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Position Vacant

HONORARY CAMP WARDEN

Bundilla Activity Centre

Expressions of interest are sought for the position of Camp Warden to live in the house on site. We are looking for preferably a couple with an appointment in the Scout Movement, but will consider all applicants on their merit. Duties will be fully discussed at interview, but include security, meeting and greeting clients hiring the centre and some maintenance. Rental to be discussed at interview.

Persons interested should apply as soon as possible with a brief outline of previous experience to; Jan Playford RC c/- Region Office or email: janplayford@iinet.net.au

FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford



Well hasn't the year started off fantastically well. Our numbers are continuing to grow and after the terrific response to the Founder's Day open weekend we are in for a bumper intake. I have unfortunately been under the weather, however Jan Carter and Neville Henderson have been run off their feet with enquiries and bookings for banners etc. Neville traveled the Region, visiting the wonderful display put on by Hawkesbury District, and visiting groups in the Parramatta and Holroyd Districts.

At the time of writing 1st Ermington had signed up 13 new members 1st Greystanes two, 1st/2nd Merrylands four and Winston Hills whose numbers are fantastic have redirected people to Northmead. Hawkesbury had a great display with local dignitaries attending. Hopefully the Groups have benefited number wise. Congratulations to Tracey Hansford and her Leaders at 1st Ermington. It just goes to show with some planning and publicity great thing can be achieved.

The Region has a new Rover Commissioner – David Twist. We welcome David aboard and wish him well in his new appointment. The Region now also has a webmaster. Matthew Thompson is our new webmaster and will be creating and running the GWSR website. Matt has some great plans and has my full support.

Plans are progressing well for the Centenary event 29th June. Neville is heading up the committee, so if you have any suggestions or input please contact Neville. The day will be a memorable event so please keep that day free in your diary.

We are still looking for camp wardens - we have a wonderful house to live in with the bushland as your backyard. Do you know of someone who may be interested?

If you or your Group are looking at some service projects we really need a hand with the grounds at Bundilla. Contact Jan Carter if you can give a hand.

We have recently had some inappropriate hall hires. If you are going to hire your hall you **MUST** go through the correct procedures.

A P2 form for casual hires and a P3 for permanent hires. If you are not sure contact Jan Carter. Do not let yourself or your committee be liable.

We recommend you do **NOT** hire your halls for birthday parties, particularly hiring your hall to young people. I know hiring can seem to be a way of quick funds, however if you don't do the right thing you will not be covered by insurance and it can become a costly exercise. Remember if your hall is a leased property you need permission from the council to hire your hall.

It has been a long time since all halls were safety audited. We still have Groups with outstanding reports. All halls **MUST** complete their audits. If you are having financial difficulties you can make application for funds. Please send them to Region who will forward them to the State Office.

There are great happenings this year for the Centenary. Please make regular contact with the State website for current updates, and keep attending your local meetings for the most up to date information. There is no excuse for lack of knowledge – it's all there if you look.

Thought for the month:

I've learned that life is both simple and complicated at the same time. The trick is finding the simple truths that are contained in the complicated confusion.

Jan Playford

www.nsw.scouts.com.au/

Don't forget to check out the Scouts NSW website for all the latest news, updates, events and booking forms.

Latest Leader News on the Web - January 2008

Understanding Suspension and What to Do.

2008 GWSR CALENDAR

MAY

- 2 Region Seonee
- 9 Region Wandarrah
- 11 - 17 Scout Job Week
- 19 Region Mindari
- 21 Region Council
- 24 Joey Fun Day
- 26 Region Executive
- 28 Region Commissioners Forum
- 31 First Aid Course

JUNE

- 1 First Aid Course
- 6 - 9 Jamborette
- 6 Region Seonee
- 8 Region PL Council
- 13 Region Wandarrah
- 14 Cub Scout Leadership Course
- 18 Region Council
- 21 - 22 State Scout Mindari & Cub Scout Council
- 23 Region Executive
- 25 Region Commissioners Forum
- 29 Region AGM
- 29 Region Centenary Celebration

Please keep for handy reference

POSSUM'S CORNER

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SENIOR FIRST AID COURSES

31st May & 1st June	Closing date	19th May	Cost \$85
11th & 12th October	Closing date	29th September	Cost \$85
29th & 30th November	Closing date	17th November	Cost \$85

The Region Office hours are:

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.

