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1st Magill Scout Group Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADELAIDE FOOTHILLS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER:

Heather Michie has resigned as Group Leader (GL) as of 10 September 2017, due to constant ill health and a heavy workload. Heather wanted to be at the hall meeting parents on a regular basis, but due to work pressures cannot fulfill this role as well as she would like. I will take over as Leader in Charge (LIC) until 31 January 2018 when I retire as District Commissioner.

I do hope that someone will take on the role of GL and I would be happy to mentor them. Much of the work can be done at home, with visits to the sections from time to time. Please feel free to ring me to discuss this position and receive an outline of the Group Leader's role.

Kay Ealing
District Commissioner
Mobile: 0411 111 917

CONGRATULATIONS

Martin Gregory and David McNamara were awarded Meritorious Service Awards in the Adult Scouting Recognition Awards announced on 1 August.

Martin and David will receive their Award at a Ceremony to be held at Titanium Arena on 8 October.

PARENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20 June 2017. The new Committee comprises:

Chairperson – John Frith 0413 900 985
Treasurer – Keith Lowman
Grants/Fundraising – Tracey Billingsley
Secretary – Diana Hill
Quartermaster – John Frith
Committee Members - Rami Tabet & See Yee Leow

The Parent Support Group ('the Committee') meets about twice per term to facilitate the operation of the Magill Scout Group and to support the Leaders, parents and Youth. Items discussed and implemented are many and varied and concern things such as Group finances, hall and gear maintenance, fundraising opportunities and the general operation of the group. The minutes of this meeting are on the Group web page here: <http://magill.myscoutgroup.org/view/ParentsupportGroup>

JOEY SECTION

The Joey Scouts did their Buddy Badge this term, with the Athelstone Joey Mob. We had a great time together, and did three activities. For the first activity Athelstone came to visit Magill, where we made some boats from pool noodles and sailed them on a small course outside. It was a bit cold and dark outside, unfortunately, but the Joeys all had fun making and sailing their boats.



For our second activity, Magill visited Athelstone.

The Joeys did some Father's Day themed activities. A favourite was a tool-box themed race.

Finally, both groups went to the Botanic Gardens on a Saturday morning and walked around together. This was a very nice way to spend the morning and everyone had a great time.



**Rhys Hill (Emu)
Joey Scout
Leader**

CUB SECTION

We have had a very busy Term 3 with lots of activities:

- Tree planting with the Joeys at Athelstone in July.
- The Pinewood Derby was held at our Hall in August for the District.
- We had a joint night with Golden Grove Cubs combined with a visit by Animals Anonymous.
- A tenpin bowling activity was combined with the Joeys.
- Our Badge work (codes & signals, first aid, law and promise and Australian flag) rounded out the rest of the evenings.
- Last night of term we did indoor rock climbing at Vertical Reality.

The District Cub Camp planned for next term has been cancelled, but we will join with Beaumont and College Park Cub Packs for a joint camp at Woodhouse on 20-22 October, with activities including tag archery, orienteering, Challenge Hill and badge work.

Thank you to the parents who have added their name to the roster and helped on Section nights. Your support is much appreciated.

Rod Whitby (Dingo)
Acting Cub Scout Leader



Tree Planting on 30 July – Cubs & Joeys

GREY WOLF HIKE

On the 26/8/17 I had my Grey Wolf Hike, me (Patrick), Oscar, Jackson and Dingo saw a koala on the ground just as we were about to start! We went on the second falls gorge hike, about three and a half kilometres later we saw a kangaroo that was at least five feet tall and three metres in front of us (it was really cool)!

A while after that we took a wrong turn so we ended up going 375 ish metres higher than sea level. When we found the right track again there was a mound of rocks so we put one rock on each and I led a Scout's Own. When we had nearly finished the track was really slippery (everyone slipped over).

When we finished the hike was two hours and fifteen minutes (six kms) we had some Skittles along the way and some Tim Tams at the end as a celebration snack. I thought the hike went extremely well!

By Patrick (Grey Sixer)



SCOUT SECTION

Term 3 was a busy term for Scouts with plenty of planning and preparation going into our Box Caving night that was enjoyed by both the Joey Mob and Cub Pack.

Patrols started the work by drawing up some designs for the box caving layout and then had several nights involving the construction of the caving structure, which included a few specialty boxes with streamers and rubber glove hand holes cut into the boxes.

We would like to say "thank you" to both The Good Guys, Hectorville and Bunnings Kent Town for their generous donations of cardboard boxes and packing tape. We went through quite a lot. The caves have been temporarily dismantled but are ready and waiting to be put back together with a few extra surprises added for our District Caving activity planned for early Term 4.



Another interesting night we had early in the term was to visit the Pembroke Scouts for a games night. This was a fun way to get to know some other Scouts in our District. The Pembroke group shared a glow stick team game with us that we played in the park. We shared our indoor hockey game with them and finished the night with a balloon popping game.

We look forward to more fun and adventures in Term 4, with a beach camp and possible bush camp as well.



Martin Gregory
Scout Leader

CONTACT: Please keep up to date with events and the program by regularly visiting the Group website

<http://magill.myscoutgroup.org/>

LEADERS:

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Cub Leader – David McNamara
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Asst Cub Leader – Rod Whitby
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Scout Leader – Martin Gregory

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Fri – Sun, 20 – 22 October**
Joint Camp with Beaumont & College Park at Woodhouse (Cubs)
- **Saturday 21 October**
JOTA/JOTI at Modbury West (All)
- **Frid – Sun, 10 – 12 November**
Joey Hoporee at Woodhouse
- **Saturday, 11 November**
Remembrance Day
- **Saturday, 18 November**
Credit Union Christmas Pageant
- **Frid – Sun, 24 – 26 November**
Goolwa Sailing Weekend (Scouts)
- **Frid – Sun, 8 – 10 December**
Super Splash at Roonka
(Scouts 13y 10m +)
- **Friday, 15 December**
1st Magill Scout Group Christmas Party

