



# 1st Bangor Kangaroos ParaScout Group

A Scout group for intellectually disabled adults



Bangor Scout Hall  
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Bangor, NSW 2234  
Meeting time: Mondays 4.30-5.30pm during school terms  
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A new Scouting group for intellectually disabled adults will be starting at 1st Bangor on Monday 7th February 2005. This group is called the 1st Bangor Kangaroos. The meetings will be held on Mondays during school terms from 4.30-5.30pm, at the Bangor Scout Hall.

Intellectually disabled adults will benefit enormously from being part of a scouting group, and will be able to follow the Scouting method, to the best of their ability. The principles of the Scouting movement are that all members serve their God, others and themselves by doing their best. This allows for the inclusion of the intellectually disabled members to everything scouting. As Scouts Australia states:

“The Scout program is a flexible range of activities adapted to the needs of the community in which it exists. Activities are based on the interest of the people involved, with an emphasis on useful skills and service to others. Scouts everywhere apply the Scout method which includes:

- a commitment to a code of living
- learning by doing
- small groups working together
- progressive and stimulating programs of varied activities
- a sense of the value of service to the community

The workforce of Scouting is the Group which consists of Sections appropriate to the needs of the members at various levels.”<sup>1</sup>

The format and content of the meetings will be similar to a Joey Scout meeting, with modifications to meet the needs and abilities of the members. Meeting nights will consist of short games, and a craft item, song, story, or simple cooking. We may have local outings or special visitors. The members will sometimes need help and encouragement to participate.

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<sup>1</sup> Introducing Scouting – Scouts Australia

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There are 5 members who are ready to start, but there are several more who want to join this group. I need help from anyone over 17 years interested in helping run this group on a regular or part-time basis. The more helpers I can get, the more members can join.

Anyone interested in helping would be gratefully received! Please contact me on the numbers below if you can help in anyway to bring Scouting into the lives of these people. The rewards for helping this group of disadvantaged people are immeasurable – from a leader’s point of view, you will be giving a chance to those who have very little opportunities in life, and for the scouts themselves, we may be giving them a highlight of their lives, that they really look forward to each week.

“Give them a life to live, so that every disabled person should find the place of his greatest possible fulfilment and happiness.”<sup>2</sup>

Thank you,

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<sup>2</sup> The First 50 Years – Handicapped Childrens Centre

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