



Hazelbrook Scouting Group

February 2008

Fabulous Fundraising at Bunnings

We were fortunate on the Saturday before Christmas to be able to run the BBQ at Bunnings at Penrith. The day raised an awesome \$1500—an excellent return for a good days work. Many thanks to: The Gorman family, The Whyte family, Fiona & Nathan F, Michelle C, Carolyn R, Chips, The Trindall family, Matina S, Tom C, Ben L, the 3 Lynch lads, Andrew & Harry K, Koola + the cub dad who kept the announcements going in the store! Our next one will be in June—please consider helping out!

Scouts a part of Australia Day in Darling Harbour

Six of our scouts, and one venturer were part of the 100 canoes featured in the celebrations in Sydney. It was the chance of a lifetime to be able to show their skills, and represent the Blue Mountains at this event, and to paddle in amongst all the much larger craft on the harbour! Caitlin Trindall was also selected to be one of the small group presented to NSW Governor Marie Bashir recognising her leadership and commitment to Scouts. Thanks to Chips, the Foss', Karel M, and the Melvins who helped make it possible!

Let there be light!

During the break there was installed a security light, which will focus on the hall. It is hoped it will both deter vandalism, and also provide lighting in the yard area. This is one of the important things our fundraising pays for, but its believed that the \$55 / month (thanks to Integral electricity for a discount!) will be well worth it!

100 year Celebration Open day – Saturday 23rd Feb

It would seem we are the only group in the area supporting this day! It will run from 8am—1 pm, and will feature:

Garage sale—all your unwanted items are needed, and you are welcome to bring them to the hall from **Monday 18th Feb** during any section time—please put them in the kitchen area only.

Sausage sizzle, and displays—already it is planned that the Scouts construction activities for term 1 will be done on this day!

How can you help? People will be needed both on Fri night (7-9pm) and Sat from 8am to run the garage sale, and also the sausage sizzle. Invite your friends—there will be information on the group available on the day.

Can you spread the word somehow (through schools, business, letter box drops etc)? Please contact Carolyn via E mail, or see your section leader if you can assist in any way.

Term 1 Calendar –

Cubs recommence –

Monday 11th Feb

Dunns Swamp family camp – Friday 15 to Sun 17th Feb

Committee meeting –

Tuesday 19th Feb

(7pm @ the hall)

100 year Celebration

Open day – Saturday 23rd Feb

Committee meeting –

Tuesday 18th Mar

(7pm @ the hall)

Working Bee @ the Hall – Saturday 5th Apr


Next Newsletter
will feature:

Update on the various
Sections

Term 1 project – dealing
with the storage issues
and cleaning out the hall!

Being good neighbours!

Parking is always a challenge at the hall, especially for the larger sections. Please be mindful that we are required by Council to ensure full access by pedestrians to the footpath at all times, and to do so in a way which does not then block the road. This may require larger vehicles to park more sideways. Any suggestions to this dilemma welcome!



Money and the Group—how does the money work? What do my fees' pay for?

We hope by now that all of you would have received your fee notice for term 1 for 2008. We thought it helpful to let people know what these pay for! The costs of having your child participate involve the following:

- their yearly registration fee to the Scout Association, and that of all the leaders in the group (this is due at the beginning of the year thus this terms amount is higher!).
- training and uniform costs for our leaders—these will be higher in 2008 as we have new leaders, and existing ones moving sections (eg cubs to scouts)
- an amount which goes to each section for their particular expenses, eg basic activities, badges, etc (thus for example scouts is a higher amount say than joeys) - half of the amount contributed in terms 2-4 are directed this way.
- basic hall expenses (eg water, electricity, etc).

Rather than increase fees' dramatically, any other expenses (eg a new security light, maintenance / upgrade of the hall, new equipment such as tents, canoes etc) must come from money raised through fund-raising. Thus this an important part of the group running well, and the kids having everything they need to enjoy their scouting experience, and one great way YOU can help! Please see this newsletter for information about opportunities coming up!

For more information please contact Mark Gorman or Mark Armstrong, or come to the next parent meeting!

Being involved in 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group

We believe that YOUR involvement is necessary for two good reasons—the more people that are involved the better the group will run and the workload will be shared, *and* you will be much more aware of what your child does at Scouts and meet some other great community minded people at the same time. Also our committed leaders will feel supported ... etc! It is our hope that each parent may be able to give 4 hours / term to the group in some way. Options for doing this are:

- helping at a fundraising / other day—coming up are the Open day on 23rd Feb & Working Bee on 5th Apr
- coming to a Parent Committee meeting (term 1—19th Feb, 18th Mar)
- supporting your section leader— are you able perhaps to lead an activity, do some badgework?
- clean / tidy up the hall (kitchen, toilets, chairs etc) after a meeting? (please contact Carolyn if interested)
- we would be very keen to establish a lawn mowing roster (sun & rain = growing grass!).
Currently our group manager does this (and many other things!), and would be most happy to hear from others who can lighten that load! This could be done at a time suitable to you.

We understand that some families have more finance than time—if you would rather make a donation to the group please talk to Mark G or Mark A. However your time and energy are a significant contribution!

Uniform Pool

It has been suggested to start a small pool of second-hand uniform shirts. If you would like to donate your childs shirt when they leave, or go 'up', would be most appreciated. Also there will (hopefully) increasingly be shirts available for a small fee – at this point there is one scout shirt! Please contact Tracy Whyte on 47572377 or tracywhyte@optusnet.com.au

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