



1st Magill Scout Group
ANNUAL REPORT
2020-21

Group and Section Leaders' Reports

Report from the Group Leader

Another twelve months has passed and we still have COVID-19 to contend with. We re-commenced from Term 3 2020 and had another lockdown recently in July causing us to miss a couple of weeks of face-to-face Scouting

The Leaders and I are looking forward to a busy few months before the end of year. We currently have 57 youth members and 9 Leaders at Magill. However, our Joey Unit needs another Leader to assist Rhys (Emu). Although the Joey numbers are small, it is still difficult for one Leader to organise and run the program. Have a chat with me or Rhys if you can assist.

General

We enjoyed a **Group Camp at Roonka** (near Blanchetown) in March 2021. Over 75 youth members and families participated – the camp theme was Australiana. Lots of activities were held: canoeing, flying fox, swimming, fishing, water slide and more. The camp was a great success and we are looking to book a campsite for our 2022 camp, possibly in June/July.

This year we were able to participate in the **ANZAC celebrations** at The Gums Reserve. The Joeys, Cubs and Scouts slept-over at the hall. Hawkeye visited to help the young ones with the making of wreaths and posies. The youth members and Leaders left very early in the morning to walk to Shakespeare Avenue. At the conclusion of the ceremony everyone walked back to the hall to enjoy a hot breakfast of sausages, bacon and eggs.

Tree Planting Day was re-scheduled to 8 August because of COVID restrictions – there were 19 youth members and 6 Leaders/parents attending at Thorndon Park. Over 1000 trees were planted by all the volunteers (including Magill Scout Group) and completed in less than two hours. A job well done – thank you all.

I wish to acknowledge the **Parent Committee**: Thank you all for giving your time to support the group and to ensure the hall is kept in good condition, the accounts are paid, and equipment (tents, etc) purchased for the youth members to use.

Sincere thanks to all current **Leaders** for your efforts – Rhys, Rod, Bianca, David, Karen, Monique and Mike. Welcome to our new Assistant Cub Scout Leader – James Hyder (Bagheera). He is a great asset to the team on Tuesday nights.

2021 Awards - Congratulations to the three Members who received Scout SA Awards:

Meritorious Service Award – John Frith

John has been Quartermaster at Magill for over ten years and Chairperson of the Parent Committee for the last five years. John's children no longer attend Magill, but he still volunteers his time undertaking these two important roles with the Group. John's efforts are very much appreciated. John will be presented with his Award in November at the Adult Recognition Awards Ceremony.

Special Service Award – Bianca Beeching

Bianca has been an Assistant Cub Leader at Magill for over three years and has made a noteworthy contribution to the success of the Cub Section. Bianca participates in all Cub activities and camps, and has a wonderful sense of humour. Bianca will be presented with her Award in November at the Adult Recognition Awards Ceremony.

Volunteer of the Month Award (July) - Rod Whitby

Rod is an amazing Cub Leader who gives 100+% to the Group. He has other roles as well – Membership Officer and Webmaster. Rod has been a Leader for over 13 years. Rod's children no longer attend Magill. He is well organised and has strong leadership skills. Rod will be presented with his Award on 31 August.

Closing

- Our Committee help by fundraising to ensure the Group functions well.
- Our Leaders are a fantastic group of people who volunteer their time to provide excellent programs for your child/children to grow into young adults with a strong character and who are sensitive to the needs of others.
- We all work together for your children – we are a team: **Together Everyone Achieves More.**

Come and join us – become a member of the Magill Scouting Family.

Yours in Scouting,

Colleen Bennett (Chil)

Group Leader

Magill Scout Group



Joey Mob Report

We returned to Joeys in Term 3 of 2020 (after COVID) with thirteen youth members. Many of the Joeys were reaching the age to link to Cubs. We said farewell to: Anaaya S, Anna, Millie, Avigayil and Olivia. Theo resigned when the family moved to Brisbane and he was keen to join Cubs when he arrived.

In October 2020 we joined with Golden Grove Joeys for a visit to the Road Safety Centre at Ridgehaven. We learned how to put on our helmets and ride safely around a controlled circuit. Joeys were able to receive their Level 1 Cycling badge.

We practised some knots and had a water games night. Golden Grove Joeys visited Magill and everyone participated in an obstacle course on the oval opposite the hall.

After the Christmas Holidays we started the year with lots of activities: we prepared and cooked a BBQ meal; participated in Clean Up Australia Day; and lots of Joeys attended the Group Camp at Roonka. Joeys who moved up to Cubs were: Max, Anaaya P, Michael and Ralf.

The program is a busy one and we have: made bath salts for Mother's Day; celebrated Star Wars Day (4 May); learnt some first aid; enjoyed a campfire night; and joined with the Cubs at indoor rock climbing at Holden Hill.

Our Joey Unit reduced to five, but we have been fortunate to increase this number to nine over the last few weeks, with friends of current members keen to join us from Magill Primary School.

