



4th BRUNSWICK GROUP BOY SCOUTS

"Scout Link"

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Norman Anderson, 1a Baffe Crescent, West Brunswick.

GROUP PERSONNEL:

G.S.M.—Mr. Dennis Rathbone, 12 Ward Grove, Pascoe Vale South.

L.C.M.—Miss Lois Parry, 290 Albion St., West Brunswick.

A.L.C.M.—Miss Estelle Cooper, 242 Bell Street, Coburg.

A.S.M.—Mr. Albert Allen, 8 Cadman St., West Brunswick.

Rover Leader—Mr. Albert Blair, 11 McKeon Avenue, West Brunswick.

Cub Pack meets Friday, 7.30 p.m.

Troop meets Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Scouts meet Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Rover Crew meets Friday, 8 p.m.

PARENTS' COMMITTEE:

President: Mr. Cliff C. Tabley, 2 Moreland Rd., Essendon.

Secretary: Mr. Robert H. Lavender, 1 Peacock St., W. Brunswick. Phone FW 6313.

Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Gronn, 8 Hopetoun Avenue, W. Brunswick.

Forthcoming Social Events.—

May 25: Picture Night at Capitol Theatre, City. Starts 7.50 p.m.

May 28: Monthly Euchre night to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Rd., Essendon, at 8 p.m.

June 2: Card afternoon at the home of Mrs. Raven, 218 Moreland Rd., W. Brunswick, at 2 p.m.

June 16: District Annual Ball at Brunswick Town Hall, 8 p.m. to 1.30 a.m.

July 16: Card evening to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, 1a Baffe Crescent, West Brunswick, at 8 p.m.

Forthcoming Saturday Afternoon Troop Parades.—Unless otherwise notified the following Saturday afternoons have been set aside, originating from the Scout Hall and commencing at 2 p.m.—May 28, July 2 and July 30.

Annual Meeting.—Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Annual Meeting of the 4th Brunswick Group Parents' and Friends' Committee, will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender,

1 Peacock St., West Brunswick (opposite Hilton Hosiery). Main business will consist of the presentation of the Balance Sheet and election of office-bearers for the ensuing twelve months.

We earnestly request you make every effort to attend this meeting.

Dear Parent,

Having published our first issue of the "Scout Link," we feel that from the favourable reports received, that we have achieved some measure of success in bringing before the parents and friends the various activities of the Group. We hope, as time goes on, to give you a fuller account of the doings of the lads, and thus create that closer co-operation which we are always seeking between Parent and Troop.

Group Scoutmaster's Report.—Scoutmaster Alby Allen, acting on behalf of our G.S.M., attended our last Parents' Committee meeting and gave us a brief outline of the various activities of the Group during the past month. These we are presenting under their separate headings for your information. On Saturday afternoon, May 7, the Troop held a Parade at the Scout Hall. During the afternoon, many outdoor tests were held. It has now been decided to hold a Troop Parade on the Saturday afternoon following the last Wednesday of each month.

Rover Crew Report.—Our Rover Leader, Albert Blair, gives us the following report:—During Easter, Rovers Allen and Sawers took part in a working bee on the Bogong High Plains, where they were engaged in shifting a garage which was rebuilt at the Rover Chalet.

Rover Ian Hannan took on the task of hiking through the Powelltown area. Three Rovers attended the working bee held on Sunday, May 8, at Wonga Park, to shift material for a hut to be erected on the Rover Camp site. On Friday, May 6, the Rover Crew attended and enjoyed the Metropolitan Rover night held at the 2nd Ivanhoe Hall. Friday, May 20, Crew proposes a visit of inspection to Miller's Rope Works. In order to assist the Senior Scouts, a member of the Rover Crew attends as an instructor on each Thursday parade.

Senior Scouts.—Easter time saw the Seniors (P/L. J. Fraser, R. Atkins and R. Essex) hiking from Lilydale to Ferntree Gully via the Dandenongs.

From Lilydale station (and I believe they travelled that distance with a Guide Company who provided the lollies), they hiked to the foot of Mount Dandenong and camped there the first night.

A stiff, steep climb, and marvellous views were obtained from the top of Dandenong. Hiking on to Beckleys Bridge, where the second night was spent on a most agreeable camp site.

