

1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUTS
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1ST LEICHHARDT SCOUT GROUP FOUNDED 1908

EXCERPTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE GROUP FROM 1915 TO 1938

(Transcription of records collated by Allan Songberg,
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PART 2



Troop at Buffalo Creek 1922



Campbelltown Camp 1922

1923.

Court of Honour extract.

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Scouts Attendance 1st D. Marr 72
2nd S. Fox 74
3rd E. Robertson 73.

Best Patrol Leader S. Fox.

Best Second C. Turnbull

Best Scout { D. Morrison
C. Morris

Most Badges 1. C. Whitley 230 points
2. H. Lingquist 210
3. C. Lingquist 200

Recruiting D. Marr (5)

Best Recruit 1923 R. Hall

A. Callander.

Best All Round Member D. Marr (TL)

Ticket Selling 1. Cub W. Anderson, 2. 3rd D. Morrison, 3rd F. Buddie
4. Scout Leader

Brick Cleaning 1st Cub H. Baldwin

2nd Cub W. Morris

Cookery 1st D. Morrison

Cubs Attendance 1st R. Norman
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3rd J. Ridcock

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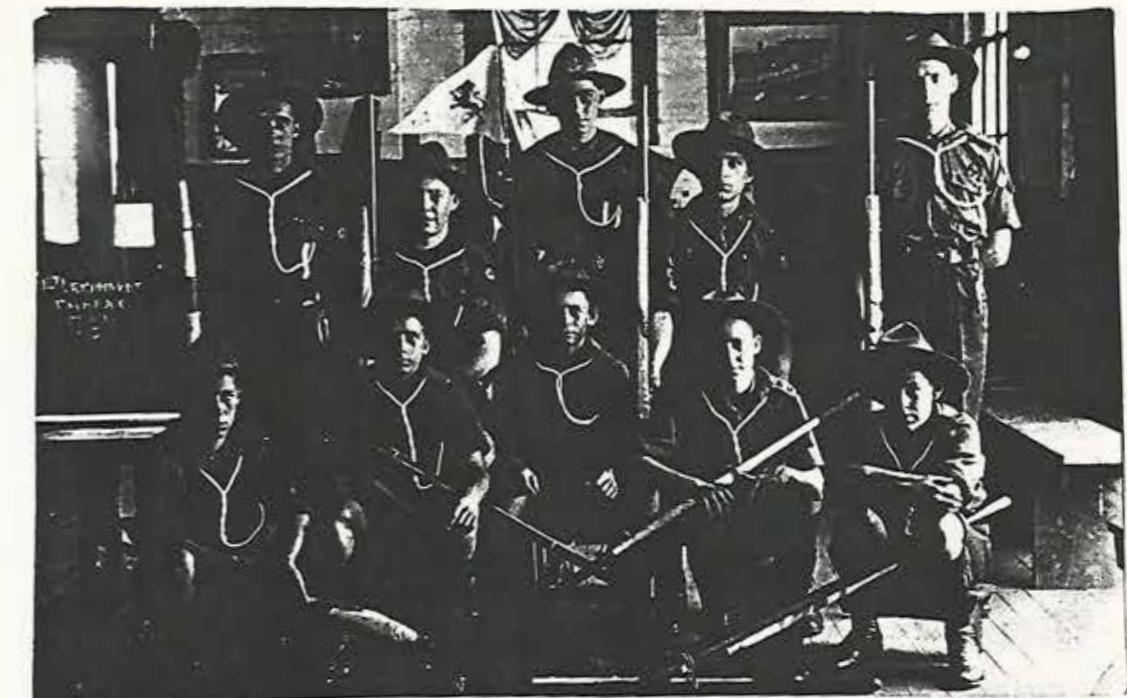
Best Second M. Morrison

