



1st Lindfield
1920-2020



Kookaburras' Outlook

Bwana's Banter

Welcome to Kookaburras' Outlook, the newsletter for the 1st Lindfield Scout Group. Kookaburras' Outlook is being relaunched after a break of some years and will include interesting and informative information each term about the Sections, what the Group is doing and how you can provide support to our youth led organisation.

Preparing for our Centenary

1st Lindfield has been in existence for 99 years, and it is now both fitting and appropriate to be planning for the Groups Centenary of 100 years on 22 September 2020.

100 years of existence is a wonderful achievement - only made possible thanks to a lot of cooperation and support between everybody involved in the Group over these years.

Scouters, parents and a strong community support base have been the hallmarks of the Group from our Foundation Scout Leader Albert Woods to past leaders such as Laurie Leckie, Andy Little, John Holmes and the present-day leadership team.

The scout leadership team, both uniformed and the Parent Support Committee, are all proud to belong to 1st Lindfield with its traditions,



Don Isles, Bill South, Norm Lawrence & Sid White.
This image depicts the original three members of the Troop plus Sid White who joined shortly after. This photo was taken at Norm Lawrence's home in 71 Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield 1923.

engaging activities and community feel, and we all understand the debt we owe to the members of the group through the years who have made 1st Lindfield what it is today.

A centenary is an important occasion where we should stand still, if only for a few moments in this modern world, while reflecting on the past, reviewing the present and planning for our future. During this reflection our dominant thought should be one of gratitude for all that has been done over the past 100 years since Mr Woods yielded to the earnest pleas of our first Scouts – Don Isles, Nip Lawrence and Bill South – who together formed the 1st Lindfield Scout Troop which met on Fridays at the Lindfield Wesleyan Methodist Church hall on Tryon Road.

We should be, and I know we are, grateful to the scouters, supporting parents and friends who have come

forward over the years to carry on where the previous ones have left off, to provide the inspiration, encouragement and resources to make scouting possible at 1st Lindfield.

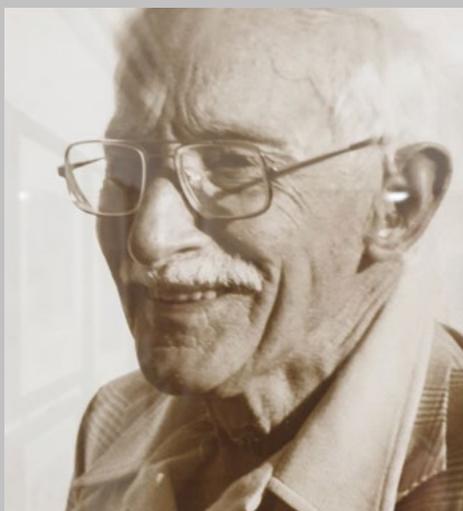
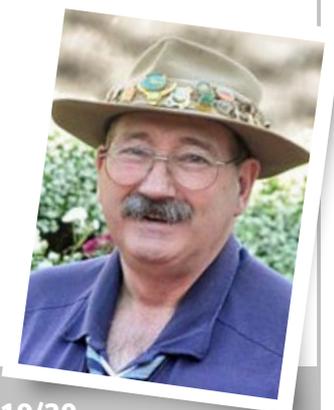
We should be thankful for the boys and girls who have taken-up the challenge of being a part of scouting to grow into useful members of society, with a worthwhile sense of values in part thanks to their scouting principles and training, and who in the process have given 1st Lindfield a proud record of achievement. Looking at the present we must again be grateful for all that we have as a result of their efforts.

We should continually be mindful of our blessings and good fortune and give thanks for the wonderful Scout Hall, with its ideal bushland setting, our wealth of equipment, material assets and supporters.

And so I encourage you all to join with the group and get behind our centenary celebrations in 2020 as we reflect on the past, review the present, and plan for our future together.

Bwana

Tony Snepp
Group Leader



Albert Woods Scoutmaster at formation of 1st Lindfield, 22/9/20. Aged 86 in the Groups' 60th year.

Summer 2019/20



The Scouts visited Envirolab Services in Chatswood to learn about scientific testing for environmental contamination and participated in indoor archery.



