

# 1st HORNLSBY HEIGHTS HOWLER



The happenings of Term I - 2013

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ANZAC march

## NEWS UPDATE

### GROUP LEADER REPORT

The annual Commemoration

of ANZAC at the Hornsby Cenotaph this year was held on Sunday the 21st April. Fortunately, the weather was sunny and warm after a very wet Saturday.

Scouts from the Benowie District were in attendance and were extremely well represented by 1st Hornsby Heights with 4 Joeys, 23 Cub, 12 Scouts, one Venturer and 13 leaders.

*Chip* (Alan Todd)  
Group Leader 1st Hornsby Heights Scout Group

### SALVATION ARMY: RED SHIELD APPEAL

On the weekend of 25-26 the Salvation Army will be holding their annual Red Shield door knock. We will again be offering Scouts the opportunity to undertake community service by assisting the Salvation Army on Sunday 26 May. This opportunity is open to the older Cubs, Scouts and

Venturers and an email with all details and an A1 will be sent out closer to the time.

### JOB WEEK MONTH

Our group's Job Week is running from the 13th of May through until the 13th June. The cards should be handed out by leaders. Keep in mind that any monies which you earn will be put towards both the purchase of new equipment and the maintenance of the existing ones. There's a plethora of jobs you can do out there, so I wish you luck. Have some fun, and raise some funds for the group.

## CALENDAR

13th May - 13th June	SCOUT JOB WEEK. Get out and earn some money for our group.
13th May	Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army. Come and help collect.
31 May - 2 June	Combined Cub Pack Holiday
22nd June	B07 Jamboree reunion
2nd - 4th August	Scouts State Rally
16th - 18th August	Combined scout/venturer ski weekend
23rd - 24th August	Scout Construction Course



# JOEYS

Lots of movement in our Joey mob this term!

In a couple of weeks we will say goodbye to 6 of our oldest Joeys and welcome 9 siblings (of older Joeys) before the years end.

As most of our Joeys had achieved their Care & Share badge we also added responsibility to our term program and learned about why we wear a uniform and the Value and importance it has for us, as members of the Scouting Movement in the wider community.



We had a visit from Decry and his guide Dog Oregon from Guide Dogs Australia

and Cameron and Isabella were lucky enough to learn the value of their eyesight as they were 'guided around the hall by Oregon.

We also visited Golden Ridge Animal Farm, Dural. Every Joey was given the opportunity to milk the cow, feed the baby rabbits and ducks, chickens and goats and a HUGE pig. My goodness I have never seen a pig that size!!!

All in all, it was a jam packed Term of fun and learning.

YIS *Garumunda* : Ainslee Furnell



# CUBS

## KOALA PACK

In Term 1 the koalas were very busy. We started off learning some compass work and set some awesome trails.

We celebrated our Akela's birthday with a bonfire sized birthday candle and a party game of twister with each six pulling the birthday's boys arms and legs in different directions while he lay on a wheelie footstool.

Then came a few weeks of building our billy carts. With help from lots of Dads and a few Mums we sawed, drilled, measured, hammered, glued and assembled the most amazing madcap multi-coloured billy carts which we then spray painted, graffiti-ed and covered in stickers and streamers. They are truly awesome

in the most Koala way!!! We have done some test driving and can't wait to use them in the Inter District Billy Cart Derby on Sunday 19 May at H.A.R.T. driving track at St Ives – we will want a lot of supporters cheering us on. A big thank you to all those who brought along tools and shared their skills and know-how.

We finished off the term by spending the last night at District 3 at Hornsby playing laser tag and dodgem cars which was of course, awesome!

We are looking forward to Term 2 for our Billy Cart Derby as well as Pack Holiday and starting to prepare for Cuboree 2014.

Best wishes to Riley Dunne and Nick Kelland going up to



Scouts.

*Rikki* : Mary-Jo Ison

## WOMBAT PACK.

The Friday Night "Wombat" Pack has kicked off 2013 in grand style.

Over the term we have welcomed 3 Joeys, Ryan Baxter, Christian Tillman and Myra Burgess and New Chum Cameron Dever. We have also said goodbye to Jackson Thompson and Angus Burton as they have left Scouting to follow other interests, Good Luck Boys.

The first night back was a stinking hot night in the hall, games and badge work were done and frozen Kanga Pop's brought welcome relief. Of course the following week was not so warm when we had scheduled a Let's Get Wet night!

Founders Day saw us celebrating B-P's birthday with a Scouting history flavored program followed by Cameron Hose's Grey Wolf Presentation. Region Commissioner Maureen Twin and District Leader Martin Jones came really early and enjoyed being honorary Wombats for the night. Congratulations Cameron and Good Luck in Scouts.

We visited the Hornsby Fire Station one wild and wet night in March and enjoyed a tour. The highlights would have to be a surprise demo of the fire pole (they really do have one, much to Balloo's shock) and a climb through the tanker. After saying goodbye we crossed the road to catch the bus back to the hall.

Family Camp was well represented with 17 Wombats attending. Lots of badge work



was attempted in the relaxing atmosphere including a number of Canoe Badges, 1,2,3 Wolf to Charlotte, Madi, Callum, Taryn, Sarah, Dennis, Monique, Mia, Mykaela & Daniel T.

The Wombats spent 2 weeks before Easter constructing, painting and test driving Billy Carts in preparation for the District Billy Cart Derby (now to be held in May). Thankyou to Kaa and Chil for all your work, Thanks to Craig Becchio for donating all the timber cut to size, and to Home Hardware Asquith for donating all the paint.

A First Aid night was held toward the end of term where the



Cubs had a Scavenger hunt for items to be included in a personal First Aid Kit. They then learnt some simple skills just in time to be able to treat some willing Venturer victims who,



Akela getting 'pulled'

using fake blood and skin, displayed cuts, grazes, bee stings, burns and bloody noses. 1,2,3 Wolf for spending your Friday night with us.

