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EDITOR'S LETTER

I hope you have all enjoyed a great summer holiday and that you are ready for an action packed and fun filled year ahead. Building on the success of last year is our main goal. I would like to thank Karin for her generous contribution of her time and skill in publishing our "Evelyn Wood" newsletter for all these years. Karin is now saying goodbye to us and someone new is taking over. Me! I am Marit Almenning and I am the new editor of the "Evelyn Wood" newsletter. With the help of Alfons Graaf (assistant chair of the parent's committee) we hope to provide you with the same level of news and service as Karin did.

We do apologise for the delay in getting this first newsletter for 2015 published but we hope to get up to speed with it all throughout the year

Marit Almenning



Special points of interest:

Hopefully you will see our new posters at the "sign in" area at Mt Evelyn scout hall and at Montrose scout hall.

We have included the contact details with photos of the Committee members, this to provide the families and leaders with easy contact details if ever needed.

We believe that it is important that there is easy communication between everyone.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

You must sign in your child when arriving and departing at the hall or make sure he/she is ticked of the list at any event being dropped off at.

A young child was dropped of recently at one of the halls when the event for the night was happening elsewhere and the child was left on its own.

For the children's safety and wellbeing we request that you sign them in and out of the activity. Thank you!

**1ST MT EVELYN
SCOUT GROUP****Carolyn Murphy**
Group Leader

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vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:gl.moutevelyn1st@vicscouts.asn.au)**NEW GROUP LEADER CAROLYN MURPHY**

There's no doubt, Gary and Jodie Park have left big shoes to fill. Entirely dedicated, enormously experienced, and unendingly enthusiastic, they have been stalwarts and figureheads for many years at 1st Mt. Evelyn. For that, our community should be extremely grateful. Their legacy is an active and vibrant community, and I am both humbled and excited to follow in their footsteps and learn from the best.

My primary role as Group Leader is to assist the Section Leaders as much as possible, including updating and managing gear, reviewing budgets and enrolments, supervising the continual training process, assisting with logistics, and generally giving them the backup they deserve whilst voluntarily and skillfully working with our children. In addition, this role involves liaising with the parents' committee about fundraising and social events, and generally acting as the public face of 1st Mt. Evelyn - to that end, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

My background is in teaching, first as a high school teacher and now as an educator for the Gould League. I'm fortunate enough to lead students when they are on excursion, studying Sustainability and the Environment at sites like Toolangi State Forest, Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary, Karkarook and Braeside Parks, and the Gould League's Sustainability centre. I have worked in the theatre industry, have an Arts degree in English and Politics, trained in horticulture, and love reading and quilting - this mixed bag of experiences and interests have all brought me to where I am today.

Kristen, my youngest daughter (turning 11 in April), began Cubs last year at Montrose, and is excitedly in the process of linking to the Bungalook Scouts on Wednesday nights. While I have only limited experience with Girl Scouts when I was growing up, I am a fan of the outdoors, bushwalking (yes, I am an Oxfam Trailwalker), camping, canoeing, learning, and generally the activities and values that Scouting provides. What an opportunity Scouting provides our children!

My husband will tell you that I am a committee tragic, having worked on a committee constantly since I was at Uni. I've filled just about every position possible in my time in students' associations, kinder and playgroup committees, church youth groups and school parents' association, and I'm excited and nervous to face the challenges ahead as Group Leader at Mt. Evelyn Scouts. Please have patience—I will try my absolute hardest to serve this community the best I can.

Yours in Scouting,
Carolyn Murphy

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1ST MT EVELYN
SCOUT GROUP**BIG DAY SCOUT- SUNDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2015**

Thousands of scouts came and joined in the unmissable fun at The Big Day Scout, which was a outstanding Scouting event for the whole family.



The day began by running from Federation Square on a city Wide Game with



a Street Art twist. Then it was over to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl at Noon for a spectacular show to invest our new Chief Scout of Victoria!

