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WATER ACTIVITIES 2017

“Adventure Dogs takes Sharing Adventures with others to NEW LEVEL”

**And Promotes his New Apprentice to "Senior" Family
Water Activities day Manager .**



*“Scruffie the Adventure dog, Water activities
organiser, Community liaison officer, SUP, Kayak, Sail
boat and Canoe Captain, Weather Forecaster...”*

Scruffie knows that Success is not an Orphan, He builds amazing adventures for people and everyone knows he is the GREATEST, The BEST, TREMENDOUS,... (Ed. List shortened by Editor for Brevity) But Scruffie also Acknowledges in building on the success and achievements of others in the past. You can't do everything yourself and need to stand on the shoulders of Giants. Knowing and acting on this to continue positive traditions and customs is a way to Acknowledge and respect the efforts people made to give us the platform and groups we have today.

This is the reason that Scruffie absolutely loves the **FAMILY DAY Water Activities** that 1st 14th Brighton host twice a year.

It combines all the Values that Scruffie Advocates and Demands. Extending others a helping hand, Engaging people and giving them Purpose and direction, Being part of a Collective Endeavour, Exposing people to new Skills and adventures, Fun in the sun, (and wind) , The List goes on.....

So when Scheduling seemed to Put this amazing activity on the back burner, Scruffie knew he had to help.

He quickly called in his Expert Team - "**Apprentice Senior manager in Charge**" and "**Chief Operations Manager**".

Everyone knew that 1st 14th had Strong history of this event and that the building blocks are all mature. All that was needed was new Partner Organisations. Scruffies New Apprentice Jumped into action and quickly found "**Mirabel Foundation**" and "**Family Life**" As soon as the Apprentice found these groups and the dates, then the call went out and the well oiled machine ramped up. Some key planning, organising and communicating (Scruffies key leadership principles) and soon the event was ON. And everyone was looking forward to itIt was going to be an AMAZING FAMILY ADVENTURE>>>>

- 250 of Scruffies friends
- 9+ straight hours of hard work and fun
- 30 Scruffie special Adult helpers
- 3 newly painted Corsairs Sail boats
- 10 Storm rigged Pico sailboats
- 25kmh PLUS winds Ascending
- 50 families from Mirabel Foundation
- 8 families from Family Life
- The whole 1st 14th Brighton Family
- 1 All day Coffee Station
- 1 Amazing SNAG PALACE and BBQ
(Thanks Rotary club of Brighton North)
- 4 Compassionate PFD Management Leaders
- 1 Overworked Leader-welfare-leader
- 4 Bubbly water Slide Leaders
- 1 Apprentice General Management leader
- 1 Rescue Boat with 2 VERY BUSY Operators
- 1 Patient Sailing Beach Master
- 2 Committed Sailing Beach Operators
- 6 on the water Sailing "Taxi Operators"
- 1 inundated CANOE BEACH MASTER
- 2 "whelmed" CANOE Beach Operators
- 5 constantly engaged in a million jobs on the water CANOE Leaders
- 1 Bored First Aid Leader
- 1 Extremely successful event



Tony's Beach - Karkarook - Place of Sand

THANKS

- Scruffies trainee's - Janet (new - Management) Tony (Operations & Beach) and Craig (Load Master & Rescue)
- All the Leaders, Adult helpers, Parents Scouts and Venturers that helped out with jobs and roles on the day.
- All of Scruffies new friends from the Mirabel Foundations and Family Life
- Watto and Aaron who whilst not in attendance have both completed LARGE Projects for the Group on Restoring Sail Boats and Building & Repairing trailers - Scruffies Says THANK YOU Aaron and Watto
- **Key partner:** Rotary club of Brighton North who are so easy to work with & supply delicious vegetarian food



In early at the hall to help tow. Loadmaster Craig Makes sure that everything is safe and well organised. Scruffie offers useful advice and insights



And then gets other experts to help trouble shoot .. Is that a Fluke meter?



Scruffie asks his mate Craig to help get his rescue boat on the water. With the wind today it will be a Busy day with capsizing Picos and flooding Corsairs...



Scruffie with a little help from his new trainee Janet and his mate Tony completes a comprehensive Briefing so everyone knows how to have a fun and safe day



Scruffie and Tony Agreed that moving the Canoes to the new area was a great idea with the Strong northerly wind. This meant that it was easier and safer



But meant a longer walk for those Leaders to the Food and COFFEE Tent!!



Rigging starts early. This is the first use of the boats since restoration of the hulls by Scruffies Maintenance department (Tony and Watto)



Rigged and ready - Everyone is ready for the Guests to arrive from the Childrens Charities and members of 1st 14th Brighton



The Guests arrive and soon Everyone is busy having a great time. The bay is much more sheltered and perfect of Canoeing or SUPS



And still the event has space to share the beach with other Karkarook users, One of the Moorabin Adventure Dogs joins in a Treasure hunt for Pirate treasure.



Sandy Place _ Canoe Beach, Great Sheltered spot for Launch and recovery



SUP's are great fun. And Accessible for everyone..



Everyone can take part, if you are a little short then someone taller is always available to help out.



Lunchtime! Thanks Rotary! Food is Fuel and we all need Hydration. And The Adults need their caffeine.....



Is that a vegetarian sausage??? Scruffie checks on the Quality and Quantity in the Catering department. With his youth Helpers. Fortuntaley all the usual high standards are maintained.



Lucky scruff has his mates to bring him lunch – some of his mates will have to eat on the job!



Scruffie had a new racing Sail for the Picos. It will get wet today ... High Winds...



Others use teamwork to overcome the wind.....



Ooops.. One of the Boats took on a little water....



Scruffies adventure slide is always fun - But it uses a lot of dishwashing liquid.....But So much Fun...



The wind was high and Excellent for sailing, All the boats were busy all the time.



Whilst in a more Sheltered place, you can try out canoeing or SUP - Stand up Paddle boards



Busy day for the Scruffies sailing team – always a queue for the fun Corsairs – Look at the Newly Painted hulls of these Boats. An Awesome job by Scruffies really good mate Andrew (Watto)



Thanks to his Skippers for a NON-STOP SAILING ADVENTURE! - And thanks Sam for Bailing out this boat



Some Leaders Jobs were less Exciting, but none the less just as important. Scruffie recognises that we need the people who do the less exciting things and remember to say thank you. Thanks Karen - You made a real difference in to Scruffies Sailing team!



Time to pack up and our guests have moved on. Its now become well ordered and regulated system to manage all the equipments use, maintenance, transport and storage.



Another fantastic group event where 1st 14th was able to Show off its strength and size in a hugely positive way to help other groups and organisations as well as provide its members with focus and purpose. Scruffie is very proud and happy to be part of an organisation as inclusive and positive as 1st 14th Brighton Sea Scouts,



Scruffie and his new Aprentice agreed that the day was very successful and everyone walked away feeling good and happy.

Note: The charities we worked with in this event requested that we do not take and publish identifiable photos of their members. Scruffies News Media and 1st 14th Brighton have respected that and so the Photos for this event are limited and mainly distant or covering 1st 14th members.



Scruffie also wants to Acknowledge the "WURUNDJERI - BALLUK (Tribe) " recorded as the original Owners for the Location where we all have so much fun and benefit. - Karkarook means "Place of Sand" - Scruffie likes this. He has a Beach of Sand he has adventures on.
(Wurundjeri people take their name from the word wurun meaning Manna Gum ([Eucalyptus viminalis](#)) which is common along [Birrarung](#), and djeri, a grub found in the tree.)