

NORTHMEAD BUGLE

Quarterly Newsletter of the 2nd Northmead Scout Group

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Communities Environment Program \$22,000 awarded to 2nd Northmead Scout Group.

In October, our group was invited to apply for a Communities Environment Grant by our local Federal Member for Mitchell, the Hon Alex Hawke. This was a federal initiative administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science aimed at delivering positive environmental and social outcomes by providing communities the resources, skills and knowledge to care for the environment.

We were successful in our application and will be partnering with Dragonfly Environmental to eradicate noxious weeds and trees and replant our grounds with native species. This will be a scouting and community event running for the next 12 months.

Make sure you keep an eye out for opportunities to be involved in this project, either as a patrol activity or as part of the broader community.

A word from the Group Leader's desk

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Welcome everyone to 2020!

It has almost been 12 months since I started in my role as Group Leader and can I say that it has been one of the most remarkable years of my adult life! Not having any previous scouting exposure, I made it my goal to get out and see what the various sections of scouting offer our youth. I can tell you, that your Joeys, Cubs and Scouts are an incredibly capable and resourceful bunch of boys and girls and their achievements have never ceased to amaze me as I joined in with region cuborette / jamborette camps, district Joey camp and competition camp, buddy badge visits, ANZAC dawn service, group rope climbing and region hikes during 2019. I encourage you all to get active with your child by engaging with Scouts NSW.

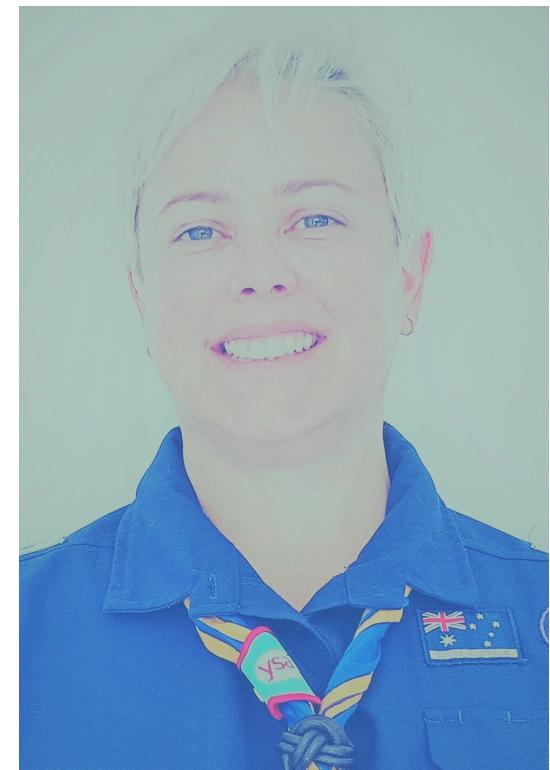
It is my intention to continue my scouting education in 2020 with more hiking and water activities in addition to participating in / receiving administrative support from Scouts NSW to make your scouting experience more enjoyable.

Our Scout Group has some exciting changes and activities ahead in 2020, Some of which are outlined in more detail in this newsletter which I hope to get out to you each quarter. For the first time in a long while, we have two youth members who are in the cast of Gangshow 2020!! I am sure you will all be able to support them as they perform later this year.

In the meantime, I want to assure you that my role is support my amazing team of committed and dedicated leaders, so that they can concentrate on helping your youth achieve the goals that they will be setting for themselves. If you have any questions, concerns, expressions of interest, please don't hesitate to contact me on the above means.

"Why should they have all the fun? will be my motto for 2020"

**Louise Gale
GROUP LEADER**





Committee News

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Happy New Year everyone.

You have hopefully received my recent letter regarding the fees for 2020. We would appreciate all fees to be paid by the end of January please. Don't forget that you can apply for the Active Kids Voucher <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher> which will reduce fees by \$100 and if you apply again in July it will essentially halve your fees for the year!

Once you have downloaded your voucher, you can redeem it via the ScoutsNSW site <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids/>. You will need your child's membership number for this, which you can find on the Care Monkey app in your child's profile (under Sharing/Organisations) or email northmeadscoutgroup@gmail.com.

Whilst it was exciting to receive a grant to do some much needed environmental work around the hall, there is still a major short fall in being able to replace/repair gear or purchase new equipment. In order to bridge the gap in fundraising that we continue to experience, the Committee are hoping to increase the hire of the Scout Hall in 2020. There is plenty of capacity, especially during the day, to make the hall and grounds available to other community groups or individuals (some suggestions have been fitness classes, mothers group, puppy training, book club, kids party).

The Scout Leaders have made a huge effort over the last 6 months to clear the hall, storage areas and grounds to make the space more accessible. If you know of any people who may be interested in using the hall or grounds especially on a regular basis, please let us know.

Finally..don't forget to put the Annual Report Presentation in your diaries for Sat 9th May. It will kick off in the late afternoon, followed by BBQ and campfire! This is an opportunity to step forward for a role on the committee. There is not much effort required and the more input and opinions put forward, the better we can support the leaders to make scouting, exciting, creative and fun for our children!

Many thanks!

Sarah

The best way to make children good is to make them happy

Oscar Wilde



Joey Junction

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I hope the mighty, mighty Joeys have had a restful christmas break and are ready and rearing to go in 2020.

Joey Meetings start at 6.15pm Monday 3rd February and I am resolved to have more a focus on sustainability and being a better custodian of our natural environment in 2020. Naturally, I will be looking at opportunities to include these objectives into the Joey program this year.

