

1ST BANGOR GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
2005 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
16TH MARCH 2005



Group Committee 2004/2005



<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Patron	<i>Danna Dale</i>
President	<i>Peter Ewers</i>
Secretary	<i>Trish Carter</i>
Treasurer	<i>Sandra Stebbings</i>
Auditor	<i>Frank Azzopardi</i>
Committee	<i>Gordan Cornish</i>
Public Relations Officer/ Newsletter	Not filled
Hall Bookings:	<i>Tracy Campton</i> <i>Alan McDougall</i>
Hall Custodian:	<i>Gordon Cornish</i>
Jobs Week Co-Ordinators:	<i>Penny Rodgers</i>

Group Committee elected for 2005/06



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Patron	_____
President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	Sandra Stebbings
Auditor	Frank Azzopardi
Fundraising & Social Committee	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Public Relations Officer/ Newsletter	_____
Hall Bookings:	_____
Hall Custodian:	_____
Jobs Week Co-Ordinators:	_____

ANNUAL PRESIDENTS REPORT

27th February 2004 marked the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Bangor Guide and Scout halls. Facilities that would not have been possible, if not for the dedication and effort of our past and some of our present leaders and parents. During 2004 we made the final payment on the hall loan and it is now fully repaid and our fund raising efforts can now focus on supporting the activities organised by our leaders and the care/ maintenance of the hall and our equipment.

This is a great achievement and would not have been possible without the support of the parents and Leaders over the last 10 years. If the Group is to continue to prosper and provide activities for our youth then the parents of our current Cubs and Scouts need to make a commitment to support the Group, by joining the Committee and/ or stepping up to assist with fundraising or assisting the leaders.

From the Treasurers report you will note that we are in the year ended 31/12/04 we actually incurred a loss of \$6,402.33. This was caused by three main factors:

1. A final payment on the Hall loan of \$3,437.54;
2. Purchase of new tents for both all sections with a cost of more than \$3,000; and
3. The loss of our major hall user Dance Force dance school from term 4 which reduced our income by about \$1,000.

The Group remains in a sound financial position with a bank balance as at 31/12/04 of \$7,921.87, but the loss of Dance Force will cause a reduction of more than \$3,500.00 per annum, which will need to be replaced by alternative fund raising or hall hire.

I wish to thank Sandra Stebbing our treasurer and Frank Azzopardi our honorary auditor for keeping our financial records. The cost of annual registration is slightly lower this year (\$88.00) due to a fall in insurance costs and we will continue to try to keep the cost of scouting affordable for all families. We have decided to keep the annual registration at \$100.00, by including a \$12.00 fundraising levy. This avoids us doing those annoying chocolate or Krispy Cream donut drives. The annual cost still compares very well to most other sporting or dance activities.

It is appropriate that I again recognise the endless dedication and work done by our Group Section Leaders in providing such a fantastic scouting experience for our children. The personal time sacrificed by our Leaders is very much appreciated. In particular I should acknowledge the work of Brian Collins our new Group Leader, who had some 'big' shoes to fill following Alan. Brian is doing a great job and has supported me greatly over the last few months as our committee members fell away.

I wish to thank all members of the Committee for their support and assistance during the year. The Parent Committee fills an important role in supporting our Group Leaders and providing them with the resources to organise the very best activities for our youth members. The time commitment is only a fraction of that put in by our Group Leaders and the more committee members the better. Parents are reminded that you are all very welcome to attend a Parent Committee meetings which are held at the hall.

During this year a number of Committee ceased to be involved due to their children leaving the Group. We managed to continue with a limited committee, but as mentioned above, this has meant that Brian Collins has had to become more involved and decisions that are made do not have a good cross section of parent input. A strong committee is essential for the Group to continue to function.

After almost five years as President of the Parent Committee I will be standing down at this AGM. I wish the new Committee and the Group my best wishes for continued success.

