



# MAG-RAG

1st Magill Scout Group Newsletter

December 2017

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## PARENT COMMITTEE

### Working Bee/Hall Cleanup

Our hall desperately needs a thorough clean out and a few odd jobs done to keep it a safe and enjoyable place for our children's during activities. Please consider coming along to help for an hour or two on **Saturday, 20 January 2018** as there are jobs for everyone. Check here to see an updated list: <http://magill.myscoutgroup.org/events/1024-working-bee-cleanup>

### Our Leaders Need Help

An area where the Group desperately needs help is in finding new Leaders. Each Section (Joeys, Cubs and Scouts) only has one qualified Leader, all of whom have been in these roles for many years. In reality, the Group is only continuing to function thanks to assisting Leaders like Colleen and a few registered adult helpers. We really need some people to go one step further and undertake some Scout training to become a qualified Assistant Leader.

While we are working on attracting outside help for these roles, ideally they should come from parents of existing youth members, especially the younger Sections. If anyone feels they could contribute by becoming an Assistant Leader, please talk to me, any of our current Leaders, or contact Kay Ealing our District Commissioner.

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**John Frith**  
**Chairperson**

## JOEY SECTION

This term, the Joeys had their big camp - Hoporee! Hoporee takes place at Woodhouse and Joeys from all over the State attend. This year's Hoporee was great, with lots of fun activities. Magill was very well represented, with our Group sending the most Joeys of any group in the District. Both Emu and Dingo went this year, and both enjoyed the pleasant weather for the two days of the camp. The weather was so good, the Joeys were included in a live cross from the Channel 7 weather report!

The Chief Commissioner, Harry Long, was in attendance and met our Joeys.

One of the most popular activities was a fun treasure hunt, where the Joeys had to locate keys for a locked treasure chest in a big sand-pit. The opening of the chest caused most excitement!

The next Hoporee will be a joint one with Cubs, and will be a great event. Watch this space in two years time.

During this term we joined with Magill Cubs on two occasions – making fake wounds, which looked very scary, for Halloween, and a visit to the Ridgehaven Road Safety Centre. The Joeys learned the road rules and practised riding their bikes around the course, complete with traffic lights and a train crossing!

We also continued our Environment Badge activities and did Christmas craft and cooking for the last night of Term 4.

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

## **CUB SECTION**

Where has the year gone? Term 4 already!

- Eight Magill Cubs joined with Beaumont and College Park Cubs for a camp at Woodhouse in October
- Malta (Mr Bennett) visited to demonstrate fake wounds with lots of blood, and the children went home with cuts and bruises
- Alan Miller from the Penny Farthing Cycling Cub of SA brought his bike to the hall – he talked about the history of bicycles and rode the penny-farthing bike on the asphalt
- The Cubs completed their cycling badge with a bike maintenance night, a bike hike and a visit to the Road Safety Centre at Ridgehaven (with the Joeys)
- Unfortunately the District Swimming Carnival was cancelled in November at Water World (Ridgehaven) due to the continual rain and cold conditions.

Sincere thanks to David McNamara who has been an integral part of Tuesday Cub Pack as Cub Leader for ten years. David has given his time and commitment to assist the Cubs and it has certainly been appreciated. We wish David well for the future.

Thank you to Colleen Bennett (Chil) for helping on Section nights and with programming suggestions.

Lastly thank you to the parents who have assisted in any way during the last twelve months, especially with the parent roster.

I wish Cubs and their families a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 2018.

**Rod Whitby (Dingo)**  
**Cub Scout Leader**

## **FAREWELL FROM CHIL**

I have been assisting Magill Cubs since May this year whilst David was on leave of absence. I wish to thank Dingo (Rod), the Cubs, their families and the other Section Leaders for welcoming me into the group and for their support. The Cubs are very enthusiastic and keen to join in many activities. Although I will be finishing at the end of Term 4, I will return to help the Pack on future occasions.

We still need lots of assistance on Tuesday nights. If you are thinking of becoming a Leader or Adult Helper, please talk to Rod. Working with the youth members is very enjoyable and rewarding. I have included a piece in the Newsletter entitled “Why I Am A Leader” (author unknown) – it explains why I volunteer my time for the Scouting movement.

