



PAKENHAM SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT & AWARDS



2025–2026

Adventures • Achievement • Community



GROUP LEADER & ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER

REPORT

What a year it has been for Pakenham Scout Group!

The 2025–2026 Scouting year brought plenty of change, some big projects, new faces and lots of great Scouting. Most importantly, we continued to give young people a place to make friends, try new things, challenge themselves and have fun.

One of our biggest achievements was completing the Scout Hall kitchen and dining room renovation, along with a lighting upgrade. Our members have already enjoyed the improved hall, and it has helped us connect with the wider Pakenham community.

Our leadership team grew too, welcoming James as Joey Leader, Braeden, Lachlan and Donna as Cub Leaders, Mik as Quartermaster, Kristy as Treasurer, allowing Mandy to move into the Secretary role and Bernadette as Fundraiser. We are now close to having a fully functioning Committee again.

Membership also grew strongly, with 16 new Joeys, 10 new Cubs and 4 new Scouts joining during the year.

Across the year we enjoyed Kemizo, Kangaree 2025, our Group Christmas Break-Up, Founder's Day, Clean Up Australia Day, Discover the Adventure Camp, the ANZAC Day Sleepover and Dawn Service, plus many other section adventures.

Our 100-year celebrations were another highlight, bringing more than 100 current and former members, leaders, families and friends together for cake, stories and memories. We also presented Tristan with his Wood Badge and reinstated our time capsule for the next 25 years.

As we look ahead, we want to keep growing, welcoming young people, making the most of our renovated hall and creating great adventures for our youth members.

Lara Williams — Group Leader

Tristan Mowbray — Assistant Group Leader







FINANCIAL REPORT

2025–2026

Treasurer — Kristy Purvis

I only took over as Treasurer towards the end of the financial year, around April/May 2026, so I wasn't involved in the finances for the full year. Since taking over, I've been working through everything, getting the accounts up to date and getting a better understanding of where we are financially.

Overall, the Group finished the 2025/2026 financial year in a positive position, with a net profit of \$1,705.10 for the year and total income of \$83,008.16.

Fundraising has continued to be a big help to the Group. After taking out the costs involved with fundraising, we raised approximately \$15,110 for the Group over the financial year. We also received \$956 in grant funding.

A lot of the money that comes into the Group goes straight back into the kids. A large part of our expenses throughout the year are activity costs and events, which is exactly where we want to see the money going.

We have also continued to invest in our leaders through training, as well as upgrading equipment and putting money back into maintaining and improving the hall.

One of the bigger improvements this year was the upgrade of the Scout Hall kitchen, which cost approximately \$12,500. Thanks to our fundraising efforts and support from local donations, we were able to complete this much-needed upgrade. It's a great improvement to the hall and something that all of our Sections and members can benefit from.

We have also kept up with our loan repayments to Scouts Victoria. We have made the two annual payments required under our agreement, and the current balance of the loan is now down to \$20,729.20.

Our accounts for the year ending 30 June 2026 have now been independently audited, with the auditor confirming that the financial report fairly represents the Group's financial position for the year.

Kristy Purvis



PROFIT AND LOSS

Pakenham Scout Group

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Account	2026	2025
Trading Income		
Activities Income	306.20	2,628.70
Branch Registration Fees Income Youth	19,192.51	18,396.50
Camps and Outings	7,771.36	8,481.63
Donations & Gifts	123.85	5,082.60
Family Support Income	180.00	-
Fundraising	14,966.99	5,234.28
Fundraising Special Event	10,867.74	14,307.92
Group Fees	28,605.99	24,615.00
Group Hall Hire Fees Income	933.52	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	250.00
Section Fees	60.00	(10.80)
Total Trading Income	83,008.16	78,985.83
Cost of Sales		
Grant Expenses	956.00	2,175.37
Grant Expenses - Government	-	956.00
Registration Fee Expense Youth	22,873.00	19,812.50
Total Cost of Sales	23,829.00	22,943.87
Gross Profit	59,179.16	56,041.96
Other Income		
Tax Rebate	-	3,949.83
Total Other Income	-	3,949.83
Operating Expenses		
Accounting & Professional services	661.41	565.94
Activity Expenses	6,650.81	4,625.88
Advertising, Marketing & Recruitment Costs	149.99	164.99
Bad Debts	1,076.00	323.00
Badges and Books	2,374.39	1,958.72
Badges, tapes Awards from Branch	704.62	407.08
Bank Fees & Charges	34.95	7.40
Camping & Outing Expenses	8,584.13	10,822.80
Cleaning & Waste Removal	1,476.20	907.50
Consumables/First Aid	623.65	1,464.15
Council Rates	1,348.85	721.97
Electricity	634.85	2,460.86
Equipment Property Repairs & Maintenance <\$6000	10,079.97	7,374.67
Equipment Purchases <\$6000	3,290.18	3,580.58
Fuel and vehicle Costs	-	66.70
Fundraising Costs	10,725.12	12,203.69
Gas	269.85	291.75
Group Fee Discount	1,967.50	2,045.00
Insurance - Building & Contents	226.84	-
Insurance - Motor Vehicle	371.27	529.45
Leader Fee Expenses	760.00	952.70
Miscellaneous Expenditure	44.35	-
Security	-	1,599.00
Stationary, Postage & Printing	403.63	231.43
Telephone & Internet	1,294.56	686.00
Training Expenses	2,046.07	1,195.00
Uniforms	442.27	47.23
Utilities	863.75	-
Water & Sewerage	368.85	275.70
Total Operating Expenses	57,474.06	55,509.19
Net Profit	1,705.10	4,482.60



JOEY SCOUTS

It's been another fantastic year for the Pakenham Joey Scout Unit.