Watching the recent riots at Macquarie fields I was struck by a comment by someone interviewed on TV who said **“The kids out here have nothing to do, that’s why they get into trouble. The Government should do something about providing activities”.**

Scouting is one of the few activities that provides structured, adult guided activities that allow our youth members to undertake healthy and sometimes risky physical activities, that builds their self confidence, team work and respect for each other and their adult leaders. As parents we owe it to our children and our volunteer leaders to give them every possible support.

Brian and his leadership team as usual have a wide variety of activities planned for the coming year that will again only be successful with the support and assistance of the parents. I ask that you continue the very strong tradition of 1st Bangor and offer to help whenever you can; every little bit really does help.

Peter Ewers
Parent Committee President

First Bangor

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2004

Assets

Cash On Hand	nil
Cheque Account	\$7,921.87
Total Current Assets	\$7,921.87
Land and Buildings (insured value)	276,048.00
Equipment (estimated insured value)	30,000.00
	313,969.87
Liabilities	
Building Loan	nil
Loss as per P&L	(6,402.33)
Net Assets equity	320,372.20
	313,969.87

Notes to the Accounts:

1. The Accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.
2. Property plant and equipment are shown at estimated and insured value only;
3. Land and buildings are shown at insured value

Treasurer : S Stebbings

7 March 2005

Audit Certificate

I have examined the books of First Bangor formation, and hereby certify that the income and expenditure statement and statement of financial position represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity.

Auditor F Azzopardi

7 March 2005

1st BANGOR JOEY SCOUT MOB

As at March 2005

- We have 6 Joey Scouts in our mob, 4 male and 2 female
- There are 3 invested members and 3 New Chums.
We have just invested up to Cubs, 5 Joeys – Keats Davaram, Joshua Massingham, Ben Ricketts, Cameron Rodgers and Lachlan De Gruchy, which is why are numbers are very low.
- We farewell Jack Shore and Chris Preece.
- Ros Hatton - Bunyip has now completed her Leadership courses and plans to start her Advanced Training this year.
- Tracy Hunter – Brumby is still in advanced training for her woodbadge, hoping to complete it this year.
- 1st Term completed our Buddy Badge Scheme with 1st Lucas Heights and combined with them to Clean Up Australia. 1st Bangor collected the most rubbish, with a trophy T-Shirt hanging up on our wall.
- 2nd Term had special guests for Mothers Day, and a visit from Menai Vet Hospital, who brought along some animals to talk about. We then continued on to make our Mess Kit Bags (for preparation for the Joeys advancing up to Cubs) and our passports to travel the world, sampling American Hotdogs and Australian Smores. Finished the term with a visit to 1st Wearne Bay for a combined Joey SCIENCE night.
- 3rd Term we continued around the world eating pizza, croissants, rice etc and a special visitor from the Massingham family who had an exchange student from Germany. We then returned home back to Australia very jet lagged. Attended the Joey Fun Day at Camp Coutts in the rain, and had a ball. Also celebrated Fathers Day with a visit to Rocknasium, with the Dads having more fun climbing than the Joeys.
- 4th Term, party with Halloween and dress up, also a mufty night in favourite sport gear. Combined Fishing Night with 1st Wearne Bay at Illawong with 1st Bangor the only ones to catch fish. (We showed the Sea Scouts a thing a two). Another combined Christmas Party with 1st Lucas Heights and 1st Wearne Bay with no rain this year and Santa on foot. Catered for roughly 50 Joeys plus siblings. Ended the year making Snow Globes and getting wet at our own Christmas party with a Water Theme.
- Many thanks to our Parent Helpers, I have lost a great deal of support through the parents that had Joeys going onto Cubs, and hope that Cubs get that same great support that Ros and I have had in 2004. Also, our special guests and visitors that have attended our meetings, the programs are based around these people and it makes it all the more special.
- Big thanks to Ros Hatton for her support and help in 2004, it makes my job that much easier. What a great leader to have on your side.
- Each week we try to get through a jam-packed program of games, activities, craft, songs, cooking, stories etc etc etc, but we always run out of time.

