



1st Magill Scout Group

ANNUAL REPORT

Dec 2022

Group and Section Leaders' Reports

Report from the Group Leader

We currently have 62 youth members and 11 Leaders at Magill. Two Sections have been going from strength to strength, and this is reflected in the increased number of youth members. The Cub Unit and Scout Unit are full and have a waiting list.

However, the Joey Unit is struggling at present. Emu (Rhys Hill) resigned at the end of 2022, and I have been trying to find two new Leaders, but in vain. I have been running the Joey program since Term 1 2023. However, I have been absent for 4 weeks in Terms 2 and 3 with overseas trips. This has meant that the Joeys have only met for half a term. The numbers are very small at present with 5 Joeys, and I am hesitant to advertise and recruit new Joeys because of the lack of Leaders. If one or two Leaders cannot be found, the Unit will close. I am happy to talk to any parents who think they may be able to assist as a Joey Leader, or you may know someone else who may be interested.

I am pleased to report that the Venturer Unit commenced on 24 July with James Hyder as the Venturer Leader. A second adult is needed each week and a roster of adult helpers has been drawn up to assist James. The Unit is only small in number, but with the older Scouts linking to Venturers next year, this number will increase. James is currently an Assistant Cub Leader and I thank him for accepting the Venturer Leader role. James has many years of Scouting experience as a Cub, Scout, Venturer and Rover at Mildura.

Leaders

We have three new Leaders at Magill this year.

- Emma Clear was previously a Leader at Hope Valley and is now Assistant Cub Leader at Magill. Emma has two children, Luna and Stirling, in Cubs.
- Aria Stevenson moved to Adelaide from Queensland to undertake University studies. Aria participated in Scouting in Queensland. Aria is Assistant Scout Leader.
- Michael Jessop has a son, Victor, in Cubs. Michael has been a Cub, Scout and Venturer with 4th Whyalla Scout Group. Michael is Assistant Scout Leader.

Awards – congratulations to the following Leaders:

- Bianca Beeching (Bilby) – 5 Years Service Award
- Karen McNamara (Red) – 5 Years Service Award
- Rod Whitby (Dingo) – 15 Years Service Award

Scout Training – Wood Badge

Leaders have two components to their training – Basic Training and Advanced Training. On completion of Advanced Training the Leader receives a Wood Badge and Parchment. They also receive International Membership of the 1st Gilwell Scout Group evidenced by the issuing of the Gilwell scarf. Three Magill Leaders have completed their Advanced Training this year and I



congratulate them. They have volunteered their time to complete the training requirements.

Karen McNamara (Red), Rod Whitby (Dingo) and Monique Slobodian

Special Service Award – Awarded to Adult Members or Supporters for their successful support, development or management of a section or formation and making a noteworthy contribution.

On World Scout Day, 1 August 2022, the following members of Magill Scout Group were recognised with a Special Service Award:

- **Karen McNamara** – Scout Leader
- **Monique Slobodian** – Assistant Scout Leader
- **Lyn Whistler** – Treasurer, Parent Committee
- **Jeannine Winchester** – past Secretary, Parent Committee
- **Jason Lawrie** - past Member, Parent Committee

We are truly fortunate to have such valued Leaders and Parent Committee Members.

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 (Graham Lloyd) visited to help the young ones with the making of wreaths – thank you Hawkeye. The youth members and Leaders were up early in the morning to walk to Shakespeare Avenue. Our thanks go to the Magill RSL for providing a hot breakfast of sausages, bacon and eggs following the service.

We have a Group Camp planned from 22-24 November at Roonka (near Blanchetown). The camp theme will be 'Pirates of the Murray'. The Leaders and Parent Committee are working together to plan the activities for the camp later in the year.

Australian Jamboree 2025 – This camp is to be held at Maryborough in Queensland in January 2025. The Leaders are working with the Scouts to ensure they achieve the criteria needed to attend a Jamboree. The approximate cost is \$3000, and a Jamboree Fundraising Committee is being formed to raise funds to assist some of the Scouts attending.

I wish to acknowledge the **Parent Committee** – they have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months, and I appreciate the efforts of all the Committee.

Thank you to all current **Leaders** for your contribution – Rod, Bianca, James, Emma, Raj, Karen, Monique, Mike, Aria, Michael and Rhys. The Leaders are volunteers who come each week to provide fulfilling programs for your children. They also spend some of their weekends to ensure the youth members enjoy camping, bushwalking, etc. With the continued support of the Committee and Leaders, I know that the group will continue to be successful in the future.

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 Scouting Family.

