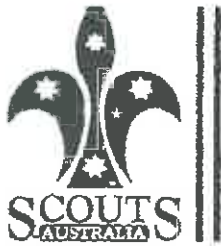


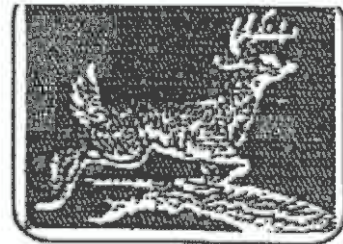
1st Deer Park's

Annual Report



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA

1ST DEER PARK SCOUT GROUP
SASELLA PARK
STATION ROAD
DEER PARK 3023



Monday 13th August 2012

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Photos contained in this report are from the 15th Australian Venture, 'Quercus Park', Carrick, Tasmania during January 2012

Agenda

Flag Break

Opening Prayer

Welcome By The Group Chairperson

Apologies

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 Group Chairperson

 Cub Section

 Scout Section

 Membership

 Group Leader

Nomination Of Office Bearers For 2012 / 2013

General Business (Prior Notice Must Have Been Given)

Visitors

Presentations

Meeting Closed

Flag Down

Closing Prayer

Supper

1st Deer Park Scouts Annual General meeting 24th August 2010

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Welcome: Coralie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Present : Steve Burns, Tracey Fraser, Carolyn Maggs, Rosanna Drake, Emily Fraser-Ison, Fei Yang, Julie Woodford, Sheryn Licht, Lesley Bennett, David Drake, Jill Steinkrug, Cameron Tougher, Coralie Hedger, Tom Hickey, Norma Tomass, Arnold Tomass, David Reeve, Jason Steinkrug, Alexis Amy, Marlene Kairouz, Bob Cater and Robert Herd.

Apologies: Gail Sims, Anne Wilson, Peter Lewinsky, Darren Ison, Kylie and Courtney Smith.

Ratification of Previous Minutes:

Moved: Norma Thomas

Seconded: Rosanna D'olisio

No Correspondence

Treasurers Financial Statement: See report for more detail.

Steve went through his report. He explained what we had purchased and grants that we had attained (Woolworths). We lost 8 members this year. Fundraising: Hall hire has been a great income, as has car boot sales and sausage sizzles. Steve emphasised the monster raffle and how easy it was to redeem funds from this.

All reports have been audited.

Moved: Steve Burns

Seconded: Arnold

Annual Reports

Group President Report: Coralie spoke to her report. She emphasised that we needed more parents. Coralie thanked Kylie, Sheryn, Julie and Steve for all their input. She thanked Bob our former Scout Leader.

Cub Report: Rosanna read her report about what the cubs have been doing this year.

Scout Report: Alexis didn't bring her glasses so Coralie briefly went through it.

Venturer Report: None, group not meeting

Group Leader Report: Steve went through his report. Steve stressed the importance of having a Joey mob so that it will follow on through the Group and new Leaders could eventuate.

Steve stressed that we needed to get out there in the community to promote Scouting.

Moved : Steve Burns

Seconded: Tom Hickey

Election of Office Bearers:

President: Coralie Hedger

Secretary: Jay Smith

Treasurer: Steve Burns

Members: Sheryn Licht

Kylie Smith

David Drake

Darren Ison

Coralie welcomed Marlene Kairouz State Member for Koroit. She spoke and offered assistance to the group. She wished 1st Deer Park all the best for the upcoming year.

Coralie presented some gifts and beautiful roses to Julie.

Steve presented Scout Pins to Coralie, Julie and Sheryn to thank them for their service.

Lyndon spoke to the group about the Jamboree.

Alexis presented a certificate to Sheryn for all her help at the Scout Fugitive weekends.

Tom Hickey spoke and expressed his appreciation to Sheryn, Coralie and Julie for all their efforts. 'The three muskateers'

Steve is going to be presented with a silver Koala for all his input into Scouting.

Scouts performed a skit.

Meeting finished with tea, coffee and snacks.

Treasurers Report

This year has been a financially positive year for the Group with an overall increase on bank account balances of \$1905.11 from the 2010 / 2011 Scouting year. This came about for a variety of reasons, some of which I have covered below. It should be noted that whilst the reports show a closing balance of \$7,516.69, at the end of the year there are unpaid accounts (census and Scout Magazine) totalling \$1,632.00.

During the year the Group was most fortunate to benefit from a \$10,000.00 grant from the Department of Justice's Community Security Grant Scheme for the replacement of compound fence and the erection of a photoelectric security light above the garage. The grant also enabled us to upgrade the chain securing the double gates to a case hardened one and provide additional security to the trailer.



Over the past few years, the Group Support Committee developed policies in order to tighten up the operations of the Group. Some of the areas covered are:

Family Payments:

At the beginning of the 2008 Scouting year, 16 families had not met their financial commitment (totalling \$3,860.00) to the Group. The greatest concern to the Group was that 4 of youth members concerned had not attended section meetings for quite some time but were still re-registered. This could not continue under any circumstances and as time went by, the Group Support Committee voted to develop the policy relating to registration and investiture that we use today. It is hoped this policy will enable the Group to continue to meet its commitment to the Scout Association (Victorian Branch).

