



1st LANE COVE SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack – Annual Report 2016-17



Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

It's hard to believe we have been in the new hall for just over a year! There's still a lot to do, and we're especially pleased to have new storage cages to give all the camping and Group gear in easily accessible places. Tonight, we are trialling circle marks on the floor for size before we add more permanent markings create more scout hall flavour.

The highlight for this year has been the Cuboree, where we camped with cub scouts from Boronia, Epping, Putney and Chatswood making new friendships that will be revived at other District, Regional and state events in the future. Camping together for five days tested and built resilience, with a quite a few Cub Scouts combatting homesickness and trying activities that they were a bit afraid of – one of our pack, Elin Ladmore wrote an entertaining account of her time at the Cuboree which was published in the Village Observer.

Over the past year, the Cubs have enjoyed fun on various outdoor events and camps especially our Moccoboolah District events. This gave them the opportunity to meet other cubs, have fun and learn about each other. Games and activities taught them basic leadership skills so they may be able to take up roles as Sixers & Seconders in the Pack. Thank you to the parent helpers who supported the cubs' events throughout the year – without your help, it would not have been possible.

We have continued to support Lane Cove Council at Citizenship Ceremonies with Cub Scouts giving out plants to the new citizens (& also learning about becoming a citizen). Cub scouts have also attended Australia Day & ANZAC Day Ceremonies & we supported Lane Cove Rotary at the Lane Cove Fair. Cub Scouts also helped Clean Up Australia at the Stringybark Creek site and collected for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. We would welcome support for this year's appeal on the weekend of 27th - 28th of May please.

Scouts Australia is conducting a review of the Youth Programme to revitalize and change the emphasis to leadership by the youth and streamlining the progression between sections. I have recently attended a Youth Programme Review session with other leaders and youth members where we discussed new concepts and gave feedback.

Fundraising has remained a high priority – to support youth members attending the Cuboree, and focussing on raising more funds to fit out the new hall. Thank you to those cub scouts and their families who have supported all our events, and we look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

Sincere thanks to Trainee Cub Scout Leader, Scott Brewis, for all his help over the past year. Scott now longer has a son in cub scouts so I am looking for company! As for the past few years, I remain the only qualified leader, so if I am sick, the Cub Pack cannot meet. This is not a sustainable position for the Group. I would like to pass on my knowledge and experience from 17 years of leadership before I get too old. Training & uniform is supported by the Group and Scouts Australia.

If you want to share in fun activities with your child, start now as they will be grown up all too soon.

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