



1st Magill Scout Group

ANNUAL REPORT

Dec 2021

Group and Section Leaders' Reports

Report from the Group Leader

Another twelve months has passed – and I find myself writing a report for the Annual General Meeting. I need to look back on the 2021/2022 year, a year still impacted by COVID. The Australian Jamboree in Elmore, Victoria was cancelled, and the South Australian event, JamX, was planned for January 2022 at Lucindale. There was a great effort by youth members and families to fundraise for this camp and bags were packed. What a huge disappointment for everyone when JamX was cancelled just a few days prior to the event.

We currently have 67 youth members and 8 Leaders at Magill. All Sections have been going from strength to strength, and this is reflected in the increased number of youth members. The Mag Rag Newsletter produced each term highlights the activities of each Section and also includes lots of photos. The latest Mag Rag is on the website - <https://sa.scouts.com.au/magill/programs/>

Joeys – Our Joey Unit continues to grow, and we now have 12 young ones. Rhys Hill (Emu) is the only Leader and we definitely need another one or two volunteers to put up their hands. I have been helping Rhys, but this is not a long-term solution. It may mean that the Joey Unit will close if there is no-one to help him. I would not like to see this happen. You can talk with Rhys or myself if you can assist.

Cubs – The Cub numbers continue to grow and thrive with Rod Whitby (Dingo) and his great team – Bilby (Bianca) and Bagheera (James). James completed his Basic Training and received his certificate and woggle – congratulations. Dingo has been joined by a new Leader, Raj Purba (Baloo), who signed the paperwork and commenced training as Assistant Cub Scout Leader – thank you Raj. There are over 30 Cubs at Magill.

Scouts – Karen McNamara (Red) is ably assisted by Monique (Kiwi) and Mike (Dingo). The Scouts were disheartened when JamX was cancelled, but they looked to the future and planned other activities in their program. The main focus over the last 2 terms has been the construction of the billy carts.

General

This year we again participated 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. A hot breakfast of sausages, bacon and eggs was served at the Magill RSL hall following the service.

We enjoyed a Group Camp at Douglas Scrub (near McLaren Vale) in May 2022. 70 youth members and families participated – the camp theme was Bob the Builder. A huge thank you to Red who organised the activities: construction of catapults, orienteering, making damper, parachuting eggs, making a chariot with pioneer poles and ropes, etc. Thank you all Leaders, Parents and to our new Catering Manager, Megan. The camp was a great success, especially with the campfire on Saturday night with everyone singing, toasting marshmallows, and keeping warm. Congratulations to Max who completed his link from Cubs to Scouts.

I wish to acknowledge the **Parent Committee** – they have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months, with limited fundraising opportunities because of COVID. I appreciate the efforts of all the Committee.

Unfortunately two important Members of the Committee are resigning this year – Jeannine and Jason. Jeannine has efficiently kept minutes of Parent Committee meetings, and both she and Jason have worked tirelessly in assisting with fundraising events over the past five years, as well as camps and working bees at the hall. I wish them both all the best for the future.

Thank you to all current **Leaders** for your efforts – Rhys, Rod, Bianca, James, Raj, Karen, Monique and Mike. The Leaders are not paid, and they come each week to provide fulfilling programs for your children. All the Leaders work full-time, and some of them are studying at University and working part-time. With the continued support of the Committee and Leaders, I know that the group will be successful for the rest of the year.

Closing – There are several ways you can help the Group:

Consider becoming an Adult Helper (or a Leader) – it's not that much work when you are part of a team, and it's a huge amount of fun!

Volunteer for the Parent Committee – they co-ordinate the running of the Group, and they also have a lot of fun!

Volunteer to help maintain the hall or the equipment – the camping gear is prone to wear and tear when being used by the youth members, but we still need to keep things in good, safe, working condition.

You are welcome to join the Magill Team: **Together Everyone Achieves More.**

Yours in Scouting,

Colleen Bennett (Chil)

Group Leader

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Joey Mob Report

The Joey Scout section has great numbers at present with 10-15 children present each week. The age range of the Joeys has increased, which can be challenging, but they are all very enthusiastic and keen to try new things.

Joey Scout leadership remains a problem. Emu would ideally like to cease being JSL at the end of the year, which may now be achievable given the number of parents present, many of whom seem engaged with the group.

Joey's have done some great activities this year. We have done two night activities which were particularly fun! Joeys flew kites in the dark near the start of Winter and last week we played indoor cricket and tag in the dark. The cricket was particularly challenging, but lots of fun. We have also done a range of cooking activities, making use of the amazing new kitchen. Joeys had a movie night earlier in the term which was very popular, where more popcorn was eaten than seems possible. Joeys are all very excited to attend Wizz Bang at the end of term.

