

Camp Waller Gazette



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Note from Group Committee Chairman

“Dear parents and Scouts, it is my sad duty to advise that as of the end of this year 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts will cease to exist. Due to a lack of parental support we have been unable to maintain our facilities, procure replacement equipment or retain a viable leadership group.”

Do I have your attention? If we cannot significantly increase parents’ involvement at 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts it is quite possible that someone will have to announce the demise of our group, and the end of our kids’ access to a fantastic riverside property and an exceptional range of equipment and activities.

At present the Group Committee is prioritizing maintenance and capital expenditure projects for 2007 and 2008, including refurbishment of the boat ramp, hall improvements and purchase of a more suitable rescue boat. But without parent help these items won’t be realised. We need:

- People with the skills to plan and lead maintenance projects;

- People with fundraising skills, to coordinate the fundraising for specific items (e.g. the purchase of camping equipment);
- People with specialised skills to be involved in short-term projects (e.g. the kitchen renovation);
- Willing, if unskilled, volunteers to undertake maintenance and fundraising activities under the guidance of an experienced coordinator;
- People to serve on the Group Committee, particularly in the following roles - boat sub-committee members and Secretary.

Please be assured that the current committee and

leadership team are ready to support and guide all those parents who take up these positions.

We all suffer the time pressures of modern life, but I also see the benefits our kids take away from scouting every week. If, as parents, we don’t contribute a little more this group will fade away and our kids will lose out.

Please contact me by phone, 9319 1582, or email chair@freoseascouts.org.au or contact Group Leader Andrew Wakeman by phone, 9319 1703, or email gl@freoseascouts.org.au for more information on these important roles.

Chris Bourne
GROUP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts will be held on Saturday May 12th, starting at 10:00 a.m. for morning tea followed by the AGM at 10:30 a.m.

The AGM is an opportunity for all members to be in-

cluded. The meeting will include annual reports from the Group Leader and Treasurer as well as an opportunity to nominate and vote in elections for the Group Committee. There are a number of positions that will become vacant at this meeting in-

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cluding Secretary and Fundraising Coordinator as well as general committee members.

Apologies should be sent to secretary@freoseascouts.org.au.

Alice Turnbull
GROUP SECRETARY

From the Group Leader

Term 1 has come and gone very quickly this year with some great activities being enjoyed by all sections.

Swanabout (30 hour sail) on 24th and 25th February 2007 was a great success with participation from 1st Fremantle Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. We were also joined by the Leeuwin Cubs and about 25 Scouts and Leaders who attended the recent Jamboree. The pontoon was rebuilt by the Venturers and Rovers which was used all weekend. Albatross was well utilized during the weekend with several trips up river and most of our boats were sailed dur-

ing the weekend including Skip Mitch from Leeuwin.

On a more serious note we have had a significant number of cars damaged and broken into at the car park in Jerrat drive, please do not leave valuables or bags in your car at anytime as the thieves have struck at all times of the day and night. I am currently working with the East Fremantle Council on ways to improve the security in Jerrat drive and will keep you posted.

The deadline for payment of fees has now passed; please ensure you are

financial members before kids return in Term 2. Unfortunately those who are non-financial members in Term 2 and therefore not covered by insurance will not be able to join in any activities.

Our Leaders are doing a great job providing a fulfilling program for all youth members; this requires a lot of enthusiasm and behind the scenes preparation. Please give serious consideration to being more involved and ask your Section Leader how you can assist.

Andrew Wakeman
GROUP LEADER

Scouts in Term 1

Term 1 of 2007 began with a few missing faces from scouts but also a number of new members have joined us in the scout section. We have welcomed cubs from Leeuwin, cubs from our own cub pack as well as a cub from Kalgoorlie along with three new scouts.

We have enjoyed Swan-a-bout which was shared with the scouts from Jamboree Troop 217 and will be joining

the district on 4th April at Bullcreek Leeming for a 'Ballista War' with flour bombs at the ready.

Troop nights have seen a variety of activities with the Wombat patrol cooking muffins in a cardboard box, Redback patrol trying their luck at catching the 'blowies' from the jetty and all patrols building Trebuchets.

James Lewisson has taken on the

task of the linking cubs and has done a great job in getting them all through not only the link badge but also the 'Scoutcraft' badge. Well done James.

Term 2 will see us competing in the Master Mariners camp and competition and starting the camping and hiking season.

Sue Stack (Dolphin)
SCOUT LEADER

Albatross III will be pulled out of the water again this year in late June so get your scraping and painting gear ready, pull those tools out of the shed, start saving your rags and tin cans and get ready to give us a hand!

Cubs in Term 1

Cubs got off to a great start this term with our new leader Baloo (Gabby), which has included lots of games and fun.

