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1st MT EVELYN SCOUT GROUP

Annual Report 2014/15

and

Presentation Evening 24th August 2015

Congratulations to Mt. Evelyn Scout Group for qualifying for
the Group Quality Scouting Award for 2015



Group Achieved Victorian Quality Scouting Award:
2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2015

**1st Mount Evelyn Scout Group
Annual Report and Group Presentation**

Monday 24th August 2015 at 7.00pm

Agenda

1. Opening – Colour party and flag break
2. Welcome
3. Awards Introduction
4. Group Youth Awards
5. Grey Wolf and BP award winners' talk
6. Adult Awards
7. Leader Farewells
8. AGM Report and Formalities
9. Group Leader's Report
10. Commissioner's Comments
11. VIP's Comments
12. Wood Beads presentation
13. Queen's Scout presentation
14. Closing--flag down and prayer
15. Supper

Group Leader's Report

What an amazing year it has been at 1st Mt Evelyn Scouts!

We have been blessed to continue to offer programmes to over 140 incredible youth across the Mt. Evelyn and Montrose communities. Proudly, we have earned the Group Quality Scouting award for great retention of participants, and a number of our youth have put in the time and effort to earn the top award in their sections: not many Groups have the privilege to boast they have 1 Baden Powell, 1 Queen Scout, 2 Grey Wolf and 3 Joey Scout Promise Challenge awards in one year.

As you read through the reports for each section, you will see that our youth have had the opportunity to: canoe, hike, swim, camp, rock climb, mudbash, explore the city, attend Cuboree, build billy carts, visit a funeral home, pay tribute to the ANZACs, go caving, cook, build, waterski, go to the snow, dress up, be silly, and most importantly, make great friends and memories. Amazing fun has been offered to all, facilitated by leaders that are energetic, dedicated, enthusiastic and experienced. Please make sure you thank these tireless volunteers for their time and effort, and perhaps consider joining in the fun by accepting a leadership position yourself. You won't regret it!

This remarkable community would not be what it is without the continued support of the General Committee, who this year assisted in fundraising, operations, basic maintenance and planning for upcoming major building repairs and refurbishment. I encourage all parents to cheerfully 'do their bit' by attending working bees and fundraising events and by joining the committee—remember, every hour you help makes the Mt Evelyn Scouts a better organization and as they say, many hands make light work.

Lastly, as very new to the Group Leader role, I would like to thank the Leaders, Committee and in particular Jodie and Gary Park for their unending guidance and patience as I get my head around this position. Already I have made some incredible new friends and have met inspirational youth and leaders—who all make this experience worthwhile. It has vindicated my decision to enrol my daughter into Cubs last year, and now makes me want to tell the world just how amazing Scouting is.

Prepare for Adventure, Prepare for Life!

Yours in Scouting;

Carolyn Murphy (Caz, Possum)



Bungalook Scout Troop Report

The past 12 months has been a great year, full of fun activities, lots of camps and many hard earned badges. We would like to thank the scouts and parents very much for their support during this time.

As well as many fun troop nights and cool camps, we supported several community groups, including Tree Planting, Clean up Australia Day, McHappy Day and the Mt Evelyn PS Fete. We also visited other community organisations including the CFA and RSL.

As a troop we have taken part in Scouts in Action week, which allowed us to discuss with the scouts "bullying" and its consequences, and Scout Environment Activities, where we had a guest speaker from Swinburne University.

We had Fantastic Footy night (compete with party pies of course), Mythbusters night (apparently "blowing" stuff up would have been a more accurate title), a joint night at Lilydale Lake with the Mt Evelyn Venturers and the Mooroolbark Scouts and Venturers with canoeing activities and finished up 2014 with Santa Survival night and then Rock climbing.

Other troop night activities has seen a Gadget construction night, a Cooking night trying out new recipes for camps, Navigation around Chirnside Park and Water safety at Kilsyth Pool, Fun & Fitness and Jambowtree. We also had an Anzac themed night and then some First Aid (the bandaging for snake bite needs a little practice), Box Car rally night, a Science night, an International cooking night and our usual Leaders Surprise nights. Many of these nights were aimed at helping scouts to qualify for Jamboree in 2016.

