

1st Hawthorn SCOUTS at Scotch College



1st Hawthorn (Scotch College) Scout Group is a member group of Scouts Australia.

Boys in the Scout Troop come from Years 6, 7, 8, and 9.

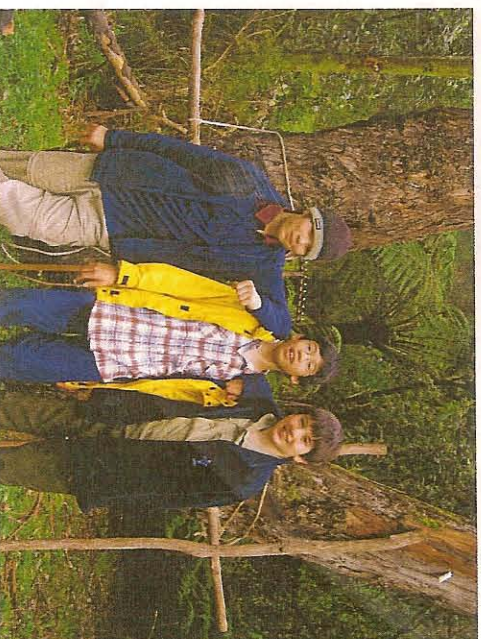
The troop meets on Thursday afternoons during the activities and services period. Boys in Years 7 and 8 take part in Scouts as an alternative to a second night's sports training each week: choosing Scouts, however, does not affect selection in school representative teams.

Boys in Year 9 participate in Scouts during the activities program on a Thursday afternoon, however they are encouraged to also join Venturers and take part in their activities, attending their Friday night meetings, hikes and camps.



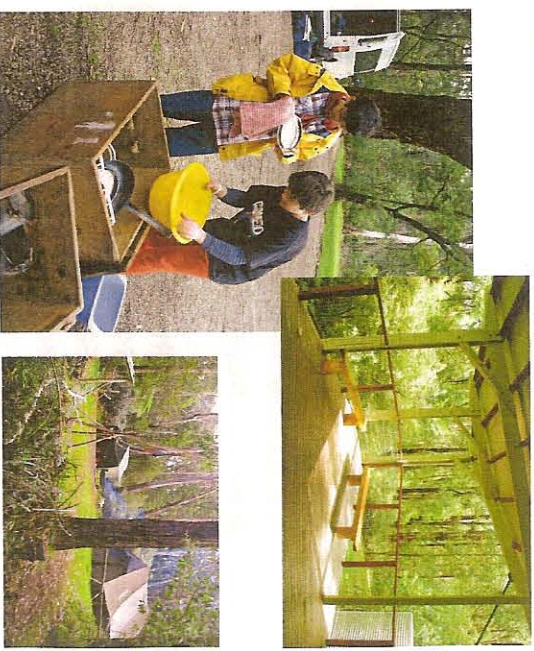
Annual Camp in September is held at the Group's property at Elliott Lodge, north of Healesville. Patrols compete for the Scottford Shield campcraft trophy and participate in a wide range of activities.

Annual camp, together with the Troop Hike in April/May and the December Patrol Leader training camp for Year 8 scouts, is a time-tabled school activity and is compulsory. All other out-of-school hours activities are voluntary, just as with any other Scout Troop.



As part of the Bororoondara District, members of 1st Hawthorn participate in a wide range of activities in the largest and most progressive Scout District in Australia.

These include the annual Bororoondara Challenge, the Bororoondara Big Bludge activity camp, the district internet wide game and Camberwell Showtime, Australia's largest Scout/Guide stage revue.



The Troop has access to the activities run on a state and national basis. These include Jamborees — held every three years — and large-scale camps.

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The school principal of Scotch College at the time, Dr. Littlejohn, announced at morning assembly on Friday November 12th 1926, that a scout troop would be formed at the school.

