

THE BLACK BOX



The Wrap







The Wide Game Team are pleased to say the Bramble Bay and Charles S Snow combined District Wide game for 2024 was a great success with many smiling faces walking away on the end of the night .

The event was attended by 105 Scouts, 31 Venturers, 11 Rovers and in excess of 20 Leaders.

This year’s theme based was based on a commercial airliner crash and the investigation that followed.

The CEO of Outback Airlines announces the plane crashed due to “ Pilot Error”, however, the infamous conspiracy theorist known as “DunnEx suspects there is a cover up. He claims the cock pit recording inside flight BNR999’s Black Box has been interfered with and the real recording is out there somewhere. Dunnex writes a periodical aptly named “ the “Weekly Rant “. Six “Weekly Rants” were issued via the Wide Game’s website, with each one giving players certain clues about what really happened.

On the Game night, Scouts in their Patrols were deployed as undercover investigators, desperately seeking the truth behind the ill fated flight BNR999 by attending six investigation locations (a.k.a. Activity bases) and to be the first team to find the truth. The investigation locations were:

Investigation	Location Name	BASE NAME (and Position on Patrol's Flight Plan)	Venturer Unit	Logo
1. Air Traffic Control	Air Traffic Control Training Centre	YSTW Tamworth	Gordon Park	
2. Pilot Evaluation	Medical Centre	YWLG Walgett	Bracken Ridge	
3. Sound Interpretation	Sound Lab	YBNA Balina	Kedron	
4. The Missing Piece	Warehouse	YBHI Broken Hill	Aspley	
5. Load & Balance	Training Facility	YMOR Moree	Sandgate	
6. Frame Stress Test	Engineering Lab	YMIA Mildura	Stafford/Wilston	

As always, the essence of the game is a test of Scout skills with a focus on participation, observation and deduction . In the spirit of encouraging our Youth to take a Lead in running the activity for the Scout Section, Venturers ran the six activity bases whilst Rovers ran the Air Traffic Control Tower by monitoring and managing Patrols “flying” between the investigation locations. Rovers also assisted by producing the “real” Black Box recording .

Other Adult Leaders wandered around the play area acting as undercover informants , testing the Scouts ability to recollect information from Dunnex's Weekly Rants .

The game ended with the Scouts from Sherwood being the first Patrol to find the real Black Box and deduce from its' recording what really happened to Outback Airlines flight BNR 999.



Winners announced on Final Parade



Congratulations to Sherwood's winning Patrol

So what really happened?

Wreckage at The Warehouse – activity run by Aspley Venturers

The missing piece is the Toilet Bowl. That is, it is shown on the blueprint, however the toilet bowl recovered from the wreckage was hidden in a separate room and only shown to the Scouts that identified it as the missing piece.

The Aspley Venturers would discreetly (like whisper) explain to the Scouts they know the CFO of Outback Airlines figured they could save money by changing the frequency of safety inspections for the toilets from weekly to 6 monthly . As a consequence , the toilet flushing mechanism was not up to speed and an intermittent fault was not detected . During the flight of BNR 999 , a large number of passengers visited the toilet. They believe it was the chicken dinner that caused many a tummy upset.

The abundant use of the toilet coupled with it's Failing Flushing Mechanism (known as FFM syndrome), caused the toilet to overflow onto the floor . Within minutes, raw sewerage seeped through the gaps in the floor into the cargo hold .

Snakes on the plane

In the cargo hold was a cage of live snakes being transported from Australia Zoo ,Beerwah to the Perth Zoo . The snakes were assorted , but all venomous such as the Eastern Brown , Red Belly Black, Tiger , Taipan and Allans snakes.

The snakes , perturbed by the raw sewerage falling in their cage and it's foul stench escaped from the cage by picking the lock with a hair pin . They found a small gap in cockpit to exit from the smelly cargo hold.

As the snakes innocently entered the cockpit, the Pilot and Co-Pilot panicked , saying things like " Oh my goodness - is that a snake! " , and began stomping on the snakes , thus alarming the snakes who in turn bit them in self-defense . With multiple bites from so many venomous snakes , the Pilot and Co-Pilot quickly lost consciousness . Without Samuel L Jackson on board to save the day , within minutes , the plane crashed

.....and that's what really happened to the ill-fated Outback Airlines flight BNR 999