

2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune Annual Report Presentation

14 February 2026

Chair – Johnny Chen



Agenda

- Welcome – Johnny
- Accept minutes of 2025 ARP held on 13 March 2025 – Johnny
- Group Report – Greg
- Section Reports
 - Joeys – Penne / Jemima
 - Cubs – James Clements
 - Scouts – Mathew Ronald
 - Venturers - Venture Unit Council
- Treasurer Report – Jenny
- Committee Report and Vacancies – Johnny and Greg

As Scouts of Australia, we acknowledge Australia's First Nations Peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.



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2nd Abbotsford Sea Scout Group Group Report

February 17th 2026

Presented by Group Leader –
Greg Van Winden



What did we get up to this year?

- 22 camps
- 5 regattas
- 32 of days sailing
- 6 of days 4wd off roading
- 12 of days canoeing/kayaking
- 12 of days hiking
- 1 day of flying

This included:

- Australian Jamboree in Queensland
- World Rover Moot in Portugal
- Sail GP Sydney
- 3 TriLake Regattas in the ACT
- Sirius Cup Regatta
- SM Region Camp
- Scout Hike 2025
- Dragon Skin 2025



Group highlights

- 73rd Port Neptune Regatta a huge success,
 - Overall better management this year saw the regatta become a substantial fundraiser for the group raising (\$3178)
 - Over 200 scouts and volunteers from all over the state attended and camped at Quarantine reserve
- ANZAC day services
 - Assisting Five Dock RSL with the commemoration march
 - Assisting with the Concord ANZAC Memorial dawn service colour party
- Air Activity Day
 - Our first annual air activity day was a flying success with our group booking out the entire facility for the day!
- Bunnings Fundraiser
 - With thanks to a huge amount of effort from the Committee and parents we made record breaking profits with our bunnings fundraiser!
- Tri-Lakes Regatta campaign
 - All regattas contested by 2nd Abbotsford this season with members from every section travelling to Canberra to compete
 - Domination of canoe and division 2 sailing events with our group undefeated
 - Currently leading the overall point score with 1 regatta left to go (next week)
- Leadership
 - Our leaders (and adult supporters) have continued to achieve more and more TP qualifications for adventurous activities which has been directly reflected in our ability to deliver a packed calendar across ALL sections



Group Membership

- Membership has remained steady at around 150 which peaked last year. While we didn't grow our membership as much as we anticipated we are still one of the strongest groups in the district.
- We currently have a almost 58/42 gender split through the membership which is a slight improvement on previous year equality
- 23 Joeys
- 39 Cubs
- 29 Scouts
- 14 Venturers



2nd Abbotsford Rovers

- We have built an incredible relationship with the 2nd Abbotsford Rovers this year and now have 4 Rovers attending regular meetings as either assistant leaders or trainee assistant leaders:
 - Jonathan Pan (Duckie) – Assistant Group Leader
 - Hayden O'connel (Moose) – Assistant Scout Leader
 - Anthony Pan (Panda) – Trainee Assistant Scout/Cub Leader
 - Matt Flind (Southerley) - Trainee Assistant Joey Leader
- Having this many experienced adult scouts involved with our program has increased the quality of the programs we can deliver for our youth exponentially
- The 2nd Abbotsford Rovers also deliver huge (huge) support to regional events such as Dragon Skin and Roventure, as well as national events the Australian Jamboree and the International World Moot with Duckie and Moose travelling to Portugal wearing our 2nd Abbotsford Scarves.



Operational gains

- Secured funding for our "Flying Roo" support boat with help from Qantas (Side By Side Grant), Sydney Rowing Club and Drummoyne Sailing Club
 - The group now has 2 inflatable support boats in operation
- Secured a \$60k grant to invest in our sailing program, which we used to purchase 4 new boats and parts to complete 2 donated RS Zest hulls bringing our fleet of RS (low maintenance) boats to 7 total including 2 high performance RS Fevas.
- SWASH have kindly donated 4 Pioneer low maintenance canoes to replace our old fiberglass ones – These new canoes store easily in our storage sheds a quarantine reserve



