



1st Canterbury
Scout Group

Group Leaders Report

Celebration Day for the Hall

The highlight of the year for the Group was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our Scout Hall, The Gunyah. Over 140 youth members participated in the festivities, making it a memorable day filled with excitement and community spirit. The event was a great success, showcasing the rich history of our hall while bringing together our Scouting community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the day and helped with the preparations beforehand—it truly wouldn't have been possible without your efforts. Special recognition goes to Scouts Hannah and Kieran, who played vital roles on the committee. Thank you to the committee for all their work and our newest member of the committee, Dee for her guidance with Food Handling and logistics to run the event.

The celebration was supported by Scouting members from within our group, the wider district, and beyond. We extend our gratitude to [David Baden-Powell, 5th Baron of Gilwell](#) for his speech, Boroondara Activities for providing the Bouldering Wall, and to the State Teams, including the [Victorian Scout Band](#), [Victorian Scout Archives](#), and the [Victorian Abseiling Group](#) for supplying the mobile Abseiling tower. Their involvement made the day all the more special. See [Pictures for Centenary of the Hall](#) in link.

We wish to acknowledge the three tree planters, descendants of the founders of the Group and builder of the Hall, Alister Danks, Hamish Danks Brown and Mel Constable and thank them for participating in the celebrations of the centenary of the Hall, as well as Life Members John, Michael, Reis and Luke, and the City of Boroondara and Balwyn Rotary Club for their support.

Grey Wolf Award Board

The Grey Wolf Award board was unveiled during the centenary celebration, honouring Cub Scouts who achieved this Peak Award at 1st Canterbury. The ceremony included reflections from previous award recipients, highlighting their growth and achievements through Scouting. Thank you to the Feeney Family for the donation of the Boards.

Container Deposit Scheme

Thanks to the community's contributions, the group has saved 8,164 containers from landfill, raising \$816.40. Funds continue to support the group's activities and facilities.

Storage Container

During June 2024 we installed a 40 foot container storage unit at the rear of the Hall - thanks to Reis Hamilton and the office of Dr Monique Ryan, Member for Kooyong for facilitating the grant to make this possible.

First Aid Training

In June leaders completed a refresher first aid training course, further enhancing safety for both the Scout group and the local community. A special thanks to Gwyn and Leon from [Community First Responders](#) for leading the course and the donation of a cabinet for our AED attached to the outside of our Hall, available for public use. The password to access the AED is "1924" – a nod to the year the Hall was built. Leaders who completed the course also had the opportunity to join [Good Sam](#), a community emergency response network. We extend our gratitude to [Community First Responders](#) for running the course and sponsoring the AED box.



Thanks to our Sponsors over the year

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Acknowledgements

Our deepest gratitude goes to our dedicated leaders and helpers, whose tireless commitment and investment of time have been the driving force behind the success of Scouting for our youth. Special recognition is extended to section leaders Wendy Selle, Paul Baulch, David Egan, and Sam Barden. Congratulations to Toby Rechner on achieving his wood beads, and acknowledgement of the training that leaders undertake to support our youth. We welcomed Avery Ballantyne at the start of the year as Assistant Venturer leader. Thank you for taking on the role and supporting our youth. Behind the scenes, our Parent's Committee plays an essential role in our success. Jason Talbot has led with dedication over the past year, and we thank him wholeheartedly for his invaluable contributions. Jane Ninnis has been exceptional, especially in securing grant funding for the group. Our thanks also extend to Jen Quilty for her excellent work as Treasurer. Despite keeping our fees low, more than half of them go towards contributions to Scouts Victoria and the Boroondara District, with the remainder supporting our activities and maintaining our facilities. We encourage parents to consider joining the committee—if interested, please reach out to Jason, myself, or the Leaders.

A special note of thanks goes to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our Centenary Hall celebration on June 1st. Your hard work made this important milestone a day to remember, and we appreciate the dedication shown in preparing for the event.

Thanks also to our Youth Members, who are a constant source of inspiration and who keep us returning each week to share their journey as they grow and develop while having fun.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all our leaders, volunteers, and community members for their support throughout the year. Your efforts create the wonderful experiences our youth members cherish.

