

# Belgian Gardens Scouts



## NEWSLETTER

Term III July 2011



Gilwell Scarf and Woodbeads

### Note from BG's GL

Welcome back to a new term at Belgian Gardens Scouts. The region calendar is telling me it will be busy so 'tally ho'!

Our team has some new faces and new positions: I am still Group Leader, Lach Terry still Assistant Group Leader, Terry Sperling (Platypus) - Scout Leader and David Hore - Venturer Scout Leader.

Our two Adult Support Members (ASU) will again be assisting with the Scout Section in 2011—Kiri Turk (Raam) who is in uniform, and Ray Grant (as yet unnamed and non-uniformed) who is now our Quartermaster. It will be wonderful to get our equipment under control—even just to know what we have in the scouting treasure trove in the back room! Welcome Ray and Kiri.

Margaret Flecker (Kim) joined us for Term II taking the Joey Scouts. Margaret was a leader at BG quite a few years ago and is now retiring. Her place has been taken by a very new leader—Byron Kearnes who is keen to begin training. Welcome Byron!

Dianne Lawrensen has moved to us from Hermit Park and I'm delighted to have her. She is keen on being involved with Cub Scouts and will be assisting me in devising and running the program. This will give me more time I hope to devote to do GL duties. Welcome Dianne.

And last but definitely most important is that Bill Curtis is Group Committee Chair with Jacki de Jong doing the books and only one—as yet—committee member Tania Bow. This won't be a huge demand committee with lots of meetings but be more of a group to organise things as they are needed—den—maintenance, cleaning, mowing etc. If you can assist on this committee it will be a great boost to the Group—please put up your hand and attend the next meeting. They are few and far between but very important.

Thanks to Lach Terry, Jacki de Jong and myself, the account books are almost finished for the (Scout's) 2010-2011 financial year. This has been a BIG job—most

of it done by Jacki— and there is still some way to go ironing out anomalies. However, we are hoping to have them ready for audit soon. This will mean that finally we can apply for funding to reroof and fix the interior ceiling and a few other things as well. Parents will be asked to put forward ideas when the time comes.

One thing that is clear already is that the extra Council water rates (of which ironically very little is actually the liquid stuff) will impose a great burden on the viability of the Group. While that is nothing new (we have existed on the smell of an oily rag since I've been involved) I fear this may be more serious. We would like to have all the figures in an accrual budget ready for the AGM in the next month or 6 weeks. With the newspaper fundraiser gone, I fear the days of us not having to do fundraising somehow are gone.

We were offered the opportunity and have already booked three fundraising BBQ's at Officeworks for this term. Lach Terry is organizing them and we will need rosters of three people per two hour shift + scouts. Please assist with this roster when approached. First date is 13th August.

More from Emu about that however as it is by rights the Parents' responsibility, not the responsibility of the leaders.

Check out our website too on [www.belgiangardens.scoutsqld.com.au/](http://www.belgiangardens.scoutsqld.com.au/). The BG/Region Calendar has all the dates for the year and ideally I would like to post section calendars when programs are finalised. There are some great pics and if you have others, email them and we'll upload them. Paul Willis has resigned as webmaster and Sean Turk has offered to fill this post. Great to have you on board, Sean. so if you know about websites you could contribute to the group by taking over the website maintenance. A fun job. Email me!

*Happy scouting everyone!*

Binda



*You might have noticed that Binda is wearing a different scarf. It is the Gilwell Scarf and only worn by Leaders who are in the final stage of their Scout Training. Watch out for when Emu and Bilby start wearing theirs as they are close to this achievement too!*

*In 1919, William de Bois Maclaren, a Scottish businessman, purchased Gilwell Park, a 55-acre estate on the edge of Epping Forest, London, as a training centre for Scouts and as a campsite for Scouts. In his honour, the Gilwell staff wore a scarf made of Maclaren tartan.*

*To reduce the expense of the tartan scarf, a substitute scarf was devised. This was made of dove grey cloth (the colour of humility) with a warm red lining (to signify warmth of feeling), and a patch of Maclaren tartan on the point of the scarf. In 1924 use of the scarf became restricted to Wood Badge holders only.*

*For the formal opening ceremony the Chief Scout and Lady B-P were present to receive guests at tea. The house was formally opened by Mrs. MacLaren cutting a ribbon of Scout colours strung across the entrance. There was a rally of some 700 Scouts. There were congratulations by the Chief Scout on their acquisition, he thanked Mr. MacLaren and presented him with the Silver Wolf. The first Scoutmaster's training course was held from September 8 to 19, 1919, and was attended by 20 SM's from all parts of England and Wales.*

**REGIONAL CAMP— August 6th and 7th, Tarmaroo/ Theme is International Scouting and we are profiling Sweden.**

If you can help us by making a Swedish Flag, or know some traditional or modern national activities, games, songs, recipes, etc etc it would be a great help.

