



SCOUTING AT ITS BEST

By Penny Becchio

When NSW was overcome by bushfires in 2019/20, our Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM, quickly launched the Scout's NSW Bushfire Appeal, to be in a position to respond to Scout Group and families when needed. Many individuals contributed to this cause, as well as Scout Groups, Rover Crews, The Scout Shop and overseas donors. Through the timely and generous efforts of these donors the Scout's NSW Emergency Relief Fund has been able to assist when called on to replace lost equipment and to give a hand up to those who have suffered loss.

A very significant contribution to the fund came from an overseas scout named, Leonardo Ocampo. Leonardo is a Mexican scout who lives in The Netherlands with his family where he works as an airline pilot. Leonardo's donation allowed us to do good work in assisting the 1st Cobargo Group replace all their lost equipment, replace uniforms and equipment for a child at 1st Glossodia whose family lost their home and business, provide funds for our Mental Health First Aid training and fund the SYC Joey pouch programme.

On the 9th October, Neville Tomkins hosted a Teams meeting to thank Leonardo for his generosity to Scouts NSW and to show him the way his contribution was used. The meeting soon became a major event with all our local beneficiaries wanting to contribute as well as representatives from Scouts Australia and Scouts NSW and senior scouting personnel in Mexico wishing to attend. The logistics around getting everyone together at the same time were challenging but we got there, even if our friends in Mexico had to get up at 3am.

1st East Ryde Venturer Scout, Chris Pennington very ably carried out the duties of MC for the event and

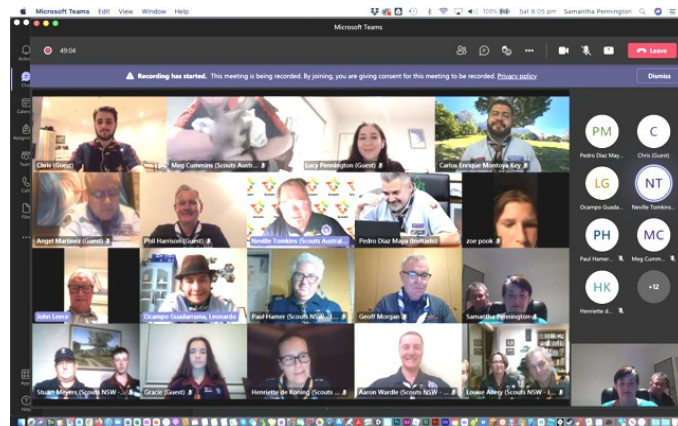
managed to keep everyone on time, included, and in the same time zone.

Neville and International Commissioner, Aaron Wardle welcomed everyone to this truly international gathering which included special guests from Scouts Mexico and Phil Harrison, Chief Commissioner of Australia.

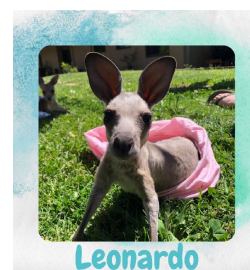
Representatives from 1st Cobargo, 1st Glossodia, Paul Hamer from MHFA training and Meg Cummins, ACC Youth Empowerment thanked Leonardo on behalf of their groups and Meg (virtually) presented him with a joey kangaroo which has been named Leonardo in his honour.

In introducing him, Chris Pennington pointed out how Scouting has defined his values in both his personal and professional life and the good work he has done raising funds in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam in the lead up to the Japan World Scout Jamboree.

Leonardo's emotional response pointed out that, "we are part of the biggest youth movement and when someone falls, thousands of hands reach out to help".



Some attendees, including Leonardo wearing his hat.



The Leonardo namesake Joey

Northern Beaches & Garigal Over the Rainbow Cubornet



It took just 3 weeks for the wonderful Cub Leaders of Northern Beaches and Garigal to pull together our cure for Covid boredom.

"The more I think about it, I have come to realise that this project has been like a campfire to our Scouting community.

It started with a tiny spark - a throwaway idea - "How many people can we get on Teams at one go?". It might have gone out right there and then but luckily it found some dry kindling and with a bit of nurturing it slowly grew and grew.

This term has been pretty rough and certainly nothing like any of us planned.



