



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



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Trustees Report for AGM — 30 May 2012

We currently have two tenants who use the hall on a regular basis including the Karate Group and the Lane Cove West Residents Association.

We also let out the hall to individuals for family functions and occasionally to sporting groups as a backup location for photo days and jersey days.

We have had ongoing issues, not unknown in a building of this age, relating to plumbing, electrical and lighting issues as well as a leaking roof. All except the leaking roof, have been addressed on an as need basis. The leaking roof can only really be corrected with a new building.

One of the other necessities we have to undertake to minimise the risk of fire is to periodically clean the gutters. Because of the OH&S issues associated with this we are having a contractor undertake this task. This is going to continue to be undertaken every 4-months.

In accordance with regulatory and Scout Association policy our fire extinguishers are regularly serviced at the Groups' expense.

We have arranged other general repairs to ensure the general amenity is maintained before we are able to proceed with rebuilding the hall.

As it is intended to have a new hall expenditure on non-safety and other expenses, not related to general amenity, have been minimised.

A hall cleaning roster is important to ensure that it is done on a regular basis. This makes it clean and safe for our tenants and all who use the hall. Regrettably the cleaning roster has not been actioned in the past year and leaders have maintained the cleaning. The cleaning roster will be reinstated to take the additional load off the leaders, who are doing enough now. It only takes an hour or so to sweep/vacuum, mop, clean the kitchen, toilets and to sweep the outside areas, as well as check that lights etc are working. Generally we roster two (2) families on at a time and it can be done any time over the weekend or through the week when the hall is not in use.

A general cleanup of the grounds around the hall needs to be undertaken and a working bee will be arranged for this task in the near future.

It is important that at least one or more major cleanups, for the hall and grounds are scheduled for this year to keep on top of the repairs and general cleanliness of the hall.

The Lane Cove Council has asked that we minimise the ground based fire risk by removing the leaves around the Hall. This will need some working bees to undertake this periodically. A quarterly roster will need to be prepared or included in the "major cleanups" mentioned above.

Yours in Scouting

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