Brumby and Bunyip

CUB SCOUT SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights from 2004 included:

- A night hike near Mill Creek at Menai in March.
- Participated in 'Clean up Australia' day in March.
- Attended the South Coast and Tablelands Region Cuboree at Nowra Showground in April.
- Mums attended a Mother's Day Pack meeting in May.
- Walked over the Woronora Bridge for 'Jamboree On The Trail' (JOTT) in May.
- An 'introduction to Scouts' camp for senior Cubs at Camp Coutts in May.
- A Pack camp to Wentworth Falls in June, visiting an observatory.
- Participated in the first Asia-Pacific Region 'Jamboree on the Internet' (JOTI) in August.
- Presented seven Yellow Cord awards in September.
- Staged a 'skit' night for parents in September with every Cub participating.
- A Pack camp to Camp Coutts at Waterfall.
- Invested Allira into the Pack.
- Outing to Sutherland pool in September.
- Attended the Boree Regatta in October.
- A visit from the local Vet in October to talk about animals.
- 'Bring a Friend' night in November.
- A fishing night in November.
- A rafting afternoon in November.
- A community service outing to the Warena Gardens aged care facility in December.
- Attended the NSW state Cuboree at Cataract Scout Park, Appin, in January.
- Attended the ACT state Cuboree at Camp Cottermouth, Canberra, in January.

Regular training for the Boomerang and Achievement badge schemes included: Knotting; compass; mapping; the Jungle Book story; first aid; Australian flag, state insignia, coat of arms; craft; photography; codes and signals; Scouting Family badges; environment; cooking; space; fitness; discovery; people and cultures; bush craft; self expression; swimming; community service.

Our **Yellow Cord** presentation night in September was significant as it was the first occasion where we presented seven Yellow Cords at once. Congratulations again to our very capable Cub Scouts:- Kieran Burgess, Daniel Collins, Mitchell Nelson, James Thorne, Benjamin Morrissey, Jordan Fisher and Brendan Cain. This top award has always been highly sought after in our Pack and our consistent achievement rate is second to none! The challenge ahead of the Leaders now is to promote interest in the new Grey Wolf award that replaced the

Yellow Cord award this year. It is a much tougher challenge and will require a significant planning effort to cover all the requirements.

Camping was a prominent and very popular part of our training program again this year with seven camps on offer; including two Pack camps, two state Cuborees, a region Cuboree, a District camp for senior Cubs and the Boree Regatta. In addition to these we have recently returned from our first Pack camp for 2005 at the magic adventure playground of Mermaid Pools where the Cubs explored the spectacular Bargo River canyon, luxuriated in spa baths in the river rock pools, showered under thundering waterfalls and abseiled down a 12m cliff. The challenges of these adventures promote growth and development in so many different ways and our Cubs are very fortunate indeed to have such opportunities. My sincere thanks to the leadership team and parent helpers who give their time to make these opportunities available to our Pack.

The national **uniform** changed during the year and we now have 16 out of 23 Cubs Scouts wearing the new uniform. It looks very smart indeed and the Cubs love it.

A revised **Cub Scout Training Program** was implemented at the start of 2005 and the changes certainly make the program more interesting and challenging for both the Cub Scouts and the Cub Scout Leaders. Parents and their Cubs were given a presentation on 17th February to explain the changes and some of the implementation issues. A major aspect of the revision emphasizes the important role that the senior Cub Scouts play in the life of the Pack. They should attend Pack Council regularly (say at least once per term) and the new Gold level Boomerang requires them to teach particular items to the junior Cubs and even to 'plan and organise a bush walk for the Pack'.

After our first Pack Council early this year we issued a copy of our new **behaviour management plan**. The plan helps the Leaders to promote appropriate behaviours in a consistent and fair manner while helping the Cubs to understand what is expected. The Sixers have done an excellent job of promoting the plan to their Six and the improvements are already obvious. Continued parental support of the plan would be much appreciated.

I feel very fortunate to have been part of a great team during the past year and want to express my thanks to the Leaders (Allira – Narelle Fisher; Coolac – Murt McAuliffe; Kotick – Dianne Melville; Riki – Ross Winters) for their friendship and support throughout the year and for their time that they give to our Pack activities. I am also very grateful to the parents who give their time to support our activities. Without that precious gift of your time we would not be able to provide opportunities for fun, adventure and learning to our youth members.