Fundraising:

Over the past 12 months 1st Deer Park stayed with its traditional forms of fund raising. Key fundraisers were:

a) *Hall Hire* \$4,000.00

This is the Group's major source of income. The hall is hired for parties and other private events as well as to more formal organizations on a regular basis. The Westside Baptist Church (\$2,100) has become a stalwart hall user. We also recovered the \$860 from another long time hirer, which left us in 2009.

b) *Sausage Sizzles* \$0.00

These are usually run by the members of Special Events Sub-Committees to support our youth members in attending major State, National and International events. Unfortunately, the families did not take up this option during the year. The Group Support Committee has also addresses the issue of food safety and sausage sizzles.

c) *Car Boot Sales:* \$2,510.00

After hall hires, the car boot sales are the Group's next biggest source of income. Half of the proceeds of each car boot sale goes towards the operations of the Group, the other half go towards supporting the youth members attending the major State, National and International events.

c) *Monster Raffle:* \$0.00

Given the state of the Group over the past 12 months, as Group Leader I chose for the Group not to participate in this during the year. I am hopeful we can be involved in the next Monster Raffle.

d) *Other Events:* \$1740.30

This was primarily made up of hiring the trailer to Vic Bike for their use during the Great Victorian Bike Ride.

Support for State, National and International Events:

Over the past 12 months, the Group Support Committee and the Special Events Sub-Committees have provided the following financial support:

15th Australian Venture – Quercus Park, Carrick, Tasmania

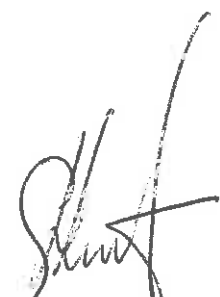
Support was provided for 1 x Leader to attend the Venture totalling \$680.00

12th New Zealand Venture – Riverton, Southland, New Zealand

Support was provided for 1 x Leader to attend the Venture totalling \$650.00.



As 1st Deer Park gets back on it's feet I would again like to remind everyone that it's the role of the parents of the youth members intending to participate in any major event to arrange the fund raising, not the leaders. The Group Support Committee's policy is that a Sub-Committee comprising the parents be formed for this purpose. Whilst the Leaders may participate in the fund raising if they choose, the Leaders running Scouting programs for their Sections would better serve everyone.



Steve Burns
Acting Treasurer



**1st Deer Park Scout Group
Income and Expenditure Statement
1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012**

Opening Balance		\$4,253.32
Add Income:		
	Group Fees	200.00
	Income From Sections	0.00
	Hall Hire	4,000.00
	Fund Raising Activities	1,740.30
	Special Functions & Activities	10,809.04
	Scout Assoc Registration Fees	1,198.00
	Bank Interest	0.29
	Account Transfers	2,200.00
	Venture Instalments	150.00
	Cuboree Instalments	0.00
	Car Boot Sales	1,255.00
	Jamboree Instalments	0.00
		\$21,552.63
Less Expenses:		
	Equipment Purchases	185.30
	Payments To Sections	258.00
	Training & Other Leader Expenses	345.06
	Special Functions & Activities	33.00
	Membership Fees	2,465.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	13,122.64
	Postage & Stationery	148.25
	Bank Fees	0.00
	Jamboree Payments	0.00
	Cuboree Payments	0.00
	Utilities	2,375.81
	Fund Raising Expenses	847.59
	Insurances	321.98
		\$20,102.63
		\$5,703.32

Bank Reconciliation

Statement Balance as at 30th June 2012		\$5,095.02
<u>Plus Unbanked Credits</u>		
	618735	100.00
	618738	107.50
	618726	400.00
	618740	140.00
<u>Less Unpresented Cheques</u>		
	913	32.85
	965	33.35
	984	40.00
	1015	33.00
Ledger Balance as at 30th June 2012		\$5,703.32

*16/7/12
L. Lane*

1st Deer Park Scout Group
Special Events Account
Income and Expenditure Statement
1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012

Opening Balance		\$1,358.26
Add Income:		
	Interest	0.11
	Cuboree Instalments	0.00
	Jamboree Instalments	0.00
	Donations	0.00
	B.B.Q.'s	0.00
	Car Boot	1,255.00
	Raffles	0.00
	Transfers	2,400.00
	Venture Instalments	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
		\$3,655.11
Less Expenses:		
	Cuboree Payments	0.00
	Jamboree Payments	0.00
	BBQ	0.00
	Parent	0.00
	Venture	800.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,400.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
	0	0.00
		\$3,200.00
		\$1,813.37

Bank Reconciliation

Statement Balance as at 30th June 2012		\$1,605.87
<u>Plus Unbanked Credits</u>		
	695397	100.00
	600118	107.50
<u>Less Unpresented Cheques</u>		
Ledger Balance as at 30th June 2012		\$1,813.37

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**1st Deer Park Venturer Unit
Income and Expenditure Statement
1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012**