It came to an end at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl with all scout meeting up to experience a Showcase of all things Scouting! This included:

- Live Entertainment for the whole family
- Investiture of the new Victorian Chief Scout - Shane Jacobson
- Adventurous Activities for everyone to participate in
- Showcases of our Scouting sections - see what lies ahead in your Scouting journey



The Adventurous Activity display and Sectional showcase with a Mountain Bike Obstacle Course, Scuba Diving Displays in a real tank, Rock Climbing Tower, Bouldering Wall, a fantastic Environmental Display including a Solar Panel House and a Renewable Energy Activity. There was a Rope less Maze, Motorsport, Winter Sport and Aircraft activities, and more!



Activities were for Joeys, Cubs, Scouts Venturers, Rovers, and even adults. The weather was great, perhaps a little warm but every body had a great, **BIG DAY SCOUT!**

1ST MT EVELYN
SCOUT GROUP

“Throughout the years Scouting has become the world’s largest youth organization, with Scouts in hundreds of countries worldwide.”

FOUNDER’S DAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Lord Baden-Powell, was a lieutenant-general in the British Army (1876 until 1910 in India and Africa), writer, founder of the Scout Movement and first Chief Scout of The Boy Scouts Association. In 1907 Robert Baden-Powell ran the first Scout camp at Brown sea Island off the South Coast of England.

Both Baden-Powell and the boys who attended agreed the camp had been successful. This is considered the beginning of Scouting. The following year his book Scouting for Boys was published and proved a great success, being reprinted 10 times in only two years.

Scout Troops sprang up around Britain, and by 1922 a world Scouting organization had been established. Scouting had already spread to Australia, New Zealand and India in 1908.

Throughout the years Scouting has become the world’s largest youth organization, with Scouts in hundreds of countries worldwide. Each Scout becomes a member of a worldwide family spread over many languages and races. Baden-Powell insisted that education should be fun and this idea is the basis of the Scouting movement. His system allows youth members to learn how to improve

themselves and help society, while having fun and making friends.

Scouts have the option of deciding what they want to learn and how fast they learn it, have goals to work towards and obtain recognition for their efforts. As the Scout progresses through the sections they can also develop leadership skills which may help them in the future.

Scouting admitted girls and young women to its Venturer Scout and Rover Scout Sections in 1973 and its Cub Scout and Scout Sections in 1988. The Joey Scout Section commenced on 1 July 1990 and is open to boys and girls.

District Pack Night

Our Cub Scouts celebrated Founders Day with a fun evening of activities with all the Cub Scouts in the district at the Woori Yallock Scout Hall on Wednesday, 24th February 2015.



**1ST MT EVELYN
SCOUT GROUP****THANK YOU NOTE !**

We would like to thank **Iain Fraser** for taking on the mowing at the Montrose Hall.

We would like to thank **Craig Heather** for finishing of the jobs in the showers at Mt Evelyn Hall.

**HALL HIRE AVAILABLE**

Do you have to plan for an event and need lots of space and a functional kitchen then this might be your solution:

- *Mount Evelyn Hall*
- *Montrose Hall*

If you are interested please call

Jo Goodwin (Hall Bookings)

Telephone: 03 97363290

Email: jb1958@ihug.com.au



EVENTS

Jamboree 2016

Jamboree 2016 is coming. This is one of the most amazing activities that scouts can ever do (That's why us leaders spend many, many hours on a bus full of scouts).

We will organise a meeting for parents in the first couple of weeks to explain more about what is involved, however for those that turned 11 before Xmas, if you can make it please try and attend.

The group is also looking at fundraising to help out. Scouts will need to have their Pioneer badge, 10 nights under canvas with 4 of them consecutive.

Can you please ensure that your scout indicates his/her interest as soon as possible, and we will send out the permission forms as soon as we have complete information on the activity.



