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1ST BLAXLAND 'KALANGADOO' ROVER CREW

Winners of 'The Castle' Moot

**organised by 2nd Castle Hill Rovers and held at
Camp Kanangra, Nords Wharf on August 8 - 10, 2008**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford

Congratulations to all the World Scout Day recipients. It is very gratifying to see so many honoured. GWSR had about 40 awards, so our celebratory dinner in October should see large numbers in attendance. If you were honoured this means that one or more of your peers has thought you were deserving and taken the time to nominate you. These awards are for doing over and above your normal role and are very special.

I recently attended the Gang Show and what a great show it was. I was very honoured to receive my very own red scarf and feel very special to have received it. I would like to thank everyone involved with the show for all their hard work and I look forward to next year's performance.

I also attended the State AGM. This too was most impressive. As it is the Centenary year, there was a presentation on all past Chief Commissioners. Many of the previous chiefs were present along with some of their families. They were presented with a framed Centenary scarf and woggle. We had members of 1st Toongabbie – one of the first original groups, form an honour guard at the entrance. We also were represented by Eugene Lee, a scout from 1st Westmead, who spoke on “The value of Scouting, the value of Leadership”.

Thank you to Toongabbie and Eugene for doing us proud. The State team and staff are to be congratulated on a very impressive meeting. I should also mention that our State Vice President and our Region President are one and the same - Alan Overton. Congratulations to Alan on his reappointment. Alan works tirelessly for us and many other worthy organisations and we are blessed to have him as part of our team.

After the AGM, Neville and I attended the Chief Commissioner's Council held at Bundilla. A productive meeting ensued with many items being discussed. One of the things that came out, was a slight relaxing of the rules regarding starting new groups and new sections within an existing group. I will be discussing this with the

Region team in due course and I am sure this is going to boost numbers in the Region.

We have also been asked for input as to what we would like to see for development. If you have thoughts on this subject please drop me a line. The development material is being updated and a DVD is to be produced.

I will be meeting with the team to discuss the way forward for the Region and planning for 2009. Once again if you have input please contact me.

The evening meal of the conference was catered for by Lorraine Buck and her team and what a wonderful meal it was. I have received many compliments on the food; you should all ask Lorraine for her recipe for the soup - truly superb!

I would also like to thank Jan the elder who made all the Commissioners' stay an enjoyable one and who worked so many unpaid hours before, during, and after the event to make sure everything ran smoothly. BRAVO to Jan, Lorraine and team.

Jan Playford

Thought for the month:

Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind.

To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue.



Buddha



Congratulations and very best wishes to

Craig Kennedy CSL

1st Kings Langley

who was recently presented with his Wood Badge

1,2,3, Woof - Bravo

POSSUM'S CORNER

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JOTA BADGES

JOTA is coming up soon. Please place your badge order with Region Office as soon as possible. Don't miss out this year!

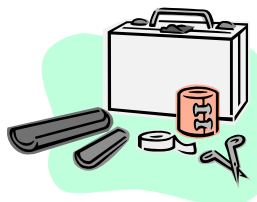
SENIOR FIRST AID COURSES

11th and 12th October

Closing date 29th September Cost \$85

29th and 30th November

Closing date 17th November Cost \$85



LEADER SUPPORT GUIDE #35

The latest Leader Support Guide on Duty to God in Scouting has just been issued. It is **essential reading** for all Leaders - that's why we have printed it elsewhere in this issue.

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Congratulations to everyone who received an award. The awards dinner will be held in October at Blacktown RSL Club - more details next issue.

REGION OFFICE HOURS

8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday

Lunch break 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm

Can you please bear this in mind when visiting or contacting the office. Thank you.

JOEY SCOUT NOTES

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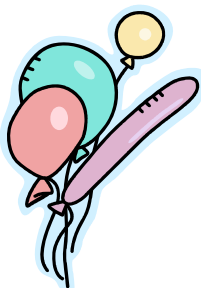


Joey Scouts from a number of Greater Western Sydney Region mobs have indicated interest in attending the 'Joey Scouts Go Bush' mob holidays at Ingleside Scout Camp. Two mob holidays will be held using the same program. Each Joey needs to have a parent attend so accommodation is limited each time. The program for the weekend will cover activities that will enable the joes to achieve the environment challenge badge.

