



# **ANGLE VALE WELCOME PACK**

**May 2023**

## **Welcome to the Angle Vale Scout Group**

We look forward to a long and happy association with you and your child.

This pack is designed to help you understand know what lies ahead, what you may expect of us and what we will expect of you. We have tried to make this guide as comprehensive as possible, but if there is anything you are unsure about, please feel free to ask one of the leaders.

## **Who are we?**

Scouting as a movement for boys was started by Lord Baden-Powell after he returned from the epic siege of Mafeking in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, to find the youth of the British Isle playing games based on his handbook for army scouts.

He rewrote the book, renamed it 'Scouting for Boys' and the Scouting Movement had begun. Later he used the jungle stories of Rudyard Kipling as a basis for the Wolf Cubs (known as Cub Scouts) specially adapted for the needs and abilities of younger boys.

These days the Scout Movement is by far the world's largest organisation and there are five youth sections – Joey Scouts for ages 5 to 8, Cub Scouts for ages 8 to 11, Scouts for ages 11 to 15, Venturers for ages 15 to 18 and Rovers for ages 18 to 25. Scouting has spread right around the world and is currently active in over 180 countries with more than 30,000,000 members.

## **What is a Scout Group?**

A Scout Group is the local area organisation that offers different levels of Scouting to various ages. A full Group consists of a Joey, Cub, Scout and Venturer Unit.

Each Unit is under the control of a person known as Joey, Cub, Scout, or Venturer Leader, with assistant leaders. The Group as a whole is managed by the Group Leader.

## **Joining**

Your child can "Come and Try" for three weeks free of charge – If you complete a 'member application form' your child will be covered by Scouts SA insurance during this time.

After the initial three weeks, your child should have made up their mind as to whether or not they want to be a member. For your child to continue, Scout association membership must be paid, and their application form submitted. Following this, when your child has their Scout shirt they will be ready to be invested into the movement.

## **Uniform**

From the night he or she is invested, your child will be expected to wear full uniform unless advised otherwise.

Uniforms are available from the uniform department, upstairs in the "Scout Outdoor Centre", 134a The Parade Norwood or online at the Scout Shop ([exurbia.com.au/scoutshop/](http://exurbia.com.au/scoutshop/)). You only need to purchase the shirt as we provide each child with their scarf, woggle and badges.

## **Activity Shirts** *(available for purchase if you would like)*

Our Group has an Activity Shirt which is great to wear on all of those Scouting occasions when the uniform is not required. Speak to your Section Leader about cost and availability.

## **Financial**

The Scout Group is entirely self-funded. Our running costs are offset by Term fees and fundraising.

## **Group Fees**

Scout Association Membership	\$150.00 per annum
Term Fees	\$60.00 per term

*Please note these fees are subject to change in accordance with associated costs.*

Upon joining the Scout Group Scout Association Membership must be paid before the fourth attendance. This fee is forwarded to State Headquarters and covers Insurance and administration costs.

The annual Scout Association Membership falls due on the anniversary of the child's start date.

The membership subscription payable for the first term in which you join the Scout Group is payable by the fourth week and is currently calculated at \$6 per week times the number of weeks left in that term.

The cost of activities such as camps, outings, etc is an extra expense to your family, but the Leaders try to keep the price of these activities to a minimum.

## **The Group Support Committee**

The Committee is usually comprised of parents of children involved in the Group together with the Group Leader. We are always looking for new members so please talk to the Group Leader should you wish to join. The purpose of this Committee is to assist the Group Leader in maintaining the Hall, Grounds, and Equipment and to assist with Fundraising to support the Group finances.

## **Parent Involvement**

All our uniformed leaders are volunteers and give up their time each week and more to organize weekly meetings and extra activities such as camps, hikes, etc.

We are a voluntary organisation and we do rely on parent support. This support will depend on the individual circumstances of each family. If you would like to become a regular parent helper, please talk to the section leaders as you will be required to complete a Parent Helper form which includes a standard National police check and Working with Children check which are paid for by the Scouting Association and you must complete a small amount of training.

## ***Areas in which regular help is needed are:***

### **The Group Support Committee**

The Committee holds regular meetings throughout the year and helps to manage and maintain the equipment resources of our Group as well as organise fundraising activities and the occasional social activity.

## **Leaders**

If you are interested in becoming part of the Leadership Team, either part time or full time, please speak to your Section Leader or Group Leader – Our Leaders are of great importance to the sustainability of our Group, and we encourage you to help out if you can. It is an amazing way to be involved in your and other children's growth.

## **Working Bees**

Working bees may be organised throughout the year to assist with maintaining the hall and grounds. We expect that each family to help out where possible.

## **Fundraising**

We require all families to become involved in the fundraising activities of the Group. We do fully appreciate when there is more than one family member involved in Scouting as well as school and possibly other sporting or outside commitments this can become onerous, but we very much appreciate your help.

## **Donations**

If you are unable to assist with Working Bees and/or fundraisers, you may consider a cash donation to the Group. Cash donations are Tax deductible, and can be paid at any time – Please ask for an authorised Tax receipt.

