

The Bulletin

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Cumberland Gang Show
Friday 11th July to Saturday 19th July
Parramatta Riverside Theatre

No. 356 June 2008

1st Ermington Scouts Monster Garage Sale

Cnr Bartlett St and
Kissing Point Rd
Ermington

**Saturday
21st June**

8.30am – 12.30pm

Come along and pick up a bargain or two - books, toys, clothing, games, china, DVDs, computer games, and much, much more!

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CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW

The 39th annual Cumberland Gang Show will open on Friday 11th July at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

The 144 strong cast is made up of Scouts and Guides from 10 year olds to adults. They have been rehearsing their hearts out so they can "Rock the House". Please come along and see the show and support the Gang.

Leaders - organise an outing for your youth members - some have never seen a Gang Show before - let them experience just over two hours of singing, dancing and comedy sketches, all combined with colourful sets, costumes and special effects. They'll love it!

Tickets are available from the theatre Box Office on 8839 3399 and prices range from \$24 to \$27 for adults and \$15 to \$18 for children.

Special Offer - Brandsmart Parking Station (the old DJ's) on the riverbank opposite the Riverside Theatre are allowing all Gang Show patrons to park there during the shows for a flat \$5 on presentation of their show ticket on exit.



FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford



The Region Team have had a busy month conducting all the Group AGM's. Most groups have held theirs by now, with only a couple to go.

One I attended was 1st Riverstone. I arrived with all the leaders working with the cubs and scouts to prepare dinner for the parents. It was wonderful to see the patrol system at its best. The leaders were facilitating, whilst the kids were working together, to produce a meal of barbequed meats, (much discussion on how many times to turn it) accompanied by mashed potato, vegetables and gravy, followed by wonderful baked apples cooked in a campfire oven. It truly showed parents what Scouting can achieve with teamwork. Congratulations to Lyn Lawlor and her team. Not only was it a great night, but combined with the AGM, it meant parents were on hand to form the all important Group Committee. Lyn also had one of the parents come forward to be a leader. Lyn is hoping to make it an annual event, maybe the other groups would like to give it a try. A fantastic result to Lyn and her team, a job well done!

I also visited 1st Kellyville's AGM. Another successful meeting with all positions filled. It was wonderful to see how Kellyville has grown, starting with Scouts, now with a full cub pack and receiving enquiries each week, to soon opening a Joey Mob. As I said to them BP said, "from small acorns grow large oak trees". Congratulations to them and keep up the good work.

On a sad note, in order to give great scouting to the youth of the Granville area, we have closed 1st Blaxcell Group. 1st Blaxcell along with 1st Granville have had declining members, both youth and adults over a number of years. It is extremely difficult to run a proper program with very low numbers. We are hoping that by combining groups, actively recruiting, and a committee working to publicise the group to the wider community and with meetings held at 1st Granville every week, the community will see 1st Granville as an active group. This hopefully will boost numbers to an acceptable level.

1st Granville is coming up to its Centenary and we hope with some hard work it will be a strong and viable group for many years to come.

Decisions like these are never easy, nor taken lightly. A lot of work has gone into looking at statistics going back many years and decisions have to be made on what is best for the youth members.

We combined 1st and 2nd Merrylands a few years ago and we now have a group with 100 plus members going from strength to strength. We are also looking at other groups within the Region with failing numbers and what can be done to help matters.

We are now on the count down to the Region AGM and our much publicised Centenary Party. It seems some Leaders were offended that I asked them to keep the date free and felt I was ordering them to attend. I was only asking that no events clashed with this important day.

It never ceases to amaze me that people can put an interpretation on something to suit themselves. If you don't wish to attend that is fine, however if you are in your role for our youth members, as we all should be, then please make arrangements for them to attend. Please don't let them miss out. There will be some fantastic bases run by our people, as well as a huge slide, climbing wall and jumping castle to name a few of the other attractions.

You will also have the chance to win a fantastic lucky door prize donated by Parramatta Leagues Club. I look forward to seeing you all on the day and would like to thank those who have embraced this day and want to see it as a day when we can all get together and celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Australia.

Thought for the month;

We are each of us angels with only one wing, and we can fly only by embracing each other.