Yours in Scouting,

Colleen Bennett (Chil)

Group Leader

1st Magill Scout Group

Joey Mob Report

We had 11 Joeys coming along each week in the second half of 2022. They all enjoyed the activities. However, at the end of Term 4 four moved up to Cubs and one resigned. This left the number of Joeys reduced to 6. In addition, Rhys Hill resigned as Joey Scout Leader. Unfortunately we were not able to find a new Joey Leader, so I stepped in to take on the role in 2023.



The Joeys have had a busy couple of terms with many activities:

- Campfire cooking – damper and marshmallows
- Local hike
- Encounter 2022 (joint Joey/Cub camp at Encounter Bay)
- Games nights – Joey Challenge Night
- Craft activities – made musical instruments
- Cooking nights – pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
- Tenpin bowling at Norwood
- Joint night with the Cubs at Bounce (trampolines)
- Movie Night at the hall with popcorn and snacks
- Learnt about first aid
- Talked about healthy eating and not so healthy options
- Made sock puppets and each Joey performed an impromptu play

The numbers will decrease further in Term 3 as one or two Joeys are linking to Cubs and one Joey has resigned because the family is moving to Brisbane. It is almost unviable to have a small group of 3 or 4 Joeys attend each week. We may need to look at other local Scout Groups for the Joeys to transfer.

It is important that we find two Leaders for the Joey Unit to continue. As I am the only Leader present, the parents are required to stay each week to assist me. It is difficult being the Group Leader and Joey Scout Leader, and not an ideal situation. Please talk to me if you are interested in becoming a Leader. All Leader training is paid for by the Group, as well as the uniform. Leaders receive a 50% discount on their child's term fees.

I hope that the future improves for the Magill Joeys. If the Unit closes, it is unlikely that it will re-open again for some time.

Yours in Scouting,

Colleen Bennett (Chil)

Joey Scout Leader (Acting)

Cub Pack Report

2022/23 has been a year of consolidation and growth for Magill Cubs. Our numbers have been at the limit of 32 for most of the year, with up to 5 youths on the waiting list at times. We had a number of senior Cubs move up to Scouts, some Joeys move up to Cubs, and a fair number of new youths coming straight into Cubs.

This year we had two cub teams attend the Branch Hike, and we've had four senior cubs striving to earn their Grey Wolf badge, which is the peak award for a Cub Scout. Our camp at Woodhouse allowed them all to camp independently, cook for themselves, and lead their own adventurous journeys (a six hour hike).

We welcomed Tavi (Emma) to our cub leadership team this year, and after 15 years as an adult leader in scouting I finally knuckled down and earned my Wood badge certification (advanced training for leaders).

Bagheera (James) has taken on the additional load of starting Magill Venturers, and Bilby (Bianca) celebrated 5 years of scouting leadership! Chil (Colleen) continues to assist the Cub section on various occasions, in addition to her critical role of Group leader and also leading the Joey section.

Highlights of 2022/23 include Tree Planting, a Planetarium visit, SA Rocks, the Branch Hike, the District Swimming Carnival, the Encounter Camp at Port Elliott, NavFest and Paddling at Glenelg, Ten Pin Bowling, Anzac Day, Indoor Rock Climbing and numerous night hikes, bike rides and campfire nights. We also had joint nights with Beaumont and Stradbroke Cub Packs.

We're looking forward to a joint camp with Beaumont and our annual Pinewood Derby day this term, and lots more adventures in the year to come.

Yours in Scouting,

Rod Whitby (Dingo)

Cub Scout Leader



Scout Troop Report

The Scout Section has stabilised in 2022/23 with 21 current youths.
Three of our older Scouts have now linked to the Venturer Unit.



Some of the highlights of the past year:

- Halloween Disco at Golden Grove
- A joint night with Ridgehaven to get to know other Scouts from our District
- Orienteering and geocaching
- A camp at Woodhouse in March
- Lots of fun doing some cooking using Trangias and regular hot plates. One challenge was to see who makes the best burger!
- The Scouts practised some knots by joining some pioneering poles together
- Roller skating at Ingle Farm
- Cohen Cup at Woodhouse in May
- The Scouts learned some first aid

Two new Leaders joined us this year – Aria Stevenson and Michael Jessop. We had some new members join us during the year, and there are lots of Cubs linking which will mean our Scout Unit is full with 30 youth members.

We've got big plans for the coming year; getting ready for the AJ2025 Jamboree in Queensland.

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 2022. 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, liaises with our landlord Campbelltown Council, 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 in her role as treasurer again this past year, 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 to Lyn for all of the time she has put into this role.