Our weekend activities in the past year have been numerous, varied and very well supported by youth members. These include

- Tree Planting at Hedwig Reserve
- The Fantastic Race
- Patrol camp at Murrindindi
- Cohen Shield at GWS Anderson (where our new scouts came home with a Bronze award)
- Joti/Jota at Gilwell Park
- Canoe Proficiency Camp at Narrawong, where we had 5 of our scouts now able to use a canoe as part of their journeys, as well as take other scouts out into the water
- Combined Cub and Scout camp at Murrindindi for linking cubs, (where we had several cubs manage to earn their link badge at the camp. Congratulations!)
- a Patrol camp in March at Wishart Lodge
- Pioneer Hike along the Warburton Trail that coincided with Jamboree on the Trail
- Leadership Course at Pax Hill

- Stradbroke Cup over the Easter break. We were very proud of our scouts as none of them had participated in a Competition camp (or a 4 night camp) before and both the “Teenage Mutant Ninja Swans” and the “Wonderful Flizards of Oz” patrols came home with Silver pennants. Congratulations to all of the scouts
- Anzac Eve sleep over and then off (nice and early) to the Dawn service at Mt Evelyn
- Explorer Journey at Murrindindi
- In Tents Camp for scouts and linking cubs at Wishart Lodge at Lilydale

We have also had some great achievements this year, with most new scouts earning their Scoutcraft badge in 6 – 8 weeks and also we have had 4 Pioneer Cords achieved and 1 Pioneer Badge. We have also had 1 Explorer cord awarded. The skill level of the troop is certainly going ahead in leaps and bounds. We also have some of our 10 ½ cubs looking at linking to Scouts.

Regards Rob Watson (SL), Tanya Johnson (ASL), Georgina Bennet (ASL) and Christine Egan (CASL)

Moocootta Scout Troop Report

During the year the Moocootta Troop have had some Cubs link to scouts, four scouts moved into Venturers, or other activities and some new scouts started with the troop.

The scouts have achieved different levels of achievement, from Scoutcraft, Pioneer and Explorer levels and some of them working on their Adventure Level. To achieve these awards the scouts have been doing cooking nights, for both hikes and standing camps, tent erection including dining flies for camps, knots, fire safety, community work, camps, first aid and more.

Over the year the scouts have participated in a number of camps, community service activities and a night hike. They competed in a camp Cohen Shield competition where the Patrols received Gold and Silver awards, well done to all! On the same weekend they had a great time in the billy carts made by the scouts with downhill, slalom, and cross-country. All were very tired but enjoyed a great time.

The annual Queens Birthday camp was off to Bendigo this year where the scouts went through the Gold Mine, Chinese Museum and a fun stop at the cinema to see a movie. It was a fun packed four days. Community service has been another big part of our troop with helping at Lilydale Show, Salvation Army Red Shield and attending the Dawn Service at Lilydale for the centenary of ANZAC Day.

One patrol did a bike hike from Alexandria to Tarwool along the old rail line, this was for Alice’s Explorer level hike. The weekend was mostly fine, except for the weather near the start with a huge downpour of rain. The support bike had a few issues, a tire blow out, puncture, broken pedal, not to mention probably sore legs. All achieved the distance and received the award of signing their books that they had completed the hike.

During the year we presented Scoutcraft badges, Pioneer badges and Cords, Explorer badges and Cord and with some Scouts working hard to achieve their Adventure Level.

Barree Cub Pack Report

Barree Cubs have been having a heap of fun this year. There have been the events like 'big day out' and Founder's Day. There was a mystery trip to Point Cook air base too.

One big highlight was the Silvan to Wishers Lodge Camp we had with the Yarra Junction Cubs. Heaps of hiking, "Jungle Book stories, hiking, rope tying, hiking, learning about Mt Evelyn secrets, hiking, some great science experiments and yep, you guessed it, more "hiking!!!

Badge day was a great success with a strong turn out and lots of fun. We've also had an exciting time with laser tag and bowling. The cubs looked at how our ears work. And how the resources of the world can work, if we look after them properly!

We've had a new leader, Baloo (David Campbell) join us and enjoy all the fun. There are lots of new faces and a heaps of new things still to do.

Valinda Joey Mob Report

This year marks 25 years since Joey scouts were recognised as a section of the scout movement.

Valinda Joeys started the year with "The Big Day Scout" which included a tour of the city and a celebration at the Sidney Myer music bowl.