Yours in Scouting,

AKELA Mike Valentine.

NSW State Cuboree, Cataract Scout Park, Appin.

From 4th to 8th January six Cub Scouts, Jordan Fisher, Bethany Fisher, Jaymee Pollock, Benjamin Morrissey, Matthew Thorne, Lachlan Hatton and Allira had a fantastic time at the NSW State Cuboree with over 1,000 Cubs, Leaders and helpers. We were wet at least twice a day, we went down the water slide, learned to line dance, watched the Incredibles movie, did lots of craft and swung from trees like Tarzan with our feet in milk crates. We had a blow-up pool back at our campsite 716 that was appreciated by all.

ACT State Cuboree, Camp Cottermouth, Canberra.

The same six Cub Scouts and Allira set off to Canberra for some more adventure. During 14th to 17th January we followed rainbow colours looking for an elusive dream. It was 40-degree heat so we hosed down every 20 minutes or so. We traveled to different lands, learned crafts, caved through boxes, had a water slide and bumper cars using tyre tubes. It was very theatrical with a theme song and performances morning and night. The Cub Scouts and Leader had a fantastic time.

ALLIRA Narelle Fisher.

Scout Report - AGM March 2005

We started 2004 with 20 scouts and 3 Leaders. After the busy Jamboree year in 2003, 2004 seemed like a more relaxed year. During term one we said goodbye to a couple of the scouts who came to Jamboree, and we welcomed three cubs and a new scout. So our numbers stayed pretty stable.

During term 1 we concentrated on Water as our main theme. This included learning nautical terms as well as first aid. We attended the District Water Activity camp at Nordes Wharf on March 5-7. A great time was had by all scouts in attendance, participating in canoeing, swimming and a biscuit behind a power boat. Even though the weather was not very kind to us, we still had a lot of fun.

During term 1, one of our senior scouts – Chris Ewers – was busy planning his Green level journey. He took 4 other Bangor scouts on a 3 day, 2 night hike over 30km at Blackheath, during the latter part of the school holidays. They were tired and smelly, but they had learned so much. Chris wanted to go on more hikes, which he did during the rest of the year.

We also had a Jamboree reunion night for all the scouts from our district in Troop 320. We had some pizza and drinks then watched the DVD of the Jamboree and the photos taken by some scouts/leaders. Some also brought along some of the memorabilia they had collected from the Jamboree.

We finished the term with an outing to the Homebush Aquatic Centre, which the whole troop attended. They were the only ones using the slide and whirlpool. It did happen to coincide with a major swim meet, but we had a great time in the water. This is certainly something we will do again!

During term 2 we concentrated on the Campcraft target badge. Learning more about navigation, cooking and fire. At the start of the term several of the older scouts participated in a Leadership course for the district held at Gooyong scout hall. They learned about different leadership styles and were encouraged to put what they had learned into practice, as most of them were PLs and APLs in the troop. We did see some improvements in the way things were done, now they need to show their competency by conducting a leadership activity for a patrol (or small group of scouts). Then they will be able to get their Leadership badges (after another short course).

Term 2 also saw the start of a parent helper roster. Thank you to all those Dads that volunteered to help out. It was good to have you involved with the scouts. We were still unable to convince one of you to join us as a leader, maybe this year?

The weekend of 15-16 May saw 8 scouts and 3 leaders complete a blue-level hike. We walked from Waterfall to Engadine stations through the National Park. It was 15 km of fairly undulating ground. The weather was warm and the pace was steady. The scouts certainly learnt a lot on that hike, about navigation (by compass, sun and stars), packing their gear, hike menus and pacing yourself so you can finish in the end. Most of the scouts fared very well, a couple will need to do a similar hike in 2005 to show their competency.

We had lots of instruction and practice for cooking during the term. We finished the term with a backwards backwoods meal, which is a meal cooked with no utensils on an open fire with dessert then main course then first course at the end. In the end it turned out that all the scouts were well-fed with good healthy food they had prepared themselves.

