



Flagstaff Hill Scout Group “WARRA” Newsletter



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*We hope you enjoy this edition of the “Warra”, the official newsletter of Flagstaff Hill Scout Group.
Read and learn more about our dynamic Scout Group! Interested in getting involved—we would be delighted to have you!*

From the Group Leader Chris Wise

Welcome everyone to another great year of Scouting! It seems not long ago we were finishing off the year and preparing for Jamboree – and now we are in to another action packed year of Scouting. Our Group did not ‘close down’ over the holidays though as quite a lot has been happening. The most noticeable will be the parade ground on the Eastern side of the hall which has been re-grassed and is looking nice and green – not long now before we’ll be able to use this as a fully functioning area of the group. A great deal of thanks to Shane Picken who led this project and all those who assisted in any part of this project.

The highlight of the holidays has been the Jamboree which saw over 20 Scouts and Leaders from Flagstaff Hill attend the ‘Dream It, Live It’ Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland. I am sure if you ask any of those who attended, they will be able to tell you about all the exciting things they did and experienced – there is an article from one of our Scout Leaders who attended in this newsletter a bit later on. Aside from the fun and excitement however, Scouts will have returned in most cases with new skills and independence – it isn’t easy living with 30 other people in a confined troop site for 10+ days – cooking, cleaning and spending 24hrs a day surrounded by others. Hopefully all the parents of Scouts who attended have noticed positive changes in their children!

The new year gives new opportunities for many – for new members the opportunity to learn about Scouting and join in the excitement and adventure. For the older members in each section the opportunities come along for you to take on more senior positions – whether it be as a Sixer or Second, a Patrol Leader or Assistant PL or even the Unit Chairman in Venturers – these sort of opportunities are a part of what Scouting is about – leadership, friendships, fun and working with others – I encourage you all to do your best and lead your Sixes, Patrols and Units well!

2013 is shaping up to be a very busy year for Flagstaff Hill Scout Group. We have a large list of objective and goals to achieve – and we look forward to the support of all members and their families in these activities – whether they are fundraising for new equipment or upgrades, participating in social and family activities or lending a hand at a working bee. We look forward to your support.

At the end of 2012 I was advised we were successful in applying for and receiving a grant for \$4000 from the SA Government. Grant monies are to be used to assist our Group with promotion, hall maintenance and sporting/recreation equipment – we look forward to going shopping to upgrade more of our equipment!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new families to our Group who are brand new to Scouting – welcome to the Flagstaff Hill Scout family – we hope you and your child have a very positive experience with our Group. We also have a number of new Leaders who have joined our team – many straight from Venturers – it is great to have you all on board.



Top: Halloween 2012—Kuraka Joeys
Middle: Natasha and Laura in London—SISEP Exchange
Middle: Australia Day 2013
Bottom: Grass

Kuraka Joeys

5:45 to 6:45 Tuesday Night

Joey Scout Leader: Amelia LeCornu (0439 888 163)

Kuraka Joey Mob got up to many great activities in 2012, with the highlight being the Hoporee on which everyone had a blast!

Throughout the end of the year joeys showed off their magic tricks, we celebrated Germany with our own Oktoberfest by making pretzels and doing some German dancing. We had a visit from the Adelaide Bite baseball club and then visited them to watch one of their games. The Joeys made a big aboriginal dot painting on canvas on our flora & Fauna night, which you can see hanging up in the meeting room. We had a massive Halloween party with Inganendi Joeys, which was full of fun, games and food.

The Joeys also took some time to walk around outside and discover as many things as they could, things they could hear, smell, see and touch. We made exploding volcanoes and played some tricky mind games, we made some friendship

bracelets and the joeys tie-dyed their own shirts, which looked amazing! The Joeys donated a can of food to the Uniting Wesley Christmas Appeal and had a great Christmas break-up at the beach, where we played tug of war and the joeys made their own sandcastles.

