



Scouts Armidale

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Welcome to 2019

Fees for 2019

Fees have increased in 2019 due to an increase in the State membership fee, and a need for us to meet our increasing operational costs (badges, utilities, rent).

The new fee is \$80 per term, with the additional joining fee for new members remaining at \$60. The new fee schedule is available on the group website fees page: <https://scoutsarmidale.org/fees>

The fee schedule contains details of the discount for families with three or more children in the group, and for children of leaders and committee members.

EFT payment details are also in the fee schedule. Fees for Term 1 are due by Friday 22 Feb 2010. If you are unable to pay fees by then please contact the Group Leader to make alternate arrangements.

Leaders and Committee Who's Who?

Uniformed leaders are a visible and vital volunteer role for adults in scouting. We have several leaders as we start 2019: Mark Shephard (Group Leader & Venturers); Bruce Myers (Scouts); Eva Cole (Scouts); Naomi D'Arcy (Cubs); Amanda Ferris (Cubs).

Also critical are our non-uniformed adult volunteers on the Support Committee. The committee members are appointed for a 12-month term. Current members include: Cameron Cowley (Chair); Gus Lloyd (Secretary *finishing March 2019*); Joanna Buckland (Treasurer).

Your Scout Group Needs You - URGENTLY



Scouts Armidale runs entirely on the efforts of volunteers. We urgently need more adult support to ensure that our scout group can continue to operate. At a minimum we need:

- 1 more cub leader,
- 1 more scout leader,
- 1 more venturer leader,
- 1 committee secretary, and
- 1 Bunnings BBQ coordinator.

It is possible that without adults stepping forward to fill these crucial roles that the scout group will be unable to operate beyond 1st Term 2019.

If you would like to see scouting continue in Armidale now is the time to join the volunteer team as a leader or fill a vital role on the support committee. Please contact the Group Leader to submit your interest and get an application form: 0447 532 052, or admin@scoutsarmidale.org

The Woodbadge is 100

2019 is the centenary of the leader training 'Woodbadge'. Leaders undertake two stages of training, basic level skills, that may be followed by advanced level training. Once a leader has completed advanced training, they are awarded the Woodbadge (so called because it is a set of wooden beads on a leather strap). If you see a leader wearing wooden beads on a leather strap, this means that they have completed advanced training and attained the Woodbadge.

Some Dates for the Diary

The coming events down the left side of the home page, is currently not operating and I am working on setting it up again. Below are some dates of interest that should be read along with your section program:

- 19 February: BP Banquet
- 8-10 March: Scout Camp at Newholme
- 16 March: New England Festival Parade
- 17 March: Group Council (Youth and Adult leaders)
- 23-24 March: Scout and Venturer Survival Camp at Kamilaroi
- 6-7 April: North West Spirit Camp
- 9 April: Cub Family bike ride and BBQ

Details will be sent through the Care Monkey system.

Welcome to Venturer's

Venturer Scouts is the youth section for 15 to 17 year olds. The unit is meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the storage shed. There are 6 youth from our scout troop who have made the move into the older section: Dhavve, Ehan, Dylan, Alexandra, Oscar, and Mia. The Venturer Leader (VL) is Mark Shephard (also continuing as Group Leader). Mark has been a VL since 1991, having served with units at Griffith, Deniliquin, and Yanco Agricultural High School.

Pioneering the New Youth Program

In 2019 Scouts Armidale will be making the transition to the new youth program. We are one of several NSW Groups trialling the new program that will be implemented across Australia in coming years. More about this will follow as we sort through the details.