During term 2, another of our senior scouts – Tim Jarman – planned and undertook his Green level journey. He took 3 Bangor scouts and a ring-in from another troop on a 30km hike on part of the Great North Walk.

Towards the end of term Gav arranged for people from Rock School to take us night abseiling off the cliffs behind Akuna Ave. For some of us it was a bit freaky to go backwards down a cliff where you could not see the bottom too well, but we all ended up having a go at it. The climb back up was more of a challenge in the end. Thank you to the people from Rock School. The scouts would like to do that one again too!

In term 3 we concentrated on the Citizenship target badge. First aid, good turns, our promise and law, were the areas we were covering. On 1st August a small group of scouts participated in the Rogaine organised by 1st Caringbah scouts, through the bush at the back of Menai. Our “team” came in 4th on the day, the highest placing we have ever achieved over the years we have been participating, well done! The scouts were able to show they were competent in map reading and following a compass trail.

In September we went on a night walk through the streets of Bangor answering all kinds of questions Gav had thought up about our local community. A good night and a load of rubbish was collected by the scouts – it is amazing how many people do not pick up their Leader newspaper!

Also during September, many scouts spent one Sunday afternoon at the hall helping to sort through the dens and generally clean things up. We also conducted an audit of our scout gear for insurance purposes. There was another Sunday afternoon in October, finishing off the painting of a couple of dens for a Patrol Activity award. Thanks for all your help scouts!

The 17th – 19th September saw us camping at Bundeena (Bonnie Vale campsite). We went swimming, built a raft and helped out the local bushcare group with

some weeding along the edge of the water (community service). The weather was kind to us on this weekend, the scouts certainly enjoyed the company of the local National Park ranger who was in charge of the bushcare group.

To finish off the term we had a big party night – to present both Chris Ewers and Tim Jarman with their well-deserved Green cords. We had party food and a great chocolate mud cake, and played some party games.

During the September/October school holidays a couple of our scouts attended the School for Adventure at Heathcote Scout Camp. They had a great week of adventurous outdoor activities. Lizzie Melville also planned her Green journey and took one Bangor scout and several ring-ins on a hike on part of the Great North Walk.

Term 4 was a mix and match term. It allowed the scouts to finish off some of their badgework they had started during the year. We also had three cubs join our troop. The Rovers put on a great Halloween night for us – thanks!

We attended the Boree Regatta, at Gunnamatta Park on the Saturday for the water activities. All the scouts participated so well, and won many races, that we were awarded the Wanda Shield for most points won in the canoeing events for scouts. Well done!

We went on a night hike in the National Park – doing lots of navigation with map and compass and trying out our new GPS (thank you to the Parent Committee).

The scouts asked for a Beach weekend, so in November they went to Coledale beach and camped right on the beach! Thank you to the Rovers for helping Gav out on this weekend too!

We had our party night at the end of term and a fair few scouts and their families attended the group Christmas party on the Woronora River – thanks for organising the Christmas carols that night too!

We finished the year with 25 scouts and 3 Leaders. We have 6 scouts ready to join Venturers (look out Wontolla!).

Looking back over 2004, it did turn out to be another busy year in scouts, even though we had thought we would have a slower year because it was not a Jamboree year. We have had some very enthusiastic senior scouts willing to undertake the adventure of the Green journey. This is not for everyone, you really need to be committed and organised to achieve your Green cord – this year we had two scouts achieve theirs – this hasn't happened for many years in our troop (just look at the honour board!)

All this outdoor activity could not happen without the hard work and support of the scout Leaders. Your scouts have had fun, and learnt more about themselves and their environment – things they could not do with any other organisation. Thank you to both Feathers and Gav for all their work this year. Gav will be leaving us half way through 2005, to take on another adventure overseas, and we will require the help of some scouting Dads..... so if you would like to be involved with your scout in this great adventure of life, please consider joining our fun-loving team.... talk to us, maybe we can work around all the other commitments of life, so you can have some fun too!