A reminder to Joey leaders to use the air activities base. It has been recommended as a great day for Joes.

Also for those who have not seen John Leahy and his science team this year (and even those who have) do long term programming and book in for next year.

Joey leaders are reminded that Wandarrah is now the 3rd Friday of each month at Bundilla at 7:30 p.m.



1st Toongabbie Scout Group 100 Years 1908 - 2008

You are kindly invited to join in an afternoon of fun Scouting activities and to view a display of memorabilia at Bundilla Scout Activity Centre, Winston Hills on **23rd August 2008 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

The day will conclude with our Centenary Dinner which will be held in the Peter Waite Dining Room at Bundilla commencing at 7.30pm.

For further information or to RSVP please contact Alan Murphy (Group Manager) on 9636 5831

APPOINTMENTS JULY 2008

APPOINTMENTS

FOWLER, Trevor	AL	1 st Greystanes
HILL, Angela	AL	1 st St Marys
RICHARDS Philip	AL	1 st Blaxland
WILSON, Darell	AL	1 st Glossodia
WOLF, Robert	AL	West Pennant Hills Valley
GREEN Jodie	ACSL	2 nd Kings Langley
ACHERMANN Robert	AL	1 st Wentworthville
BAWDEN, Lindsay	AL	1 st Penrith
BELCHER Mark	AL	1 st Emu Plains
LESSLIE Shawn	AL	1 st Kellyville
OWEN, Andrew	AL	1 st Castle Hill
WELLES, Linda	AL	1 st St Marys
MCLENNAN, Honni	AL	1 st Blackheath

TRANSFERS

COWEN, Stuart	Fr AL	1 st Balcombe Heights
	To ACSL	1 st Balcombe Heights Pack
BARLOW, Carey	Fr ACSL	1st Blaxland Pack
	To ASL	1st Blaxland Troop
EWE, Lillian	Fr AL	1st North Mt Druitt
	To ACSL	1st North Mt Druitt Pack
CONN, Phillip	Fr ACSL	1st Grose Vale Pack
	To CSL	1st Grose Vale Pack
PEEL, Nicole	Fr AJSL	1st Toongabbie Mob
	To ACSL	1st Toongabbie Pack
RUDD, Gary	Fr DA	Blacktown District
	To RA (Not responsible)	1st North Mt Druitt Crew

APPOINTMENTS JULY 2008

TRANSFERS

YOUNG, Helen	Fr CSL To ACSL	1st Grose Vale Pack 1st Grose Vale Pack
ANDREWS, Mark	Fr CSL To ACSL	1st Ermington Pack 1st Ermington Pack
KLOMP, Virginia	Fr AL To CSL	1st Ermington Group 1st Ermington Pack
MOUNTFORD, Alison	Fr AL To AJSL	1st Carlingford Group 1st Carlingford Mob
VARCOE Gary	Fr CSL To SL	1st Blaxland Pack 1st Blaxland Troop

RESIGNATIONS

Lynch, IAN	AL	1st Blaxland Group
RICHARDS, Philip	AL	1st Blaxland Group

RESIGNED IN ERROR

YOUNG, Helen	CSL	1st Grose Vale 7/7/08
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DE-REGISTRATIONS

1st Dundas Cub Pack
1st Leura Cub Pack
1st Leura Scout Group
1st Leura Scout Troop
1st Leura Venturer Unit

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Patricia Shaw

Region Commissioner Cub Scouts



Thank you to those who attended Palaver, I know you all had a lot of fun and went home with new ideas. Thank you to Region Seeonee who made the day a great success with the time and effort you have put into the lead up to this event.

If you were not in attendance find out what you missed from those who were there and plan to be there next time! I hear so many leaders asking for ideas to present to their cubs, but then they miss the opportunity to share time with other leaders to add variety to their programmes.