In 2013 we started of the year with a wet and wild night. The Joeys will be doing some of their own science experiments whilst discovering how the human body works, and riding down the hill on giant blocks of ice and Seacliff. We will be visiting Inganendi Joeys for a sports competition and joining the district for some fun activities for Founders' Day. The Joeys will come dressed up as something to do with space and we will go on an adventure on the moon and create some of our own space craft. A hike in the gorge is next, the joeys will be playing some trust games and we will be conducting a Joey Scouts own. We see whom as the 'J' (joey) factor, with our own talent show to finish of the term.



Written by: Claire Le Cornu, Gemma Hill, Peter Le Cornu and Amelia Le Cornu.

Ingarnendi Joeys

5:45 to 6:45 Wednesday Night

Joey Scout Leader: Rebecca Beer Smith (0419 854 368)

We finished off 2012 with a joint beach break up night with Tuesday night Joeys. We played tug of war, treasure hunts in the sand and had a BBQ with our families.

Now as we head into the new year we are going to learn about senses, have water balloon fights, learn about space, challenge Tuesday night Joeys to a sports night and every Joey's favourite activity.....Ice blocking!

We have so much in store for this new year and will be doing a sleep over in May in the bunkhouse at Woodhouse with a Pirate theme using treasure maps and GPS's (for all of us modern day pirates!).

We have seen one of our Joeys link up to Cubs at the beginning of this term and another four heading to Cubs by the end of term. We wish them all the best and it is great to see the Joeys enjoying themselves and continuing though Scouting to Cubs.

We are looking forward to a great year.



Written by: Rebecca Beer Smith

Kaurna Cubs

6:30 to 8:00 Monday Night

Cub Scout Leader: Kathryn Affleck (0413 448 056)

2012 was a big year for the Kaurna Cub Pack but 2013 is going to be even better! We have loads of fun activities planned term one!

Last year we participated in a progressive dinner for Halloween, followed chalk trails around the suburb, got wet in a water fight and had a beach party! We also worked on our Codes and Signals Achievement Badges.

This term we will be spending our weekly Cub meetings splashing around at the pool, making objects with timber and tools, slipping down hills on giant blocks of ice and sliding along on ice skates. We will also be working on our World Scout Environment Badge—a Special Interest Badge which is part of the Cub Scout Award System.

On the weekends we will be having a Cub Bike Ride followed by a Family Beach Day. Cub Scouts will be riding, with the Leaders, from the Old Reynella Interchange to Moana Beach. Afterwards we will be meeting families at the beach for a day in

the sand, sun and waves. Later on in the term we will also be joining Jindalee Scouts at their annual Goolwa Camp which looks like being awesome fun!

This term we are pleased to welcome Megan Fanzon (Hathi) to our Leadership Team. Megan joins Matt Wylie (Chil), Alicia Bugden (Youth Helper—Junior) and myself (Akela). We are delighted to have her join the team!

Would you like to get involved in the fun and excitement of the Kaurna Cub Pack? We are always delighted to have new members!

If your child is seven and a half years old bring them along to see what Kaurna Cubs is like! We look forward to meeting you!

Written by: Kathryn Affleck



Warriparri Cubs

7:00 to 8:30 Tuesday Night

Cub Scout Leader: Chris Taliangis (8370 6336)

The Warriparri Cub Pack (Tuesday night) is a wonderful Cub Pack to be involved with. We had a great 2012 and this year looks to be another. Our membership is now at 23 children.

Term 1 will see Warriparri visit the beach to do some super duper sand castle making, discover the local pine forrest with a evening pushbike ride, a big party to celebrate something special (can't say now!), some craft nights and a visit to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre swimming pool for some fun. We will also take part in the first 'Hills to Coast' district activity at Happy Valley.

Warriparri has a web site where all information regarding our pack is listed along with forms and notices. On this site we have a link to our comprehensive photos. We also have a Facebook page...Check

out our website for all the photos at <http://www.flagstaffhill.sa.scouts.com.au/warriparri/pictures.asp>

Leaders:

Our Leaders for Warriparri Cub Pack are Chris Wise (Kaa), Victoria Petchell (Ricki), Catherine Possingham (Chil), Youth Helper Natasha Wood (Raksha) and our new parent helper, Richard Inman. We are still looking for more help. Are you interested in becoming a leader or Parent helper? If this sounds like you then please contact me Chris Taliangis or the Group Leader Chris Wise and have a chat!

