



1st West Waverley Scout Group

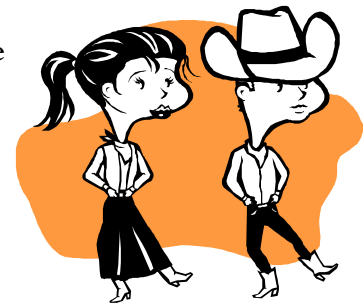
DIARY DATES

- **BUSH DANCE & BBQ**
Friday, 14th September 2007
- **ROLLERAMA - (Scout Activity)**
Thursday, 20th September 2007
- **CADBURY CHOCOLATES**
Term 4 activity (only \$1 each!!!!)
- **BUNNINGS BBQS:**
Sunday, 16th December. 2007
Sunday, 13th January, 2008
Saturday, 16th August, 2008

BUSH DANCE, BBQ & SOCIAL NIGHT

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls (and friends and families of 1st West Waverley)!!

Dust off yer boots and get a scootin' to the 1st West Waverley Bush Dance.



Friday 14 September 2007
1st West Waverley Scout Hall
tickets \$5 per person
(or \$7.50 on the night)

BBQ & soft drinks for sale from 6.30pm

Dancin' starts at 7pm

Our caller is the famous Robert Motton of Jamboree 2007 fame!!

We look forward to seein' you there pardner!!

Tickets can be purchased from Libby Parker 9807 3272

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FUNDRAISING

Fundraising events help keep the fees down for our youth, so please help out as much as you can. If you find it hard to sell chocolates through work, then get the kids to sell to neighbours. Elderly neighbours will buy some for their grandchildren and will be happy to hear about their local scout group. We may even get some new members. (PS Take some copies of this

newsletter with you),

The Bunnings BBQs are a new initiative and raise very good money, especially as the money is coming from outside the group and it's families.

Can I please ask you all to put the dates (see inset) in your diaries now as we will need every family to do their bit. If we all give an hour or two of

our time then the load is shared.

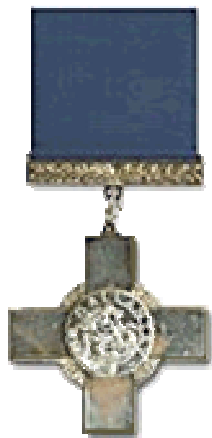
Ring **Fiona Woolger** now on 9807 3852 to book your preferred time or email to: fwoolger@bigpond.net.au. I know it's close to Xmas and we're all busy, but ...

WE CAN DO IT!

Thanks for your help!

**WATCH THIS
SPACE:
leader
profiles
coming
soon!**

*I remember Griff
saying the tent was so
good we should go to
bed wearing a collar
and tie.*



The Malta George Cross
Medal

CHUCKLES' CHUCKLES "Remember When " - Part Three

Following on with more items of interest per favour of Griff and his log/diary.

My last "Remember When" mentioned the Norman Allan Memorial Shield. The Shield had been gathering dust and cobwebs in the district hall. It was rescued and brought back to 1st West, where I hope it will have a permanent home. I consider the shield belongs to us, the troop that won it for seven consecutive years when there were eight other groups in the West Waverley district.

August–September 1984 saw the 200th Edition of the Message Stick. It had lapsed for some time. Fortunately, due to the hard work of "Wombat", this magazine-news sheet is available once again to all at 1st West.

A paragraph in Part Two mentioned "that tent". I have no idea where it came from. One theory is that it belonged to one of the early leaders. My pleasure and also privilege of sleeping in "that tent" first started in 1974. No word or words in any dictionary can fully describe it. When it rained there was more water inside than outside, plus there was no floor. It was the only tent where you could get sunburnt while remaining inside. When the wind blew, it didn't go over or around—it blew in one side and out the other.

Fortunately, some parent took pity on the suffering leaders and sold, very cheaply, a far more substantial tent. It was water and wind proof, with a floor, windows, and fly screens. You name it, we had it all. It was so good that the decision was made to erect it only in the hall and on carpet. I remember Griff saying the tent was so good we should go to bed wearing a collar and tie. Although I do admit to wearing

a tad more on the occasional cold Gilwell night.

The year 1987 saw 27 female scouts from Iceland sleep overnight in the hall after their long flight from their homeland. They were on their way to the Sydney Jamboree. As Griff said and wrote, "A well behaved and very orderly contingent". That's Griff for you; always a gentleman.