Our Region Camp for older cub scouts will be held on 30th and 31st August, 2008. It is a great opportunity to camp as a District and give new leaders a chance to experience a larger camping activity. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Our Region Cook-off will be at Bundilla on Saturday 6th September and I look forward to tasting the selections that the District winners prepare for us.

Remember our last Cub Scout Leadership Course for the year will be held on 1st November 1008.

Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have earned their Grey Wolf Award

David Marscham	1st Hawkesbury
Daniel Rec	1st North Rocks
Nathan Ricardo	1st North Rocks
Karla Salmon	1st Dural



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WORLD SCOUT DAY 2008
ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR GOOD SERVICE

SILVER KANGAROO - for eminent achievement and meritorious service

TRUSCOTT, Elizabeth ACSL 1st Westmead Cub Pack

SILVER EMU - for sustained and exceptional service

BROWN, Graham AL (Group 1st Erskine Park Scout Group)
HENNESSY, Paul ACSL 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack
PARKER, Sandra District Commissioner, Blacktown District
PLAYFORD, Janette Region Commissioner, GWSR
ROACH, Paul District Commissioner, Blue Mountains District
RUDD, Gary District Adviser, Blacktown District

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - for distinguished service

PLAYFORD, Barry Supporter, Greater Western Sydney Region
WOOD, Lyall Chairman, CGS Scout Fellowship

SILVER WATTLE - for outstanding service

GARRETT, Robin Region Commissioner (Scouts), GWSR
HORTON, Desmond ASL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
KING, Barry ASL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop
MOSSE-ROBINSON Christopher ASL 1st Balcombe Hts Scout Troop
WAGNER, Stephen ASL West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop

SILVER ARROWHEAD - for excellent service

ARNSBY, Bruce ASL 1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
CUNEO, Graham GL 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group
LEE Peter Supporter, CGS Scout Fellowship
MCEWAN, Julie AL (Group) 1st Winston Hills Scout Group
RAYNER, Jo-Anne CSL 1st Carlingford Cub Pack 'Alleena'

SILVER ARROWHEAD - for excellent service

STENBERG, Lisa ASL 1st Carlingford Scout Troop 'Bartoo'
WELTON, Denis ASL 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT - for good service

ABSALOM, Mark Trainee Commissioner (Region), GWSR
CICLOVAN, Neil AL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
CREER, Rodney SL 1st Emu Plains Scout Troop 'Barindji'
DAINES, Glenn SL 1st Whalan Scout Troop
FARR, Paul ASL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
FITZSIMMONS, Guy CSL 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack 'Kookaburra'
GRAHAM, Brian Deputy Chairman, 1st Erskine Park Scout Group
HARDI MAN, John GL 1st Winston Hills Scout Group
HARDIMAN, Lorna CSL 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack 'Boronia'
HARTMANN, Vicki ASL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
HOWLETT, Ross SL 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop
HYATT, Roger GL 1st Emu Plains Scout Group
MAJOOR, Michael Group Treasurer 1st Ermington Scout Group
MICALLEF, Noel Group Treasurer 1st Erskine Park Scout Group
O'LOUGHLIN, Paul SL 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop
SAVAGE, James ASL 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop
SAVAGE, Nicole JSL 1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob
STENNING, Jodie AL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
STEWART, Meredith ASL 1st Ermington Scout Troop
THOMPSON, Matthew ASCL 1st Pendle Hill Cub Pack
WYITHE, Kevin AVSL 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Vent. Unit

303 adult members of Scouts Australia, NSW have been honoured by the Chief Scout of Australia, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffrey AC CVO MC (Retd) in the annual Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service.

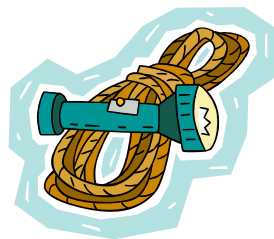
Sincere congratulations to the 42 members from GWSR who have received awards. BRAVO - Well done.

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses: Tuesday 28th October (theory) and 1st and 2nd November (practical)

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Friday 12th September (theory) and Sunday 14th September (practical). Location will be chosen to suit attendees.

