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SCARF UP FOR SCOUTING

Special guests at the AGM were each presented with a Centenary scarf and woggle as a token of appreciation for their continued support of Scouting in our Region.

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Upcoming Events

August 1

Martin Place - The Place to Be - birthday activities, cake and wide game
7:30am to 1pm

September 19th and 20th

SPLASH Camp
North Head, Sydney

October 25th and 26th

Centenary Camp
Sydney Showground,
Sydney Olympic Park

For further information and registration details visit the Scouts Australia website

www.nsw.scouts.com.au

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford



The 29th June 2008 will go down in Scouting history as a magical day for GWSR. The day dawned fine and sunny and I am sure the good Lord was smiling down on us all. Our scouting family did us proud, from the littlest Joey Scout to our oldest Fellowship member and all ages in between. Our family worked together to make the day such a success. All sections were represented from all districts, providing activities not only for our own scouting family but for many non scouting families.

The day will linger in our memories as one of those special days that will be talked of in years to come as “do you remember?” I would like to thank each and everyone who came on the day for all your hard work in giving the kids such a great time. I saw so many happy smiling faces, lots of them sporting face paint – the Joey section must have worked their tails off getting them all painted. As far as the eye could see there were queues waiting for the activities, all orderly with not a cross word to be heard. The ever popular flying fox worked non stop to provide thrills for everyone.

The activities were wide and varied, giving all who attended a great day. The “speeding pullet” must have gone home a very tired chook! To the groups who provided food for hungry tummies, thank you. It was fortunately a two way street, with the groups earning some money and our people well fed. I can recommend the rocky road as can my husband Barry who received his when I arrived home. To the Rovers who made non stop fairy floss, thank you. I know Rovers stick together, but not usually by sugar!

I have tried to thank everyone personally, If I have missed you, please take this as my personal thanks. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The organising committee worked extremely hard before and on the day and deserve a big BRAVOOO.

We have been asked when we are going to do it again. Yes - it was a lot of work but well worth it. I would love to hear people’s thoughts on holding Region events like this. To me it was a day of fostering friendships and mateship. All working together for the benefit of our

youth members. The day was also our AGM which was well attended. We presented Centenary scarves to the politicians and some local identities. Our honoured guests were most impressed with the activities and I think we really put the out in scouting on display.

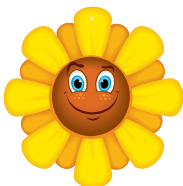
Bundilla was left lovely and clean and tidy after everyone went home, and I am sure Bundilla was also glad to have been the host to so many, but was also glad when everyone left.

Some great news - we have finally found new caretakers. Clare and Julian with their young family visited on the day and really saw the campsite hopping. We fortunately didn't frighten them off and they will be moving in shortly.

As I write we are on the countdown to 1st August. State has organised a Centenary event at Martin Place. All the DC's were given information. If you haven't received yours please look at the website for details. Happy World Scout Day to you all.

Jan Playford

Thought for the month:



**Coming together is a beginning.
Thinking together is unity.**

**Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.**

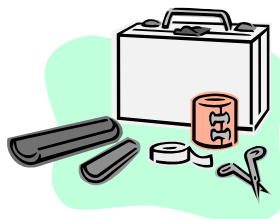
SENIOR FIRST AID COURSES

11th & 12th October

Closing date 29th September Cost \$85

29th & 30th November

Closing date 17th November Cost \$85



POSSUM'S CORNER

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Incident/Accident Forms - M6.

Some people seem to think that if you have an accident that the incident section does not have to be filled in. You can have an incident without having an accident but not an accident without having an incident. It is important that all the information is filled in. This form can be used as a legal document in the Courts. (We are not talking about *minor accidents* like young Johnny got a splinter or bumped into someone else and they have a small bruise. Those *incident/accidents* should just be recorded in a log book and kept with your First Aid Kit).