It is very difficult organising a Joey Unit with one Leader. Colleen (Chil) has been helping me each week – thank you Colleen. It is imperative that we have at least two Leaders in the Joey Section. If you are thinking about joining us, please talk to Colleen or myself.

Yours in Scouting,

Rhys Hill (Emu)

Joey Scout Leader

Cub Pack Report

2020/21 has been a year of challenge and renewal for Magill Cubs. We had 10 of our senior Cubs move up to scouts, requiring some of our more junior Cubs to move into leadership positions before being able to attend a Senior Cub Camp.

We also had 9 Joeys move up to Cubs, and a number of other new recruits during the year. As a result, we have maintained our numbers in the 20s (we currently have 24 cubs), but at one point we were at the maximum of 32! Luckily Bagheera (James) decided to become a Leader and began his training early this year. However, Sub (David) will be stepping down at the end of this year to spend more time travelling, so we need to find another assistant leader or two to allow us to continue and grow our numbers.

Congratulations to Bilby (Bianca) who recently received a Special Service Award. Chil (Colleen) continues to be integral to the Cub program, as well as performing all the important Group Leader responsibilities that keeps Magill running.

A number of weeks in Terms 2 and 3 in 2020 were spent on Zoom calls (which are a challenge - I don't know how teachers do it!), but we returned to normal meetings in Term 4 and apart from a couple of weeks at the start of this term we have been lucky enough to continue in-person meetings.

Highlights of 2020/21 include Paddling and Tree Planting at Thorndon Park, Pinewood Derby at Pembroke, an Indigenous Culture and Cooking night, our Group Camp at Roonka, Aquatics at North Adelaide, Camping with Beaumont and College Park Cubs at Napperby, Rock Climbing at Vertical Reality, and numerous night hikes, bike rides and campfire nights.

Yours in Scouting,

Rod Whitby (Dingo)

Cub Scout Leader



Scout Troop Report

After COVID we returned to Scouting in Term 3 2020. We have had a few busy months at Magill.

Some of the highlights have been:

- A fire night – learning how to chop wood and light a fire
- A joint night with the Cubs showing them how to cook some Scouting basics
- Night hike to Horsnell Gully
- Orienteering at Woodhouse
- Geocaching
- Communication – learning about Morse Code and other forms of communication
- Swimming night – Payneham Pool
- Bike ride – Linear Park to the beach
- Campfire night – with Greenwith Scouts
- Night hike to Morialta
- Eden Valley Camp – June long weekend
- First aid and fake wounds
- Bouldering – Beyond Bouldering at Kent Town
- A great Group Camp at Roonka with lots of water activities and heaps of fun

We said goodbye to Joe who joined Stradbroke Venturers and John who transferred to College Park Venturers. Ali resigned when his family moved to Perth. Our numbers have increased with Cubs linking plus some new youth members joining us – we now have 22 Scouts.

I wish to thank my Assistant Scout Leaders, Monique Slobodian and Mike Bruer (Dingo) for their continued support and assistance with the Scout Unit.

Yours in Scouting,

Karen McNamara (Red)

Scout Leader



Chairperson's Report

Our Parent Support Group (or 'Committee'), has held on average one meeting per term over the past 12 months. The purpose of these meetings is quite simply to help manage and run our scout group, and to support the terrific work our volunteer leaders do. The committee sets and collect fees, pays bills, arranges hall maintenance and equipment purchases, and organises fund-raising activities to supplement group income, which helps to keep the membership fees as low as possible.

I'd like to again acknowledge the large and continued contribution that Colleen Bennett (Chil) makes to our group, and is now our official Group Leader after completing additional training. I'd like to sincerely thank her for the large amount of time and effort she puts in to ensuring our Group functions well and remains viable, not only in the GL role, but also in assisting the Joey and Cub Section Leaders, liaising between the committee and leaders, and all the other small unseen tasks she does, including helping to organise the group camp.

Lyn Whistler has done a terrific job of managing our finances again this past year in her role as Treasurer, carrying out the important tasks of invoicing and collecting fees, paying bills and generally keeping close track of our money. Thanks again Lyn for your dedicated hard work.

A vote of thanks also to Jeannine Winchester, who has been our very competent and efficient Secretary for the past year, recording minutes of our meetings and helping with other tasks including the successful group camp.

A big thank you also to all the rest of our Committee, including Tracey Billingsley (Grants and Fundraising), Jason Lawrie, Stina Hammer and James Hyder. James has left the committee to take up a role as Assistant Cub Leader which is great. Even better, he volunteered his wife Georgie to join us. Welcome Georgie!

Last year our trailer was stolen from the hall's locked compound. Luckily we secured a grant from Campbelltown Council (thanks to Colleen) and, once added to the miserly insurance payout, covered the cost of a new one. Council has also finally budgeted for the cost of replacing our very outdated kitchen, assisted by funds from a Federal Government Grant called 'Stronger Communities'.

Over the past 12 months the Leaders of each section have once again come up with great programs to benefit our youth members and I thank them on behalf of the whole group of us for their continued efforts. Assistant Leaders and parent helpers are always required, particularly in the Joey Section at present, so please do not feel shy about offering to assist in any way – every little bit helps to lighten the load on our existing volunteers.