Sharelle Hunt became our first female patrol leader in 1993. Sharelle took her patrol to Gilwell for the Stradbroke Cup competition where they were awarded the Gold Pennant for their hard work. Sharelle, as a Venturer, was awarded the Queen's Scout award.

While on the subject of the Queens' Scout Award, in 1971 four of our Venturers worked hard to achieve this high distinction. They were Donald Roberts, Stephen Griffiths, Ian Wilkinson and Russell Jones. Russell later on became a member of the Victorian Police Force.

For mothers, the troop leaders decided to hold "Mother & Son camps". There were no female scouts in those days — the camp was always held over a weekend at a campsite close to home, such as Heaney Park of the now closed Somers area. The accommodation—tent— was always set up by the scouters with some little help from the scouts. The mothers were in their own patrol with a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader. Both leaders were chosen, elected, even dobbed in by various obvious means by scout leader Griff.

The first such camp was held at Lysterfield in 1972 and, for some strange reason or otherwise, the mothers became members of the infamous

Galah Patrol with their own pink scarf with a Galah Badge on the peak. Sadly, the scarf and badge are no longer available.

Campbell Thomas, Patrol Leader of then Koalas in 1991 at the time of his Investiture to Venturers, had completed 76 nights camping plus eight other nights on scouting activities.

This paragraph contains an item taken from the November 1993 issue of the "Somers Scene" magazine. "Rex Griffiths—Mount Waverley District—has been awarded the Malta George Cross Medal by His Excellency Dr Censu Tabone, President of Malta for services to the Republic of Malta in 1943 whilst serving with the Australian Navy." I am sure this information will come as a surprise to many, even to those who have known and worked with the old fossil for quite some time.

There are quite a lot more snippets regard 1st West in Griff's Log/Diary. Some are only two or three lines. Who knows, maybe one day ...

That's it for now. You can all relax. "REMEMBER WHEN" IS FINISHED FOR THE MOMENT, but wait... there could be more.

Yours in scouting and this 1st West Waverley in particular.

"Chuckles"



SCOUT SCRIBBLINGS

After the last issue, we were preparing to see Lachlan Rudd, Duncan Rudd & Michael Kurtanjek, perform at the Melbourne Gang Show. The first half was more than just a half; it was about 3 quarters. And was an interesting show that I have never seen (which is amazing as I've been around and helping at the show for over 15 years). Michael had a lead/talking part, along with Lachlan with a singing part, and Duncan had the scouts pointing him out, like "Where's Wally".

The next half (quarter) was much more fun, with not only the audience laughing and enjoying themselves, but the actual cast and production team also laughing. It was a good night.



We also said goodbye to 3 of our scouts (Nick Glossop, Michael Kurtanjek & Daniel Staffieri) as they continued their journey onto Venturers. As a scout leaves us, it is traditional that Chuckles writes a little about each of the scouts and reads them out on the night. Like always when you say goodbye to the older scouts, you don't really think much of it until, the second week their gone. That's when standing in the

hall and for some reason calling out a name (e.g. Nick) to ask him for help, just to realize, it's time to train the next (Nick) kid who can help as much as the last one. Have fun in Venturers boyz and just remember you're always welcome to come back down for a visit and, of course, will be invited on all scout hikes in the future.

After saying goodbye to scouts, there is always the other side and we welcomed 4 cubs (SCABS) up to scouts. As a new tradition, the scouts create different constructions, which the Scabs have to cross to prove they are good enough to join 1st West Scout Troop. Now, just when you think that isn't too hard, just remember the scouts don't always make the constructions easy for the Scabs to cross, as you need to weed out the annoying ones. Unfortunately this plan doesn't always work. Our constructions are named, "Death", "Hell" and "Death & Hell". Welcome to our new Scouts, the leaders will never call you "SCABS" again.

We had our annual sleep-over at the hall and movie night this term. It was a bad turnout, with only 5 scouts (2 Leaders) coming along, but with that it was a lot of fun. We attempted to eat, 6 Pizza's between 7 people, we cooked 200 prawn crackers, gallons of popcorn, made some homemade donuts, along with lollies and soft drink. I

don't know about the scouts, but I was feeling a little sorry for myself in the morning. During the night we watched a lot of movies, with me turning off the DVD/Projector at 3am. Movies watched were, *Men in Black II*, *The Castle*, *Spaceballs*, *The Girl's A Man*, *Major Payne* and one more I can't think of. It was a huge night.