Many times we hear of some Accident/Incident that has occurred in a Group/Section but an M6 has not been submitted. It is important to submit the M6 form within 30 days of the Incident to Region Office (who record and then forward to State HQ). The insurance company will not pay out on an Insurance Claim unless the M6 has been lodged correctly. If in doubt ring Region Office.

Cords/lanyards

I noticed at the Centenary Day that there were a few scouts still wearing their cord/lanyards around their necks. Last year Batman reported in the Bulletin that the Scoutcraft Badge was to be sewn only by the ends on the shoulder of the new uniform shirt and the Cord looped through it. Perhaps mum could sew a press stud on one end so the cord can be taken off when laundering the shirt.

Jamborette Lost Property

We have a large box of beanies, caps, hats and warm jackets. So if any scouts ask if you know where they might be, they can come to Bundilla during office hours to look for the lost item. I will not be going through looking for names, and no phone calls please. They will only be held until 1st August then they will go to a charity bin!

JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

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The Centenary Day was enjoyed by many Joeys in the Region. Thank you to the centenary committee for showcasing all sections of scouting.

All Joey mobs celebrated the 18th birthday of Joeys during the last week of term. The theme was "B...P..." so there were big pizzas, bubble pipes, blue, purple, pink and black balloon games, bowling parties, etc. Each Joey was given a special 18th birthday badge to wear on their uniform for the rest of the year. It was a great way to finish the term. If anyone else would like the badge as a blanket badge they are available from Kathy Cuneo.

The next event for Joey Leaders is a mini Konara to be held at Carlingford on 3rd August. This is a programming Day to re-enthusiase experienced leaders and to enhance the training of new leaders. It will include a special section run by Lyn Mann the State Joey Commissioner. (See advertisement next page). We will be joined by Leaders from Hume Region. Joey Scout Leaders, please register with Kathy Cuneo.



DALAVER

Back to Tomorrow

2nd August 2008 9:00am to 4:00pm

Bundilla Scout Activity Centre

All CS Leaders and CS Youth Helpers are invited to attend. Come and join in the fun and gain some great program ideas for use at your Pack. Make new friends or reunite with old ones!

Wear uniform and bring an egg carton and a match box with you!

See your DLCS for Application forms.

RSVP 21st July to Region Office Cost \$35 per person.

DON'T MISS OUT - APPLY NOW



**GWS REGION PRESENTS...
KONARA 2008**

PROGRAM PIZAZZ

**Includes 365 Program Daze Session
by Lyn Mann—SCJS**

SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

9.00 AM—4.30 PM

**at CARLINGFORD SCOUT HALL
20 Boundary Road Carlingford**

COST—\$25.00

All meals provided DRESS—Casual Clothes

REGISTRATONS CLOSE—FRIDAY 25th JULY

**Enquiries—Kathy Cuneo RCJS
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Each Konara participant to email djls@gwsjoey.s.org.au (or submit with registration) at least 1 program—on the theme of challenges—adventure, buddy, care and share, or environment by the closing date. We welcome additional program submissions on any theme.

All programs emailed will be available on the Konara Resources CD.

1ST TOONGABBIE SCOUT GROUP ***100 YEARS 1908 - 2008***



You are kindly invited to join in the Celebration of
100 Years of Scouting at 1st Toongabbie

on

23rd August 2008

1:00pm to 5:00pm

at

Bundilla Scout Activity Centre, Winston Hills.

The Celebrations will commence with an afternoon of Scouting activities and a Memorabilia Display for youth, families and interested parties and will conclude with our

Centenary Dinner

7:00pm

Brownsea Dining Room , Bundilla.

For further information please telephone

Alan Murphy (Group Manager) on 9636 5831



***FROM THE
DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER
Neville Henderson***



WOW....

What a great way to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Australia. Beautiful weather, over 30 activities to choose from, fairy floss and excellent food and over 2500 people in the grounds of Bundilla. What more could anyone want on the last Sunday in June?

