



Scouts
VICTORIA

Narre Warren Scout Group
Information Booklet



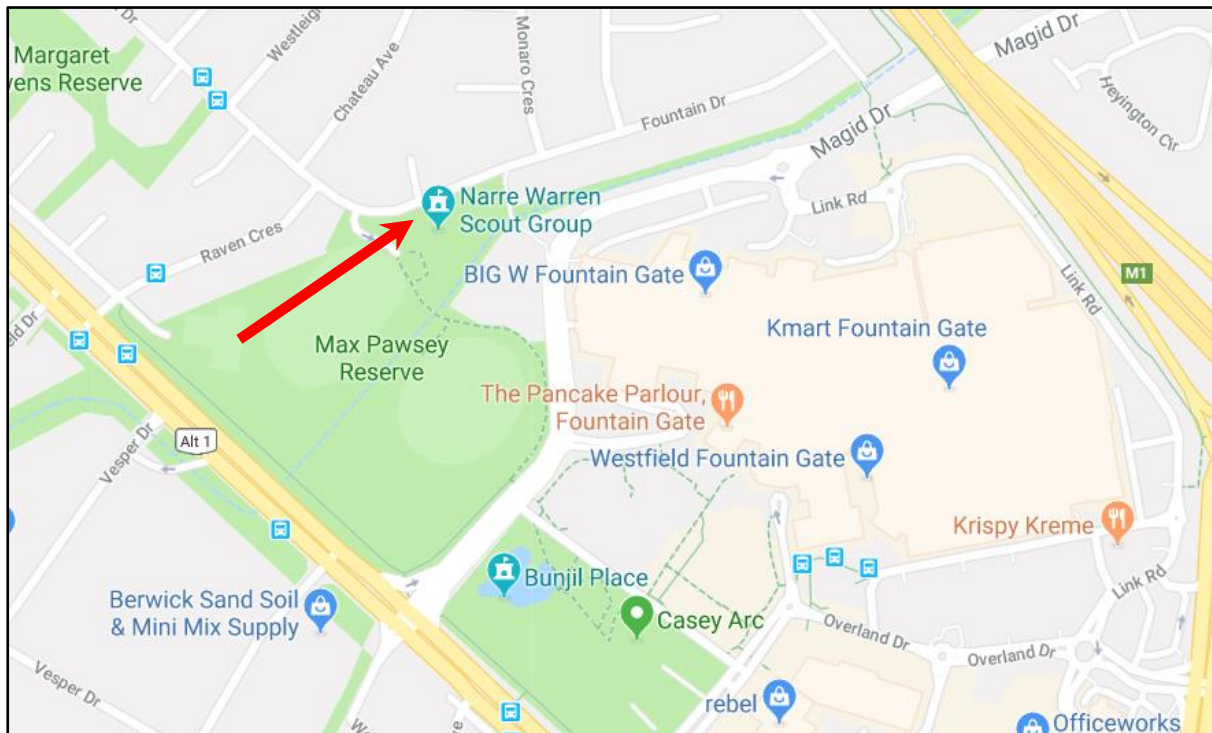
Welcome

Welcome to the Narre Warren Scout Group. Thank you for considering joining the adventure with us. The Narre Warren Scout Group is a member of the world-wide Scouting organisation. Scouts is the world's largest organisation for non-formal education with 47 million members. Scouts is youth led and adult supported.

Scouting provides:

- Learning by doing
- Learning in small groups
- Learning in the outdoors
- Learning through fun!

The Group meets at the Max Pawsey Reserve, Fountain Drive, Narre Warren.



Map from <https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-38.0175172,145.295615,16z>

Narre Warren Scout Group

The Group has three age-based sections consisting of one Joey mob, two Cub packs and one Scout troop. Each section meets during school term as outlined below.

Section	Age Range	Meeting Time
Joey's	5* to 7	Thursday 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Cubs (Pawsey Pack)	8 to 10	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Cubs (Sweeney Pack)	8 to 10	Friday 7:00 to 8:30 pm
Scouts	11 to 14	Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00 pm

* 5 year olds need to have completed at least one term of primary school prior to commencing.

The Group does not currently offer Venturers or Rovers located at our hall. Our youth are hosted at other groups when they are ready to go up to Venturers.

Sections

Scouting is youth-led and adult supported. As youth get older they take an increased role in the planning of the activities they wish to undertake. These activities include:

- The awards program (badge work).
- Adventurous activities (abseiling, canoeing, mountain bikes, rock climbing, etc.).
- Outdoor activities (hiking, camping, orienteering).
- Major events (Kangaree, Cuboree, Jamboree)

Joeys



Joeys is the youngest section offered within the Scouting movement. Youth from the age of five can join Joeys if they have been at Primary School for at least one term. The Joey program is an introduction to Scouting and has an award scheme the leads to youth being able to achieve the pinnacle award, the Promise Challenge. Every two



years Joeys are offered the opportunity to attend Kangaree which is a state-wide camp with Joeys from across Victoria. When Joeys are seven and a half, they commence linking to one of the Cub packs.

