

Fact Sheet For Parents

Cub Scouts
The Cub Scout Section At Manly-Lota

Is There A Cub Scout Section At Manly-Lota?

Yes. Cub Scouts is the second section into Scouts, it is the second Section you can join at Manly-Lota.

What Is The Manly-Lota Cub Scout 'Pack' Called?

The Manly-Lota Cub Scout 'Pack' is officially called "Manly-Lota Pack A".

Some Groups have specific nicknames for their "Packs", we simply refer to ourselves as Manly-Lota.

While it is called "Pack A", there is no "Pack B" or any other.

Where Does The Manly-Lota Cub Scout Section Meet?

We are based at the Group "Den" at 34 Wood Street, Manly, QLD.

Learn more about the History of the "Den" on our Group website.

When Are Your Meetings?

The Manly-Lota Cub Scout "Pack" generally meets Sunday evenings every week during the school term from 5.00-7.00pm, starting the first Sunday before the start of Term, and finishing the last weekend before the holidays.

In addition we have Outdoor Activities, Special Events, District and Region Events and Pack and Group Holidays which can occur on almost any day of the week, but in general are restricted to Friday evening through to Sunday evening.

How Many Youth Members/Leaders Are There In The Manly-Lota Cub Scout 'Pack'?

Currently, as at 18/05/2016 we have 24 Youth Members (11 males, 11 females), supported by one female Cub Scout Leader, four Assistant Cub Scout Leaders (two female, two male), one female Adult Helper, one male Youth Helper and a rostered Parent Helper system of both Mums and Dads.

The Manly-Lota Support Committee has fixed the maximum number of Youth Members in Cubs at 36, at which time a waitlist is in place.

What Educational Outcomes Are The Manly-Lota Cub Scout "Pack" Aiming To Achieve?

In keeping with the Policy And Rules Of The Scout Association Of Australia, the Manly-Lota Cub Scout Pack continuously strives to provide the opportunity to develop physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally and spiritually through participation in an exciting educational program based on individual needs.

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Programs have been established over a number of years, but are never the same every time around – we constantly aim for new and exciting ways to explore different ideas.

We hold themed “Fitness” nights, participate in hikes, bushwalking, and things like Rock Climbing, canoeing and swimming to develop fitness and not many nights go by where we are not looking to strengthen co-ordination skills with balls games, skills testing, and rope tying.

We try things like soap and vegetable carving, explore Handcrafts, origami and even screenprinting amongst other things to develop creative skills.

To develop concepts of options and decision making we hold Six challenges both at Den Nights and away on camps, as well as involving the older Cub Scouts in consultations with the Leadership team.

Learning by doing is reinforced in every aspect of our program and highlighted none more than on Outdoor Cooking nights or camps where Cubs learn everything from the importance of hygiene and food preparation, through to cooking a full course meal all on the open fire.

A sense of the environment is primary in our involvement annually with Clean-Up Australia Day, and our involvement with the local Reserve Group at our Den.

Every meeting begins and ends with a Ceremony which in part involves a prayer, and often the Cub Scout prayer, and involvement in what is called a “Scouts Own” aim to develop the individual’s spiritual awareness.

Interaction in small groups builds a bond with others in the Pack, and most often with a Six, teaching the strength in teamwork, as well as individual participation and interaction.

The leading of the Six by an older Cub Scout gives them an understanding of leadership, gives the younger Cub Scouts something to strive for and look up to, and builds team spirit.

Fair play and justice is a necessary part of the program every week, where games are a great method of learning in a fun and challenging environment.

We create the feeling of belonging in every Cub as they become part of the Manly-Lota Cub Scout Section, something away from their “normal” peer group, and different again to those bonds they form at school and in other clubs and groups.

Achievement is both an individual and team pursuit, and an established National Award Scheme allows every Cub to achieve to their individual strengths.

Understanding the history and ideals of the Scout movement are explored regularly, both in “badgework” as well as in reinforcing the fundamentals of what we always set out to achieve.

How Are These Educational Outcomes Delivered?

Delivery through involvement in small peer groups (“Sixes”) is essential, and the Manly-Lota Cub Scout Section has four “Sixes”, Black, White, Red and Brown, all with a number of Cubs varying in age, background, in some instances a mix of boys and girls, and all led by a Sixer and assisted by a Second.

Can My Son/Daughter Become A Member Of The Cub Scout Section?

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If your son/daughter is between 7 ½ and 10 ½ years of age please come along for a night and let your son/daughter try us out, first night free, and allow both them and yourselves to experience what a regular “Den Night” involves.

If you decide to join, we take your son/daughter through an established Cub Scout Linking Process over a four to six week period, after which the investiture ceremony takes place, in which your son/daughter formally joins the “Pack” .

How Is The Cub Scout Section Organised And What Leadership Is In Place?

In addition to that mentioned above, we hold a “Pack Council” (an informal meeting with the Sixers/Seconds) once per term to discuss many issues with our older Cub Scouts.