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1st Magill Scout Group Newsletter

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PARENT COMMITTEE

Our Parent Support Committee has lost a few members since the last AGM as children finish Scouts and some have moved away. We are keen to encourage any parents to join us – if you are interested in assisting you are welcome to attend a meeting to see what is involved. Check the Magill Scout website for future dates.

Our Group Treasurer of more than two years will also be standing down at the next AGM so we will need a replacement around mid-year. The Group cannot function without a Treasurer, so please consider offering to take on this role. No book-keeping experience is necessary and it only involves around 1-2 hours per month.

Please contact the Chairperson or Leader in Charge for more information.

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John Frith
Chairperson

JOEY SECTION

Joeys worked on their Environment Badge this term. The Environment Badge requires four activities to be performed, which were a hall clean-up, some activities about endangered animals, Clean Up Australia Day and a hike at Morialta.

All the activities were very successful, but Clean Up Australia Day and the hike were stand-outs. Clean Up Australia Day is a fun way to contribute to our local community in a meaningful way, by collecting rubbish from some common land near the hall. The Joeys' hike through Morialta was the first falls walk, made more exciting by being very dark by the time the hike was finished! It was a very clear night and all the stars were on display by the end of the hike. We were also able to invest two Joeys at the start of the night, while we still had some light!

We also had an Irish Horse Racing night, to celebrate Adelaide Cup Day and St Patrick's Day falling the same week. The Joeys constructed some toy horses, and we had races on the oval opposite the hall. The term concluded with a joint outing with Cubs to Wiz Bang, which was a great way to finish off.

On a different note, I need to step down as Joey Scout Leader at the end of Term 2. I will still be available to support the new Joey Leader or Leaders. This would be a great opportunity for a small group of parents to take over the Section together. Most successful Joey Mobs have many Leaders, which lowers the burden on each person and allows more flexibility week-to-week. Please let Colleen or I know if you are interested in helping out, and we can discuss what is required.

Thank you to Amila and Bianca for taking the Joey photos.

Rhys Hill (Emu)
Joey Scout Leader

CUBS SECTION

Term 1 has been very busy. We have increased the number of Cubs from 14 at the end of last year to 21. Activities included: a night hike; making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday; cleaning up rubbish around the hall; joint night with Golden Grove Cubs (we played lots of games); geocaching; making jelly bean bunnies for Easter; and joining with the Joeys for a visit to Wiz Bang (laser tag, mini golf, playgym) for the last night of term.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted during the term plus our Adult Helpers - Melody, Jeannine and Yasser, and our Assistant Cub Leaders Colleen (Chil) and Bianca (Bilby).

During the school holidays Magill is joining with Stradbroke and Athelstone Scout Groups for a combined sleep-over on 24 April and to participate in the ANZAC Dawn Service at the Gums Reserve.

Rod Whitby (Dingo)
Cub Scout Leader

SCOUT SECTION

This term we welcome Karen McNamara as the Assistant Cub Scout Leader (Training) and Manchun Cheuk who continues as an Adult Helper. Our program included: water activities, visit to the West Beach Royal Life Saving Club, Clean Up around the hall, Easter activities with the Joeys, a night hike and tenpin bowling for the last night of term.

Our fantastic camp was held at Armstrong Airfield where the Scouts had the chance to have a flight in a glider (including taking the controls) as well as trying land yachting during the weekend.

Martin Gregory (Eagle)
Scout Leader

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER IN CHARGE:

In the December 2017 Newsletter I indicated I would be leaving Magill but still helping the Cub Section if needed. However, plans changed, and I have agreed to be Leader in Charge for twelve months. Thank you to all the families and youth members who have made me welcome at Magill.

Each Section has undertaken varied and exciting activities during Term 1, and we have about 40 youth members in total. The Group is ably supported by the Parent Committee, and I thank them for their efforts. However, there are some vacancies in the Group which need to be filled:

- *Joey Scout Leader – July 2018*
- *Group Treasurer – June 2018*
- *Group Leader – December 2018*

If you would be willing to undertake any of the above roles please contact me and I can provide some information and answer any queries you may have.

Colleen Bennett
Leader in Charge

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 – Rod Whitby 0438 600 560

Scout Leader – Martin Gregory
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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri-Sun – 18-20 May
Joint Camp with Beaumont at Napperby (Cubs)
- Sat-Sun - 26-27 May
Cohen Cup at Woodhouse (Scouts):
Patrol Camp/Competition



Joeys playing hide and seek in their box creations





Joey's – Irish horse racing



Scouts enjoying the Air Activities Camp at Armstrong Airfield



All sections participating in Clean Up Australia

