



EDITION 2  
MAY 2010

## Important!

### CATS & DOGS

Please do not bring your cats or dogs to the hall unless you have permission from the section leader for badge work. The reason for this is we currently have some members who are **highly allergic to cat and dog hair.**

**Thanks for your help!**

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# 1st Ballina Scouts Times

## From the Group Leader

### Term 2, 2010 is already well underway.

In March the Parent Committee held its Annual General Meeting and it was great to see a large number of scout families represented, with over 20 people in attendance at the meeting.

During the meeting we thanked our outgoing parent committee which consisted of Andrew McGuinness, Paul Morris, Nicci Logan, Evan Elford and Janet Hale. These people have freely given a great deal of their time and we appreciate all that they have done. To all of you, I extend a huge BRAVO from the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballina Scout Group.

Our new parent committee was elected and the following positions were filled:

**Chairperson** - David Kohlmetz

**Vice Chairperson** - Leanne Gollan

**Treasurer** - Nicci Logan

**Secretary** - Karen Brooker

**Membership Registrar** - Janet Hale

**Group Trustees** - Evan Elford and Ian Hale

**Congratulations** to these people and I look forward to working with you during 2010. We have a very exciting year planned for scouts and their families.

The role of fundraising co-ordinator remains vacant and I would like to encourage anyone who would like to "have a go" at this position to contact me. It is a very important role within our group and is not a position that needs to be done alone. Several people could take on this role and work together and a lot of assistance is provided by the parent committee members and executive. We encourage and welcome all parents to attend our next parent committee meeting.

We have two new Associate Leaders, Kelvin Scandrett for scouts and Karen Vancov for Joeys.

This is great to see and I would encourage any one who has an interest in becoming a cub or scout leader to contact me as both of these sections do require extra leaders. Without parents and friends stepping up to become leaders the sections cannot run efficiently.

As a large amount of scout communication is carried out via email, it is very important that any changes to emails address (or any other contact details) are notified to our membership registrar Janet Hale on [jlhale@internode.on.net](mailto:jlhale@internode.on.net) so that everyone can be kept up to date on all scout activities.

We have recently participated in the Anzac Day March at Ballina and I was very pleased to see so many of our scouts and their parents participating in this special event

Yours in Scouting,  
**Ian McCotter**  
**Group Leader**  
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## Anzac Day 2010

On the eve of Anzac Day we had about 40 joeys, cubs, scouts, venturers, parents and leaders sleep over at the hall. We were up at 4.30am on Anzac Day and we all travelled down to the Ballina Cenotaph for the 5.30am Dawn Service.

We had a member from each of our sections lay a wreath at the Dawn Service. After the service we proceeded to the RSL Club where the Ballina RSL Sub Branch provided us with a free breakfast. Some leaders and cubs and joeys went back to the hall while others stayed in town and checked out the Military Museum.

At 9.30am the RSL Sub Branch gave us over 1,000 Australian flags to hand out to the public prior to the march. We split into two groups and walked down each side of River Street. We handed out all of our flags before the march started.

As the large crowd cheered and clapped we all marched proudly down River Street in the heat, behind the Diggers and school children. We were lucky enough to have one Lismore scout and five Lennox Head cubs march with us.

At this service we had four of our members lay another wreath.

It was great to see all of our joeys, cubs and scouts in our new scout hats. Unfortunately some of our younger members became very hot and felt unwell. These children did not have water bottles with them for the march, even though it was requested that all children take water bottles with them to avoid this occurring.

The behaviour of all of our joeys, cubs, scouts and venturers was fantastic on the day especially considering the heat that we had to march in.

Thank you to all those that helped make the sleepover and Anzac Day event a success. A special thank you to Karen Brooker and Amanda Lee who did a lot of work behind the scenes to make this event happen and to the four leaders involved, Geoff Lee, Ian Hale, Rodney Bray and Ian McCotter.

### Fundraising

#### **Old Mobile Phones**

As part of fundraising for our group we collect old mobile phones. These phones are recycled and scouts get \$2.50 per mobile phone. So if you have any old mobile phones you no longer use please send them into scouts

#### **Norco Milk Bottle Caps**

The milk bottle caps are worth \$0.20 and when the big box under the table near the leaders den is full we have raised about \$1,000.00, so keep those caps coming in.

#### **X-Ray films**

Scouts recycle X-ray films and the silver content from the films can be extracted and reused. The wheelie bins with the X-ray films, just inside the scout hall door raise around \$100 - \$120 per bin.

### 1st Ballina Scout Group—Anzac Day 2010



## Joey News

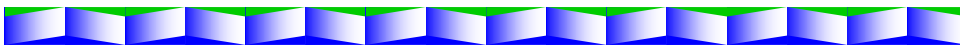


During Term 1 and Term 2 of 2010 the Joey Scouts are working towards their **Hands across the Water Badge**. It is like a pen pal program where you communicate and send items to other groups. We have two groups in the UK and one in New Zealand to communicate with. We are about to send each group a piece of calico that we have all put a paint print of our own hands on.