Luciano de Crescenzo

SENIOR FIRST AID COURSES

11th & 12th October Closing date 29th September Cost \$85

29th & 30th November Closing date 17th November Cost \$85

1st St Marys JOTT

1st St Marys set out at 2:00 pm for a 5 km nature walk around Castlereagh Nature Reserve that is situated a few minutes drive to the NE of Penrith. Having Joeys with us meant we had to ensure the walk was well within their capabilities and sadly our Scouts all being relatively young ones have not had a lot of bush walking experience. So the nature walk catered well for all our sections. We stopped after an hour for a well deserved break. Our kids enjoyed being out in the bush, walking along well prepared fire trails, seeing many birds, lots of trees and sadly a green tree frog that had been seriously injured (this put a slight damper on the day). After 2 hours & 20 minutes of walking we made it back to our point of origin. The kids refueled with some icy cold cans of drink, chips and in keeping with scouting traditions, a slab a chocolate cake before the parents took home their very excited but very weary kids. The walk was a relatively easy one on reasonably flat topography, but it was a good one to introduce many from our group to "bush walking", which I am sure will help to kick off their interest in getting out and about in our wonderful bushland. *Isn't this what Scouting is all about?*

Rodney Lean JSL (aka Kanga)



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APPOINTMENTS MAY 2008

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WARDLE, Aaron	CL (Appt)	1 st Westmead Rover Crew
CODY Mark	AL	1 st Kellyville
DEWHURST Bradley	AL	West Pennant Hills Valley
STEAD, Robert	AL	1 st North Rocks
WATTS, Belinda	AL	1 st Carlingford

TRANSFERS

BORDLEY, Charlene	Fr RC Dev	GWSR
	To DCSL	Parramatta District
McBRIDE, Peter	Fr AVSL	1 st Blaxland
	To VSL	1 st Blaxland
MCKAY, Kathleen	Fr ACSL	1 st Blaxcell
	To CSL	1 st Granville
ROBERTS, Bruce	Fr GL	1 st Blaxcell
	To GL	1 st Granville
TORRISI, Carmela	Fr AL	1 st Blaxcell
	To AL	1 st Granville
TRAN, Minh	Fr AL	1 st Blaxcell
	To AL	1 st Granville

RESIGNATIONS

REID, Gayle	DLT	Blue Mountains
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REGISTRATIONS

1st Granville Cub Pack

1st St Marys Scout Group Open Day

In commemoration of Scouts Australia's Centenary, 1st St Marys Scouts held an open day on the grounds adjoining the hall on Sunday 18th May. The forecast was for a wet and windy winter's day, but fortunately BP looked after us, with what could have easily been mistaken for a superb spring day.

The day turned out to be a great success with the open day steering committee headed up by Brad Garske, closely supported by the Group's Fundraising Member Kellie Nelson. Thanks to Brad & Kellie and all those behind the scene that helped, and a big hearty thank you to all the parents helped out on the day. This is the kind of spirit that we are endeavouring to nurture at 1st St Marys and we truly hope this sort of enthusiasm continues.

1st St Marys also wants to extend a special thank you to Jeff Fairall for giving up his time and helping on the day with all his great outdoor games. All the kids had a great time continually circulating amongst the activities. The activities lured some outsiders in and we have a number of potential future youth members.

The day continued to inspire people as a couple of parents put their hand up and asked if they could become Leaders. Naturally their requests have been granted and we look forward to welcoming them into our Scouting family.

Kanga JSL
1st St Marys Scout Group

SCOUT ALPINE CENTRE

Due to some cancellations, there are some great prime time dates available at the Alpine Activity Centre both (Lodge and Dorms) for the upcoming snow season. Any enquiries should be directed to Kirrily at the Alpine Centre, through Scouts NSW.



CENTENARY OF SCOUTING OPEN DAY

**COME AND CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF
SCOUTING IN AUSTRALIA**

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2008

**BUNDILLA SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE
BADEN POWELL PLACE WINSTON HILLS**

10:00 am to 3:00pm

**(Lunch/AGM break 12:30pm to 1:30pm - all activities, except
food stalls will be closed during this time)**

**GIANT SLIDE CLIMBING WALL FLYING FOX
JUMPING CASTLE FUN ACTIVITY BASES
FAIRY FLOSS GUESSING COMPETITION
FOOD STALLS CAKE STALL SOUVENIRS
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES** Donated by Parramatta Leagues Club
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Please encourage all your youth members,
leaders and their families to come and join in the
celebration.

