



**Brookvale - Curl Curl
Scout Group**

**2010
Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, 30 May 2010
4:00pm**

**Brookvale - Curl Curl Scout Hall
51 Winbourne Road, Brookvale**

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Presidents Report 2009 - 2010

This year saw the president's role being shared between two co-presidents. This worked very well and allowed the duties to be dealt with in an efficient and effective manner without being too onerous on one parent volunteer

We are pleased to be able to report to our scout community on some of the highlights and achievements of another good year at Brookvale - Curl Curl Scouts These included:-

- Opening of new Hall
- Increased member numbers in all sections
- Australian Jamboree 2010
- Sirius Cup
- Investing of new Section Leaders
- Over target Fund Raising
- Successful in obtaining a \$14,400 Community Building Partnerships grant for Stage 1 of our Greendale Creek rehabilitation project (removal of the coral trees).

Brookvale - Curl Curl Group currently has a membership of 64 made up of 9 Joey, 26 Cubs and 21 Scout and 8 Leaders. The group is made up of 46 families from a diverse range of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds.

Our Group endeavours to maximise physical, mental and spiritual outcomes and developmental opportunities for all members, encouraging young people aged 6-15 to achieve their best in a caring and supportive environment.

The success of the group would not have been possible without the dedication of our leaders and the support of the group families.

Fund Raising is still our biggest challenge. Our group is unique by virtue of having a Brand New Hall. The loan repayments to Scouts Australia take up a huge chunk of funds raised each year. This means fundraising is very important to the future of the group. With many parents and youth members being time poor we need to identify ways for the group to raise funds other than the traditional BBQ's, raffles and chocolate sales. If you feel you have some ideas please discuss with the committee or your section leader.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the leaders of the group, the parents who gave their time and support, and the wonderful Joeys, Cubs and Scouts who have contributed to the Group's success this year.

We would also like to invite you all to attend the Parent/Committee meetings that are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at this Scout Hall,

Kind Regards
Rory & Tracey

Group Leaders Report

May 2009 – May 2010

The New Hall at Brookvale was officially opened on Sunday 21st June 2009.

This was a huge load off my shoulders and great news for our Group. It had taken many years to get to this stage. This date was on the closest weekend to the original registration of Brookvale Scout Group. We think meetings started on this site in 1947.

The building of the hall has exhausted the bequest money given to Nth Curl Curl. Our loan from Scouts NSW is \$85,000 (interest free) with a once a year payment of \$5,000 for 12yrs. We have made 2 repayments so far.

Our Bi-annual Open Day was held on the same day as the hall opening and was an overwhelming success. Thank you to everyone who participated in some way. Many hands made light work. As in the past, this Open Day has increased the number of Youth members and families in our Group.

2009/2010 has been another busy year for the Brookvale – Curl Curl Scout Group. I would like to thank all the Leaders, Committee and Parents who have worked so hard and given their time so generously over the past year.

The Group figures at present for youth members are - Joeys 9, Cubs 26 Scout's 21, giving a total of 55 youth members. We have 41 families in the group. Our youth numbers have increased by just over 50%. We have 5 Leaders, and 3 trainee Leaders, Richard Veale & Pamela Martin (Cubs) & Virginia Odell (Joey's). Shannon Higgins (Scouts) received his Warrant. Stephan Pawelczyk's G.L. training is progressing well. Adrina Selles, (Scouts) received her 15 Year Pin, Glenn Satchell (Activities) has been a great help at Joey's & Cubs, he will get his 25 Year Pin soon. I will receive my 20 Year pin this year. Wow 3 leaders with 60 years of scouting experience between us.

As you know **Ron Russell** (Scout Leader) passed away in June 2008. According to the Scouts he was the "King of Games". Ron's family have donated most of his Cub & Scout Files to our Group. His family have made a \$1,000 donation to our Group. With this we have built racks for tent poles under the hall on the Eastern side and we will be putting a plaque on the new Flag Pole in his honour.

We wish his family well, with the knowledge he will always be in our thoughts.

