

THE DEN RAG

Shailer Park Scout Group | Quarterly Newsletter February 2014

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Farewell Keneu (Vlad Dugandzic)

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Dear Parents and all of my little Cubs

I announced on opening parade recently that I am stepping down as Cub Scout Leader. Work, family and general life commitments have led to this decision. 'Rikki' (aka Andrena) will be taking over as the new Cub Scout Leader.

Everyone knows Rikki, and her experience, dedication and love "of the Scouting way is vast and absolute. Her e-mail is rikki@scouts4fun.com

so please send future e-mails direct to Rikki. Now, I really need to thank some people so please bear with me. I sincerely want to thank all the parents for entrusting your fabulous kids to me, and the cub leaders, over the last few years. I particularly want to thank all the other leaders for their support, expertise and commitment to the Cubs.

You are all extremely knowledgeable Scouts and made up for my (many) limitations.

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New Year. New Start. New Committee Members Needed!

Shailer Park Scout Group needs your help. We need a treasurer, secretary and a fundraising coordinator. The committee meets only once a month for 90 minutes. We can't operate without a committee. We are all volunteers and many hands make light work. Come on, get involved and help your kids to make scouting fun!





A special thanks to Rama who was there from the start (and a long time before).

Thanks also to current Group Leader Bob (Jabiru) but a special thanks to previous Group Leader, young Jenny (Matkah) who convinced me to become a leader.

Most importantly, thank you to all of the Cubs! Becoming a leader was all about you, and it gave me the opportunity to spend time with my son Jack in this inspiring movement.

You have all made me laugh on so many occasions and on others you have had to deal with the 'Wrath of Keneu...' It has been personally rewarding watching you grow with confidence, have fun and learn lots of new Scouting skills which will hopefully be a chapter for you in a long journey of Scouting,

which is an education for life! There is so much work that goes behind the scenes and I would only ask parents to remember that all the leaders are volunteers and I ask you to support Rikki and the other leaders as they strive to make Cub Scouts an adventurous and educational journey for your kids whilst ensuring their safety.

To that end, I encourage you to take the step, as I have done, to "make time" for your kids and become a leader.

It is a truly enriching experience for a parent and certainly a meaningful memory for your child for the rest of their lives.

I will be coming to Cubs as often as work commitments permit as an Assistant in first term 2014 and then resigning completely at the end of

term 1, coinciding with Jack finishing his time in the Cub pack.

Once again thank you all and of course... GOOD HUNTING PACK!

Sincerely Keneu



Keneu
The Great War Eagle



Rikki (Tikki - Tavi)
Mongoose



Rama
Buffalo



Possum



Pukeena



Quoll

SHAILER PARK CUB SCOUTS LEFT 2013 WITH A SPLOOSH...

Water bombs and Wild Wet Slippery Slides awaited Cubs ending 2013 at Shailer Park Den.



Good Hunting Pack
.... Quoll

YOUTH MEMBERS Numbers on the rise

It's been a busy start to the year as we welcome new members. Our current section numbers are:

Joeys:	9
Cubs:	22
Scout:	14
Venturers:	8



With all the enthusiastic loops and whoops back to the end of the queue, the ground brought up its own fun in the form of mud puddles – sploosh, splash, mud. What could top that – wait for it – a fire hose, a water bomb factory, more games involving chucking water here, there, everywhere and coming down the slide at a million kilometres and hour. What a day that was....but wait...oh no...Keneu turned into an Icecream Sunday. While Keneu was tied to a chair, which happens on activities (remember group camp), some one or dozen poured custard, coloured popcorn, and a big banana over him.

Youth Activities Camp mid November; what'd you think of that! Abseiling, kart racing, swim swim, water rockets, pancakes on hobo

stoves, camping, campfire, mad soccer and did you come away with a killer screen printed T shirt.

2014 has only just begun...

Already Cubs have had some high achievers (1 Gold/1 Bronze boomerang in two weeks, Back to Back boomerangs [psst! get it ha ha! Harrison/Ashton]) with more expected. Now let's look in the crystal ball of Fun stuff and see what's most amazing in the near Cub future.

Founder's Day (22nd Feb) – a big birthday party for BP was had with cake, games, breakfast, games, softdrinks, games and an early finish.