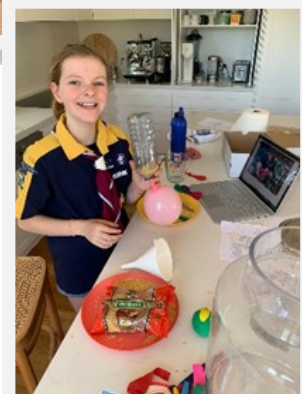
But we were able to focus on our Cubornet, which like a good campfire cast out warmth and light. It attracted others to it and they added fuel and looked after it.

Finally, it grew into a roaring fire that over 150 members of the local Scouting community have enjoyed and I'm so glad that we were able to share it with so many.

Event Director Kevin Bryant (Fairlight Manly Scouts)

The heart of Cubornet, our Cuboree on the internet, was the real sense of community we had - knowing so many other cubs were having fun joining in the activities too.

We really did 'Start with a Bang!' with some explosive science experiments on Saturday morning, and continued learning some magic, practicing juggling and testing our knowledge with an epic Kahoot! quiz. Of course, food was included too – delicious vegemite / jam / ham / cheese scrolls ready just in time for lunch.



OVER THE RAINBOW CUBORNET (CONTD.)

On Saturday night our Cubs 'Got Talent', showcased a variety of talents from the opening notes of Star Wars played on a cello. We enjoyed painted dragons, poetry, show jumping and daring beach acrobatics, before the beautiful saxophone recital brought our showreel to a close. The fun continued with everyone heartily singing campfire standards and personal favourites too.



On Sunday we started gently with some great yoga, and then enjoyed learning Auslan sign language. We heard tales of great scout camps (illustrated with our leaders' camp blankets) and made delicious sticky scarves for lunch. We even saved our best session until the end – building insect

hotels was rated the most 'Fantastic' activity by the cub participants.

We're now looking ahead to how we make the next one even better.

Jonathan Wood, DCSL Northern Beaches



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Joey pouches everywhere at 1st Gordon

By Diane Nolder

Cassie Nguyen—ASM

For her ASM, Cassi Nguyen wanted to choose a project to involve all 1st Gordon Cubs and Scouts and which could be completed in lockdown.

Cassi's project became Recycle 4 Rescue - to coordinate the making of joey pouches for wildlife rescue. Offering a prize for the highest number of pouches, Cassi emailed instructions on the type of material needed (soft cotton/flannelette) and the shape and dimensions of the pouches. Cubs and Scouts were asked to cut out their material and arrange delivery to Cassi's front porch. Volunteers with sewing machines were tasked with making the finished pouches. Quality control was important – the pouches cannot have open seams or corners where the joeys might catch claws or get stuck.

Cassi's early goal of 200 pouches was well exceeded with a final tally of 356. Well done to Gecko patrol who produced 132 - we will enjoy presenting their prize of chocolates and a special trophy when we can all meet again.

Cassi delivered half of the pouches to Beth Young OAM at Sydney Wildlife Rescue Northern District Branch. Beth was thrilled with the quantity and quality of the pouches. The other 173 pouches were sent to WIRES head office.



We were very excited to receive a picture of Betty the baby possum snuggled up in one of the 1st Gordon pouches. Well done Cassi and thank you to all the Cubs and Scouts for joining in such a rewarding project



MINI OLYMPICS ON ZOOM

Sydney North All Abilities Scouts - Beth Mitchell

With every athlete competing in all 10 events, the SNAAS Mini Olympics evolved into a spectacular Decathlon! All athletes impressed the officials with their preparation, each having made their own trebuchet/catapult, owing to factory closures during the pandemic.

Intense excitement precluded the need for an Opening Ceremony as participants began launching their missiles for the first event, the **Shot Put**. Spectators were forced to dive for cover as the Zoom Olympic Committee (ZOC) had failed to erect safety barriers. Tom took out the Gold Medal.



Fortunately, the ZOC got their act together in time for the **Javelin** to be completed safely, with Gold going to Sophie. This event was followed by the **F35 Discus** event where Matt finished with the Gold Medal and a new Paralympic Record.

Event 4 was **Gymnastics**. No records were broken in this event. Perhaps excitement interfered with athletes' concentration as many failed to score in the balancing act. The Gold Medal was awarded to Jodi, who performed a near perfect head balance.