Leadership

- A recent survey of our leaders when asked if they are happy to be volunteering at 2nd Abbotsford shows overwhelmingly their experience is positive and fulfilling with no negative responses
- When asked what were the highlights this year as leaders:



1	anonymous	Seeing how much we have grown in terms of resources, numbers, and culture.
2	anonymous	Seeing one of our youngest scouts confidently racing a new RS Zest at the Lake Tug regatta!
3	anonymous	No singular moment, rather seeing the kids grow and become more confident in themselves. It is rewarding to be involved in their development. But the camps have been pretty awesome, too!
4	anonymous	Sailing Weekends
5	anonymous	The regatta and just the general achievements of all the cubs.
6	anonymous	Watching the kids progress both in confidence and in their skills. Whether it is in Sailing, on Section Nights, In leadership positions, At Camp or Volunteering with other sections and units.
7	anonymous	Getting back into scouting and doing different/ new activities (sailing and 4WD)
8	anonymous	Watching our children grow in our safer environment.



The year ahead

To conclude the report we are looking to the next year - The leadership team plans to grow the membership significantly with a goal to reach 175 members over the next 12 months and we plan to do this by:

- Continuing to foster a fun adventurous culture while maintaining a supportive environment for our kids
- Furthering adventurous leader training/RPL's and offering more adventurous activities in our programs
- Ensuring our groups resources and equipment continues to be the envy of other scout groups
- Continues to grow our sailing program in partnership with the sailing club to ensure the next generation of sailors are confident and capable



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2nd Abbotsford Sea Scout Group Joey Section Report

23rd Jan 2026

Greg Van Winden (Windy)



2025 JOEY HIGHLIGHTS

Great member numbers with lots of new faces

Diverse range of activities & adventures

New leaders



Community engagement

More camps than ever!

Peak award



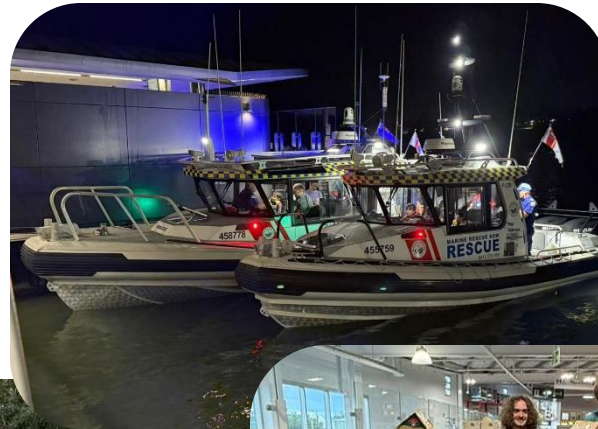
Activities & Adventures

- Over the past 12 months the Joey's have had a diverse program filled with fun and laughter



Camps & Community

- In 2025 we had a goal to ensure we had at least one camp each term. We got to some great camp sites including Glenworth Valley where the Joeys learnt to ride horses and feed farm animals
- We had a lot of engagement with the community including ANZAC march, a visit from Marine Rescue NSW and an on site craft night at a local Bunnings!



Leadership



Abe, Penny, Matt and Jemimah did an amazing job this year bringing outstanding leadership and fun to Joeys!

Abe and Matt earned their official scout names of "Sparrow" and "Southerly"

We will miss you Jemimah!!



Shout out to Greg and Ducky for stepping in when extra hands are needed



Jarrah earned his peak award, the final achievement for a youth member in the Joey Scout section



Peak Award



LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE FUN IN 2026!



Cub Section Report

Elf

James Clements



2025 Cub Section Highlights

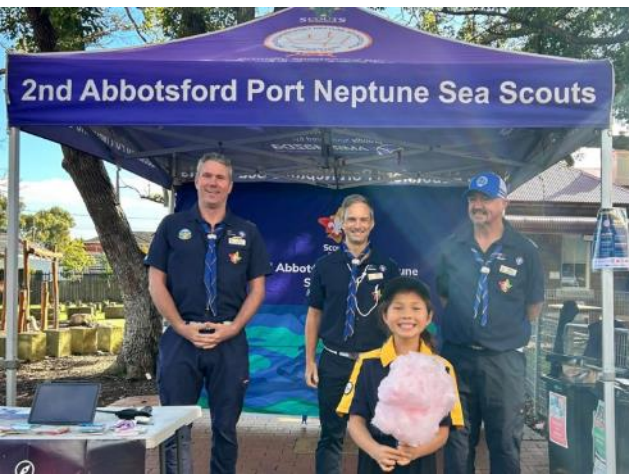
- Consistently strong Cub member numbers, referrals and diversity. Improved member retention in the move to scouts in collaboration with the scout section
- Established momentum behind Achievement pathways OAS and SIA. Now working on Milestones and cub lead events.
- Strong community engagement
- Continue to deliver a huge variety in the program developed by the Cubs.