Orienteering is a big word for being able to find your way there and back without chucking a wobbly. Sounds useful; so how do these

cunning leaders make this interesting as well. Well that is what leaders do best.

Tell your Cub Scout friends to Slip Slop Slap and see you at **Karingal Campsite Mt Cotton in March.**

Hey Cub Scouts – check out the Scout Section; Cubs get to do a bit Scout Section stuff Friday 28th March – woohoo! The scouts will be planning something, some of these guys you knew as Cubs last year.

Besides the usual games and boomerangs, there's the upcoming **Bowling night, ANZAC day and the BIG ONE – District Cub Scout Camp.** Mum and Dad get it easy with a Bus taking us off to Noosaville :) and back :(.

Beach on flat water, where we're canoeing and much more.

Emu Patrol takes to Kenilworth for their Xmas break up

No *annoying* leaders to bug us (well just a couple of equally annoying parents). Eat when we want to. Do what we want to. And just chill when we want to. What could be better? Nothing! And that's exactly what Emu Scout Patrol did at their 2013 Christmas camp break-up at Kenilworth Homestead in the Sunshine Coast. They even found some time to do some badgework.



THE JABIRU REPORT!

Group Leader Jabiru (Bob Riek)

Welcome back. I hope you all had a good break. I wish to welcome the new families who started this year. I have been swamped with new membership inquiries and have been able place members into sections where possible. I am pleased to be able to take in more Joeys, Cubs and Scouts. I have children on the waiting list which I will contact in the near future. There have been changes to the leader in some sections as outlined below.

Joeys

Meg (Bindar) has taken 6 months' leave. Carol (Platypus) has taken over for this time. Colin (Baloo) and Donna (Tawny) have joined as a husband and wife team. Judy (Kookaburra) has joined us from WA.

Cubs

Vlad (Kenue) has stood down as the Cub Leader and will be leaving after 1st term. Andrena (Rikki) has taken over the role of Cub Leader.

Charlie (Snoopy) has transferred in from Western Australia and will joining as a non-uniformed helper.

Scouts

David (Hawkeye) is moving to District. Iain (Rama) will be moving from Cubs to help out Scouts.

Fundraising

The Christmas raffle was a success. Thanks to all the people who donated, wrapped and sold tickets. **Total raised \$735.**

Upcoming Major Events

Founder's Day 23rd February at Marsden Den 7:30am.

ANZAC Day Springwood (Venturers in town).

Bunnings BBQ March 2 (by now you'll have received an email asking for volunteers).

Regional Family Camp June long weekend. More details to be advised.

District Camp Karingal Oct 24-26.

Committee: Help Needed!

I have just accepted the resignation of Julianne my Secretary. I wish to thank Jules for the time and effort she has put in as Secretary good luck in the future. We have position vacants for the Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Coordinator.

The Scout group will not function properly without these positions as the Group Leader cannot cover these while running the Group. The Committee meets 2nd Monday 7:30pm in the Rover shed at the Den.

MINBALUP MOB — SHAILER PARK JOEY SCOUTS.

Lots of fun planned for Joeys Term One!

Activity, fun-filled nights



Well, another year has started and the Joeys are back having fun travelling around the world each Tuesday night!

Our program this term is 'Around the World'. We have stamped our passports and packed our bags and are travelling to different countries each week. Our itinerary includes USA, Canada, Mexico, Africa, Egypt, Italy, Norway and China. We have already made an Indian headdress and been bear hunting in the USA and this week we will be celebrating BP's adventures in Africa.

Amongst other things, we plan to do will be making pancakes with maple syrup in Canada, toilet paper mummies in Egypt, Roman sword fights in Italy, Viking longship racing in Norway, a Mexican adventure and

of course a great meal out at the Chinese restaurant for our China visit. We are also having a sleep-over at the den towards the end of this term.

We presently have 10 Joeys and 6 Leaders in our Joey Mob with 2 others linking to Cubs at the moment. Colin (Baloo) and Donna (Tawny) joined our Joey Scout Mob late last year with their son, Gaius. Bindar (Meg) has taken leave for approximately 6 months and we have had a new leader, Kookaburra (Judy) and her daughter, Lilly join us this year from Western Australia. So we have had a lot going on in Joeys lately.

We have a number of the Joeys going up to Cubs soon, so we need anyone who knows of any children of Joey age (6 - 8 year olds) to let them and their parents know that Joeys are a

great experience that they can enjoy, so come along and join us and have some great fun.

