



# THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH - 1<sup>st</sup> LANE COVE SCOUT GROUP



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Cove Venturer Unit Annual Report for AGM — 30 May 2012

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Cove Venturer Unit is growing not only in strength but also in enthusiasm.

At present, the Unit has thirteen members plus at least four new recruits. This is more than double the numbers at May 2011.

Our 'Unit is now part of the less than one-year old Mocooboolah Venturer Unit. Currently its members come from Lane Cove, East Ryde, Hunters Hill and Tambourine Bay with a total membership of 25.

We look forward to building on this during the year to enable new Venturers to introduce additional enthusiasm and creative ideas.

This year, initially with the enthusiastic our Venturer Leader, James Skeggs, and with Tom Carmichael, from East Ryde Scout Group, were able to get the 'District unit active. Regrettably James, for family reasons returned to Brisbane. Tom Carmichael stepped-down at the end of Term 1 2012.

A new leadership team was garnered together and is now actively stimulating the 'Unit. The new team includes Eli Marshall, from North Ryde Scouts, Tony Gallagher, Putney Scouts and Lindsay Kearney, 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Cove.

On Friday 11 May 2012 the Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner, Doug Menzies presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Cove Venturer Unit the 'Chief Commissioners Citation of Appreciation' for the actions taken during a hike in early December 2011.

The 'Citation of Appreciation' was given for the actions, courage, training and situation management, taken by the 'Unit as team that, without doubt, went a considerable way to more than likely saving the injured Leaders life.

Our thanks and congratulations extend to Cassandra Balk and all those involved in the 'hike'.

A major event on the Venturer program is the NSW Dragon Skin Competition. This year, at Easter, our Venturers took part in four teams representing the Mocooboolah Venturer Unit with one of the teams coming in 14<sup>th</sup>. All of them had fun. At this annual event the Venturers test their skills at first aid, initiative, and construction as well as compete in other aspects of Scouting.

The Venturers also assisted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Cove 'activity base' at the recent SNR ScoutHike.

The Venturer Unit is integral to the Group and can play a part in maintaining the continuum of Scouting as role models for the younger youth. This year our 'Unit intends working with the Cub and Scout sections to assist them in developing additional Scouting skills.

Our gratitude is extended to Carolyn McGregor who assisted in the transition of the leadership from Tom Carmichael to the new Mocooboolah leadership team and Selina Gibson, the Cub and Scout Leaders and the Group Leader, Paul McGregor for their valued help, interest, assistance and encouragement this year.

Yours in Scouting,

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