Leigh Warder is no longer a leader with our Group. We wish her all the best in her current endeavours.

Tony Ombler cannot get to our meeting nights due to Uni commitments and so has resigned.

As we have so many new families I have put a little information about each Leader on page 15 .

This past year has been a year of Firsts.

- Pamela Martin got our *Website* up and running and it is now widely used.
- Stephan Pawelczyk has worked with the committee and leaders on the "*Group Plan*". The reason we need a Group Plan is to set out the vision and objectives of where we hope the group will be in three years and how we expect to make this happen. This is a work in progress and I encourage you to read "The Plan" and pass on your thoughts to Stephan.

- Finally the group now has a quarterly Newsletter, *The Greendale Times*. Karina Brown proposed the name, and it was the popular winner in an online vote. I would encourage you to submit an article about what is happening in your section.

The Group also participated in the following activities during 2009/2010.

- Australia Day Breakfast at Dee Why Beach. – Hard work but very enjoyable.
- Anzac Day March - Brookvale Bus Depot. – So moving, good turn up by all sections (25 youth)
- Job Month Trolley Push – a successful & fun night and we are seen by the public to still exist.
- The Pub to Pub Fun Run drinks station was well attended, fun to work on, the Cubs told me.
- The Annual Family Camp at Dunns Swamp in September –such a beautiful place to relax.
- Try and attend the 3rd one this year.
- Annual Christmas Tree Sale - Another fun way to raise some funds.
- The Group Sold Raffle Tickets prior to the Fun run and at Christmas. Both were profitable.
- The Chocolate Drive was a huge success. Again very profitable
- Netball BBQ's – Hard work finding helpers for 15 weeks, but the profit makes it worthwhile.

Our main fundraiser is the B.B.Q. each Saturday of the Netball season. In 2009 we raised approx. \$13,000.00. This year (2010) we are doing much better in filling the roster.

Fundraising is a continuing activity for any Scout Group. At our Registration nights in March 2010 we asked families to say what fundraising they wish to be involved in throughout the year. The group takes 60% of the profit from fundraising for the Hall Loan Repayment of \$5,000 (payable in July each year) and for the ongoing cost of running the group. The other 40% goes to participating families who do fundraising listed on the registration sheet. Families can use it for any scouting activities – in 2009/2010 it will be mainly used for the Cuboree. It can be used for any Camps or Section Activities. If not used it rolls over to the next year.

As you read the section reports for Joey's, Cub's and Scouts you will notice that all have been very busy in 2009. It is shaping up to be no different for 2010. In all the sections our Group continues to strive for the best for our youth members.

Joey Section: Our numbers have been steady in 2009 even with Joey's going up to Cub's, the section has continued to grow mainly through word of mouth. This change in numbers is because we are the only Joey section in our area. The out of hall activities planned for T3 & T4 are looking good.

Cub Section: The Cubs are having a great time. There is a push this year to finish that last little item of badge work so that the badge can be presented. Boomerang work is progressing well. Out of hall nights are planned for term 3 & 4. There were no Grey Wolf Awards in the past year but we expect to hear shortly that Sebastian Gordon will receive the first "Grey Wolf Award" at Brookvale Curl Curl. Congratulation on a job well done. I also offer congratulations to the cubs who received Bronze, Silver or Gold Boomerangs during the year. *The next Cuboree is in January 2011. We have 26 Cubs and I would expect most of them to attend this great event. They will get so much out of it.*

Scout Section: The Scout Leaders continue to push the scouts to achieve at the highest level by having a varied and interesting programme. The Jamboree showcased what the Scout Movement is all about, teaching youth about commitment, working as a team, enjoying yourself, and the good feeling you get when you know you have achieved your objective.

The Joey, Cub & Scout Sections needs help in finding at least one more Leader for each section. We cannot grow the sections unless each has another Leader and more parent help. Another Leader will enable the Joey's to do more interesting activities. Glenn Satchell has been helping us out but he will need to attend to his real job in scouts as Activity Leader over the next 2 terms.

