

SCRUFFIES NEWS

- In Which Our Leadership Crew become a Good crew

“Rowing Australia recruits an Ex-Great Britain Rowing Underdog to take some young rowing hopefuls to the World Rowing championships ”



“Scruffie the Adventure Dog – Senior Cox, Supervisory Beach Marshall (AKA – CRO - Chief Rowing Officer)”

Scruffie wants to be a Pirate Captain. It's one of his many aspirations (Inc. Land train driver, Martian Farmer and Ecological engineer). Being a Strategist and Thought leader he has mapped out a plan.

The first Step in this plan is to map out all the Skills needed to be a GOOD Pirate.

NAVIGATION - Planned for Spring. (tick); SURVIVAL Skills and Camping: In case he is marooned on a Desert island - Planned for Q2. (tick); SAILING : Completed at the KIDS Foundation Sailing da; & upcoming Sailing Saturdays. (tick); KNOTS and ROPES - Planned for Q3.(tick); COOKING Planned for Q4. (tick);

And then the Penny Dropped - How to get TO THE PIRATE SHIP?? Scruffie quickly looked at some online research materials (*ed. Pirates of the Caribbean?*) And quickly concluded all GOOD PIRATE Captains have really good Crews to row them from the Treasure island to the Ship. What A dilemma! Then Scruffie remembered his adventure in Dorney lake England - when he lived there and Helped the British National team take Gold in Olympic rowing (*editors' note (ed.) really? - Are you sure ?*)

In A Flash - Scruffie had a Plan - Using his contacts is Rowing Australia They put together a Program to teach Skills, Teamwork and Leadership Rowing at Karkarook lake. (& Scruffie was once step closer to his Pirate crew and Pirate Captaincy)...

- 13 Beginner Rowers
- 3 Very cool rowing boats
- 1 flat car battery
- 1 Youth Leader
- 1 Very Grumpy Adult Leader
- 2 Very patient Adult leaders
- 8 Pizzas. (15 Scruffie Points)
- 1 Aspirational Canine Pirate
- 3 Great new Crews ready to take the King of Sweden & the International VIPs on a rowing expedition!

SCOUT SKILLS

1. Learning the DRILLS : Official Rowing Commands and team instructions
2. Rowing terminology: Oars, Boat, Positions
3. What it takes to be a good TEAM

LEADERSHIP

- Working as a Team in a fixed environment
- Team based roles - Hierarchal team structures
- Being in charge of a team (taking turns to be Cox)
- Giving and taking instructions (communication)



Even before getting on the water – the teams practice how to be effective as a team on land... EYES CLOSED NICK! (*ed. Nope NOT Quidditch!*)



Then they practice putting together their Oars whilst Scruffie watches closely for rule bending– (*ed. he seems to have his eye on Nolan this term...*)

Successes

- No sore losers, a few very happy winners. No Injuries (*ed. 1 Bumped Knee*)
- Excellent Leadership skills demonstrated by the Cox's
- Some great rowing games and Drills prepared for next weekends 'Big Row on the bay'
- Great Fun and Great team work

Notable Mentions & Awards

- Best Cox Person – Chantal (excellent work)
- Best Rowing team – Chantal, Sophie R, Ethan, Lily, Sacha
- Best Newcomer to Leadership – Lily
- Overall rowing understanding – Sam White
- Welcome our newest members – Lily & Asha

**HM = Honourable mention

Thanks

- Tony C and Russel for the 2 NEW Boats - They are Great. (Thanks committee for the cash)
- Tony C for doing all the operations to get us there
- Tony c - For the two new Games - Scruff says they worked great.
- Scruff says "thanks Tony for the Jumpstart)
- Thanks Youth Helper Nick Roberts - Very Helpful



Scruffie Says "Safe Loading and Unloading will get your trim correct. (*ed. And once you are on water you will be a better team and know the drills and positions*)



Finally its time to get out on the water.... How many scout lifts can you spot???. (*ed. - and watch the slippery ramp!*)



Oh dear... Scruffie makes a mental note – need to practice on land more...! *ed. HOLD WATER!!*



Scruffies cows are out on the water - on watch. (*ed. GIVE WAY TOGETHER*)



Scruffie says - No wonder these guys grow so fast....



Time for Scratch Teams for Races (Ed. EYES In Boat)



As always Scruffie the Wonderdog keeps an Eagle eye on Safety and fairness - And to make sure everyone is paying attention.



Chantal – trying her luck again... but at least she demonstrated how to be an excellent Cox person - The games were a great Success.



Scruff Says Thanks for the Games equipment and the NEW boats - This was one of the best and Most Successful Leadership days to date. Thanks Tony - Thanks Meena. Thanks Scruff.