Special Scouting Awards

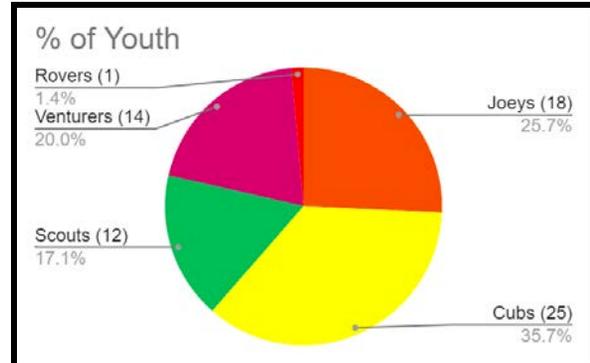
Congratulations to **Ulysses de Vincentis**, our retired Venturer Leader and current Caving Team Lead, for receiving the Silver Wattle Award for outstanding service. **Jane Ninnis** was recognised with a Meritorious Service Award for her 10 years of service on the committee and her exceptional fundraising efforts. I was also honoured to be a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award this year for my role as Unit Leader at VicJam. Finally, to **David Scott** and **Fletcher Hamilton** for achieving their Special Service Awards.

We have registered 72 youth and 25 leaders / helpers as of 10th October 2024.

The Numbers

Leaders - 15
Adult Helpers - 8
Fellowship - 2

“Leave this world a little better than you found it.”
Robert Baden-Powell



Alastair Troedel - Group Leader

Joey Scouts Annual Report

What a great year for Joeys! Since the start of the year, we have welcomed 13 new members. Thank you to all of the leaders and helpers who have made this significant increase in numbers possible to accommodate. Since last ARAP, we welcomed Madeleine Jones to our team as a Trainee Assistant Joey Leader. We now have 19 youth regularly attending Joeys, supported by 5 leaders (Wendy, Madeleine, Sam Barden, Chris Banks, Alistair Ninnis), 2 Adult helpers (Justin Liu, Ian Wilmoth) and 1 Scout (Keira).

Our Joeys have had fun exploring Scouting in action, with many achieving their Level 1 Bushcraft, Bushwalking and Cycling badges. There has also been an increase in the number of Special Interest Area (SIA) badges being achieved. We are very excited to have another 1st Canterbury Joey achieve the Joey Scout Challenge Award, the peak award for the Joey Section. Congratulations to Isabella Jones.

Our Joeys recently participated in the Statewide Synchronised Sleepover where we welcomed 1st North Balwyn Joeys to our hall for a fun evening. Many were then able to meet up with their new friends again, alongside 50 others at the District Joey Camp at Gilwell. Our Joeys enjoyed an action packed weekend including the flying fox, bouldering walls, and the upgraded 'Gilwell Warrior' course.

In November 2023 we had lots of fun at our Annual Group Camp, staying in the trains at Bay Park and participating in archery, bush golf, flying fox and the adventure course. We hope to see lots of Joeys attending Group Camp this November, staying in tents at Gilwell.

At our Group camp in November we will farewell some Joeys as they continue their Scouting journeys, moving up to the Cub section, joining two others from the start of the year.

Some other whole section events our Joeys have actively participated in were; attending the ANZAC Day dawn service at Surrey Gardens; our Hall Centenary and community open day celebrations, where our Joeys showed that Scouting is for youth of all ages; the adrenaline filled fun of the annual water slide night; and the Governor General camp in Canberra.

Wendy Selle- Joey Leader & Assistant Group Leader



Cub Section Report

The highlight of the last 12 months for the Cub section was Cuboree 2023; Open for Adventure! Eleven Cubs and two leaders from 1st Canterbury attended Cuboree, Camping with Cubs from West Hawthorn and 2nd/6th Hawthorn. The Cubs had a ball, participating in crate stacking, water slides, bucking bulls and the famous mud run to name a few. There were plenty of smiles and lots of badge trading.

Cubs also participated in a Fright Hike in late 2023 to celebrate Halloween. Cubs collected a stash of treats and also dished out a few friendly tricks!

The highlight of 2024 so far was the Canterbury Gardens water slide night. We shared this night with our Cuboree friends from West Hawthorn. Plenty of cubs dashed down the hill at pace! We even managed to get a District Cub Leader down the slide – well done Trevor Anderson.



Cubs participated in the community by running a coin toss at the Centenary celebrations. Plenty of coins tossed and a few landing on much deserved treats.

Congratulations to Caleb Jones for achieving his Grey Wolf Award, the peak award for the Cub section.

We are looking forward to camping at Gilwell in a few weeks. We might even squeeze in a hike!

