



1st Strathmore Scout Group  
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## 2015 May Newsletter

### Welcome to Term 2

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The cub and scout leaders have developed a fantastic program for this term and are looking for parent helpers to assist in the running the program each week.

**Cubs** are looking forward to camping at Anglesea with 5<sup>th</sup> Keillor and 1<sup>st</sup> Moonee ponds, counting Bats and meeting the Essendon Gem and Lapidary Club

**Scouts** are looking forward to fun bouncing at "Bounce" and lots of badge work.

**NOTE: Scouts will now be running from 7.15 pm until 9.00pm on Wednesday nights.**

Everyone is looking forward to our **joint Cub and Scout night on 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

**Please sign up for one or more sessions.**

You may find a copy of the program on our website <http://www.1strathmorescouts.org/> or speak directly with the leaders.

### Fundraising

The parent committee has no plans for a major fundraiser for the group this term.

We still have a few weeks to sell raffle tickets for the "Monster Scout Raffle". Please speak with a member of the Parent Committee if you can sell more tickets. [committee@1strathmorescouts.org.au](mailto:committee@1strathmorescouts.org.au)  
Each ticket sold means an extra \$ for our group.

We would like to thank the families that assisted cooking sausages for the Bendigo Bank's "Street party". The Bank has donated **\$500** to our group for our support on the day. A special mention to the Stanley/Kearney family who towed our trailer containing the BBQ and other supplies to Napier Street that morning. The Bendigo bank has supported our group for many years which we really appreciate.



The Pittard family has organized a "Pie Drive" to raise funds to assist in sending Malcolm (scout) to the World Jamboree in Japan in June this year.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Malcolm and we hope that all families (and friends) are able to contribute to this fundraiser for Malcolm. **Order forms are due back 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May.** Please contact Sally or Andrew Pittard if you need more information. [sallsitt@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sallsitt@optusnet.com.au)

Also, please contact a member of the committee if you have ideas on how we can reduce our overheads and/or have ideas on how to raise funds for our group.

## Gallipoli Before And Beyond - Cubs



For this event the cubs slept over at the 1<sup>st</sup> Torquay Scout Hall.

In the morning we all had to be ready by 9am to depart for our Gallipoli adventure.

1<sup>st</sup> Strathmore cubs were given the opportunity to celebrate this occasion in a special way. They went to Bowen Park Mansion to see the Geelong Military Re-enactment Group. The GMRG comprises a group of enthusiasts dedicated to educating and entertaining the Australian public about the proud and distinguished military history of Australia, incorporating our Allies and our enemies. Through public displays, official remembrance ceremonies and entertaining re-enactments the GMRG provide an insight into the life, conditions and events that confronted our serving men and women from pre- federation to Vietnam.



The cubs took part in the official ceremony.

Their Service- Our Heritage Badges were presented by Major Robert Charles, RFD, RAA



### Anzac day Cubs



In anticipation of the celebration off 100 years of ANZAC, 1<sup>st</sup> Strathmore Cubs made these poppies. Our guest, Christine, from Strathmore Community Garden showed the cubs how to make them and their rich historical meaning. The cubs attended the service held by our local Pascoe Vale RSL.



### Anzac Day Scouts

This year 5 scouts (and 2 Venturers) gathered at East Keilor RSL for their Dawn Service. Patrick, Milly, Chloe and Lulu were then able to attend the Anzac Day March in the city and assist by proudly carrying banners. These scouts did a great job in the rain showing a true scout duty of service to the community.



The Venturers (Emma and Harriet) were given the job of assisting elderly war veterans out of cars at the end of the March. They also distributed drinks and snacks to the bands performing on the day.

### Fees

Your invoice for Fees will be emailed to you shortly.

There are three components to the Fees - **Insurance**, payable to Scouts Victoria, **District Fee**, payable to Moonee Valley District Scouts and **Group Fee** which goes to us to cover Scout/Cub and Hall operating costs.

If you know your child will not be returning please contact our Treasurer, Kate Conley ([kate.conley@hotmail.com.au](mailto:kate.conley@hotmail.com.au)).

**Insurance and District Fees are taken directly from our account based on 'active' Scouts/Cubs so we must ensure that our 'list' is up to date so only funds for Scouts/Cubs continuing next year will be removed from our account.**

## Committee

While our leaders work each week with *your* children, the Parent Committee works behind the scenes to support the Leaders and make sure the Group remains viable.

Current members are Julie Stanley (Amy Scout), Heather Davis (Caitlyn Scout and Rose Venturer), Sue Fitton (Chloe Scout), Sue Reid (Oscar Scout and Angus Cub), John Tellefson (Patrick Scout), Sophie Donaldson (Gillian Cub) and Joanne Dietrich (Milly and Lulu Scouts and Harriet Venturer).

We need more parents of cubs to get involved – many of the scouts will be “moving on” to Venturers shortly which will leave the Group without a functioning committee.

The committee meets once a month on alternating Wednesday (scout) and Thursday (cub) nights. For more information please contact Julie Stanley on [committee@1strathmorescouts.org.au](mailto:committee@1strathmorescouts.org.au)  
*The next meeting is on Thursday 28 May – hope to see you there.*

## Gang show



Each year scouts and guides get together to produce the “Gang Show” (this is where our chief scout Shane Jacobson got his start in performing). In the past we have many of our group members attend and thoroughly enjoy the performance.

This year the sessions will be from 19- 27 June. There are discounts for group bookings of 15+ people. For more information speak with your Leader and/or other parents to organise a group booking. <http://gangshow.org/tickets>

## Leaders - URGENT

As you are probably aware our scout leader, Chris was transferred to Germany with his job earlier this year – a great opportunity for Chris and his family but this has left Malcolm as our lone Scout leader. Malcolm has done a brilliant job this year running the scout program (while running his own business and attending to the needs of his *own family*) but he needs help. Please speak with our current Group Leader Heather Davis for more information [group\\_leader@1strathmorescouts.org](mailto:group_leader@1strathmorescouts.org)

**Do you know anyone who is keen to join (or rejoin) Scouts as a Leader? We urgently need at least 2 people willing to be Malcolm’s assistants and/or train to be Leaders.  
Without Leaders there will be no 1<sup>st</sup> Strathmore Scouts.**

With Heather joining Chris in Germany at the end of the term we also need a Group Leader. The Group Leader is an administrative role – you basically need to report back to the Group what is happening across our region and support the Leaders with administrative tasks. Please speak with Heather Davis for more information. [group\\_leader@1strathmorescouts.org](mailto:group_leader@1strathmorescouts.org)

**Do you know anyone who is keen to be our Group Leader? Without a Group Leader we will not be able to operate. Someone *must* step up into this role for our group to remain active.**