



# From the Helm

*The Newsletter of 1<sup>st</sup> Bayview Sea Scout Group*

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Announcing 1st Bayview Sea Scout Group's first Grey Wolf recipients!

**Congratulations Aaron Ferdinand of Starboard Pack, and Daniel West of Port Pack.**

What a wonderful way to launch the newsletter! This new Award for Cubs replaces the Yellow Cord, and is much more demanding of time, effort, perseverance and expertise, so we can all be very proud of these two Cubs. As well as gaining their Gold Boomerang, they had to attend two Pack Councils, four outdoor activities, camp under canvas, organise and lead a bushwalk, get four achievement badges at the top level and one special badge, make a Jungle Book resource for the Pack, and keep a log book of all they did. It's quite a list, and a great achievement.

Our Sydney North Region Commissioner for Cub Scouts, Errol Delaney, and our Northern Beaches District Cub Scout Leader, Sandra Southall, will present the awards at the Opening Parade of the first District Cubs' Leadership Camp at **Ingleside Scout Camp**, on:

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2006, at 10 am.**

(Morning Tea is after, and then the course starts at 11am.)

All are welcome.

## *News from Carl Hubbard, our Group Leader*

Welcome back to Bayview to Dale Wegener, back to Venturers after his 2 years in England!

And a reminder to the Group that we are always on the look out for parents, family and friends to help out on meeting nights and activities, and even to become **future Leaders!** It is a lot of work, but the rewards are great (apart from the pay!), and helping our kids is one of the most interesting and enjoyable Community Services you can do.

## *News from the Parents' Committee*

Last term, the first **Cubs' Disco Night** was a magnificent success, thanks to Liz Gillies and Andrew Miller, our fundraisers extraordinaire, and their army of helpers.

The big event this Term is our **Christmas Party** at the hall – proposed for Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. BYO everything for lunch, and while away the afternoon on the grass or around the barbecue on the veranda, canoeing, sailing, swimming and meeting others in the Group.

The **Christmas Tree Sale** that we share with Mona Vale Group is a major fundraiser, and it is loads of fun helping others decide what size or shape of tree is best! We need loads of helpers for this event, planned for Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, at Newport Scout Hall. Some Peninsula folk have been buying their trees from us for many years.

The last **Bike Raffle (only it's a Surfboard this time!)** for the year – Hooray! – is on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to Andrew Miller and all the Cubs, Scouts and Parents who regularly help at these raffles. Without you, our annual fees would be much more. Bayview has always been one of the cheapest Groups because of our fundraising. If you can't come, send a donation in lieu, to keep the fees affordable for all.



Hall insurance and maintenance is always costly, but so important. It's a great relief to have the new piers, and the repairs to the hole in the hall floor, the instant hot water and kitchen tap. Your fees and fundraising is quickly spent – there's always a wish list of things to improve the hall, as well as camping equipment. A spa on the veranda would be rather nice.

Have you ever thought of **hiring our hall** for an easy birthday party celebration? See the Bayview Website for details, and contact [hallbookings@bayviewseascouts.com](mailto:hallbookings@bayviewseascouts.com) or call Lyn on 0405 255 535. (Leaders and active Committee Members get special rates.)

There is a stock of **second-hand uniform items** worth checking out, but we need a volunteer to co-ordinate it, and order the Bayview badges, caps, t-shirts, socks and jumpers. Alison Wolstenholme has washed and packed all the used items, but can't now continue. Contact Robert Salisbury if this job appeals to you. If you would like to sell old uniforms, now is the time.

Next year, we would really love to have all **Registration Fees** paid on time at the AGM in early March, to make the financial juggling easier for Pip, our Treasurer, to pay our Group fees to the Scout Association at the end of March.

### *News from Starboard Pack (Mondays)*

**Congratulations, Aaron**, on your Grey Wolf Award – you have proved to be a Cub that Bayview can be really proud of! It's an excellent ending to your time in Cubs, and we will miss you when you go to Scouts.

Our meeting nights last term have been lots of fun, with themes such as the Weather, Cub Scout traditions, people in other cultures, Science, Fitness, Father's Night, and an excellent music night where most Cubs brought in their instruments and performed (or made instruments out of whatever they could find!), with inspiration from a Music Student visitor. And, of course, lots of games!

We have some keen Cubs starting on their Grey Wolf Award, and four of the older Cubs are looking forward to attending the Leadership Camp at Ingleside in October.

This term, with Daylight Saving, we will focus on outdoor activities.

Many thanks to all our willing Parent helpers Akela and Baloo

### *News from Port Pack (Tuesdays)*

**Congratulations, Daniel**, on your Grey Wolf Award – you really deserve this Award! We also wish you well in Scouts, and thank you for being such a great Cub for the past three years. We will miss you and your interesting questions and ideas.

There are three other Cubs well on their way to achieving their Grey Wolf, namely Josh Fenley, Shannon Moran and Bill Gillies, and two others have just started. Good luck to you all!

Our Cubs like the new achievement badges, and many have been awarded recently. Thank you, Parents, for your help and encouragement with these.

One notable badge in the "Special Badges" section is World Conservation, a beautiful large badge with a Panda on it, and congratulations to Daniel West, Joshua Fenley, and Angus Ewan for achieving it. Four other Cubs are well on their way to finishing, after we did a lot of work on the badge at our excellent Pack Holiday at Camp Kariong. Many thanks to Garth Wolstenholme, Michael and Matthew's Dad, for coming and helping us there.