The same applies to the Cub Section, it is a struggle for 3 leaders to give quality time to 26 Cubs. With Stephan becoming GL the 2 leaders left in the Scout Section will also struggle with 21 Scouts and in 2011 there are 8 Cubs advancing to Scouts with only 3 scouts progressing to Venturers.

The Leaders do not want to compromise the quality of Scouting offered to your sons and daughters but this is what will have to happen if we as a group cannot increase the numbers of Leaders in each Section.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to help at working bees over the past year. We know families are busy on weekends with sport and family time but we still need help to keep our halls in top condition. Running two halls for the past 13 years has taken its toll on the group financially. That is why the money we make on Hall Hire and the BBQ's is so important. It means you, our family members, are not being asked to put your hand in your pocket to collectively find about \$5,000 each year. The public pays for the maintenance of both halls.

I am happy to say no one is leaving us this year from the Committee.

Last year we trialled job sharing the Presidents position. Rory Crawford & Tracey Kew have brought different strengths to the job and it has worked very successfully. Leanne Putaansuu continues to do a great job as Secretary. Jan Wainwright keeps us up to date with the finances. Philip Lee – V.P. keep's our email address' up to date. His expertise in finance is always appreciated as was his help with the Curl Curl hall hire. Siobhan Hatzipantelis & David Brown continue to step up to do all those little jobs that crop up.

I wish to thank the parents of our group for their support of the leaders and for their work during the year. The Group will need your continued support as we look to the future and continue to grow and to provide good Scouting to the youth in our care.

This will be the last Group Leaders report I give. Over the years the group has been blessed with some great committee people to work with. My job has been made easier because a lot of those people have stayed in the position for a few years. I think volunteering is one of the most satisfying things any person can do. To give your time and expertise to something you love, to help the community, and to be an example that your children may wish to follow that, to me, is what life is about.

I have enjoyed my time and have many fond memories from the past 20 years. Seeing youth members grow as they move through the sections is most satisfying to me. I became GL when my son was in Cubs, to help the group out, I said I would stay 5 years – how time flies. I will now downgrade (in time required) to Joey's for a couple of years at least. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make my job so rewarding and for your friendship.

I know that Stephan will continue to have the best interest of Brookvale - Curl Curl Scout Group in mind in everything he does for our Group.
Sorry this report is so long.

Maree Sewell

“Rama”

Group Leader

Joey Leader's Report May 2009 – May 2010

2009 has seen lots of changes for the Joey Mob. At the beginning of 2009 we had 11 Joey's. Throughout 2009 4 Joey's advanced to Cubs, 4 left the group but continued in Cubs closer to their homes. At the beginning of 2010 we have 9 Joey's and 2 Leaders. Because youth members are only in the Joey section for 2 years there is always movement, the Joeys are always very keen to advance up to Cubs. Due to this we are always looking to recruit more Joeys. Last Monday we had a "Bring a Friend" night so we could show our friends what great fun Joey's is.

In the past year the Joey Mob worked towards the Environment Badge 8 Joey's completed this badge. 10 Joey's also worked towards the Community Badge. We had great fun & learnt lots with this badge. We took walks at the oval to determine how many sporting facilities used the oval. We had "Dave" the fire Captain and his team visit us one night. We all fully enjoyed climbing in and all over the fire truck. We were also lucky enough to practice putting out a fire, with the fire hose turned on. Some of us did get a little wet. We are currently working on the Caring & Sharing Badge.

The Leaders were very proud of the Joey's at the Anzac Day March. Despite the weather we had a great turn out. The Joeys marched very respectfully. We had many members of the public comment on and thank them for their involvement and congratulated them on their good behaviour.

At the beginning of 2009 Leigh Warder and Tony Ombler were running the Joey Section with the help of Maree Sewell. However, due to work commitments, Tony and Leigh have not been able to continue with this. Glenn Satchell (Activities Leader) and Maree ran the section for most of 2009 until I, Virginia Odell, was recruited as the new Joey Leader. I am currently completing my BL2.