We will also send them some photos of our group and some decorated pictures of Australian Animals. Then hopefully we will receive some items in return. The Joey Scouts will earn a badge for this project.



The Joey Scouts will earn a badge for their project—  
**Hands Across the Water.**

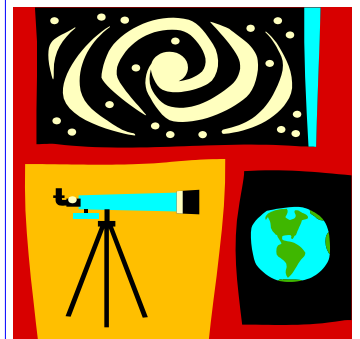
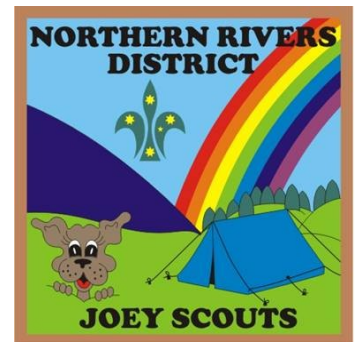


## Space Camp

North Coast Joey Mobs in our District came together on the 20-21 March for a Mob Holiday at Brunswick Heads. The theme for our camp was "Space".

We had a great time and were so lucky that we had no rain at all which was fantastic and the Brunswick Heads Scout Hall is in a wonderful location. The back of the building backs on to the Brunswick River and the beach is just across the road. We made great use of the beach and headed over there on the Saturday afternoon for some beach games and of course made some pretty cool sandcastles.

We played numerous games in the grounds of the Scout Hall and of course a Joey Camp is not a Joey Camp without doing a little bit of craft. We made flying comets, alien space ships and our very own telescope. Once the sun went down we played games in the dark and collected stars and planets that glowed in the dark along with glow in the dark tenpin bowling. Thanks to all the Joey Scouts from 1<sup>st</sup> Ballina who attended along with their parents. It was a great camp and it is a lot easier for leaders to run camps with the help and support of parents. Thanks also to Cub Leader David Moore-Evans for attending the weekend and helping out.



# Clean Up Australia Day!

*At the scout hall a group of scouts came to clean up around the river and its banks. We found lots of beer bottles and plenty of plastic bags. You can find all sorts of rubbish if you look, like toys on ropes and things like shoes, jumpers and rotting tennis balls. —By Alex Clark*



**A big thanks** to Red back for organizing the morning and to Robert Red back and all the Red back clan for their efforts, (the young girls worked really hard for their age, a special mention to Joey Bianca Red back).

A great effort was made by all those who attended even though the numbers were small. The day was attended by a number of new Scouts who we welcome to the Group. After 4+ hours of picking up rubbish the group was rewarded with a delicious pizza lunch (boxes recycled of course!)

**Badge work signed off included:** Pioneer Citizenship 4 Good Turn – 2 hours, Explorer Citizenship 4 Good Turn – 4 hours.

Regan Hale used the community service to go towards another badge he had been working on where he was looking after the riverbank environment for a period of time.

Alex Clark completed Explorer Citizenship 1 Ethics – Plan and conduct a Scouts Own, where he reflected on the purpose of the Day and his interpretation of its meaning. He also discussed Explorer Citizenship 8

## Cubwarts Camp- Mt Warning- Harry Potter Theme

Attended by almost 80 cubs from different regions, Cubwarts began on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. We all came on a Friday afternoon and set up our tents. Some Cubs helped others! The weather was fine and sunny but in the morning there was lots of fog and mist around. From 1<sup>st</sup> Ballina Scouts were Mitchell, Asha, Ellie, Georgia, Avalon, Bailey, Daniel, and Ewan. Later on that Friday we had opening parade and we were all excited about the next day so we all went to bed late. We were all up on Saturday morning to have our breakfast of yummy pancakes!



Then we were all put into teams for base activities. 11 teams of cubs from 4 different house colours. We were then rotated around our bases to earn points for our house colour and each point was equal to one jellybean! My favourite bases were Quiddich, Herbology, Flying Practise, and Care Of Magical Creatures.



On Saturday night we all got dressed up in Harry Potter theme for a trivia quiz to earn points (also known as jellybeans) for our house. And then on Sunday all the jellybeans were counted and the red team won then followed by blue then yellow and then green. We all had a shock when everyone went REALLY close to the kookaburras.

**We all had a great time and we all can't wait for the next camp.**  
**Report by Georgia Lee**  
*(thanks Georgia!)*