We have been on a hike to Wandin. We even had a campfire and cooked damper sticks and marshmallows (yummy)

The Joeys went to the snow recently and threw snow balls, rode toboggans and made snow men. The rangers lit a fire and we shared marshmallows with other visitors to the mountain.

Coming up early next year is Kangaroo 4, a weekend jamboree for Joey scouts in Warragul.

Thanks from, Murray/Kiwi

Tallawalla Cub Pack Report

Our cub pack has had an exciting commencement of 7 “New Chums” (new cubs to our pack). We love to teach our scouting ways and provide an opportunity for our sixers and seconds to be leaders and teach and guide our new chums.

The older cubs have undertaken a district run leadership camp this month at Clifford Park Scout Centre which provides an opportunity over the weekend to hone their skills and learn ways to help their cub six operate smoothly.

We had a special night at Bunning’s where our cub pack built a billy cart that we get to keep. They provided some fun activities to keep us busy.

Of course we will be celebrating Father’s Day, early in September, by having plenty of fun with dads or special males playing some tough games and building something special to give as a gift.

Underpinning our activities this term has been “The Jungle Book” and jungle themed games, stories and activities.

The four leaders at Tallawalla have been busy designing and implementing our meetings on Tuesday nights. They come each week with ideas and enthusiasm. We also meet with other district leaders at Seeonee on the first Monday of the month to swap ideas for our program and cool places for going on camp.

We are also very pleased to have had a new leader join the Tallawalla Cub pack. Welcome to Melissa Tewksbury (Chill) and thank you for helping to organise the fun activities that make the scouting journey so rewarding for our children.



Group Profile for 2014/15

Joey Scouts – Valinda

JSL Murray Butcher
AJSL Paul Johnston
YH Ryan Craighead
YH Jason Stringer
YH Kit Lindsey

Scouts – Moocoota

SL Paul Tripp
ASL Adrian Luxford
ASL Jillian McCulloch
BAL David Taylor

Cubs – Attunga

CSL John Parker
ACSL Barry Kennedy
ACSL Cherie Pynaker
YH Emma Craighead
YH Erin Hocking

Scouts – Bungalook

SL Rob Watson
ASL Tanya Johnson
ASL Georgina Bennett
ASL Christine Egan
YH Nicholas Aitken

Cubs – Barree

CSL Daniel Ammann
ACSL David Campbell
DCSL Jenny Haley

Venturers

VL David Chalkley
AVL Iain Penman

Cubs – Tallawalla

CSL Victoria Henkes
ACSL Melissa Tewksbury
ACSL Di Bull
ACSL Chris Derham
YH Tristan Skell

Rovers

CL Johannes
Abandowitz-Lee
RA Bob Harris

Group Leader

LIC – Carolyn Murphy

The following additions have been made to our Leadership Team: David Campbell, Melissa Tewksbury, Christine Egan, Johannes Abandowitz-Lee, Carolyn Murphy and Sarah Love (Committee).

The following members have left our Leadership Team: Paul Vanderhorst, Thea Jones, Jodie Park, Kevin Phillips, Joel Brookes, Karin Xuereb (Committee)

State Branch Awards 2014/15

Quality Scouting Award 2015

1st Mt. Evelyn Scout Group, Joey Mob, Baree Cubs, Moocoota Scouts, Venturer Unit and Rover Crew.

Group Youth Retention Rate – 73%

Group Membership Breakdown as at 30th June 2015

<u>Section (Age)</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014 v 2015</u>
Joey's (6-8)	(16 + 11) 27	(8 + 6) 14	(10 + 13) 23	14	-9
Cubs (8-11)	(23 + 18 + 12) 55	(21 + 12 + 14) 47	(8 + 12 + 18) 48	(22+11+19) 52	+4
Scouts (11-15)	(24 +24)	(18 +27)	(10 +20)	(12+20)	+2
Venturers (15-18)	20	15	23	18	-5
Rovers (18-26)	8	5	5	7	+2
Adults	33	25	25	23	-2
Members	188	152	155	144	-11

Adult Leader National Awards 2014/15

Jenny Haley
Gary Park

Silver Wattle
Silver wattle

Adult Leader Service Recognition 2014/15

David Chalkley (20 years)
Iain Penman (10 years)
Tanya Johnson (10 years)

Youth Awards

Helen Mortimer	Baden Powell Award
Gemma Park	Queen's Scout
Ryley Doyle	Grey Wolf
James Love	Grey Wolf
Lucinda Doyle	Joey Scout Promise Award
Rianne Fraser	Joey Scout Promise Award
Mason Pynaker	Joey Scout Promise Award

Community Service Recognition

Phil Doyle Warburton Chalet Committee special service award

Rover Crew Report

We have had a big 12 months at Rovers and listed below are some of the highlights which our members were involved in.