Special prize J. Long

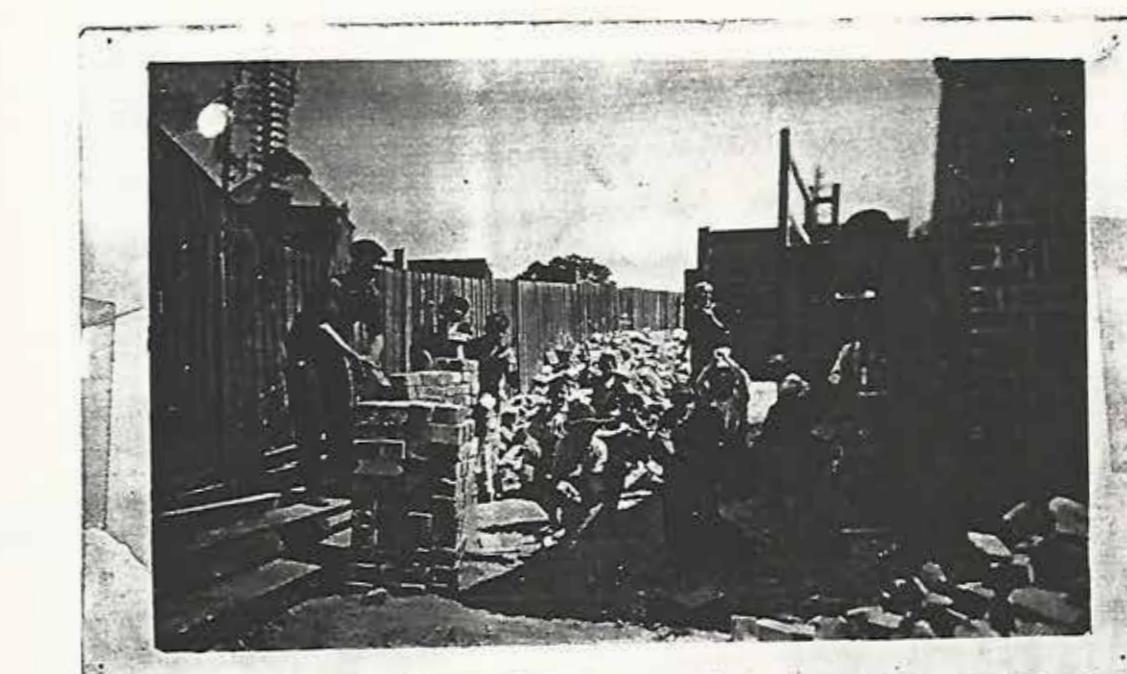
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optionals secretary
H.J.



1st Leichhardt 'Fairfax' Patrol 1923
Pl. Dave Marr Sec. Joe Hunter



Scouts clean bricks after Hall
blown down. Owen Patching in
work overalls

1924

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The Re-constructed
Scout Hall
officially opened
10 May 1924



The 'Big' Rock
with Campers' names
engraved by
Stan Thomas
Campbelltown



Table orderly
(Not too happy)
Campbelltown Camp
approx. 1925

1925

Court of Honour Minutes
13/10/1925

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Leichhardt Scouts 1st Team 1925
Happy Crago Goalie



Leichhardt Scouts Winners Bert Taylor Cup
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Johnny Long goalie.

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Court of Honour Minutes 10 January 1926

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Waterfall Camp 1926
(Note the long short trousers!)

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Champion Swimmer
Athlete, Footballer and
Boxer
The first leader of
Leichhardt Sea-
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Winners Bert Taylor Cup 1927



Back row
Harry Reynolds, Eric Tarr, Cliff Turnbull, Bill Ashton, Clunie Richmond
Middle row
Stan Muller, Charles Crutshanks, Stan Fox, Herb Baldwin, Bill Morris
(Captain)
Front row
Malcolm Morrison, Jack Daniels, Louis Biron
(Goalie)

