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We need help!

Shailer Park Scout Group
needs a Treasurer

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Celebrating 30 years



Celebration bonfire — 30 years!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

Parents and Scouts celebrated 30 years of scouting at Shailer Park on the 'Scout versus Wild' Group Camp. Our thanks to parents for coming along to enjoy the camp break-up party. Besides the cake with pyrotechnic candles whirling around on lotus petals, there was a games trail around the Allawah camp site for parents and scouts to enjoy. The whole weekend blazed with activities. The bonfire can be described in one word — Big. It was the perfect setting for everyone to share their acts. With lots to eat, sleepouts in the bunkhouse, scouts own, sock wrestling (just weird),

junk in the trunk (who makes up this stuff?), Ravine rescue (knot hard), Flour catapults (game on), Cooking (slime spread), Tee Pees (wet), Kaa's Firelighting & safety, Cutis's Banquet, Snares (traps) and Piranha walk (ouch) — there's only one word to describe this camp — FANTASTIC!

And who can forget parade on Sunday morning as the Group Leader got a cake in her face! Don't worry as it was part of our farewell to Jenny. She is such a good sport and has moved on to become the big cheese in the district — District Commissioner no less.

Shailer Park Scout Group awarded a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant

A big thank you goes to the hard working committee team members who just secured a whopping \$20,789.40 grant for the purchase of canoes and other important equipment.

On behalf of our youth members and parents, a heart felt congratulations and thanks!

BUNNINGS SPOILS KIDS AND DAD'S ALIKE AT FATHER'S DAY SCOUT NIGHT

Joeys and Cubs Bunnings Scout night

Building toolboxes for Father's Day



Bunnings is a great supporter of Scouts. The Shailer Park Joeys and Cubs Father's Day night was no exception.

All was free on the night including food, drink, too much fairy floss, and many activities. Cubs had faces painted, built toolboxes for Dad's

day, decorated bright yellow hard hats, duelled in the arena, played with the kids (I actually do mean baby goats) and kept returning to the awesome jumping castle.

One brave Bunnings' employee adorned in forest garb, with realistic elfin ears and armed to the teeth,

watched over the somewhat short warrior collective brandishing weapons that would have made Atilla the Hun proud.

Thankfully, the only reality of the weapons was their look. Thank you Sammie and Bunnings Compton Road for a fun night.

MINBALUP MOB — SHAILER PARK JOEY SCOUTS.

We had a great Term 3 at Joeys!

Activity, fun-filled night



Our program saw us focus on various aspects of Scouting, saw us brush up on our Promise and Law, get tangled up with ropes, learn how to tie a reef knot, and do a bit of 'camping'.

We had a fun night of cooking, and didn't even set off the Den's smoke detectors! We invited the Venturers to come along for a night and visited the Cub Pack for a night of fun and friendship.

It was great to see so many past-Joeys amongst the Cubs. And it was great for our Joeys to see the exciting things that lie ahead of them in Scouting.

We had an activity-filled Father's night, a Campfire night with songs and games and finished off the Term with a movie and pizza night.

Our Group Camp also proved a great for our youngest Youth

Members to get to know some of the older Youth members of our Group. When you are 6 or 7, a 16 or 17 yr old can seem very big, and sometimes a bit scary!

Some of our older Joeys came for the whole camp, whilst some of our newer ones just came for the day, but all had fun. A big thank you to Quoll, Boomer and Curlew for their help.

Another big thank you to Wombat (Cael), a Venturer, who has been helping out on Joey nights – good thing the Joeys still have Scorpion (Chris) to chase!

To some, Joey Scouts might seem like just a group of kids running around, playing and having fun — and they'd be right! However, whilst we are doing these fun activities, we are working on participation,

turn-taking, interaction, communication, team-work, and, of course, sharing and caring.

We also include lots of other skills, like hand-eye coordination, gross and fine motor skills, visual and auditory memory, self-control and following directions.

If you ever want to know what's behind all the fun, please ask!

So, what are the Joeys up to this Term? MMMMMMMMMMMMMM !

That's right – we are having a "M" theme, with Monsters, Masterchef, Mystery, Music, Melbourne Cup and Movie nights, and more!

