**Group Leader’s Report, 2018 ARP, Saturday 24 March at Freeston Hall.**

After 5 years with 1st Mosman Scouts, I will be stepping down on 30 June. There have been some significant highlights over the past year including:

* Colleen Godsell receiving her Order of Australia (AM) award for significant service to youth through Scouting, and through roles with educational, historical preservation, indigenous tourism and social welfare groups.
* Jerome Dardis being named Mosman's Young Citizen of the Year.
* 1st Mosman Cubs and Scouts assisting with all the Mosman Citizen Ceremonies last year.
* 66th participation in Sirius Cup, which was one of the more challenging in terms of the weather conditions. (It took a month to dry the tents)
* The fantastic ski trip, well done Colleen. Rumour has it she is organising another one this year!
* A small group of Scouts lead by Adie Connor and Lucy Baird promoting scouting amongst their friends and building the Troop to 10, which was our target. Meanwhile Cubs have grown to 15, exceeding our target of 10. Still way short of the halcyon years of 100 members but at least heading in the right direction.
* The upgrading of the Barn’s kitchen, thank you Colleen.
* A financially strong Group, which means we are well equipped and able to keep fees constant (4th year) and subsidise excursions such as the ski trip. This is entirely due to the hire of our two halls and the constant management of this task by Claire Harrison and Colleen Godsell.
* Having three dedicated Leaders in Liam Painter (Venturers), Rosie Connor (Scouts) and Jad Kovse (Cubs).
* Carol Derbyshire volunteering to manage our Website and within 2 weeks making significant improvements. Thank you Carol.

However, we fell short of our 2017 Plan in a two areas:

* Qualified Leaders. The plan was to have 2 trained Leaders for Cubs and 2 trained Leaders for Scouts. 12 months later we do not have 1 trained Leader for Cubs nor Scouts.
* The website being the focus communication tool instead of constant emails. This should now improve with Carol’s help.

The sustainability of any organisation depends on its Leaders and morale within it. There continues to be opportunities for improvement and I hope a new Group Leader will take these on.

David Day