A big thank you to our parents who stay and help out each week, the youth members love to have parent involvement. If you have any spare time of a Monday evening please try and join us when you can.

Yours in Scouting

Virginia Odell (Kang Kang)

Cub Leaders' Report **May 2009 – May 2010**

What a busy year!

At the time of the last report, we had 12 Cubs in the pack. This time around we have 26 youth members! We now have a fourth Six, (Blue) as a result. Our leaders are continuing their training, with more courses coming up shortly. With such a strong group, we are in much need of more leaders and parent helpers!

New Leader: Welcome to Glenn Satchell, aka Skipper, he is an Activities Leader (Alpine & JOTA), and his daughter Melanie is a member of the pack.

Grey Wolf Award! At the time of writing, Sebastian Gordon has applied for his Grey Wolf Award - the highest possible achievement in Cubs, and the first for the group for some time. He has recently linked up to Scouts. Seb, the leaders are proud of your hard work and dedication throughout your entire time in Cubs. Very well done!

Badges: We've awarded a number of Bronze and Silver Boomerangs, and lots of achievement badges in 2009/2010 For the Cyclist badge, all attended a bike night near our old hall at NCC. A handful of Cubs also did an 8km ride around Narrabeen Lake, to go towards their level 2 badge. We've also given out badges for Swimming, Sports, Canoeing, First Aid, Musician, Space, Entertainer, Codes & Signals, Masks & Sculptures, and a few more of the ever popular Collector's badge.

Out and About: Most of the pack earned their Flight badge at the Scout Air Activities Centre at Camden Airport. Everyone went up for a 20min flight in the Scout-owned 4 seater Cessnas, and Baloo got to fly the 2 seat powered glider with the engine switched off!

Canoeing badges: were earned at a training day on Narrabeen Lake, along with other Cub Packs. After some skills training, we set off from Jamieson Park, stopped for lunch at the Caravan Park, then headed back again via the Institute of Sport.

A Medieval Night: (Knight?) held at the Platabeen hall, with close to 100 Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers & Leaders in attendance. All were mesmerised for hours by the demonstration, then got to try on armour and play with real swords! (Blunt ones, sadly.)

Sirius Cup: was a great success – Cubs camped out in the hall, then headed down (early!) to Balmoral Oval for the competitions. Everyone went hard and did very well, and we ended up taking home a number of podium finishes!

The usual fixtures – climbing at the Rockhouse, District Christmas Party at the Waterworks, Cub Halloween Disco, bushwalking & geocaching trips, the annual Trolley Push & Netball BBQ fundraising.

Cub Camp: In September we went to Glengarry Guide Centre in Turrumurra, and spent the weekend getting up to all sorts of things. Geocaching & hiking in the nearby valley, bilycarting this was very popular with Cubs and Leaders alike, stiltwalking, exploring the trails through the camp, collecting firewood, toasting marshmallows around the fire, great food (much thanks to Ken Martin for cooking for everyone for the weekend), and sleeping in dorms (no actual sleeping was done).

ANZAC DAY: It was pleasing to see a bigger turnout at the march & service at Brookvale Bus Depot.

Clean Up Australia: We got our faces in the Manly Daily, clearing up Greendale Creek Nice work!

Future Scout Day: at the recent *Australian Jamboree* was a blast – Cubs got to visit the site at Cataract for the day, hang out with our Scouts, and participate in a stack of different activities.

Conservation Camp: Just last weekend, the pack attended the Camp at Ingleside, earning a special Environment badge. A visit to *Featherdale*, a native wildlife zoo, was included we got to pat the animals, and completed several tasks to earn the Animals & Birds badge.

Coming Up

We're just as busy in the upcoming months – Cub Fun Day is 20th June at East Ryde Public School... Family Camp is coming up again soon... we'll be cooking on a campfire next to the hall... and building a finely tuned racing machines for the Bilycart Derby... another Viking Boat Raid is being planned... also We're going to the **SNOW!!!** We're also gearing up for the **Cuboree** in January 2011 - 95% of the pack attended the last one in 2007, and we're looking forward to seeing you all at this one!

