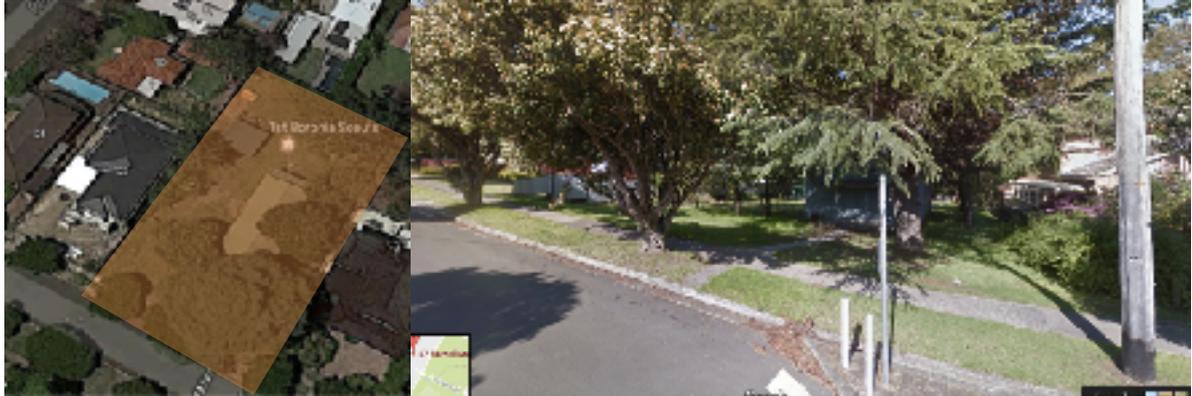


Lawn Mower and Cleaning the Scout Hall Tips & Operation

Mowing Area



Please mow:

- The front path
- Front lawn
- Side and back lawn play areas including -
 - The area behind the shed
 - Side lawn between the southern fence and side of hall.

This will take about 2 hours for one person (if the grass is cut regularly). We have two mowers, so make it a family affair.

If you are keen and want to do the edges on the front footpath, a shovel (left hand side door of shed) turned sideways used like an axe, makes an excellent clean line.

Don't cut the grass too low. This will make mowing easier and avoid hitting rocks on the ground. The mowers are set to the 5th notch from the lowest setting, please do not alter.

Preparation for Mowing

1. Pick-up the hall and shed keys from 32 Farnell St Hunters Hill.
2. Please check the hall hire times to ensure others have not hired the hall when you are there. http://1stboroniascouts.org.au/calendar/view_1.php?id=2
3. The lawn mowers are kept in the right hand side of the shed. **Remove the key from the lock before opening the shed door.**
4. Check the fuel can levels and get these filled if necessary. Give your receipt to one of the leaders, who will (if possible) reimburse you on the spot. (further notes below)
5. Check the yard for sticks etc before starting. The Cubs & Scouts frequently make things and practice camp craft on the lawns around the hall, things like tent pegs can get left on the grass. Also the trees at the back of the block, drop sticks so before mowing the lawns do a "kick-around" for any left over gear. Please put any equipment found inside the left hand side of the shed. Put any large sticks and other burnables on the campfire.

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Mower, Fuel and Oil

There are two cans of standard unleaded petrol (NOT E10 as this wrecks the fuel lines and seals) and a container of 4 stroke motor oil. 95 or 98 ron fuel is fine too, just not blended with ethanol. PLEASE NEVER use Ethanol blend fuel as it destroys the fuel lines.

Both mowers have 4-stroke motors. One has a mulching facility.

4-stroke mowers do not need to mix oil into the petrol. The mower does not have a fuel on / off switch. It has a primer button.

Instead of oil in the fuel, the mower has oil in the crankcase that lubricates the motor. Just like a car, there is an oil dip-stick on the top of the mower. Please use the dip stick just like a car.

Please ensure the oil level is at the correct level before and after each mow. Do not overfill the oil reservoir.

Grass Mulching

To avoid creating a pile of grass clippings to be got rid of, one mower (biggest) mulches the grass into a fine chaff. The mulched clippings rot and fertilise the lawn. The mower has a catcher if you need it (you shouldn't).

If the grass is long, raise the cutting level to avoid the cut grass fouling underneath the mower.

If the grass is very long or wet, remove the mulch plug and mow without the catcher.

There is a "mulch plug" that fits into the back of the mower through the flap where the catcher normally fits. This keeps the grass in the cutting chamber, where it gets chopped to small pieces. Removing and reinserting the mulch plug is a bit tricky. When fitted properly, the mulch plug fits tightly and will not wiggle.

ONLY FIT / REMOVE THE MULCH PLUG WHEN THE MOWER IS NOT RUNNING AND THROTTLE SET TO STOP.

For safety sake, ensure the mulch plug is correctly fitted before starting the mower.

Please remove any grass from under the mower after you have finished. This will avoid the base plate rusting.

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PPE

Personal Protective Equipment in the form of a set of earmuffs and facemask are kept with the mower if needed. We expect appropriate footwear to be worn and common sense to prevail at all times.

Inspecting Underneath the Mower

Never turn the mower on its side to inspect/clean underneath. This allows oil into the carburetor, which dirties the spark plug and air filter and make it nearly impossible to restart. Experience is a trip to the mower repair shop is a real possibility.

To get under the mower, push the handle down toward the ground, so the front of the mower rises (spark plug up).

If all else fails, the mower operating instructions are in a sealed plastic bag on a rope hanging from the rafters.

Cleaning the Scout Hall

Like with the lawns constant attention will ensure this is a quick and simple process.

Please:

- Clean Toilets
- Wipe Surfaces in the Kitchen and Seats in Hall.
- Sweep and Mop all the floors

If you finish any product or something needs fixing please drop a note with the keys so that we can fix before the next family on the roster is up.

Call Greg (John) Philipp (0424 061 083) if you have any questions.