

PAKENHAM SCOUT GROUP



Annual Reports and Presentations 2024/25

12th October 2025 - Pakenham Scout Hall

Annual Reports and Awards Presentation 2024-2025

Official Agenda

- Welcome to Country - Presented by Youth -
- Flag Break - By Youth -

- Year in Review of the Pakenham Scout Group - GL / AGL

- Financial Report – Presented by Treasurer - Mandy Batkin

- Acceptance of Last Year Minutes

- Year in Review -
- Joey Unit - Presented by youth,
- Cub Unit - Presented by youth,
- Scout Unit - Presented by youth,
- Venturer Unit - Presented by youth,

- Appreciations & Presentations - GL/AGL

- Thank You – Presented by Youth and GL
- Flag – Presented by Youth -

Pakenham Scout Group Overview

Youth Registration Current (August 2023)

Joeys: 18
Cubs: 23
Scouts: 23
Venturers: 8

Group Leader:	Libby Fleming
Assistant Group Leader:	Lara Williams
Joey Leaders:	John Suckling Xenia Davey Matthew Cantle Tristan Mowbray
Cub Leaders:	Andrew Davey Mehmet Huseyin Paul Tuppen Jay Allen Jaqueline Shipton
Scout Leaders:	Jude Faliszewski Tim Knight Amanda Collins Scott Watson
Venturer Leaders:	Gordon Williams
Treasurer:	Mandy Batkin,
Committee:	Deone Prince (Fundraising), Jackie Shipton (Maintenance), Kate Mowbray Jackie Langley,

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Group Leader & Assistant Group Leader Report

The 2024–2025 Scouting year has been one of **growth, energy, and community spirit** at Pakenham Scout Group.

Our membership continues to climb, now boasting **over 70 youth members** supported by **18 dedicated leaders**. This growth saw the reopening of our **second Cub Unit on Thursday nights**, ensuring every child who wants to join Scouting in Pakenham has the opportunity to do so.

Across our sections:

- **Joeys** embraced play-based learning, outdoor discovery, and their first camping experiences.
- **Cubs** tackled challenges, built skills, and enjoyed a variety of hands-on adventures.
- **Scouts** reached a major highlight with the **Australian Jamboree in January**, representing Pakenham with pride and enthusiasm.

The **Venturer Unit** officially transitioned to **Nar Nar Goon**, strengthening local cooperation, while early steps have begun to **reignite Cannibal Creek Scout Group** — a sign of Scouting’s continued growth and connection within our district.

Our group also proudly recognised the service and dedication of several leaders who achieved **Adult Recognition Awards in August 2024**:

Matthew Cattle, Amanda Collins, Andrew Davey, Mem Huseyin, and Karissa Suckling.

We thank each of them for their ongoing contribution to the Scouting movement and to the Pakenham community.

Our **fundraising efforts**, particularly **Christmas Tree sales** and **Bunnings BBQs**, were once again successful. Beyond the funds raised, these events bring our families and community together — and serve as a great example of teamwork, good humour, and community spirit (with just a hint of BBQ smoke).

As we look ahead, Pakenham Scout Group continues to grow in both size and strength. We’re proud of all that our youth and leaders have achieved this year and grateful for the support of our families, committee members, and wider community.

Here’s to another year of Scouting adventures, learning, and laughter.

Libby Fleming & Lara Williams
Group Leader & Assistant Group Leader



Financial Report

Profit and Loss

Pakenham Scout Group
For the year ended 30 June 2025

2025

Trading Income

Activities Income	2,628.70
Branch Registration Fees Income Youth	19,200.50
Camps and Outings	8,481.63
Donations & Gifts	5,000.00
Fundraising	5,259.28
Fundraising Special Event	14,180.45
Group Fees	25,140.00
Miscellaneous Income	250.00
Section Fees	(10.80)
Total Trading Income	80,129.76

Cost of Sales

Grant Expenses	2,175.37
Grant Expenses - Government	956.00
Registration Fee Expense Youth	19,812.50
Total Cost of Sales	22,943.87