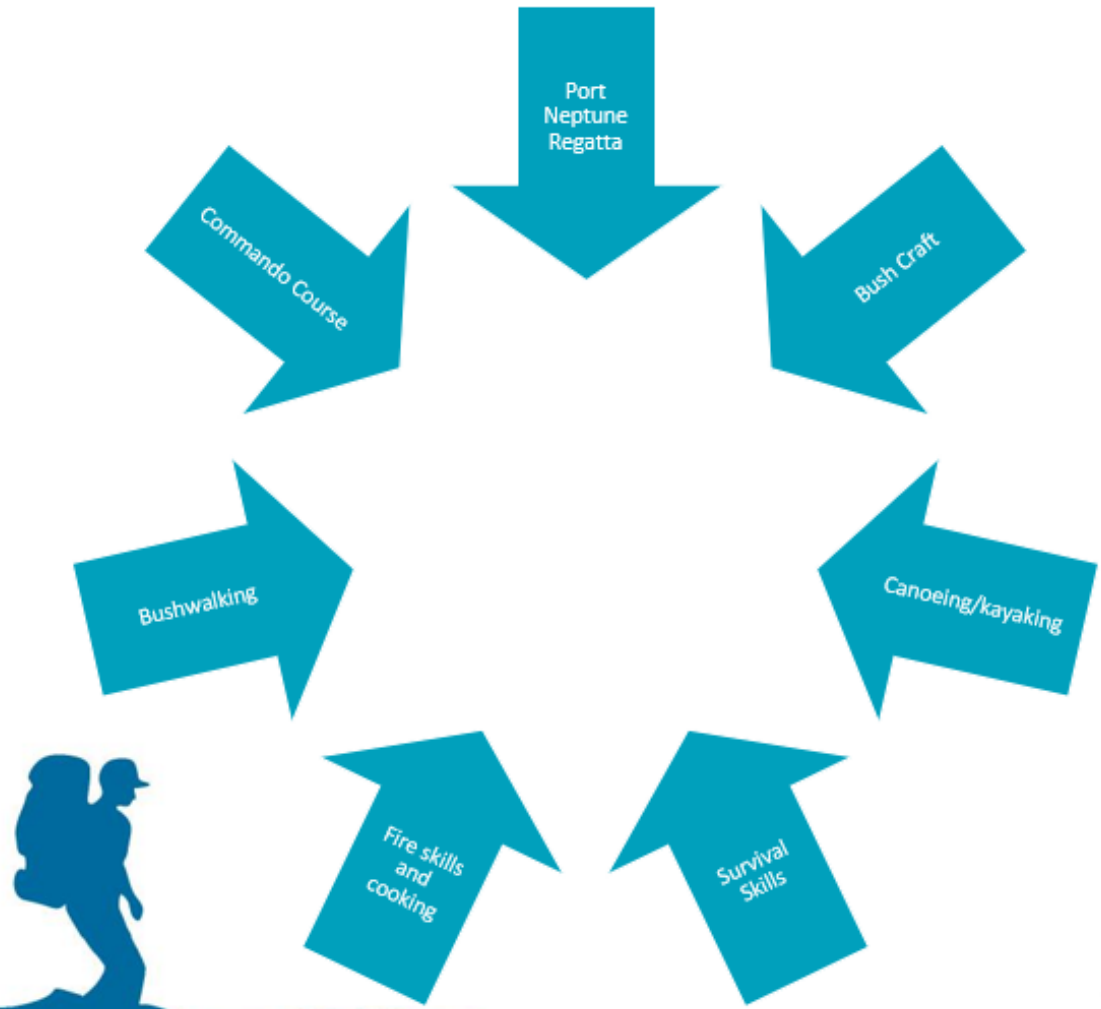


Stong Community Engagement

- Bunnings BBQ
- Learn to Sail
- ANZAC Day Services
- Abbotsford Public School Election Day Fair
- Port Neptune Regatta