Opening Balance		\$635.27
Add Income:		
	Group Fees	0.00
	Income From Sections	0.00
	Hall Hire	0.00
	Fund Raising Activities	0.00
	Special Functions & Activities	0.00
	Scout Assoc Registration Fees	0.00
	Bank Interest	0.10
	Refunds	0.00
	Venture Instalments	0.00
	Cuboree Instalments	0.00
	Car Boot Sales	0.00
	Jamboree Instalments	0.00
		\$0.10
Less Expenses:		
	Equipment Purchases	0.00
	Payments To Sections	0.00
	Training & Other Leader Expenses	0.00
	Special Functions & Activities	0.00
	Membership Fees	0.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
	Postage & Stationery	0.00
	Bank Fees	0.00
	Jamboree Payments	0.00
	Cuboree Payments	0.00
	Utilities	0.00
	Fund Raising Expenses	0.00
	Insurances	0.00
		\$0.00
		\$635.37

Bank Reconciliation

Statement Balance as at 30th June 2012	\$635.37
<u>Plus Unbanked Credits</u>	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
	0.00
<u>Less Unpresented Cheques</u>	0.00
Ledger Balance as at 30th June 2012	\$635.37

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**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
VICTORIAN BRANCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 30 JUNE 2012**

1st Deer Park

Brimbank District

Lerderderg Region

Scoutcode: 335001010

Reference	RECEIPTS	\$
	Balance of ALL Group Committee Accounts at Beginning of the Year	\$5,611.58
	Group Committee Membership Subscriptions	\$200.00
A	Receipts from Group Council or Sections	\$0.00
	Hire of Halls, Equipment etc	\$4,000.00
	Collection of Bottles, Papers, Rags and other Waste Materials	
B	Gross Takings from Special Group Functions and Activities	\$1,740.30
	Scout Job Week Goss Takings	
C	Membership Fees from Sections or Group Council for Passing to Region	\$1,198.00
	Bank and Other Interest	\$0.40
	Grants and Loans	
	From: Amount:	
	Dept of Justice	10809.04
	Other	0.00
		\$10,809.04
	Other Receipts	
	From: Amount:	
	Steve Burns	150.00
	Car Boot Sales	2510.00
	Jamboree Instalments	0.00
	Cuboree Instalments	0.00
	Sausage Sizzles	0.00
		\$2,660.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to agree with TOTAL EXPENDITURE below)	\$26,219.32

Reference	EXPENDITURE	\$
	Equipment Purchases	\$185.30
D	Payments to sections or Group Council	\$258.00
E	Loan Repayments in Respect of Land and Buildings	
E	Other Capital Payments in Respect of Land and Buildings	
	Training and other Personal Expenses of Leaders	\$345.06
	Expenditure on Special Group functions and Activities	\$880.59
	Scout Job Week Expenses	
	Membership Fees and Personal Accident & Sickness Insurance Premiums	\$2,465.00
	Property and Equipment Maintenance Expenses	\$10,922.64
	Stationery, Postage and Telephone Expenses	\$148.25
	Insurances	
	Type: Amount:	
	Building and Equipment	321.98
	Other	0.00
		\$321.98
	Other Payments	
	To: Amount:	
	Venture Payments	800.00
	Jamboree Payments	0.00
	Utilities	2375.81
	Cuboree Payments	0.00
	Parent Repayments	0.00
		\$3,175.81
F	Balance of ALL Group Committee Accounts at End of the Year	\$7,516.69
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (to agree with TOTAL RECEIPTS above)	\$26,219.32

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**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
VICTORIAN BRANCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 30 JUNE 2012**

1st Deer Park

Brimbank District

Lerderberg Region

Scoutcode: 335001010

A	Receipts from Sections or Group Council	Joey Mob Cub Pack Scout Troop Venturer Unit Rover Crew		I	Investments	Fixed Deps Shares Others	
		Total	\$0.00			Total	\$0.00
B	Net Proceeds from Special Group Functions and Activities	Fete's etc Produce Sale Special F'tion Ladies Aux Other	1740.30	J	Other Assets	Sports Equip Garage Camp Equip Fence Trailer Hall Equip	690.50 5500.00 15364.99 9600.00 5750.00 4955.00
		Total	\$1,740.30			Total	\$41,860.49
C	Membership Fees received from Sections or Group Council for Passing to Region	Joey Mob Cub Pack Scout Troop Venturer Unit Rover Crew		K	Unpaid Accounts	Census Scout Mag	1532.00 100.00
		Total	\$0.00			Total	\$1,632.00
D	Payments to Sections or Group Council		258.00	L	Loans Not Repaid		
		Total	\$258.00			Total	\$0.00
F	Balance of ALL Accounts at the End of the Year	General Acct Spec Events Sub Total Joey Mob Cub Pack Scout Troop Venturer Unit Rover Crew	5703.32 1813.37 \$7,516.69 635.37	M	Other Liabilities	Unspent Grant Funds	
		Grand Total	\$8,152.06			Total	\$0.00