Caving Course: Tuesday 21st October (theory) and 25th and 26th October (practical at Bungonia).

Caving Trip: 22nd and 23rd November (Location TBA).

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sunday 9th November

Scout Top- Rope Climbing Badge Course: Friday 26th September (theory) and Sunday 28th September (practical at Lindfield or Wahrenonga).

Canyon Trip: Sunday 7th December to River Caves Canyon and Deep Pass Canyon. An easy trip suitable for Scouts – no abseils or swims.

Applications (on Rock Activity Form) should be sent to the Region Office two weeks before the course. Two-day and three-day courses cost \$20, one-day trips \$10 and Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$5.

Visit our website:

www.beprepared.com.au/gwsr

A Scout on a GWSR
Top-Rope Climbing Course at
Wahrenonga in July 2008





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Rockets With The Rovers

A cool July evening was spent with seven Castle Hill Rovers making 'Candy Rockets'. Why Candy, well one of the components of the fuel is Icing Sugar, resulting in a low energy propellant. They managed to follow instructions to the letter and in an hour or so were ready to launch. This activity has a *downer* (you're



going to loose what you just spent an hour making) and a *highlight* (something you made is going to roar off in a shower of sparks over the top of the highest tree). Everyone who makes them is doing it for the first time, and doesn't really expect it to work, but they usually do, so the process is pretty empowering and exhilarating. It was very dark but I'm sure there were seven satisfied smiles beaming in the brisk night air.

Light Night at Kings Langley Scouts

Bruce Arnsby is one of our regular team members, except when it clashes with his Scout's night, so when he asked that we fit in a visit to his Kings Langley Scouts, I was glad to make time. A great hall and plenty of Scouts and Leaders, a bit noisier than some, but it was their first night back so they had a lot to catch up on. I try to have 4 or 5 parts of each Activity that really grab the kids' attention.



In the Light night there are the **'Blow out the candle' game** which the Cubs usually attack with gusto, the **'Polarised light' demo** which they have never seen before, and the 'Throw the ball under decreasing flash rate **strobe light' game**, which makes them feel a bit 'heady'.



The 'blow the Candle out' game was quite chaotic with 10 Scouts on each team. One bright attacking Girl Scout decided it was pointless to join the pile of Scouts trying to reach the flame. She determined which defending Scout was holding the bottle with the candle in it, and slid him backwards out of the scrum so that the flame could be easily extinguished. Ten out of ten for tactics.

A Couple of Good Books

The Extraordinary Chemistry of Ordinary Things by Carl H Synder is a very readable book with lots of pictures, diagrams, and practical experiments to show how chemistry makes the world go round (well maybe that's Physics) or at least keeps us all alive, and may lead to our elimination through global warming or the destruction of the Ozone layer.

It includes some history (who discovered what) and the chemistry of soaps, detergents, cooking and cosmetics (almost makes Organic Chemistry understandable). Each chapter concludes with exercises for review and additional reading list. It would make an excellent text for someone doing the HSC, or who is curious about how chemistry is involved in just about everything. I wish that I had it when I was at School.

Clocks - building and experimenting with model

Timepieces by Bernie Zubrowski, is a kids book on the history and methods of measuring time. It starts off with the Sun dial, then Water clocks, to the Hour glass and finally

Mechanical clocks. Along the way timepieces are constructed with foam cups, PET bottles, corks, balloons and rubber bands. Lots of good ideas to measure the passing of time without too much precision. I'll be using some of these models in my 'Measurement Activity'.

Booking reminder

To give you a bit of warning, here are our bookings for the next few months. Question marks mean (a) Have you booked another section to precede or follow you on the night (b) What time do you start or (c) What program did you want?