Proud members of Seagull Patrol display the Easter Camp 'Skin' - the pinnacle of scout camping at 1st Lindfield.

Scout Troop Report

The Scout Troop has had a very successful year, and the youth members are certainly applying themselves, experiencing new things and developing new skills. The Scout leadership team of PLs and APLs are working together effectively and are taking on the challenges that leadership brings in steering the Troop.

It is excellent to see the personal growth of each of our youth members, through adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive programs, grounding their experience in the fundamentals on which the Movement was built upon.

The Troop has welcomed many new members this year, both from within scouting and new entrants.

There are currently several Cubs linking to Scouts and our membership base is strong at close to 42 scouts.

Key activities this year have included: Easter Camp, Wanderee, Scout Hike (Best Activity Base 2019 - four years in a row, third placed best overall Patrol), and Bike Hike. Congratulations to Seagull Patrol for taking out the Easter Camp award for 2019.

Congratulations are also extended to the scouts who collected on behalf of Legacy, Chatswood in August and September. The donations received topped \$5000 and subsequently the Troop has been recognised by Legacy for their massive efforts, well done. The Troop collected the largest donation amount of any of the volunteer groups collecting for Legacy Chatswood.

Also, it is great to see that our training responsibilities are being met with Grant and Leon having recently completed their Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS) course, it was excellent that Mark participated in

the BOS as a course instructor. Kingsley also attained a Boat Driver Licence through the year.

Leadership training has also taken place for a number of the senior Scouts via the District Basic Scout Leadership Course, held on 25 November 2019. It is fantastic to see the next level of leadership developing and coming through from within the Troop.

The Scouts have also investigated opportunities to celebrate the upcoming 1st Lindfield Centenary and there are some excellent ideas that have been proposed – we look forward to these taking place in the new year.

Finally, thanks are extended to the uniformed leaders of the Scout Troop and parent supporters – without your backing to ensure scouting activities effectively take place they cannot happen.

Season's Greetings to all and see you in 2020!



Scout Julian Ho celebrates receiving his Australian Scout Medallion and Adventurer Cord. **The Bike Hike** to Wisemans Ferry went well.



Cub Pack Report

The popularity of the cub pack is holding its momentum, with the Cub Pack currently at 40 members, and with a growing a waiting list. The cubs are having an exciting time and are spreading the word to their friends.

Since the start of term 3 the Cubs have been involved in some excellent activities including: wax crafting, cycling, Tae Kwon Do, bush cooking, hiking, rock climbing, archery and loads more. The Cubs have also participated in an inter-pack sleepover at the hall and completed their 2-day Cuboree Shakedown Camp at Cataract Scout Park, during the spring school holidays.

The Cuboree Shakedown Camp was held in preparation for the upcoming Cuboree 2020 (with the theme - What On Earth...?!) taking place in January 2020. Cuboree will include 24 of the 1st Lindfield Cubs going on the 5-day action-packed

camp, where we will be joining forces with 1st Roseville and 1st Chatswood, reaching a total of 31 cubs. We've been preparing since the start of the year for it and we are now almost ready!

In all the Pack has had an exciting year and is fortunate to have a truly committed leadership team, comprising Irene Lim, Brett McCarthy, Boyd Aikin, Arthur Chung and myself Richard Voigt. Our thanks once again to Stuart Hogben who led the pack until term 2 this year and there is a huge token of gratitude to Irene for the amount of time that she is spending on the Cuboree preparations.

Throughout the year we have also had a large number of parent helpers contributing their time and effort to support the Pack - the Pack could not function as well without your help!

The Pack is vibrant and in good shape, so please keep on helping us, we'll keep on leading and together well keep providing to the youth that unique experience of what it means to be a 1st Lindfield Cub Scout.

Richard Voigt, Cub Leader



Images and impressions from the Cuboree Shakedown.



The range of Venturer activities completed was very diverse.

Venturer Unit Report

Venturers have had a busy year. At Easter, Dragon Skin was held from April 19 to 22 at Penrose State Forest, and 1LD was represented by a Patrol. Dragon Skin is an annual event for teams of Venturer Scouts and Guides from NSW, the ACT and Qld who participate in a variety of activities that allows them to test their initiative, leadership, teamwork and technical skills against members of other Units.

