

Camp Waller Gazette



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Group Leader's Notes

Thanks to those people who attend our recent AGM and welcome to new members on the Group Committee Dawn Payne (Fund Raising), Leigh Siddall (Secretary) and Tim Wade (Land and Buildings).

This year we hope to carry-out several projects to improve and maintain the Scout Hall facilities (Parent help and funds permitting).

The main activities planned for this year are:

- Boat Ramp review and refurbishment
- Purchase new Sails for Space Sailors

- Refit Albatross
- Boat shed clean out and general maintenance Busy Bee

These activities will be advertised well in advance so please help out where you can, both youth members and the group will benefit from your involvement.

Cars still continue to be broken into at the car park in Jerrat drive, please do not leave valuables or bags in your car at anytime.

Andrew Wakeman
GROUP LEADER

Albatross III Refit

Where:

Swan Yacht Club Slipway

When:

16th and 17th June , 9am-5pm.

23rd and 24th June, 9am-5pm.

Bring:

Old clothes, closed in shoes, lunch, old tins and rags.

RSVP:

boats@freoseascouts.org.au

Note from Group Committee Chairman

The group's AGM was held on May 12th and it was encouraging to see a number of new people at the meeting, as well as all the regular parent helpers, leaders and committee members. I would like to thank those people who have joined the committee for the first time – I hope you enjoy your interaction with this great group, and keep coming back for more.

Thanks also to those committee members who, like me, have signed on for another year. Lastly, thanks to those who have served

the group in past years but have now decided to relinquish their committee roles.

Although final details are yet to be decided we have a busy bee planned soon, to deal with the minor jobs around the scout hall.

Scouts and parents' participation in that activity is really needed, so please make yourself available for a few hours work when we do circulate more information on the busy bee date.

We are planning to have a proper job list on the day, with the busy bee run by a

coordinator to ensure that everyone who participates feels they have made a contribution to the group and to our fantastic facilities.

In June we will be slipping "Albatross", our motor launch, for her annual clean and paint. Greg O'Byrne is coordinating this activity; please see his article in this edition for information on how to join in.

Chris Bourne
GROUP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Scouts at Master Mariners 2007

Master Mariners is a state wide competition based on sailing, rowing, knotting and splicing, and chart work. The main focus is team work, and that every body should work together. The competition is held at the Pelican Point Scout Hall, located on the Swan River.

This year the team from 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts was made up of six people: James, Fionin, Troy, Peter, Philip and the coxswain, Nic. Cameron was also competing, however unfortunately he had to compete in a make-up crew due to lack of numbers for a second crew. Together we worked through our personal differences, and learnt heaps.

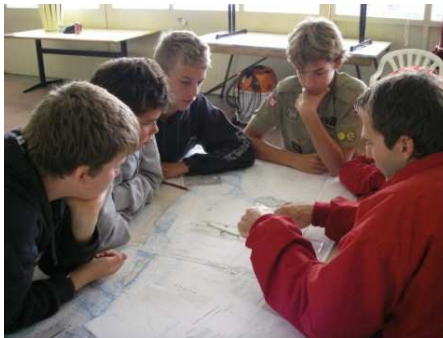
We arrived at a cold, wet Pelican Point Scout hall on Sunday at around 1 o'clock. Together, and with a bit of help from Sue, we managed to put up two old army tents. However we soon found out that those old tents had a disadvantage, they leaked. We had to set up one of the tents (Peters, Troy's, Cameron's, and Fionin's) three times because it kept getting flooded.



The scouts working together to help pack up and pull a sea boat out of the water.

During the day we practiced rowing and sailing, and in the evenings we concentrated on knotting and chart work. By the end of the week we were ready to compete (almost).

On camp we were treated to some



The team pondering their seaman ship and chart work—and trying not to get washed up on the rocks!

very tasty food, Cooked just for us by Rosetta and her helpers. The weather wasn't great, but we managed to get through all of our activities.

One week after the training camp had ended, we all returned to the Pelican Point Scout Hall for the competition. More than twenty teams competed,

and everyone had a good time, however there could only be one winner. At the end of the weekend, Canning Sea Scouts had (admittedly) performed the best, and took out first place. In second place, was one of the make-up crews, including Cameron!



Cameron cleaning out the sea boat.

Master Mariners was a great experience, and I would encourage anyone to go along. You will learn heaps, and have a great time.