Weightlifting saw all participants qualifying for a tough round in both the **Clean and Jerk** and the **Snatch**, both of which were won by NaNa.



In the **Relay** event no "batons" were dropped, and there were no disqualifications despite a few shonky passes. Sarah's final leg took Team SNAAS to Gold setting a new Olympic Record.



The Virtual **Goalball** final proved difficult for Referees as both teams scored a succession of goals throughout. With the score tied on 5 all at full time, Team SNAAS went on to snatch 2 more goals in extra time to take the Gold Medal.

All competitors showed good preparation going into the **Swimming**, with many personal best performances on the night. The final event on the program was **Synchronised Swimming**, with 6 athletes moving in perfect harmony.

Despite an exhausting program, all competitors attended the Closing Ceremony to sing, dance and celebrate their success.

By Cassie Donald



I enjoyed sleeping in the tent, and making pancakes and eating them

BRUSH PARK SCOUTS CONTINUE THROUGH COVID!

By Lynda Calder

Some ideas for your program.

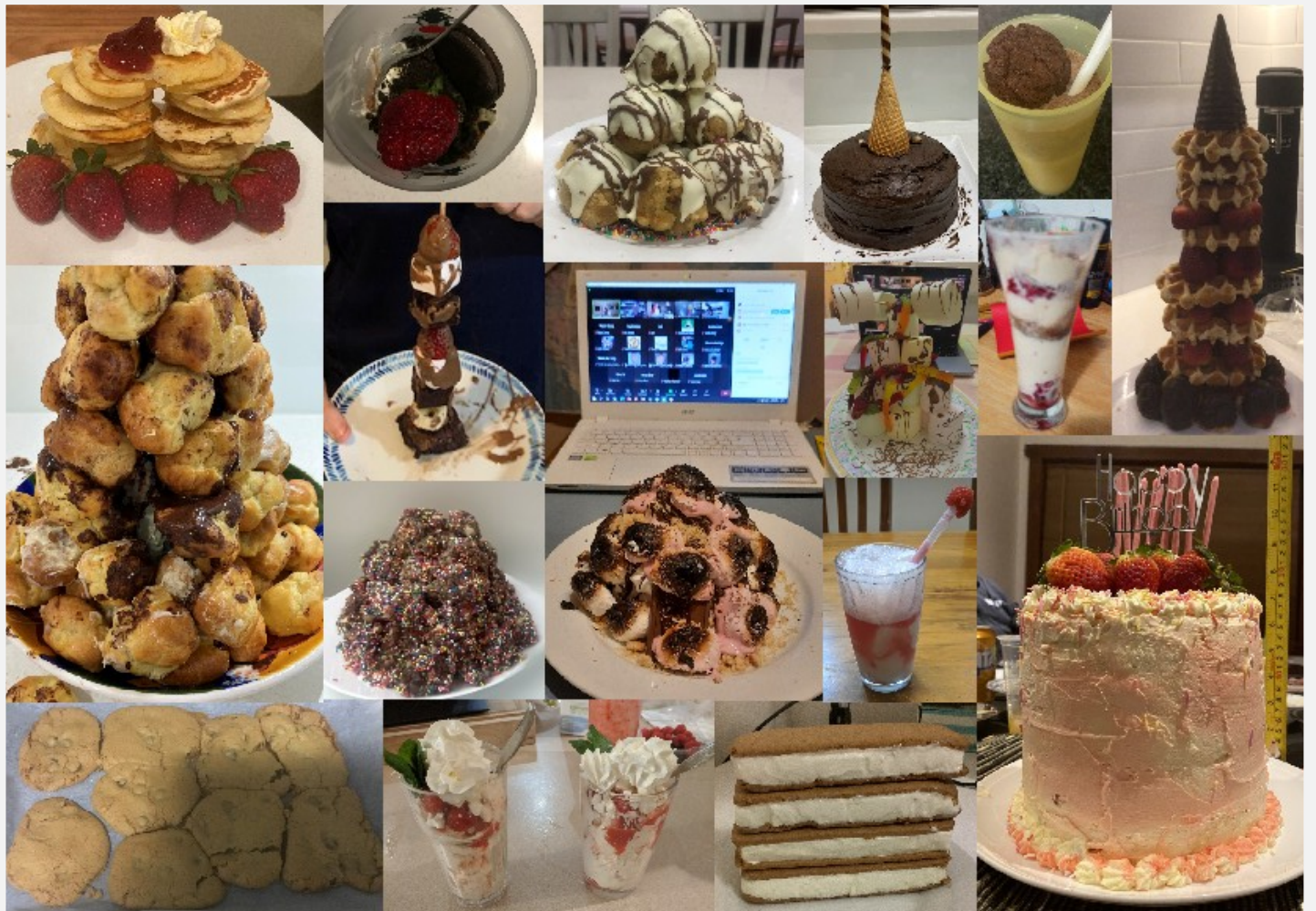
Not to be deterred by COVID Lockdown in 2021, the Scouts of Brush Park have continued to show up and have fun online. The Troop/Unit Council designs interesting and innovative nights that cover all the Challenge Areas. In fact, our District Scout Leader says they are an inspiration.