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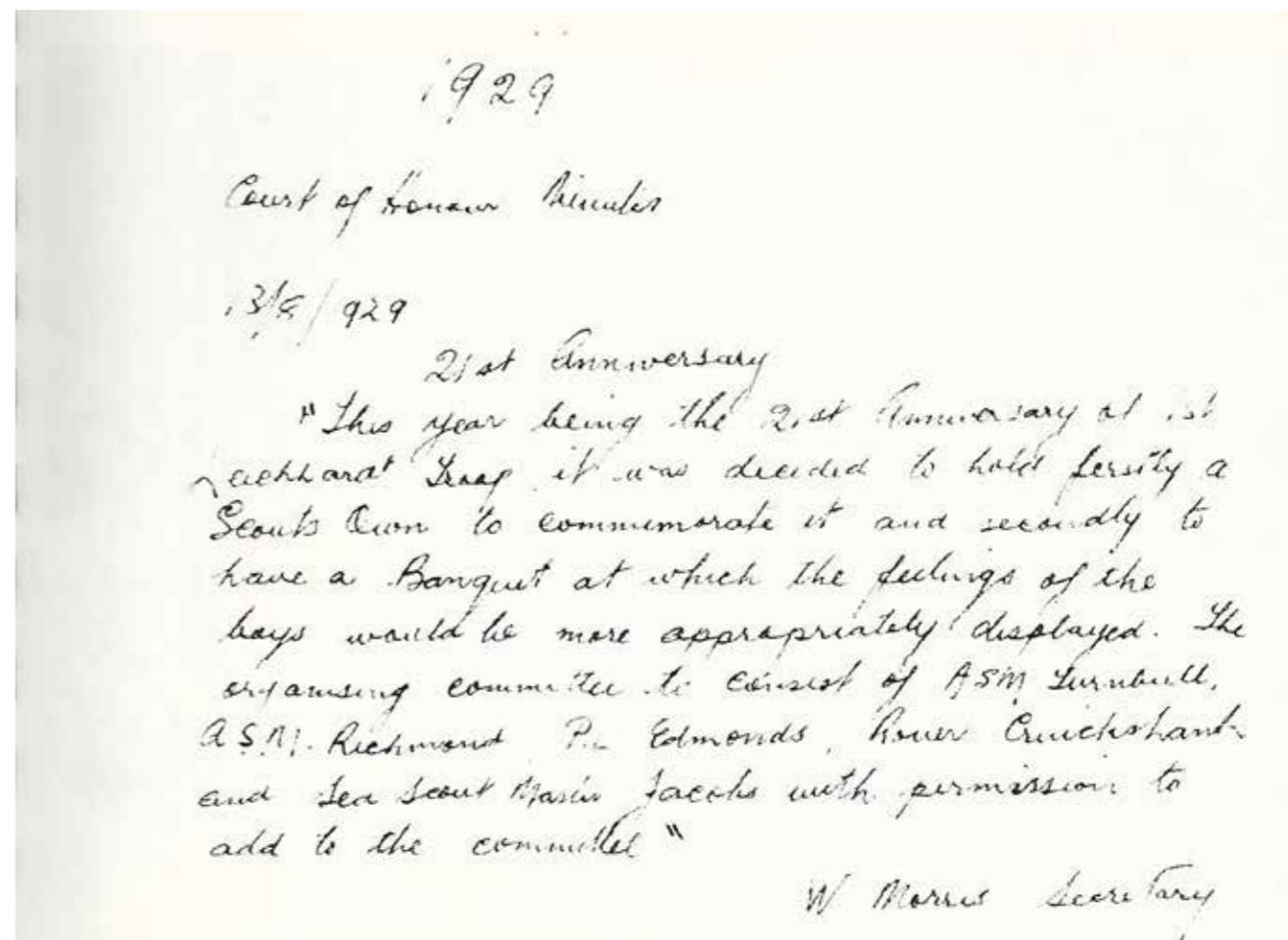
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1st Leichhardt Group 1929