If you have missed the pre registration date
- don't worry! Just turn up on the day, pay
your \$4 registration and join in the party.



All enquiries to Neville Henderson 0418 464 296

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Patricia Shaw

Region Commissioner Cub Scouts



I hope to see every pack at our big Centenary celebrations at Bundilla on 29th June, 2008.

I would ask all Cub Leaders to share the load running bases on the day, and not leave it to a few people. If everyone does 2 hours, everyone will have the opportunity to take part in our party.

Remember: Team means Together Everyone Achieves More!

Palaver

I trust you have all put the new Palaver date in your diaries and are planning to be there to gain great ideas and meet old friends.

Cook Off

District Cook-Offs should be planned by now so that the District Champion can be at Bundilla on the 6th September when we find the Six to represent the Region at the State event. This is the first time the state has tried an event like this, so the challenge is for us all to try something new.

Cub Scout Leadership Course

Remember our next Cub Scout Leadership Course will be on 1st November.

Diary Dates

2 August	Palaver
9 August	Gilwell Reunion @ Pennant Hills
30-31 August	10 Year Old Camp
6 September	Region Cook-Off
11-12 October	State Cook-Off
1 November	Cub Scout Leadership Course

VENTURER REPORT

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An initiative course was held around Glenbrook in May. This saw teams of Venturers setting off over the weekend to face a



variety of challenges such as codes, puzzles, bush navigation, first aid and rescues from heights. The weekend was well enjoyed and I would like to thank all of the Leaders, Rovers and Venturer helpers who assisted over the weekend.

1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit recently coordinated an NRMA safer driving night which involved speakers from the local Police and NRMA, talking about the rules of the road, and general knowledge about driving vehicles. The evening also showed some of the basics of



how to do maintenance on cars. The night was very popular with several units attending, and due to strong demand, a similar night is being planned again for later this year.

1st Emu Plains Venturer Unit spent a day on the harbour with the SWASH centre. The morning was spent with 4 sailboats, 1 recovery boat and the large rubber ducky touring around Cockatoo Island, until running out of wind. Then in the afternoon took the recovery boat and rubber ducky under the Harbour Bridge and up past the Opera House, slowing down when the police launch asked us to, and stopping opposite Luna Park when we ran out of petrol. It was a great day, with all the boats and the day being run by qualified Venturers and Leaders from Emu Plains. Each boat had to have a scout qualified skipper, and the day overseen by a qualified commodore.

Finally, a rescheduled Unit Management Course has been set to run on Sunday 27th July. Full details and applications will be out shortly.

Coming Events in the Scout Section

Jun 29	GWSR Centenary Day
Aug 1	World Scout Day
Aug 1 - 3	State Rally
Aug 15 - 17	Scout Leadership Course - Mountains
Aug 23 - 24	Scout Leadership Course - Hills
Sep 19 - 21	Sydney Harbour Assault (SPLASH)
Oct 18 - 19	JOTA
Oct 25 - 26	State Centenary Camp



Congratulations and best wishes to

Myles Harris-Ayling

1st Leura

On gaining his Adventurer Cord Award

Bravo - Well done

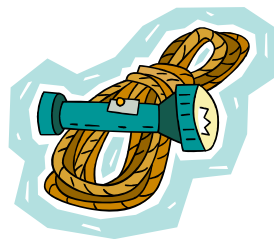
ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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See our website: www.beprepared.com.au/gws



Coming Activities

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses: Tue 12th Aug (theory) and 16th and 17th Aug (practical). Also Tue 28th Oct (theory) and 1st and 2nd Nov (practical)

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

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

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sun 15th Jun. Also Sun 9th Nov.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: Fri 4th July (theory) and Sun 6th July (practical at Lindfield or Wahroonga) These dates have been changed from those originally publicised). Also Fri 26th Sep (theory) and Sun 28th Sep (practical).

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

Applications (on the 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, Scout Proficiency Badge courses cost \$5.