Epic variety in the program



Epic variety in the program



Flying



Boating



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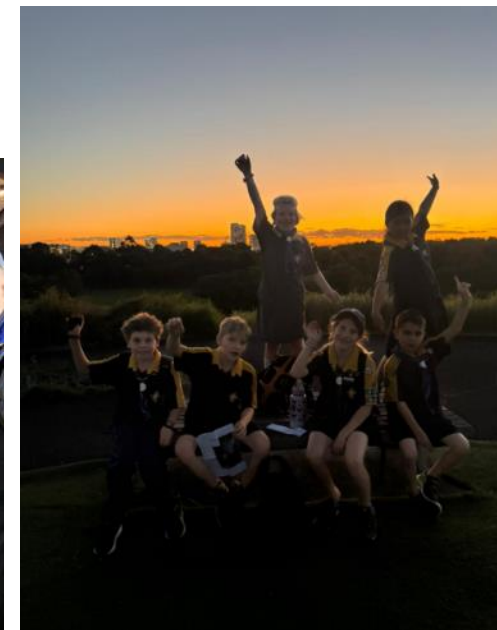
Bush Walking



Camping



Canoeing



Epic variety in the program



Go Karting



Crosslands Camp



Sailing



Alpine



Wombeyan Caves



Drop off nights – Olympic Park



Scouts Alpine Centre



Badge Collecting and Cub special interest areas



Peak Awards Moving

- We currently have cubs aiming for the Peak Award:
 - Chloe R
 - Chloe VW
 - Aya C
 - Finlay L
 - James K
- With a strong calendar of adventurous journeys proposed



Scout Section Report

Skipper

Mathew Ronald



2026 Highlights

- Most active we have been
- Huge engagement from the Scouts
- Consolidated the Scout group and Patrol system
- Added new Leaders
- Membership
 - Growth in members
 - Took our investitures outdoors
- Refining our culture and evolving traditions – focusing on who we want to be as a Troop
- Building core Scout skills



Programming

- Terms 1 & 4 – sailing / water focus
 - Sailing / regattas
 - Paddling
 - Rafting
- Terms 2 & 3 – camping / outdoor skills focus
 - Camping / camping skills - tents, campfire cooking / first aid
 - Navigation - map reading, orienteering, public transport
- Ran more nights at Quarantine Reserve



Camps

- We had 12 camps in 2025
 - We went to the Jamboree in Qld
 - We did all the Tri-Lakes and Sirius Cup
 - Went to Scout Hike for the first time
 - Went hiking, camping, sailing, 4x4, abseiling, rock climbing.
- At camps we:
 - Put our skills learnt on Scout nights into practice
 - Encourage Scouts and Patrols to work independently
 - Give Patrols a budget and they shop
 - Scouts are responsible for cooking their own meals and cleaning up
 - We give independence but with Leader oversight.
- Encourage Scouts to do more of the Scouts NSW camps



Saturday sailing

- Runs every Saturday over Terms 4 and 1, as a Saturday sport
- Learn2Sail > Scout Sailing > Club sailing
- Leader and parent roster
- Winter sailing program in 2025
- New boats – LIFE CHANGING
- Lots of new Scouts have joined Saturday sailing
- SailGP attendance





Venturer Section

2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune Sea Scouts
ARP Report, February 2026



2025 Highlights

- Evie moving up from scouts into Venturers
- Gabriel McVeigh went on the windeward bound in 2025, which was an amazing opportunity and adventure that he was able to go on through Venturers
- Abe's Abseiling adventure was good fun, a great opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people in venturers from other scout groups.
- Megan had fun at RoVenture representing our group and socialising with her peers from other venturer units
- Bowling with the venturers from Lake Ginnenderra Sea Scouts was a lot of fun. It was great to catch up with our friends which we usually only see when they're our sailing competition at regattas. Great to be competitive and socialise with them, playing another sport together.
- Fishing and Games night. In between big group camps it's nice to have chill time together. These nights are really fun and it's a great way for us to get together as a section.