Gross Profit 57,185.89

Other Income

Tax Rebate	3,949.83
Total Other Income	3,949.83

Operating Expenses

Accounting & Professional services	565.94
Activity Expenses	4,625.88
Advertising, Marketing & Recruitment Costs	164.99
Bad Debts	323.00
Badges and Books	1,958.72
Badges, tapes Awards from Branch	407.08
Bank Fees & Charges	7.40
Camping & Outing Expenses	10,822.80
Cleaning & Waste Removal	907.50
Consumables/First Aid	1,464.15
Council Rates	721.97
Electricity	2,460.86
Equipment Property Repairs & Maintenance <\$6000	7,374.67
Equipment Purchases <\$6000	3,580.58
Fuel and vehicle Costs	66.70
Fundraising Costs	12,203.69
Gas	291.75
Group Fee Discount	2,045.00

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Profit and Loss

2025

Insurance - Motor Vehicle	529.45
Leader Fee Expenses	952.70
Security	1,599.00
Stationary, Postage & Printing	231.43
Telephone & Internet	686.00
Training Expenses	1,195.00
Uniforms	47.23
Water & Sewerage	275.70
Total Operating Expenses	55,509.19

Net Profit 5,626.53

Treasurer:
Mandy Batkin

Joey Unit Report



Joeys started term 3 The year began with smaller numbers as many Joeys proudly moved up to Cubs, but that didn't slow us down. We launched straight into summer with water games, followed by another award-winning entry at the Pakenham Show with this year's "Bees" theme. A Joey sleepover at the hall gave everyone a taste of camping fun, while a visit from Fire Rescue Victoria was a standout, complete with safety talks, gear demonstrations and a turn on the hose. Term One wrapped up with an Easter Hat Parade and egg hunt.

Term Two saw all Joeys successfully complete their Aquatics Level 1 skills at Cardinia Life. STEM nights were a highlight, featuring creative builds, dry-ice gelato and cork-launching experiments. Camp cooking skills were explored thanks to Croc, and a joint Joey-Cub "Taskmaster" night encouraged teamwork and leadership. We also clocked up more kilometres on another hike, adding valuable progress toward bushwalking badges.



Leaders:

John Suckling, Xenia Davey, Tristan Mowbray & Matthew Cantle

Cub Unit Report

WOW what a year. Full of great memories and favorite moments. Please welcome the cubs as they are going to show you what they most enjoyed from last year.

We have done so much together this year, and this has really helped the cubs develop tons of different skills. Many of the Cubs have grown into little leaders.

This year we had many cubs transition to scouts, and they were all such a joy to have in our section. It has been nice to see them step up into amazing Scouts.

We were lucky enough that we were able to welcome a lot of new faces to the section too. Both from the community and from the Joey section.

One new member who deserves a special mention is our newest leader, Jay. I believe he has Scouting in his blood; many generations of his family have been involved in scouting. Jay has very quickly found his feet in Scouting and is going to be a great leader and asset to our team.

From the world of Scouting to something out of this world. We started our year off with an amazing adventure with the Joeys. We visited the Observatory to learn about space. This was such a fun time for our scouts and leaders.

The Cubs get to have so many great adventures, from Fishing to treasure hunts, building shelters in the outdoors, a bike hike, mental health night, learning Ausland, twilight caving or laser tag with the scouts. Even building their own raft and hoping that the knots they had learnt, hold, so they don't end up having to swim back into shore.

These are just some of the awesome things they get to do. One of the highlights for them this year was the Billy cart camp.

There wasn't just races down the hill, the Cubs were able to be stars in a version of Mario kart. Yes, there were obstacles and mud. It was something I don't think they will ever forget.

It was amazing to see all the teamwork that it took to get their kart to the end of the race. And then even cheering on the leaders as they did a race of their own.

Clifford Park was our next camp. This was a new location for us, with new challenges. The biggest one was Challenge valley, an obstacle course made to really focus on personal growth and teamwork. The Cubs did not shy away from the challenge, and it was great to see them band together and accomplish the course. Once that was done, they made their way back to the Tarzan swing mud pit. I'm starting to see a trend here.....

I believe we really had a great year and can't wait to see what this year will hold for us.

Thank you.



Leaders:

Andrew Davey, Mehmet Huseyin, Paul Tppen, Jay Allen & Jaqueline Shipton

Scout Unit Report



Leaders:

Jude Faliszewski, Tim Knight, Amanda Collins & Scott Watson



Toomuc Venturer Unit Report

This year the Venturers attended many state events, including

- Anything Goes,
- Winter Gathering
- Vic Gathering,
- with Leaders also attending Armstrong 500.