I am sure that all the groups who attended had a fabulous day and for those leaders who did not bother to attend with their members, you missed out on one heck of a Centenary Celebration.

The guests who attended the AGM, including the Chief Commissioner, state scouting representatives, local politicians and local government representatives, were very impressed with what they saw and congratulated us on a well organized function. They all commented on the numbers that were in attendance.

A day like this does not happen without organization and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the following people who worked tirelessly on a committee headed by me. Kathy Cuneo and Sandy Knox (Joeys), Anne Thompson (Cubs), Robin Garrett (Scouts), Mark Absalom (Venturers), Bennett Lansley (Rovers), Keith Travers (Activities) and Colin Nicholas (Region Executive).

Also a special thank you to all the leaders who worked so hard on the activity bases, the leaders and Region Executive who assisted in the sale of badges, passports and raffle tickets and the scout group committees who manned the food and drink stalls and the Rovers who did such an excellent job on the fairy floss stall.



I must also pass on my thanks to Alan Overton and Parramatta Eels Rugby League who donated the lucky door prizes.

Just think... only another 100 years to the Bicentennial!

Neville

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Arcs and Sparks at 1st Penrith

Despite the damp weather the Electrostatic generator (Van de Graff) was working well on the night we visited 1st Penrith Scouts. We made Electrophorus's with aluminium pie plates and foam cups, to transfer charge from the plastic plate to light the neon, and showed the weak force that parted foil leaves (Electro-scope) and moved the coke can.



Some of the girls in the Troop really had a 'hair raising' experience with the high voltage generator, as the pictures show. It's interesting to rediscover early science that was in use before AC mains voltage or batteries, when homes were lit by wale oil or candles, cooked on open fires, and you moved around by walking or horse. Now we move by a different horsepower, fuelled by cheap energy.

Our Base at Bents Basin

We had five activities based on REAL Science Super Heroes. With the help of a couple of knowledgeable Venturers on Saturday we ran all five.

Marconi was one of the early pioneers in radio (1896). He would have been amazed at Karl's array of equipment. Karl had his impressive portable tower this weekend, and was able to demonstrate radio operation and on-air technique to the Scouts. He also explained how easy it was to get his Foundation Licence through the local Amateur Radio Club.



Charles Babbage devised the first calculator in 1822. It was of course with mechanical gears and levers. The first electrical

computers were used to solve algebraic equations and were known as Analogue Computers, because input variables were adjustable DC or time varying waveforms. I built a simple analogue computer with three dials that calculated $X \times Y = Z$, where X was any number between 0 and 10, and Y up to 100. The Scouts were intrigued that so few components could solve a multiplication.

Volta made the first battery in 1799, by alternating a stack of silver and zinc discs separated with salty paper. The unit of potential difference, the Volt, was named after him. We opened up some C&D cells as well as 9V batteries, to show the Scouts they were constructed of a Carbon rod surrounded by a chemical mix inside a Zinc case. They could also see the difference between a cell and a battery.



Electric Circuits in the form of the versatile Snap Circuits were at another table to enable the Scouts to make connections of lights, motors and alarm modules.

The final base drew a lot of interest - an Electric Fish. Most Scouts had heard of Electric Eels and Rays, but not of an *Elephant Nose*. Some of



the Scouts were keen to give him a name, with 'Sparky' being top of the list. This little fish has only about 3% vision because his natural habitat is murky water, so he has developed an electric echo for navigating and locating food. I had placed wires inside the tank and we were able to listen to his pulses on an amplifier and see the signal on the oscilloscope.

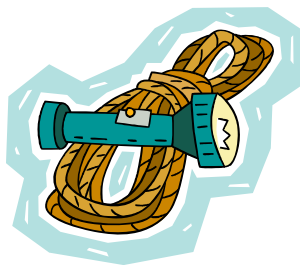
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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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Coming Activities

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses:

Tuesday 12th Aug. (theory) and 16th and 17th Aug (practical). Also Tuesday 28th Oct. (theory) and 1st and 2nd Nov (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).