Cubs



Cubs is for youth eight to ten years old and is organised around the theme of the Jungle Book. Cubs take a more active role in the planning of the activities. There is an award scheme which leads to Cubs being able to achieve the pinnacle award, the Grey Wolf. Every three years Cubs are offered the opportunity to attend Cuboree which is a



state-wide camp with Cubs from across Victoria. When Cubs are ten and a half, they commence linking to the Scout troop.

Scouts



Scouts is for youth eleven to fourteen years old. Scouts have an increased role in the planning of the program than Cubs. There is an award program to challenge the youth across a wide range of activities leading to the pinnacle award, The Australian Scout Medallion. Every three years there is a Jamboree where Scouts from across



Australia gather for a camp with adventurous activities. When youth are fourteen and a half, they can commence linking to Venturers.

Venturers



Venturers is for youth fifteen to seventeen years old. Narre Warren Scout Group does not currently have a Venturer Unit. Youth from the age of fourteen and a half can commence linking to Venturers. Youth are encouraged during this linking period to try different Venturer units as each has a different dynamic and



different youth will feel more comfortable with different programs. Like the other sections there is an awards system which leads to the pinnacle award, The Queen's Scout. Every three years there is a Venture which is a gathering of Venturers from across Australia. When youth are seventeen and a half, they can commence linking to Rovers.

Rovers



Rovers is for young adults eighteen to twenty-six. Narre Warren Scout Group does not have a Rover Crew attached to the group though there are several crews within Casey. Rover Crews, like Venturer Units have different dynamics and the young adults are encouraged to try out different crews. There is an awards scheme in



Rovers which leads to the pinnacle award, The Baden-Powell award.

Adults helping youth

Scouts is not simply a child-minding activity. The group relies on parent participation to run. Every leader and committee member are volunteers who gives of their time to support the youth. Parents are required to help with tasks such as the provision of transport and helping with fundraising activities. It is expected that at least one parent or guardian assists with the running of the group.

Adult Helpers

If you wish to help out on a regular basis for example you stay to help the leaders more than two times a term then you need to become an Adult Helper. Adult Helpers under the supervision of the Leaders can assist with the running of the program.

Committee

Group Committee helps with the running of the Group. There are several key positions including President, Treasurer, Secretary, Quartermaster as well as general committee members. The role of the committee is to assist the leaders to run the group with activities such as maintaining the hall, managing the equipment used by the youth, and fundraising. Parents and guardians are encouraged to join committee to help with the running of the group. Group Committee meets once a month during school term.

Leaders

Without leaders it would not be possible to offer the youth a rewarding and life changing program. Parents interested in actively helping youth are most welcome to speak to the Group Leader. Scouts provides leaders with support including the program (badge work),

program resources, leadership training, campsites etc. so that the leaders can support the youth. Leaders are welcome for Joeys, cubs and Scouts as well as Assistant Group Leader.

How to join the adventure

Trial

The group offers three trial sessions free of charge before needing to commit to joining scouts. There are some conditions on being able to trial including:

- Attendance at the first session must be pre-arranged by contacting the Group Leader.
- The prospective members form must be completed which is available from the leaders on the first trial night.
- The prospective member may not attend camps or sleepovers.

YES! Sign me up!

We are sure that your child will love the scouting program. Upon confirming interest, the group will issue an invitation to join along with an invoice for the group and section fees. **Note that due to the COVID-19 crisis you can join Scouts for free through to the March 31, 2021.** The group fees cover from April 1 each year and are charged on a pro-rata basis per term (see below). Once the fees have been paid, the link in the invitation is followed and the requested information completed a time will be arranged for your child to be invested and make their promise.

The only item of uniform required initially is the Scout shirt. Each section has a different colour, Joeys – Tan, Cubs – Yellow and Scouts – Green. Each youth will then be issued with initial badges and a scarf when they are invested. These shirts are available either online (<https://scoutshop.com.au/>) or from the Snowgum Factory Outlet store (1702 Dandenong Road, Oakleigh East, VIC 3166).

Ambulance coverage

It is highly recommended that families have ambulance coverage. The cost for an ambulance trip can be considerable. Coverage for ambulance trips for emergencies may be covered by a health care card or private health coverage though there are exceptions including transfers between hospitals. Further information of ambulance cover can be found at the following link: <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership/>

Fee structure

Group fees are charged on a financial year basis, April 1 to March 31. From April 1, 2021 members who join part way through the year the fees are levied on a pro-rata basis per the table below. Note that the sections also charge a term by term fee of \$20/term that helps to pay for the running of section activities and the purchase of consumables and badges.

JOINING TERM	GROUP FEE	2021-22
Term 2	100%	\$370.00
Term 3	75%	\$277.50
Term 4	50%	\$185.00
Term 1	25%	\$92.5

Where my money goes

As noted above there are no fees being levied through to March 31, 2021. The group charges fees to be able to run the Scouting program. The fees levied for the financial year 2019-20 were used as follows:

COMPONENT	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Victorian branch fees	\$232
Casey district fees	\$20
Insurance (contents)	\$15
Hall running costs (e.g. utilities, minor repairs & maintenance, new equipment, etc.)	\$103
Total Fee	\$370

Further information

For further information about joining Narre Warren Scout Group please contact:

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