**The 24th
Australian
Jamboree
will be held at
Cataract Park,
NSW from
January 2nd to 14th,
2016.**



CANOEING

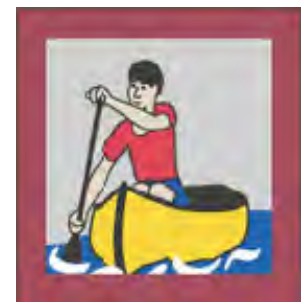
All Victorian Regions Joey's, Cubs and Scout were invited to **Come and Try Canoeing on Sunday 1st March 2015** at Lilydale Lake. The Mt Dandenong Region Water Activities Team was in Control and all Equipment were Provided in a safe Environment.

There were 2 sessions:

Morning Session 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Afternoon session 1:00 pm - 3:00pm

It was a great day for who attended !



WORKING BEE

Maintenance

Working Bee's for Montrose Halls coming up on:

Saturday 9th of May—Montrose Hall

We would appreciate if you could assist on this day. If you for some reason are unable to but can help another time or day you can contact:

Craig Heather -	Electrician and Acting Maintenance Coordinator
Email:	earthwise_electrical@hotmail.com
Mob:	0457 107 881

FUNDRAISING

Titanic/ Trivia Night Saturday, 23 May 2015

Bunning's Sausage Sizzle Sunday, 14 June 2015

It is Important that you know that our club is funded by Fundraising and your help is needed.

We are happy for you to come with suggestion ,ideas and to help in any way if you can.

Lilydale show Saturday and Sunday 21-22 November 2015.

This is compulsory for all families to help out with

If you have any questions or want to help please do not hesitate to contact
Event Co-ordinate/Fundraiser Di Bull on:

E-mail h_bull@bigpond.com

Tel: 03 97250030



PRE-JAMBOREE YEAR

The 2015 "Pre' Jamboree Year"

We are well into February and that means that there is less than 11 months until Scouts and Leaders head off to an exciting adventure full of action and fun for two full weeks.

The dates are:
2 January 2016 - 14 January 2016.

So we need to start our hard work for this to happen.



Things we can do already:

- Register online: head to: www.vicscout.com.au/jamboree to register now
- You all need to do some more camping
- Work on your badges: "Pioneer Badge" has to be completed by December this year
- To find out more about this visit www.vicscout.com.au/scouts

Fundraising is a vital part of this to make it affordable for many families and a committee is being formed any information you can email or call Sandra



JAMBOREE FUNDRAISING

Hi Parents of eligible Jamboree Scouts,

My name is Sandra Rowe and I am on the Committee of the 1st Mt Evelyn Scouts and I have a Scout at Montrose. My son Nicholas had the opportunity to participate at the AJ2013 Jamboree in QLD and had an absolute ball. He will also be eligible to go to AJ2016 before he goes up to Venture's.

He met lots of different people from all over Australia and from other parts of the world. The kids got to do lots of activities both on-site and offsite. Some of the activity themes included:- Splash it, Explore it, Endure It, Clown it, Tag it and climb it.

As well as this there were performances of various artists and theme based things each night.

I would like to form a **Jamboree fundraising committee** for any interested parents so that we can come up with some great fundraising ideas and therefore help to pay for our son or daughter to participate in AJ2016.

Please let me know whether Thursday nights suit people to meet.

You can contact Sandra Rowe on

Email:
sassarowe@outlook.com

or

Mobile:
0404 076 484

JOEYS SECTION: VALINDA MOB

Welcome Joey Scout Mob
Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 years

Life as a Joey Scout is full of discovery and excitement! As a Joey Scout you'll be part of a Mob which is full of energetic kids just like you. You'll have a trained Joey Scout Leader who will look after you and plan fantastic activities for you and your Mob.

As a Joey Scout you'll learn how to share and care while having fun with your friends.

Joey Scouts have a Promise, Joey Scout Law and Joey Scout Theme.

The Joey Scout Promise

*I promise to do my best,
To love my God*



WHAT CAN I DO IN JOEYS?

- play exciting games
- sing songs
- make and fly your own kites
- play musical instruments
- have sleepovers
- tell cool stories
- make inventions like real scientists
- explore the outdoors
- visit local stores on excursions
- make craft

- plant your own garden
- cook yummy treats
- make lots of friends

Joey Scouts are part of Scouts Australia and as such wear a uniform and can earn badges.