A big thankyou to all the Leaders and Helpers who make each week possible at Cubs. **David Scott, Lachlan Fenwick, Chris Kahler, Peter Haines, Stephen Parker and Rob Walliss.**

Paul Baulch - Cub Leader

Scout Section Report

Choose your own adventure

1st Canterbury Scouts can take you to a hike in the Tallarook State Forest with 1000 other Scouts one weekend to the cheers and laughter of a packed theatre the next. Adventures can be local using payphones for clues to spend exploring the rolling green hills of New Zealand for a Jamboree. Scouts can develop confidence and leadership skills by organising a simple game and then bring those skills to life when they participate in a Personal Development Course like BSummit. Our program is created by the Unit Council of Scouts with the support of the amazing leaders we have in our Group.

Throughout the year our program is a mix of some key activities that provide the Scouts with a wide variety of opportunities to try and enhance their skills. We expand the range of activities by sharing details of Scout's Victoria's numerous specialist events, including, Climbing, Cycling, Performing Arts, Survival, Paddling etc



There is plenty of room for fun and games and we love it when Scouts introduce a new one, but they certainly do have their favourites.

Each week our Unit Council of Youth members create a fun and exciting program of activities, within the guidance provided by Scouting. There has been an activity for everyone, from practical First Aid and cooking skills, to caving and climbing in Cheltenham! Scouts have used simple tools like rope and timber to create bridges and learnt navigational skills with a compass and a map. Sometimes the best memories are created by just hanging out with friends outdoors.

The creativity of our Scouts and Leaders has no boundaries, and often the Scouts don't even realise they have just learnt a new skill for life as they were having too much fun.

It's easy to teach a Scout basic navigation skills, but they learn just as much (and have more fun) when the night's activity is based on the TV show Hunted! Scouts were dropped around local streets with a map showing Payphones. On reaching the payphone they were provided a phone number for their next clue. All the time they were told not to use MYKI and avoid CCTV! to avoid being found by the Hunters! The night was completed with 4th Kew Scouts who were invited by our Scouts who have formed friendships at Showtime and events like Scout Hike.

In November our Scouts joined the rest of the Group at Bay Park in Mt Martha, camping and participating in fun activities. This camp provides other sections a sneak peak of what Scouts get up to and means for those Cubs about to transition to Scouts they will know some friendly faces when they arrive!

When the days get longer our program often makes the most of the daylight, one of the highlights each year is Bike Maintenance Skills followed by a cycling night. Travelling home via train is always fun too.

In December Sasha, Caitlin, Han and Paxton headed to Mystery Creek Events Centre as part of the Australian Contingent to the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree.

January Holidays were also a chance for Scouts to complete their Adventurous Journey, and this year Oscar and Tess planned and completed with other Scouts a traverse of the Two Bays Walking Track from Cape Schanck to Dromana. Thanks to the Leaders who supported and even dropped in some Tim Tams!

Scouts this year enjoyed Luke's interactive Trivia Night, creative cooking nights, games nights, Karaoke (who knew we had so many great singers?), Rock climbing with the Scout Climbing Team, Annual Waterslide night in Canterbury Gardens, constructing catapults and firing flour bombs, first aid nights just to name a few. We are also pleased that after a great night Bowling, we returned the Trophy to 1st Canterbury to be proudly displayed till next year!

Our program follows the National Achievement Pathways which is Scouting's personal progression framework - used to recognise personal development in the Scout program. Each week Scouts complete a variety of Milestones, Special Interest Areas, and the most exciting Outdoor Adventure Skills. This progress is tracked through the online platform Terrain, Scouts manage their own progress tracking.



If a Scout completes a specific number of activities, Special Interest Areas and a certain level of Outdoor Adventure Skills they can complete the Peak Award for Scouting, known as the "Australian Scout Award". In the last year we have added two more names to the 1st Canterbury Honour Board with Eamon Newell and Oscar Wallis completing all the requirements of the Award.

Some of our current Scouts are not too far from this achievement, keep working towards your goals.



Over Easter several of our Scouts joined Han on her Adventurous Journey. Planned and led by Han, Scouts rode over 120 km in 3 days from Mansfield to Tallarook, camping at Merton Racecourse and in the Yea Caravan Park. The route was spectacular and followed the old railway line all the way, including through the long Cheviot Tunnel. Despite weary legs and some rain on day 2 the Scouts were all smiles and enjoyed being in the beautiful scenery of Central Victoria.

