2nd Caringbah Newsletter



Group Leader's Message

Hi Parents, youth members, and of course leaders!

A happy new year and I trust it will be a good year for each of you.

All the Sections are getting back into action for 2011 and contact details are within this Newsletter.

2010 finished well with money being raised again through the Cook Classic raffle. It is really a great way to raise funds as the prizes are donated, so is the cost of tickets and general promotion.

So for every ticket we sold the money came straight back to us.

If the raffle is held again at the end of this year....then let's see if we can't sell twice as many raffle tickets! The prizes are very good, and although we have had quite a few winning tickets sold by our Group, let's also see if we can get a winner in our Group members!!

The year finished well with the Group get together at the Cronulla Water Centre on the Friday (see some great pics here on our website)....and we started the New Year just as strongly with a stint running the Bunnings BBQ on the Monday Public Holiday.

We made \$648.11 net profit on the BBQ.

I hope to see many of the parents at Group and Section activities and both I and the other leaders welcome any feedback or ideas from members and parents on running programs or suggested activities that members will enjoy. So here is to 2nd Caringbah being a great Scout Group to belong to in 2011, our 60th year!

Yours in Scouting Ron Hack, Group Leader 0407 065 781

Group Diary Dates

See the **Back Page** for details.

🚱 26 January - Australia Day BBQ

Celebrate by donating 90 minutes of your time to raise funds. Get in early to 'snag' your preferred time.

6 March – Clean Up Australia Day

Continue our 14 year tradition of doing our part to help clean up our community.

It's our birthday! Ideas wanted!

See a blue **link** in this newsletter?

If you have a PDF copy of the newsletter and an internet connection, click on it for more info.

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January 2011

60 years of adventure at 2nd Caringbah!

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Website: (Includes back issues)
www.secondcaringbahscoutgr
oup.org.au

Facebook:

<u>'2nd Caringbah Scouts'</u>

Newsletter contact: dtye2@csc.com.au

Having a party, or need a regular venue? Hire our hall! See the Back Page for details.

"We made \$648.11 net profit on the BBQ"



Joey Scouts 6-8 yrs, meets 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Friday's.

Be Prepared... to hop into adventure!

What we did last month

It was great to see several of our joeys at the Group Christmas party - if you haven't looked yet there are photos of you on the website!







What we will be doing this term

Joeys start back on February 4th, with an Aussie theme night.

In Term 1 we will mostly be doing activities and games themed around the environment with the aim of completing the Joey Environment Challenge over the term which earns a badge for all those who do the four main activities.

We will finish the term with some **Just for Fun nights** - do we have any great jugglers in the Group that could teach the Joeys to juggle on 1st April? (no joke)

Christine Edney, 02 9524 7061 cmedney@gmail.com



Diary Dates:

Feb 4 Aussie Aussie Aussie

11 Creatures of the sea

18 BP / Founders Day / Jungle night

25 A Day at The Seaside (outing)

Mar 4 Garbage!!! (What can recycle, make recycling container)

6 (Sunday) – Clean Up Australia Day

11 Gone Bush - Bush Safety

18 It creeps, it crawls, it hops, it runs – aussie animals

25 It's growing – terrariums/ tree collage

April 1 April Fool's Day – jokes, clowning, juggling 8 Easter Fun & Craft

Cub Scouts 7.5 - 11 yrs, meets 6.30pm - 8.00pm on Tuesday's.

The spirit of adventure!

What's on in Term 1!

We start back on February 1st with AUSSIE AUSSIE AUSSIE.

Week 1, we will be doing some badge work about the Australian Flag and Coat of Arms but it will be hidden among some AUSSIE themed games and activities such as thong throwing.

Week 2 (8/2) we are canoeing at Cronulla- everybody in the family welcome to join in.

Week 3 (15/2) we going swimming at Caringbah Pool so those who don't have it can gain their swimming badge. There are 2 levels. Level 1 for those who are weaker swimmers and level 2 for strong swimmers.

Level 1 is swim in any stroke 25 metres turn and swim back 25 metres plus swim 25 m backstroke, tread water 1 metre and float on back 30 seconds.

Week 4 (22/2) is Jungle Night - we will have some jungle games whilst learning about the history of scouting. Baden Powell incorporated Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book into the Cub program when he started Cubs - which is why Cub Leaders have Jungle Book names (see below).

Week 5 (1/3) is Environment night - doing Clean Up Australia with the Group on 6th March or with their school counts as part of this Boomerang.

Week 6 (8/3) canoeing again before the water gets too cold and the nights too dark

Week 7 (15/3) weather permitting we will be learning about trail signs in the park

Week 8 (22/3) Fitness boomerang night

Week 9 (29/3) Cross your fingers for fine weather so we can cook damper and sausages on an open fire outside.

Week 10 (5/4) we will find time after our Easter egg hunt and other Easter games to make some Easter cards and gifts.

It really is going to be a great term. Let me know if you would like to bring a friend ©

Christine Edney, Leader, 02 9524 7061 cmedney@gmail.com

...and for those who wondered about all those strange cub leader names here is some of their meanings from the Jungle Book.

Chil - kite (a bird like an eagle)

Baloo - brown bear

Bagheera - black panther

Shere khan - tiger (he is a bad guy so leaders don't choose this name)

Hathi -elephant

Rama - buffalo

Kaa - python

Akela- leader of the pack

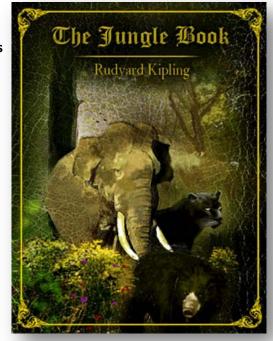
Jacala - crocodile

Raksha - mother wolf

Riki Tikki Tavi - mongoose

Own a mobile device? Search your app store and you may find Rudyard Kipling's original version for just a few dollars, or even free.