Let's get excited for Clean up Australia day, The Joey water fun day and 30 years of Joeys in Australia-HOP,HOP,HOP!

Cubs Corner

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Welcome back cubs for 2020! Cuboree was cancelled but some of our cubs joined in on the "let down camp" with 1st Ermington, 1st Murray Farm and 1st North Ryde. My favourite part of that camp was the water bungee slide!!! All cubs participating in this camp will receive their level 1 cooking badge!

This term has some exciting stuff planned..a cub leadership course, water fun day at Lake Parramatta, a sixer/second/older cub camp with scouts for Evie's Scout Medallion Project and the new youth program which will see sixes replaced with 'patrols'. There will also be a formal 'Grey Wolf' presentation for Zac Gale and Ben Atkinson to honour this peak cub award.

Scouts Spot

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Happy New Year to my scout troop! The first term of 2020 is shaping up to be a big and busy one with Matilda, Thomas and Evie all completing their Green Cord Hikes this term. There will also be an overnight camp run as part of Evie's Scout Medallion project in mid-March. We farewelled Meerkat at the end of 2019, however, Mark will be joining our troop (or unit) as his roster allows in 2020. I hope you will give him a BRAVO -OOO for volunteering his time. As scout leader with a number of my troop (unit) being female, I am still seeking a female leader volunteer to help out for weekly meetings +/- weekend activities. We are looking forward to the district athletics carnival, catapult night, bushfire relief walk and welcoming our new scouts into our patrols.

NYP - New Language

"UNIT" INSTEAD OF MOB, PACK, TROOP

"PATROL" INSTEAD OF SIXES

"PATROL LEADER" INSTEAD OF SIXER

"ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER" INSTEAD OF SECOND

"PROJECT PATROLS" A GROUP OF YOUTH MEMBERS THAT COME TOGETHER TO WORK ON A COMMON PROJECT. PATROL MEMBERS CAN BE FROM MULTIPLE GROUPS.

"PLAN, DO, REVIEW" IN YOUR PATROL, YOU WORK OUT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO, YOU DO IT AND THEN YOU DISCUSS HOW IT WENT.

"ONE JOURNEY" IS ABOUT CONSISTENCY IN THE SCOUTS' PERSONAL PROGRESSION. INSTEAD OF STARTING OVER WITH NEW BADGES IN EACH SECTION, THE SCOUT CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON THE SKILLS OBTAINED PREVIOUSLY IN 'LEVELS'.

"YOUTH LEADING, ADULTS SUPPORTING" PLACES THE DECISION MAKING ON THE YOUTH MEMBERS WITH DECREASING LEVELS OF SUPPORT FROM LEADERS AS THEY PROGRESS.

Please keep your eye out for communication on this New Youth Program training shortly.



The youth program in scouting is the totality of learning opportunities from which young people can benefit (what), created to achieve the purpose of scouting (why), and experienced through the scout method (how).

It was developed to ensure that scouting remained relevant and engaging to young Australians in the 21st Century. There were numerous surveys, focus groups, meetings, research and visits to events which culminated in a number of reports which were used to devise the New program concept. Feedback was open for a 10 month period in 2016/17 and the concepts were refined and tested on 'pioneer' groups such as 1st Carlingford Scout Group.

2nd Northmead will be transitioning to the New Youth Program in 2020 and will soon be starting some preparation for this to occur. There may be a requirement for your joey, cub or scout to attend some training and this is scheduled for May.

Greater Western Sydney Regionette

**SHAKEDOWN CAMP 23RD-24TH MAY - BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP
REGIONETTE CAMP 5TH - 8TH JUNE - CATARACT SCOUT CAMP**

Each year, Scouts have the opportunity to attend the GSW region's 'Jamborette'. They camp with their troop and attend activity bases run by Venturers and Rovers in their patrols. In 2020, Jamborette will be expanded to include ALL scouting sections. 2nd Northmead will be inviting joeys, cubs and their families to camp as a group over this long weekend. Although parental attendance is only mandatory for Joey's, with a potentially large group, we will need assistance with meal preparation/cooking and supervision of the younger sections as they participate in their activity bases. Any adult attending will be required to complete an A2 (adult helper) form as per Scouts Australia NSW Branch Policy. <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/adult-helper-application/> As this potentially the biggest camp for our group, we are seeking parents to help plan the event and will be having a practice run at Bundilla Scout Camp in Winston Hills 23-24th May. Please speak to your leader or Louise if you would like to help this to be successful. A quick survey and email with more details will be coming out soon.

Dates and Deadlines

Week (beg)	Joeys	Cubs	Scouts	Group	Weekend
27-1				Fees Due	
3-2	30 yrs of Joey Scouts	Patrols and pack formation	Swim safety		
10-2	250 th Anniversary Cpt Cook		Hiking Basics		
17-2		Swim safety			Cubs fishing
24-2	CUNorthmeadD		Lightweight cooking		CUAD
2-3	Water/sun safe				GWS Hike
9-3		Bring a friend	Dist. Catapult Challenge		joey/cub fun day
16-3					Cubs Bike Ride
23-3	Harmony day	Community Service	Anti-bullying		Green Cord Hike
30-3	Foosball table craft	Campcraft	Dist JamBowlRee		GWS bushfire Relief walk
6-4		Rope work		Regionette Shakedown registrations close	Green Cord Hike

APRIL

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE parramatta RSL

MAY

9 Annual Report Presentation
23 Regionette Shakedown Camp

JUNE

5 Regionette

Any news contributions from the group are welcome by April 17th.