



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH - 1st LANE COVE SCOUT GROUP



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1st Lane Cove Scout Troop

Annual Report for AGM — 30 May 2012

The last year in the Scout Troop has been a busy and exciting year. Since my last report our numbers have grown from 20 to 30 and we have had to consider a waiting list for the scout section for the first time.

Bernie McCartney finished his scout leader training and is now a fully qualified scout leader which is very exciting for the group.

In the last year we have had 8 cubs move up to the scout section and 4 scouts move up to the venturer unit. As a result the troop is a relatively young group with 23 boys and 7 girls. We are working to improve their leadership skills with 7 scouts attending next month's scout leadership course.

The Scout Troop has been busy with a diverse range of activities including; map reading, navigation, canoeing, camping, knots and lashings, First Aid, flying, stargazing, team building, fire making and lots of fun games and activities.

This year we are focussing on getting the group ready for the Australian Jamboree at Maryborough in January 2013. That means lots of camping! We have 21 scouts attending the Jamboree which also means lots of fundraising. We really appreciate those families that have helped out at the fundraising so far this year.

This year for the second year in a row Lane Cove Scouts organised a base at Scout Hike as well as having 3 scout patrols participate in the weekend.

Community service is an important part of the scouting tradition and is also a requirement for the Pioneer badge. I would like to thank those Scouts that gave up their time to help with the Red Shield Appeal, Clean up Australia Day and spreading the mulch at Chatswood Community Garden.

The Scout Troop is really performing well, but it is still a priority to find more leaders especially with the large number of scouts we have. I personally have found being a Scout Leader extremely rewarding and it has given me the opportunity to undertake many activities that I would not normally have thought of doing, for example the abseiling course!

I would like to thank Bernie McCartney and Cassandra Balk for their continued support and assistance throughout the year without them the scout troop would not be what it is today. It is a great pleasure to work with them.

Once again I wish to say a special thank you to Graeme and Christine Balk for all the help they have given me through the year. Without their help my job would be so much harder.

I am looking forward to another great year with 1st Lane Cove Scouts in 2012/2013. It is so satisfying to see the scouts grow and develop in confidence, cooperation and leadership.

Yours in Scouting,

Selina Gibson

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