Don't forget Joey parents if your child is getting close to eight then bring them along to Tuesday night Cubs to see what

they are missing out on! No Cub too small for Warriparri!

Written by: Chris Taliangis



Tarnda Cubs

7:00 to 8:30 Thursday Night
Cub Scout Leader: Steve Jaffer (8370 4497)

2012 saw all Cubs having heaps of fun while learning different Scouting skills which allows them to progress through their Boomerang badges or Achievement Badges. Some great work was done at home, Cub meetings and Camps. Hathi's navigation nights sure got the Cubs thinking and learning compass skills. A hike at Frank Smith Dam was a great spot to put these skills in practice. With Christmas in term four we had some fun with Gingerbread houses, Christmas party and we also joined in the Blackwood Christmas Pageant.

I think it is great for the Cubs to mix with other groups to learn different things off people their own age and this shone through at our Aldinga Beach Camp where Belair Cubs joined us. There was heaps of games at the hall and beach, reef and scrub hikes and we made bead necklaces and Jungle Book placemats. A sausage sizzle and fruit kebabs saw 100 snags and bread gobbled away, a great effort I thought.

2013 will be heaps of fun again, joining in with Belair Cubs for some blackberry picking one night and also gathering for the first time as our new district "Hills to Coast" for Founders day. Hathi will be busy showing us some science as will Bageera with some lashings. Raksha will get us cooking on the first day of our sleepover then we will attack the Beachouse at Glenelg Sunday morning.

Baloo (Cheryll) has moved on to become a Assistant Scout Leader at Jindalee so you will see her there if you chose Friday Scouts later. If your Cub has any friends interested in Scouting bring them along to join the fun, see if they like it for three weeks and join up if it is for them. Any adults are also welcome to come along and see if Scout Leading is for them.

Seeya at Tarnda for some Cub Scouting fun!



Written by: Steve (Akela), Matt (Bageera), Nige (Hathi), Laura (Raksha), Laura (Chill).



Left: Kon Tiki Raft Challenge 2012—Karkanya Scouts

Right: Goolwa Camp 2012—Jindalee Scouts

Karkanya Scouts

7:00 to 9:00 Wednesday Night

Scout Leader: John Flynn (8322 1538)

A warm welcome back to Karkanya Scouts and their families. A great start to 2013 for Karkanya Scouts with a very full circle on the first night back and plenty of tales from an amazing Jamboree. It was great to hear all about the fun they had in Queensland and each Scout came up with a different activity that they enjoyed. We know that they will still be talking about their Jamboree for many years to come. Jamboree 2016 is already being planned and we're hoping for another large group of Karkanya Scouts ready to attend.

Our main event for the first term will be preparation for the Kon Tiki Raft Challenge in April at Lake Bonney. We've had our place confirmed so it's all hands on deck for the planning and designing of an award winning raft! The theme for this year is Pirates, so we'll be looking to include a plank or two and definitely a ships wheel. The Scouts, Venturers and parents that came along last year had a great time constructing and using their knot and lashing knowledge to the fullest. We'll be

looking to 'pressgang' some help again this year. This is only the second year the event has been held and promises to be another memorable weekend, not just for those Scouts that get to spend 24 hours on their raft in the middle of the lake!

Another highlight for our term is a night of whittling with the Scout Whittling Team. They are coming to the hall to show Karkanya Scouts the safe and correct way of using knives. It will be an interesting night – one without any band aids we hope!!

To make sure the Scouts keep up with their cooking skills for the 2013 camps, we're holding our very own evening of Master Chef. Perhaps Karkanya Scouts should invite our Group Leader to be the guest judge for the night!

To make the most of our lovely summer

weather we are looking forward to making full use of the beautiful Gorge on our doorstep. We are arranging mock emergencies, orienteering and even some bridge building in the Sturt Gorge.