P.L. Jack Spain with his patrol at Campbelltown



1929

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13/8/1929

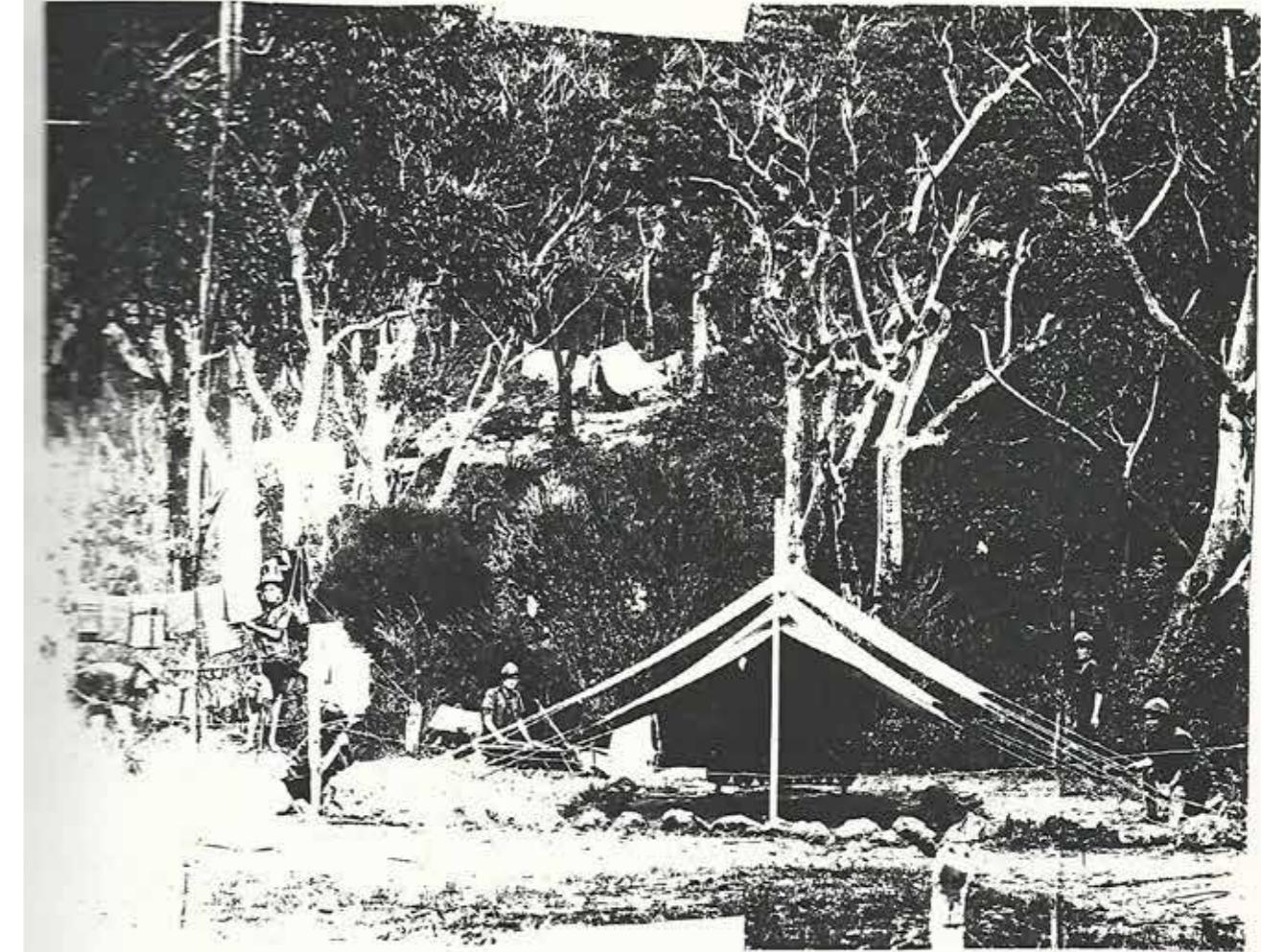
21st Anniversary

"This year being the 21st Anniversary of 1st Leichhardt Troop it was decided to hold firstly a Scouts Own to commemorate it and secondly to have a Banquet at which the feelings of the boys would be more appropriately displayed. The organising committee to consist of A.S.M. Turnbull, A.S.M. Richmond, P.L. Edmonds, Rover Cruickshank and Sea Scout Master Jacobs with permission to add to the committee."

W. Morris Secretary



1st Leichhardt Sea Scouts
Waterfall Camp 1929



P. George Francis - Winning patrol at Waterfall 1930



'Scouts Own' (Leichhardt camp in background)