

THE GREENDALE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF BROOKVALE - CURL CURL SCOUT GROUP



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Welcome to the third edition of our newsletter, the *Greendale Times*. It is full of information and a helpful way of finding out what is going on around the Group.

Putting this issue of the newsletter together has reminded me that everyone in Scouts are volunteers. We are all here to help the youth of today to become responsible citizens of tomorrow. There are many volunteers in our Group – from the Leaders who devote their time week in week out, to the Committee who provide their time assisting with the administration and management of the Group, to the Trustees who help maintain our Halls, to the parents who help out at Section meetings when they can – we are all volunteers, from diverse backgrounds, bringing unique skills and experiences with us. So a big thanks to all of the volunteers that make our Group great!

THE GROUP

A LOT HAS happened since our last newsletter, highlights include a special surprise at our Annual General Meeting to celebrate Rama's (Maree) 20 years as Group Leader, not to be outdone, we also celebrated Makara (Adrina, 15 years) and Skipper (Glenn, 25 years). Mike Baird (Manly MP) was on hand to present Rama with her certificate. A big 1-2-3 WOLF goes to Seb who in June was presented with his Grey Wolf award. The Grey Wolf award is the highest award of the Cub section and requires a lot of hard work and effort, Seb's will be the first of many for our Group.



Seb presented with his Grey Wolf Award

ON A COLD and windy July night, the Group held it's first ever trivia night to great success. Almost 90 people crammed into our Brookvale hall to battle it out in a game of wits. Congratulations go to the United Families who narrowly beat two other teams by 2 points, yes two whole points. It was a great night and certainly achieved the aim of everyone getting to know each other a little better. Thank you to Rory who "rattled the spoon" when the questions were read out. It did take a bit for my voice to recover. We'll try to have a microphone on hand for our 2011 event.



The view of Dunns Swamp from the Pagoda Lookout

MANY OF US have just returned from our 3rd Annual Family Camp at Dunn's Swamp, a big thank you to all the leaders who organised an amazing weekend. The weather was glorious and about half the Group's youth members and their families spent three days camping in the Wollemi National Park. We will soon be seeking feedback in our efforts to make the next camp better than the one before, we look forward to your ideas and comments for 2011.

I'D LIKE YOU to all welcome Toby back, a former Cub/ Scout of ours, as a Youth Helper with Cubs. David Gordon (Seb's Dad) has also started his training to become a Scout Leader. Two great additions to our Group. While we are talking Leaders, a big 1-2-3 WOLF to Baloo (Dicky) who has completed his Cub Leader training. This month sees Rock (Stephan) officially take on the role of Group Leader from Rama (Maree) who'll be spending her time assisting Kang kang (Virginia) in

Joeys, and Teddy (Shannon) taking on the role of District Leader (Scouts). District Leaders bring with them a wealth of technical knowledge that will be a great asset to our Group, but it means we will see less and less of Teddy as he starts to spend time with other nearby groups.

WE ARE NOW about half way through the Scouting year which runs from 1 April to 30 March and it is a good time for us each to take stock of our fundraising commitments for the year. Are you on track with your family's fundraising commitments? Jan, our treasurer, can easily provide this information if you have lost track yourself. Remember there are a number of fundraising opportunities left this year, two barbeques at Bunnings Narrabeen (30 October and 14 November), Christmas Trees and Rotary Christmas Raffle (December) and the Australia Day Breakfast (January 2011). Fundraising chocolates are also available to sell throughout the year.

AND LASTLY, IF you haven't noticed, that's our new Group logo in the top right hand corner of Page 1 of our newsletter. This was designed by Marie (Seb's Mum) in discussion with your Leaders and Committee to capture the geographical characteristics of our area.

Following are highlights from around the sections...

JOEYS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

All of our sections have healthy numbers with new chums finding us on an almost weekly basis. There are currently 13 Joeys, 30 Cubs and 15 Scouts from about 40 different families. This is a significant increase from this time last year and is a testament to the calibre of our Group. Please join me in welcoming all the new families to our Group, I trust you will make them feel at home.

There are many interesting and exciting activities planned for the rest of the year and you can find more information in your Section's program (see website for more information)

The biggest up coming event, for the Cubs at least, would have to be the 4th NSW Cuboree being held at Cataract Scout Park over 9-13 January 2011. This event is BIG and with over 25 Cubs and 6 parents attending it is our biggest contingent ever! Our group will form an even larger Cub Pack with another group from NSW for the duration of the Cuboree.

The Cuboree is a 5 day event run along similar lines to a

Scout Jamboree with activities all day and night, including waterslides, craft, caving, movie nights, discos, the history of Scouting, abseiling, offsite visits and tours and much more. I hear that over 2,000 Cubs from all over NSW will be attending. The Cuboree Cub Pack will soon be meeting and holding their shakedown (or preparatory) camp in late October.

The Cuboree provides a taste of things to come with about ten of the Cubs to start linking to Scouts shortly after the Cuboree.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Well it is if the shops are anything to go by! The Group's Christmas Party will be at the conclusion of the Christmas Tree Sales on Sunday, 12 December. In the past, it has been held at Jamieson Park, Narrabeen. It's a leisurely afternoon, canoeing, a BBQ and an opportunity to say Merry Christmas and thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year. Activity notes to follow closer to the date.

CREEK PROJECT

Our creek project has seen some great progress over the past few weeks with work to remove the coral trees commencing late September. These trees are noxious weeds and received Council's "mark of death" during construction of the hall. The trees were removed to ground level leaving the root mass behind to hold the bank together providing time for native vegetation to take over. The group will hold a number of working bees to remove left over weed ground cover and other rubbish once the mammoth task of removing the trees has been completed. A rehabilitation plan to lodge with council is currently being put together.

Stay tuned for more information.

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The back half of our Brookvale property

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PARENT MEETINGS - 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:30 PM