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2011 to 2012 Comparisons

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Opening Balances	\$7,671.96	\$5,611.58
<u>Income</u>		
Group Fees	849.00	200.00
Income From Sections	20.00	0.00
Hall Hire	5560.00	4000.00
Fund Raising Activities	399.50	0.00
Special Functions & Activities	0.00	1740.30
Scout Assoc Registration Fees	1821.00	1198.00
Bank Interest	1.15	.40
Grants	0.00	10809.04
Refunds	6950.00	150.00
Venture Instalments	0.00	0.00
Cuboree Instalments	0.00	0.00
Jamboree Instalments	0.00	0.00
Car Boot Sales	3370.00	2510.00
	\$18,970.65	\$26,219.32
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Equipment Purchases	7422.20	185.30
Payments To Sections	67.30	258.00
Training & Other Leader Expenses	392.85	345.06
Special Functions & Activities	391.94	880.59
Membership Fees	3328.00	2465.00
Repairs and Maintenance	4831.89	10922.64
Postage and Stationery	254.50	148.25
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Jamboree Payments	0.00	0.00
Venture Payments	650.00	800.00
Cuboree Payments	180.00	0.00
Parent Repayments	0.00	0.00
Utilities	3063.07	2375.81
Fund Raising Expenses	20.00	0.00
Insurance	429.28	321.98
	\$21,031.03	\$18,702.63
Closing Balances	\$5,611.58	\$7,516.69

Report From The Group Chairperson

I would like to welcome everyone tonight and it is at this time that we take a look at the year that was and take time to recognize the efforts of a few.

The Group Support Committee is an integral part of that and without it we would not exist, it is imperative that we get some new members on board to assist this Committee that meets once a month, to discuss and make decisions about the day to day running, paying bills, making purchases, convening our Monthly Car Boot Sales (2nd Sunday of every Month), Sausage Sizzles and Hall Hire. It has been a great asset to the Group to still keep the car boot sale going, THANKS to Lina Briggs our amazing Car Boot Co-coordinator. Sadly without volunteers to man a sausage sizzle monthly exposure for the group and the opportunity to raise extra funds has slipped away. The Westside Baptist Church is still in an ongoing hall hire agreement and revenue raised in this manner along with the hall hires are assisting in keeping the group afloat financially.

This has been an extremely difficult year on a Scouting level and volunteer perspective. Steve Burns has been very busy with the combined role of Group Leader and Treasurer. For this we are very grateful.

We desperately need parents represented on the Committee from each of the sections and are extremely grateful to Sheryn, you are amazing with 15 years and no longer having your children involved with our Scouts anymore, however, your many years of experience, knowledge and involvement in scouting is a priceless asset to our group

Join us please in any capacity whether it be to be a parent helper, Leader or Committee Member, it is amazing how your kids feel even more involved in their Scouting experience when you show an interest and get involved, so, please join us.

Thank You

Hope to see you at a Committee Meeting

Coralie

Coralie Hedger.



Scout Section Report

As we've only just started the Scout section back up we don't have a lot to report to you all about for this meeting. The numbers we already have so far are looking really promising, and we look forward to continued growth in this section over the next year.

We entered a team of four (Josh, Kaylah, Nathan, & Daniel) into the Kororoit District's 'Fantastic Race' earlier this month, not only did they have a blast but they came runners up for the race section of the weekend. I'm very proud of their achievement and behaviour for the whole weekend.

Looking forward to the rest of this year we still have plenty of events and happenings already on the calendar.

- Cohen Shield is an annual camp held across the state that is based on the core Scouting knowledge skills that we teach. Everything we have been doing on a Monday night so far this term, and are planning to do, is to make sure that we can show off our skills and knowledge at this camp.
- Scouts in Action Week is now in its third year and has been a huge success across the country the last two years. This year's theme is International Scouting so we'll be having an international themed night.
- McHappy Day is an annual fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House Charities, which provide accommodation and support for sick children and their families when having to come to a major hospital away from their own town. Scouts Australia has been involved in this day for several years now, and it is a great way for us to help support our community and be out in uniform.

Scouting is an amazing thing to be a part of, there are endless opportunities for self-improvement, creating new friendships, and having new experiences that you never previously thought was possible.

We welcome you all aboard this ship as we set sail towards the future.

Van

Van Nguyen

Jaimie

Jaimie Rodd

Sarah

Sarah Licht





Registered Members

(Youth & Adult)

GROUP	JOEY SCOUTS	CLUB SCOUTS	SCOUTS	VENT	YH	ROVERS (NOT LDERS)	ROVERS (AND LDERS)	TOTAL YOUTH	LEADER (NOT ROVERS)	TOTAL LDERS	TOTAL YOUTHS ADULTS LDERS	FF	HC	AH	GRAND TOTAL	OB
DEER PARK 1ST (3350101)		2	3	-	-	5	1	11	3	4	14	-	-	-	14	3
Grand Total		2	3			5	1	11	3	4	14				14	3

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Report From The Group Leader

Welcome everyone to my 9th Annual Report as Group Leader at 1st Deer Park. It has been 3 years since our Group has held an Annual Reporting and Presentations night and a lot has happened during those 3 years. In summary:

- I returned as Group Leader in mid 2008 following a period of upheaval and disarray within the Group,
- We lost our Scout Leader (Bob Cater) when he retired after the last Jamboree in 2009. Thankfully, we still had an Advanced Trained Scout Leader (Alexis Amy) who stepped up to the plate and took on the role of Scout Leader following Bob's departure,
- Our Acting Cub Leader then left us following a period of discontent and again Alexis stepped in and ran Cubs for us until we could find another leader (something we still haven't managed to do). During this time, a former youth member of the Group, current Rover and Alexis' son Cameron helped out when he could,
- Alexis returned to Cairns for what started out to be a term but ended up being 12 months to help her aging parents with the selling of their house and movement into residential accommodation and finally
- The loss of all but 3 of our youth members to another Group where they were being hosted in Alexis' absence.

All these challenges 1st Deer Park have faced and we are still operating, albeit very slowly. As a Group I challenge everyone to do their bit so we can build upon our current strengths and again be a force in Scouting in Kororoit District.

You will notice many areas in my GL's report. These are as a result of a change in reporting requirements as laid down the Chief Commissioner of Victoria. I have listed below a summary of what the following reports show. I hope you find the report interesting reading.

Leader Training: This report details a summary of the training undertaken by the Leaders of 1st Deer Park during their time, not only with our Group, but since they joined Scouting. The training Leaders undertake equips them to offer the best possible educational Scouting program possible.

You will note this report shows not only Section based training but also the other training available to Leaders such as First Aid, Activity based training and other ancillary types of training.

Years of Service: This section shows the years of service for both the Group's Leaders and the Group Support Committee as held on the Scout Association's computer systems. There is a note on one of our Group Support Committee's records as much of her service was lost at some stage.

Meeting Nights: Our Section's meeting nights and times.

Group Program: The Section's and Group Support Committee's program for 2012 as available at the time of this report.

Group Plan:

It is preferred that every Scout Group in Victoria has a Group Plan, which has been approved by the District Commissioner. 1st Deer park had a plan in 2009, which would have gone through until 2012. Unfortunately the problems the Group faced over those 3 years meant most parts of the plan were not achieved, in fact the Group went backwards in most areas.

I have included the plan as it was in my last report with a few updated comments for your information. It is my intention to make this the basis for our 2012 – 2015 Group Plan and hopefully the comments next year will be more encouraging.

Leader Training:

Section	Leader	Training	Date Completed
Joeys	No Leaders		
Cubs	No Leaders		
Scouts	Van Nguyen	Scout Basic	05/04/1992
		Advanced – Scout	22/02/1993
		Scout Advanced Outdoor Activities	28/03/1993
		Workplace First Aid – Level 2	10/08/1997
		Activity Leader – Participant - Canoe	29/03/2009
		Training Of Trainers – Personal Leader Advisor	27/11/2011
	Jaimie Rodd	Introduction To Scouting	26/04/2009
		Basic Common Core – Leader Of Youth	10/10/2009
		Scout Basic Sectional Techniques	25/10/2009
		Scout In Service	10/02/2010
	Sarah Licht	Introduction To Rovers	28/04/2009
		Introduction To Basic Leadership	20/02/2012
		Personal Skill Development	30/04/2012
		Basic Leadership	30/04/2012
		Basic Scouting Fundamentals	30/04/2012
		How Scouting Began	30/04/2012
Venturers	No Leaders		
Rovers	No Advisor		
Group Leader	Steve Burns	Scout Basic	01/08/1976
		Advanced – Scout	26/03/1983
		Basic – Group Leader	03/08/1992
		Basic - Venturer	26/03/2000
		Canoe Charge – Level 1	17/02/2002
		Activity Leader – Basic – Sailing - Level 1	28/02/2004
		Activity Leader – Basic – Common Unit	20/06/2004
		Advanced - Venturer	07/11/2004
		Activity Leader – Participant - Canoe	15/05/2005
		Training Aids	08/07/2006
		Training Methods	08/07/2006
		Activity Leader – Participant - Canoe	19/11/2006
		Provide Training Through Instruction and Demonstration	20/07/2007
		Activity Leader – Basic – Level 2 First Aid	15/06/2008
		Activity Leader – Basic – CPR Refresher	15/06/2008
		Introduction To Rovers	15/11/2008
		Activity Guide Basic Sectional Techniques	09/05/2009
		Basic – Rover	09/05/2009
		Activity Leader – Basic – CPR Refresher	21/03/2010

		Apply First Aid	21/03/2010
		Advanced Instructor – Advanced Sectional Techniques	14/06/2010
		Activity Leader – Wood Badge Project	11/08/10
		Advanced Leader Of Adults	04/09/2010
		Training Of Trainers – Assessors	01/05/2011
		How Scouting Began	14/05/2011
		Introduction To The Patrol System	14/05/2011
		Trainer Of Trainers – Personal Leader Advisers	15/05/2011

Years of Service:

Joeys	No Leader			
Cubs	No Leader			
Scouts	Van Nguyen	24 years	359 days	
	Jaimie Rodd	2 years	322 days	
	Sarah Licht	0 years	258 days	
Venturers	No Leader			
Rovers	No Advisor			
Group Leader	Steve Burns	35 years	225 days	
Group Support Committee	Coralie Hedger	President	5 years	73 days
	Sheryn Licht	Member	7 years	54 days *

* Sheryn has been with the Group for approximately 23 years however due to circumstances some of her original service has been lost from the system.