Rock Activities

Anyone who wishes to attend the next Caving course

Theory 29th April and Practical 3rd & 4th May

Please note the following;

The extra fees other than the usual Course fee are:

Adult Camp Fee at Bungonia \$10 per Day

Child 15 and under \$5 per day.

Car park fee \$7

NP&W also ask that you supply your own water.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

January/February 2008

TRANSFERS

TREMAINE Michael	Fr AL	1 st Murray Farm
	To AL	1 st Carlingford
FAIRALL Jeffrey	Fr DC	Penrith City District
	To GL	1 st Cambridge Park
MOUYAT Maurice	Fr AL	1 st Parramatta
	To ACSL	1 st Parramatta
CLARKE Melissa	Fr CSL	1 st Erskine Park
	To DCSL	Blue Mountains
GORMAN Lisa	Fr CSL	1 st Hazelbrook
	To ACSL	1 st Hazelbrook
MCPAUL-BROWNE Robert	Fr ACSL	1 st Hazelbrook
	To CSL	1 st Hazelbrook
TWIST David	Fr RA	1 st Westmead Crew
	To RC R	GWSR
WHEAT Adam	Fr SL	1 st Leura
	To ASL	1 st Hazelbrook

RESIGNATIONS

BARTLETT Stephen	AJSL	1 st Quakers Hill-Doonside
BRAVO, Larissa	ACSL	1 st North Mt Druitt
LANCASTER Hugh	AL	1 st Quakers Hill-Doonside
CRAIG Susan	Fellow	Cumberland Gang Show
PARISH Richard	SL	1 st Badgerys Creek
SHAW Joanne	AL	1 st Westmead
BURKE Robert	RA	GWSR
CRAFT Graham	AVSL	1 st Leura
WALLACE Stephen	AVSL	1 st Leura

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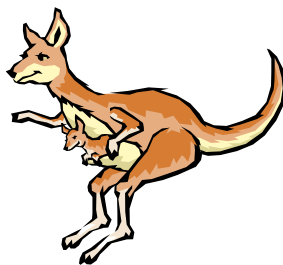
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JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Kathy Cuneo

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At present GWSR has 18 Joey mobs. The February Wandarrah had a very pleasing attendance of 22 leaders representing 12 of these mobs. All reported on increasing numbers. There is a lot of interest being shown in scouting at this level.

Planning has commenced for our Fun Day. The theme is The Circus and although we are unable to have the flying fox because of clashing dates we are planning an exciting day. We have to keep up the standard after last year. The Joey Scout Fun Day is to be held on **4th May at Bundilla.**

This year is an important year for the Joey Scouts as it is our 18th birthday in NSW and celebrations are planned for 1st July with a "BIG PARTY" to be held by each mob. An 18th birthday badge will be given to each Joey Scout. These Badges have to be ordered from Lyn Mann through the Region Commissioner and will be available for all past and present Joeys.

POSITIONS VACANT

District Commissioner/ Assistant Parramatta District

District Commissioner Assistant Hills District

District Commissioner/ Assistant Hawkesbury

Assistant District Commissioner/ Penrith

District Leaders Training, Joey, Cub, Scout, Development

Please send applications to Region Office or for further information contact;

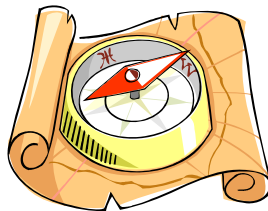
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FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Robin Garrett

Region Commissioner Scouts

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Hi everyone,

Our Region is doing fairly well and this is not just in the Scout Section, but across all the sections. For the Australia Day Spectacular we had 9 out of 23 Groups represented on the water. There were 12 from Sydney North Region, which has the largest number of Scouts in the state. This means that from our Region we had a presence of nearly 40% for the state. Of the numbers of people presented to the Governor, GWRS had 10 out of 17 which is 58% of all presented.

