

SCRUFFIES NEWS<sup>©</sup>™  
TERM 1 GROUP EVENT

# Group Family Water Activities & Picnic Day



"Scruffie the Adventure dog, Chief Family Day Coordinator, Job Assigner and MATES Trainer"  
...And his Friends.

Scruffie is an Adventure dog.. HE LOVES ADVENTURES AND HE LOVES WORKING WITH HIS 'MATES' . He has a Mission in Life to have as many Adventures as possible with as Many Mates as possible.

But He is Also PART of a VERY large GROUP. There are 5 SECTIONS from JOEYS, CUBS, SCOUTS, VENTURERS & ROVERS. On top of this there are 45+ Adults Leaders, COMMITTEE, Friends of the Group and PARENTS. So many People and Friends (Ed.. and So many Names to remember)

But Lucky for Scruffie , Twice a year the GROUP invites EVERYONE, as well as OUR FRIENDS in Other organisations to A FAMILY PICNIC DAY and WATER ACTIVITIES There are SNAGS, (Thanks Rotary), You can Picnic, There are CANOES, SUPS, Rowing and SAILING. (Thanks Tony!) Or if you are just SOCIAL you can come and CATCH UP with Old friends or meet our Local Celebrity Member of Parliament Tim Wilson. (Ed. And Make sure Scruffie doesn't try and debate him)

Every year, Twice a Year, It's Great that all the different people from our Community can come and join us for a Day of FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIE'S with mateship

## THANKS \*

- Tony and Janet for all the background preparation and organisation that Makes this great event so Successful.
- All Scruffies MATES that came along to help him! All leaders, Youth, Youth Helpers Venturers, Rovers,
- Rotary for the great Food and Drink service (They just pitch up and Operate - Scruffie loves this! )
- The KIDS foundation ,who this year, extended the invite NATIONALLY!! - So Cool to have you guys.

- 250+ Family and Friends
- 40 Members of the KIDS Foundation
- 25 Leaders from All sections and Disciplines
- 6 Rovers (Scruffie loves it when Rovers join in)
- 15 Mates (Youth helping others try Water activities)
- Bags and Bags of SNAGS
- Jugs and Mugs of steaming coffee (No Lattes! Sorry)
- The right Mix of Sun & Wind for Sailing and Surface craft.
- A few local Celebrities. (Ed. So not just Scruffie this time)

## THE TASK:

- Find a GROUP of MATES who want a great day out.
- Invite ALL your SCOUT LEADERS, And ADULT HELPERS
- PACK ALL your Water craft in Almost all your Trailers.

## NOTE:

Scruffie's News is written by Scruffie for the benefit of his Mates and so contains Age appropriate jokes and references. If you don't understand or get upset then its cos' you are TOO OLD Grandpa! (Ed. We asked Scruffie for a disclaimer and this was the most printable version. Sigh! being and Editor to an Adolescent Publishing Magnet is really hard work!)



# THE SETUP:



The Trailers were packed on SATURDAY so that an EARLY start can be Made on Sunday. 12 Towing vehicles arrive with trailers, and start unpacking - 1 Team gets the Shelters up for Kitchen and first Aid.



The Other Teams Start RIGGING the SAILING Boats and Unloading the TRAILERS.  
(Ed....Weather is Perfect!, Coffee will soon be ready)



Scruffie Has his OWN SECTION for his MATES , Next to the PFD area. When people arrive he and his Volunteer youth will be ready to offer YOUTH companions to those wanting to try a new Activity.



Rigged Boats line up on the SAILING BEACH, Tony has consulted with Scruffie and so he is ready with ALL the Structure and Plan so that Questions are answered and people get straight to work without long debates.



## THE BRIEFING:



Scruffie is a believer in Delegation, So Although "HE" calls everyone to the SAFETY briefing, He delegates to the GROUP Leader Janet to do the talking. Him and Tony Dont like to be the centre of attention. Scruffie is very low key and Humble (Ed. What ?!!!)



But.. He Does take part and check that everyone else is behaving and Listening, We need to treat the event as "Work safe site" - Good Clear Structure and rules with Colour co-ordination means this is easy to implement and explain.

Janet also takes the Opportunity to make sure everyone has a Job and Knows who to Speak to in other areas, Also who is charge of each section. Next the Runbook or Program sequence is Explained.