Meeting Nights:

Joeys	Section not meeting	
Cubs	Mondays	6.30pm to 7.30pm
Scouts	Mondays	6.30pm to 8.30pm
Venturers	Section not meeting	
Rovers	Section not meeting	

(Current) Group Program:

Week	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers	Group Support Committee
Beginning				
6 February				Car Boot Sale
13 February				
20 February				
27 February				
5 March				Car Boot Sale
12 March				
19 March				
26 March				
School Holidays				Car Boot Sale
16 April				
23 April				
30 April				
7 May				Car Boot Sale
14 May				
21 May				
28 May				

4 June				Car Boot Sale
11 June				
18 June				
25 June				
School Holidays				Car Boot Sale
16 July		Scout Law Scoutcraft Citizenship Group Council		
23 July		Scoutcraft		
30 July		Fantastic Race		
6 August		Scout History		Car Boot Sale
13 August		Cooking Campcraft		Group Annual Reporting and Presentations Night
20 August		Construction Campcraft		
27 August		Combined Night with Another Troop		
3 September		Campcraft		Car Boot Sale
10 September		First Aid		
17 September		Term 3 Breakup Group Council		District Annual Reporting and Presentations Night
School Holidays				
8 October				Car Boot Sale
15 October		Group Council Cohen Shield		
22 October				
29 October				
5 November		McHappy Day		Car Boot Sale
12 November		Group Council		
19 November				
26 November				
3 December				Car Boot Sale
10 December				
17 December				
School Holidays				



Group Plan for 2009 / 2012:

Expectation	Achieved
Grow the Cub Pack by 200%	
Group Leader to provide verbal and written reports on the activities and needs of the Group on a month basis to the District Executive and Group Support Committee respectively.	
All sections of the Group to be represented at Group Council meetings and the Group Support Committee to meet on a monthly basis from February to November.	
Advertise our web site throughout the Group and local community	Steve to update the website and maintain it throughout the year.
Provide newspapers with details of the Group's activities.	
Assess the equipment needs of all sections of the Group and develop a prioritised 'wish list' of equipment needs.	
Undertake a stock take and compile an assets register of all Group assets. The assets register to include approximate purchase date and approximate replacement value for insurance purposes.	
Establish a Group budget for the 2012 / 2013 Scouting year and ensure the Group operates within the budget.	
Grow the finances by 50%	Finances in a much better position than they were 2 years ago but could still be healthier.
Monitor the Group's budget to ensure sufficient funds are held to meet all debts on time	
Monitor the Group's parent payment records to ensure 100% of the parents pay their fees.	100% of the invoices issued to families this year have been paid.
Conduct an initial review of the Group's policy document to ensure the Group is operating within it's own policies and procedures.	Policy review undertaken and policy now much better reflects the way the Group operates.
All new leaders to attend a Branch run Introduction To Scouting Course	
All new leaders to attend a Branch run Basic Training Course	

Any eligible leaders to attend a Branch Run Advanced Training Course	
All Sections and the Group as a whole to be represented at all monthly Council and All Leader meetings.	
Expectation	Not Yet Achieved
Establish a Joey Mob	
Grow the Scout Troop by 50%	
Grow the Venturer Unit by 20%	
Establish a Rover Crew	
Place promotional information in local school's newsletters	1,450 flyers have been distributed to 4 local primary school's with little or no effect
All leaders to attend a Level 2 First Aid course	
Expectations For The Following 12 Months	
Establish a Joey Mob	
Find 2 Cub Leaders	
Grow the Cub Pack by 200%	
Grow the Scout Troop by 200%	
Establish a Venturer Unit	
Establish a Rover Crew	
Place promotional information in local school's newsletters	
All new leaders to attend a Branch run Introduction To Scouting Course	
All new leaders to attend a Branch run Basic Training Course	
All new leaders to attend a Level 2 First Aid course	
Group Leader to complete their Advanced Training	
Cub Leader and Scout Leader undertake Level 2 First Aid Training	
All Leaders to maintain their attendance at the required meetings	
All Leaders to continue their reporting requirements to the various meetings	

Continue to advertise our web site throughout the Group and local community	
Continue to provide newspapers with details of the Group's activities.	
Maintain the list of equipment needs of all sections of the Group and a prioritised 'wish list' of equipment needs.	
Continue to manage the Group's finances to ensure sufficient funds are held to meet all debts on time	
Determine costs associated with extending the secure boundary fence across the back of the compound	
Address the heating issues within the hall	
Follow up the fire safety within the hall with Brimbank Council	
Provide Brimbank Council with our requirements and safety procedures associated with a fire pit to be dug in the hall compound	

Group Membership:

Believe it or not, most people reading this report are members of the family, which is 1st Deer Park. Be you youth member, Leaders, parents, siblings or carers of our youth members, you are part of 1st Deer Park and we welcome your involvement no matter what your age or status.