For Slamboree we seem to have had a great presence yet again. I do not know the numbers, but afterwards they had each Region go onto the floor and have their photo taken with the players. Of course Sydney Nth had a large number, but then so did we. It was impressive! For the activities outside before the game we had two activity bases amongst about eight. We managed to get a second base two weeks before the event which I know was *really appreciated* by the state organisers. Thank you to Hawkesbury Scout Fellowship and Blacktown District Scout leaders for their tremendous efforts. The Blacktown District Tower of Power was so impressive that the organisers for the Royal Easter show want them there for the Show.

Greater Western Sydney Region is known for making their presence felt, pitching in and giving a hand. Throughout this year we are being asked to participate in a number of events in the State and Region with our usual activities and the centenary events like the Royal Easter Show and the Region Centenary Event. Bravo and well done everyone.

The Scout Way

Recently I became aware of a Troop of Scouts who went on an overnight hike. One of the PL's told the members of his Patrol to

Patrol to take their record books. For some of the Scouts they found the trail a little tough but this Patrol managed to do some test work along the way and those Scouts were able to be signed off for some of their badge work in Campcraft. Now this is how we do scouting, out in the bush on the trail. This is the Scout Way of doing things. Bravo Angus Wyllie and your Patrol.

Scouts Have a Go

I was once again invited to speak at Parramatta District Swimming carnival opening parade for Founder's Day but what I said has probably been long forgotten by now! What went on inside was more appropriate to the way Scouting is conducted and is a reflection on what B.P. wanted Scouts to be doing. It was a sense of fair play and having a go. All the youth and adults were in there cheering their Groups on. Some had matching shirts, some had some weird matching shirts or something.... but the most rewarding things I saw in many of the races was kids having a go, even though they knew they could not swim very well. They jumped in and did their best. They knew that all they had to do was reach the end of the pool to earn their Group a point even if they were last. The best thing of all, the whole district cheered them on to the finish, not just their Group, but the whole district. Again, bravo and well done.

EPIRB Use

Last month I mentioned that the Region now has two EPIRB's available for use during hikes. We strongly recommend they are taken on hikes, particularly if Scouts are doing the hike on their own for the Green Cord. We do need to warn hirers that they are only to be used in an emergency, when there is serious risk to life and limb, so to speak. If an injury can be walked out to an emergency pick-up point, then the EPIRB does not need to be used. We need to avoid 'playing around' with the device which could set it off accidentally. A lot of things are brought into action when an EPIRB signal is set off and these actions cost a lot of money.

Happy hiking and camping.

Robin Garrett

Coming Events for the Scout Section

MARCH

8th & 9th State YACS
16th Region PL Council
29th Royal Easter Show Grand Parade
21st Harmony Day
24th Scout Hike early bird discount close

APRIL

25th ANZAC Day
12th Scout Hike Registrations Close
14th -25th School Holidays
19th Scout Hike Patrol changes close
23rd Scout Hike final payment date

MAY

2nd - 4th Scout Hike
26th Jamborette closing date for Registrations

Congratulations and best wishes to

Robert Slater - 2nd Baulkham Hills
Grant Louat - 1st South Penrith
Kimberley Gash - 1st Hazelbrook



On gaining the Adventurer Cord Award

Bravo - Well done

BUSHWALKING NOTES

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I am frequently asked questions concerning aspects of bushwalking in Scouting. This note addresses the most common and will hopefully clear up a few myths in the process.

Bushwalking is covered by a policy first introduced in November 2000. The latest version is available starting on page 43, Organization and Information Manual accessible at www.nsw.scouts.com.au. However, it does not exist in isolation and interpretation should take into consideration related policies such as Alpine, Rock and Activity Accommodation.

There is no hard and fast rule on when an outing becomes a bushwalk. I personally consider any walking activity taking the group more than an hour away from populated areas would be regarded as a bushwalk. This excludes walks such as along Toongabbie Creek during Cub Scout pack holidays at Bundilla or Scout wide games held within walking distance of a hall during a meeting night.