Since the beginning of Term 3, the Troop has planned online activities with contingencies should lock down end earlier. The majority of the Troop have come every Friday night and I can tell they value the connection which each other and the Scout Leaders. They are very proud of their program and so I thought I might share their ideas with others. Some of these nights were in Term 3, and some are in Term 4 to come.

- Community nights:
 - ◇ Online movie - we each had our own snacks, wore pyjamas and shared a movie over the internet – much typed chat through the movie
 - ◇ Explore Overseas – each Patrol chose two World Heritage sites from given continents and then gave us a tour of their sites using PowerPoint, Google Earth and other online resources
 - ◇ Community Organisations - A line up of community organisations will be invited to come and chat to the Scouts about what they do, interspersed with some fun, online games
 - ◇ Scout History – The PLs and APLs will present aspects of the Introduction to Scouting and Introduction to Section portion of the new youth program
- Outdoors nights:
 - ◇ Online Orienteering – there are many resources online to do orienteering (<https://orienteering-games.vercel.app/>) and the Patrols challenged themselves to orienteer through Lyons in France (<https://game.o-club.net/#/>)
 - ◇ OAS Trivia – everyone chose an aspect or area of the new OAS and did a 5-10 question Kahoot! Some were done on the night and the rest are being done to end subsequent nights.
 - ◇ What 3 Words – Patrols were given a list of What3Words and had to go out, take selfies at these locations through the week (obeying PHO) and load them into a Google doc. Then on the night we did more What 3 Word activities
 - ◇ Scavenger Hunt – finding stuff within the allowed 5km zone around their home
 - ◇ Widegame – using Google Street view, the Scouts will do a widegame through the streets of some UNKNOWN city (this could be a District event)
- Creative
 - ◇ Make a Movie Night – one Patrol overdubbed YouTube videos, another did a live PowerPoint presentation, yet another did an actual movie using Zoom footage they captured on the night
 - ◇ Master Chef – The Troop decided to make TALL DESSERTS and cooked in front of the camera sharing, photographing and then eating them. (see photo)
 - ◇ LEGO Masters or Making It Challenge Night – Scouts will be given various challenges to build things from either LEGO or recycled refuse
- Personal Growth
 - ◇ Share an Interest – it was a classic show and tell with some of the interests being converted into SIA – from cross-stitch, paper art and dancing to online gaming, running and show dogs.
 - ◇ Scout Olympics – Patrols choose their champions for each activity and compete to win the overall gold medal

BRUSH PARK SCOUTS CONTINUE THROUGH COVID! (Contd.)

ALL THE CAKES



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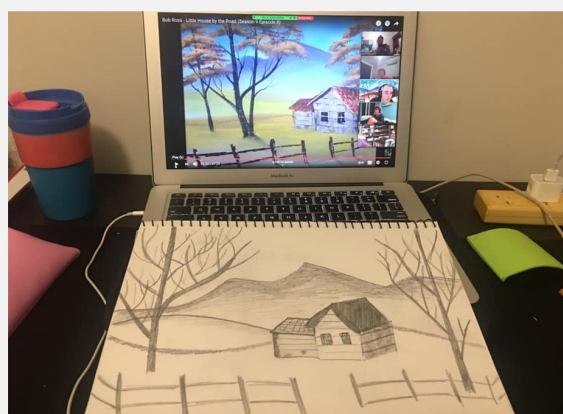
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SNR Rovers—out but never down!

