



# 1st Grose Vale Scouts

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## WELCOME TO THE 1st GROSE VALE SCOUT GROUP

With over 18,000 youth and adult members from various cultural and religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, Scouts NSW is one of the largest and most successful youth organisations in the state.

At Scouts NSW, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life. We encourage young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we help thousands of young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future.

We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and adventurers to astronauts and Olympians. We deliver an essential service that empowers young people to be active, confident, responsible citizens of their local, national and international communities.

For each generation of Scouts, the challenge has remained the same: to make a better world and have some fun along the way.

We're incredibly proud of the positive impact we've made to millions of people over the past century. And our secret to success? We put the needs of young people first. Our youth-led, adult supported approach ensures our youth members are always at the forefront of our program.





### Joining our Group

We want your child to enjoy their Scouting adventure. We offer a 4-week obligation free period for your child to experience our Group, participating in meetings and activities before being "invested" (when they will get the badges and scarf for their uniform). In that time, they will gain an understanding of the Scout Law & Promise and experience how their Section operates.

Parents are advised of the "Investiture Ceremony", so you can pay the membership fees, organise a uniform and to be present for the ceremony, where you can take photos.

### Our Sections

At 1<sup>st</sup> Grose Vale we offer a quality Scouting program for the following sections:

	5-8 years <b>Joey's</b>	Wednesday 5:15pm – 6:15pm		8 to 11 Years <b>Cubs</b>	Wednesday 6:30pm – 8:00pm
	11 to 14 Years <b>Scouts</b>	Monday 6:30pm – 8:30pm		14 to 18 Years <b>Venturers</b>	Tuesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm



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## Cost

Scouting at Grose Vale Scout Group costs about \$12 per week. This covers most costs (as outlined below):

- ✚ \$55 Scout Association Joining Fee (one off - for new members only)
- ✚ \$250 yearly registration and Insurance (including personal accident and public liability insurance). This can be paid quarterly at \$62.50 per term. Parents/Carers can receive up to two \$100 Active Kids vouchers that go towards membership fees.
- ✚ \$58 Group fees per term (Term fees can be reduced by helping out within the group).

Group fees and other activity payments must be made by direct deposit to Bendigo Bank North Richmond, 1st Grose Vale Scout Group: BSB 633-000 Account 122 456 189.

When paying by direct deposit please put a family name as a reference and reason for payment. Also send a courtesy email with details of amount, who and what you are paying for to the treasurer ([catherine.saliba@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:catherine.saliba@nsw.scouts.com.au)).

## Uniform

Uniform Shirt and Belt can be purchased from the Scout Shop online at: <https://scoutshop.com.au/>. Pants/short/skirts etc. are fawn (light brown)/bone coloured, which can be purchased in clothing stores. Youth are expected to have a wide brim hat for outside activities (can also be bought from the scout shop). Covered in shoes must be worn at all times (including canoeing etc.) Scarves and badges are provided at no cost on investiture.

## Parent Involvement and Parent support committee (group committee)

The most successful Scout Groups are those where there is strong adult support. Whether it is as a Leader or as a member of the Parent Support Committee, our Scout Group could use your experience and expertise.

Every parent is automatically a member of the Committee and meetings are held on the 3rd Monday every month at the Scout Hall. Positions are filled annually but your input and support is important and extremely valuable.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is an important activity in keeping fees down and teaching our youth the value of money. Families are required to participate in the fundraising events and all families will be rostered to do so (unless you have taken on another major role within the group). Our major current fundraising events are generally BBQ's and Raffles.

## Grounds and hall maintenance

The Group will be scheduling a Working Bee each term to ensure we maintain our buildings and the grounds. This helps keep our facilities safe for our Scouting family. All Parents are required to participate in these Working Bees that will normally be a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday.

## On camps/outings

Parents and caregivers can help with transport, serving refreshments, attending camps as cooks, specialist skills, organising gear/food, helping to clean up or pack away after camps. Volunteering for roles such as these helps to 'free up' the uniformed Leaders so they can focus on planning and running activities, and providing youth members with the best possible Scouting experience.



"I started helping out once a month, went on some camps, and I loved it so much that now I've become a Leader!"

## What to bring to Nightly Meetings

For the comfort, fun and safety of our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, please ensure the following items come with your child each week.

1. Wearing uniform, which includes scarf.
2. Spare shirt for when activities could damage Scout Shirt
3. Wide brimmed hat
4. Water bottle with drinking water
5. Simple 1st Aid Kit
6. Insect Repellent
7. Sunscreen
8. Torch
9. Compass (optional)

For further information, please contact us at: [contact@1stgrosevalscouts.com](mailto:contact@1stgrosevalscouts.com) or talk to your section Leader.