## THE ACTION:



Everyone Start arriving and so We start with SUN CREAM and PFD's (personal floation device) Helen and Darren can also check partipants for safety.



Soon "The adventurous" are in the QUEUE for the SAILING

(Ed , The helmets and Queue worked very well this Time, Thanks Leader Steve AND Scout Helper Joe (one of Scruffies Mates Mate :.))



The Corsairs are ready, They are like the MIniBUSES, Able to take a "few more" but still with enough power and Manourverbility.....

But for Smaller Sailors, the versatile PICO - A Lazer class boat for younger Sailors - Scruffies Mates have 12 of them and he loves to teach Sailing.



He Also has Loads of Canoes and Kayaks for people to try out and enjoy.

Scruffies not the Only Adventure Dog, His Mates can come to, Provided they promise to closely supervise the "owners"....



And finally LARGE SUP's .....These MASSIVE stand up Paddle Boards are very popular with people who like working in large chaotic groups.

So we Had better get "Nick The Safety Boat operator" and his trusty "Assistant" to " Be prepared" .....

# THE MID DAY MEETING:



Its all STOP, for just a Few Minutes. Its Good to reflect for a Moment on How lucky we are. KARKAROOK means "place of Sand" in the language of the original inhabitants and we acknowledge the tradational owners, (Ed . Scruffie is sure we all respect the land and will put it to good use for EVERYONE)

We have a Guest. Tim Wilson, MP for Goldstein. We know he a Good bloke because he come in non-election years AS WELL. Whichever party a person supports we can all agree that we must look after the environment and make places of opportunity to help each other.

The FAMILY PICNIC days are exactly that idea, We all come from different backgrounds and different beliefs. But if we find a common cause, we can have loadsa of fun and outdoor activities and work with common Purpose.

The group gets a NEW federal Flag and we share a moment to remember how much we have in common and how luck ywe are to live in Australia.

(Ed. And of Course, Preserving and FUNDING outdoor areas for family, and a Safe secure local environment.

Ed . Ed. - This is Scruffie putting his OAR in again - Eye roll)

(Ed. Ed. Ed - Scruffie Says if Tim brings a Wetsuit, he will teach him to paddlle)



It Doesnt matter who he hangs around with in Parliament, compared to His two Awesome Friends who he brought along to Visit at Karkarook. Scruffie always like meeting other Canines, and He is Happy to pose With Tim Wilson's Pugs (Ed. As a celebrity Scruffie Knows that you have to Pose with many many people for Photos)

And Both Scruffie and Tim can both agree to Support Janet, Seemore and the Kids foundation. Helping each other and supporting good causes is above party Politics and we can all agree to Support this great Activity Day. Welcome Tim and thanks for your support of this good Cause.

## BACK TO THE ACTION:



A "Team " is ready to take out a Paddle Board..... Hmm Scruffie thinks he will "reserve judgement"



Some Boats didnt stop... I think that the missed the signal to come in ... (Ed... perhaps buy a watch ?)



Corsair 351 has a great morning and starts the afternoon well with lots of excited customers .... And then unfortunately capsizes due to a mechanical problem



.....and needs to be rescued. A Broken Hiking strap followed by a Capsize and Recovery. Its day of sailing is done.



And yet more capsizes .....But Sometimes this is on Purpose...



We believe these were intentional – but the record number of capsizes on the day were by Venturer, and Youth Helper – JAMES CRAIG – who claims to have carried out 27 capsizes! (Ed Scruffie is verifying through his sources)



But Everyone else Takes advantage of the wind to "REACH" the Wind is Strong and from the North

Others solve this problem by adding "BALLAST" .....Is that 3 or 4 Scouts in that 2 person Craft...?



The Afternoon starts to draw to a close and with the WIND up , there is a bit of Wind to deal with.....

Luckily Zero first aid incidents meant that the first aiders had lots of spare time.... They Have the Neatest and Tidiest First Aid Kit ...

## PACKING AWAY



Everything then NEEDS to be packed away in the Trailers, and transported back to Our Storage areas...

Finally Back at The hall. So many Volunteers to Help Clean up and tidy Away - Thank you..

## Another Great Family Day!