Several of the Joeys are about to transition to cubs, which will help normalise the age range of the group, but the numbers are strong and should remain so going forward. A key challenge for the group at present is a shortage of appropriate balls for poison ball!

Yours in Scouting,

Rhys Hill (Emu)

Joey Scout Leader



Cub Pack Report

2021/22 has been a year of renewal for Magill Cubs. Our numbers continue to hover around the 30 mark, but as usual we had a number of senior Cubs move up to Scouts, some Joeys move up to Cubs, and a large number of new youths coming straight into Cubs. Our junior Cubs that were shy last year have stepped up into Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader positions this year.

We said Goodbye to Sub (David) and Hello to Baloo (Raj). Bilby (Bianca) and Bagheera (James) got to exercise their solo leadership skills this year as I was away for a number of weeks this term. Chil (Colleen) continues to be integral to the Cub program, as well as performing all the important Group Leader responsibilities that keeps Magill running.

Highlights of 2021/22 include Tree Planting, Swimming, Geocaching, Slot Car racing, Pinewood Derby racing, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, Clean Up Australia, Indigenous Painting, camps at Woodhouse and Douglas Scrub, and numerous night hikes, bike rides and campfire nights. We also had joint nights with Beaumont, College Park, and Pembroke Cub Packs.

We're looking forward to the joint state-wide Joeys and Cubs camp called Encounter 2022 at Port Elliott Showgrounds from Friday 18th Nov to Sunday 20th Nov. It should be a fantastic camp for all involved, and you can get more information at <https://gstore.sa.scouts.com.au/events/encounter2022/> (we will be doing a bulk registration for Magill Cubs and Joeys in the next couple of weeks, so please take a look at the event information and be ready to indicate your intention to the Joey and Cub leaders).

Yours in Scouting,

Rod Whitby (Dingo)

Cub Scout Leader



Scout Troop Report



The scout section has grown again in 2021/22 with 25 current youths. Our scouts have achieved six milestones this year, and the senior scouts are getting ready to attend the Personal Development Course.

We have increased our participation in Branch events, starting with the Halloween Disco at Golden Grove. We've also organised joint nights with Greenwith and Stradbroke to get to know other scouts from our district.

Throughout the year we have been orienteering and geocaching to prepare for the overnight hike in term 1. At Kuitpo Forest, 15 scouts hiked with all their equipment in their packs, having many mixed feelings about the experience. Some are looking forward to hiking experiences to come.

During the summer we spent time at the beach. After practicing our snorkelling at the Aquatic Centre, we tested our skills in the open water at Second Valley. While it was a bit cold, scouts were keen to get back to the beach for some games. In term one, Arata organised a fishing night at Brighton, where scouts enjoyed catching crabs and seeing many aquatic animals that we failed to catch.

Our billy cart journey has finally come to its conclusion. After spending many hours designing and building our carts, they are finally ready for us to use at the road safety centre.

We've got big plans for the coming year; get ready to keep scouting!

Yours in Scouting,

Karen McNamara (Red)

Scout Leader

Chairperson's Report

Our Parent Support Group (or 'Committee') held an average of one meeting per term during 2021. 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 significant contribution by our Group Leader, Colleen Bennett (Chil) to our group. I thank her immensely for the large amount of time and effort she puts in to ensuring our Group functions well and remains viable, not only in the Group Leader 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 annual 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, reimbursing leaders and generally keeping close track of our money. A big thankyou Lyn for all your hard work.

Thankyou also to our outgoing secretary, Jeannine Winchester, for her very efficient operation of this role and for helping with other tasks including successful group camps and fundraising events. Unfortunately we are also losing Jeannine's husband Jason from the committee – thankyou Jason for your input over the past couple of years.

A big thank you also to all the rest of our Committee, including Georgie Hyder (Grants and Fundraising), Shanna Soon and Stina Hammer.

Last year we finally managed to have our ancient kitchen replaced. Thanks go to Sylvia Soon from Campbelltown Council who helped arrange and partially fund it, along with a \$12,000 federal grant obtained by Colleen. A number of helpers did a great job of cleaning out the old equipment and replacing and reorganising the new accessories, complete with labelled cabinets that are just terrific.

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 for their continued efforts. Assistant Leaders and parent helpers are always required, particularly in the Joey Section still, 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 2021

The 1st Magill Scout Group financial records for the calendar year 2021 have been audited independently by Scouts SA and submitted to Scouts SA. The closing bank balance at the end of December 2021 was \$12,203.15 plus \$80 petty cash float for fundraising events, which represents a surplus for the year of \$208.13.

