



# MAG-RAG

1st Magill Scout Group Newsletter

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## JOEY SECTION

I wish to thank Chris Hiscox for his time with the Joeys as Leader in Training. He was not able to continue with us, and I have resumed as the Joey Leader.

- This term we started with Groundhog Day, where we learned about this North American creature and associated mythology.
- We were in the adjacent park for our Valentine's Day night as the hall roof was being replaced.
- The Joeys learned about Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting Movement for Founder's Day (celebrated on 23 February).
- On 25 February we joined with the Cubs and Scouts to pick up rubbish around the local area near the hall. There were a lot of bags with assorted rubbish, including an old tyre and broken speaker. Thank you to the parents who helped on the night.
- The following weekend many of us (almost the full Unit) ventured to Port Vincent for the Group Camp held at the Tuckerway Campsite. The Joeys had a great time with lots of activities at the beach.
- On 10 March we joined with the Cubs for some fun activities on the oval opposite the hall – a lot of competitive team events prepared by Sub.

Unfortunately this was the last night of Joeys at the hall due to the COVID-19 situation. All Scouting youth members are now participating in Scouting at Home until we can return to the hall.

Our Unit numbers have increased and we now have 15 Joeys. Hugo and Zoey will be transferring to Cubs as they both had their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday in March.

Thank you to the Adult Helpers who assist each night. However, we need more than one Leader in the Unit to enable it to function satisfactorily. Please think about becoming a Joey Leader. You can talk to me if you are interested in joining us.



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

## CUB SECTION

We had a busy term, until mid-March when COVID-19 made it impossible for us to continue Cubs at the hall.

Scouts SA is now implementing a new Youth Program for all Sections where the youth members have more input into the activities organised, i.e. they PLAN, DO and REVIEW.

- As a consequence we had a PLs/APLs night where the older Cubs ran the night with various events.
- The Cubs enjoyed a Night Hike to Anstey's Hill – a place we haven't hiked to previously.
- Chil organised the Founder's Day night where we learned about Baden-Powell and did some compass points exercises.

## CUB SECTION (cont)

- All Sections joined together to help Clean Up Australia by picking up rubbish. As it was Shrove Tuesday, we enjoyed the pancakes at the end of the night.
- Phoenix, Tyler, Ansh, Milo, Kelsey, Lucas, Jack & Campbell attended the Cub Scout Leadership Course at Roonka.
- Group Camp at Port Vincent was held on the last weekend of February. The Cubs enjoyed their time, although walking home up the hill from the beach wasn't ideal.
- Sub planned the outdoor night on the oval opposite the hall with physical challenges (Mini Olympics) for the Cubs and Joeys.

Cub meetings are still being held via Zoom as well as emailing with Scouting at Home options. Hopefully we will be back at the hall soon.

There are 20 Cubs currently with two Joeys due to link in Term 2.

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



## SCOUT SECTION

We began the year by focusing on the new Youth Program and learning about the changes.

- There were two nights away from the hall – Indoor Rock Climbing at Holden Hill and crate stacking at Woodhouse.
- We also joined with the Joeys and Cubs to clean up the local area, and collected lots of rubbish.
- We had great weather for the Group Camp at Port Vincent, with many Scouts attending.

- We erected a bridge over the creek.
- Each Patrol organised some games for the Sports Night.

We are now Scouting at Home and very much look forward to meeting again at the hall. We currently have 21 Scouts.



**Karen McNamara (Red)**  
**Scout Leader**

## PARENT COMMITTEE

I wish to thank the Campbelltown Council for installing a new roof and gutters at the hall during February. Insulation has been fitted at the same time, and this will help us to keep the hall cooler in summer and warmer in winter. The rainwater tank will be checked and repaired to enable us to collect rainwater from the large roof area during the winter months.

Our future plan is to refurbish the kitchen. We have applied to Campbelltown Council to include this project on their 2020/2021 Budget.

The Group was successful in obtaining an Active Club Grant through the Department of Recreation and Sport – we received \$5000 to purchase new equipment for the Q Store. We are currently looking at new tents, tarpaulins and tent pegs.

Our Working Bee date of Saturday, 9 May will not go ahead. The Parent Committee will confirm another date once things get back to "normal".

Our fundraising efforts (Bunnings BBQs and Mitre 10 BBQs) have been put on hold for the time being. We are still waiting to hear from the People's Choice Credit Union regarding their annual Lottery. The Committee will look at alternative fundraising suggestions.

**John Frith**  
**Group Chairperson**

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## MAGILL POLO SHIRTS

You may have seen the Leaders and Parent Committee wearing the Magill polo shirts, especially at Group Camp. These can be worn when the Scout uniform is not required, or on Section nights, e.g. away from the hall on a hike. Some youth members have purchased the shirt already, but there is still plenty of sizes available (youth and adult).

Shirts cost \$35 each and parents can buy them too if they wish. Please contact Colleen if you would like to place an order.

## GROUP CAMP

There were 60 youth members, Leaders and Parents who attended the camp at the Tuckerway Campsite at Port Vincent (28 Feb-1 March). The theme was Hawaiian Beachcomber. It was a great weekend and I would like to thank all the Leaders, Committee and Parents for their assistance with the many activities held:

- fishing, swimming (including badge work), beach cricket, sand sculpture, frisbees, tug-o-war, etc
- the Scavenger Hunt around the local area put together by Jason
- Saturday Night disco/karaoke organised by Bilby with assistance from Eagle (sound gear) - lots of people dressed up with the Hawaiian theme

There was plenty of good food served at the camp – thank you to our wonderful cooks Jeannine and Tracey, plus all your helpers.

**Colleen Bennett - LIC**

## LEADERS:

**LIC** – Colleen Bennett 0417 877 316  
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**Cub Leader** – Rod Whitby 0438 600 560  
**Scout Leader** – Karen McNamara 0437 070 577

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER IN CHARGE

Thank you to Rhys Hill for returning to the Joey Scout Leader role. We still need one or two more parents to join the Leadership team in the Joey Section. We have lots of young ones at present, and it is not tenable to only have one Leader.

What a wonderful Group Camp at Port Vincent. My sincere thanks to the Group Camp Committee for their organization. There will be another camp planned in 2021.

We are all very keen for Scouting to re-start again, but it may be a few weeks away. The Section Leaders will continue to keep families informed and provide online activities for the children to complete at home.

The Their Service Our Heritage 2020 badge can still be achieved, even though there is no Dawn Service or ANZAC March this year. Youth members need to participate in up to three activities (two for Joeys and Cubs) which reflect the ANZAC Spirit. For example:

- Take part in the ANZAC Day “end of your driveway” vigil;
- Visit the Virtual War Memorial Australia in an online meeting;
- Make an ANZAC Day wreath and create a small memorial in your yard;
- Make ANZAC biscuits and discuss their history in an online meeting



I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. If you have any concerns please contact me. Stay safe, stay well and keep smiling.

**Colleen Bennett - Leader in Charge**  
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## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Sunday, 10 May**  
Mother's Day
- **Sunday, 2 August**  
National Tree Planting Day –  
Campbelltown Council



Scouting at Home

Peter camping at home with the family ↓





**Group Camp at Tuckerway Campsite, Port Vincent**