Steve, Lachlan, Sarah, Duncan, Herman and Rierall, all attended the District's 13yo & above Survival Camp, held at Dallas Brooks Scout Camp, in Beaconsfield. This camping ground is the most overgrown area, close to the city, and perfect for this type of activity. Basically, on Friday night and Saturday morning, the scouts learn different things about survival—from navigation to building a shelter and starting a fire without matches or paper (or petrol for some of our dads or plastic chairs for the 1 dad. Hehehehehe...) From those I talked with, it was a good weekend. They built a shelter and kept themselves warm by keeping a fire going all night.

We held a couple of first aid nights to run through the basics, which also went towards badge work. With that and some more badge-work done, Ellen Campbell & Tara Romanin, both earned their Pioneer Badge. Well done Girls! Getting the Pioneer Badge is essential in scouts; you need it to go to Jamboree, to become an

Assistant Patrol Leader. When you get your Pioneer Cord, you are eligible Leader. When you get your Pioneer Cord, you are eligible to become a Patrol Leader.

There was also a District Patrol Leadership Weekend held at 5th Brighton Scout Hall, which is located right on the beach at Brighton. Well, 25m from the beach. The leadership weekend is one for all our PL's and soon to be PL's who learn some basics about being a leader — and, while playing British Bulldog on the beach, to being accidentally thrown into the water by Steve. Unfortunately the first person in the water was, for some reason, from the same family that was first in last year. Now we have a new list of PL's and APL's who have been through their training.

Cohen was to be a camp 1st West was going to at the end of the term, but due to lack of numbers we had no choice but to cancel the event. Not only a lack of numbers was the hassle; there was the fact that I had to chase people to hand in their forms. It's hard enough for the leaders to organize a program, get all the forms done, chase the scouts who are organising a night to do the forms, not to have to chase parents to hand in forms by a specific date.

Could all parents in all areas please RSVP to a camp or an event, with 'yes' or 'no' - via email is fine.

Not only is it the right thing to do, but the decent/respectful thing to do.

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1st West Waverley Committee

President	Steve Beyer	9807 7890
Secretary	Lyn Allen	9806 0535
Treasurer	Mario Staffieri	9888 3449
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Fundraising Co-ordinators	Fiona Woolger	

Editor's blurb ...

Have you got something to sell?

Is there an event you want to promote?

Would you like to advertise a job? (older members need part-time ones)

What makes a newsletter interesting? Hmmm!

Can you spare a few minutes to write a few words about your scouting experiences (as members and leaders)?

Was your Mum or Dad ever a scout?

Who is this newsletter for? Hey wait..., I can answer this one.... Its for YOU! Yes, You!

YOU are IMPORTANT and YOU can help me make this newsletter worth reading..

Looking forward to your input, I am..

Sue Spence

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1st West Waverley Leadership Team

Group Leader	Paul "Kooka" Crane	9803 3032
Joey Scouts	Paul "Kooka" Crane	9803 3032
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	Leesa "Bagheera" Blackburn	9807 1962
	Hilary "Baloo" Leigh	9833 3494
	Don "Marshall" McLeod	
Scout Leaders	Nick "3 rd Degree" Byrne	9795 1269
	Steve "Singe" Woolger	9807 3852
	John "Chuckles" Chettle	
	Tegan Dalman	
	Adam "Rama" Charrett	
Venturer Leaders	Graeme Chard	9807 5823
	Robyn Baker	9833 5532
Rover Leaders	Nick Byrne (Acting RA)	9795 1269
	Steve Woolger (Crew Chair)	9807 3852

FACT FILE # 1

Did you know these guys were scouts? Jamie Durie, Bert Newton, Dave O'Neil, Peter Garrett, Dick Smith, Geoffrey Blainey, Dave Parkin, Jack Brabham & "Kenny" (of movie fame).

Scout Scriblings continued... (from page

Coming up this term is **ROLLERAMA on Thursday, 20 September**. (Nick "3rd Degree" Byrne won't be doing it for fear of breaking his leg again). The entire family is welcome to come along for the night, bring your own rollerblades if you want, come one—come all.

Next term is another big one for the scout Section. With such activities as a joint Cub/Scout Fun Camp, a junior/first time hike at Wilson's Prom along with any Venturers/Rovers, an End of Year District Camp at Point Leo and, of course, the night we all look forward to Ice Blocking and BBQ at Sandown. It is a huge term full of fun and excitement, so just sit back and smile as the excitement is on its way.....

Yours

Nick "3rd Degree" Byrne

1st West is Best

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