Even more amazing at Easter was the Governor General's Camp – the first of its kind on the lawns of Yarralumla in the ACT. Keira joined with 1st Canterbury Joeys and Cubs for this unique opportunity to participate in a camp that also included an Amazing Race, horseback adventures, mastering the art of archery, and exploring iconic Aussie landmarks like Parliament House, Questacon, and the War Memorial.

Our Scouts continued the annual tradition of Camping at our Hall on ANZAC Eve and then at 5 am, waking, getting into uniform and attending the Surrey Hills Dawn Service. It is great for the local community to see our Scouts at this event as they have done for over 100 years. Listening to the stories of local men and women who participated in war provides a strong link to our community and not a year goes by where someone comes up to Scouts in Uniform to talk about their time in Scouting.

Our weekly program also supports upcoming activities, each May our Scouts participate alongside over 1000 other Scouts in the Victoria Wide Scout Hike event.

In the lead up to the event Scouts will practise and prepare for this amazing event in the Tallarook State Forest. The program will focus on Navigation, First Aid, Lightweight camping and cooking to prepare the Scouts for this weekend of fun.



In 1st Canterbury Leaders from all sections ran an Activity Point. This year for the theme of *Paddle Steamers* we were the Port of Wentworth. Scouts who attended our activity were asked to prepare an act for the traditional "Wentworth's Got Talent". The creativity of the hundreds of Scouts who visited us during the weekend was sensational, considering the walking and lack of sleep many of them put on great smiles and entertainment.

Congratulations to our Scouts who continued a fine tradition of great hiking skills, one our Patrols has now completed 3 Scout Hikes together were awarded the highest award – Co-Holder and the Pennant hangs proudly on the wall of The Gunyah. Our first-time hikers also kicked off what will become a tradition for them, we are so proud of your achievements.



Scouts have also participated in the annual BSummit Personal Development Course on 2 occasions in the last 12 months. Each event is held at a mystery location with Scouts meeting at Camberwell Railway Station with no idea where they are heading. One graduate, Han enjoyed it so much she now attends as a Youth Mentor for the weekend.

One of the most involved extra activities each year is Camberwell Showtime, now in its 60th year of production (58 Shows). One of only a few Scout Shows that is entirely created, written and performed by Scouts. In 2024 four of our Scouts performed in one of the funniest shows in years – Camp Chaos, Sasha, Caitlin, Kieran (and a Venturer – Angus) returned for their 3rd season and were joined by Kiera, Lily and Caleb for their first performances, all shone on stage this year. They were supported by Showtime life member, Luke Dixon in his 27th Show as part of the Technical Team, and our Leaders Sam Barden and David Egan in the Personnel Team.



Whilst many see one performance of the eight, our Scouts spend many weekends rehearsing and preparing for the brand-new theatre in 2024 – The Round in Nunawading. It was great for them to see so many 1st Canterbury Scouts and their families in attendance this year. In the recent School Holidays, Sasha, Caitlin, Kieran and Angus once again performed the show alongside a new bunch of Scouts from

the Geelong Region in Geelong Showtime. Supporting them again were Luke Dixon, Sarah Haines, Peter Haines and David Egan.

So what did you do in the last school holidays? A quick survey of our Scouts goes something like this,

Han – *I attended Top Gear Scout at the Mafeking Scout Park and learned to drive a car*

Kieran, Sasha, Caitlin – *We went to Geelong and performed in Geelong Showtime*

Kieran, Nick, Han, Phoebe and Caleb – *We went to Clifford Park for a 4 day camp where we got to try Abseiling, Paddle on the Yarra, Cooked dinner in a cardboard box, met new and old friends and watched the Grand Final*

Caleb - *I went Mountain Biking in the You Yangs with the State Cycling Team*



We sure have squeezed a lot into the last year, and it's worth remembering that each night and event is led and assisted by Scouts with our Leaders providing support. This provides each Scout who volunteers to take on the task with some first-hand experience of planning, teaching, leading and learning. During the last year we have observed many of the Scout's step outside of their comfort zone and put their hand up to lead and assist and the results were awesome! We are smaller in numbers currently but continue to welcome new members who hear about all the fun we get up to.



As I close off on the last 12 months of Scouting at 1st Canterbury, I reflect on my first 5 years as a Leader in the Scout Section. I've now seen a full turnover of youth members as they progress through to Venturers but are followed quickly by new and excited Cubs. The growth we see in each youth member is amazing, and I know from my time as a youth member that the confidence and knowledge they gain from Scouting will help them for the rest of their lives. The friendships they make and the memories from all the adventures and activities will last well beyond their time in the Section. As Leaders we love watching their journey and providing them with the support to choose their own adventures.