18 - 19 Oct	JOTA 08	What is your Group doing ?		
Tue 21 Oct	1 st Ermington	Joeys	?	?
"	"	Cubs		?
Mon 27 Oct	Berowra	Joeys		CHEM
"	"	Cubs		"
Tue 4 Nov	1 st Blaxland	Vent	7:30pm	?
Tue 11 Nov	1 st St Marys	Cubs		?
"	1 st Erskine Pk	Scouts		?
Fri 21 Nov	1 st Cambridge Pk	Cubs	7:30pm	ROCKETS
Mon 24 Nov	1 st St. Marys	Joeys	6:15pm	CHEM
"	"	Cubs	7:30pm	"
Mon 1 Dec	2 nd Baulkham Hills	Cubs	7pm	SOUND
Mon 8 Dec	1 st Kellyville	Cubs	6pm	ROCKETS
"	"	Scouts	7:30pm	"
Sun 14 Dec	Water Fun Day			
15-19 Dec	AVAILABLE!			

Start planning your JOTA/JOTI activity and don't forget to place an order for your badges NOW with Region Office.

‘DUTY TO GOD’ IN SCOUTING MEETINGS & SCOUTS’ OWN

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A cornerstone of Scouting is the need for us to promote “Duty to God”. While we do not require members to belong to any particular religion we insist that they have a faith, **a belief in God** (*One who is; a Supreme Being – a Creator – a Ruler of the Universe*). When asked where religion came into Scouting and Guiding, Baden-Powell replied *"It does not come in at all. It is already there. It is a fundamental factor underlying Scouting and Guiding"*.

When we volunteer our services as Leaders we are accepted on the understanding we will adhere to our agreement to abide by the policies and procedures of Scouts NSW. This includes Duty to God and the Code of Conduct, an important point is number 4 which states *‘Adults in Scouting do not use the Movement to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are not compatible with Scouting principles.’*

Scouting's' Duty to God, in general, must be inter-faith and it is not hard to incorporate in meetings and activities, despite many having anxieties about their abilities in this regard. This Leaders Support Guide is provided to provide some guidance when considering this aspect of Scouting.

(The exception to the inter-faith requirement is for Groups that are specifically formed, often referred to as Sponsored Groups, for a particular religious Group such as Muslim, Jewish, etc. At large gatherings, such as Jamborrees a number of religions ask and are usually given permission to hold special services for their own members).

DIFFICULT WORDS

A little confusion exists around certain words, usually created by people who have not even looked at the meaning in a standard dictionary. If you talk to Lexicographers, the people who investigate the background and meaning to words and who write dictionaries, they indicate that there is common agreement that the following words are not tied to any specific Religion and are in general use. Each of the words are able to be used in any inter-faith service. The meanings given are:

GOD (*One who is – a Supreme being – a Creator – a Ruler of the Universe*). The word *God* as it is used in the Scout Promise is generally accepted by all major faith groups dating back to before Ancient Egyptian

times. It is not intended to be a limiting term – there are many names that individual religions use to represent God. If there is a reasonable likelihood that you will have Jews present, and you are using printed materials, it would be considerate to use the term *G-d* instead, as many Jews do not write the name of God in full.

LORD *a person who has general authority over others. Again not religiously based.*

AMEN *is an expression of concurrence or assent. The literal meaning is 'it is so; so be it'.* Not religiously based in fact the majority of dictionaries don't even mention the word Christianity and for those few that do, it is more of a casual aside in their examples. These words are found in many religious texts including the Quran (Koran). The people who do use most of these words include the Bedouins and other Arab tribes, Hindus, Jews, Tibetan Monks, Islamic believers, just to mention a few of the non-Christian faiths. In prayers, talks and song, there are names and words that should be avoided : Jesus, Buddha, Holy Spirit, etc. these are they quite religion specific. Likewise, male or female pronouns (e.g. Father God, Heavenly Father, His, Her etc.) should be avoided as they are offensive to some religions.

MEETINGS.

Prayers should be a regular part of every meeting. The Scout Prayer is safe as it conforms to the inter-faith requirements set out above but can be just a rote saying without meaning or real understanding. During prayers, an individual should be allowed to show respect as their faith demands. (Leaving their hat on; Bless themselves; hold their hands in a particular way etc).

A suggestion is that the Scout Prayer is used alternatively with prayers prepared by each Patrol / Six in turn. Let them know about the inter-faith restrictions and 'suggest' a topic such as for those affected by a disaster-drought; or for health, friends, safety etc.

