



NORTHBRIDGE NEWS



Term 2 - 2016

Contacts

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Assist. Joey Scout Leaders

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Mick Vojnovic

Parent Committee

Chairperson

Christine Ward

Secretary

Chris Cole

Treasurer

Heather Price

Mish Hooper

Amy Horne

Sylke Roberts

(some) Diary Dates

May

20th-28th

Comedy Capers, Shedley Theatre, Elizabeth
Cohen Cup, (Scouts)

28th-29th

June

4th

Capture the Flag, Ridley event (Venturers)

4th

[Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser](#)

10th-13th

Troop Camp, Parra Wirra, (Scouts)

July

8th

Term 2 ends

25th

Term 3 starts

31st

Australian Scout Medallion, Baden Powell &
Queen Scout Award application deadline

August

1st - 31st

Scouts in Action Month

September

7nd -10th

Scouts Shouts Performances, Golden Grove Arts

16th-18th

Scout (Shooting) Training Camp, SSAA Para

18th

[Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser](#)

20th-24th

Adelaide Gang Show Performances, Scott Theatre

23rd-25th

Branch Hike, (Scouts)

30th

Term 3 ends

October

30th Sept- 3rd

Sandblast (Rovers & Venturers)

30th Sept- 3rd

Centenary Cuboree

15th-16th

Jamboree on the Air/Internet (JOTA/JOTI)

17th

Term 4 starts

November

6th

Joey Scout Fun Day (branch event)

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Mallee Rover Mud Camp, Tapio Station, (Scouts)

tba

Minisplash, Cobdogla, (Scouts)

December

9th-11th

Supersplash, Venturers

tba

Christmas break up/ End of year celebration

16th

Term 4 ends

FROM THE GROUP LEADER

Welcome to another Scouting term. This newsletter provides a very brief snapshot into what your Group and all of its sections have been up to over the last few months. I encourage you to take the time to read through the articles and discover how the Group has been spending its time.

The major Group activity so far this year has been our Group Camp held at the Rymill Centre at Woodhouse. What a great getting to know you weekend for our members, with the Excalibur Rovers joining us for the first time. Members of all sections mingled to create a great experience for all. Term 1 was very busy for our Group as you will read in this issue of our Newsletter. Thanks to everyone for a great term!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The start of 2016 has seen us once again welcome new youth members and their families to our Group. It is with great pleasure that we add you to our family, and we hope you have a long and happy association with Northridge Para Vista Scout Group.

CHANGES IN THE TEAM

Since our last newsletter there have been some some changes to the team. Bianca and Anthony have moved on from Venturers due to conflicting life commitments and we wish them well in their new endeavours. We have two (maybe three) new Assistant Joey Scout Leaders: welcome Ramsey, Andrew and Damien, as well as a new Assistant Venturer Leader – Lesley. If you see these new faces around the hall please say 'G'day'. Peter Hooper (Platypus) has stepped back from the Leadership of the Joey Scout Section after 20 years and handed over the safe hands of Chris (Gecko) Cole. This of course doesn't mean that we lose one of our star team members, as Peter has offered to step in as Assistant Group Leader, so his wealth of knowledge will remain within the Group.

THE GROUP

The Group continues to grow, with all sections maintaining good membership numbers. This growth is due, in no part, to the excellent programs run by our awesome team of Leaders. As we continue to grow, we must continue to explore innovative ways to accommodate our youth members in the 'Game of Scouting'. The experience level of our Leader team is outstanding, providing phenomenal programs and guidance across all sections, but as always, we are always on the look out for passionate people to expand our team, both as Leaders and Group Supporters. Additionally Adult helpers within the sections are always very welcome.

AS ALWAYS...

The support of our members and their families is critical to enable our Group to continue to grow – please help us out – your support will mean that we can continue on our main objective – that is helping young people to flourish and do it all with Scouts! Please feel free to drop me an email (gl.northridge@sa.scouts.com.au), give me a call or grab me to have a chat at the hall if you would like!

Please keep yourself updated by checking our notice board regularly and also visit our website at www.northridgeparavista.sa.scouts.com.au

AGM (09/05/16)

'Thank you' to the parents who let us know they were unable to attend the AGM.

A BIG THANK YOU to the all the committee, youth members and leaders who did turn up for the meeting - we appreciate you all coming out in this weather.

Unfortunately due the lack of parent attendance we were unable to vote on any of the important matters that we wished to discuss. This means the current committee will remain in situ for the next year when hopefully we will be able to follow protocol and elect committee members as necessary.

If you do wish to volunteer some time to assist the committee (not take on a major role) then please feel to speak with any of the committee members who are usually at the hall on the Thursday evening :)

Kingfisher

Cleanup of hall at end of session

Could any parent/ carers who are waiting to pick up their child assist with some general cleanup to keep our hall at its best?

Leaders will be happy to point out what may need to be completed.

people's choice
COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Lottery tickets are out now. Can you please support our group by selling a booklet - your support is greatly appreciated.

(...more booklets are available - please ask your section leaders)

Helpers needed for

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

2 Sausage Sizzle BBQ Fundraisers at the Modbury Bunnings store have been allocated to our Group.

Dates: 4th of June & 18th of September

Please consider helping out.

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Rosters can be found on the hall entrance door.

