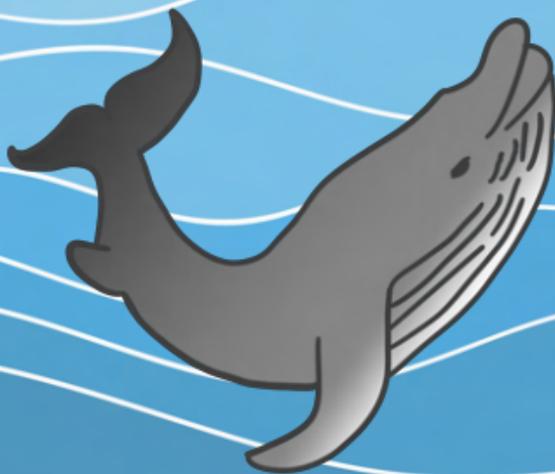


WAYLEN WOGGLE
AUGUST 2024



A MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP LEADER

This year is flying by. We are about halfway through Term 3 and activities seem to be happening left, right and centre. Our Scouts travelled to Ningaloo Reef for swimming, canoeing and camping in July for their 60th Anniversary Excursion and our Venturers travelled to Kalbarri for a week of abseiling, hiking and canoeing. In fact, our Venturers had such a great time, they are planning to go hiking in Tasmania in December to walk the Overland Track for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. I've been there myself, having trekked the Overland & Bibbulmun Tracks in times gone by.

Sadly, we are continuing to experience software problems with our membership and operations database. In fact, the new software is called ScoutMap and it has been an unmitigated disaster so far. Fortunately, our Group Committee has managed our finances extremely well over the last 10 years leaving the Group with substantial funds for our daily operations. With sound financial management, we are able to keep our Group fees as low as we can do so, and we can subsidize membership fees for our leaders' children and camping fees during our 60th Anniversary Excursions.

In Term 4, Scouts will be moving to a Wednesday night as our extra-ordinary Cub Leader "Maverick" is moving to Scouts to become our Unit Leader. He will be accompanied by Goose (I hope I got that right). Maverick will be building a team of outdoor leaders who will be off camping and hiking all year round. He wants you to join him.

After school holidays in Term 4, the Scouts, Venturers and Rovers dust off the cobwebs on their sailing craft and start sailing. We have 2 x 6 person sail boats, 2 x 2 person pacers, 2 Manleys for our Cubs and a 18ft Redwitch yacht and a 22ft Spacesailer yacht. All of our watercraft cost about \$2,000 each to maintain for each calendar year of use and that's where sea scouts spend a lot of operational funds using and maintaining them. Our Water Activities leader "Baloo" will be designing an outdoors program with lots of sailing, and it would great if Mums and Dads come along and get involved supporting their respective Units.

With the summer months coming, I note that Baloo and his daughter Annabelle will venturing off to the next Australian Jamboree in Brisbane. It will be a blast mixing with 10,000 scouts from all over Australia for 10 days plus post event tour after the Jamboree. The Group is very fortunate to have two representatives attending this important iconic adventure.

Our Rover Emily Ward has just returned from attending a World Rover Moot in Europe for 10 days. She is still bubbling with excitement from this adventure.

That's all for now, good scouting and stay safe.

Llew Withers "Kozzie"
Group Leader
Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS - SCOUTS EXPEDITION

Sunday

When we heard we had to spend the first few days of our precious school holidays in a stuffy minibus, an off-the-grid adventure to Ningaloo Reef didn't sound very appealing! But we reluctantly agreed and were rewarded with an amazing beach camping experience! We left early Sunday morning and after a quick bus change-over in Malaga we hit the road. Our overnight destination was Wooramel Station, a short 8 hour drive away! At Wooramel we enjoyed a roast dinner under the stars and an artisan bore spa – not quite the spa experience we were expecting but nice and warm and fun with friends.

Monday

We were up early on Monday, packed up our tents and filled our trailers ready for the next leg – Exmouth (6 hours). Nothing exciting to report except for some minor road flooding, but nothing our parent helpers couldn't handle. After filling up with water and ice in Exmouth, we continued to our campsite in Cape Range National Park.

At first sight, T-Bone Bay seemed like paradise – our own shady campsite complete with toilet, private beach and even a reef! But once night fell, we realised we were not alone... We were sharing our desert oasis with a cluster of eight-legged locals, hundreds of them! It certainly made overnight visits to the toilet interesting.

Tuesday

After a restless night dreaming of vampire spiders, we visited Milyering Visitor Centre for a water safety briefing. Then we drove out to Turquoise Bay and spent the day exploring the crystal-blue waters. Some of the wildlife we saw included turtles, stingrays, reef sharks, sea cucumbers, heaps of brightly-coloured fish and a sea snake! We finished the day with a patrol hole-digging competition on the beach and delicious hamburgers for dinner. Later that evening, we were visited by the park rangers, who were thoroughly impressed with our pioneering skills – surely that's worth more badges Baloo?