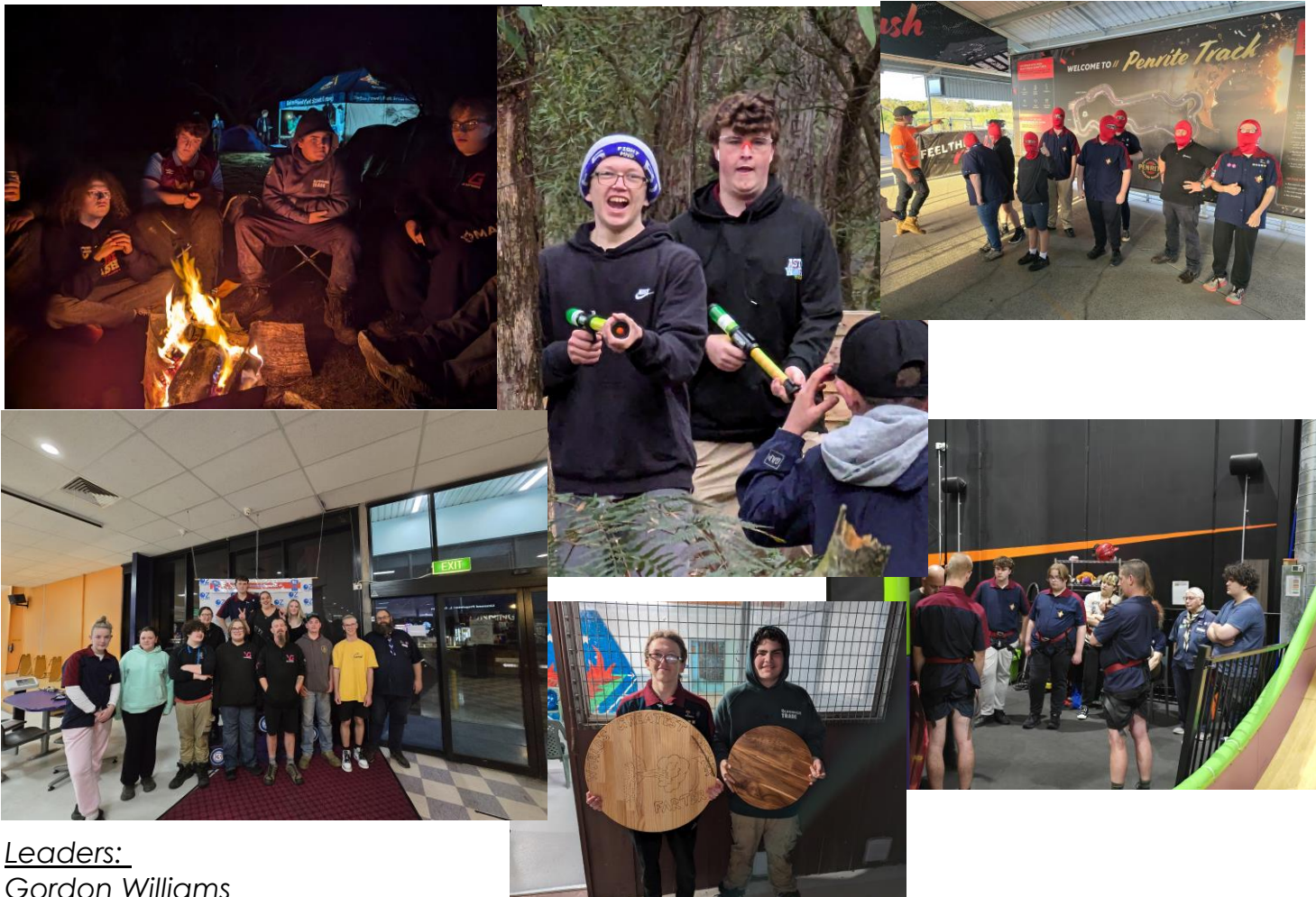
Most of the Venturers also attended the District All Section Camp, as well as other district events.

We hosted the Inaugural Tri-Maccas cup, which saw Units from Cardinia and Rowville come and compete, racing and doing activities between the local McDonalds Stores.

In the second half of the year with most Venturer Units in Cardinia District seeing declining numbers, Toomuc (Pakenham) and Upper Beaconsfield Venturers started meeting as Cannibal Creek at Nar Nar Goon, which has allowed us to do bigger and better things.

Highlights of our program was Clip and Climb, Gokarting and Bowling.

We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Scouting.



Leaders:
Gordon Williams