**Colleen Bennett (Chil)**  
**Assistant Cub Scout Leader**

## **SCOUT SECTION**

Term 4 got started with our fantastic Friday night district box caving activity, with Joeys from three different groups visiting. Our Scouts did a terrific job of hosting this event and making sure all the Joeys were safe and having fun on the night.

We also explored the new bush adventure playground at Morialta, with a special visit from Hawkeye to perform some investitures in the wonderful bush setting. Followed by a short urban night hike back to the hall.

Then we got together on a weekend in November to go for a 26km bike hike from Paradise to West Beach. We made use of the Linear Bike Path, stopping along the way for morning tea and lunch, followed by a fun game of cricket on the beach to cool down once we arrived. But there's more, we then rode the last little distance to the Sky Challenge Mega Adventure where we spent a couple of hours challenging our fear of heights and balance skills on the high ropes activities.

To finish off our term we focused on badge work, reused some of our boxes to create cardboard forts to play our version of capture the flag, and congratulated a number of Scouts who received Badges as well as their Red and Blue cords.

**Martin Gregory (Eagle)**  
**Scout Leader**

## **WHY I AM A LEADER**

I'm not a Scouting Leader for the easy hours, high pay, parents' gratitude, power or prestige.

I'm a Leader because I want the world for your child and mine – a world they can share and help shape; a world of love and laughter, where they can show compassion.

I want them to look at the stars, a sunrise, a sunset, the work and world of a man – and feel its beauty inside of themselves.

I want to help them learn to finish anything they start and do it well, and to guide them to know their worth with a deeper understanding of themselves.

I want to help shape adults who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.

### **I want them to be the best they can be.**

I'm giving of myself and my time. I reap rewards far beyond what I give. I receive for my children, your children, and future children, a better world.

How much is a Cub Leader paid, I hear you ask? My wage consists of smiles and laughter, observing a child's growing self-confidence, and the look of personal triumph on the face of a child who has achieved more than they thought they could.

Anyone who can teach me or show me a better way to do this job, anyone who gives of their time to help me become a better Leader, and anyone who by action or deed makes the Scouting programme come alive, will forever have my undying gratitude.

### **I am a Cub Leader because I care.**

**CONTACT:** Please keep up to date with events and the program by regularly visiting the Group website  
<http://magill.myscoutgroup.org/>

## **SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP**

All Joeys, Cubs Scouts, parents and siblings are invited to join our final event for 2017. This is a family BBQ. The Group will supply sausages, and cool drinks will be available for a gold coin donation.

Families are asked to bring a small plate to share –  
Surnames A-H: dessert;  
Surnames I-Y savoury/salad.  
**Please bring your own chairs.**



Popular attractions will be ice blocking and possibly a water slide (weather permitting). So bring a change of clothes, towel and **your bicycle helmet** to wear for the ice blocking.

**WHEN: Friday, 15 December 2017**

**TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**WHERE: Scout Hall, Woodforde Rd, Magill**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER IN CHARGE:**

I will be resigning as of 28 January 2018 (prior to Term 1) from my positions as Leader in Charge at Magill and District Commissioner of Adelaide Foothills District. Magill urgently needs a Group Leader. If you think you can help or have any queries please contact me.

Thank you to everyone at Magill for their support during the last twelve months.

I wish all the Leaders, youth members and their families a safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Kay Ealing – 0411 111 917**

## **LEADERS:**

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**JOEY HOPOREE FUN**



**CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARADE – 3/12/17**



**HALLOWEEN – GORY FAKE WOUNDS  
TYLER AND NOAH**



**WOODHOUSE CAMP WITH  
BEAUMONT & COLLEGE PARK CUBS**



**JOEYS, CUBS & SCOUTS CANOEING AT THORNDON PARK – 10/12/17**



**SCOUTS VISIT MEGA AERIAL ADVENTURE PARK AT ADELAIDE SHORES**



**SCOUTS READY FOR THEIR BIKE HIKE**