Once the activity is deemed a bushwalk, the policy applies and should be complied with. This includes someone in the party holding a current preliminary bushwalking leader or bushwalking leader certificate. This applies to all parties including those consisting entirely of youth members. Certificates can be issued to Scouts and Venturers. In fact, a Scout planning a green cord hike should have sufficient experience to qualify for a full bushwalking leader certificate.

I appreciate paperwork is involved. The certificates are issued on an experience basis and we have streamlined the process as much as possible. A list/log of experience is all that is required with simple details outlined in the policy.

Next Month: The pros and cons of “shadowing”

FROM THE DEPUTY'S DESK

Neville Henderson



Founder's Day

What a great time I had during Founder's Day weekend when I had the opportunity to get out and about and visit a number of groups and see the different ways they are promoting Scouting in our community.

On the Friday night I was privileged to attend the presentation of the Baden Powell Award to Aaron Wardle of 1st Westmead Rover Crew. Congratulations Aaron and keep up the good work you are doing.

Saturday was bright and sunny and I attended the open day at 1st/2nd Merrylands and it was good to see so many youth members participating in various activities and members of the public invited to come along and join them. I believe that they have gained at least five new members for their Joey and Cub sections. Well done to Jeanie Wood and her Group.

1st Greystanes was my next port of call and I was impressed with the way their scouts were working together to build a fire pit.

I then moved on to the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the 1st Westmead Scout Troop (the Group is 69 years old) and it was good to catch up with some of the leaders and youth members of days gone by who had returned for some reminiscing of the good old days. A special guest was Ron Edwards (previous Group Leader) who had some special memories of the Group.

On Sunday I was up bright and early to drive to the Hawkesbury District Open Day celebrations at Mcquade Park at Windsor. I had the honor of leading the opening parade and seeing Ted Radford from the Black Horse Fellowship receive his 45 year service award. The open day was attended by Louise Markus (Federal Member for Greenaway), Ray Williams (State Member for Hawkesbury) and Councilor Bart Bassett (Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council) and each was full of praise for the organisers of the activity. Well done to the Hawkesbury District Council for arranging this fabulous activity.

A quick trip to the other end of the Region and a visit to 1st Ermington Group for their open day. After an opening parade where Tanya Gadiel (State Member for Parramatta) was presented with a Group scarf, it was into the activities for the youth members and also members of the public who had been invited to attend.

Cumberland Gang Show were having a training day for their Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders at Merrylands and I called in for a quick visit to say "hullo". On my way home I made a minor deviation via 1st Winston Hills to visit their group bar-b-que.

I know there were other Groups in the Region who had the doors open for Founder's Day and I hope that they had an enjoyable time as I did.

Centenary of Scouting

The planning is well underway for our **Centenary of Scouting Celebration Open Day on Sunday 29th June 2008** at Bundilla. Please put this important date on your calendar in order that your leaders and youth members do not miss out on this special occasion. Further details will be sent out to Groups after Easter.

We are still looking for Groups to run food outlets on the day and if your Group or Fellowship wishes to be involved please contact me on 0418 464 296 or email nevilleh@aeitransport.com.au

Neville Henderson
Deputy Region Commissioner.

Working Bee at Bundilla Saturday 29th March 2008

The Bundy Club invites you along to the next working bee from 9:00am. We need your help to keep Bundilla a great place to visit and camp. Please wear old clothes and bring a pair of gloves.

We look forward to seeing you there.

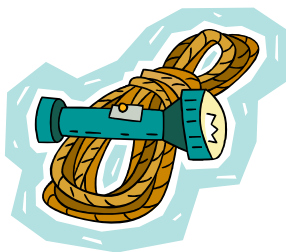
ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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



Wet Canyon: Our trip down the Wollangambe River in February was on a fairly wet day but the group did exceedingly well and were happy at the end except for a few leeches.