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS - SCOUTS EXPEDITION

Wednesday

Our sea kayaking tour was bumped to the afternoon, so we decided to tackle the Mandu Mandu hike. We rose with the sun and boarded the bus with empty tummies – no time for breakie! The Mandu Mandu trail winds along a rocky creek bed and deep into a gorge. We weren't able to hike to the rim but we did see lots of black-flanked rock wallabies, sitting on the gorge ledges looking down on us like guardians. Once we got back to camp we stuffed ourselves silly with french toast, bacon and syrup, cooked by Gecko and Martin – yum!



Later in the day we tested out our kayaking skills with Exmouth Adventure Co. Our tour guides had to change our paddling course a few times because of the wind, but we still saw heaps of amazing scenery and wildlife. The local sea turtles escorted us to our reef dive site and the flying fish motivated us to keep paddling. The reef snorkel didn't disappoint either – lots of giant clams, starfish, octopus, parrot fish, and sharks. After our eventful excursion, we paddled our exhausted bodies back to camp and finished the day with a mountain of tacos, burritos, cake, and custard.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS - SCOUT EXPEDITION

Friday

After waking to Baloo's pot-lid serenade, we got busy finishing our breakie supplies and packing up our campsite including our Taj Mahal dining shelter! Our journey home began with a 6 hour drive to Wooramel Retreat. We arrived around 4ish and rushed off for a dip in the artesian bore baths before dinner. In the evening, we had hot milo and cake under the stars and reflected on our wonderful adventure.

Saturday

Packed up our site early and enjoyed a Wooramel Retreat toastie/damper. Then back on the bus for our long trip home. After a detour through the backstreets of Geraldton, courtesy of Google Maps, we were hit with wet weather which slowed us down to a crawl for the rest of the journey. We finally arrived back in Perth to cold, miserable weather and excited parents.

Whilst our journey was long and tedious, the destination was extraordinary! The weather was glorious, the landscape was breathtaking, the wildlife was fascinating, and our adventures were spectacular - left us all wanting more! And it was made possible thanks to our wonderful volunteer leaders, parent helpers, and committee members.



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROGRAM

Jackie Omodei - Treasurer, Membership Officer, Merchandise Sales
12 years of service

Favourite Colour

Green

Favourite Food

Pudding

Favourite Scout Memory

Rottneest group camp



Jackie has been involved in the Waylen Bay Group Committee since 2011, first as the Membership Officer and later taking on the additional role of Treasurer in 2014. Her valuable knowledge and experience ensure smooth management of the group's financial and membership requirements and her commitment to these roles support families as they navigate their scouting journeys.

Three of her four children have been involved with Scouting, as members of Bicton Scout Group (now closed) and Waylen Bay. The youngest of the three, Emily has been a member at Waylen Bay since she was a Joey and is a current member of the Waylen Bay Rover Unit.

You will see Jackie around at many of the group events like SwanAbout, Jacaranda Festival and Group Camp, you may also see her selling sailing shirts from the back of her car (if you need one, please contact her). Don't hesitate to say hello and have a chat - beware, she will try to talk you into a small job within the Group!

She can be reached at waylenbay.treasurer@gmail.com

MUSIC IN THE AIR 2024

The Attadale Rotary Club is holding an orchestral concert at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church auditorium on Saturday 31st August. The concert will feature the Southside Symphony Orchestra playing themes from popular movie soundtracks.

Rotary is an excellent supporter of the Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group. Rotary has made money available for the purchase of our 2 rescue boats "Miss Melville" and "Gordon Cargeeg" and has purchased numerous outboard motors for our power and sailing craft.

Its now the time to give back to Rotary and support this event. Could we ask Mums and Dads and grandmas and grandpas and other family members to come along and buy tickets. The money will be spent on purchasing tents and equipment for victims of worldwide international disasters and funds will also be spent on local projects helping our community.

Can we count on scouts to help Rotary on this occasion?
You can grab your tickets now using the link below otherwise they are available at the door!



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Club of Attadale *present*

Music in the Air

Proceeds to ShelterBox (Disaster Relief) and Rotary Projects with SSSO under Guest Conductor Sara Duhig playing great movie themes and popular classics

SATURDAY • 31 AUGUST 2024 • 7:00PM
Mount Pleasant College Auditorium, 497 Marmion Street, Booragoon

An evening of light classics including favourite pieces from

- Les Misérables
- Turandot (Nessun Dorma)
- The Merry Widow
- The Magnificent Seven

FEATURING
Anneke Van der Laan , Cello
Charis Postmus , Soprano
Vin Trikeriotis , Tenor

TICKETS: Adults \$40 - Concessions: \$35 - Group discounts - Tea, coffee and cake
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Sunset on the beach during Scouts Expedition

GET IN TOUCH



Want to join?

There have been recent changes to the process of joining online. Parents will now need to lodge an expression of interest through the ScoutsWA website [here](#).

Once you have completed the above, let us know!

Send an email to our Group Membership Officer, Ms Jackie Omodei at waylenbay.treasurer@gmail.com

Jackie will send through an information pack from the Scouts Group to assist you in the process of joining.