Philip Gehrman and Nicholas Wakeman
1ST FREMANTLE SCOUTS

Editors Note: Photos of the Master Mariner's competition are up on the website www.freoseascouts.org.au



The Master Mariner's Team (L-R) Fionan, Nic, James, Peter, Philip

The New Look Group Committee

One of the outcomes of the AGM, held on the 12th May 2007, was to elect the Group Committee for the coming year.

This year we bid farewell to a number of people who have worked tirelessly for the group for the last few years. We will miss their enthusiasm and their ideas!

We would like to welcome a number of new people to the committee, in particular Leigh Siddall, who has taken over the position of Group Secretary,

and Tim Wade, who has taken on the job as Land and Buildings Coordinator. The returning members of the Group Committee would like to extend a very warm welcome to Leigh and Tim, we look forward to working with you!

Finally, a reminder that general members are permitted to the committee at any time so if you would like to lend a hand in a more formal manner then please contact the Group Chair, Chris Bourne, by email on chair@freoseascouts.org.au.

Group Committee

Chair:	Chris Bourne
Treasurer:	Linda Norton
Secretary:	Leigh Siddall
Fundraising:	Dawn Payne
Land and Buildings:	Tim Wade
Bosun:	Chris Calvert
Newsletter:	Alice Turnbull
Committee:	Angus Callander, Greg O'Byrne

Joeys and Cubs in Term 2

Welcome to another term in scouting a special welcome to our new Joey Ben, and our new Cub Lauren, I hope that you both are enjoying the Scouting Movement.

We also welcome Charles as one of our new leaders and Tony who has been assisting us with the programme as well.

The Joey and Cubs this term have joined forces and are meeting together. The reason

for this is that at the end of term one we had only three Joey scouts and it is a lot of effort to run a program for three and in winter we do not get

many new comers, so with the parent's permission, we decided to amalgamate the two sections for a trail. This allowed us to move the time for the cubs. So for this term the cubs and joeys are together from 6.00pm until 7.30pm this also helps with the colder nights as well. So far after a few teething problems seem to be working out well.

This term we had programme oriented around boating, we had a trip

to the wharf early in the term, and we are planning a magical night for the last night of term with a dress up night to follow. Our yellow books have arrived and we are able plan to get a

lot more achievement badges. Some of the cubs are working hard to get, bronze boomerang finished and the older cubs are working on the silver.

This is my last term as leader I feel that, it is time for me to step aside, to give somebody else to come forward and to do their bit. I knew nothing about scouts when I first started, but truly after the training and spending time with the children, it is most rewarding. So I would like to say thank you to everyone who has assisted me over the years and good scouting to all.

YIS (Yours in Scouting),

Gabby

Gabby Ryan
JOEY AND CUB LEADER

"welcome Charles as one of our new leaders and Tony who has been assisting us with the programme"

Ist Freo Rovers

Team Freo have had a busy past couple of Months. We've taken part in fair few activities.

April saw four of our rovers attending the ANZAC vigil at Kings Park Memorial. This is where the WA rovers make up an honour guard around the memorial from sun set of ANZAC eve to dawn on ANZAC day. Some of the rovers then attended the dawn service held at Fremantle memorial.

Red Rover day also came up on the calendar, though we didn't have as many rovers attend, hopefully we will get more in July.



The Rover Master Mariners Team (L-R) Chris, Kieran, Terry, Sheamus, Muddy, Steph.

We managed to come runners up in the Master Mariners competition for 2007, congratulation to the Peli Point Rovers for taking the honours. However it was a great day and everyone on the team had fun, especially when we had the task of designing and using a crane to load and unload a barrel of rum onto a boat from the shore. Thanks to some good ideas the team managed to pull it off quite successfully. Pity about the drum only being filled with water.

Muddy organised a day trip along some 4WD drive tracks out of Jarra-dale which a fair few of our rovers attended. It made for some good driving on a bit of an historical route.

We have started work on our Bush BAJA car. We spent half a day pulling out all the bits and pieces that we don't need in it ready to take to the wreckers to do some wheeling and dealing for parts we do need. There is still a lot of work to be done on the car but with weekly efforts over the winter months it should come along nicely.

Mission Impossible has come and gone again for another year. Team

Freo managed to pull off second, unfortunately, due to our policy of not giving base managers bribes. It was a fun weekend as usual with plenty of challenging activities.