With our ever increasing circle of Scouts we are delighted to welcome Steph Tite as a new Leader. Steph joins us from Flagstaff Hill Venturers. Her first challenge will be to learn the names of our 40 Scouts, good luck and welcome to Karkanya Scouts Steph.

Written by: Heather Forbes-White



Jindalee Scouts

7:30 to 9:30 Friday Night

Scout Leader: Trevor Rogers (8270 2433)

Ok its first term and we are ready to do it all again.

What can I say, the holidays were jammed packed with many scouting activities, we had scouts off to Jamboree we had a couple meet Prince Charles and Camilla all memories for a life time.

Like the beginning of most years we have had a few scouts move on to Venturers and other activities we wish them well, what this has done is put a big dent in our Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. Troop council did a fantastic job in selecting new PLs and APLs.

I would like to congratulate Carli, Talia and Justin in becoming Patrol Leaders and Copper, Kara, Jackson and Jordan for becoming Assistant Patrol leader. Luke still continues as the other Patrol Leader.

We have also been blessed with a couple of very experienced leaders and Scouts joins us already. We would like to thank Steve and Cheryll for joining us this year and look forward to some great adventures. Though we have lost a few Scouts over the break we have had plenty join us as well. Our numbers will still be around 25 plus Scouts.

So this year is off with a bang, all the new PLs and APLs plus a few extras will be off to PL and APL Training Weekend at woodhouse the second weekend of February. We have also planned our annual Goolwa camp and have invited Monday Night (Kaurna) Cubs along, we are planning another memorable camp.

We have a few external activities as well, we will be off to Founders Day this will give our Scouts the opportunity to meet all the new Scout Groups in our new district. We have a night hike planned for Scott's Creek later in the year.

Our Scouts have also decided to organise a sleep over with Aberfoyle Park Scouts on the last night as part of their patrol activity.

Yours In Scouting,

Orna and Trevor

Written by: Orna Terpstra and Trevor Rogers.



Australian Jamboree 2013 (AJ2013)

An exciting, fun filled, unforgettable ten day camp
Available to Scout Aged Members

What does B64 mean to you?

I would think that a lot of you would say not much, but for 7 Leaders and 32 Scouts it was a memory of a life time.

Preparations commenced early last year to ensure Scouts and Leaders were prepared for twelve days away of sheer adventure.

The journey start at 3.00am on the 2nd January 2013. We consist of 5 troops, Flagstaff Friday, Flagstaff Wednesday, Aberfoyle Park, Morphett Vale and Hackham. After travelling for 13 hours on buses and planes we finally made it to our new home.

We didn't get off to a good start as we had two hours to set up camp, have dinner find our scout uniform then head off to opening ceremony, the day finished for most of us at midnight.

Good news is that the sun is up at 5am, yes everyone up to start the day, this was the routine for every day up early pack in a full day of activities and finish at lights out 10pm.

So what did we get up too?

- **Love it**, Biggest activity at the Jamboree, leaving the site at 7.15am and not returning till 9.00pm. They had the opportunity to visit Australia Zoo, a theme park and have dinner at some of Queensland's best Beaches.

- **Endure it**, another off site activity that was run by the Venturers, plenty of challenges to keep scouts busy for a day.

- **Splash it**, a great day at Hervey bay, building rafts, snorkelling, swimming, sailing canoeing.

- **Explore it**, gave the scouts some time to walk around Maryborough and take in the sites, the theme was Where's Wally so finding Wally was the challenge.

- **Climb it**, rock climbing crate stacking,



abseiling and one of the coolest flying foxes where a entire patrol took off at once.

- **Tag it**, wide games with a difference, patrol V patrol in laser tag and nerf wars.

- **Challenge it**, Scouts got wet and dirty, plenty of mud, slippery poles, mud volleyball, horizontal bungy and much much more.

- **Smash it**, one of the Scouts favourite they got to smash up cars, junkyard wars, spray painting and some awesome remote control cars.