In the middle of the year the Venturers and some senior Scouts headed to the snow for a ski weekend. Being older they enjoyed a lot of freedom on the slopes and were able to ski in pairs with adults

playing a supporting role. We hope to make the ski trip an annual event.

Vennies helped to run some scout nights and put a twist on a ropes and knots evening with the construction of 'floating forts' in the hall. Points were awarded for forts that could house several scouts and withstand an onslaught of soccer and tennis balls!

During the darker months night hiking on Fridays provided greater challenges; this year we cut a path from Terry Hills through to Turramurra, crossing Cowan Creek in the process. Next year we're sure that the Vennies will take us more seriously when we mention the phrase 'water crossing'.

It's been a fun year with the Vennies setting the program and the pace; and we're looking forward to 2020.

Andrew and Amanda

Defibrillator provides no shock

It should come as no shock that 1st Lindfield is constantly seeking to ensure safety is of the highest priority in all its activities.

The Group recently identified the need for a defibrillator unit to be purchased and located at the hall. The defibrillator which was selected for the group is the Mindray BeneHeart D1, which is easy to use, does not require pad changes

between adult/child patients and is very robust,

Thanks to a Ku-ring-gai Council a small equipment grant of \$2000 was awarded this year to 1st Lindfield for the purchase of a hall-based defibrillator, which is now installed in the hall kitchen, near the First Aid cabinet. Our thanks to Danny Houseas and the Ku-ring-gai Council team for coordinating the small equipment grants that ensure groups such as 1st Lindfield are able to provide community service at acceptable standards.

Our thanks also to the Leadership team and parent committee for ensuring that this vital piece of equipment is now available for all users at the hall.

The Mindray Beneheart D1 is now installed in the hall.



The SPOT 3 provides piece of mind in remote locations.

SPOT the difference

One purpose for conducting adventurous activities in scouts is to promote personal growth. We seek to minimise or eliminate risk, while maintaining or elevating the perceived risk for these activities, and this is how scouts develop.

1st Lindfield recently purchased a personal locating beacon (PLB) to be

used when hiking. This is an essential piece of equipment which greatly increases the safety of those undertaking hiking and remote activities.

The Spot 3 was selected after assessment and it allows users to send a distress call, including an exact GPS based location, to the authorities from any location on earth – with no mobile reception needed.

Scout Leader Mark Lamberth stated after trialling the SPOT (this is a) “fantastic piece of kit for monitoring an expedition (using the Track function). It gives peace-of-mind

rather than having to wait in hope for that SMS that might or might not come”.

In less serious situation's scouts can send a message to leaders, including their location, so we can come and provide assistance in less serious situations.

The PLB reduces actual risk by always ensuring that assistance - be it a medical evacuation, or a leader dropping off a dry sleeping bag, is at hand when needed.

The SPOT 3 was purchased with funds raised by the Group over the year.

Telstra calls on Scouts to connect

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra via a 'Telstra Kids grant' The Telstra Kids grant program helps kids thrive in their connected world, and our Telstra Kids grant will be used for the establishment of a small native garden and bird habitat to promote the development of a natural bushland refuge in the Scout Hall grounds.

A huge thanks are extended to Cub parent Ray Liu from Telstra, who is the referrer for our grant and for his applying for the funding for us from Telstra. We are very pleased to be sharing in the million dollars that the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to their digital future.

As the project takes shape next year, we will engage with an organisation such as Habitat Network (www.habitatnetwork.org) or WildThings Ku-ring-gai (www.wildthings.org.au) to help with designing and selecting the plantings to create the habitat. It is hoped that the native garden project will encourage youth members to learn about native habitats and how we can all make a

positive contribution to our environment.

After the recent decimation of the bushland area around the hall, as a result of the destructive storm of the 26 November, it will also be great to repair and reinstate some natural habitat to the area.

Telstra Kids is part of the Telstra Foundation which has contributed over \$13 million to more than 11,000 community projects for kids across Australia and we are very thankful for their support.



Community Pitch Catches the Cash

On Tuesday 12 November representatives from 1st Lindfield and 1st Cromehurst participated in the Bendigo Bank Community Pitch 2019 fundraiser at Roseville Golf Club.