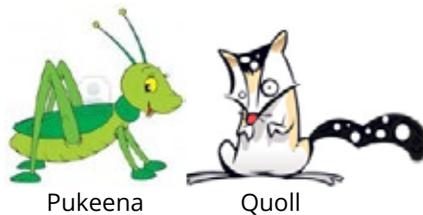
Madness and Mayhem with the Minbalup Mob — Marvellous!

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THERE HAVE BEEN MANY EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CUB PACK THIS TERM.

We welcomed two new leaders— Pukeena and Quoll. Yes this is the same Quoll who was in Joeys

(I secretly think he knows how much fun the Cubs are and has decided to join the wolf pack...)



Pukeena

Quoll

ADVENTURE ALERT 16th-17th November

In term 4 Cub Section is going on a camp to BP Park - Abseiling the high wall, Canoeing, Swimming, three wheel Karts, T-shirt screen printing are some of the activities planned so far. Have I got your interest now! Qualified Scout Outdoor Activity experts will be provided for these events. Your leaders will contact you soon to see if you accept this mission.



We said goodbye to two of our model sixers – Jad and Sam who continue their journey into Scouts.

Welcome to new Cubs: Ashton, Kaitlyn, Kaden, Kobi and Cooper (I wanted to spell Cooper with a 'K'. As you can see the Cub Pack is running strong with 4 full sixers and a waiting list.

Term 3 saw the competitive athletes in our cubs come out with the introduction of the 'Cub Pack Olympics' perpetual trophy which is now destined to occur every term. We also triggered the mad scientist in us all with Possum leading weeks of Scientific Discovery and astonishing experiments.

We had two camping/sleeping activities – the Group Camp and our traditional Den Sleepover where the highlight was.... walking on the top of rolling 44 gallon drums – many future log rolling champs came out.

For Fathers Day we organised an outing to Bunnings where the Cubs displayed their woodworking skills alongside their Dads and Mums.

Term 4 will humming and action packed with a full complement of Cubs and Leaders. The pack has been saving hard and is in for an amazing Xmas treat towards the end of term. You are simply going to have to trust me on how awesome this will be...

I would sincerely like to thank all the parents who regularly help out and donate items that greatly assist the leaders in coming up with innovative programs, it is most appreciated.

Good hunting pack,



Keneu
The Great War Eagle



Rikki (Tikki – Tavi)
Mongoose



Rama
Buffalo



Possum



LEADERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ENJOY A LAZY SUNDAY BRUNCH

Leaders and Committee breakfast Sunday, 15th September

What an unexpected surprise we had at this breakfast. A wonderful venue for a Leaders and committee get-together; Daisy Hill forest, and still plenty of day left by the time we'd finished!

Jabiru was on the spot early and well organised when the rest of us arrived. Sitting with his newspaper out among the tall shady eucalypts on a beautiful day with songs from

spirited birds, and sizzling from the hotplate on the wood fire BBQ. Hidden among the trees other groups had also found unobtrusive picnic spots in this popular bushscape.

Conversation had a good spread punctuated by bursts of scouting. 'Be Prepared'. If you asked for anything, everyone seemed to reach out with one from their picnic kits.

The biggest bonanza off the day was the coffee machine (yep, you heard right!) brought along by the Venturer leaders. This camping coffee machine would not be out of place on the lawns of a palace. Good food, good people, good conversation, good spot and of course superlative coffee. I'm sure the next one will be a humdinger too.



SHOW US THE MONEY!

Shailer Park Scout Group needs a Treasurer

Hi Parents

Shailer Park Scout Group needs your help. The past year I have been performing the Group Committee Treasurer's role as well as the Group Leader's role.

As you would be aware, Bob has taken on the role as Group Leader and I have moved into the District Commissioner role. I told Bob that I would continue looking after the treasurer's role until the end of the Scout year while he looks for someone.

We are drawing close to the end of the year and have yet found my replacement.

Come on parents, there must be one of you out there that can stand up and be willing to become the treasurer.

Before you say you don't know how neither did I and I soon got the hang of it!

To summarize the Treasurer's role

The great news is that Section Leaders look after their own section bank account so you don't worry about them. The committee treasurer only does the committee financial books. You send out the bills and make sure the bills are paid. A lot these days, these things are done through Internet.

Of course, I won't abandon you. I'll teach you the ropes and always be a phone call away for advice and to lend a hand.