- **Clown it**, great day under the big top, juggling, stilts, trampolines, and carnival games. Great opportunity for them all to clown around.

- **Make It**, a real hands on basis, scouts had the opportunity to try their hands at plumbing, landscaping, carpentry, brick laying, concreting, wood turning, welding, lapidary, paving and electrical.

- **Market Day**, plenty of Scouts running around with plenty of creative ideas.

There were plenty of other on site things to do the list is endless, they also had plenty of night time entertainment as well, we had the likes of Reece Mastin, Jessica Mauboy, Acca Dacca, Justice Crew just to name a few.

We had a few memorable moments at

camp, 14 year old Scouts on cooking duty that had never cooked bacon, "do you eat bacon" "of course I eat bacon, doesn't mean I know how to cook it". Swab test night where each scout had to be tested for cleanliness. I have never seen so many fearful scouts waiting for their turn. Some of the creative ways they tried to dodge it but they still failed.

Last night had us all sleeping under the star, this was another first for a lot of Scouts but most would do it again.

There were also a lot of great friendships made on the trip, plenty of stories and a life time of memories.

Written by: Orna Terpstra



Venturers

7:30 to 10:00 Friday Night

Venturer Scout Leader: **Matthew Wylie (0409 920 524)**

Welcome back to another exciting year of Venturing at Flagstaff Hill. We welcome back our 2 Venturers that spent 8 weeks of their summer holidays in Denmark as part of the Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP – 2014 applications now available for Venturers) Natasha Wood & Laura Terpstra, who have written an article for this Newsletter. We also welcome back all of the scouts who have returned from AJ2013 in Qld & we look forward to welcoming those of them who turn 14.5 to start linking with the Venturer Section. We have already welcomed 2 scouts from Flagstaff Hill & 1 from Port Noarlunga, so since Caitlin already had her Venturer shirt we did an impromptu investiture on our first night back down at the dam wall in the Sturt Gorge.

For those that don't know much about Venturers, I am about to give you a crash course in how a Venturer Unit runs. In Cubs & Scouts you have your Sixes & Patrols which are under the leadership of Sixers, Seconds, Patrol Leaders & Assistant Patrol Leaders. The Six or Patrol have their own spot on the parade circle & the opening & closing ceremony are normally conducted by the section leader with the assistance of the duty Sixer or Patrol Leader. In Venturers, the Venturer's themselves run the program & have their own governance in the form of their unit council & unit constitution. We are 1 unit & every member can stand anywhere they like on the parade circle. The positions on the current unit council at Flagstaff Hill are: **Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Quarter Master & Fundraising Coordinator**. The Chairman basically runs the opening & closing parade & all in all is the leader of the unit. My role as the Venturer leader is to assist them when & where required & give guidance to make sure they are not doing anything wrong / illegal, provide transport of course & most importantly work with the Venturers on achieving their Queen's Scout Award, the highest award that a youth member can achieve. Flagstaff Hill have a strong tradition when it comes to Queen's Scout & you will find that most sections will have at least 1 leader who have achieved their Queen's Scout.

The term of our unit council is 6 months



& positions cannot be held by the same person for more than 2 consecutive terms. So one of the very first items on the Venturers agenda for 2013 was unit elections. This is normally done with nominations from other Venturers, which is then voted on by the entire unit. This year we started a bit differently as we had some of the older Venturers move onto Rovers or Leader roles with the Flagstaff Hill Scout Group, or they will be going this term & we had a few new scouts come up too. I decided that the Venturers could nominate themselves for positions that they wanted to take on & if we needed to vote then we would. So after a very quick nomination & voting process, the Unit Council are for the beginning of the 2013 Venturing year are:

Chairman	Laura Terpstra
Secretary	Meg Kinniburgh
Treasurer	Alicia Bugden
Quarter Master	Luke Mitchell until May, then Todd Viney
Fundraising	Jordan Klaassen-Jones

OK, with that all said, what are the Ven-

urers doing this year? Now that the Jamboree is over, it is now time to start looking towards the next national major event. The 16th Australian Venture to be held in South Australia in January 2015, it is going to be HEAPS GOOD! So the Venturers are going to start their fundraising campaign & would love the support of the Flagstaff Hill Scout Group. One of the fundraising events will be a dinner held at the hall cooked & served by the Venturers, so keep your eyes out for information soon.