## **Assisting with the running of meeting nights and activities**

Please remember that all uniformed leaders volunteer their time to run their respective sections for your child's enjoyment. This takes up a considerable amount of their time both in preparation and attendance on meeting nights and various other activities they organize. There are occasions when leaders need extra pairs of hand, eyes and ears. If they call for a little extra help, it is good to know that there are parents willing to assist.

Administration help is needed at the beginning of the session times to ensure all children are signed in, and paperwork is completed. – Please let us know if you can help.

Parents may also be called upon to assist with other activities such as sleepovers and camps as without the correct adult/child ratio these activities cannot take place.

## ***Safety and Wellbeing:***

### **Sign in Policy**

For your child's safety and to meet the Child Protection Policy adopted by the Scouting Association, it is a requirement that all youth members be signed in on arrival to the Scout Hall. Your child should report to the registration area to ensure they are marked off the role. Parents are to sign Joeys in and out.

No child is to leave the hall unless their parent or guardian is there to collect them, unless alternate arrangements have been made.

If your child is unable to attend, please inform the Section Leader.

### **Medication, allergies and Court Orders**

It is important for the safety and wellbeing of your child, that the Section leader is aware of any medication, illnesses, disabilities or allergies that your child may be on or have. It is also important for the safety and wellbeing of your child that you advise the Section leader if there are any court orders in place. Paperwork will be made available for this information and kept on file in a secure confidential location. Please ensure that the Leaders are updated with any changes.

## ***Now, what's in it for you and your child:***

### **Your Expectations**

You can reasonably expect that your child(ren) will be in the hands of capable and caring leaders who have a commitment to provide a stimulating and interesting program designed to assist children to develop into self-reliant and responsible members of the community.

Scouting was started by Robert Baden-Powell to cater for children's sense of adventure and love of independence and to channel these characteristics into appropriate activities which will equip them in later life.

As leaders we take our task of fulfilling the aims of Scouting very seriously. We undertake to take every reasonable care of your child when you entrust them to us and do our best in partnership with you, to help your child to develop to their full potential.

We all undertake thorough training and police and working with children checks, and we all give our time freely to enable us to do this. We would not do it unless we were convinced of the value of Scouting in the lives of our children. We hope that after your child has been with us for a short time you will be likewise convinced.

Through our program, we seek to encourage in our young people, attitudes which will stand them in good stead throughout the rest of their lives, such as initiative, self-reliance, responsibility, respect, and consideration for others, with regard for the level of development of the age of the group and of the individual.

Originally a 'boys only' organisation, the Scout Movement has progressively expanded its program to include girls. In 1990 the Movement became mixed membership through all sections. The Scout Movement believes that no child should be discriminated against because of disability, race or religion.

## **Facebook**

To assist us in communication and enable good sharing of photos, we have a general Group Facebook, which all group members are welcome to join - "Angle Vale Scout Group", in addition the Scout Section has a facebook page - "Angle Vale Scouts - Eagle Troop". The Venturers also have their own page - "Black Pearl Ventures-Angle Vale". Angle Vale Cub have - "Angle Vale Cub Section, Joeys have "Angle Vale Joeys". These pages are 'closed' and only members can see the content.

## **A Community Affair**

Scouting is a community affair. Scout Groups are formed and maintained by the community because parents believe in the benefits and teachings that Scouting has to offer and want to make it available to their children.

### ***And rightly so.***

Throughout all sections of the movement the aim is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

We achieve this through:

- Commitment to a code of living expressed in the Scouting Law and Promise.
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive, and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors.
- The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility.
- Learning by doing.
- Encouragement of activity in small groups.
- An award scheme which encourages participation in the full range of activities and provides recognition of individual achievements.

It is a formula that has survived for more than 100 years! The principles of Scouting are proved to be just as relevant today as they were when Scouting began in 1907.

## **Our Leadership Team**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Meeting Night</b> (during school terms)	<b>Section Leader</b>	<b>Assistant Leaders</b>
Joeys	Monday 5.15 - 6.15pm	Goanna - Jess Hoffman	Kanga - Renae Ferdinands Possum - Corrie Milner
Cubs	Monday 6.45 - 8:15pm	Jinda - Juanita Howell	Adder - David Gibbs Wren - Simone Richardson
Cubs	Friday 7.00 - 8:30pm	Jinda - Juanita Howell	Wontolla - Michel Hermence Rikki - Nicole Shute Hathi - Sheridan McMahon Bilby - Megan Stirrat
Scouts	Wednesday 6.45- 8.45pm	Frosty - Maureen Nealis	Narama - Paul Crocker Pheonix - Mitchell Walden
Scouts	Thursday 6.30 - 8.30pm	Ranger - Chris Walden	Goanna - Jess Hoffman
Venturers	Tuesday 7.00- 9.00 pm	Jacala - Bob Tiesman	Tom Brazier

**If you have any queries now or anytime  
Please feel free to discuss them with the relevant Section Leader  
OR Phone**

**Group Leader - Marlene Haese - 0408 897 407  
Assistant Group Leader - Juanita Howell - 0417 826 252**

***Welcome to OUR family***