



GROUP

ABOVE: GROUP LEADERS LEFT-RIGHT STARTING WITH MALCOLM CAMPBELL [CENTRE], PATTI KRUGER, AUDREY PLUMB, NEVILLE PLUMB AND WAYNE CRAMP. RIGHT: VENTURERS HAMISH PLUMB, CHARLIE CAMPBELL AND TESS GURLING; JOEYS COOKING; CUBS AND SCOUTS CANOEING AT STEWARTS CROSSING

1st Braidwood

Malcolm Campbell tells the story

When I moved here from Bungendore where I was a Leader with 1st Bungendore Scouts, a catch up with 1st Braidwood's Laurie Joyce started the ball rolling about transferring from Bungendore Scouts to Braidwood Scouts. I knew the group was in recess and in order to restart the group more Leaders were required.

Having already been a Leader in the Joey, Cub and Scout sections with my two children, I was looking to continue our Scouting adventure in the Braidwood area.

When the Braidwood Group restarted in January 2016 the Scout section had two Scouts, two Leaders and Laurie Joyce as Group Leader, but it didn't take long before word got around about Braidwood Scouts once again providing more opportunities for the youth in our community.

It is fantastic to see the growth over the last few years. Today we have 6 Leaders covering all age groups, along with

10 Joeys, 10 Cubs, 5 Scouts, and 4 Venturers. The biggest growth we have seen is in the Joey Mob this year, which should see the Group continue to prosper and grow. Joeys become Cubs, Cubs become Scouts, Scouts become Venturers and Venturers become the Leaders of the future.

Scouts NSW provides youth aged 5 to 25 with fun and challenging opportunities to grow through adventure.

A sense of community is a big part of it — and adventure; all the outdoor activities that we do. We have a lot of programs to keep our youth interested with a focus on exploring the outdoors and living an active lifestyle in a safe and friendly environment.

Every Thursday night we run an inte-

grated pack. We start with Joeys in the late afternoon and run through to Venturers in the evening.

To provide a complete and challenging program for our youth we need more Leaders. I think it's a misnomer that you have to have children in the Scouts to be a Leader. You don't — you just need to have a good sense of adventure, the willingness to learn and the enthusiasm to teach and lead by example. Scouts NSW provides ongoing leadership training, which is a nationally VET accredited qualification in leadership and management. Adventurous training can include abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing and caving.

We regularly contribute articles in the *Braidwood Times* and have a strong presence on social media sites like Facebook.

If you would like to contact the Group about Scouts in Braidwood or becoming a Leader, please contact us via email: braidwoodscouts@gmail.com

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