Leader Team

Murray Butcher

Paul Johnston

Jason Stringer



CUBS : TALLAWALLA, BARREE PACK AND ATTUNGA PACKS

Welcome to the Cub Scouts Cub is for boys and girls aged between 8-10 years. They generally meet once a week as well as going on weekend activities. See below for some of the cool activities that Cubs get up to.

Camping

We go on fun camps all over the state, including Cuboree, with over 2500 other Cubs.

Games

We play fun games, learn new activities, and make new friends.

Craft

and how could we forget to mention all the exciting craft activities.

Badges

and you get to earn badges for doing it all..

Why wouldn't you get involved?



PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE!!



cubs

*Team Leaders
Cub Scouts:*

*Victoria Henkes,
Di Bull
Chris Derham
Daniel Ammann
Paul Vanderhorst
Jenny Haley
John Parker
Barry Kennedy
Kevin Phillips
Cherie Pynaker*

SCOUT SECTION: BUNGALOOK AND MOOCOOTA TROOPS

What exiting things they teach the scout!

I had my 11 year old son asking me the other day "what's for dinner" then he said well can I cook dinner tonight mum. I said sure, what do you want to cook? He replied: I can cook what I learnt to cook at Scout last night, "Pasta bolognaise". I said sure that would be fantastic.

So he got all the ingredients out and set to work., and it was indeed very nice. I got a night off cooking and he was able to do something he wanted and could do. Win - win for both of us, thanks to Scout activities.

*Team leaders for
the
Scout Sections:*

*Tanya Johnson
Robert Watson
Georgina Bennett
Christine Egan
Paul Tripp*

VENTURER SECTION

Why wouldn't every VCE student want to join Venturers and get their Queen's Scout Award?

AKA My ATAR score and my Queens Scout Award

Check the announcements made by the Chief Commissioner at the Presentation Night on 28 November 2014.

The value of the Venturer Program and the supporting Award Scheme has been recognized by a number of Tertiary Institutions. For those youth members who have gained the Queens Scouts Award, this recognition may mean your Scouting involvement may provide a significant reduction in the ATAR required for many courses at the institutions listed.

You may be credited with up to 20 ATAR points, depending on courses chosen and entry availability.

Currently they are

- · The Early Achievers Program at ACU
- · Portfolio Partnership Program at Victoria University
- · Aspire Program at La Trobe
-

Scouts Victoria

For those Venturers with specific Venturer Award achievements, Certificate II in Business or Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation may be credited to your VASS record under certain circumstances

*Team Leaders
For Venturer
Section:*

*Iain Penman
David Chalkley*



ROVERS SECTION

At Mount Evelyn Rover Crew we finished off the year on a high with our group Christmas gathering which was loads of fun and saw lots of families join us, representing every section of Mount Evelyn Scout Group. We had lots of fun turning our minion into Santa, playing the chocolate game, holding reindeer races and even got a visit from the skinny guy in a red suit!! Thanks to those who stuck around for a lovely picnic dinner and big thank you to Victoria Aitkin for supplying us all with some delicious fairy floss!! The group Christmas gathering was a great success which we hope to grow again for this year!

Towards the end of last year we also had a great joint night at Lilydale Lake on the canoes with Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers all in attendance. It was a great fun night where we invested Justin as a squire into the crew and presented Helen with her remaining badges for her Baden-Powell award! Congratulations to both Rovers and we will let everyone know when her award presentation will take place.

We have kicked off 2015 with a bang

heading to Surfmoort in Anglesea over the Australia Day weekend. It was a great fun camp where we spent the weekend catching up with friends from around Victoria, Australia and overseas, partying with hundreds of Rovers, walking around waterfalls and visiting bells beach!!