Thankyou also to our new secretary, Janine Basso, for stepping into this role, and for assisting with various other tasks at the group.

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

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. Leaders, 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 2022

The 1st Magill Scout Group financial records for the calendar year 2022 have been audited independently by Scouts SA.

The closing bank balance at the end of December 2022 was \$13,375.89 and \$80 float petty cash for BBQ's represented a surplus for the year of \$1,172.

Fundraising during 2022 included People's Choice Community Lottery, Father's Day raffle and BBQ's. There were no Grants received during 2022.

General running of the group is made up of 35% of total expenses as listed below. Insurance and general costs have increased but the group absorbed these costs throughout the year.

The full audit summary of 2022 income and expenses is available to view;

HQ Insurance Premium	Utilities, cleaning and maintenance	Group Weekly activities
2,235	4,036	4,098
7%	14%	14%

Most 2022 Memberships have been paid, with a small amount of memberships which are on a payment plan or carried forward have been settled.

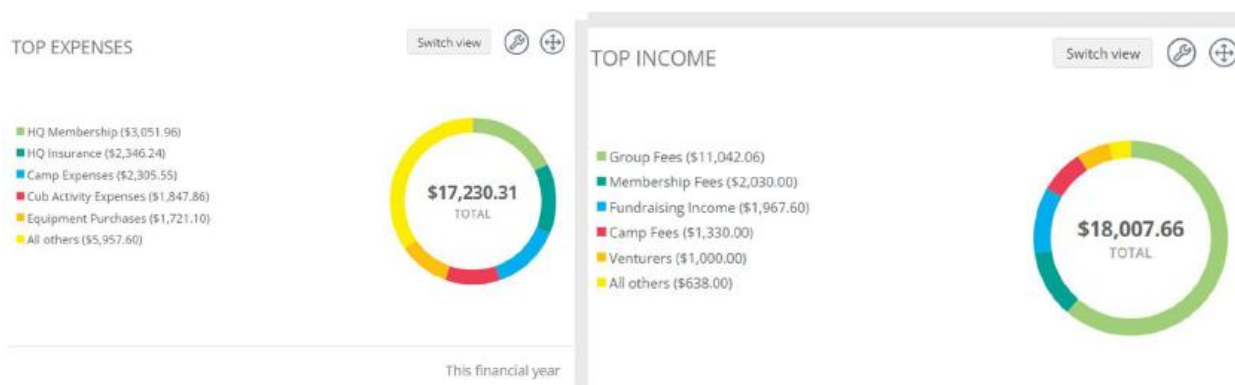
New year 2023

Our current bank balance reconciled at 30 June 2023 is \$14,933.32.

We commenced to use the accounting package Reckon One, lots of administration to set up the members and invoices are emailed, statements are available for members. The expenses are easily costed and receipts saved which saves on keeping the traditional "shoe box of receipts".

The software is user friendly and costs the group \$210 per year for the subscription.

Top Income and Expenses for 2023 are listed below;



Our account has grown in 2023 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, maintenance and Christmas group gifts.

The Venturers Group commenced in Term 3 and received \$1,000 from moneys held which has been banked and available for the start-up of this mob.

Scouts SA HQ 12 Month Membership reminders will go out later in term 3 for any fees not received. This fee increased on 1 April 2023 from \$70 to \$150 which is directly paid to Scouts SA for insurance and helps keep the camps at Woodhouse, other SA Scout sites cheaper for Scouts activities. Magill Scouts Group has not increased its term fee of \$75 (second sibling \$70) since 2019. This is why it is important to have all members financial which covers the running of the group smoothly and not likely the need to increase the term fees any time soon.

Thank you for your support and assistance with the 1st Magill Scouting Group.

Lyn Whistler

Treasurer



1st Magill Scout Group

ANNUAL Summary Receipts & Payments

1st January
2022

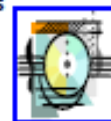
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31st December
2022