Swan-a-bout was a great day for the cubs as we enjoyed swimming, paddling and sailing. The focus of the term has been on first aid. We have learnt about DRABC (Danger, Response, Airway, Breathing, Circulation) and how to put together a first aid kit. To celebrate the end of our first term we had a pirate party and invited the Joeys.

The leaders are now busy planning for next term which should include an excursion.

Sharon Hurley
ASSISTANT CUB LEADER

Fees Are Now Overdue

- Registration fees were due by 31st of March 2007.
- A minimum payment by this date of \$120 is required to cover the Branch insurance portion of the fee structure.
- Payment of the remainder of the registration fees in installments can be made by contacting the treasurer Linda Norton (phone 9330 6607 or email treasurer@freoseascouts.org.au).
- If this fee is not paid your child will be unable to participate as they will not be insured.

Venturers: Term 1 Report

Term 1 for the Venturers seemed to fly by with activity each week. We spent a fair bit of time and effort helping Chris and Sheamus rebuild the pontoon so it was ready for Swanabout.

We took the opportunity to enjoy daylight savings and had a few night sailing sessions and BBQ dinners.

We also attacked the Venturer den and did some remodelling. Ripping the stuff out and painting the cupboards (and ourselves) was heaps of fun.

Last Venturer night for the term saw the venturers celebrating Tamika's 15th birthday with a Progressive Dinner entrée at Tamika's house where we had enough food to feed an army. All in high spirits we walked down to the hall. Causing as much noise that Pirates and Fairies could and entertaining restaurant guests along the way. We arrived fairly quietly (yeah right) as the Padbury Scouts were having an outdoor movie night at the



Ever seen Tamika in a dress? Happy 15th Birthday Tamika

hall.

Pizza for main meal thanks to Kyron's mum (who makes the best home made pizza) and then off to walk the streets of East Fremantle to finish off with

dessert at the Wakeman's. It was a great night with everyone getting into the spirit by dressing up.

Tanya Wakeman
LEADER, 1ST FREMANTLE VENTURER UNIT

Rovers are Cool

Over the past few months, the rovers have been busy working at the scout hall getting the boats and equipment ready for Swan-a-bout 2007. As some may notice the pontoon is back in the water thanks to the help of the Rovers & Venturers. The boat ramp repairs have been started thanks to the help of two of our rovers Sheamus and Chris although they still have bigger and better plans to make it more user friendly. The rovers enjoyed swan-a-bout for 2007, although hopefully we will have more scouts sailing for next year. To assist with this some of the rovers have taken the Venturers and some of the older scouts out on the space sailors to teach them how to sail the larger boats.

On the 24th of March, five of our rovers assisted with the Freemasons dinner at the

Fremantle Masons lodge. This was a fundraising event which raised \$250 for our crew. This will probably go towards the repair and building of new BAJA car, thankfully donated by Sheamus' dad. Over the next year the rovers will be refurbishing a 1984 Ford Telstar ready for the rover car rally Bush BAJA.



Chris and Jen sailing the long course at Swan-a-bout 2007.



The before shot of our new BAJA Car

Over the next few months we are quite busy with Rock climbing, Red Rover Day, Anzac Vigil and dawn service, Rover Prayer, Promise and Law discussion night, Master Mariners, as well as some Rover Leadership training.

Sheamus Christidis and Chris Calvert
1ST FREMANTLE ROVER CREW

One World, One Promise: A Centenary of Scouting

2007 marks the Centenary of World Scouting. The motto for the Centenary is One World One Promise. In tandem with this, Australia will also celebrate its Centenary of Scouting in 2008.

This historic joint celebration is coming alive at National and Branch levels with each Branch having its own Centenary Coordinator and calendar of activities/events. These activities will also be complemented by programs and celebrations at Region, District, Group and Section levels.

The 21st Australian Jamboree in Victoria, January 2007, was the first Australian event in the Centenary Year of World Scouting. The next Centenary Year of World Scouting event to be held in Perth is the family picnic day at Manjedal Scout Centre on the 14th of April (see article in this issue for further details).

The 1 August 2007 marks 100 years since Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, held his first "experimental" Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in the UK that started the Movement.

To mark this event, the 21st World Jamboree will be held at Hylands Park, near Chelmsford, England, from 28 July-7th August. Over 40,000 people will attend from every Scout country in the world. Australia will send about 100 Scouts and leaders.

In Australia, some states will be holding "re-enactment camps" such as the Western Australian camp on Herrison Island in the Swan River in Perth).

On the 1st of August, a special event called Scouting's Sunrise will mark this historic occasion.

Scouting's Sunrise is a worldwide activity and every Scout organisation in the world has been asked to host a function e.g. breakfast - in their own location, and re-affirm the Scout Promise at 8am local time.

Scouts Australia intends to work with the Channel 7 television program Sunrise to publicise this event, hopefully on Sydney Harbour Bridge.