By Kellie Chilvers
Region Rover Council PR



Rovers across the region have been meeting online throughout this lockdown, but it is great to see so many exciting and interesting nights happening. A few highlights include; Kissing Point's scavenger hunt with MCMK and Platabeen, Normanhurst's Escape room with their Vennies, MCMK's



annual murder mystery, Forest's Baking Night and Brush Park's Bob Ross painting night. It has been amazing to see the crews making the most of the lockdown and still planning awesome nights.

Throughout September, some Rovers have been

participating in Steptember, an annual Fundraiser for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Each participant set fundraising goals, and pledged to do 10,000 steps a day! In total the Sydney North Rovers did 5,919,630 steps and raised \$2590, what an awesome effort!

The National Plasma Challenge has been going on throughout this lockdown, and individuals are using this as a time to get out and save lives (in a Covid-safe way!), we have been able to donate whole blood or plasma, saving three lives with each donation! Rovers from Sydney North have made a total of 36 donations, and saved 108 lives! Special shout-out to Yaralla, who have donated plasma every two weeks as a crew!

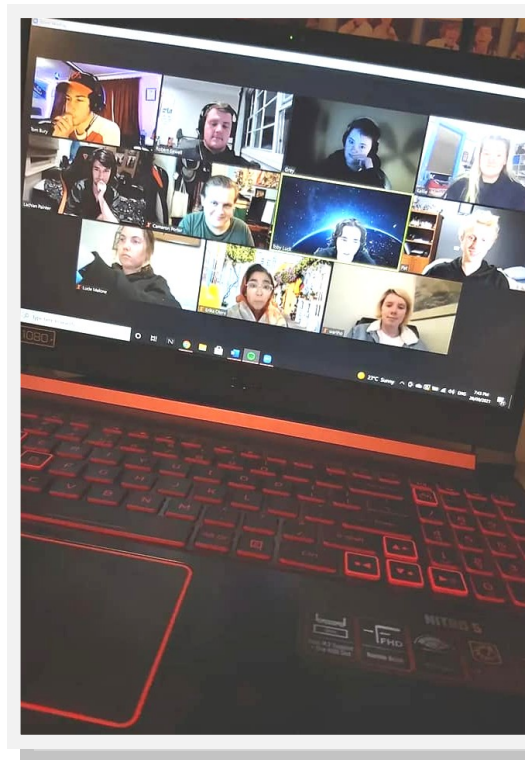
Due to the current restrictions in NSW we have had to miss out on some of the best rover events of the year, MMT and Harbour Cruise. While it has been sad to miss these events two years in a row, we are looking forward to next years events!

We also said good bye to World Moot 2022.0 in Ireland, after its postponement from 2021. However, World Moot 2025 has been announced in Portugal! We cannot wait to see what an amazing event that will be!



SNR Rovers—(Contd.)

As we begin to see a light at the end of the lockdown tunnel, we start to look forward to meeting in-person once again, we know that rovers have some great nights planned for their face-to-face meetings. We are beginning to see events happening again, including Forest's Annual Claus for a Cause, Summer Moot 2022 and Roventure: Monopoly Edition.