On the 13th of April our Joey Mob said good bye to Platypus. Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers (all former Joeys), Parents, Leaders and Committee came along on Peter Hooper's last night as Northridge's Joey Leader. Peter has been a Joey Leader for 20 years and is involved in scouting even longer.

We cannot thank him enough for all his work within the Joey section and his contribution to our group.

Peter is not done with scouting yet!



20 years service award

Here are some of Peter's scouting milestones and achievements:
Assistant Joey Scout Leader - 31.01.1996
Joey Scout Leader - 26.06.2002
Wood badge LOY Joeys - 12.08.2004
Certificate of Merit - 01.08.2007
Silver Arrowhead - 01.08.2011
Silver Wattle - 01.08.2015
20 year Service 16.02.2016



2011



2015



2013

Joey Mob Well! What a busy Joey mob we are.

We began the term just in time to prepare a little something for all of our joeys' mums out there and for the first time a meeting did not coincide with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as that was held on the Monday 9th May.

The most recent activity was a great attendance at the Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT) held in collaboration with 1st Salisbury Joeys at Cobbler Creek Reserve on Sat 14th May. This is a significant event as JOTT is a branch event which means that as many groups and sections as possible hold a hiking activity on the one day. Our scout and cub brothers and sisters ventured up to Morialta Falls for their hike so the Group was well represented on the day.

This was the first opportunity this mob to do such a physical activity and I am pleased to say they all performed very well.

In recent times we have visited the Port Adelaide region where we took a journey on the historical Archibadenoch launch on the Port River and were fortunate that the skipper had arranged for a meeting with a resident dolphin which was certainly the highlight of the cruise. We then climbed the historical lighthouse on the waterfront before moving to the SA Maritime Museum where we had lunch before a tour of the museum.

During Gecko's absence earlier this year the mob had two activities with Joeys from Ingle Farm mob involving tie dying and super heroes, which I understand were very successful.

Late last year we visited the Planetarium at Mawson Lakes, always a great visit and together with a science night earlier this year is good news for our budding Andy Thomas aspirants.

We are fortunate at the present time to have a large number of leaders involved in the section. As well as myself (Gecko), Possum and Emu, we recently invested Dingo (Tameem's) dad and Damon (named as 'Cockatoo' by the Joeys on the JOTT this weekend). Cockatoo is a former Joey who has moved up through the sections here at Northridge and after becoming a Rover in the new Crew based at Northridge. He is keen to give something back and we welcome his involvement. Emu is also a former Rover and with Dingo coming back into a leader role we are in good standing for the future. We need new Joey members so please spread the word.

Scout Troop

At the beginning of the year 15 Scouts and 3 Leaders from our group hopped on the bus and went to the 24th Australian Jamboree at Cataract Park in Sydney. All enjoyed the beautiful weather - including the wet, puddle jumping, mudslinging & trench digging. It was a good experience and HUGE learning curve especially for first timers

Sarah says: very rainy, tiring and FUN. I can't wait for the next one in Adelaide



Badge work fun in term1

We had Cultural Awareness over 2 weeks as part of the cultural heritage badge work. What great couple of nights they were with fantastic menu's designed and created by each Patrol.



Hayley thought the food was interesting – especially the different types of spices used in African cooking & cold carrot & mango soup- Yum

Our troop went to the Salisbury Swim Centre for a Water safety night. 21 Scouts attended, even 3 Scouts who already achieved their levels came along. Those who attended received badges - Well done to all.



In April we went along to the Super Medieval Group Camp at Woodhouse.



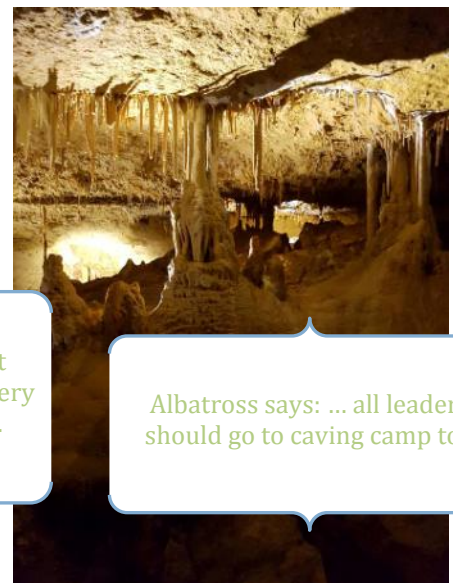
Aaron R. says: ... it was awesome learning how to fight with swords.... the night hike with Eagle was spine tingling.... heaps of good food.... FUN points: 9.5 out of 10.



On the last weekend of the April school holidays 50 scouts from the Ridley district including 12 scouts from Northridge went on a caving camp at Naracoorte. The bus ride was long. On the way the bus broke down but it was close to Macca's so no one really minded. Everyone had a great time - even when the tents "caved in". But we are Scouts and are prepared for anything.



Kata says: ... it was the best camp I have ever been on. Every scout should experience it.



Albatross says: ... all leaders should go to caving camp too



Good bye to Owl (Andrew Alchin) and Aidan. Thanks. Good luck and lots of hoops!

Magpie

What a find on the net! This photo of 5 Scouts from Northridge Scout Troop was taken 28 years ago. Where are they now? Would they remember their zoo visit? The uniform has change since then, but the scarf still remains the same.



Scouting in the zoo: (from left) Darian, Darren (14) Jamie, Peter (11) and Stuart (13), of Northridge Scout Troop. 9th March 1988