A "traditional" Kudu horn, which commenced each day at the first Scout camp on Brownsea Island, is to be blown at 8am in each State. At 8am Greenwich Mean Time, this will be celebrated in the UK especially at Brownsea Island, and be available for others around the world to "join in" through webcam. In addition, World Scouts have been asked to place people on the highest peak in their country at 8am on that day.

Later in the year, Space Camp will be held in October at Camp Cottermouth in the ACT, not far from the Tidbinbilla Deep Space tracking station.

JOTA will be connected to a satellite launched by the European Space Agency and we will be in communication with Sputnik 2, to be launched on 4 October, 50 years after the first Sputnik!

Throughout the year, a World Centenary badge is to be worn by 28 million Scouts throughout the world. In Australia it is being worn on the right breast, above the line of the pocket, in line and across from the Australian flag badge and the World Membership badge.

THE TEXT FOR THIS ARTICLE WAS SOURCED FROM THE CENTENARY OF SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA WEBSITE (WWW.CENTENARY.Scouts.COM.AU)



Fundraising - Can you lend a hand?

After over two years of outstanding work as the fundraising coordinator for 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts Ros Bell has had to give up this position within the group.

With Ros' resignation the group committee is seeking a new 'Champion Fundraiser' to continue with Ros' work and to coordinate the fundraising efforts at 1st Fremantle.

The new fundraising coordinator would receive the full support of the Group Committee and Ros has indi-

cated that she would be happy to do a full handover and be available in the initial few months to lend a hand.

If you, or anyone you know would be interested in taking on this role within the group, either as an individual or as a team of people, please contact the group chairman, Chris Bourne on 9319 1582 or chair@freoseascouts.org.au.

Once again, we would like to thank Ros for her outstanding effort over the last couple of years. The thousands of

dollars raised through chocolate drives, sausage sizzles, movie nights etc have made a substantial contribution to the group.

All the best in your future endeavors Ros!

Alice Turnbull
EDITOR, CAMP WALLER GAZETTE

Scouting in Saskatoon

In February of this year, Greg and I went on a trip to Canada to visit Tom, an ex-scout leader from 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts, Aurian in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

One weekend towards the end of our trip the four of us went to Blue Mountain Outdoor Adventure Center for, well, an adventure! The funny thing was that we weren't the only scouts who had the same idea, also at the camp site were a troop of scouts and their leaders from Saskatoon!

Now when our scout troop goes on camp everyone gets to the campsite, puts up their tents, manages to gut the tent poles, pegs and the fly sorted out and off we go! In Saskatchewan though where it's -10°C on a nice day and the snow is a couple of meters deep, the scouts need to build a quinzee (snow hut) to sleep in.

To build a quinzee, first you need to



A quinzee built by the scouts

build a mound of snow, about two or three meters high and with a diameter big enough for you to stretch out along and then some. Of course, there is always that trade off between hard-work and comfort!

Then you leave the mound for a few hours to let the snow settle and compact under its own weight. The next trick is to gather a whole heap of sticks, about 30cm long, and stick these all over the mound. Then you can start digging!



Notice the sticks sticking out of the hut!

You start by digging down to where the entrance will be, then tunnel out the entrance and then scope out the inside of the hut. This is where the sticks come in as once you hit the stick you know it's time to stop digging or you might dig through to the outside!

Once the hut is dug out a lantern or candle is placed inside. This warms the hut up and melts the snow a little bit so that it forms a smooth layer of ice on the inside of the hut.

Then you can throw down a tarp inside, roll out your mat and sleeping bag and go to bed without fear of the condensation from your own breath dripping on you in the night!



Packing up the day after

We had a great time learning how to make a quinzee and seeing how scouts camp in the colder parts of the world! We would like to thank the Saskatoon Scout Troop for welcoming us at their camp!

Alice Turnbull
EDITOR, CAMP WALLER GAZETTE



Heading for home

ANZAC Day

1st Fremantle Sea Scouts actively commemorate ANZAC Day every year by participating in the Dawn Service at the Fremantle War Memorial and then marching in the ANZAC Day Parade through the streets of Fremantle.

WA Rovers also hold a Vigil each year at the war memorial in Kings Park. Rovers from all over the state

form a ceremonial guard around the memorial from dusk on the 24 April to dawn on ANZAC Day.

The Dawn Service starts at 5:30 a.m. Youth members assist by forming the path to allow marchers and wreath layers to approach the memorial. Youth members are asked to arrive at 5 a.m.

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The ANZAC Day Parade starts from Esplanade Park at 10:15 a.m. so Scouts, Venturers and Rovers should arrive at 9:45 a.m. Full uniform is required for both the Dawn Service and Parade.

Parents and siblings are encouraged to attend both the Dawn Service and line the streets for the ANZAC Day Parade.