Last year finished on a high with our group Christmas gathering, which was loads of fun and saw lots of families join us, representing every section of the Mount Evelyn Scout Group. We had lots of fun turning our minion into Santa, playing the chocolate game, holding reindeer races and we even got a visit from the skinny guy in a red suit!! 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!

We have kicked off 2015 with a bang heading to Surfmoor 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!!

Other activities we have had in the last twelve months include a night walk from Mount Evelyn to Lilydale, going on the hunt for geocaches, constructing gadgets and a swing and Cheyne taught us to get jiggy with our feet and dance as a part of her physical badge work - and we even got the Venturer leader Dave to learn some new moves! We had a tasty night cooking our own pasta, a night full of laughs watching and mocking Sharknado 2 the sequel and another creating weird and wacky inventions with Lego while watching the Lego movie.

The Rovers had an big week commemorating the centenary of the ANZACs and we met for dinner at the Ringwood RSL where we had a lovely meal and then invested Johannes into the crew. On ANZAC eve some crew members slept over at Mt Evelyn with the Scouts and Venturers before getting up nice and early for the dawn service. After the lovely service and march we all piled into cars and went into the city to assist with the big march in the city. We spent the day assisting veterans out of vehicles, serving tea and sandwiches to the VIPs and directing marchers when they finished. It was a great, wet, serviced filled day.

We spent a night out at the comedy festival giggling away to Wil Anderson. The crew did a badge presentation outside the comedy theatre before meeting Wil Anderson at the stage door for an awesome photo!

We've had an awesome bowling and planning night with some Venturers linking into the crew!

We had a fun weekend away at Mudbash, held a successful Minion movie fundraiser, became artists at a painting night and went as super heroes to the Rover Ball!

We would also like to congratulate Johannes for taking on the roll of Crew Leader and we welcome all the new crew executive!

It has been a fantastic year for all involved in the Rover Crew!

Attunga Cub Pack Report

Leadership team
Cherie Pynaker ACSL,

John Parker CSL,
Emma Craighead RH,

Barry Kennedy ACSL,
Erin Hocking RH.

Attunga Pack has been busy since the last awards night. Our cubs have progressed further through their Boomerang work and have earned many Badges. All our activities were well attended.

Our pack numbers have hovered around 22 members this year .

We have been on several outings, and activities:

2014

October We attended Jota /Joti using computers and we made contact with scouting members all over the world culminating in a sleepover at the hall.

November We joined cubs from our district and visited the Point Cook Air Museum and the Wetlands. All had a great time on the beach.

December for our Christmas break up we joined cubs from our other Mt Evelyn Packs for games and a BBQ

2015

February Our first outing away from the hall was in Big Day Scout starting out at Federation Square on a city Wide Game with a Street Art twist. Then on to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl for some live entertainment and also the investiture of our new Chief Scout Shane Jacobson. It was very hot out in the sun at the "Bowl" as we left after the formalities for the journey home.

Later in February was District Founders Day at Woori Yallock Scout Hall lots of games and activities to celebrate our founders birthday .

April attended the Anzac Day parade at the Mt Evelyn Memorial and after a march at the Scout Hall for breakfast.

June we visited the Yarra Junction pool .and the cubs had a great time in the water where some earned their Swimming Badge.

We had our mums and dads along on our pack nights to join in the games and activities.

1st week in November was our annual Bartungawalla Cup (the great Snail race) James Love earned the highest award in Cub scouts, the Grey Wolf badge.

Fantastic job congratulations James a great achievement.

Kevin Phillips (RAMA) has stood down as a leader to pursue other interests. Thank you for the dedication and service to our cub scout pack over many years, and for being a friend and mentor to our cubs.

We welcomed Erin Hocking as she has joined our leadership team as Rover Helper.

August Some of our cub scouts attended the District Leadership Camp at Clifford Park Scout Camp.