Coming Activities

Canyon Course: 8th March (Fortress Canyon); and 9th March (Serendipity Canyon). Camping overnight at Mt. Wilson.

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses: 8th April (theory) and 12th and 13th April (practical). Also 20th May (theory) and 24th and 25th May (practical)

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Friday 4th April (theory) and Sun. 6th April (practical). Location will be chosen to suit attendees.

Caving Course: Tues. 29th April (theory) and 3rd and 4th May (practical at Bungonia).

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sun. 15th June.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: Fri. 27th June (theory) and Sun. 29th June (practical, at Lindfield or Wahroonga).



Applications (on the Rock Activity Form) should be sent to the Region Office (phone 9639 2488) two weeks before the course.

Two-day and three-day courses cost \$20, one-day trips \$10 and Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$5.

Venturers on a recent GWSR
Rescue Course at Bowen Mountain



Booking Reminder: We have booked so far ahead that some Leaders are surprised when we arrive. 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 proceed you on the night (b) what time do you start or (c) what program did you want? It has happened that the Leader who booked us has left the section/group with out telling anyone. ***Please email me to fill in the missing information.***

Wed 12 March	1st Parramatta	Cubs 7pm	ROCKETS
“	Joeys/Scouts ?		
Mon 17 March	1st Castle Hill	Joeys 6:30pm	MAGNETICS
“	Cubs/Scouts ?		
Tues 25 March	4th Castle Hill	Cubs 7pm	SOUND
“	Joeys/Scouts ?		
Mon 31 March	1st Hawkesbury	Joeys 6pm ?	CHEMISTRY
”	”	Cubs 7pm ?	
Sun 6 April	1st Blaxland	Rovers 6:30pm	CYBORG ?
Tues 8 April	1st Blaxland	Joeys ?	MAGNETICS ?
“	Cubs/Scouts ?		
Mon/Tues 28-29 ?	Hazelbrook/Leura	Vent ?	LN2

The Chemistry of Colour Change Markers

These 'Magic Markers' work on a combination of two dyes, one is stable in low pH (*acid*), and the other is stable in high pH (*base*), in each colour marker. The clear marker contains a combination of *reducing agent* and *base* chemicals.

An interesting experiment could be done by

- (a) Doing a colour separation of both original and colour changed pen inks by Chromatography (as done on our Joey 'Kitchen Chem' night), to show the colour dyes involved, and
- (b) Trying various common reducing and base chemicals to see how they affect the marker dyes. I have tried the clear 'colour change' marker with other non magic markers, and seen a colour

change effect, so the possibility is that quite a few ordinary colour 'felt tip pens' could be turned into 'magic markers' with the use of common chemicals applied with a cotton bud! This seems like a good challenge/investigation for an older Cub or a Scout with an interest in practical chemistry. I could supply a kit of chemicals and a method.

How do you 'Measure Up'?

Thinking of themes for Activity nights leads me to where I work at the National Measurement Institute. I remember my son doing an activity in Scouts to do with fluid measurement and estimating distance. So why not a night on different sorts of measurement and the tools used to measure?



Length - long tape, 4 metre tape, rule ultrasonic 'tape' measure.

Height - how tall am I, comparing shadows, what's my stride, rotating of arms length pencil, protractor and trigonometry, altimeter

Width - Rule, vernier calipers, micrometer (how thick is a hair?), estimating width of river etc. Calculating area.

Mass - How much do I weigh? How big is a kilogram? Scales, balances, spring scales (how hard is the kite pulling?). How much does a mozzly weigh?

Volume - How big is a teaspoonful, a cup, a litre? How much air do my lungs hold? Measuring volume of irregular objects. Calculating volume (cube, cone, sphere) then measure it. Estimating volume.

Density - Use a Hygrometer to measure water, oil, milk. Which golden blob of metal is Gold? What things float on which liquids?

Time - Sun dial and hour glass, egg timer. One a little hundred, two a little hundred. My reaction time. Use a stop watch.

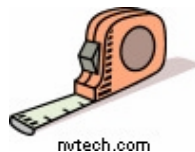
Speed - car speedo, wind speed. Use a stroboscope to 'stop' motion and measure speed. How fast do things fall? Computers - what is a Gigahertz, and does it?