The nights were ideal for sleeping out, so the pitching of a tent dispensed with, they slept under the stars. Owing to the breaking of a shoulder strap on the pack of B. Essex (which was repaired with No. 8 fencing wire) and J. Fraser's sole of his boot parting from his upper, they decided to finish their hike on the Sunday, reaching Ferntree Gully station to the tune of Jim Fraser's sole clicking and clacking.

Cub Corner.—There is very little to report from the Cub Pack except that they are starting Saturday afternoon parades once again, these being held once a month. Their first parade was held on May 14, but unfortunately, probably due to the uncertainty of the weather, the attendance was very poor, nevertheless, these parades should prove very popular among the lads, for it will give them the opportunity of partaking in competitive games which they are unable to have in the Hall of an evening. We have approximately 24 Cubs in the Pack at present and quite a number on the waiting list.

We would like to offer a vote of thanks to two young girls who are giving up a great deal of time assisting our Lady Cub Master, and her Deputy, helping to handle the doings of the Pack. These two girls, namely, Eileen Parry, of 290 Albion St., West Brunswick, known to the Cubs as "Baloo," and Joan Duggan, of 44 Passfield St., West Brunswick, known as "Rikki," certainly show a spirit of unselfishness, which is characteristic of the leaders of the various sections of our Troop. We, the members of the Group Committee, are very proud of this fact and extend an open invitation to any parent to come along and meet them and see the lads at work.

For the last three months the cubs have had the services of Scout Peter Anderson, who while assisting has been obtaining practical experience, for it is his intention to make himself sufficiently efficient with a view to obtaining his Cub Instructor's Badge. Nice work, Peter!

Easter Troop Camp (Held at Mrs. Morrison's property, Eltham).—Four days of perfect camp weather, an ideal camp site, fourteen willing Scouts and two Scouters, all went to make up a very successful camp, which was held on competitive basis.

The three Patrols—Magpies, Kangaroos and Dingoes—and their respective Patrol Leaders, Bernard Smith, Graeme Tabley (acting) and Peter Anderson participated.

Considering the number of lads, seven in all, who had never been camping before the Patrols put up a really high standard of camping.

Congratulations to the Magpie Patrol for winning the competition; they all deserved that extra apple and so did Graeme Tabley, the way the Kanga's worked throughout the whole camp showed that they were really being led by the example of their P/L. (Patrol Leader).

Friday, the day of arrival, was spent pitching camp, in amongst those beautiful gums and wattles, on the broad flat at the bank of the Yarra. The greater part of Saturday was spent making gadgets, so essential to camp life.

Alex McCubbin and Bernard Smith rode their bikes into Eltham township for supplies of meat and bread, plus a large order at the lolly shop. Saturday afternoon a hike and swim downstream at Rutter's. Remember the big log over the creek? In the evening a camp fire enjoyed by all. After a short Scouts Own on Sunday morning, we all set off to hike around the property, and visit the other troops—St. Kilda, McLeod and Brighton—returning back to camp around the river, with some rock climbing at the finish.

Arriving back at camp we were met by Mr. and Mrs. Murray and family, who were up to visit Jim. The afternoon brought us Mr. and Mrs. Tabley and Mr. and Mrs. Lavender with cub Vincent and his sister. All the visitors agreed on our wonderful site. The Troop supplied a type of entertainment by splashing about in the water and mud in a small section of the river between the bank and an island. We will all remember!

The Magpies claim that Bert Proud was the best custard maker until he made his second custard. Ian Hodges attempted to bend the trenching tool, by digging his leg with it (no damage to the trenching tool).

Alex McCubbin and Bernard Smith were literally snowed under with orders for lollies on the two occasions they went into the township, and then all work suddenly ceased when they arrived back—meat and bread being of secondary importance to all except myself.

We will all remember the first night—freezing cold; most of the Scouts, especially the new lads, unable to sleep had the fire roaring in the kitchen fireplace at 4 a.m. But the next morning,

however, it was 8 a.m. (camp time) before we levered them from their blankets.