I would like to thank all the amazing Scout Leaders (Reis Hamilton, Luke Dixon, Toby Rechner, Mark Marriot, Violet Burgess and adult helper Peter Haines) for their time and support over the last year. In addition to our regular Scout activities, our volunteer Leaders have continued to progress their own training, update their First Aid qualifications, and prepare themselves to provide our Scouts with the support and encouragement they need to develop and grow. At the Hall, on a bike ride or a camp or hike our Leaders continue to support our Scouts to achieve their goals, while having fun. We would love you to come and find your passion and join us supporting our Youth Members.

I'd like to acknowledge the work Paul Baulch has done this year and wish him and David Scott well as they prepare to take our Scouts to the 2025 Australian Jamboree in January. An Australian Jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with fellow Scouts from Australia and the World and participate in 10 days of amazing adventures and fun, this year the 26th Australian Jamboree is being held in Maryborough QLD. Activities include a trip to Australia Zoo, A full day of water activities at Hervey Bay, and numerous half day activities designed to give Scouts a chance to try new adventures of their choice. We know from experience the Scouts you welcome home from a Jamboree are different to those that left

10 days earlier, some even come home and offer to cook and wash up! We wish Han, Kieran, Evan, Lily and Caleb all the very best. We know we have prepared you to tackle everything and anything you want to.



Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support from the other 1st Canterbury Leaders as well as Alastair Troedel and Wendy Selle in their roles as Group Leaders and the Committee of Parents who together are part of an amazing team that have continue to support our community of Scouts as have their predecessors for over 100 years in Canterbury and Surrey Hills.

David Egan - Scout Leader 1st Canterbury

Maranoa Venturers' Report

This past 12 months seems to have been a year of changes at Maranoa Venturers. While our combined unit was originally composed mostly of Venturers from 1st North Balwyn, our fourteen 1st Canterbury members now make up our largest cohort.



I was warmly welcomed to the unit in February of this year. Since then much of our leadership team has shifted, with Heather, Ammo, Dylan and Ezgi, stepping back, but still supporting us where they can from the sidelines. Sam and I have been helped throughout the year by the wonderful Paul, and joined by our newest face, Harry, in May.

Despite these many changes, the Maranoa Venturers have been going strong. They've established their first unit council, with Angus Egan acting as unit chair; revitalised the Venturer den here at the Gunyah; and have planned and run some pretty full-on term programs. We've also invested several new youth members, coming to us from Canterbury, North Balwyn, and beyond.

Particular highlights for the Venturers have included:

Two Mystery Drop-off Nights, in which the leaders (and a parent helper, thank you for your time and fuel) drop the Venturers in groups at random locations in the vicinity of Canterbury/North Balwyn, and they have to navigate back to the hall without the use of maps;



Some **Vertical OAS Challenges**, namely a rock climbing night at Hard Rock Nunawading, and a crate-stacking night kindly run for us by our very own Reis and the wonderful Ulysses from the State Climbing Team;

Joint Nights with 1st North Balwyn Scouts, Banksia Rovers, and one in the works with 1st Canterbury Scouts; and many more.

Looking forward to this term, and on into the new year, we're hoping the unit will continue to grow through our connections with both Canterbury and North Balwyn. Our unit council has just gotten started and it has taken some time to adjust, but in the new year we should be up and running with youth leading youth at last.

Later this term our attendance to both the Group Camp at Gilwell and State-wide Venturer camp, Vic Gathering, will be, for some of us at least, the first nights under canvas we've had in a while. From there, we hope to get some bigger events, like camps, hikes, and OAS courses, off the ground, and really kickstart the unit for an excellent year in 2025.

Avery Ballantyne - Assistant Venturer Leader

Banksia Rovers' Report

The last twelve months have been full of new adventures, new skills and new memories for Banksia Rovers! Our Unit has members from 1st North Balwyn, 1st Kew, Richmond, 1st Canterbury and beyond.

Among the highlights from our program have been joining the live studio audience of The Project, winning the Melbourne Region bowling competition, escape rooms, sensory deprivation cooking, a photo scavenger hunt on the streets of Richmond, donating blood, and more. To raise funds for our Unit's activities, we participated in the Local Matters campaign at Grill'd in February and hosted a trivia night here at the Gunyah for our community in August. Thank you for all the support we had from Canterbury for that event, and in all that we do.



