

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

# “Stunt Dog trailblazes Obstacle course with his best leaders in Tow”

Well – that’s if the lashings survive it..



“Scruffie the Adventure Dog – Daredevil, Tough Mudder. Obstacle Course Racer, Chief Adjudicator, Rope work master ”

Scruffie likes to keep fit and in shape (*Pear shaped ?Ed*) - Fitness is not just a matter of the Body , but the mind and spirit too. So to keep in the best overall shape and survive the harsh Melbourne winter (*Its not Antarctica Scruff Ed?*)

Scruffie decide he needed a personal obstacle course. Combining problem solving, perseverance, innovation and fitness, Obstacle courses are great for winter exercise. But where to find one? Fortunately Scruffie has a great deal of friends and they agreed to build him one using their advanced Knots and Lashings knowledge. (*Good thing he had his safety harness Ed*)

- 3 boxes of ropes
- 1 enthusiastic Youth Helper
- 10 Family sized pizzas
- 4 average obstacle courses
- 26 Youth Leaders
- 0 First Aid practice sessions
- 0 windows broken (Phew!)



### SCOUT SKILLS

1. Knots & Lashings up to Explorer level
2. Planning & segmenting the course and tasks
3. Trade Negotiating & priority setting

### THE TASK

Build an obstacle course using the required knots and lashings; which is at least 40cm off the ground no taller than 2meters and that connects to your neighbours seamlessly!

### THANKS

- Nick and Steve for helping Scruffie out whilst his mate Tony takes a little break!





*And so the events kick off - Each team has a Section to build - and A set of materials*



*Spending Scruffie Pounds at the store allows teams to buy extra equipment to build additional obstacles*



*Learning commences in the Training Zone. And any one in need of an update on a knot can book in...*



*And then the planning and organising gets underway*



*Building commences - A rare photo of Lochie and Nick working at the same time.*



*Everyone gets a job...*





*How long does it take 6 scouts to build a swing??*



*All bloomin day – if most of them are sat round with their hands in their pockets!*



*And whilst helpful Youth Helper Nick makes himself useful*



*Its clear that Scruffies been spending way too much time with the Venturers.. Scruff (you need your helmet!)*





Before - ... Nice idea...



After - ... But it didn't survive



Interesting course..



But looks a little unsteady..



Join the Queue - one at a time



Stay 40 cms above the ground.





Ooops – a few courses didn't account for the shorter ones...



Or the taller ones.....



Another successful Leadership Skills Afternoon ... Scruffie hopes the hall is tidy enough for when the boss gets back!