



**CAMP WALLER GAZETTE
1ST FREMANTLE SEA SCOUTS
NOVEMBER 2006**

Hello everyone

Before the year is out, we thought it timely to have a review of events at Camp Waller.

Saturday afternoons – messing around in boats

Our Scout Leader, Dolphin (Sue Stack), is kindly making herself available at Camp Waller on Saturday afternoons to organize and supervise water-based activities using our terrific fleet of boats, kayaks, etc. Please support this activity, from 1pm to 5pm for the rest of the school term. Parental involvement is welcomed.

Upcoming activities

The scout group has a very active period coming up in early December; would you please note the following events in your diaries:

Busy Bee at the scout hall on 2 December

We are dependent on the skills and energy of our members and their families to make the scout hall a good environment for our kids. Please put aside this Saturday, or as much of it as you can, to help out at the Busy Bee.

Whole of Group meeting, Sunday 10 December

This is an informal get together for all members and their families at the scout hall. The idea is to celebrate the year just gone, to look ahead to next

year and to get to know each other better. The event starts at 1100 - please bring your own food, barbecues will be supplied.

Sausage sizzle, Bunnings O'Connor, 16 & 17 December

This is a great fundraiser for our group - one weekend's effort can generate 25-30% of the fundraising income we need to keep the group viable. Please make yourself available to help out for 2 hours on one of these days - nomination forms are available at the scout hall on parade nights.

Thank you to those people who have already volunteered their time, however, we still need a lot more. Please call Ros Bell on 9319 1658 to register your interest, or email bell.family@optusnet.com.au

Fremantle Arts Centre Sausage Sizzle, 26 January 2007

We have been approached by the City of Fremantle for the third year in a row to run their sausage sizzle for the Citizenship Ceremony at the Fremantle Arts Centre on 26 January 2007. Everything is supplied, all we have to do is turn up and cook!! This is very easy money for us. We are paid approx \$350 just to run it, however, this cannot be done without YOUR help, yet again!! So if you can volunteer this far in advance please let us know by the end of term. If we can't get commitment by then, we will not be able to run it. Contact Ros as above if you can help out. It is only for the morning on 26 Jan. From memory we had to be there from 8.30 ish in the morning until about lunchtime.

1st Fremantle – camping champions

Congratulations to Platypus patrol, led by Tamika Payne, who came first in the annual Alec Campbell district camping competition, and third in the Cargeeg Shield state camping competition. Tamika's patrol consisted of Nick Barry, Rebecca Siddall, Tori Vidler, Nick Wakeman and Claire Woulfe.

Our other (combined) patrol took 7th place, out of approximately 18 patrols at Alec Campbell.

Well done to all those involved.

Note from our Chairman of the Parent Committee, Chris Bourne:

Swan Maritime Institute use of the hall

Many people will have noticed the Swan Maritime Institute sign under the Scouts sign at the top of the Camp Waller driveway, and probably wondered what is going on. In brief, the committee has agreed to allow Swan Maritime Institute (SMI), a private not-for-profit organization to hire the hall to run small boat training courses on a regular basis. SMI also have access to our jetty and limited use of our mooring area. Aside from the much-needed income this arrangement provides, other benefits to 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts are:

- SMI contribute physically to the cleanliness and upkeep of the hall and grounds;
- SMI bring a large number of people onto our site, exposing them to Scouting and potentially getting them interested in Scouting;
- The increased presence of people around Camp Waller seems to have resulted in a marked decrease in vandalism in the last few months.

As Chair of the committee, I have taken it as my role to ensure that SMI activities do not have a significant negative impact on our traditional scouting activities. If they do, please let me or the Group Leader know.

Parents of scouts should note that the hall is also available for hire for private functions.

Parental support

I would like to give my thanks to all our tireless leaders and also to my fellow committee members. A successful Scout group relies on a high degree of parental involvement, and we have some great people working behind the scenes at this group. But we need more. If you think that you could find the time to support your child in their scouting activities, as a uniformed leader, on the committee, or on an irregular, informal basis, we need you.

I receive the minutes from District and State level management meetings, and there are Scout groups all over Perth that are unable to fulfill their potential because of a lack of leaders. First Fremantle is not in that position, but we are walking a very fine line nonetheless - please give this issue some serious consideration for 2007.

Fundraising

This is an ongoing issue and we are always looking for ideas and help in the area of fundraising! We are considering a wine fundraiser next year and would be very interested in your feedback on this idea. For any queries on fundraising or volunteering for any activities, please call Ros on 9319 1658 or bell.family@optusnet.com.au

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If you have any contributions for the Gazette, please contact Ros as above.

Dates to remember:

- **2 December:** **BUSY BEE, Camp Waller**
- **10 December:** **WHOLE OF GROUP MEETING, Camp Waller**
- **16/17 December:** **SAUSAGE SIZZLE, Bunnings (VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!)**
- **26 January 2007:** **SAUSAGE SIZZLE, Fremantle Arts Centre (Are you interested????)**

The contact phone number for the Den at Camp Waller is 9339 3201

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PARENT COMMITTEE AT 1ST FREMANTLE SEA SCOUTS

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