A big thank you to Maree for your continued support for the Pack, and the parent helpers for all your effort, and for having some fun along the way.

Yours in Scouting,

Richard (Baloo),

Pamela (Rikki),

Glenn (Skipper)

Scout Leader's Report

May 2009 – May 2010

The Scout Troop now has 21 Scouts. Our Troop has grown substantially with many youth new to Scouting joining us. A big welcome to Sebastian Gordon who is in the process of linking from Cubs to Scouts.

We have enjoyed some great activities over the last 12 months, the highlight of course being AJ2010 (Jamboree). After a year of raising funds, 8 of our Scouts and 2 Leaders attended the Jamboree, a 2 week camp with about 10,000 other Scouts full of fun and adventures. Other activities for the year include District Camp at Ingleside, Family Camp at Dunns Swamp, Scouthike 2010 at Wingelo State Forest, (both Patrols were awarded the Bronze award), JOTA at Narrabeen (always a fun weekend contacting scouts in Australia and overseas over the radio and internet), a hike to Mt Solitary in the Blue Mountains and abseiling to mention a few.

There are also some great events to look forward to this year such as, District Camp in June, Scuba Diving next week, a probable weekend in the snow, canoeing and a few other hikes and camps through out the year.

The Troop is organised by the Patrol System. Basically this means the Troop is run by the Scouts themselves with the Patrol Leaders playing a major part in the leadership of the Troop. The Troop has 3 Patrols run by our Patrol Leaders Kiri Hatzipantalis, Jamie Crawford and Belinda Martin who have taken on this responsibility and done extremely well.

Thanks again to Maree Sewell for another year of her invaluable support and to the many parents who have also been a tremendous support in many events over the last year. Thanks also to Stephan Pawelczyk and Shannon Higgins for their invaluable assistance in delivering a great program to the Troop. Without this support our Troop would not be as successful as it is.

Adrina Selles "Makara"

Scout Leader

BROOKVALE – CURL CURL SCOUT GROUP

Environment Report (May 2010)

Caring for the environment is an integral part of Brookvale – Curl Curl Scout Group, as it is with all Scout Groups. Environmentally, this year was a great year for the Group which saw a solid foundation laid for the future of Greendale Creek. Here are some of the highlights:

- Engaged Warringah council regarding conditions of DA in May 2009.
- We established the Greendale Creek Landcare Group in August 2009.
- \$500 donation from Dick Smith (OAM) towards our project.
- Pledge by Rotary Brookvale to provide all trees and vegetation needed for our project.
- Adrina Selles' discussions with Landcare Australia resulting in \$15,000 of project funding.
- Our application for funding through the NSW Government's Community Building Partnerships Grant to undertake Stage 1 of the Greendale Creek Rehabilitation Project was successful in December 2009 with the Group receiving \$14,400.
- Active participation in Clean Up Australia Day on 7 March 2010 saw over 40 people take part, cleaning up much of the western side of the creek.
- Free chemical testing of creek water donated by Envirolab Services.
- Warringah Council to remove three coral trees from the northern end of Greendale Creek along Winbourne Road and perform bank stabilisation work at their expense.
- Artist's impressions and sketches by Group member and local artist, Marie Romeo.
- The first Scout Group in Australia to be listed as an Environment Partner on the Scouts Australia website (<http://bit.ly/envpartner>)

The use of the internet and social networking has provided an easy way to keep people up to date with our project. This includes the use of facebook and twitter as well as our Group's own website. Our profile continues to grow with the Manly Daily reporting on our hard work on Clean Up Australia Day in March 2010 (*Scouts clean up Greendale Creek*, 9 March 2010).

To further increase our profile, the Group has engaged in numerous discussions over the past year aimed at making people aware of our project to save the only remaining portion of Greendale Creek. Numerous members of the Group have been involved in these discussions which have covered both sides of politics at a State and Federal level, Warringah Councillors and the Mayor, local community groups and interested persons, Landcare Australia, and local businesses.