We have 16 regularly attending Pack meetings, and our meeting nights are always busy and noisy. This term has seen us painting the boxes for our Sixes, walking the Warriewood wetlands, climbing at the Rockhouse, doing science, knots, handcraft, jungle stories, first aid and a "Visit to Antarctica". We hope our Fathers enjoyed the bowling, and liked the wooden pen barrels made for their special day. Thank you to all our wonderful Parent helpers at these meetings – we can always find someone to help when we need it.

Eleven lucky Cubs recently slept overnight in hammocks on the "James Craig" with Seaforth Pack, travelling there and back by bus, ferry and monorail, and earning their Traveller's badge – a most exciting week-end. Thank you to Col Moran, Shannon's Dad, and Richard Pearse, Jayden's Grandad, for coming and helping.

In the holidays, some Cubs camped at the hall with the Scouts. Thank you, Scouts, for inviting us!

This term is just as action-packed, including the long-awaited Pets and Beach nights, sharing one of our Canoe nights with Seaforth Cubs, and six of our older Cubs attending the Leadership Camp.

Finally, a big welcome to our two newly invested Cubs, Chris McLean and Rana Robb. We're very glad to have you aboard.

*Akela and Rikki*

### *News from Scouts*

We have now completed most of the repairs to the Group's equipment for standing camps in readiness for it to be freighted to Victoria for the **Jamboree in January**. (We send it in November and it returns in February). Jamborees are a major highlight for Scouts. They are held every three years, and for 12 days become one of the largest cities in the state they are held in. This one will have around 14,000 attending.

Three weeks ago we had a combined wilderness camp with another Scout Group, including a bush toilet, plus cows and horses around the camp site.

In the holidays, we had a five day camp at the hall. For part of the construction badge, some of our Scouts made a free-standing tree house out in the water in front of the hall, complete with a drawbridge back to shore. They slept in it during the hall camp, with the water, canoes and a raft floating around under them. (Bayview Scouts have always been famous for their amazing square lashing creations!) Those at the camp worked hard, learning and passing lots of their Scout badge work – much of which is a requirement to attend the Jamboree. They also caught some fish, and sorted and rigged our windsurfer collection.

Last Sunday Scouts went abseiling and climbing on good sized cliffs.

The term also saw us Ice Skating, competing in 'the great gemstone hunt' hike, and trying to get spooked by the ghosts on a tour of the Old Quarantine Station at Manly.

This term, along with our other water activities, our Scouts want to learn windsurfing. Also many have yet to finish the compulsory badge work for the Jamboree. As part of leadership development, term programs are finalised at a meeting of the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, called a Troop Council. The meeting for this term has not happened yet.

*Steve Dean*

### *News from Venturers*

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### *Contributions from Cubs, Scouts and Venturers*

A place to publish items is very valuable for our young people. It can also help them get a badge.

### *Scouting Websites*

1. "Snowgum" is the private company supplier for Scouts for uniforms, badges, etc. They also sell outdoor equipment, and their shop is in Parramatta Westfield. <http://www.snowgum.com.au/>
2. Bayview Group: <http://www.bayviewseascouts.com>
3. Sydney North Region (Office at 2 Ellis Street, Chatswood): <http://www.sydneynorthscouts.com>
4. NSW Branch (Office at Homebush Bay): <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au>
5. Scouts Australia (Office at 8 Help Street, Chatswood): <http://www.scouts.com.au>
6. Scouting News E-mail Newsletter: <http://www.news.scouts.com.au>

### *Did you know...*

That Parents and Family are welcome to the **Scouts St John First Aid Courses** held at Barra Brui Scout Hall at St Ives? As all Parents are members of the Group Committee, you can gain these WorkCover qualifications at the Scouting rate – much cheaper than St John's standard rate, and closer than going to the city. Plus you'll meet other friendly Scouting folk. Both Senior (28 – 29<sup>th</sup> November) and Remote Courses (21, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> October) are available, plus one day Refresher Courses for those with a nearly expired qualification (next year). See the SNR Website under "Activities – First Aid" or talk to Jill Murray.

### *The future of this Newsletter .....*

Is wide open! **We need someone to do it!** Is there a parent or friend who might help us?

Ideally in a Scout Group, EVERY family should have a job. Our Group hasn't had a newsletter for quite a few years, and it really helps with communication. Cubs and Scouts also love to see their name in print, and perhaps even photographs can be included. Once each term, four times a year, or even just twice a year, is worth aiming for.

Is there a parent or friend who enjoys playing with words?

Andy Bailes has kindly offered to print future copies in colour, and we can sell advertising space. So much better than Officeworks at 7 cents a sheet! Thanks, Andy!

The newsletter can also be sent by email, and be available on the Group's website. (However, the kids still love to read printed copies.) It can be as large or small as you want, or look totally different. This edition is just to try to get the ball rolling. We do hope someone will continue with it!

If you are interested, please contact Robert Salisbury, Andy Bailes or Jill Murray.

PS – As it is an active job, if you come to committee meetings as well, it would also qualify your family for the Group's special discount on Registration Fees each year for your child.