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**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**



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**The Region Office will  
be closed from  
Friday December 18  
and will re-open late  
January or early  
February 2010**

*Please watch the website  
for opening date and time*

Wishing all our readers a  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year.



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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

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*Building a Better Future*

Who would believe that another Scouting year is almost over, except for the Leaders and youth members who are attending the AJ2010 at Cataract Park in January. We hope you all have a safe and exciting time and for those who are attending their first Jamboree enjoy yourself.



Unfortunately due to changes being made in respect of Region Office, Jan Carter will be leaving us on the 18th December after 16 years of service. I am sure that you will all join with me in thanking Jan for the excellent work she has done and wish her the very best for the future.

Please watch the February Bulletin for changes to office hours.

The Region Office will close on Friday, December 18 and will not reopen until late January or early February, depending on the renovation work at the camp site. We were lucky to receive a grant from the Federal Government and the work will commence on December 14, 2009. No bookings will be accepted for use of the campsite until the beginning of February - when the work should be completed. Our facility will be one of the best in Scouting when this is all completed so please consider Bundilla when looking for a venue for your camp or activity.

The camp caretaker position is being advertised locally and should you know someone who would be interested please contact State Office, as they will be conducting the initial interviews for the position. A job description can be obtained from State Office.

I called into Bundilla after a recent Chief Commissioner's Council and was pleased to see three Joey mobs from Ermington, Kellyville and Kings Langley having an absolutely fabulous weekend camp as Pirates. Well done to the organisers and the Leaders and parents who attended.

During the month I also attended the PLA meeting at Bundilla. I was disappointed with the number of people who attended as the training Leaders put in a lot of work organising the meeting and unfortunately the same old faces attended. Please put down in your diaries that these meetings will be held on the fifth Thursday of the months with five Thursdays.

Congratulations to our Venturers on the success of the recent Waratah held at Glenrock near Newcastle. From all reports the event was a huge success and our region Venturers were joined by some members from Hunter and Coastal. Well done.

Don't forget the Region Water Fun Day at Chipping Norton Lake on Sunday 13 December 2009. Please help make this day a huge success by attending. Keith Travis is still looking for some helpers with a tow bar on their car to assist with towing the boats.

There still appears to be a number of problems with A1 forms; in particular with respect of the Home Leader either not being nominated or alternatively not signing the form to acknowledge they are in fact aware of the activity.

Also some Leaders are sending in A1 forms to our RC Activities a few days before the event, instead of at least 14 days prior. If you are unsure of how to complete the forms contact your sectional RC or District Leader who will assist you, or at least point you in the right direction.

As this will be the last Bulletin before Christmas, on behalf of the Region Team and the Region Executive, I would like to thank all the Leaders and Parents who are assisting Group Committees, for their support in 2009 and we look forward to working with them again in 2010.

*Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, to you and your families and please be safe and make sure you return next year.*

Neville Henderson  
Region Commissioner



## ***POSSUM'S CORNER***

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*Goodbye from Jan!*

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

*There are a number of positions vacant - please think about these over the holidays and consider if one of them would suit you.*

#### **DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

Hawkesbury District

Parramatta District

#### **DISTRICT LEADERS**

District Scout Leader – Hawkesbury

District Scout Leader – Parramatta

District Scout Leader – Hills

District Scout Leader – Blue Mountains

District Leader Training – Penrith

District Leader Training – Holroyd

District Leader Training – Hawkesbury

District Leader Training – Parramatta

District Leader Training – Blue Mountains

#### **DISTRICT DELEGATES TO REGION EXECUTIVE**

All districts need a representative

(the job description will be in February Bulletin).

***If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the Region Commissioner.***

## ***TRAINING TALK***

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Well the year has flown by and another will soon be upon us

By now, you all should have received your 2010 Training Calendar. If you lose it, it is available on the State website.

For Region run courses we are flexible and will run a course on demand

Please check the GWS website for details as they sometimes come up between Bulletins

Expressions of interest have been sought for an AL1 and a BL1. These flexible courses run over a couple of days but involve one day only at a time and no overnights. Please keep up to date if you are interested by checking our website

Well by now you will have heard about our Region Office change, so I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Training Team, to thank Jan for the countless hours she has put in assisting us with the endless amount of paperwork needed to ensure Leaders are appointed, Wood Badges awarded and skills gained on courses acknowledged on records. It is no easy task, along with all the other work that is asked from our office personnel.



***For all this Jan - thank you  
and we wish you well  
in your retirement.***

To all PLA's please keep the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the month free for our meetings in 2010. Once again check our website for details.

To all of you - have a great relaxing, peaceful break and the team will be back in the first week of February 2010.

***Merry Christmas from Ann***



## **JOEY SCOUT NOTES**

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Joey Scout mobs are concluding the year's activities with the November **Care and Share** month. A variety of programs based on caring and sharing with the community, with our families and with each other are taking place.

Thirteen of the mobs are taking part in the **Hands across the Water** program and have been linked to groups of a similar age in another country. The other groups are generally called Beavers.

A successful mob holiday was held at Bundilla at the end of October. The camp was based on a pirate theme and the Joey Scouts and their fathers even found some water in Toongabbie Creek so that they could race the cork boats.