As a parent you can come along and assist with the activities. Your support is always appreciate.

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**Section Times for 2011 (during terms)**

**Joey Scouts** (aged 6-8)  
Mondays 6.00-7.00pm  
**Cub Scouts** (aged 8-11)  
Wednesdays 6.00-7.30pm  
**Scouts** (aged 10.5-15)  
Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm  
**Venturer Scouts** (aged 14.5-18)  
Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm  
**Rovers** (aged 18-26) are a regional group.



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Are there any interested writers out there?

**TERM 3 DATES 2011**

<b>GROUP ACTIVITIES</b>	REGIONAL CAMP—6 & 7 August Tamaroo REGATTA - 3 September JOTI-JOTA - 15 & 16 October Scouts in Action Week—22-26 August Abseiling Proficiency Badge—20/21 August
<b>SCOUTS</b>	Initiative Course—6 & 7 August
<b>VENTURER SCOUTS</b>	BG Group Council—29 Aug / 12 Sept 7.30pm Regional GL meetings —4 Aug / 1 Sept JS Regional meeting — 17 July CS Seonee meeting — 17 July Scouts Mindari meeting - 13 July Skills 3 Leaders Training Course—26-28 Aug
<b>LEADERS</b>	

**HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER REPORT**

Clippings from the "Brisbane Courier" of Saturday, December 4th, 1909, which contained a weekly scout column, make interesting reading. (Quoted from Issue 15 Encompass. Scouts QLD Newsletter, Dec 2009)

Scoutmaster Tucker reports that No. 1 Brisbane troop took their usual seven miles walk last Saturday. During the afternoon, Scout games were carried on and at 5.20pm, the scouts cooked their tea. After tea several relay races were run and the troop marched to town by 8.15pm.

On Thursday evening the usual weekly meeting was held in the Town Hall and a splendid roll up was registered despite the boys being tired after the days outing at the welcoming of the new Governor.

The scoutmaster states that he is pleased to report that the troop is now complete and a fourth patrol is in course of formations., six tenderfeet being sworn in. The troop now consists of three full patrols and the officers are as follows:

Quarter Master, L.J. Tucker, Stork Patrol, Patrol Leader: Clem Bolton, Corporal Geo. Kelly, Eagle Patrol, Leader Patrick Seally, Corporal Wm. Kelly; Native Cat Patrol, Leader Charles M'Intyre, Corporal; Hy. Ridhalgh. Deposits in the penny saving bank amounted 3/-

# HOUSEKEEPING

1. Would all parents of all Sections please **sign in your scout on arrival** and when you **pick up**. We need it for insurance primarily but also as a record of who has attended. By signing your charge out, we know they have gone home safely—especially important when we are out of the den at activities or events. Thanks for your cooperation.
2. Everyone should come to Scouts with a **waterbottle** and **mozzie screen** as well as their **award book** EVERY WEEK please.
3. No child should have to take a cup from the kitchen to get a drink. Every week there are a pile left on the bench or thrown in the sink which attract 'nasties' into that area. PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE! Or perhaps those children's parents could wash up after their child?
4. I have drawn up a list of essential jobs around the Den for families from each section. **There are choices:**

- ☺ Cleaning (Sweeping floor, hosing out toilets, clearing kitchen)
- ☺ Two x 2 hr shift each term at the Scout Shop—either a Sat. morning or Thursday evening
- ☺ Organising 2 or 3 parents for mowing when needed
- ☺ Group camp preparation—either shopping for provisions, or preparing our Tamaroo site. Camp is 6 & 8 August—COMING UP!

**Please volunteer!** I'll leave the list near the sign in sheets and start chasing people if they don't offer! These tasks have fallen on the leaders in the past who already put in long hours in preparation and meetings.

**HAPPY SCOUTING**

**Because of the ongoing issue with mosquitoes at the Den (endemic to the Common which is just behind us), each parent is advised to include a container of repellent in your child's kit bag for use at each meeting. The repellent can be left at the den in the office if it is easier.**

## TASKS

*Clean out back room (Hire a skip?)  
Take rubbish to the tip.*

*Wash all kitchen utensils, repack and seal. Furnigate Kitchen.*

*Erect walls in back room to create secure storage areas.*

*Fix wooden tables and chairs. Sand and repaint*

*Seal off bottom edge of doors to toilets (frog proof!) and windows (possum proof!)*

**DOES ANYONE HAVE ACCESS TO A LARGE SHEET OF METAL WE CAN USE AS METALLIC NOTICE BOARD?**

**Ideally stretching a couple of metres.**