Pressure - What's the pressure in the car tyre? What's the force in a balloon? What's the atmospheric pressure, what does it mean? What is my blood pressure?

Miscellaneous - How loud is that sound? How bright is that light? What temperature am I?

I could devise a night based around discovery and games. Let me know if you are interested.

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ROVER REPORT

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GWS ROVERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Good news – it looks like the whole site is just about finished (finally)! Visit the website www.gwsrovers.com.au and find out details about GWS Rover Crews and Rover events. Special thanks to Simon Hornstra (at NSW I.T.) for his assistance in getting the site up and running again. If there is anything that you would like added or amended on the website, please send an e-mail to pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au

RAISE YOUR VOICE – 2008 NSW ROVER CONFERENCE

This is an opportunity for Rovers to give their opinions on what Rovering is about, and to give ideas on how to make Rovers an enjoyable experience. If you would like to know more about this event, please contact the BRC Secretary, Steve Wallace, at secretary@nswrovers.com

UPCOMING ROVER EVENTS

- March 29 GWS RRC Exec Handover Day (Corrected date)
 - April 2 GWS RC Meeting, Bundilla, 7:30pm
 - April 4 - 6 NSW Rover Conference, Heathcote
 - April 23 St George's Day service, St James Anglican Church, Sydney, 7pm
 - April 25 ANZAC Day services, various locations
 - May 3 Annual Formal Regressive Macca's Dinner
For further details, please contact the Kings Langley Rover Crew at kingslangley@gwsrovers.com.au
 - May 23-25 Hunter & Coastal Region's "McMoot", Camp Kariong
- If there are any events that you think would be of interest to the Rovering community, please email me the details.***

GALA CONCERT
THE PARRAMATTA RIVERSIDE THEATRE
CNR CHURCH AND MARKET STREETS
PARRAMATTA
SUNDAY MARCH 15TH @ 7.30PM

Every July, The Riverside Theatre in Parramatta is home to the Cumberland Gang Show. Riverside is about to celebrate its 20th Anniversary with a Gala Concert, and has called on the Scouts and Guides from the Gang Show to help celebrate. They will join with world renowned yodeller Mary Schneider, to perform *On the Crest of a Wave* at the concert on Saturday March 15 at 7.30pm.

In the 20 years since it opened, Riverside Theatre has become the busiest performing arts centre in Sydney outside of the Opera House, with over 700 shows and events each year.

Hosted by *The Wharf Revue's* Jonathan Biggins, the concert will celebrate the diversity of programming that has been a major part of Riverside Theatres, from Opera to Shakespeare, comedy to dance, this event will feature the best of the best of 20 years. Stars from past shows will return and perform alongside stars of the future, in a grand variety show which will showcase Sydney's best.

The concert will feature Tom Burlinson, Monica Trapaga and her band Mucho Mambo, Sydney Dance Company, musical performers Trisha Crowe and Hayden Tee, opera star Shu Cheen Yu, Grahame "Aunty Jack" Bond and Rory "Thin Arthur" O'Donoghue, Maria Venuti, the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, the Carpenters from Kempsey, Premier State Ballet and performers from Riverside Lyric Ensemble.

Cost of Tickets;

Adults \$45, Concession \$40, 30 and Under \$35

To book your tickets please contact;

The Riverside Theatre Box Office on 8839 3399 or email www.riversideparramatta.com.au



REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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At the recent Activities Conference, GWSR was singled out for not having a representative on the Boating State Activity Committee. The Activity Commissioner had to stand in thereby missing some vital information from the Activity State Commissioner!

Another problem we have, is that we do not have enough people at Region to supervise activities, so we have to limit the size of courses. The minimum number of people for a canoe course is 10 the maximum is 20. We have found some groups want 40 people to attend so we then split into two courses. Please consider these problems when you are planning activities.