The Venturers are also going to be doing joint activities with the Scout troops so that the scouts know where they are welcome when they have turned too old to be a scout & they will also be spending time with the Rovers of South Australia as that is their next progression.

We are always looking for new members, so if you know of a teenager who is between the age of 14.5 – 18 years old & they're bored, why not send them to Venturers.

Until the next newsletter, remember that at Flagstaff Hill Venturers, **We Anywhere, with Anyone, at Anytime!**

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)

Exchange Program for Six Week Over the Summer Holidays Available to Venturer Scout Aged Members

Spending my summer on SISEP in Denmark has got to have been one of the best experiences ever. I flew out of Adelaide by myself, but landed in Denmark with no problems after 23 hours of flying! plunged straight into my exchange experience. I started Danish school the Monday after I arrived, and I was in the first year of school at Kolding Gymnasium. One of the most challenging things about going to school in another country is that you don't speak the language and don't understand what's going on in the classes. The amount of times teachers and students started talking to me in Danish and I'd reply "I'm sorry, I'm from Australia I don't speak Danish." was too numerous to count. The second weekend I was in Denmark I went on the Black Patrol camp. Now please bear in mind that the entire camp was in Danish which did make it a little difficult to understand what was going on. However, my host sister, Amanda translated for me and the leaders helped out with English words where they could. I would be lying if I said that the trip was a walk in the park. I loved it, it was the best thing that I've ever decided to do and I'm now a better person because of it. I encourage anyone thinking about it to just do it. It'll be the best thing you've ever done and you won't regret it in the slightest.

Written by: **Natasha Wood**



My trip to Denmark was one of the best times ever. I lived with a mother and daughter in a town called Roskilde, about 45 mins away from Copenhagen. Whilst over there I learnt so much! I went to school with my host sister who was in grade 9! I visited Copenhagen and even Sweden. Anna and I built a huge snow man, it was great fun playing in the snow, but having to ride to school every day wasn't as much fun. Christmas is huge over there and I ate so much food!! New Years Eve was the most amazing time, fireworks were set off EVERYWHERE! it was heaps good! Scouts was very different and laid back compared to Australia. But it was great to see how they ran it compared to us. If I had a chance I would do it all again in a split second, it was the greatest time ever.

After spending 6 weeks in Denmark, surrounded by Danish, landing in London with the other 7 SISEP Scouts from Denmark, English was a novelty. It was great to see and talk to the other Scouts and to hear all of their experiences. When we were in London we did so much, I'm amazed we managed to fit it all in. We did a great variety of attractions which appealed to everyone. The London Experience was a great way to end the exchange. We got the chance to put our tourist hats on, which we only had the opportunity to do sparingly in Denmark and to make friends from all around Australia. It was the perfect way to tie up the trip. Our guide, Matt Paiton, was fantastic. He'd have to be after putting up with us all and trying to organise us all across London for a week, especially as we were the largest group that they'd ever had before.

Written by: **Laura Terpstra**

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Noticeboard in the Scout Hall

Money Tree Newspaper Recycling

A simple fundraising initiative, collecting newspapers for recycling. Big rewards for little effort!

A key element of the Scout Law is learning about and caring for the environment. Please collect and bring your old newspapers to the Scout Hall, placing them in the bins provided. The Scout Group receives a rebate for every tonne of paper recycled.

Please get behind this simple, yet effective, fundraiser!

Sign In and Sign Out Books

Our Group has sign in / out books for all members to assist in tracking attendance and ensuring the safety of all members.

Parents/Caregivers of Joeys, Cubs and Scouts are required to sign their child in at the start and out at the end meeting. **Dropping children off in the car park and leaving is permitted!** Venturers are able to sign themselves in and out.

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