Joeys is a good place for a family's involvement to start, but as can be seen above, we haven't quite got there – yet. Joeys (apart from having fun) are the start of a youth member's journey in Scouting. Another good thing about Joeys is they become Cubs who become Scouts, who become Venturers, who become Rovers, who become Leaders (we hope). A drop in numbers in any Section is bad enough, but the flow on effect 3, 6, 9 and 12 years down the track can't be measured. We have to keep the youth members in each Section and we have to encourage them to keep going up to the next Section or the higher Sections of our Group will die.



Group Leadership:

I once had a 'discussion' with the then Chief Commissioner of Australia who argued that increased membership lead to a better program. At face value I agreed, but I also thought that a good program also leads to increased membership. Throw Leaders into this mix and it becomes lots of good Leaders providing a good program leads to increased membership. This is where 1st Deer Park misses the grade. In the past we have had real problems finding and keeping good Leaders, particularly in the Cub Section. This is an area we all need to address. Thankfully we currently have 2 committed Scout Leaders in Van Nguyen and Jaimie Rodd. Van brings years of experience with him whilst Jaimie brings youthful exuberance, something 1st Deer Park has been lacking for as long as I've been associated with the Group. Together with Sarah Licht, waiting in the background to complete her training, we have a formidable leadership team in the Scout Section.

I'd like to thank Van and Jaimie for their efforts to date, but there is always room for more Leaders. Sure, there is a time commitment but the rewards are immeasurable and the uniform and all the training are free. If you would like to know more about becoming a Leader within 1st Deer Park, give me a call on the numbers below or come and introduce yourself next time you see me.



While I'm thanking Leaders, it would be remiss of me at this time not to thank both Alexis Amy and Mary Stanek. Alexis for being part of 1st Deer Park for a long time, more than 12 years in fact and Mary Stanek, a Leader at 7th Sunshine, for going above and beyond the call of duty and starting our Cub Pack up again this year to keep the Group alive. Unfortunately, with the uncertain future of our Group (most of our Cubs and Scouts having transferred to 1st Sunshine) and Alexis caught up dealing with family matters in Cairns, it was not feasible to keep Alexis as a Leader with 1st Deer Park. Alexis has now joined all our Cubs and Scouts as an Assistant Scout Leader at 1st Sunshine.

Unfortunately Mary had a prior commitment and could not be here tonight but I'm sure the Group can arrange a suitable time to say thank you to Mary. Likewise, when things settle down for Alexis, I would like the Group to consider a suitable farewell for her.

Group Support Committee:

This is the hard working and often much maligned group of parents who actually run our Scout Group. Despite an encouraging start back in 2009, only Coralie and Sheryn have kept 1st Deer Park running for the last 3 years, Coralie in particular by taking on the roles of Car Boot Sale Co-Ordinator and Hall Hire Co-Ordinator. I thank them both from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and welcome the new members to the Committee who will be appointed later in this meeting. WE have lots of ideas for our Group, but just not the 'person' power to get them done. Perhaps this year will be our 'Year Of The Group Support Committee'.

If you weren't able to make our Annual Reporting and Awards Presentation night and would to have some input into the running of the 1st Deer Park Scout Group, give one of the Group Support Committee members or myself a call and you will be welcomed with open arms.



Our Web Site – <http://www.deerparkscouts.asn.au>

1st Deer Park continues to maintain a presence on the World Wide Web. Although the site had not been updated for quite some time, it has recently undergone a minor upgrade with the follow pages being updated:

- Group Program
- Scout Activities
- Hall Hire and
- AGM pages

There are still photos to upload, activities to write up and links to fix so keep an eye on the site.

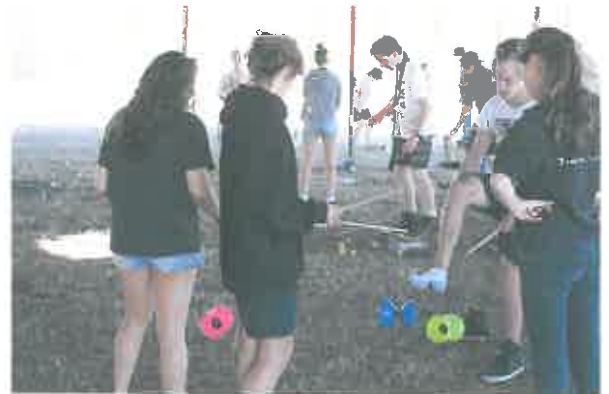
MyScout - <http://www.vicscouts.com.au/deer-park-1st>

Another presence on the World Wide Web. The Victorian Branch runs this one with the responsibility of maintaining it given to someone in each formation. We don't have much up on MyScout at the moment but will have after the rebuild of our own web site is complete.