Community Pitch is an initiative of the Bendigo Bank as part of the Turramurra and Lindfield Community Grants Program, which has been running for almost ten years and has provided over \$385,000 to various community groups and not-for profit organisations as part of their Community Grants initiative.

With a full function room at Roseville Golf Course, 25 local businesses intently listened to the compelling pitches from the 10 chosen Community Groups.

Most people in the room were learning for the first time of the tireless efforts and impressive initiatives that dedicated

community members are pursuing in the common goal of helping others.

We achieved \$2100 on the night and Bendigo Bank topped up their contribution by \$195 to ensure we reached our target of \$2295 to purchase a new mobile defibrillator unit.

It was also great to see that the Hornsby Gang Show were at the event and that they raised a large amount of money also for their upcoming Gang Show requirements.



Scout Thomas Reade with Kingsley Reade (ASL) and Mel Howells (1st Cromehurst) at the Community Pitch



\$813 Return and Earn Pays Off!

This year 1st Lindfield has been participating in the Return and Earn Container Deposit Scheme, introduced by the NSW government.

Thanks to Bwana's determination, and the support of the Group to provide cans and bottles, we are now \$813 better off!

More than 160 million bottles and cans are littered in NSW every year, by recycling we are helping our environment and providing money to fund equipment and activities for the Group.

In June 2019 the NSW Return and Earn scheme recycled its two billionth container – we helped get to this total.

Please keep up the delivery of appropriate containers to 1st Lindfield by leaving them in bags on the stage at the hall, prior to Section meetings, or when the hall is open.





The damage to the hall and its grounds was thankfully confined to trees surrounding the hall, the power pole is another story however. **Bwana lends a hand** and gets to work cutting up 2 tons of fire wood for the Group – thanks Bwana!



Storm lashes Scout Hall

On Tuesday 26 November, in the early afternoon, the North Shore experienced a wild storm that brought down dozens of trees and cut power to tens of thousands of homes.

Ausgrid said 47,000 homes were without power as of 2pm on the Tuesday, as up to 90km/h winds had brought down numerous power lines. Damage was most prominent in the suburbs of Gordon and Pymble, but Lindfield copped its fair share too! The storm came in incredibly hard and fast lasting about 10 minutes.

After the event there were large trees felled across main roads, extensive damage and electricity wires down.

Assistant Scout Leader Grant Johnson conducted a reece around the Hall the day after the storm and found that there were powerlines dangerously close to the ground at the top of the

driveway, new damage to the power pole also at the top of the driveway and a large number of trees down within the Alex Lind Campfires Area, and the grassed area next to the hall where the trailer is parked.

Thanks to Cub Leaders Richard, Brett and Boyd, Assistant Scout Leader Kingsley, Group Chair Terrence and Group Leader Tony for conducting an 'early responders' clean-up at the hall on the Saturday afternoon after the storm. After this initial response, it was determined that a broader call to the Group was needed to 'get the job done' and as such the Group was called into action once again for the following Saturday morning and afternoon for a working-bee.

The follow-up response was fantastic with youth members, leaders and parents all lending a hand to sort out the tons of fallen timber and litter that surrounded the hall.

The area has now improved immensely and doesn't look like 'disaster had come calling' – the good news is that the Group now has a heap of cut firewood for winter and the fractured power pole has been replaced!



Xmas Joy

On 14th December, 30 Cubs from 1st Lindfield got together at Archbold House (ABH), an Aged Care facility in Roseville, to share the joy of Christmas.

The residents had invited the Cubs back following last year's Christmas Concert. This year the residents once again enjoyed the Cub Pack's Christmas entertainment, company and a feast - kindly supplied by the Cubs families after the concert.

The Cubs had also handmade bush scented candles as gifts for the residents of ABH and provided baked Christmas shortbread, all individually wrapped, with a card that they had designed for each resident.

A HUGE thank you to all Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and families, for your commitment, dedication and support in giving back to our local community by celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with the residents at ABH.