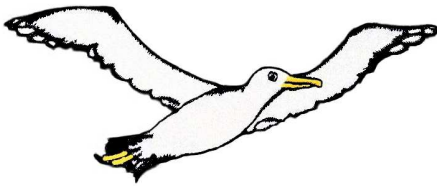
Sheamus Christidis
1ST FREMANTLE ROVER CREW



"Rum" Barrel Crane

Albatross III: A brief history

All of us are aware that Albatross is the figurehead of the 1st Fremantle Scout Group. No, it's not a seagull embroidered onto our scarf, but the groups logo... an Albatross. Albatross III is also the name of our 33ft plywood ex cray-fishing vessel that serves as a mother ship to the groups fleet of boats.



When the 1st Fremantle scout group was founded in 1949, a vessel capable of being used as a work boat/mother ship was required to carry scouts to camp on garden island, learn seamanship and adventure about on the water. A suitable vessel was sought from the Navy's depot. An unnamed, 34ft open clinker sailing vessel was acquired for 10 pounds and named Albatross II, becoming the groups first vessel.

After many years of service to the group and a cracked head gasket (largely the responsibility of the author during his younger years with the group!) Albatross II was handed back to the Navy in after she was deemed unseaworthy.



Albatross II in 'C' Shed, Fremantle. Albatross II was found rotting in the Navy shipyards in recent years and is starting to be restored at the boat building workshops in 'C' Shed.

The group acquired another vessel, affectionately known as 'Fat Boat', to serve as the rescue craft/mother boat but after she was run aground the group needed a new boat. Albatross III was purchased in 2004.

Today, Albatross III is serving the group in the way a mother ship has done since 1949. Since acquisition in 2004, grants to the value of \$30000 have been awarded to improve the vessel and run main-

tenance training courses for the youth members. The vessel is also made available to other members of the scout association. It is used for scout night navigation training in Cockburn sound, Chief commissioners river cruises, taking cubs and joeys on adventures, parent's fishing trips, Venturer's dive course just to point out a few. By making the vessel available for use by other Scout groups and for Branch events, on a user pays basis, we are able to cover all the costs of maintaining and running the vessel, meaning that groups funds are kept for other purposes.

Many of us have already had the opportunity to step aboard Albatross for a trip up the river or a day of fishing in Cockburn sound. If you haven't, and the opportunity arises, take it up!

Greg O'Byrne
BOATING COMMITTEE



Albatross III Before....



and after refit in 2005

Red Rover Day

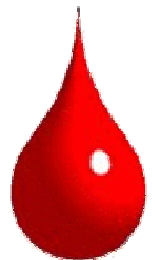
Every three months a small horde of Rovers, friends and family descend on the Fremantle Blood Bank to catch up, partake of the cheese and biscuits and generally take over the place in order to give blood to the Red Cross Blood Service.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Ser-

vice estimates that approximately 21,000 blood donations are required every week to provide Australia with the blood and blood products we need! By regularly donating, Rovers contribute to achieving this number.

The next Red Rover Day is on Monday July 16. If you would like to join us

and donate (new donors are always welcome!) then please contact Sheamus via email on rovers@freoseascouts.org.au.



16 July

Bussleton Family Camp

17th & 18th November



This is your chance for the whole family to join in the fun of scouting. Each year we get together as a group and head down to the Vasse District Camp which is located on the beach at Bussleton. Sit back and relax at this busy time of the year. Do a spot of fishing or go canoeing.

Who: Bring the whole family, toddlers to teenagers. Young and Old that's half the fun. The little kids see the big kids in action.

Why: This is a great weekend just to relax! No scouting activities are planned but there is plenty to do including swimming, boating, beach games, trips to nearby areas, fishing and anything else you can think of.



Where: We book out the whole 1st Cape Naturaliste, Vasse Camp site. It's great, the beach is at your doorstep, there is fully equipped kitchen and ablution facilities, plenty of campsites, the bunkhouse and the barbeque.



