**Beeripmo Hike weekend of 20th / 21st Feb, 2016**

**Monday 8th Feb 2016 – Scout Briefing**

This is an overnight hike, on well-marked trail in the Mt Cole State Forest, near Beaufort. Scouts will walk as a patrol of 4 - 6, with a Leader / Adult walker included in each patrol. The walk is described as moderately hard, requiring average fitness. Aimed at Pioneer Scouts who are working towards their Explorer (Blue) Cord, we welcome older Scouts, as mentors, and any Scout who has done a day walk of at least 10 km carrying some gear to register their interest **by (midnight) Friday 12th Feb**.

We will depart from Kensington Scout Hall on Saturday 20th Feb, at 7:30 AM, driving to Richards Camp, which is the start of the hike, approx. 2 hours from Kensington. The hike ends at Richards Camp. For Track Notes, Blue Cord workbook and Registration see our website, under Scouts / Events. The cost is estimated at $30, but we may refund some of this if it isn’t needed.

We should be back at Kensington Scout Hall approx. 5:30 PM on Sunday 21st, Feb. If any parent wants to provide transport, and would like to walk with us, talk to Enid.

**Monday 15th Feb, 2016 – Hike Preparation Activities**

Scouts who are registered for the bushwalk should bring their Blue Cord Hike workbook to the Scout meeting of Monday 15th Feb, and complete it by Thursday 18th Feb. We encourage ALL Scouts to print and complete the workbook, even if not able to come on the hike, as this will help in planning future hikes.

At our meeting of Monday 15th Feb, there will be 3 activity stations of 20 minutes each:

1. What to pack - food & water, clothing, equipment for an overnight hike, the correct weight for each Scout to carry, how to adjust your backpack (KAREN)
2. What to bring in a personal First aid kit; first aid, health and safety when bushwalking, appropriate footwear, possible risks and plan how to minimize them (ASH)
3. Maps & Navigation (breaking the walk into sections, using Topographical maps and compass, Naismith’s rule to estimate how long it will take to complete each section, planning where to stop for breaks and meals and where to get water) (ENID)

**Thursday 18th Feb, 2016 – Packing and Gear Inspection at 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM in the Scout Hall**

At this meeting we will supply compasses, backpacks, tents & trangias (fuel stoves). Scouts MUST bring to this extra-special meeting for inspection:

- signed PIR form

- sleeping gear, clothing, personal first aid, food and full water bottle (1 litre or 1.25 litre)

- completed Blue Cord hike workbook

And (if you are bringing your own)

- hiking backpack or tent

We will confirm arrangements for car travel with scouts and parents and review weather conditions. *If extreme heat is forecast, or total fire ban in place, we will reschedule.*