Happy scouting! ☺

Bilby Feathers Gav



Chris Ewers and Tim Jarman Green Cord Presentation 2005



Chris and Tim – Green cord Presentation 2005



Chris Ewers and patrol at the end of their Green cord Journey – Blackheath Blue Mountains 2005



1st Bangor Kangaroos ParaScout Group

A Scout group for intellectually disabled adults



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ANNUAL REPORT *March 2005*

The 1st Bangor Kangaroos Para-Scout group began on Monday 7th February, with 3 Scouts and 6 helpers. After 5 meetings, our Scout members now number 5, with usually the same number of helpers at each meeting, which is important, as one-to-one help is often required, particularly during craft activities.

We have 4 male and 1 female Scouts from 3 group homes, for intellectually disabled adults in the Bangor/Menai area. There is 1 leader, 2 venturer helpers, 1-4 adult helpers and usually a staff member from each group home, who participate and help during the meetings. The Scout's chronological ages vary from the mid 40's to our eldest at 60. Their mental ages range from pre-school to late primary. Of our 5 Scouts, 1 is fluently verbal, most of the rest have some speech, and 1 has no speech. All of the Scouts can understand what is said to them, and are able to participate in all of the meeting's activities. The only exception being the repetition of the Kangaroo Scout Promise and Law, when they all make the Scout sign, and try to repeat the words line-by-line, after the leader. Only our verbally fluent Scout is able to say these completely, with the others trying their best.

- Our Kangaroo Scout Promise is: "I Promise to do my best, Love my God and be Helpful."
- Our Kangaroo Scout Law is: "A Kangaroo Scout Cares, A Kangaroo Scout Shares."

Our theme this term has been "Promise and Law", with sub-themes of: Care & Share I and II, BP's birthday, Doing Your Best and Being Helpful/Clean Up Australia. The remaining meetings in this term will be on the sub-themes of Love My God/Easter and St Patrick's Day.

Our final meeting for the term, on Monday 7th April will be the investiture night for our 1st 5 Scouts, when we will be inviting families of the Scouts, Group home staff, Menai Lions' Club (who are financially supporting the Kangaroos), NSW Para-Scout Commissioner and his wife, District Commissioner of Yaroona District, Deputy Region Commissioner South Metropolitan Region, 1st Bangor's Group Leader and anyone else who would like to attend.

Each week, we do simple games, a craft item, sometimes a story, or songs or dancing, inbetween our opening and closing ceremonies. At opening ceremony, everyone stands on the circle, while we unfurl the Australian Flag, which we all salute. (All the Scouts can salute, and most of them even do it with their right hand!). We then say our Kangaroo Scout Promise or Law, welcome any new people and briefly explain the sub-theme for the meeting. At closing ceremony, we say the Promise or Law that was not said at opening, bow our heads while a short prayer, relevant to the meeting's theme, is said, salute the flag and watch it being rolled up. Any notices are given out, birthdays acknowledged, the theme of the night is reiterated and it is suggested to the Scouts that they try to practise what they have learnt. Stickers are given out for their sticker books – there is a brief description of what was done during the meeting, and there may be specific stickers relevant to the sub-theme. Birthday people get an extra birthday sticker. There are also extra stickers for good effort, for example, our 1st 3 scouts brought back their "Care and Share" hands which were made in week 2, by tracing around their hands on cardboard, cut out by the Scouts and decorated. The Scouts then took their hands home, and were encouraged to write on their 5 fingers, caring and sharing things they had done in the following week. We read out their Care and Share hands at closing ceremony one week, and those Scouts all got an extra sticker. The Scouts take home with them their sticker books and craft items.

So far, craft seems to be the most popular activity, with all of the Scouts enjoying colouring in particularly. Throughout most of the meetings, you are able to see smiles on just about everyone's face at some point. Team relay games seem to give the Scouts a spurt on as they try to win for their team (every race so far has finished in a draw, or a very close win to one team or another). Dancing seems to be quite popular, and for our 1st investiture, we are planning to perform our "One Small Step" dance for the audience.