Camps

- Dragon Skin 2025 was great fun. Nice to catch up with our mates from throughout NSW and ACT including Lake Ginnenderra Sea Scouts, and spending the last night (night 3) pulling all-nighters at Voc 3 and doing lots of fun activities.
- Stockton was lots of fun. Great day of four wheel driving, socialising and having fun in the water at the beach.
- Turon was another very fun 4wd camp that we went on. Lots of giggles and trying to get warm by the fire.



2nd Abbotsford Sea Scout Group Treasurers Report

Presented by Treasurer
Jenny Ronald



2025 Group Treasurer Update

- Opening bank balance of \$14.1k and ending balance of \$24.5k
 - Significantly helped by growth in members and reintroduction of Venturer fees which were waived for a few years
 - Grants was up 436% in cash to the group with a further \$75k which was paid to Scouts NSW which enabled us to upgrade our fleet of boats
 - Payments that were due in 2025 but to be paid in 2026 include \$3,500 for Port Neptune, \$1900 for insurance payouts
- Key spend other than on the sailing program:
 - Hike tents and hike stools
 - Canoe paddles
 - Hike packs
 - Vinyl cutter and vinyls for sail advertising
 - Propellor and boat cover
 - New stove for the hall kitchen
 - Donated tvs and new tv stands
 - New group flags

General comments

- Group is financially viable however the hall needs constant maintenance and upgrades such as the kitchen, toilets and building.
- We are fortunate to have a very capable maintenance manager John Connors who saves the group so much money.
- The committee will be working with Greg and the committee to develop a long term upgrade and savings plan.
- \$100k required to complete the ramp widening to improve the safety of our kids with launch boats
- Unfortunately, our grant application to widen the boat ramp was unsuccessful – we need to create a sinking fund to save for a co-contribution and try again in future.

Group Assets

- In 2025 we had two asset related incidents which required claims. A boat fell off a trailer on its way to a Canberra regatta.
- And a group trailer was stolen/went missing in 2024 and a claim was made in 2025.



2025 Financial Summary

- **Income of \$103k (+52%) and expenses of \$93k (+36%) resulting in the \$10k increase in bank balance.**
- Material items Member fees +19%, Grants up 436% in cash and another \$74k in grants received via Scouts NSW
- Hall hire was down 30% due to increased Scout activities
- Donations was up 75% via various avenues include from parents who were unable to attend the working bee – thank you.
- Group shirts helped our group look fantastic and a worthwhile investment. Also looking at group hats.
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- Leader costs reducing as most new leaders have completed their training.
- Increases in utilities (water, rates), registration and insurance costs.

Income	2025	2024	% change
Group Activities	32,736.39	6,379.10	
Member fees	24,766.70	20,865.00	19%
Grant	10,710.50	2,000.00	436%
Hall hire	6,010.00	8,548.10	-30%
Fundraising	4,930.45	7,893.06	-38%
Other	3,111.30	9,652.50	
Donation	3,535.00	2,021.00	75%
Scouts Section	1,957.03		
Miscellaneous	1,759.00	3,387.40	-48%
Bank fees	1,000.00		
Boats & equipment	1,000.00		
Sailing	9,407.21	7,028.77	34%
Cubs Section	886.20		
Uniform sales	1,045.00	429.50	143%
Joeys Section	700.00		
Grand Total	103,554.78	68,204.43	52%

Expenses	2025	2024	% change
Boats & equipment	20,889.04	11,898.29	76%
Group Activities	19,378.59	3,590.25	440%
Scouts & Venturers	9,615.31	303.98	
Insurance	7,953.26	6,497.26	22%
Cubs Section	6,065.99	4,079.98	49%
Miscellaneous	5,976.25	6,686.37	-11%
Leader costs	4,230.10	6,857.00	-38%
Sailing	2,977.56	2,733.50	9%
Other	2,961.30		
Maintenance	2,507.63	13,898.87	-82%
Joeys Section	2,129.87	0.50	
Water & Council Rates	1,790.75	1,386.48	29%
Transport NSW	1,686.75	1,072.33	57%
Scout shop	1,370.18	1,503.39	-9%
Cleaning	1,165.17	1,821.74	-36%
Electricity	1,078.31	2,983.21	-64%
Uniform sales	715.00		
Fundraising	635.74	3,905.58	-84%
Bank fees	-		
Grand Total	93,126.80	68,609.77	36%

