



4th BRUNSWICK GROUP BOY SCOUTS

"Scout Link"

Meets at Hopetoun Avenue — West Brunswick



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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

GROUP PERSONNEL

G.S.M.—Mr. Dennis Rathbone (Kim), 12 Ward Grove, Pascoe Vale South.
 L.C.M.—Miss Lois Parry (Akela), 290 Albion Street, West Brunswick. Phone W4647.
 A.L.C.M.—Miss Estelle Cooper (Bagheera), 242 Bell St, Coburg.
 A.S.M.—Mr. Albert Allen, 8 Cadman Street, West Brunswick.
 Rover Leader.—Mr. Albert Blair, 11 McKeon Avenue, Pascoe Vale South.
 Cub Pack meets Friday, 7 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 Road, Essendon.
 Hon. Secretary: Mr. Robert H. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick. Phone: FW6313.
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. H. Gronn, 3 Hopetoun Avenue, West Brunswick.

Forthcoming Social Events.—

July 8: Social Committee meeting (mainly to discuss and further the arrangements for the forthcoming bazaar), to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, at 8 p.m.

July 12: Monthly Parents' Committee meeting, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, 1 Peacock Street, West Brunswick, at 8 p.m.

July 13: A Picture Night, for the District, mainly consisting of "Scouting" films, is to be held at the 1st Brunswick Scout Hall, Victoria Street, Brunswick (behind Maples). Adults, 1/-. Children, 6d. (payable at door.)

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

July 30: Monthly Euchre Night, to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, 2 Moreland Road, Essendon, 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., July 2 and July 30.

Dear Parent,—

As this issue will briefly cover the activities of the Group during the past 12 months, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Group Committee, of thanking all those parents and friends who, while they have not attended our meetings, have assisted the Group in various ways. As I have mentioned on previous occasions, it is very necessary that we obtain their assistance, and I would like to extend, here and now, a cordial invitation to any person who is sufficiently interested in "Scouting" to contact me if he has any suggestions or ideas which might hasten the erection of our own Scout Hall.

Trusting that this issue will further enlighten you as to the doings of the Boys and your Committee,

Yours sincerely,

R. H. LAVENDER, Hon. Sec.

Group Scout Master's Report.—A District Church Parade was attended by members of our Troop at the Sydney Road Methodist Sunday evening service. The service was conducted by an ex-Padre of the Services. Union Jack and Troop flags were carried in to the church. The Cub and Scout Promise and Law was re-affirmed by each section present.

Attendance at a District Camp Fire night at 3rd Brunswick Scout Hall on May 25 was voted a great success. Yodelling by Smoky Dawson was the star turn of the night.

The last Saturday afternoon parade held at the hall was restricted by the wet weather and the mud and it was impossible to work in the side paddock, a limited amount of pioneering and signalling work was carried out on the bricks at the front of the hall.

Rover Crew Report.—Our Rover Leader, Albert Blair, gives us the following report:—

The Rover Crew desires to thank all those who attended and helped to make our two social events a success. The picture night realised £2/8/- and the card evening £3. a total of £5/8/-, which will be forwarded to the Rover Warburton Chalet Fund.

Rovers Frank Buckley and Joe Sawers attended and enjoyed (I'll bet) a combined Rover-Ranger hike at Frankston last month. They also enjoyed their visit to the Sea Rangers'

turn at Ivanhoe on 1st June. Frank is still trying to explain that he got the thick lip and black eye whilst boxing.

Alby, Joe and Frank hiked in the Gembrook area on King's Birthday week-end and returned home, thoroughly saturated, on Sunday night. (Frank is crooked on his bush friends helping themselves to his chops.)

The crew intends to attend a day working bee at Wonga Park on Sunday, 19th June. We are holding our annual business and change-of-officers meeting on Friday, 24th June. We are expecting a visit from 4th Moreland Crew on 17th June and are planning to have a Caulfield Crew and Brunswick Crew visit us on 1st July, for which a speaker has been obtained (proposed subject: Insurance).

Cub Corner.—Last Friday the Cubs had a pound night and to add to the fun of the evening, they brought along old clothes so that they could dress up for play-acting and games.