This year we have already planned an awesome first term! Coming up we are going on a night hike from Mount Evelyn to Lilydale, going on the hunt for gouaches, constructing gadgets and a swing and Cheyne is going to teach us to get jiggy with our feet and dance as a part of her badge work. We are also going to learn to make our own pasta, hit some golf balls at the driving range, run some joint nights with the Venturers, plan for and run an awesome stunt at Hoadley Hide over Easter and run another bad movie night - Sharknado 2 anyone??

In the lead up to ANZAC day we will visit the Ringwood RSL and

*Team Leaders
For
Rovers Section:*

*Georgina Bennett
Robert (Bob)
Harris*



ROPE BRIDGE FUN

Mt Evelyn Primary School Spring Fair

Mt Evelyn Primary School held their Spring Fair on 25th October. 1st Mt Evelyn Scout Group constructed a Rope Bridge which included craft/games trailer for the event.

Students families from the school enjoyed climbing the rope bridge and utilising the activities on the trailer.

During the day our group had 23 enquiries to join our scout group, some of which have already started their try out period. It was a great day for all!



ADVERTISING

Advertising is available in this Newsletter for a reasonable price.

All you need to do is send an email with request to

marit.almenning@gmail.com

and we will reply with a price for you.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Hall Cleaning Mt Evelyn	Kylie Jessup	

INVOICES

*Shortly invoices will go out for
1st Mount Evelyn Scout 2015*

***If you have any Question regarding fees and payment
you can contact Carolyn Murphy***

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BECOME A LEADER IN SCOUTING

There are many roles for adults in Scouts Australia. You may become a Leader of a Joey Mob, Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop or Venturer Scout Unit, which involves varying degrees of program planning and weekly meetings.

You may have a certain interest in adventurous activities such as abseiling or water activities and become an Activity Leader.

As you progress through Scouting, you can also become involved in training and leading adults.

Leaders of Joey Scout Mobs, Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops and Venturer Scout Units need to allocate one night a week for the group meeting during school term time. You will also need to attend group activities (e.g. hikes or camping trips) on a few weekends a year.

Also attendance at a monthly meeting of Leaders is required.

Leaders are given training and support by other Leaders from Scouts Australia, and are given resources of program ideas. There is training in all aspects of youth leadership, program planning, safety and other requirements.



BENEFITS

The benefits of becoming a volunteer Leader are limitless.

Scouting is dynamic and fun. As a Leader you will help to provide self development to young people through a variety of challenging, adventurous, achievement-oriented, teamwork and leadership-based experiences.

Scouting provides adults with an opportunity to lead and gain satisfaction working with young people and other adults; to make a direct positive impact on your local community and on the lives of young people.

Benefits of becoming a Leader include:

- Make new friends
- Stay fit and healthy
- Gain self confidence
- Travel nationally and internationally
- Learn new skills such as abseiling, canoeing, flying and gliding
- Earn proficiency badges
- Undertake leadership and development training
- Attend state wide training workshops

You can call

(1800 726 887 FREE)

about becoming a Leader.

<http://www.VicScouts.com.au>

**Become a
Leader this
Year!**



POSITIONS VACANT

Maintenance Co-ordinator

An Opportunity exists for someone to assist with:

- Co-ordinating upgrades to equipment
- Project manage working bees
- Liaising with external authorities, e.g. Regulatory inspections
- Enjoy interacting with other parents and leaders and members of the committee

More Information available from Craig Heather 0457 107 881
On the job training Provided

This is an opportunity to develop skill in Management and team work whilst providing valuable contribution to the community

LEADERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought of becoming a
Leader or group Leader?
Maybe this is for you!!!

You could:

- Have fun with your youth
- Make lots of friends
- go on camps
- Learn survival, skills like teamwork, and management skills which are useful for other jobs
- Make a positive contribution to our youth and community

Full Training Provided

So why not have a go?

You can sign up by yourself, with someone or if you know someone who would welcome having another interest in life, ask them to consider being a Leader or Group Leader

For More Information contact:

Carolyn Murphy on Mobile 0425 772 623

Or you can talk to your child's section Leader