Cash at Bank	Balance Date	Date	END of Previous Year		Amount		
			31st December	2021		\$ 12,203.15	
	PLUS Receipts Yearly Totals						
	Group Fees				\$ 13,945.25		
	HQ Membership				\$ 3,983.00		
	Fund Raising				\$ 2,470.86		
	Food /Drink Sales				\$ 60.80		
	T Shirts / Clothing				\$ 40.00		
	Joey Activity				\$ -		
	Cub Activity				\$ 190.95		
	Scout Activity				\$ -		
	JamX 2022				\$ 401.00		
	Camp Fees				\$ 707.00		
	Books/Badges/Scarves				\$ 402.50		
	Hall Hire				\$ -		
	Grants				\$ -		
	Donations				\$ 235.00		
	Vehicle Insurance				\$ -		
	Magill Group Camp				\$ 4,414.00		
	Encounter Bay Camp				\$ 3,955.00		
	Admin				\$ 180.00	\$ 30,985.36	
				Sub Total		\$ 43,188.51	
	LESS Payments Yearly Totals						
	HQ Membership				\$ 5,825.00		
	HQ Insur. Premiums				\$ 2,234.50		
	Books/Badges/Scarves				\$ 694.35		
	Elec.Gas.Water.				\$ 1,476.32		
	Maintenance Equipment and Materials				\$ 853.10		
	Rates /Taxes				\$ 51.40		
	Joey Activity				\$ 275.87		
	Cub Activity				\$ 2,332.03		
	Scout Activity				\$ 1,490.14		
	Petty Cash				\$ -		
	Stationery				\$ 26.00		
	Admin				\$ -		
	Fund Raising				\$ 306.45		
	Cleaning				\$ 1,050.00		
	Camp Fees				\$ 1,165.86		
	Training Leaders				\$ 215.00		
	Uniform				\$ 464.90		
	Maintenance Premises				\$ 605.00		
	Equipment Purchase				\$ -		
	Food /Drink Sales				\$ -		
	Grants				\$ -		
	Vehicle Expense				\$ 95.00		
	JamX 2022				\$ -		
	Health/Safety				\$ 438.06		
	Refund				\$ 75.00		
	Encounter Bay Camp				\$ 4,682.49		
	Gifts - Youth / Committee / Other				\$ 1,474.44		
	Magill Group Camp				\$ 3,823.76		
	T Shirts / Clothing				\$ 30.00		
	Group Fees				\$ -		
	Cleaning Materials				\$ -		
	Committee and Group Catering				\$ 127.95		
				Sub Total		\$ 29,812.62	
	Group Funds as at	END of Financial Period to		31st December		\$ 13,375.89	

Bank Account Reconciliation - for last month of current financial year				DECEMBER 2022	
			Current year		
Bank Statement Balance as at	Date	v9	2022	Amount	\$ 13,375.89
	PLUS Recorded Deposits not Banked last month of	DECEMBER			
	Date		Amount		
			\$ -		
	Total		\$ -		\$ -
			Sub Total		\$ 13,375.89
LESS Unpresented Cheques (not showing on any Bank Statement) up to				31st December	
	Date	Cheque Number	Amount		
		0	\$ -		
	TOTAL		\$ -		\$ -
Reconciled Bank Balance as at end of Financial Period this year				31st December	\$ 13,375.89

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT For Period		1st January	2022
	to	31st December	2022
Total INCOME for the year		\$ 30,985.36	Finance Form F1 information
Total EXPENSES for the year		\$ 29,812.62	
NET RESULT SURPLUS/DEFICIENCY for Year		\$1,172.74	
Scouts Australia SA Branch		ANNUAL Summary Receipts & Payments	
1st Magill Scout Group		Year	
		1st January	2022
	to	31st December	2022



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Grants and Fundraising Report

2022 saw the return of Glynde Mitre 10 BBQs, and the committee would like to thank those leaders, parents and youth who donated their time to run these. Net of expenses, the two BBQs in 2022 resulted in \$672 for the group.

We once again participated in the People's Choice lottery, raising \$790; and ran a Father's Day raffle with most of the prizes donated by local individuals and businesses, which raised \$705.

We were not successful in any grant applications in 2022.

So far this year, we have run one Mitre 10 BBQ and again participated in the People's Choice lottery. We have two dates locked in for Mitre 10 BBQs - Sat 7 Oct and Sat 18 Nov. Please put these dates in your diary, and keep an eye out for the volunteer rosters over the next few weeks. Recognising that we often lose some sales due to the cash only nature of our BBQs, the committee is purchasing a Square reader to enable electronic payments. We are also putting together a Father's Day Raffle again, with tickets going on sale very soon.

A separate committee has been formed to fundraise specifically for AJ2024, spearheaded by Bianca Beeching. This is a costly camp so there will be specific events to raise funds for this. Money raised will be allocated to families on a pro-rata basis, according to the efforts put in - essentially, the more hours a family puts in to helping arrange and run the events, the more subsidy they will receive from the proceeds. Please reach out to Bianca if you would like to be involved - all participation is welcomed, whether it is a little or a lot.

Georgie Hyder

Grants & Fundraising

WHAT THE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (COMMITTEE) DOES;

Works behind the scenes to

Assist in the smooth operation of the scout group and hall (e.g. repairs, maintenance, cleaning 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.