Irene Lim



LEFT COLUMN, FROM TOP. **Instruction** on the making the shortbread biscuits was provided by Nicole McCarthy. **Handmade** bush scented candles made by 1st Lindfield Cubs, supported by mum Joanne Vanderfield. **ABH residents** enjoying the Christmas Concert by 1st Lindfield Cubs. Cub families have also brought along a scrumptious afternoon tea. **Scout Andrew Yang** on his clarinet and Cub Hunter Yang on his alto sax playing Away in a Manger

& Ding Dong Merrily on High. MID COLUMN, FROM TOP. **Ling Zhang** was ably supported by budding Cubs and Venturers. **A sample gift card** and a Christmas Shortbread made by 1st Lindfield Cubs for residents of Archbold House. **Cub Hugh Smith** presented ABH representative Mr Gerald Bayliss with Candles handmade by Cubs. RIGHT COLUMN, FROM TOP. **Rochelle Speldewinde** provided invaluable support for the

budding cooks. **Preparation** for the Christmas Concert during the Cubs weekly meeting at 1st Lindfield Scout Hall. **A sample** of the Christmas gifts presented to ABH. **Alto Saxophonist** Austin Mah-Chut and Hunter Yang with piano accompaniment Yang Xu playing Joy to the World, Ode Joy and O Come All Ye Faithful. **Cub Edward Riordan** and his mum Grace distributing handmade Christmas Shortbread to the ABH residents.

Parents' committee

It's been a busy and fulfilling year thus far for the parents' committee. The general running of the business side of our wonderful scout group is moving along steadily under the calm and progressive leadership of chairman Terrence Beard.

The parents' committee is there to make sure the operations of our forward-facing leaders and assistant leaders across all of our cohort – cubs, scouts and venturers – are backed up financially, and that the ongoing equipment and maintenance needs of the hall and group are looked after.

"It's a rewarding and worthwhile thing to be a part of," Terrence says.

"1st Lindfield is a strong and vibrant scout group, and that's in no small part due to the efforts of the scouting families and friends who work together to keep the wheels turning. As the group approaches its centenary, it's nice to feel part of that continuum, and in our own ways, to help the group thrive."

With the behind-the-scenes support of the committee, such endeavours as mounting our participation in the 2019 Jamboree, the ski trip, various camps and excursions and activities for all ages are helped through to reality.

Of particular note in this vein, the replacement and refurbishing of a significant number of our hall's windows. The work was contracted out to parent Andy Topp, whose skill and dedication to the task are evident in the high quality of his work. The committee felt it was important to the

living heritage of the group that the windows and frames were replaced in the original style – with cedar rather than metal. This has proved a success, and our unique and characterful built environment continues to form a strong part of the 1st Lindfield 'vibe'.

We are fortunate to be in a strong and stable financial position, with a solid fees base, with the energetic pursuit of grants and fund raising ensuring the economic viability of our group.

The parents' committee is not a closed shop. If you'd like to experience the rewards of helping your children's scouting adventures, but perhaps do not feel comfortable with camping, ropes, and voluble youth, then consider coming along to a committee meeting, and seeing what's going on. We all have things to offer, and the door is always open to new ideas and skills.

Save the date...

2020 will be a busy year for 1st Lindfield as we celebrate the Groups' Centenary and get ready to introduce the new youth program. A number of important dates have been identified for the Centenary which will potentially involve us all and these are listed below.

15 Feb 2020

LAUNCH OF 1ST LINDFIELD'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

- All sections will attend this key event for the centenary celebration
- Distribution of a commemorative badge and woggle
- The Centenary logo will be revealed
- The Centenary poster, with design by the Cubs, will be released.

19 Sep 2020

BACK TO 1ST LINDFIELD

This event will reflect on the scouting history of 1st Lindfield and also demonstrate the new approaches to some traditional skills and include:

- Abseiling
- Climbing walls
- Sausage sizzle
- History displays
- The burying of a time capsule

This will be an occasion for past members to reconnect with the Group and relive some of their memories from the past, it will also be a chance for present members to demonstrate their skills and for potential members to have a look at what scouting is like.

26 Sep 2020

CENTENARY DINNER

- The Centenary Dinner will be held at Roseville Golf Club
- Invitations to the Dinner will be extended to all supporters of 1st Lindfield, including past and present members
- An official invitation to the Dinner will be distributed in the new year.



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For further information or offers of support for the 1st Lindfield Centenary celebrations please contact Kingsley Reade, Assistant Scout Leader:
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