Our numbers are stronger than ever, starting with 13 registered Joeys in 2025 and growing to 25. We're planning more Joey recruitment nights as we look to keep that growth going.

We've had a really busy year, with plenty of fun, adventure and learning. Highlights included Kangaree, the Millhaven Christmas Carols, our Beach Clean-up Day with Clean Up Australia Day, Snake Safety Night, a visit to the SES Centre and District Fishing Day.

The Joeys also enjoyed Kangaree, District Camp and Gilwell Park Camp, as well as an ANZAC Day sleepover in the hall followed by attending the Dawn Service.

These experiences have helped build confidence, independence, teamwork and outdoor skills while creating some fantastic memories.

We're especially proud of the two Joeys who completed their Peak Awards. Two Joey Leaders also completed their Wood Badge training.

A huge thank you to our Joey Leaders and all our families for everything you do throughout the year.

LEADERS

John Suckling • Xenia Davey • Matthew Cantle • James Prince • Tristan Mowbray





CUB SCOUTS

WOW, what another incredible year we have had in Cubs! A year filled with adventure, laughter, learning, friendship and plenty of unforgettable memories.

We welcomed three new leaders into our Cub family: Braeden (Rusty), Donna (Finch) and Lachlan, who is still waiting for his official leader name!

The Cubs developed new skills through cooking, crafts, knots, STEM activities and games. They challenged themselves at sleepovers, Clip 'n Climb, hikes, swimming, canoeing and bike-skills activities, and showed their creativity through fashion shows.

They also enjoyed beach days, fishing, mini golf and arcade games at Griff's Place, as well as Clean Up Australia Day, Patrol Leader Night, a day exploring the city, Billy Cart Camp and District Camp.

Billy Cart Camp was once again full of excitement, teamwork and fun — racing, Mario Kart challenges, canoeing, mud, hiking and new skills.

Throughout the year, we watched our Cubs become more confident, independent and willing to step outside their comfort zones.

A very special congratulations to Ethan for completing his Grey Wolf Award — the highest achievement in the Cub Scout section.

LEADERS

Monday: Mehmet Huyesin • Jay Allen • Donna Fincham • Paul Tuppen

Thursday: Andrew Davey • Jackie Shipton • Braeden Johnson • Lachlan Davis





SCOUTS

What a busy twelve months the Scouts have had!

After building a haunted house in the Scout Hall for the Cubs, the Scouts continued the adventure with a district hike, a bike ride and ice cream, and finished the year by spreading Christmas cheer down Main Street.

The new year started strongly with a win at District Tactics Night and a District Bike Hike, followed by fishing, hiking, ice blocking, a scavenger hunt and Clean Up Australia Day.

The Scouts participated in the local Dawn Service after a sleepover in the shed, and a patrol attended Scout Hike where they came away with a Bronze Award.

They also ran a night for both Cub packs, challenged themselves creatively and finished the year working on STEM skills. Their final challenge was flying their "Birdman" creations — and a couple of eggs survived their flights!

The Scout section has been sitting around the mid-20s in numbers. We also said farewell to Tim as he moved into Fellowship.

The next twelve months will again be busy, with plenty of outdoor activities and preparations for the next Australian Jamboree beginning.

LEADERS

Jude Faliszewski • Scott Watson





VENTURERS — CANNIBAL CREEK

This year members of the Upper Beaconsfield Venturer Unit met as part of the Cannibal Creek Venturer Unit, a District Unit whose membership also includes Venturers from Pakenham, Koo Wee Rup and Bunyip Scout Groups.

The Venturers had an active year, attending Winter Gathering, Vic Gathering and Anything Goes, as well as smaller events like Armstrong 500.

The Unit's focus was having fun and getting to know each other through creative, social and adventurous activities.

Highlights of the year were Christmas in July, Water Fight and Art Nights, where the Unit showed off its creativity.

With mixed emotions, Jaxon, Callum and Jacob moved up to the Split Rock Rover Crew, and Issy to Odonata Rover Crew.

However, the Unit still grew strongly through the year and is looking forward to all the adventures that will come this year.

LEADERS

Gordon Williams • Mark Burns • Freya Jensen-Dowell • Maxine Gibson

Gordon Williams — Venturer Leader
Cannibal Creek Venturer Unit





AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2025–2026

YOUTH PEAK AWARDS Theo Davey — Joey Scout Challenge
Orla Freeman — Joey Scout Challenge
Ethan Huseyin — Grey Wolf

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS Libby Fleming — Special Service
Jude Faliszewski — Meritorious
Paul Tuppen — Silver Koala

WOOD BADGE James Prince — Joey Leader



THANK YOU

Pakenham Scout Group is built by a lot of people doing a lot of different jobs — often quietly, behind the scenes, and without much fuss.

A very special thank you to our Committee and the people who have helped keep everything moving this year:

KRISTY PURVIS — Treasurer

MIK — Quartermaster

MANDY — Secretary

BERNADETTE — Fundraiser

And to every leader, adult helper, parent, family member and supporter who has opened the hall, driven to an activity, helped at a camp, cooked a meal, sold a raffle ticket, fixed something, organised something or simply turned up when needed — thank you.

Most of all, thank you to our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. You are the reason we do it. Keep trying things, keep getting involved and keep having adventures.

Here's to the next year of Pakenham Scouting — and to the next 100 years of stories still to be written.