This year, 22 Joey Scouts have achieved the Promise Challenge badge - the highest award for Joey Scouts. Congratulations to all.

The Joey Scout section is farewelling Sandy Knox from her District Leader Position. She will be missed by all the Leaders as *the source of information*. We all wish Sandy well in her new position.

There are also some Joey Scout Leaders giving up their positions at the end of the year. Good Luck to all.



***Merry Christmas to all in the Region, Kathy Cuneo***



*Congratulations to the following Joey Scouts who have earned their Promise Challenge Badges.*

**Mackenzie Edwards - 1st Blaxland Taipans**

**Olivia Hamzat - 1st Blaxland Taipans**

**Matthew Duncan - 1st St Marys.**

*Hop Hop Hop*

## **CUB SCOUT NOTES**

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Thank you to Jan Playford for all the support she has given the cub section during her term at Region Commissioner. I hope you enjoy time for yourself and family in your retirement.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in “**Out and About**” Month, it is great to know so many of you were out being seen, having fun.

Just a reminder that our buses to **Future Scout Day at AJ2010** will depart at 9.00a.m. on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 for Cataract Scout Park, Appin. Please ensure your meeting time is 8.30a.m. so that the buses are able to depart on time.

**A Programming Workshop** will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010 at 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys Scout Hall, Cnr Charles Hackett Drive and Gabriels Lane (just off the Great Western Highway) at 7.30p.m. (**Note the change of venue as Bundilla will be closed for essential works.**) This is an opportunity to share ideas and ease the load. See you there.

### **Important Dates for 2010**

March 27	Cub Scout Leadership Course
May 15 & 16	Meeting for Cuboree Pack & Base Co-ordinators
May 7	PALANEE
May 30	Region Cub Outing
August 28	PALAVAR
September 18	Cub Scout Leadership Course
October 23 & 24	Cuboree Shakedown Camp
October 30 & 31	Cuboree Shakedown Camp
November 6 & 7	Cuboree Shakedown Camp

***January 9 - 13, 2011 CUBOREE***

Thank you to the Region Seeonee team for their hard work during the year.

Special Thanks to Jan Carter, who is always there to lend a hand, on behalf of the Cub Scout Section, 1-2-3 Woof for all your efforts over many years.

*I wish you and your families a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.*

*Have Fun! Tricia Shaw*



*Congratulations to these Cub Scouts who have earned their Grey Wolf Award*

**Samuel Wheeler - 1<sup>st</sup> Emu Plains**

**David Nelson - 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Farm**

**Blake Kitson - 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys**

**Matthew Galea - 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys**

**Alexander Myers - 1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta**

**Christine Davis - 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills**

**Liam Cuttance - 1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta**

**1 - 2 - 3 WOOF**

Don't forget to visit Snowgum online for all your Scouting needs  
[www.thescoutsshop.com.au](http://www.thescoutsshop.com.au)



Check out their clearance items and order your 2009 Scouts Australia Christmas badge now.

*The online store is convenient and easy to use.*

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### **Gifts for inquisitive kids**

Resist the temptation to buy Crystal Radio Kits. Maybe they were interesting in my father's day when radio was new, now they have mobile phones (I would argue that is not an advancement). These days the kids don't listen to AM, and the need for a long aerial and strong local station mean that even if it works, it won't be very portable and sound level barely audible (that said, I would love to have any old examples you may be thinking of throwing out).



What the kids would like is an **anti-gravity stick**, called a Fly Stick. This innovative electrostatic wand can keep a very light tinsel ball afloat, merely by pointing at it. It works like a hand held Van de Graaff generator, with a rubber band driven by a small electric motor. Once you know this, all sorts of experiments are possible with electroscopes and electrostatic motors, but the brief instructions don't

expand on these. Available from some Socrates stores (\$25).

**Model Rockets** are a good introduction to working with your hands and developing skills to make something that flies really high and fast, and offers endless possibilities to experiment, change and learn about. Not only is there construction, finishing and decorating involved, but computer design and flight simulation, even before a cut is made in balsa or cardboard tube (\$50).

**USB Microscope** is an interesting exploratory tool that could lead to a life time interest in a number of fields. Would need a good book on Microscope sample preparation or a knowledgeable family member to encourage a line of investigation and discovery. Aldi had one on sale (\$50) a few months ago, and Jay Car also sell one (\$130) .



## Home Weather Station



and a good book on weather and clouds could help in keeping the home cool and advising when it is a good time to hang out the washing. Regular observations of changing atmospheric pressure, its relation to rain, and if systematic readings are taken, long term weather patterns. (Aldi \$50 and Jay Car). A **Home Energy Meter** leads to awareness of where the power is going, what happens when the stove, toaster or hot water system turns on. Will definitely make them more sensitive to wastage and with a reward scheme linked to power saved by the kids, could even save you money (Aldi \$80).



