



# The Third Word

Newsletter of 3rd Doncaster East Scout Group

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## VENTURERS!!!

Our Group is planning to add a new Section—Venturers!

The addition of a new section is a huge achievement for any Group, and we are hopeful it will be successful.

Venturers are aged 14-17 years, and we have several Scouts who are nearly ready to leave Scouts, so we have been fortunate to have three new Leaders. Paul and Michelle have been Rovers in our Gravbrot Crew, and Michael is still a Rover,



so they have a great deal of Scouting experience, and heaps of enthusiasm! Initially, the Venturer Unit will meet on Fridays, so the Scout Leaders can support the new Leaders, and later they will move to Tuesday nights. They will use the downstairs room for their den.

Last month, *Snakebusters* came to the Hall so the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders could become acquainted with various reptiles—snakes, lizards and frogs. While some members had no problem holding the snakes, others were more wary and showed courage in being able to touch them. Cub Leaders Rama and Baloo are pictured enjoying some reptile company. Akela didn't touch them but was very brave in coming to the Hall at all!

## SCOUT SNIPPETS

The Scout Troop is very full at present, and will have even more members soon. Maddison, Jeremy, Enoch and Philip will become Scouts on the 2nd November.

The Scouts have been very busy with many achieving Patrol Activ-

ity badges and Red and Blue Cords.

David Bourton has nearly completed his Green Cord, which is a fantastic achievement, requiring an ongoing effort over many months. Congratulations David.

The annual "Jolly Camp" will be held at the beginning of December. This is always

a popular and fun camp, with a visit from Santa and his helpers. It will once again be held at Lon-gridge campsite in Warrandyte, which is a really great place to camp.

### LEADERS

#### Cub Scouts—

Akela (Kay Perkins)

9848 2027

Rama (Rob Galea)

9435 9408, 0411 118076

Baloo (David Job)

9898 3222, 0410 351206

Claire Maddison (Raksha)

9889 3235, 0411 809386

#### Scouts—

Matthew Enger

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## DIARY DATES

**November 2:** Combined night—going up ceremony and Parent Meeting

**November 9:** Scout rock-climbing

**November 23:** Combined swimming night (Eltham)

**November 30:** Cub sleepover at the hall

**November 30—December 2:** Scout Jolly Camp

**December 6:** last night for Cubs

**December 7:** last night for Scouts

**February 7 2008:** first night back for Cubs

**February 8 2008:** first night back for Scouts

## ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING

In September, ten Leaders and Rovers attended training in the use of an Epipen for management of Anaphylaxis. We have a couple of children with this condition, so felt it was important that as many adults possible know how to manage the condition.

For parents of children with Epipens—**please make sure the Epipen is always with the child at Cubs or Scouts.** We will make arrangements for camps, especially in more remote areas, as the need arises.

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**Congratulations to Matthew, who was recently awarded his 5-Year service award. We are very fortunate to have him as a Leader and thank him for the last five years of Scouting.**

## ROCK CLIMBING

### **Cleaning**

Many thanks to those families who have participated in the roster to clean the toilets/bathrooms at the hall. This helps significantly in keeping our fees as low as possible, as if the roster does not succeed in keeping the hall clean we will have to pay for this service.

A roster has been organized for Terms 3&4, 2007.

*Thanks for your help!*

### AGM

Thanks to all parents who attended the AGM in August. The pizzas tasted OK when they finally arrived—we won't be using that shop again as they were quite late with the deliveries! Thanks to David who spoke to us about his experiences at the World Jamboree in England, to Gary for chairing the meeting, to Ravi for the Treasurer's Report and to Kay, Matthew and Michael for their reports. We were fortunate to have Adele Sharpe representing the District in the absence of the District Commissioner.

### LEADERS

**With a full Pack and increasing numbers in the Troop, new Leaders are always welcome. When there are plenty of Leaders, the time input for all lessens and more fun occurs for both Leaders and youth members, and more exciting activities can be planned. If you think you'd make a good Leader, please ask for more information!**

### **CUB CORNER**

The Pack has been full for most of the year, but we will now have some vacancies as four of the older Cubs are going up to Scouts soon, and several more will go up early next year. The Leaders will have a little respite—but only a little as there are still some children waiting to join, probably in the new year.

The Cubs have been very busy with many Boomerangs earned recently. Congratulations to—Kaleb, Adrian

and Daniel (Bronze), Thomas and Huy (Silver) and Madison, Andrew, Rachel and Crystalle (Gold.)

The Pack was awarded the Quality Scouting Award for 2007, meaning our retention was excellent—most Cubs either remained in the Pack or progressed to Scouts. This is a credit to all our Leaders.