Finally on the last night of term we had a chalk chase, construction items, the Cubs then lashed together a chariot to transport Scubs, Jordyn Edwards and Riley Witham of to the Cargo net as they link into Scouts for their next big adventure.

lowing Cubs who completed badge work this term:

Charlotte McStravick - L2 Space, Daniel Tompsett - L1 Sport, Cook & Literature, Dennis Holland - L1 Weather, Jarod Baxter - L1 Sport & Cook, L2 Music & World Friendship, Cameron Drake - L1 Pet, Mykaela Lehrer - L1 Fishing & Silver Boomerang, Sarah Hughes-Narborough - L1 Art. Keira Edwards - L1 Cooking

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*Kanga* : Larissa Tompsett

Congratulations to the fol-



Bumper cars at LaserTag

## SCOUTS

We started off with AJ2013, the national Jamboree. 14 Hornsby Heights Scouts and 4 leaders joined with scouts and leaders from East Wahroonga and Mt Colah / Mt Ku-ringai to make our troop and join about 10,000 other scouts, leaders and helpers for 2 weeks of fun and activities at Maryborough, QLD.

Twenty hour bus trips there and back, 2 weeks in hot, humid weather, great activities every day, it was great fun. Some highlights were: the trip to the Australia Wildlife park, great bands and entertainment, smashing and bashing cars and things, a tremendously dirty adventure trail, and, of course, Duty Patrol, cooking for 40.

We may have complained

about the heat, but 2 weeks later Maryborough was flooded, so I think we got it right.

We started the term off with a Troop Camp at Bents Basin. 14 Scouts and 4 leaders had a great weekend swimming and relaxing. The bad weather held off or avoided the area as it only rained a bit on Saturday.

The first fun evening was at Storey Park for ice-blocking, in one of the few dry periods in February, sliding down the slope on a large block of ice. This was great fun, somewhat messy.

We prepared for Easter camp with a couple of nights making camp gadgets and them ballistas and getting wet. The practice paid off as our troop



Flour Fight

won the ballista making and shooting at Easter Camp.

Billy led the troop on a night hike along the fire trail beside Somerville Rd, and many thanks to the Morans for providing supper on the roadside.

We did cooking as another preparation for Easter Camp, Zane introduced san choy



bow and it was added to the Easter Camp menu, mostly successfully.

For Easter Camp this year we had twenty one attend. Everybody had a good time with just

a bit of rain during set up on Thursday to remind us that it was Easter. Our four patrols scored solidly, we were 4th in the troop camping competition. We did very well in Land and Water Sports and got an

award for the camp-fire skit. Congratulations to Madge and the scouts who ran the Scouts Own on Sunday – very well done. It was very pleasant to be able to put all the dry gear directly away.

We finished up with a Disney themed party which was good fun.

*Freddo :*  
David Sutton

## VENTURERS

Welcome to 2013!

We are lucky to have a new Trainee Leader, Mathew Todd, join our team! Greetings to you, it's great to add some new blood! We wish you all the best.

The term was off to an amazing start as we headed to Chatswood with tents in hand to go "Tenting." Searching the streets for "the most wonderful and weird" place to set up their tents, the Venturers had lots of fun as they found many interesting and varied locations! The night was topped off with some delicious FroYo!

We enjoyed a board game night which was a great chance to mingle and make new friends. The Rovers joined us for a trip into the City to Max Brenner's for some delicious chocolate! We had a Parent Abseiling night where we introduced some of our more adventurous parents to some of the fun activities we do as Venturers. My favourite was the "Floor Lava"

night where an obstacle course was set up in the hall and the Vennies were not to touch the floor as they moved from the start over bridges, scrambled through tunnels, skated across the floor and swung like monkeys' from one base to another! It was challenging, fun and hilarious to watch as some tried very hard to complete the course as quickly as possible!

We tried a new activity this term, Geocaching. Geocaching is a free real-world outdoor treasure hunt. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using a smartphone or GPS and can then share their experiences online. We ran the streets of Pymble searching for our treasure and it was very exciting to find the container you were searching for and read the messages in side! I recommend this as a great activity for all ages!

We also had 4 teams enter Dragon Skin this year, and from all the stories I have heard everyone survived and

was finished off with a night of Laser Tag. At the conclusion of the night we had two investigations, Chris and Scott, and the moving up of two of our most senior Venturers, Donna and Brodie. Congratulations to you all! It seems fitting to welcome the new as we wish the best to those moving on. You will both be missed.

Here's to a great term 2 ...

YIS Liz Petts  
AVSL 1st Hornsby Heights

### DRAGONSKIN

Friday the 29th of March. This day, four teams of young Venturers set out on a quest. Upon this quest, they among others, faced many hardships, such as sleepless nights, scaling great mountains, mingling with other humans, as well as the eccentric movement of the limbs and body as music blasted through the chilled nightly air.

During the daytime, these travellers were tested by the intensity which was Navigation around the sprawling almost maze-like forest, and the rush to complete as many quests as possible before they had to return to base. This routine repeated itself over and over again, for two days. By the time it was Monday April 1st, although all adventurers had all survived the ordeal which is **DRAGONSKIN**, many were exhausted, and needed time to recover, for the horrors which they experienced would be burnt into their memories for a while.

Regardless, congratulations go to the team who came out of the trip and ranked highest in the unit.

**Your Friendly Editor Man-**  
*Michael Sexton*



Venturers and leaders teaching parents how to abseil

enjoyed it immensely! The winning teams are looking forward to their well earned pizza!

The term



Dragonskinners



Movies in the forest

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