Value for Money

- **Best value for money activity for your kids and your family growing, creating priceless memories and being in the great outdoors**
- Reminder last year we did:
 - 22 camps
 - 5 regattas
 - 32 of days sailing
 - 6 of days 4wd off roading
 - 12 of days canoeing/kayaking
 - 12 of days hiking
 - 1 day of flying
- If you went to absolutely everything on offer it would have cost you around \$1,000 to \$1,600 per year.
- If you also sailed add on \$400 per season for an experienced sailor or \$300-500 for the Learn to Sail or Green fleet.



Activity Name	Joeys	Cubs	Scouts	Venturers
Trek fees	400	400	400	400
Scout NSW fees	290	290	290	290
Family camp	35	35	35	90
Rockclimbing		27		
Escape Room			37	
Aquatic night		9		
Lake Gin Regatta			90	90
Sirius Cup			80	80
Quarantine Nights		18		
GoCarting		65		
Scout Hike			100	
Sailing muckabout			10	10
Region Camp			105	105
Windeyer Camp	100			
Wombeyan Caves		100		
Turon			100	100
Go Boats			40	
Bowling				40
Air Activity Day	80	80	80	80
PT Navigation			25	25
Heritage		6		
Stockton			100	100
Lake Burley Griffith			92	92
Lake Tuggeranong			92	92
Port Neptune	15		50	50
End of term party		55		
Hall sleepover x 3 each			26	
Camp cooking				
Planetarium		24		
Crosslands Cub Camp		45		
Kingpin				40
Membership & activity cost	920	1,154	1,752	1,684

Optional Sailing program				
Sailing club fees	-	150	150	150
Group Sailing fees	-	-	200	200
Learn To sail		480		
Green Fleet		320		
Winter sailing per day		10	10	10
Sailing cost	-	960	360	360
Total cost	920	2,114	2,112	2,044



Committee Report

Johnny Chen

Chair



Thank you to our leaders

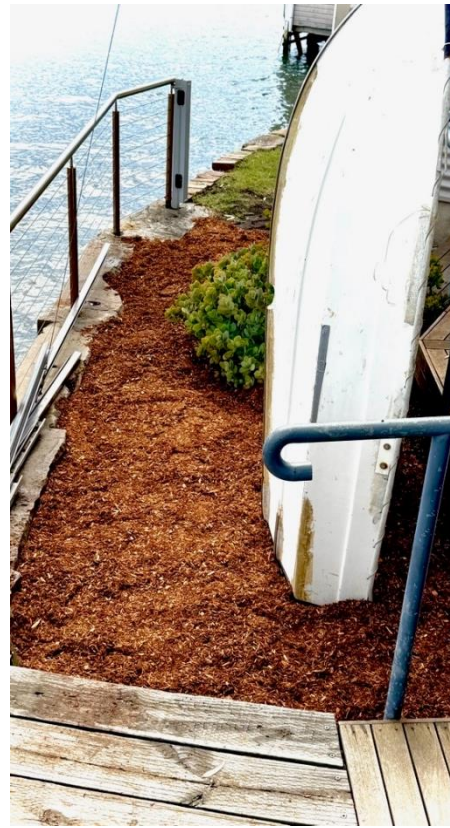
Leader	Section
Abe Durham	Joeys
Jemima Isbester	Joeys
Matthew Flind	Joeys
Penne Anderson	Joeys
James (Elf) Clements	Cubs
Marissa Large	Cubs
Matthew Easton	Cubs
Maxwell (Baloo) Kitson	Cubs