See our website:

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

Scouts in Deep Pass
Canyon on a recent
GWSR trip



James Craig Sleepover

The Cubs of Holroyd District recently enjoyed an over night stay on the James Craig part of the Heritage Fleet moored at Darling Harbour. The stay commenced at 5.30 pm Saturday night and concluded about 10.00 am Sunday .The Cubs took part in many and varied activities associated with life on an active sailing ship. The activities are run by the Heritage Fleet staff which in our case included a Scouter from 2nd Armidale in NW NSW. The stay includes dinner, supper and breakfast and also platters of fresh fruit. The only gear needed for the weekend was a toothbrush , sleeping bag, pillow, pj's and for the Cubs a change of undies just in case. We also packed a raincoat as activities take place even if it rains. The activities are well supervised and were enjoyed by all Cubs and Leaders. We finished the Sunday with a visit to the Maritime Museum adjacent. There is VERY limited parking so travel to and from is by train, we took one car to carry the sleeping bags and pillows. This was a very worthwhile, fun activity.

Peter Stieme CSL
1st Pendle Hill

**Setting up the
hammocks before
bedtime.**



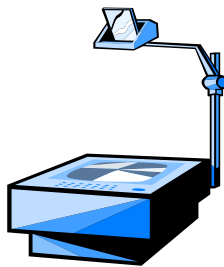
Swabbing the deck!

TRAINING TALK

Ann Pounder

Region Commissioner ATD

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How is the training going?

Is the Group looking after their new leaders and helping them to settle in and feel comfortable with the Scouting method?

Do you know where the new leader is in their training progression to become a section leader?

Have you assisted your new Group Leader to train, and help them become familiar with their role and responsibilities?

Yes that's right! We have a number of groups who have finally found someone to take on the role of Group Leader. These people need a great deal of support as there are many things that they have to be aware of. The Group can help, by working with them as a team, following the Policy and Rules set down by National and NSW and encouraging them in their new role.

Advanced training

A number of people have completed their Wood Badge training recently. It is fantastic to see the increase in leaders doing their Advanced Training. Baden Powell had Advanced Training for his leaders and he considered this essential for all leaders to do once Basic training was completed. If you are someone who has completed their Basic Training why not start your Advance Training now. There is always something new to learn (even for those who have been around for a while)!

SO take up the challenge, start planning and attend the courses. Get other leaders on board as well and just go for it.

If you need more information, please email me for a quick reply.

Farewell DLT Blue Mountains District

Gayle has resigned from the DLT position in the Mountains so Terry Darragh is in a caretaker role for the moment. Gayle has done a great job in interviewing leaders and also assisting people to train. This was evident with the number of people who completed their BL1 Distance Learning at the workshop held recently. We wish Gayle well and thank her for the time she gave to the leaders in Blue Mountains District.



Introductory Interviews

Introductory Interviews continue to be held on the first Thursday in the month at Bundilla

Paperwork assistance and completions

Assistance with completing paperwork is given on the fourth Thursday in the month also at Bundilla.

Congratulations and best wishes

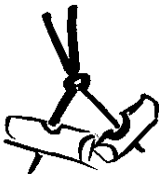
to

Lorraine Shaw DLCS Blacktown

Duncan Watts SL 1st Oakville

Paul O'Loughlin SL 1st/2nd Blacktown

who have received their hard earned Wood Badges



Bravo - Well done!



Booking Reminder

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

Wed 23 Jul	1st Hornsby Hts	Joeys	6pm	LIGHT
"	"	Cubs	7pm	"
Mon 28 Jul	1st Erskine Pk	Cubs	7pm	RADIO
Tue 5 Aug	1st Winston Hills	Joeys	6pm	?
"	"	Cubs	7pm	
Wed 13 Aug	1st Winston Hills	Scouts	?	?
"	"	Vent	7:45pm	
Tue 19 Aug	WP Hills	Cubs	7pm	?
"	"	Scouts?	8pm	
Mon 25 Aug	Berowra Hts	Joeys	6pm	CHEM
"	"	Cubs	7pm	"
Thu 4 Sep	1st Carlingford	Cubs	7pm	?
"	"	Scouts	8pm	
Wed 10 Sep	1st Winston Hills	Vent	7:45pm	LIQ NIT
Wed 17 Sep	1st Springwood	Cubs	7pm	ARCS/SPARKS
"	"	Scouts	8pm	"
Thu 25 Sep	1st Blaxland	Joeys	7pm	LIGHT
"	"	Cubs	8pm	

JOTA Preparations

How's your planning for JOTA/JOTI in October going? Time to think about what activities you will have running. Line up your Radio Operators well in advance. Talk to the scouts about communications, about scouting in other countries, radio operation and techniques - they could have their Radio Licence by then, if you plan now. What a sense of achievement, to use your own call sign and radio to contact other scouts around the world! *Contact me for activity ideas or how to get your scouts a Radio Licence by October.*