Leader Profile

Name: Sue Stack
Section: Scouts
Day Job: Civil Engineering
 Drafting

Why are you a leader with 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts?

After spending a year as the Coordinator for the Scout Water Activity Centre I wanted to get back to working with the scouts and 1st Fremantle needed a scout leader.

When you're not being a leader, what are your favourite pastimes?

Reading, Driving my PT Cruiser on West Coast PT Cruiser Car Club runs, all other pastimes are scout activities camping, boating and sailing.

What is your history in scouting?

Initially I became involved when my sons joined Canning Sea Scouts as cubs this was about 12 years ago, I was on the secretary of the parent

committee for a few years and then started as a parent helper in the scout section when the boys moved from cubs to scouts. Finally in 2000 I signed on as a leader and did my warrant training and after this I stayed with Canning for 5 years as Assistant Scout Leader and Scout Leader before moving on to Coordinator of SWAC for a year and then to 1st Fremantle at the start of 2006.

What is your goal for scouts in 2007?

To implement a working Patrol System with Patrol Leaders leading and to see Pioneer Badges on all 12 yr olds, Explorer Badges on all 13 yr olds and Adventurer Badges on all 14 yr olds.

What is your favourite scouting event and why?

Master Mariners – Training Camp and Competition- I love working with scouts who want to learn.

If you could change one thing about 1st Fremantle Sea Scout



Sue Stack (Dolphin) - Scout Leader

Group what would it be?

To increase the youth membership and the number of leaders.

What do you most enjoy about being a leader?

Having fun with the scouts!

Mission Impossible 7

Calling all circus freaks, lion tamers, strong men, clowns and acrobats...Mission Impossible 7 (MI-7) is fast approaching. MI is a weekend event for Venturers and Rovers as well as other youth organizations. Teams are required to navigate on foot from base to base where they score points according to how well an activity is performed. The theme this year is 'La Carnivale' so contestants

can expect to have to hone their circus skills if they want to gain maximum points. The fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down either. Contestants camp each night at a base camp and there is a whole host of activities ranging from the movie tent to live music to aerial sock wrestling. 1st Fremantle Rover Crew reached a



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pinnacle of success in MI-5 coming second over all and winning the life-sized 'fooze ball' competition!

1st Fremantle Venturers and Rovers will be entering a team in this year's competition and the stakes are high.

Good luck to both teams and we wish you all the best!

Editorial

You will have noticed a common theme through out this newsletter—a plea for help if you like! Currently our leaders are stretched but there are heaps of ways to help! One way could be to volunteer to write an article for the Camp Waller Gazette for the sec-

tion. You will notice that the Joey report is missing from this issue as time constraints have prevented its inclusion!

I hope you have enjoyed reading this second issue of the Camp Waller Ga-

zette, any suggestions or feedback will be gratefully received.

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The deadline for submissions for Issue 3 of the Camp Waller Gazette is 25 May 2007. Please email all submissions to the Editor;
newsletter@freoseascouts.org.au



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Term 1 and 2 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 March	27	28	29	30	31 Joey Leap	1 April
2	3	4 Term 1 ends	5	6 Good Friday	7	8 Easter Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14 Manjedal Picnic Day	15 Master Mariners Camp Starts
16	17	18	19	20	21 Master Mariners Camp Ends	22 End of School Holidays
23	24 ANZAC Vigil	25 Dawn Ceremony and ANZAC Day Parade	26 Scouts starts for Term 2	27 Venturers Start for Term 2	28 Master Mariners	29 Master Mariners
30	1 May	2 Joeys and Cubs start for Term 2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mother's Day
14	15	16	17	18	19 Rottnest Invasion Cub Have-a-go Chal-	20 Rottnest Invasion (Scouts)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 June Mission Impossible	2 Mission Impossible	3 Mission Impossible

Activity Wear 2007

Orders are now being taken for Group Activity T/Shirts and Windcheaters - Dark Blue and printed with our Group Logo, the Albatross. Please note that orders will close on the 30th April 2007, and full payment must accompany your Order Form. For any queries contact Linda Norton on 9330 6607 or email uniforms@freoseascouts.org.au

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PRICING

- **Short Sleeved T-Shirts** \$25.00 (all sizes)
- **Long Sleeved T-Shirts** \$28.00 (all sizes)
- **Windcheaters**
 - Children's Sizing \$33.00
 - Adult's Sizing \$38.00
- **Jackets -zip front** \$45.00
(Adult sizes only)

Activity Wear 2007—Order Form

Please circle: Joey — Cub — Scout — Venturer — Rover

Item	Size	Qty.	Price	Subtotal

Total: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

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Note:
Children's sizing is 6 to 14.
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Please enclose payment with order

Please find Check enclosed

**Orders Close Thursday
30th April 2007**