The Menai Lions Club, through our contact with Mr Barry Bayliss, have generously agreed to fund the term's subs for the Scouts. This will be on a term-by-term basis. Sutherland Shire Council's Annual Community Grants have just been announced, and the 1st Bangor Kangaroos ParaScout Group has been awarded \$ 2,400 from this program. Other individual donations include monies from Brian and Sue Collins and their family.

There are several other intellectually disabled adults in the Menai area who are interested in joining the Kangaroos, but as yet, there is only 1 leader for the group, so numbers will have to remain low until another leader can be obtained.

The annual NSW Scout's disability seminar is being run by the ParaScout Commissioner at Pennant Hills on May 14th to 15th, and it is hoped that quite a few of the Kangaroo's helpers may be able to attend.

Feedback from the group home's staff seems to be very positive, with staff reporting that the Scouts are really enjoying the meetings. One Scout in particular, has become more focused in their conversations, and is eager to relate to others in their house, everything they have done at the meetings. This is seen as a very positive change for this Scout.

All of the Scouts are very proud to wear their "new-chum" white scarves and woggles that they made, and are very much looking forward to getting their official uniform and 1st Bangor Group scarf for their investiture meeting.

Badge work will be undertaken, if it is within the Scout's capabilities. There is a current Environmental Challenge badge that Joey Scouts are participating in, that can be easily modified for the Kangaroos to achieve. This will be attempted next term.

Future meetings will be planned around the 5 themes of : Promise & Law, Fun, Self, Others and Nature, utilising activities that the Scouts have shown that they enjoy. It is hoped to hold a camp-fire night next term, and possibly have an outing to the local fire station.

I feel that the Kangaroos Scout Group has begun to have a positive effect in the lives of all the Kangaroo Scouts, and we are starting to fulfil the aim of: "encouraging their physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional growth"¹, and "Giving them a life to live, so that every disabled person should find the place of their greatest possible fulfilment and happiness."²

Yours in Scouting,

Debbie Jarman
"Warli"

¹ The Aim of Scouting – Scouts Australia

² The First 50 Years – Handicapped Childrens Centre

1ST BANGOR VENTURERS

ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has past which has seen the Unit attending various activities. Venturers attended Dragon Skin last year and had a good time walking around a State Forest for 4 days doing various activities along the way. This year sees 3 teams attending dragon Skin in Belangalo State Forest. Over the past few years the unit has attended various skins although they may not have won it up until now, they certainly have a good weekend and enjoy themselves.

Other Unit activities have included caving at Bungonia and Wee Jasper, Go-karting, ice skating, Laser Zone, ice blocking in Moore Park etc.

The past year prior to Christmas has seen the Unit numbers steady at approx. 10, but since the Christmas holidays numbers have expanded dramatically to 18 Venturers. We welcome to Venturers the scouts from both Bangor, Menai/Alfords Point and elsewhere who have joined us to continue their Scouting experience. I hope they enjoy it and achieve the Queens Scout award.

Add to this that Wearne Bay Venturers are meeting with us on a Monday night and we are going on combined activities. We did go on combined activities before we began meeting together. Activities such as caving at Bungonia and Wee Jasper, Also with Iron Cove Venturers. Monday nights are now rather busy and deafening with average of 24 teenagers running around.

We attended the District Water Activities weekend at Boonerah Point this year. 11 Venturers enjoyed the water activities during the weekend assisting with the running of some events as required.

Chips and Tim(assistant venturer leaders) thank you for your support and knowledge over the past year. Chips also is involved in District rock activities training once a month and goes away on rock/caving weekends with various other Groups when he can.

Also this year we welcome 2 new Leaders for the Unit: Alan McDougal who was our Group Leader has been coming along to Venturers. Also Diane Fetherstone has bravely volunteered to become an assistant Venturer Leader with us. This also solved a major problem we had with the lack of a female leader. To Diane and Alan thank you.

Also thank you to the mothers of the venturers who came along last year to help us out with this problem. This coming year certainly looks to be an active one with attendance at activities very high.

And thank you to the Group Committee and parents for your support for Bangor Scout Group.

Wontolla
Diane

Chips

Tim

Hathi