Such was the beginning of 1st Hawthorn, a troop which was to become possibly the largest in Australia. At its peak, the Group consisted of two cub packs, six troops, four Senior Scout troops (Venturer Units) and a Rover Crew. All boys in Senior School were either a scout or cadet.

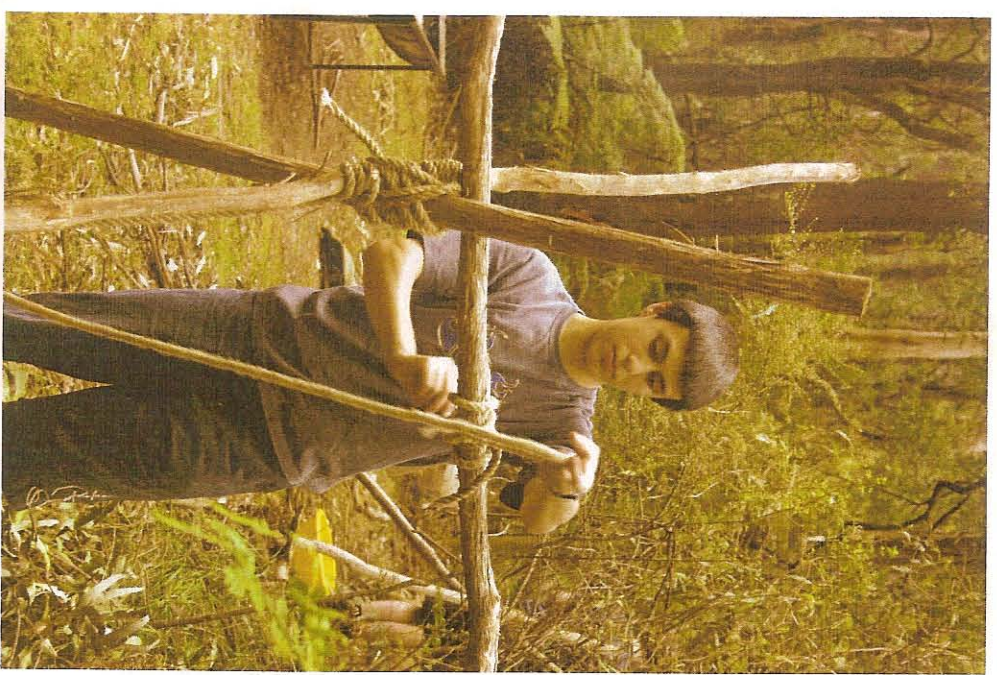
The "Rowan McNeil Memorial Scout Hall" was opened by Lady Baden-Powell on December 1st, 1957. The money for the building was raised by the parents of scouts, by holding a number of functions, to cover the cost of approximately 700 pounds.

Since its inception eighty years ago, 1st Hawthorn Scout Group has had 50 King and 325 Queen Scouts. This standard of citizenship is a remarkable achievement and recognised world wide. Currently we have several members working towards their Queen's Scout Award.

The Group is fortunate to have its own 80 hectre site at Elliott Lodge, Chum Creek Road Healesville. This magnificent area of unspoiled bushland, ferns, rainforest and tall timber has several excellent buildings and is used extensively.

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VENTURER UNITS & SCOUTS



The Venturer Unit

meets at the Scout Hall [in the green timber building near the Boat Shed Car Park] on a Friday evening between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. The Venturer Unit includes female members. They take the responsibility to organise and plan a very exciting programme each year, with advice and guidance from the Leaders. They participate in activities such as white water rafting, bike rides, cross country skiing, hiking and surfing to name a few.

Several of the members choose to work towards obtaining their Queen's Scout Award. Some of the boys in the Venturers assist the Scouts on a Thursday afternoon and at Annual Camp. They are known as ASL's , Assistant Scout Leaders.

The Rover Crew

meet on a Monday night in the Scout Hall between 7.30pm and 10.30pm. They also have female members attending. The Rovers have a great time and their activities take them far and wide having access to cars and being a mobile group. They also assist the Troop at Annual Camp running night wide games and special activities.