How to plan your weekend

1. Enter the date on your Calendar NOW and make sure you are free.
2. Do you want to camp or use the bunk house? Bunk house is communal but easy just bring your bedding.
3. Get map directions – email Tanya Wakeman for a copy tdsc@inet.net.au
4. Pack toiletries, chairs, torch, & clothes – not too much as kids seem to run around in the same clothes all weekend
5. Pack an easy meal or two. There is a kitchen with fridge, stove and sink. There is also the BBQ outside and there is always a campfire if you want to get back to nature (or just toast some marshmallows!)
6. Cost of \$6 per person per night – please pay Tanya Wakeman
7. DON'T FORGET The mozzie repellent – the council does fog the area to reduce the number of mozzies

Tanya Wakeman
VENTURER LEADER

236 Caves Rd, BUSSLETON
Look for the Scout pole at the
entrance!

Maps are available on request

Historical Research into the 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts

The Chairman's very clear message in the previous Camp Waller Gazette suggested that the Group was at the crossroads and that for the Group to continue, more parent participation and involvement was required. To stimulate interest in the Group, first and foremost it is important to assess future ways that will ensure the Club is sustainable, both in terms of activity and of course financially.

However, it is also important to remember that some of the things that have made the 1st Fremantle Sea Scouts successful in the past are also an important navigational aid that can be utilized for the Group to be successful into the future.

The most important aspect of any research is to explore the people and events that have made a huge contribution to our Group and to use these as examples that we all may follow in leading the Group in the years to come.

I am calling on people who have, or know of anyone with, information in relation to both the formation and the history of the Club to come forward and assist in the research and documentation of the history of the First Fremantle Sea Scouts.

This project may take time and effort to be completed, however, whilst it is a "work in progress" at this stage it is

hoped to record various insights into the Club's history through various articles that will appear in future editions of the Camp Waller Gazette.

I would really appreciate any information you may have, regardless of how small or insignificant. Please come forward and let me know your memories of the First Fremantle Sea Scouts.

Regards,
Angus Callander

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Refit—Calling all hands on deck!

The slipway has been booked, MG Kailis are kindly sponsoring a lot of the equipment and we are ready to pull Albatross III out of the water for her annual refit.

This is when we would like your assistance. Thanks to all those hard workers in previous years there is not a whole lot to do! The usual scraping, painting, sanding and cleaning will be happening again this year.

So grab out the painting cloths and start saving your tins and rags. We will be requiring helpers on both weekends. Youth members (Joeys, cubs and scouts) are encouraged to participate but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for safety reasons.

Everyone must wear old clothes (preferably long pants and sleeves), bring a hat that can get paint on it and wear closed in shoes.

We'd love to see you for a morning or an afternoon! Bring your own lunch please but morning and afternoon tea will be supplied.

For planning purposes, please RSVP by email
boats@freoseascouts.org.au, or
phone Alice on 0431 671 777.

If you require further information or any questions please call Alice on the number above.

Greg O'Byrne
BOATING COMMITTEE

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Editorial

Welcome to another issue of the Camp Waller Gazette. There has certainly been a lot happening in the last two months with the election of the new Group Committee, the Master Mariners competition and Joeys and Cubs merging in term two just to name a few!

Hot off the press is news that one of our Mission Impossible teams came

2nd overall—a fantastic effort. There will be a full report in the next issue !

Looking forward this year, we have the Family Camp in November—always a fun weekend on the beach in a casual and relaxed environment! Andrew has also mentioned some of the improvements planned for the hall and grounds. First off the bat is the refit for Albatross III, please come

along and lend a hand!

Looking back, this issue brings the first in an irregular series on the history of our group. And a chance to learn about the origins of 1st Freo.

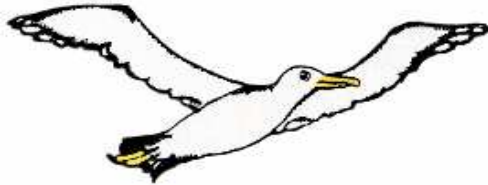
I hope you enjoy this issue of the Camp Waller Gazette!

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Term 1 and 2 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 June Foundation Day Mission Impossible	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Group Committee Meeting	13	14	15	16 Albatross Refit	17 Albatross Refit
18	19	20	21	22	23 Albatross Refit	24 Albatross Refit
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 July
2	3	4	5	6 Last day of Term 2	7 School Holidays	8
9	10 Group Committee Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 End of School Holidays
23	24	25 Cubs and Joeys start for Term 3	26 Scouts start for Term 3	27	28 Venturers start for Term 3	29
30	31	1 August World Scout Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12