Here's what a quick search turned up for: <u>iPhone</u> / <u>iPad</u> / <u>Blackberry</u>



Be Prepared... for action and adventure!

Term One will be amazing

After a big 2010 the Scouting section ended the year at Wanda beach for our section's family Christmas party. Plenty of fun took place with the kids participating in activities such as body boarding, cricket, beach flags, and playing around at the sand dunes.

The calendar for term 1 this year has been set and is jam packed with plenty of exciting and fun activities. The calendar can be viewed at

<u>www.secondcaringbahscoutgroup.org.au</u> . Look under the 'Scouts' button. It's a Google calendar and I've entered extra information into each item.

We will be returning for the year on Fri 4th February at the Cronulla Waterbase hall. The following weekend we have Ballantyne Flag camp from Sat 12th –Sun 13th.

Other activities in February include **waterskiing** on the Port Hacking (Sat 19th Feb) and **snorkeling** around Cronulla (Sat 26th Feb)

On Fri 25th February we are having a MESSY GAMES NIGHT. This night will be a Bring a Mate Night and will include plenty of fun games and activities that will involve a lot of mess. Once again prizes will be up for grabs. So start telling your friends about it.





Cara stepping down

Scouts, we need your help!

Our numbers in our scouting section have dropped dramatically. We need you to help increase the number of scouts within our group.

More fun can be had and more activities/camps can be run with more scouts present. So tell your friends, cousins, neighbours about the fun we have. Bring them along to any activity or meeting and encourage them to join 2nd Caringbah scouts.

Idea: send them a few newsletters. See the back page.

For every friend that joins 2nd Caringbah you will receive a movie pass for 2 and a massive block of chocolate so you can shout your friend to a movie and of course some chocolate. If we get 10 new members sign up before July 2011 we will celebrate and have a free pizza, ice-cream and big-screen mega-movie party, and sleepover at our hall.

Parents

If anyone knows someone that may be interested in helping me out with the scouts, please send them my way. It is a *fun* and *rewarding* volunteer job, and a *great* way to put something back into the community.

You can also point them to the **Volunteers in Scouting** page on the Scouts Australia website, and from the Scouts Australia front page there is a link to a great video about scouts and **adult volunteers** made by UK Scouts. This <u>video</u> is generally applicable to us in Australia as well. Worth the look for interested people.

Craig Chantler, Leader

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On a sadder note, Cara has had to stand down as assistant scout leader with our group. Cara was a cub leader before she started helping with the scouts over 3 years ago after our previous leader moved out of the area, leaving me as the only leader. She soon realised how much fun the scouting section was and soon did her training to be appointed the assistant leader.

Cara has played a vital role in the success of our scouts during this time. She helped plan, carry out, and run a successful program that allowed our section to grow from only 5 scouts in 2007 to 24 scouts in 2009. Her patience, flexibility and fun character has allowed her to become a popular leader amongst all. I thank Cara for all her time, her hard dedicated work, and her patience with my disorganised self.

It is going to be hard to find someone to replace her. Cara will still be around at times helping out when she can. Thanks again Cara. I have appreciated your help and I am certain all the scouts that have had you as a leader appreciate it as well. $\odot \odot \odot$

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Hall hire made easy

Have a special event coming up, or need a regular venue for your karate, dance or yoga class? Casual hall hire fees are \$150 for day hire Saturday or Sunday, and \$300 for night hire. Rates for regular bookings are available upon request. For all enquiries simply e-mail sm.region@nsw.scouts.com.au or call the Region Office on 9570 4525.



Australia Day BBQ Fundraiser

Help out, make money. Australia Day, 26 Jan. Hot on the heels of our recent profit at Bunnings (see front page) we have been given the opportunity to make more cash!

For the time involved this is relatively easy money and so an opportunity the Group really needs to make use of to help raise much needed money.

Were you able to help out the last BBQ, or our stand at the Cook Classic? If yes, you know how simple it is.

If no, spend 90 minutes with us (more if you like) and we'll show you how easy it is to sizzle and sauce a sausage, or hand over cold drinks.

Please contact <u>Craig</u> (Scout page) or <u>Christine</u> (Joey & Cub pages) to secure your preferred time.

Of course, the cash we make goes straight back into the programs and activities we run for your family.

Have someone interested in Scouting?

Bring them along to one of your outings!



Or,,, download a few back issues of the newsletter in pdf & send to them. **The pictures alone** will show them how much fun and excitement you get up to.

It's our Birthday!!!



(And we'll party if we want to)

This year will be the Group's 60th birthday. For the 50th we had a dinner at hall, a BBQ and a history display. Please put on your thinking caps and make some suggestions for what we do this year. For those who want to know more about the history of the group here is a <u>link</u> to our history page.



Our first hall under construction in 1953.

Our history is a proud one, and an interesting one.

You can download it as a pdf file via the link above thanks to the work of Christine.



Sun 6 March - Clean Up Australia Day

For most of the last 14 years our Group has had a Clean Up Australia Site - for the last few years we have been doing Kareena Park and the head of Yowie Bay behind the Camellia Gardens.

We will register to do Clean Up Australia again this year if enough families are interested.

We do it in the morning starting from 8.30, finishing about noon, but people can come for as little or long a time as they want.

Participants need to wear closed in shoes and long pants are a good idea.

We have some gloves or you can bring your own.

So we know if there is enough interest could those who are interested please e-mail Christine (Chil) cmedney@gmail.com.

If you haven't done it before it can be a very rewarding experience.