Patrol/Six Corners are also valuable, given time to prepare a prayer, or discuss a topic such as monsoon effected people, nature, loyalty, trust, honesty etc.

SCOUT'S OWN.

A Scout's Own is a simple inter-faith service which should be a part of every camp, and is often used at other times such as Founder's Day.

A Scouts' Own means that everyone is welcome and everyone should feel comfortable with what is spoken, sung, read, or otherwise imparted during the service. However, of great importance is that this should not be seen

to be an event of compulsory attendance. People are to be invited. If they wish to take time of their own choosing to remember their spiritual obligations then this must be respected.

Truth in advertising is extremely important. If a service is advertised as a Scout's Own which are inter-faith within itself, then it really needs to be so. To invite others to partake of the worship experience and then to ignore the fact that their religious expression is not the same as ours is to violate several parts of the Scout Law which we so dutifully insist we will obey. Just as you would (justifiably) be upset with a salesperson who sold you a machine that did not do what it advertised, so a non-Christian Scout who attends a Scout's own that turns out to really be a Christian service is rightfully upset. Be sensitive – do what you advertise you will do!

Here are some basic guidelines for carrying out a Scout's Own

The name of the service should be clear that it is a Scout's Own Service (inter-faith). Be sure everyone understands that this means all are invited. Not compelled to come. The terms non -denominational and inter -denominational are not the same as a Scout's Own Service (interfaith) – they are terms that denote Christian worship only.

Remember that for many who attend, a Scout's Own service may be very spiritually uplifting, but may not fulfill their individual religious obligations. It is often not possible to do that for everyone with a single service. Be sure people know that in advance.

Pick a theme for the service that fits with the specific weekend or time of year. This helps focus the prayers, songs, and messages in a meaningful way and ties the service into the weekend rather than having it stand alone and appear to be a separate piece. Possible themes include God's Creation, The Great Outdoors, Ocean, Doing One's Best, Friendships, Trust, Honesty etc.

Prayers and songs should be generic in nature, addressing God alone, not Jesus, Buddha, etc. (This is one of the toughest issues, as the list of usable songs is quite short).

An inter-faith service, such as a Scout's Own, is NOT about picking one element from each religion and putting them all together (make everyone feel good because one of their elements was used). It IS about incorporating the common elements in such a fashion that the entire service flows together to support the spiritual needs of all those in attendance.

The length of time required for a good Scout's Own is quite variable. It depends on the time of day, the age of the participants, and other factors.

However, don't short change this experience by wedging it into a 15 minute spot between a major activity and dinner, for instance. Make the Scout's Own an important part of each Scouting weekend.

When a message is delivered (avoid use of the words Sermon and Homily, as these are religion specific terms), be sure that the person presenting the message understands that this is an interfaith experience. Choose a topic that relates to all in attendance, not a Biblical theme other than God, specific names should be avoided (e.g.: Jesus, Buddha, Holy Spirit, etc.) since they are religion specific. Likewise, male pronouns (e.g.: Father God, Heavenly Father, His, etc) should be avoided as they may be offensive to some. Readings used can be from any well known texts, such as BP's writings. One should avoid using the New Testament readings, unless you are sure the attendees are all Christians, on the other hand Old Testament readings from sections such as Proverbs, which is accepted by most faiths as a source of wise sayings.

Pick a location for the Scouts' Own that fits with the theme that is comfortable for the participants and that will enhance the spiritual experience.

Keep a working file of Scouts' Owns that you have attended. Make notes about what worked well and what didn't. Use the good parts and avoid making the same errors over and over again.

A sample Scouts' Own is attached* and has focused on acceptance of each other and the common bond the various faiths have with each other, simply using 'Living in Harmony' as a theme.

A source of suggested prayers and other inter-faith guidance can be found at :
http://www.scoutinterfaithworship.org/prayers_for_interfaith_worship.htm.

**** Our apologies - we do not have sufficient room to publish the sample Scout's Own. You will have to visit the NSW website to view the entire document. Thank you.***

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