

Thank you all for coming along to this evening.

2015 was a very busy year for LGSS. Our numbers have grown substantially.

We had Jamboree at the beginning of 2016 which meant that a lot of 2015 was planning and preparing our scouts for this event.

We gained a number of new leaders and had a few move on to new adventures.

I would like to thank all the leaders (both current and those that left during 2015) for all the hard work they put into giving our youth members the opportunities they do. Without their dedication to this, we wouldn't be as healthy as we are.

We have had great success in the awards scheme for all sections with a Promise Badge being awarded in Joeys to Rose Orton; a Grey Wolf in Cubs to Verity Smallwood, 4 Australian Scout Medallions in Scouts to Alexis Bocking, James Boulter, Tadgh Williams and Angus Farrow and a Queens Scout in Venturers (Corey Coppin) (as reported in 2015 AGM). These awards are the pinnacle of each section and take dedication and hard work to achieve them. Congratulations to you all.

Each year adult members of scouting can be nominated for Adult Recognition Awards. Last year we had 2 members recognised. Tristan Cross was awarded a Meritorious Service Award and Alex Farrow was awarded the Special Service Award. Congratulations to you both!

2016 is proving to be just as exciting with cubs working towards Cuboree and some of our scouts heading over to NZ jamboree during the Christmas break. Some of our Venturers will be heading over to Jambianom village on Lombok Island in the September school holidays. This will be visit number 5! Very exciting times ahead.

In September/October 2015 we took a small number of Venturers and Scouts to Port Neptune. It was a great weekend! And all those who participated gained valuable experience. On the weekend of 11-13 March 2016 we took a group of Scouts and Venturers to the annual Sirius Cup regatta in Sydney. There were plenty of adventures had by all who sailed and all have come back with a greater understanding of how to sail. I'd like to thank Victor, Jesse and Fiona for helping to organise this camp. Alex, Emma and Leith for being the adult support team. The Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Joeys and future Joeys for their participation and enthusiasm over the weekend.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work. LGSS is well positioned to withstand future challenges due to the effort that all former Group Support Committee members have made. This contribution has involved a lot of time and effort, and we thank you for supporting the Scouting youth program in this way.

Groups change over time and as the Group Leader of LGSS, I wanted to see that change at the Support Committee level also. As such, I have asked a number of experienced people to step into the Support Committee roles to support me in running the Group.

This in accordance with the Policy and Rules for Scouts, which states that all Group Support Committee members are appointed by the Group Leader.

With this in mind, I appoint Hugh Boulter as President; Catherine Beasley as Treasurer; Mickey Coppin as Secretary; John Fowler as Assistant Treasurer; Emma Georgiou as Membership Secretary and Victor Briscoe to run the boat maintenance subcommittee.

There are other appointed positions that are still vacant and if you are interested, please speak to Hugh or myself after this meeting. Having said that, all members of LGSS have skills that are valuable. We welcome everyone. Again, please speak to the appointed members or myself if you would like to help.

And last of all I welcome the 2016 Group Support Committee members. I look forward to working with you to make 2016 awesome.

Thank you

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