Fundraising during 2021 included People's Choice Community Lottery, Thermomix Lottery, BBQ at the Art Gallery, plus Scout JamX disco and chocolate sales. The JamX regrettably was cancelled and the families involved were allocated a % of the JamX profits to offset the deposit paid.

General running of the group comprises around 32% of total expenses as listed below. The detailed summary of 2021 income and expenses is on the next page.

HQ Ins	Utilities, cleaning and Maintenance	Group weekly activities
1,732	4,479	4,873
5%	13%	14%

Equipment purchased included a new trailer, portable PA system, vacuum cleaner, A3 Laminator and new patrol boxes for camps. All 2021 memberships have been paid, with a small amount of memberships which are on a payment plan. There were also eight members that joined during term 3 and 4 which helped with the income.

New year 2022

Our current bank balance is \$16,724. Our account has grown in 2022 due to majority of members paying in full at the start of the calendar year. These funds will be used for the remainder of the year's activities, paying quarterly utilities, HQ fees, Christmas group gifts and some Group Leaders wish list for equipment for the Scout Hall.

Membership reminders will go out in term 3 for any fees not received.

Thank you for your support and assistance with the Group.

Lyn Whistler

Treasurer



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ANNUAL Summary Receipts & Payments

1st January to 31st December
2021 2021

Cash at Bank	Balance Date	Date	END of Previous Year		Amount	
			31st December	2020		
						\$ 11,995.02
	PLUS Receipts Yearly Totals					
	Group Fees				\$ 12,651.00	
	HQ Membership				\$ 2,647.50	
	Fund Raising				\$ 4,118.80	
	T Shirts / Clothing				\$ 330.00	
	Cub Activity				\$ 10.00	
	Scout Activity				\$ 20.00	
	JamX 2022				\$ 3,303.50	
	Camp Fees				\$ 5,130.00	
	Books/Badges/Scarves				\$ 390.00	
	Hall Hire				\$ 40.00	
	Donations				\$ 100.00	
	Training Leaders				\$ 130.00	
	Magill Group Camp				\$ 3,482.00	
	Equipment Sale				\$ 2,750.00	
	Admin				\$ 50.00	\$ 35,152.80
					Sub Total	\$ 47,147.82
	LESS Payments Yearly Totals					
	HQ Membership				\$ 2,838.00	
	HQ Insur. Premiums				\$ 1,732.20	
	Books/Badges/Scarves				\$ 1,803.53	
	Elec.Gas.Water.				\$ 1,555.08	
	Maintenance Equipment and Materials				\$ 153.29	
	Joey Activity				\$ 351.99	
	Cub Activity				\$ 1,671.27	
	Scout Activity				\$ 2,850.18	
	Stationery				\$ 5.00	
	Admin				\$ 200.00	
	Fund Raising				\$ 2,682.60	
	Cleaning				\$ 1,650.00	
	Camp Fees				\$ 4,393.84	
	Training Leaders				\$ 300.00	
	Uniform				\$ 51.95	
	Maintenance Premises				\$ 1,120.50	
	Equipment Purchase				\$ 2,269.40	
	Vehicle Expense				\$ 93.00	
	JamX 2022				\$ 3,868.57	
	Health/Safety				\$ 50.72	
	Gifts - Youth / Committee / Other				\$ 1,102.44	
	Magill Group Camp				\$ 3,571.87	
	T Shirts / Clothing				\$ 396.00	
	Group Fees				\$ 30.50	
	Committee and Group Catering				\$ 202.75	
					Sub Total	\$ 34,944.67
	Group Funds as at	END of Financial Period to			31st December	\$ 12,203.15

Grants and Fundraising Report

We were able to restart some fundraising in 2021 with the People's Choice Credit Union lottery and a Thermomix raffle just prior to Christmas. Hardware store BBQs were still not available through the year due to COVID.

In addition, specific fundraising activities were undertaken for Scouts JamX including a very successful District Cubs Halloween disco, BBQ at the Campbelltown Arthouse Gallery and Cadbury chocolate sales. As JamX was cancelled due to COVID, this fundraising money was allocated to Scout families to offset the lost deposits.

Unfortunately we were not successful in any grant applications in 2021.

Georgie Hyder

Grants & Fundraising

WHAT THE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (COMMITTEE) DOES;

Works behind the scenes to

- **Help run the Scout Hall**
(e.g. repairs, 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.