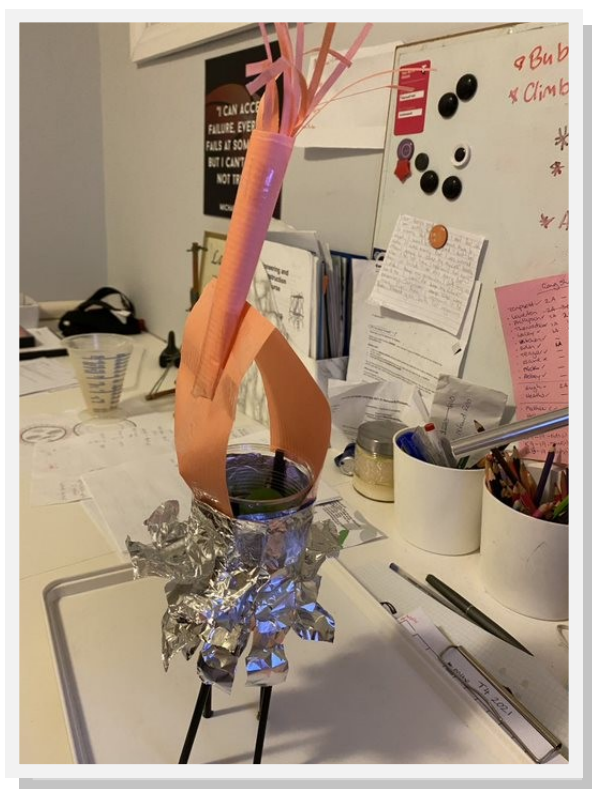


Hornsby Heights Drop Bears 'in Space'

By Larissa Tompsett

Hornsby Heights Drop Bear Scouts celebrated the end of the school holidays getting Lost in Space during a camp at home activity. The camp was structured in a way to allow Scouts flexibility in how to participate over the weekend, with set zoom check-ins for joint activities and points awarded for everything, going toward our Lockdown Patrol Challenge

Friday night saw campsites being set up and illuminated solar systems created, as well as Scouts naming their own planet before our first group activity. We came together after dinner for a creative challenge with everyone bringing the same items from a pre determined list. We used an online spinner to select an item to be made and its function, before allowing about 30minutes to create.



Saturday morning we held an opening parade, gave a weather report and set the challenges for the day. Scouts explained what was expected from each of the activities, with instructions and live demonstrations included. The unit could participate in survival water collection and purification,

hobo stove construction, a scavenger hunt at a local park, suspended pioneering and camp cooking. With rain on and off all day, it proved a challenge for some Scouts, with the temptation to set up tents inside rather than out, but all day our unit WhatsApp was active with pictures and comments, making us feel like we were actually together.



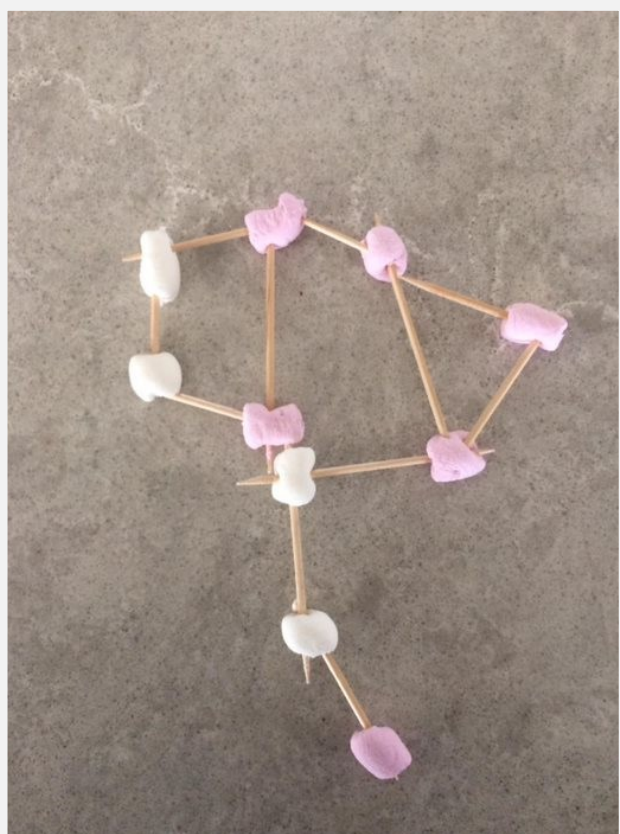
We came together again after dinner for an International Space Station (ISS) activity, where firstly we watched a short tour of one of the modules on the ISS. This sparked a lot of conversation about life in space, sleeping, eating, exercising and going to the bathroom. Scouts were then broken up into small groups and challenged to design a new module for the ISS. We again used an online spinner to choose what part they would design but also what must be included from a list of crazy things eg. spa bath, climbing wall, chandelier, trampoline etc

Scouts discussed and drew up different aspects of their module, with opportunities for scouts to return to the main room to ask questions or confer where doors and windows should go.

Hornsby Heights Drop Bears in space (Contd.)

Each team was able to present their designs, discussing the inclusions and how they would actually work in space.