Congratulations go out to Cubs Leslie Bradley, Donald Wilde and Ian Davidson on their investiture into the pack.

King's Birthday Week-end Camp.—This time of the year, general Troop camps are not advisable, but Scouts who have had wide camping experience find that they can make their camp comfortable and enjoyable.

Acting A.S.M. Alex. McCubbin, with P.L. Bernard Smith, 2nds Bert Prowd and Graeme Tabley, held a week-end camp from Saturday to Monday at Eltham. They all agreed that the grand camp site we had at Easter was well worth another visit, so with the permission of Mrs. Morison, our Scouts once more camped on her property.

Three of the Scouts travelled per push bike to the camp site. Leaving from Bernard Smith's home at 8 a.m. on the Saturday, they arrived at the camp site at 11.30 a.m. after a good solid ride. The Troop's bike trailer was used to help convey their gear. The tent erected and a well earned dinner was then eaten.

Leaving Graeme Tabley in camp to cook tea, etc., Alex. McCubbin and Bernard Smith returned to Eltham station to meet Bert Prowd, who travelled by train. All the Scouts had a good night's sleep, being well prepared against the cold with ample blankets. Sunday was spent in and around the camp, essential gadgets were constructed.

A steam pudding was cooked along with their Sunday midday meal and it was quite a success. Monday morning brought light misty rain, despite this, however, a most comfortable night had been spent. They actually slept in until 8.30—Loafers! After packing up, the camp site was left for home at 1 p.m.

During the ride home a puncture had to be mended at the foot of Bell Street hill, Coburg. Bernard Smith's bike was responsible for the hold up. Arriving home at 5 p.m., they all agreed that their camp had been quite successful and most enjoyable.

Annual Report.—This, my first annual report as secretary, briefly covers the year's activities of the Group and includes a period from June, 1948, to December, 1948, when our ex-secretary, Mr. F. J. (Grandad) Bowden, was in office.

Attendance.—Over the past 12 months our total attendance at the monthly Committee meetings was approximately 166 persons, an average of 15 per meeting.

Scouting Activities.—During the year our Troop took part in many and varied activities, the highlight of which was the Pan-Pacific Jamboree. Christmas and Easter camps, hikes, Saturday afternoon parades, working bees, and the annual swimming sports were some of the other activities in which our lads participated.

Cubbing.—Our Cub Pack has remained at full strength throughout the year. Several Cubs passed through to the Scouts but their places in the pack were soon filled by lads waiting to join. The standard of work and the discipline shown by the Cubs reflects great credit on our Lady Cub Master (Miss Lois Parry) and her assistants for the very able manner they have carried out their duties.

Rovers.—Throughout the year, our Rover Crew, though still small in numbers, has been lending very valuable aid to our Scouts and Senior Scouts, at the same time they have attended many functions held by other Crews, while a number of week-ends have been occupied with week-end camps, hikes and working bees.

Social Events.—Social events held during the year showed us a profit of £79/9/2, all of which was deposited in our Building Fund Account. Main contributions came from three picture nights, two being held at the Western Theatre and one at the Vacuum Oil Co. Theatre. The balance was made up by monthly euchre nights, house parties, card afternoons and an amount of £13/9/2, the return from the Younger Set results.

Welfare Collections.—Our welfare collections for the year total £25/19/-, all of which was paid into the Group Account. This amount constitutes practically 90 per cent. of the receipts to this account, and so far has been sufficient to cover any expenses incurred by the Troop.

Finance.—In this issue we are submitting the balance sheets for both the Building and Group Accounts for

the year ending 31st May, 1949. During the year we received interest amounting to £3/1/- on our Government Bonds, while our bank interest amounted to 18/10.

Scout Hall Land.—Our thanks is extended to the Brunswick City Council, for towards last Christmas they granted us a block of land in Jolly Street, West Brunswick, on which to build our Scout Hall. I would also like to extend a special vote of thanks to Councillor Norman Shields (president of the L.A.) for the untiring efforts he has put in on our behalf in order that we might obtain a block of land. Furthermore, he has been working very hard in order that we might have the use of the new hall being built in Kitchener Street, at least two nights per week for Scouting purposes.