The next 12 months will see work on our project continue. This will include:

- Using the NSW Government funding to remove coral trees before the end of 2010. A working bee will be organised at the same time to allow us to maximise the value out of the money received. This will be a further opportunity to gain coverage for the project in the Manly Daily.
- Further grant opportunities.
- Participate in Clean up Australia day in March 2011.
- Continue gathering support of the local community and businesses.
- A community open day to promote our project.
- Submission of a rehabilitation plan to Warringah Council.

[facebook.com/greendaleproject](https://www.facebook.com/greendaleproject)

www.brookvalecurlcurlscouts.com/greendale-creek.html



Job Month Report 2009 – 2010

Scout's, Cub's and Joey's with Leaders got together again for the annual trolley push at Warringah Mall, outside Woolworths

Scout's partnered with Cub's and Joey's were successful in raising \$799.50. Attending were 11 Scout's, 12 Cub's and 3 Joey's plus 5 Leaders and some very helpful Parents.

Raffle Tickets were also sold on the night.

The group presented 26 Silver Awards to the participants.

I would like to thank everyone for their help in running a successful fundraiser in 2009

Siobhan Hatzipantelis

A Small Introduction to Brookvale – Curl Curl Leaders

Virginia Odell - Joey Leader. Virginia has worked in banking for a number of years her current role includes Project Management & Governance at Westpac. Virginia has 2 children Becca (9) & Tom (Joey). Virginia is passionate about health & fitness, especially the benefits it provides to children.

Glenn Satchell – Activities Leader Glenn runs his own computer consulting business, Glenn was a Cub, Scout and Venturer before becoming an Activities Leader in 1985, Glenn organises Downhill ski trips and JOTA (Jamboree of the Air) Camp. Glenn received the Silver Arrowhead for Excellent Service to the Scout Movement. Glenn has 3 Daughters 1 in Cubs 1 in Joey's and a "future" Joey.

Pamela Martin – Training as a Cub Leader. Pamela is an Industrial Chemist with a local pharmaceutical company and is very interested in Science. She has a husband (Ken) and 3 children who are in Scouts – one in each section. She was a Venturer in this hall in the 70's. The family is moving to Beacon Hill soon.

Richard Veale - Cub Leader. Richard was a Cub & Scout at Careel Bay, A Venturer at Mona Vale, a Rover with Forest, and a Leader with us (2006). He will join the Forest Fellowship in July. Richard works at the Rockhouse and Officeworks (printing dept.) He has a background in the bicycle industry. Richard loves all outdoors activities.

Adrina Selles - Scout Leader. Adrina has been a Scout Leader for 15.5 Years and a Jamboree Troop Leader at 5 Jamborees. Adrina has a husband and 4 children all of whom have been involved with BCC Scouts in a variety of roles over the years. She owns the Rock House Climbing Centre and prior to that was a registered nurse for about 30 yrs. Interests other than Scouts include climbing, bike riding & hiking.

Shannon Higgins – Assistant Scout Leader. Shannon has completed an IT Course at Tafe, he works part time for D.Y.R.S.L. Shannon was a Cub & Scout with Collaroy Plateau and is now a Rover with Forest. Shannon attended AJ2010 as a leader and will be attending the New Zealand Jamboree in 2011 as a line leader.

Stephan Pawelczyk – Assistant Scout Leader. Stephan was a Cub, Scout, Venturer and assistant Scout Leader with 2nd Seven Hills. He moved to the Northern Beaches in 2005. Stephan is an Environmental Scientist with expertise in contaminated land projects. His expertise will be invaluable with the rehabilitation of Greendale Creek (Creek Project). Stephan will be the Group Leader in 2011.

Maree Sewell – Group Leader. I have been the Group Leader at Brookvale and then the combined group for 20 years. I run the uniform/book shop at a local High School. I have a husband (John) & 2 grown up children. When Stephan finishes his GL training, nearly there, I will continue with the group as a Joey Leader.