Venturers Unit Report

Venturers over the last 12 months have been participating in an array of activities with scouts from Mt Evelyn, Venturers from other regions, and combined nights with our local and region rover crews.

We have attended state and region run activities. These include Whitehorse Showtime, Victorian Gathering, Anything Goes, water skiing, playzone, side tracked, mini golf, Gang show, and Big Day Scout. Some of these activities the venturers take part in, as members of the cast/team or organising group, while still attending their normal activities with the unit. Three Venturers went to the Australian Venturer in South Australia last January.

Local activities the unit participated in are cross country skiing, hiking, construction nights, archery, mystery ingredient cooking nights, attended the local council, cemetery visit, funeral parlour visit and a Sikh temple visit.

Service activities we assisted with are Cubboree, Lilydale show, Joti, and a camp fire night with the Mt Evelyn community group.

For our fund raising we have attended the Kenda rally at Rubicon, A.A.A Christmas party in November, and our Christmas in July which was a great success. Most of the money raised is used by the Venturers to help pay for camps and Friday night activities.

Congratulations to Gemma on her Queen Scout Award, a big effort while completing her VCE.

We have other Venturers working towards their Queen Scout Award, which is great to see these Venturers taking the challenge.

Six Venturers and two Leaders are looking forward to the New Zealand Venturer in January 2016.

We are sixteen youth strong and looking forward to many more great activities together.

Dave Chalkley

1st Mt Evelyn Venturers

Scout Committee Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would like to commend the leaders for the outstanding programmes they continue to offer our children. With the large youth numbers attending the two scout halls that make up our Mt Evelyn group –the committee is kept working hard on ways to fund and maintain all that is needed to help the leaders deliver a great youth programme.

Our major funding effort is focused on the manning of the gates at the “Lilydale Show” every November. Due to the fantastic help from our parents and scouting friends we have been offered the chance to continue manning the gates for the next few years. This is a huge opportunity for the scout group to secure a sound funding source into the future. Parents and families – Everyone's help is needed Show weekend - in November and rosters will be emailed out soon .

Attendance is compulsory.

Included in the annual report is a copy of the scout group's financial statement put together by our great treasurer Julie Chalkley. Julie does an awesome job managing our books and finances. During the 2014-15 financial year the committee and families fundraised approximately \$9,200, of which \$5000 was from the Lilydale show .

We are all to be congratulated!

With the help of community grants and funding, Bunning BBQ's and other fund-raising events we have continued to carry out improvements and maintenance on both halls. A fantastic effort was made in May at the working bee at Montrose to paint, pave, scrub the floor, mulch the garden and fix leaky toilets. **I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Mt Evelyn hall working bee on Saturday 5th September.**

Thank you to the 2015 committee members who have continued to work tirelessly, some for many years now. You certainly show that the “scouting community spirit” through volunteering is truly alive.

I would like to confirm the following group support committee structure for the coming 12 months. (Back page of report).

We would like to invite any other parents or community members to join us on this friendly committee.

“Many hands make.....”

Also on behalf of the committee I would like to again thank our wonderful leaders for the great programs that they deliver to our kids.

Newton Harvey

Chairman
Mt.Evelyn Scout Committee.

Order of Ceremony for Presentation of Gemma Park's Queen Scout Award

Introduction of Ceremony (Carolyn Murphy)

Queen Scout escorted forward (Gary Park)

Explanation of the Award (Iain Penman)

Citation of Venturing Service (Venturers)

Eulogy (Iain Penman)

Award Charge (Donna Anderson)

Presentation of QS Award (Louise Lang)

Presentation of parent pins (Gemma)

Unveil honour board

Queen Scout response (Gemma)

Former Queen Scout congratulations (Qs in attendance)

Closing Prayer (Zoe Park)

Closing parade/flag



Group Support Committee

Newton Harvey	Chairman
Alfons Graaf	Assistant Chair
Julie Chalkley	Treasurer
Victoria Aitken	Secretary
Dianne Bull	Fundraising / Events Co-ordinator
Lisa Crunden	Registrar
Craig Heather	Maintenance
Jo Goodwin	Hall Hire
Marit Almenning	Newsletter
Sandra Rowe	Assistant Fundraising
Andrea Doyle	Montrose hall cleaner
Kylie Jessup	Mt Evelyn hall cleaner
Jodie Park	General Member
Anna Griffith	General Member