Conclusion.—In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our president, treasurer, and members of the Group Committee, all of whom, right from the very first night I took office, have done all within their power to assist me to carry out my duties as secretary.

(Signed) R. H. LAVENDER,
Hon. Sec.

Finance.—Our treasurer, Mr. C. H. Gronn, at our annual meeting, presented the balance sheets of the Group Account and Building Fund for the year ending 31st May, 1949. They are as follow:—

GROUP ACCOUNT

Credit balance at bank, 1st June, 1948	£17 12 1
Receipts to 31st May, 1949	£33 5 2
Total	£50 17 3
Payments to 31st May, 1949	£37 10 2

Credit balance at bank .. £13 7 1

BUILDING ACCOUNT

Credit balance at bank, 1st June, 1948	£46 18 5
Receipts to 31st May, 1949	84 15 2
Total	131 13 7
Payment to 31st May, 1949 (converted into Government Bonds)	100 0 0

Balance at bank .. 31 13 7
Government Bonds now held .. 400 0 0

Building Fund Account .. £431 13 7

Auditors: Messrs C. Tabley and A. Fitzgerald.

Donations.—Many thanks to the following friends for donations to the Group since our last issue: Mr. Essex, six toy engines (for sale at the bazaar); Mr. Couper, £1; Mr. Hodges, £1; Mr. Mateer, 10/-.

Social Events.—Our monthly euchre party, held on May 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tabley, was well attended, there being 21 parents present. As a result our Building Fund has increased by £2/1/-.

A card afternoon on June 2 at the home of Mrs. Raven was attended by 14 parents and friends, who contributed £2/11/- towards Mrs. Raven's fancy stall at our forthcoming bazaar.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Rathbone, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Howard, who worked very hard to make the crazy whist evening, conducted by the Rovers on May 21, such a success both financially and socially. A very nice crowd of approximately 40 parents and friends attended.

Annual District Ball.—The annual ball, held at the Brunswick Town Hall on June 16 proved an outstanding success both financially and socially, approximately 800 attended and enjoyed what might easily be said to be the best Scout Ball yet held. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of 22 debutantes and their partners to the Mayor and Mayoress, Cr. and Mrs. J. C. Braddy. Their performance of the "Rowallan" waltz reflects great credit on the tuition given by Mrs. Butler during the three months prior to the ball.

Charlie DeKuyper's Orchestra, Mr. Jack McClure, M.C., and honorary secretary, Mr. Cliff Tabley, contributed in no small manner to the success of the evening.

Group Personalities.—Each month we intend to give you a brief history of various members of the Group, and their association with Scouting. In this issue we are very pleased to commence with District Commissioner, Norm Anderson:—

1916: Joined 1st Mornington Troop. This Troop was never registered, and ceased to function early in 1918 through lack of an S.M.

1920: Joined re-formed 1st Mornington Troop.

1921: Appointed Patrol Leader (Panther Patrol), 1st Mornington Troop.

1923: Attended Melbourne Corroborree (Royal Showgrounds). Won open breast stroke at City Baths, inter-District swimming competition.

1924: Became King's Scout. Attended Empire Jamboree at Wembley Exhibition. Attended Wemyss First (Scotland) training camp for part 2 of Wood Badge.

1925: Appointed A.S.M., 1st Mornington Troop.

1927: Appointed S.M., 1st Mornington Troop.

1929: Attended Scouting 21st Birthday Camp in "Domain," Melbourne.

1931: Hiked with a companion a distance of 200 miles over Mt. Kosciusko and including Cudgewa, Corryong, Tom Groggins, Mt. Kosciusko, Yindabyne, Cooma, Bombala and Orbost.

1935: Appointed G.S.M., 3rd Essendon. Attended Frankston Jamboree.

1936: Again won open breast stroke at Olympic Baths.

1940: Enlisted A.I.F. (awarded M.I.D.).

1947: Appointed A.D.C., City of Brunswick.

1948: Discharged from A.I.F. Appointed D.C., City of Brunswick.

1949: Presented with hon. charge as Assistant Deputy Camp Chief (Gilwell Training Team).