

SCRUFFIES NEWS™

SCRUFFIES SPECIAL RAFT BADGE DAY

Anti-Gambling dog, and Pro RAFT advocate creates viable alternative to Horse racing - Raft Racing!!!

And annoys people who disagree with him, even though he respects their rights to hold alternative views.

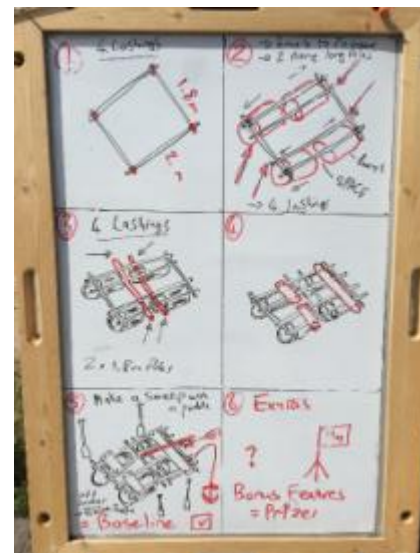


*“Scriffie the Adventure dog, Pirate Liaison Officer,
Chief Raft Architect
Horse lover and Anti Gambling advocate*

Scriffie is an Adventure dog, Taking calculated RISK is all Part of his basic approach to Life, You calculate the Factors, Look at the Probabilities and Impacts and come up with a Best Solution and implement it. It's always a bit of a gamble, you Stake your time and energy against a return on investment - and a Risk of loss. Scriffie is really good at this and this is why he can create great Adventures for his Mates that are fun, edgy and Safe. He does not however like CASINO's, Betting, Gambling or Pokies. He can do MATHS, so he knows these are designed to take your money - He respects others right to take part in or conduct these but will take no part Himself. Scriffie LOVES horses, Some of his Best friends are horses. And Some of his Best friends ride horses. But he is not a fan of Horse racing (*Ed. Or Dog racing but he loves racing himself*) So every year Scriffie wants to respect the tradition of his chosen State, whilst also holding to his personal values. A Dilemma. Scriffie Solved it - He would Pursue his plan to have All Scouts working with Knots and lashings to Make cool, fun and useful things. Like a giant LEGO set for YOUTH. --RAFTS.... So Whilst Melbourne enjoyed the Melbourne Cup, Scriffie planned his great pirate adventure with some of his newest recruits and some experienced hands. Ahoy Me Hearties, Let's build rafts., (*Ed. No horses were harmed in the making of this newsletter*)

- 28 rapacious Rafting recruits
- 24 Barrels
- 3 Youth Helpers
- 3.5 Adult Leaders (including one jetlagged leader)
- 1 Flag
- 0 horses and no Betting.

Scriffies Plan



THANKS * (*ED. Although Scriffie does MOST of the WORK, there are a few others who help out*)

- Tony: Thank you for Setting up and making all the equipment - Especially Barrels, Decking and Poles.
- Adult leaders: Murray and Meena - Thanks for making the time to help out.
- Youth Helpers - Sam, Amelia and (Scout helper) James - Great job - See you for the Leadership on the 8th Dec.



Unpacking and setting up - Scriffie takes the BOOKING list and Divides everyone into Patrols, then Each Patrol is provided a Build Space and Equipment.



The Youth Helpers come early, Under Scruffies supervision they build a SAMPLE or MODEL RAFT, This so that Scruffies mates can visualise the Outcome.



The Youth helpers build a flag pole on their Sample RAFT. Then they sit ready, Sometimes its your job to sit and be an example to others. (Ed, Its a pity its a White flag and not a PIRATE FLAG)



Scruffie Checks that the Environment is Worksafe - He has a Patrol board, Registration , First Aid point, and Briefing and Code of conduct available.



Next the Youth Start arriving, the PROCESS is always the same , Find the REGISTRATION DESK, Sign in , Pay for Dinner . Easy As.



Everyone falls in for the Briefing - Wind is factor today - but Scruffie will deal with that later, for now Scruffie explains the program and materials that will be used.



Then its off to the beaches - Each patrol has an Assigned area and an Assigned Leader or Youth helper. - it Doesnt help if you have to MUCH help. Just one person helping at a Time please.



The Starting point is to Lay out the EXTERNAL POLES, this gets the measurements and Sizing correct. Scruffie's mate Tony has measured and cut everything in such a way that it all fits in the trailers yet can still fit together



Each Lashing needs to be Tight. The key is a NEAT and TIDY KNOT and a FRAPPING MALLET. - The Mallet acts as a LEVER and if the lashing is NEAT then the whole knot Tightens. Amelia teaches this skill.



Some others have already mastered it. Its one of Scuffies TOP 10 SCOUT SKILLS that EVERY SCOUT SHOULD KNOW



Once the EXTERNAL FRAME is built, then the Crossbeams need to be tide on, As these help hold the BARRELS in, these needs to be Measured, with the BARRELS..



Great Progress is made, Soon the FRAMES ARE FORMING UP - The Resuce boats are ready. Just in case (Ed. Just in case the lashings are loose ?)



SCRUFFIE Checks in with James, James is a Scout helper and SNR APL, he is practicing being a YOUTH HELPER as he transitions to Venturers, Scruffie checks everything and finds it in order, Well Done James
(Ed. The Editor notes that James is a Premium Subscriber to Scruffie News and Should update his Email address for his Subscription with the Promo code POPCORN)



At the Opposite Side of the Beach, Murray works with Lucy, Scruffie admires the TIE dye Tshirts that the Leaders have as Informal uniform. If you want to know about this look at SNEWS 78th Edition CRAFT CAMP



Eva's team is Progressing well. Cross beams in Place.



And soon all the BASE LASHINGS are finished, Time to put the Barrels in Place.



And to Tie the Barrels onto the FRAME - this is quite challenging. (Ed. Note Tony came up with a Better idea for next time to make this easier)



Scarlett Solves the Barrel Issue with a Truckies hitch - good Idea.



Soon all the Rafts are coming together.



Good to see teamwork here – Thanks Aidan for helping out another team member



Some patrols have time to build a flagpole. Scruffie has some new ideas for Some Patrol FLAGS



Bandicoots ready to launch



Flatheads ready to launch



First Team is Away



Scruffies Rescue 1 (And Safety) Team head out



Looks like Frogs are paddling on shore -(Ed. Or checking and planning that everyone knows their role)



And then they are ready for Launch and of they go....



Pack-up Time arrives and everyone helps out. Its a Tony pack , everything just fits in .



Time for Pizza and Parade



The weather treated us well and a Beutiful Sunset Frames the Parade. There is chance to be thankful and show appreciation.



Well done everyone. it Was Fun and prodcutive and effective. The Youth Leaders who attended have a real advantage in the upcoming Leadership day.



SCRUFFIES LIST of SUPER CRITICAL SCOUT SKILLS for RAFT BUILDING

	KEY SKILLS	USE
1	Square Lashing	Tie to Stave together. Securely
2	FRAPPING MALLETS	Used to Tighten a Square lashing. A lever
3	TRUCKIES HITCH	Create tension in a rope - Like a block and Tackles.- Tie the barrels on
4	Round turn and 2 half hitches	Secure the other end of a Truckies hitch
5	Paddling	Working together to move forward
6	Anchors	Secure your Raft in the WIND
7	Anchor hitch	Tie an Anchor on