Sunday morning was a brilliant sunny day, so after a quick check in and introduction to activities, we were off to maximise points collection doing as many activities as possible. Scouts created marshmallow constellations -10 points for each constellation), bottle rocket experiments, Ice-cream in a bag and a zero gravity challenge (moving from the front to back door of their home without touching the ground)



Each day we also held an optional 2pm zoom for badge work, well attended by Scouts eager to finalise holiday SIA's and OAS progressions from camp.

With a last flurry of submissions, points tallies were sent to the PL's before Closing parade at 4pm. The anticipation was palpable to know who won, but we held ourselves together to conduct our review first, before finally revealing the points

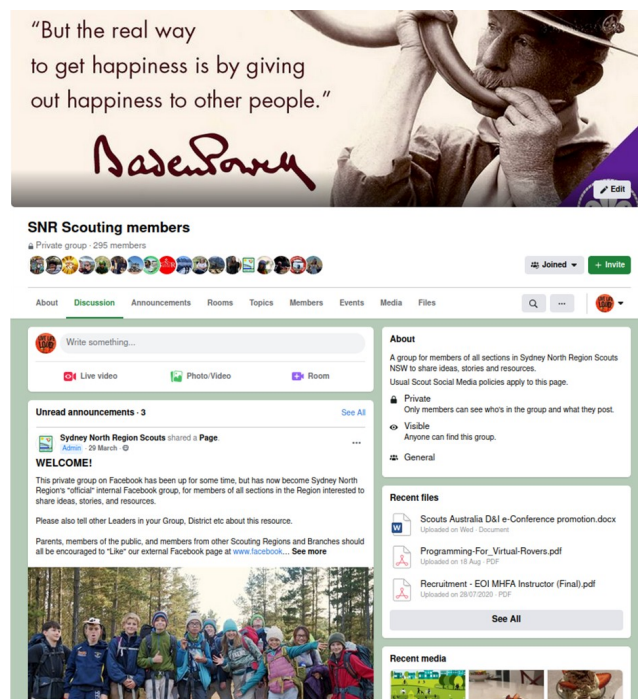
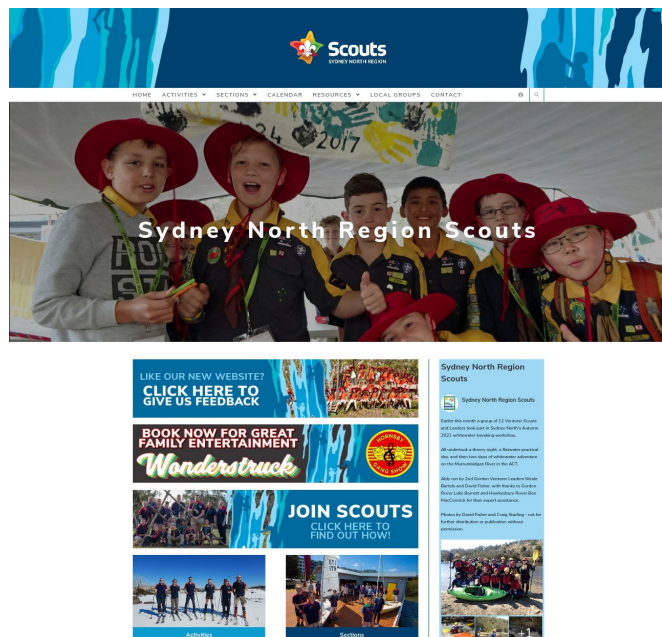
and if Dingo Patrol would topple Platypus from the podium.

Scouts agreed that they liked the flexible program, that is was low pace and hands on. They loved that the night activities had a mystery to them - why did we need an odd sock or 4 straws? Additionally they enjoyed what they learnt about space - confined spaces, the sleep pods, that there is actually exercise equipment on board and of course we '

ps. To put you out of your misery, Dingo trail Platypus by 15 points, with points for badges earned to be assigned on Thursday with the whole unit. Exciting!



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- Finally, all Leaders and other adult members are reminded about the Region's closed Facebook group, *SNR Scouting members* - www.facebook.com/groups/snrscouting This is an internal group for members of all sections in the Region to share ideas, stories, and resources. If you have not joined it already, do it today!



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