

1st MOSMAN 1908 SCOUT GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

GROUP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2017 was another remarkably successful Scouting year for the 1st Mosman 1908 Scout Group.

Despite our modest membership numbers the Group continues to benefit from an outstanding team of Leaders, who give extra-ordinary amounts of their time and energy to provide the Section programs. Their Leadership, planning and energy creates so many opportunities for our children – so to our Leaders, thank you doesn't seem enough. You are amazing.

The Group has been held together by our incredible Group Leader David Day. A supporter, mentor and dedicated philanthropist who has given much and asked for nothing in return. David, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The task in 2018 will be to find your successor, a major task ahead as you leave the role in great shape and the Group stronger for your leadership.

The Committee has met throughout the year, and overseen resourcing of the Group. One vital role is to ensure there is sufficient funding and resourcing to realise the programs Leaders put together. Low membership numbers have meant we rely heavily on the hiring of our two halls and I would like to give thanks to Claire Harrison for her tireless efforts in ensuring that they are supporting the Group finances.

Amongst many exciting activities organised by the Leadership Team we ran a very successful, not to mention crazy, ski weekend in Thredbo. In fine Scouting tradition we invited and supported three other scout groups in our local area so that the children would feel the true sense of a Scouting family experience. The wildest Winter conditions provided extra resilience training and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who pitched in over that weekend. Stay tuned for the 2018 Ski Weekend announcement.

The Challenge for the new Scouting year will be to develop our Leadership Team and to that end parents will be asked to volunteer for the Cub, Scout or Venturer Unit. In order to survive we must have parent volunteers in Leadership roles and with two or three in each section the workload is spread and not so onerous. I will be contacting parents in the coming weeks and asking for volunteers and explaining how easy it is to join and contribute.

2018 will see a number of exciting camps and adventures and we ask you to participate in any way you can. This is our community and our Group. We all benefit, but most of all, our children do. Thank you to our families who help make 1st Mosman a strong and vibrant Scout Group.

COLLEEN GODSELL AM
GROUP CHAIR

GROUP COMMITTEE PROPERTY REPORT

The Barn

The Barn is in good shape despite the ongoing fragile position of our sewage lines and the tree root problem.

In 2017 we installed a new shaker style kitchen with almond stone benchtops after removing an internal wall and extending the space. This was done in order to facilitate small group of children working in collaboration and to provide an in and out door system for safety reasons.

In 2018 we will be sanding and re oiling the upstairs level and painting the outdoor toilet.

The Barn continues to provide strong but modest revenue from hire practices.

Freeston Hall

Freeston Hall is in reasonable shape with a makeover scheduled for the April school holidays. Mulching, fire pit sanding and an internal paint.

A new kitchen will be the result of a successful 2017 Community Partnerships Grant Funding application. This will assist the group for activities and increase the hire potential.

The storeroom has been cleaned thanks to David Day and camping equipment relocated to it from the Port Jackson Boatshed.

Port Jackson Boatshed Balmoral

The security arrangements onboard HMAS Penguin have escalated to a high alert so access is an ongoing problem. This will not be remedied in the foreseeable future due to a change of Commanding Officer.

Building 35 is temporarily closed as the Navy renovate the storeroom beneath to keep out unwanted nature. This will be completed over the Winter months in time for the 2018 Summer Season.