For further information talk to Bob or you can call me.

So why can't Bob just do it?

Before you ask "why doesn't Bob do it" it's important to remember that he, like all of us, does have a full time job. And as you can imagine, there is a lot of things in a Group Leader's role that even the Leaders don't see and for me we have six groups in Logan, four of which have new Group Leaders which keep me hoping. (Yes, I have a real job too).

We really need a parent to step up to help keep our den running smoothly and youth members having fun.

Moreover, being part of the team can be very rewarding.

Your in Scouting

Jenny "Matkah"
District Commissioner Logan

Emu Patrol conquers Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk

The days were hot. The nights cool and the track gruelling – but the troops loved every second of it!

Superb planning by Katie for her green hike and great teamwork saw Emu Patrol conquer the 30km plus track with no mishaps (well not too many!) and plenty of stories to share back home.

Well done Scouts!



HAMPER DONATIONS NEEDED!

Calling donations for our Christmas fundraiser

Yep, it's that time of year again – the lead up to Christmas.

This year we will be selling raffle tickets for some great Christmas hampers to be drawn at our group breakup party.

We need donations for the prize hampers. Hamper ideas include unwanted gifts, festive items, wine and beer, festive food, toys, homewares ... basically anything that you think would make a great Christmas stuffer. Please check perishable items to make sure they will still be in-date next year.

A collection box will be set up near the sign-in table to collect your donations.

All donations must be made by Friday, December 6.

Fundraising tickets will be sent home soon

Tickets for our Christmas fundraiser will sell for \$1 a ticket or \$5 for six tickets.

A book of 30 tickets will be sent home with the oldest child. Families are encouraged to sell \$20 worth of tickets to help with our fundraising efforts.

Please place tickets and money in the collection box near the door in the scout den with your family name clearly marked.

Ask your leader if you need more tickets to sell.

Please remember this contributes towards our compulsory fundraising efforts!

Den Christmas Party: All Invited!

This year we will be holding the Shailer Park Group Christmas breakup on Friday, December 13.

Please join us for a night of nibbles, sausages, sweets, prizes and fun.

When: Friday, December 13

Time: 6pm (6.30pm sausage sizzle)

Where: Shailer Park Den

Prizes will be drawn on the night

What to Bring

Joey's: Bottle of soft drink or juice

Cubs: Nibbles (chips, dips, lollies etc)

Scouts: Desserts and sweet things

Venturers: Cook and clean up



DEN CLEANING. SWEEP, SCRUB & SPARKLE

Den Cleaning Report and Roster

Welcome back to another term of Scouting! Once again, our leaders have devised programmes for our kids that are full of opportunities to learn and develop, but most importantly to have fun.

In order for everyone to be able to get the most out of this, we owe it to the kids and the leaders to make sure the den is kept clean and tidy.

With this in mind, I would like to put forward a HUGE vote of thanks to all of you – pretty much everyone has been turning up when they are rostered and doing their bit to help. This is wonderful to see! Unfortunately though, I do have an

apology I need to offer. Because our group has been slowly shrinking, I have had to return to the top of the list of families again (generally speaking I go through the list alphabetically).

A few families have therefore been rostered again this term even though they have been on the roster already in 1st or 2nd term this year.

Please be assured however that with this in mind, when next year's roster is being written, we will start where we left off this term. Hopefully as the group grows again we will get back to only needing to roster each family once a year.

Please have a check to see if your family is on the roster this term.

Call the family you are rostered with and arrange a time to meet at the den (if you cannot both come at the same time, perhaps agree who will do what and arrive separately.) The key is available to be collected from me. I am at the den Wednesdays and Fridays, or you can collect it from my house, just call on **0411 838 100**.

I hope you all have a wonderful final term of 2013.

Hanette Young
Den cleaning Coordinator

Den Cleaning Roster Term 4

Den key is available for collection from Hanette Young **0411 838 100**

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23rd / 24th Nov	Scouts	Chenhall	Tracey & Ben	38084619 0432455578
	Venturers	Thompson	Krystan & Arthur	34270301 0402333600
30th Nov / 1st Dec	Cubs	Adams	Kelly & Matthew	33886610 0414327243
	Scouts	Back	Nicola & Jonathan	38062502 0421757998
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