Rescue (Recovery) Course:

Sunday 15th June. Also Sunday 9th November.

Scout Top - Rope Climbing Badge Course:

Friday 26th Sep (theory) and Sunday 28th Sep (practical at Lindfield or Wahroonga).

Canyon Trip:

Sunday 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 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.

All enquiries to Rick Jamieson 4572 1321

Visit our website: www.beprepared.com.au/qws



Congratulations and best wishes
to
Jessica Grove
1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop

On gaining her Adventurer Cord Award

Bravo - Well done

Letter to the Editor; Without fear or Favour

I would like to thank the organising committee for the Region Family Centenary Day at Bundilla. I spoke to some of my Cub parents, who are fairly new to Scouting, and the general feeling was that it was a very successful day. One parent's comment was "that it was so good to see all the Leaders working together on bases for the common good of Scouting and to give the youth a good time" - it just shows what can be achieved when we all get in and pull our weight.

To Region - thank you for supplying all of what was available for only \$4, some of the parents could not believe what was available for the cost .

At the AGM it was very pleasing to hear the Chief speak in glowing terms about our Region and how well it is going. It makes you wonder how anyone can say anything negative about our Region. Could it be whingeing for whingeing's sake ?

Once again a huge thanks for a great day.

Yours in Scouting

Peter Stieme (Kaa) CSL 1st Pendle Hill

APPOINTMENT LIST

JUNE 2008

APPOINTMENTS

BRUIN Thomas	AL	1 st Blaxland
BURROWS Noriko	AL	1 st Carlingford
CHAN, Marian	AL	1 st Carlingford
CHISHOLM William	AL	1 st /2 nd Merrylands
HOWARD, Cliff	AL	1 st Granville

TRANSFERS

BORDLEY Charlene	Fr RC Dev	GWSR
	To DCSL	Parramatta District
DEARDEN Geoff	Fr AL	1 st Carlingford Group
	To ACSL	1 st Carlingford Pack
KENNEDY Craig	Fr ACSL	1 st Kings Langley Pack
	To CSL	1 st Kings Langley Pack
McKINLEY David	Fr ASL	1 st Kings Langley Troop
	To SL	1 st Kings Langley Troop
REID, Peter	Fr SL	Coffs Harbour Troop
	To ASL	1 st Hazelbrook Troop

RESIGNATIONS

ALLAN, Mary Jane	ASL	1 st South Penrith
ANDERSON Greg	CL (Appt)	1 st North Mt Druiitt Crew

RESIGNED IN ERROR

CORDELL Wallace	ASL	1 st Cambridge Park Troop
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ROVER REPORT

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As of the last RRC meeting (4th June) we now have a new secretary, Tiffany Brien of 2nd Castle Hill Rovers and also we have a new Activities Coordinator, Warren Kaltenbacher of 1st Blaxland Kalangadoo Rover crew.

A special thank you to the Blaxland and Hawkesbury Rover crews that went to the Initiative Course that was run by the Venturers. During the course they were able to talk to the Vennies and tell them all about Rovers and our extensive list of activities that we organise or take part in.

Upcoming Events

- **A Very Scary Snow Moot** is coming up fast! It costs \$200 per person and is on the 25th - 27th of July. For more info contact Matt Lee on matt74@hotmail.com or go to the website www.nswrovers.com/snowmoot
- **The Castle Moot** will be held on 8th and 9th of August! Costs \$25 presale or \$30 at the gate. It is held by 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew at Nords Wharf. For more info on how to get a ticket contact me at pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au
- **Waratah** is on the 14th - 16th of November. They need 40 rovers to come and help out. Costs \$40 per head and is fully catered. For more info contact Mel Ison.

Sincere thanks to all the Rovers who volunteered their services on Sunday June 29th Centenary Day at Bundilla. Their help and support was greatly appreciated by the organising committee.

BRAVO



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