We are looking for people who are keen to be involved in various activities and we will coach them to become an asset to the Region and their Group. We need people to;

- get interested in boating
- become members of state office teams organised by Region
- to study contents of policies and to advise Activity Commissioner when changes should be made
- join Rock, Flying Fox, Boating, Science and Radio teams

Please contact me if you would like to get involved. It is possible to be involved with a Group and still belong to one of these teams.

SAILING COURSE

12th to 16th April. For only \$50, you will be taught basic sailing, receive theory notes and also receive a log book. At present there are NO applicants even though in January we had to turn people away, because we could not handle the amount of people wishing to attend! The maximum number is ten and sailing will be on Lake Chipping Norton 8:30am to 4:00pm Saturday to Wednesday

CLOSING DATE - FRIDAY 28th MARCH get your applications in now.

ROCK RELATED

Please note that both Carey Barlow and Fred Kaltenbacher are injured at present - direct any enquiries to Rick Jamieson.

Bushwalking enquires should go to Frank Barr.

Remember whatever your activity is, there is a policy to be followed. These Policies are available on the scout website.

INSTRUCTORS BADGE

During the Activities Conference there was an announcement of a new badge for Activity Instructors. The badge is similar to the current activities triangle with INSTRUCTOR written on it.

To apply for this badge, you need to contact the Activity Commissioner, who has the application forms and instructions on how to apply. The RAC can make the recommendation to the State Commissioner Activities, that a particular person has qualified through one of several methods and they will be able to wear this badge on their uniform.

Congratulations and very best wishes

to

Aaron Christopher Wardle

1st Westmead Rover Crew

For achieving his Baden-Powell Scout Award



The Baden-Powell Award is the pinnacle of a Rover's career. The award marks the completion of up to eight years work in a variety of endeavours.

Bravo Aaron

A SUMMER OUTING OR HOW TO KEEP MUMS AND CUBS HAPPY IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

By Charles Yendle (Bagheera) CSL 3rd Merrylands

The first Wednesday in January, we went swimming at Bundeena. The second Wednesday, we went to South Head. We all met at Parramatta Station, 3rd Merrylands (4 cubs, 3 scouts, SL), Guildford (1 scout and two friends) and 1st Greystanes (1 scout, 1 cub and sister and 1 CSL).

We bought our day rover tickets, caught the train to Circular Quay and then a ferry to Watson's Bay. Our group walked to South Head looking at the cannon along the way. We stopped for morning tea, and explored the battlements at North Head, Hornsby Lighthouse and had a good look at Sydney heads and the harbour entrance.

Then back to Camp Cove, where all the cubs and scouts went for a swim. This is a nice protected beach, and not crowded. While the leaders looked on except for one who went swimming, two young men introduced themselves to us, they were Israeli Scouts, here on a holiday after finishing their Army training!

After a swim, we found a grassy spot for lunch. The cubs soon discovered a little shop at the beach, where the money burning a hole in their pockets, was spent on ice blocks.

We then walked to The Gap, where we checked out the anchor from the Dunbar. We also walked to the top of The Gap, Gap Bluff and all stayed well behind the fence! We explored the ruins of the battlements, read the many plaques and then headed back for the ferry. We were too early for the ferry to Circular Quay, so the cubs and scouts played on the swings, while the leaders rested on a lovely grassed area until it was time to go. The ferry was packed, but the kids were so tired, they didn't even notice it.

Eventually caught the train back to Parramatta, where some parents were waiting for their charges. Made some phone calls before boarding a T- Way bus, to make sure there would be someone waiting at each stop to collect the children. First a cub and a scout were met by their brother at one Stop, then three more

cubs were met by their mother at the next stop, then the scout leader and scout daughter got off the bus, leaving Baggy to carry on alone to his stop!

A good summer outing, which could also be done in winter with more exploring on the southern side of the Gap, Jacobs Ladder, Grieves Grave and the cliff walk. The return to Circular Quay can be done by bus, if you walk a long way from Watson's Bay.



Baggy

Enjoying the ferry ride on a beautiful sunny day

Group photo in front of the Dunbar's anchor



Exploring the tunnels at South Head

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