We held a joint Venturer-Rover camp last November, headed to Surfmoor with hundreds of other Victorian Rovers in January, and enjoyed the sights and tastes of Warrandyte with a camp at Cresco in August. Just last week, we went behind-the-scenes at Parliament House, scarfed up one of our local MPs, and met with the Minister for Youth and others. We can't wait for our next adventures!

Nick Molnar - Unit Chair



Committee Report

The Parent's Committee works behind the scenes at 1st Canterbury looking after a variety of aspects of the group including finances and group assets. We support the leaders of the group and free them up to focus on running fun, exciting and engaging programs for the youth.

Over the past year we have developed systems and processes to help support the efficient running of the group and reviewed hall safety, security and maintenance on an ongoing basis. This included working bees at the hall to check all equipment and update or repair as necessary. We really appreciate and thank all those who gave up some time to help out.

This year saw the 100th anniversary of the 1st Canterbury Scout hall, 'The Gunyah'. The Committee joined with Leaders and youth members to organise a fitting celebration. The day was attended by the local community, scouting dignitaries, families associated with the original construction and politicians and showcased the best scouts and 1st Canterbury has to offer. My thanks to all that were involved in making the day such a great success and raising the profile of the group.

Along with key events and the running of the group, the Parent's Committee has a keen focus on fundraising to support group activities. This year we were successful in a number of grant applications and were able to use funds to purchase much needed new equipment (including tents and packs, which have already been put to good use).

As well as grant applications, we also seek to raise funds through a variety of other activities. This includes the Monster Raffle (which runs through to November so there is still time to get tickets <https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/1stcanterbury?q=buy>) and the annual Bunnings BBQ.

I want to thank all those involved in helping raise funds for 1st Canterbury, but in particular would like to thank Jane Ninnis and Dee Capovilla for the enormous efforts they have put in over the year. I would also like to thank Al Troedel for his tireless efforts in making the introduction of the Container Deposit Scheme a huge success for our group. Fundraising efforts are always appreciated and contribute greatly to much needed items for our Scout Group.

One of the key roles of the Parent's Committee is to manage the finances of the group. Jen Quilty does an amazing job as our treasurer, helping to ensure we make the most of our financial assets. You can read Jen's report attached to this document and I am pleased to say that the Group remains in a financially healthy position.

As we reflect on the past year, I would like to thank all the members of the Committee: Jane Ninnis, Jen Quilty, Dee Capovilla, Wendy Selle and Al Troedel for all their hard work in helping to make the Group run smoothly.

Finally, I would like to thank Al Troedel (Group Leader), Wendy Selle (Assistant Group Leader) and all the leaders and parent helpers who make Scouting at 1st Canterbury such a great experience for our kids. They all volunteer an enormous amount of time and the value of their contribution can't be overstated. I have seen a number of other groups and can confidently say we have one of the best group of leaders and parent helpers going around, however we can't take this for granted and are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to help out and continue 1st Canterbury Scout Groups success. Thanks.

Jason Talbot
Chair – Parent's Committee

Financial Report

We finished the financial year ending 30 June 2024 with a deficit of \$747. This can be attributed to a payment made in June for Jamboree for one of our leaders - leader fees for Jamboree are covered by fundraising activities and we will be doing more towards Jamboree fundraising in the next few months. We had a total bank balance of \$29,115 which was \$290 better than the previous year.

Our revenue collected from your membership fees was \$2,000 lower this year, which is our main source of revenue. Our fundraising activities from the Monster Raffle and Bunnings BBQs raised nearly \$4,000 which is double what we raised last year; well done and thank you to Dee and those involved in fundraising. We also received \$1,500 more in Grants and Donations than we did in FY23, so thank you to Jane and those involved in our grants and donations.

Of course, we hosted the 100th Anniversary of the Scout Hall, which saw some one-off expenses as well as revenue and some of the grant revenue mentioned. Thank you to the City of Boroondara and the Balwyn Rotary Club for their grants which supported this event.

Our expenses this year were largely the same as last year, with no major purchases to account.

We acknowledge and thank our Bankers of choice, Canterbury Community Bank who have also provided us with grant monies which will go towards camping equipment.

Thank you again to our Committee members, leaders, and all involved to make Scouts happen. I volunteered to be on the Committee as my way of participating and giving back. As they say - it takes a village to raise a child - and I'm very pleased to be part of this village.

Jen Quilty- Treasurer