about honey and how the bees make it and once again take more notes for our test. We learnt a lot about bees and what they do, and we got a free tester of the honey and we had the chance to buy some honey which the bees on the property made. Then it was time for lunch, this time we had lasagne with salad and once again a great fruit salad platter.



Once we were full we had some more free time to go over our notes before the test. I think everyone passed, but I know Paris, Aly and I did. The last thing we did that day was to present our bee hotels, which are kind of like hives but are for wild bees that don't travel in groups. The person with the best one got a free honey pot, but sadly that wasn't me.

Something I learnt was bees must live in 34 degree hives all the time; Queen bees lay 2000 eggs a day; brown sugar gives bees diarrhoea; bees can't/don't sleep; **bees make 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in their lifetime**; Queen bees are almost double the size of worker bee and only live for four years and much more. It had bee-n a wonderful experience and I recommend it to others in the future.

Craft & DIY

With the help of some wonderful Mums (and a Dad!), the Unit had a craft/life skills night. There was sewing (by machine and hand), cooking, tie-dying shirts and even the use of some power tools in the Venturer loft!

The sewing centred around putting badges on uniforms as well as making dilly bags.



The tie-dying gave the Venturers the

opportunity to make a one-off t-shirt, while the cooking was a combination of sweet and savoury and provided the goodies for a great supper.



Thanks to all the parents that volunteered their time.



Farewells

Turning 18 means your Venturing days have come to an end. It also means that Rovering or leading are available opportunities. Since the last newsletter we have bid farewell to Lucy, Michaela, Jordy and Cameron.

Lucy and Jordy assure me they'll be checking out Rover crews and making the jump to Rovers. I reckon they'll be a real asset to whichever crew they choose.

Cameron has moved to Bundoora to live on campus while attending university. Not being a driver will make it difficult for Cameron to get to Rovers, as well as the university workload (*cough cough*). If Cameron does find himself with an opportunity to join a Rover crew I'm sure he'd have a ball too.

And Michaela. Michaela has taken a different path upon turning 18. Those of you at the Group Xmas BBQ last December

would have seen Michaela invested as a provisional leader into the Scout Troop at 1st Upwey.



Rovers



Group Leader & Committee

Upwey Billycart Day

As well as the Billycart races and the excitement this adds to Main St, the annual fundraising opportunity for our sausage sizzling adults was a great success.

We sold approximately 590 snags on the day and donated 10% of the profit to the RSL. This was a great result for the community.

New Equipment!

Our group has purchased 2 new BBQ's. As you probably know, there are camps where we need small portable BBQ's such as Stradbroke Cup, Patrol camps, Cohan Shield etc. Our minter BBQ is still required for Sausage Sizzle's, Cuboree and bigger events. These new ones were purchased at a cost of \$90 each.



We also recently purchased 3 cargo cases to replace some of the older wooden Patrol Boxes that are falling apart. Additionally, the old boxes were too heavy for Scouts to carry & committee considered them to be an OH&S issue.



Your fees, and the Group fundraising efforts hard at work!

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The Group

With 80+ youth members, 1st Upwey Joeys, 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.

**Fundraising Event for
Scout Jamboree**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**And
Silent Auction**

I Knew That !



**Saturday 5th May
7:30 pm**

1st Upwey Scout Hall

**\$20 per person
Book a Table of 8**

**Bookings on
<https://www.trybooking.com/360319>**

**Answer this Homework
Question for 3 points**

Who said ?

**"I thought I should begin by reading a
poem by Shakespeare, but then I
thought why should I? He never reads
any of Mine!"**

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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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Bendigo Savings or Cheque Account	\$10
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