Modelling Skills: I recently took my six year old grandson to The Model Engineers Park at Ludenham. The activities were pretty much as they were when we took his father there. What struck me was his excitement at seeing each activity. He particularly liked the big model train layout, as he is just making his first train layout at home with his parents help. Other favourites were the ride on model trains, slot cars, radio controlled cars and planes & steam driven model engines. Why am I bothering you with this reminiscence? It occurred to me that a generation of kids haven't had the opportunity to build working, flying models with simple hand tools, to explore the possibilities in electricity, engineering, gears or steam, or to experience the satisfaction after spending hours building something, when it moves, glides or flies. I try and incorporate old toys that are easily made, in our Science Activity nights because most of the kids enjoy making something that works. Is there a need for a separate Activity here? Or do we as kids just try to emulate the technology of our age: Engineering, Biochemical, Transistors, Rockets, Computers? Maybe Modelling has been replaced by computer Simulation!

Power and Energy (An idea for a science night)

What makes our machines run? Where does the energy come from? How can we make our own?

Person power: How much energy can you produce?

(Generator bicycle) **AC & DC Generator:** What's the difference? How do they work? Hand powered torch **Solar:** Silicon solar cells, how much power do they produce? Concentrate the suns rays to boil water **Heat:** Steam engine, Electrical energy from Peltier junction, thermocouple, Catalytic burning of Butane. **Fuel Cell:** Flameless conversion to electrical power from Alcohol or Hydrogen & Oxygen. **Wind:** Model generators of various types of wind generators. **Petrol & Diesel:** Run a model aeroplane engine. **Stirling Engine:** Runs on the heat from the palm of your hand or a hot cup of coffee. **Chemical:** What's different about a car battery, a 9 volt battery and a C size 'battery'. What's in them? How do I make my own? **Mechanical:** Energy stored in compressed air, a spring, a rotating flywheel.



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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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I have been asked to explain the following new systems:

Boat Registration: As at the end of August, boats will only be registered with Groups. This has not changed - only the system of inspections has changed. Instead of an annual check by a Region Instructor, a check for sea worthiness will be conducted by the leader of the boating activity. No stickers will be issued. Presently Group Leaders have a boat certificate for each boat and I suggest this system be continued with the Leader of the activity to sign.

Rock Helpers: Persons asked to help on ROCK or caving courses by the instructor in charge will not be charged a fee. Persons who have completed a qualification and wish to gain extra qualifications and are not directly involved with running of the course, will be charged \$10 and need to register with Region Office. Anyone who has completed technical requirements, still needs to be recommended for appointment, by the Instructor in charge to the AC. (All instructors need to be aware that to maintain their qualification, they must have a current First Aid certificate and attend a rescue course at least once a year).

Thank you to those Rockies that helped with the audit and cleaned up of the rock shack on Sunday 18th May.

Time to start planning spring and summer activities.

Sailing Course: first week of the school hols in September 27/9/2008 Closing date 2 weeks before. Only \$50 for 5 days! (compare this to sailing schools \$300/day).

Canoe course can be booked from 1st week in August.

FUNDAY 14th December for Joeys, Cubs and Scouts

Venturers: Do you want a day of your own or do you wish to mingle with the masses last year 200 came?

Power Boats: Anyone wishing to gain power boat qualifications please ring Keith on 9632 3341 but not during June.



**YEAR OF THE SCOUT
2008 GILWELL REUNION**

9th August 2008

4:00pm to approx 9:00pm

Baden Powell Scout Camp, Pomona Street, Pennant Hills

Open to ALL Wood Badge Holders

(Past and present leaders) Uniform and awards if available.

Cost: \$25 includes sit down meal and souvenirs

RSVP 15th July 2008

NAME:

CONTACT DETAILS:.....
.....

GROUP:**REGION:**.....

WOOD BADGE SECTION/s: **YEAR:**

WOOD BADGE NUMBER:

Please mail your acceptance and payment to:
Scouts Australia NSW PO Box 125 Lidcombe 1825
Attention; Carol Cope

Limited Accommodation is available for Saturday night - extra \$12.00 per head (preference given to country people)
Breakfast Sunday morning – extra \$12 per head optional

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