Of course, I would like to thank the new Leaders for joining us and wish them a long and happy association with the Shailer Park Scouting family.

Thank you to Bindar for her great efforts in 2013, as well as our other Leaders, Paul (Boomer) and Helen (Curlew) for their great help and support. It is very much appreciated.

Many thanks also go to our Joey parents. The leaders strive to give your children the great experience of Scouting, for them to not only have fun but to enjoy learning new things in their Scouting journey through Joeys. *Platypus*



KEEPING UP WITH THE VENTURERS!

The Venturers Report

2013 was a pretty great year for the Venturers we did some amazing activities, some of the favourites being the Rifle shooting at Belmont Rifle Range and going to the Noosa Venture. Even though it was a very rainy weekend, we still managed to have a great time.

But that's nothing compared to what this year holds, camps, movies, and even some of us are travelling all the way to France with the leaders.

Starting this year straight in with art nights, music nights, even a night out to Marsden scout den. With everyone looking forward to a great weekend on Stradie for the Venturers District camp in March, then the following weekend we're all off to Wivenhoe dam for Operation Archer.

Our final activity for the term being what should be a fun night out for Gecko, with a formal birthday dinner planned.

Also we are looking forward to welcoming Katie and Jayden from scouts as they start to link in with the Venturers.

On top of our very busy schedule we have fundraising for our France trip in September; the first of these will be a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in early February.

Any suggestions for fundraising would be very well appreciated.

More about France... to follow in the next den rag.

THE VENTURERS TEAM

Week	Activity
1	Planning/ Programing Night
2	DVC: Marsden Scout Den
2/3	France Trip Fundraiser BBQ Bunnings
3	Space Art Night
4	Music Video Night Part 1
4/5	Founders Day: Marsden Scout Den Music Video Night Part 2
6	Organise District Venturer Camp Stuff
6/7	District Venture Camp (Stradie)
7/8	Operation Archer: Wivenhoe Dam
10	Gecko Formal Birthday Dinner
11	EJ Fun Break Up Night

DEN CLEANING REPORT

Hello Scouting families, and welcome back to another exciting year with Shailer Park Scouts!

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break, and are ready to jump right back into the wonderful programs that the leaders have planned for our kids this year.

With everything that the leaders do to support our kids and help them grow and develop, it is worth remembering that there are many things we as parents can do to help as well. This starts with the cleaning roster! Each week two families are rostered on to give the den a good clean. It isn't a large task or even a particularly difficult one (in fact 2 adults working together can easily get it done in under an hour), but it is

a very important task, as we all have the basic expectation that our kids will have hygienic toilet and kitchen facilities to use, and a clean floor to sit on. This means working together and getting the job done.

Generally speaking, each family will only be rostered once (or at most twice) each year, and because of the importance of this task, it is expected that each family does participate in the cleaning roster. (I should note here that if you would like to opt out of this roster, there is a cleaning levy you can pay instead). If you find your name on the roster on a date that you know you are unable to attend, please call other families on the roster to try to swap weeks. It is recommended that you do this as

early in the in the term as possible. Another option to keep in mind is that although the dates on the roster are the Saturday and Sunday of each week, the den is also available for cleaning during the day on week days. Unfortunately though, due to other den usage and the need for leaders to set up for section meetings, the den is not available after 4pm on weekdays.

We all have so much to fit into our days and weeks, but I'm sure we can all find all find that hour or so to show our kids that we value their scouting experience.

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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	Scouts (Lucas Adams)	Adams	Kelly / Matthew 0414 327 243 3388 6610
15th / 16th March	Scouts (Aiden Dickson)	Dickson	Kennith 3806 0198
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22nd / 23rd March	Cubs (Cooper Ayson)	Ayson	Tammy / Mark 0408 930 055 3891 4882
	Cubs (Ashton Burns-Whineray)	Burns / Whineray	Carolyn / Garry 0419 390 614 3133 3123
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Vacancies Open: Parents Urgently Needed!

Treasurer
Fundraising Coordinator
Secretary

The Den can't operate without a committee.
Please call Bob if you can help.

**New members are always
welcome at Shailer Park.**

Call Bob on 0429 322 988 or send an
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and we will contact you.