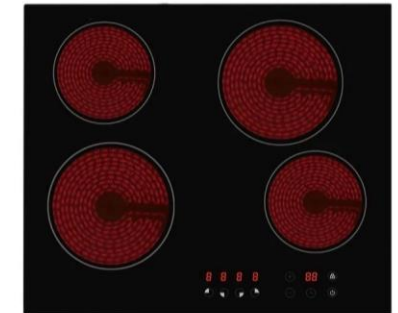
Thank you to our leaders

Leader	Section
Anthony Pan	Scouts
Doug Munro	Scouts
Hayden O'Connell	Scouts
Matthew Ronald	Scouts
Matthew Richmond	Venturers
Paul Morcos	Venturers
Prue Keating	Venturers
Greg (Windy) Van Winden	Group
Jonathan (Duckie)Pan	Group





Group Achievements 2025



Thank you to all our supporters



Committee Members – Thank You

- **Carmen Tyler** – Thank you to Carmen for her tireless dedication and hard work driving our grants and fundraising efforts.
- **Gavin Wendt** – A huge thank you to Gavin for his outstanding work as Hall Hire Manager, continuously supporting the group by securing new hall hire clients.
- **Jacob Smith** – Thank you to Jacob for his tremendous contribution as Commodore, leading the Sailing Club and championing our sailing program.
- **Jenny Ronald** – A sincere thank you to Jenny for her meticulous financial planning as Group Treasurer, keeping our Scout activities and camps running smoothly.
- **John Connors** – Thank you to John for his exceptional dedication as Hall Maintenance Manager, consistently going above and beyond to keep our facilities in great shape.
- **Luke Ahern** – A well-deserved thank you to Luke, our quiet achiever, for IT Guru managing our website and the many other technical responsibilities he handles behind the scenes.
- **Paul Maier** – Thank you to Paul for expertly managing the disposal of decommissioned boats and skip bins as our Special Projects Manager.
- **Sarah Buckler** – Thank you to Sarah for her outstanding work as Membership Manager, supporting and coordinating our community of over 150 members.
- **Tasmin McVeigh** – A heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Secretary Tasmin for her hard work and dedication to the committee.
- **Jacinta Smith** – We warmly welcome Jacinta as our incoming Grants Manager and thank her for stepping up to take on this important role in 2026.
- **Thomas Mann** – Also welcoming Thomas as incoming Social Media & Comms, looking forward to your first TikTok FB posting.



Quartermaster – A Vital Parent Helper Role

Why This Role Matters

- Keeps our Group's equipment well-maintained and ready for youth activities
- Protects valuable gear purchased through fundraising
- Frees Leaders to focus on delivering safe, fun and high-quality programs

What You'll Do

- Manage the **booking, issue and return** of equipment
- Check gear condition and keep stores organised
- Carry out basic maintenance and flag when items need repair or replacement

Who This Suits

- Organised and practical parents
- Handy with basic tools and equipment
- Able to lift and move items safely
- Keen to support the Group behind the scenes

Why It's Rewarding

- A vital support role that directly impacts every youth activity
- Flexible workload, high value to the Group
- A great way to contribute and get to know every section



Group Secretary – Organisational Heartbeat of the Group

Why This Role Matters

- Keeps the Group running smoothly by ensuring meetings are organised and decisions are recorded
- Provides continuity and accountability across the Committee and Leadership team
- Ensures parents, leaders and the Group Council stay informed and connected

What You'll Do

- Manage agendas, minutes and correspondence for Group Committee meetings
- Distribute meeting notes and follow up on action items
- Maintain key Group documents and assist with notices to members and families

Who This Suits

- Organised and detail-oriented parents
- Comfortable with email, documents and basic admin tools
- Good written communicator
- Keen to support the Group behind the scenes

Why It's Rewarding

- A central role that connects every part of the Group
- Flexible workload that fits around family commitments
- A great way to stay informed and contribute meaningfully to your Scout community



Dates for your diary

- Sirius Cup 21st - 22nd March
- Anzac Service Five Dock Sunday 19 April 2026
- Anzac Day Concord Service Saturday 25th April
- Air Activity Day Sunday 5th July
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday 27th June
- Annual Working Bee TBC July / August
- Port Neptune Regatta 18th – 20th September



Family Survey – Please tell us what you think!

Open until 1 March!

2nd Abbotsford Port Neptune Sea
Scouts Parent Survey 2026