The camp fires we had, the songs, cocoa and biscuits! The last day, six and seven weet-bix each for breakfast, plus extras, the breaking of camp, packing up, climbing "UP THAT HILL" with everything from lanterns to Patrol Boxes, and above all we will remember our Easter Camp as the best Troop camp we have had.—"Kim."

Recent social events included a Euchre night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, April 30, £1/11/-.

House party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Couper, May 7, £15/4/3.

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Couper our sincere thanks for making their home available for a very enjoyable evening, both socially and financially.

General Reports.—At last we have been able to arrange a date for our forthcoming Bazaar. Keep it in mind—Saturday afternoon, November 12, 1949, at the Kindergarten Hall, Shore Reserve, West Coburg. Further details later. Already we are receiving good support towards our Bazaar, and we extend our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Vines, Mr. Williams and Mr. Couper for their gifts and assistance.

Finance.—Our Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, reported that our Building Fund Account now stood at £12/7/4, plus £400 in Government Bonds.

Group or Working Account stood at £13/1/7. Verbal accounts totalling 22/6 were submitted.

Our President and representative on the local Association (Mr. C. Tabley) reports that all arrangements for the District Annual Ball, on June 16, at the Brunswick Town Hall, have been finalised and tickets are now available from Mrs. Tabley.

Last year our Group received quite a nice return from the results of the Ball, and it is hoped that this year our percentage might be even better. Do your part and come along and bring your friends with you.

Dancing, 8 p.m.-1.30 a.m. Debutante Set presented at 9 p.m. Charlie DeKuyper's Orchestra. Buffet Supper. Tickets, 7/6 single.

At our last Parents' Committee meeting we were very pleased to see and welcome a new member in the person of Mr. Davidson, whose lad is a member of our Cub Pack.

WHY NOT LET US WELCOME YOU?

Group Council Meeting.—On Monday, May 9, a meeting of Scouters of all sections was held and the following points were dealt with:—

Forthcoming Rover social events.
Progress of Cub Pack. It was decided to send home with each new Cub a letter stating the purpose of the 5/- registration.

A lengthy discussion took place on ways and means of raising money to stock the Ice Cream and Drinks stall for the coming Bazaar, and it was decided to hold a picture night in July. Mr. N. Anderson (D.C.) presented K.S.M. warrant to D. Rathbone.

Miss E. Cooper, A.L.C.M., has gone home to Burnie, Tasmania, for two weeks' holiday; we all wish "Bagheera" a happy holiday.

Application form for a training course of A.S.M. has been received from A. McCubbin. Best of luck, Alex.

Cub Registration Fee.—From time to time we are asked by the parents why their boy is charged a fee of 5/- upon joining the Cubs? The explanation is very simple. In the first place the full amount of 5/- is forwarded to Scout Headquarters; later on, when the Cub is invested he receives a copy of the "Wolfcub's Hand Book," and then, upon going up into the Scouts he receives a copy of "Scouts 1st Book" and "Scouting for Boys." These books total approximately 4/-, thus leaving 1/- at Headquarters to be used for administrative purposes.

Our Future.—Most of us must realise that the various activities conducted by members of the Group Committee are of a vital necessity in our endeavours to raise money for our ultimate aim—that is the building of our OWN Scout Hall. Unfortunately, we are not at present sufficiently financial enough to make a start and furthermore, with building costs at present prohibitive, it is not the desire of your Group Committee to borrow money and incur considerable interest payments, therefore, it behoves all of us to rally around and help each other with various functions. Remember, it is your help that can hasten the growth of our building fund.

Consider these facts—Sixty parents at least with lads in the Troop, yet only an average of fourteen attend our monthly Committee meetings.

WHY LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE? WHY NOT COME ALONG YOURSELF?

Remember the date of the next meeting—June 14th.

Poor Vincent.

Sixer: "Now, Vincent, if the north is in front of you, the east on your right, the west on your left, what is behind you?"

Vincent: "The den window."

Prepared for the Worst.

"Come right in, Peter," said Sixer Russ. "The dog won't hurt you. Don't you know they say a barking dog never bites?"

"I know that," replied Peter Christenson, eyeing the dog doubtfully, "but I don't know how soon he's going to leave off barking."