John Frith
Chairperson

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Treasurer's Report

Year ended 31 December 2020

The 1st Magill Scout Group financial records for the calendar year 2020 have been audited and submitted to Scouts SA.

The closing balance at the end of December 2020 was \$11,995.02 which represented a loss for the year of \$2,289.48. This is not surprising due to Covid-19 restrictions, terms 1 and 2 membership fees were waived and the group not being able to run their normal fundraising BBQs and the People's Choice Lottery was received in 2021.

The main expenses during 2020 is the general running of the group, such as HQ Insurance, utilities, cleaning and upgrading the books for the new program was \$5,493 (or 20% of total expenses).

All 2020 memberships have been paid, with a small amount of memberships which are on a payment plan. There were also six members that joined in term 4 which helped with the income. The summary of 2020 income and expenses is on the following page.

New year 2021

Our current bank balance is \$17,666.04. Our account has grown in 2021 due to majority of members paying in full at the start of the calendar.

Thank you for your support and assistance with the Group.

Lyn Whistler

Treasurer

ANNUAL Summary Receipts & Payments

1st Magill Scout Group

1st January to 31st December
2020 to 2020

Cash at Bank	Balance Date	Date	END of Previous Year	Amount	
PLUS Receipts Yearly Totals					
	Group Fees			\$ 7,524.60	
	HQ Membership			\$ 2,320.00	
	Fund Raising			\$ 2,944.00	
	T Shirts / Clothing			\$ 423.00	
	Joey Activity			\$ 130.00	
	Cub Activity			\$ 20.00	
	Jamboree Fundraising			\$ 223.50	
	Camp Fees			\$ 1,130.00	
	Books/Badges/Scarves			\$ 251.05	
	Interest			\$ 2.30	
	Grants			\$ 5,454.55	
	Vehicle Insurance			\$ 1,034.33	
	Magill Group Camp			\$ 2,720.00	\$ 24,177.33
			Sub Total		\$ 38,461.83
LESS Payments Yearly Totals					
	HQ Membership			\$ 2,191.50	
	HQ Insur. Premiums			\$ 1,567.10	
	Books/Badges/Scarves			\$ 2,150.10	
	Elec.Gas.Water.			\$ 1,025.93	
	Joey Activity			\$ 276.13	
	Cub Activity			\$ 665.58	
	Scout Activity			\$ 177.75	
	Stationery			\$ 12.00	
	Fund Raising			\$ 2,345.00	
	Cleaning			\$ 750.00	
	Camp Fees			\$ 1,230.00	
	Maintenance Premises			\$ 459.02	
	Equipment Purchase			\$ 5,891.00	
	Vehicle Expense			\$ 112.00	
	Jamboree Fundraising			\$ 80.65	
	Refund			\$ 555.00	
	Gifts - Youth / Committee / Other			\$ 627.50	
	Magill Group Camp			\$ 4,248.50	
	T Shirts / Clothing			\$ 1,900.80	
	Cleaning Materials			\$ 52.00	
	Committee Catering			\$ 149.25	
			Sub Total		\$ 26,466.81
Group Funds as at		END of Financial Period to		31st December	\$ 11,995.02

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT For Period		1st January	2020
	to	31st December	2020
Total INCOME for the year		\$ 24,177.33	
Total EXPENSES for the year		\$ 26,466.81	
NET RESULT SURPLUS/DEFICIENCY for Year		(\$2,289.48)	

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ANNUAL Summary Receipts & Payments

Year

1st January 2020

to 31st December 2020



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Funds Summary	
Operating Bank Account	\$ 11,995.02
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Cash	\$ -
	\$ 12,095.02

Grants and Fundraising Report

This financial year we have been very fortunate to have received a couple of grants. The first was from Campbelltown Council for \$2000, which was put toward our new trailer. The second grant was for \$11,000 from Stronger Communities (a Federal Government fund) towards a new kitchen at the hall, in conjunction with approved budget funding by Campbelltown Council. The kitchen should be installed by the end of this year.

There has been no fundraising this year, due to hard times in our community and around the world. Hopefully this will change, as Bunnings and Mitre 10 BBQs always contribute to our groups fundraising each year along with other fundraising ideas.

The People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery this year raised \$1098, and thank you to each of you who contributed, as 100% of money spent on buying these tickets comes straight back to our group.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the group this financial year, the group appreciates all help received from everybody.

Tracey Billingsley

Grants & Fundraising

WHAT THE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (COMMITTEE) DOES;

Works behind the scenes to

- **Help run the Scout Hall
(e.g. maintenance, clean the floors etc)**

- **Fund-raising**
 - **this helps pay the bills
(e.g. electricity, insurance)**
 - **buys new equipment
(e.g. camping gear, craft materials)**

- **Helps find new Leaders and support existing leaders**

- **Helps in all manner of ways to ensure the continued running of Joeys, Cubs and Scouts at Magill**



Mixes socially with ...

Parents

Leaders

and youth members together