Grants and Insurance Matters:

Out of adversity comes triumph. 2 and a half years ago the compound was broken into yet again and we lost our second trailer in 8 years. A five-month battle with the insurance company ensued resulting in the Group being paid out the entire amount of our policy. Fortunately we were able to purchase a new trailer complete with waterproof cover for less than the insurance payout. With the balance of the payout, and with a small contribution from the Group, we were able to install the cage we now have in our storeroom to enable our hall hirers to have access to tables and chairs without having access to our camping gear.

Complimenting this, about 18 months ago we had the hall and all the doors and padlocks put onto a master key system. This has made life so much easier knowing who has access to what at the hall.



Over the last 4 years 1st Deer Park has also been very fortunate in our grant applications. Our success with our application to the Department Of Justice's Community Safety Grants scheme enabled us to replace most of the compound fence (including the 2 gates) and install the photoelectric security light. Something for the incoming Group Support Committee to consider is the replacement of the remainder of the fence. This will take some considerable thought on their behalf.

Lastly, we have another grant application in the system, this time to the 2012 Volunteer Grants scheme run by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs. We have applied for funds to purchase a 3 door commercial refrigerator, which will enable the Group Support Committee to provide excellent refrigeration to all areas of the Group as well as to our hall hirers, a good source of income to the Group.

Westside Baptist Church

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Pastor Christopher Eckels, his wife Yolanda and their children as well as all the members of their Church. In the absence of a full, working Group Support Committee Pastor Eckels and his extended 'family' have maintained our hall and grounds doing everything from mowing the lawns to cleaning the toilets. On behalf of the 1st Deer Park Scout Group, I thank you all.



Other Important Matters:

Most people within the Group would not realise the Scout Association presents awards to Leaders and Lay members for long and exceptional service. On 1st August it was announced that Coralie Hedger and Sheryn Licht were each awarded the Silver Arrowhead for 'excellent service to the Association after a period of at least seven to eight years'. Congratulations to both Coralie and Sheryn, you both know my thoughts on you receiving these awards. With Coralie and Sheryn's efforts, this brings the number of current award recipients in 1st Deer Park to 4. Not bad for a Group with only 5 serving Adults in it !! Current serving award recipients are:

Coralie Hedger	2012	Silver Arrowhead	Excellent Service To The Association After A Period Of At Least Seven to Eight years
Sheryn Licht	2012	Silver Arrowhead	Excellent Service To The Association After A Period Of At Least Seven to Eight years
Steve Burns	1995	Certificate Of Merit	Good Service To The Association For A Period Of At Least Three Years
	2004	Silver Arrowhead	Excellent Service To The Association After A Period Of At Least Seven To Eight Years
	2010	Silver Koala	Distinguished Service To The Association For A Period Of At Least Sixteen Years
Van Nguyen	2000	Silver Arrowhead	Excellent Service To The Association After A Period Of At Least Seven To Eight Years
	2009	Silver Wattle	Outstanding Service To The Association For A Period Of At Least Twelve Years.

3 years ago I had the very great fortune to be asked if I wanted to help out at the 2012 15th Australian Venture in Tasmania. I thought about this for a few seconds and 3 years and 6 or 7 trips to Launceston later I was managing the Spinnakers Sailing Club @ Beauty Point, one of the expeditions at the Venture. If a Venturer (or anyone for that matter) has the option of attending an Australian Venture and they pass it up, well I'm sure there is a Doctor somewhere who can explain the syndrome. There are a small number of photos throughout this report showing some of the fun we had.



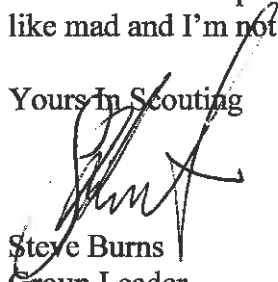
We also had 2 Cubs (Daniel Forde and Ray Yang) attend the 2011 Cuboree and I'm sure if you asked them how much fun they had, they'll tell you all about it. Unfortunately I don't have any photos of the Cuboree.

To meet the opportunities facing 1st Deer Park, we need support from the families within our Group. Be it as Group Support Committee members, as supporters in the Sections or as Leaders, to enable us to offer educational programs which encourage the physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual development of young people so they may play a constructive role in society as responsible citizens and as members of their local and international communities, we need your help.

In closing my report, I would like to thank all the leaders past and present within 1st Deer Park – Rosanna Drake and Alexis Amy (Cubs) and Alexis Amy, Van Nguyen and Jaimie Rodd (Scouts), the Committee members Coralie Hedger and Sheryn Licht and one of our former Venturers, now Rover at Gaudion Rover Crew, Cameron Tougher for their efforts in keeping the 1st Deer Park Scout Group alive and functioning. I look forward to working with those of you who are currently with the Group in the coming years.

I'd also like to thank my ever-understanding wife, Sally-Anne for letting me canoe, sail, sell tickets, visit various Venturer Units, travel interstate for weeks at a time, attend meetings and sit for hours on end at the computer (my favourite chair). If I didn't have this support, I'd be home annoying her like mad and I'm not sure she would like that ☺.

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