## Radio, Science and Technology at AJ2010

With AJ 2010 just around the corner, I thought it was about time we tell you what the GWSR Radio team will be doing there. I have decided to throw the full weight of my time and equipment into assisting the Fisher's Ghost Amateur Radio Club (FGARC) run the amateur radio base. I must extend my thanks to the FGARC members for their time and equipment given over to the Jamboree, they have put a lot of work into getting the site and equipment ready. We have even had some licensed Leaders from interstate volunteer to help. We will have a great team onsite for the 10 days.

We are planning to run HF, VHF, UHF radios, along with some other modes that I find extremely interesting - like combining radios with the Internet, Fox hunting, Tracking systems and other new and amazing things that can be done with radio. I will also be bringing my little toy (well it is not that little)! It's a nine meter radio tower on a trailer, and we will be activating all its services, which include a UHF CB Repeater an IRLP node, weather station and tracking transmitter.

If any of this interests you, come and see us at the Jamboree. We will be operating both day and night. Evenings will be reserved for licensed Leaders and Scouts. So swing by and say hi, we would like to have as many visitors as possible. I am sure we will make many new friends, in person and on air. I hope everyone will leave our base with some great memories.

**Karl Humphreys (BUZZ) - VK2HKF**  
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# VENTURER REPORT

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Waratah is the annual Region Venturer Camp held in November each year. It is a competition camp where teams of four to seven Venturers work together to solve a common problem across the weekend, usually based around a particular theme.



This year, the theme was **Castaways from Gilligan's Island** and as 120 Scouts and Venturers arrived at Glenrock Scout Camp during a tropical lightning storm on Friday Night (specially arranged of course), you could tell it was going to be our biggest and best Waratah yet.

The teams were required to assume the characters from the TV Classic Gilligan's Island and build a new life upon our deserted island. After some dodgy acting from the leaders during our Opening Ceremony, the teams completed



various activities including building Crystal Radios, Rock Rescues, Juggling, Crossing Rivers of Hot Lava and Navigating their way through a rather bizarre SOS Message.

Other activities that were held included; two auctions, in which various treats and the occasional red herring went up for sale, a challenge to *Escape the Island* with whatever they had in 45 minutes, Saturday Night's *Tiki Idol* where teams could get up and perform whatever they wanted and our pre-Waratah challenge of recreating the *theme song* of *Gilligan's Island*. The incredibly hot days also made our swimming hole and water slide activities very popular.



After a very close battle, the **Winners of Waratah 2009** were **'The Lost Ones'** from **1st Oakville**, the **'Goodship Lollypop'** from **1st Carlingford** came second and **'X Squared = 4ay'** from **1st Emu Plains** finished in third place. A special mention goes to **2nd Thornton** from **Hunter and Coastal Region** who walked away with the **Mountain Devil** - an award for the highest placed out of Region Team.

All of the Scouts and Venturers on camp should be congratulated for the way they acted on the weekend. A huge thank you also goes to the Leaders, Rovers and Parent Helpers who gave up their time to work on this year's camp.



In particular, I would like to make special mention of Steve Wallace and his organising team for their dedication throughout the past 12 months. Many hours are spent every week behind the scenes in preparing for the camp and the success of this year's event is a testament to their tireless efforts.

**Waratah was proudly sponsored by:**

**[www.campstuff.com.au](http://www.campstuff.com.au)**



And so, with everyone having made their way off the island, we turn our eyes towards 2010. I wish all those attending the Australian Jamboree and New Zealand Venture the very best of fun. For everyone else, have a safe and enjoyable holidays and I look forward to seeing you all at other great activities in the year ahead.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Joseph Gleeson from 1st Blaxland has been approved for the awarding of his Queen's Scout Award. It is great to see so many Venturers striving for such high achievement throughout the year, and I look forward to many more recipients being announced in 2010.

## **REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM**

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We still have some PFD's for sale; inflatable PFD 1 \$30 and PFD 3 \$20 (Scout size only - all Joey sizes sold out).

Boating and abseiling slowed in November and some courses were cancelled. Please check the website for next year's program.

FUN DAY ON THE WATER will take place on December 13. Please contact me if you can tow a boat. We need lots of helpers. Ermington will have drinks and hot food for sale. \$5 payable at Region Office for all participants.

**A1 FORMS:** Please **ensure all A1 forms (including all participant's names)** are filled in correctly and forwarded to appropriate people two weeks before your proposed activity. Changes can be made up to the activity but all relevant people must be notified of any change. Do not send lists during or after the week of the event! Make sure that where the form requires a signature, that it has been obtained - this ensures that the people signing are aware of their responsibilities.

### **Diary Dates for 2010**

**Sailing Courses** April 10 -15, September 25 - 29

**Canoe Courses** Feb 20 & 21, Mar 6 & 7, 27 & 28, May 8 & 9, 22 & 23, Aug 21 & 22, Sep 18 &19, Oct 16 & 17, Nov 6 & 7, 20 & 21

**Jamborette** 12th to14th June

**Fun on the Water Day** December 12, 2010

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all*

*from the activity Teams lead by:*



Dr Rick Jamieson - Rock Related, Frank Barr - Bushwalking  
John Leahy - Radio & Science, John van den Burg - Boating  
Carey Barlow - Caving, Dr Rob Lang - Cumberland Gang Show  
and Allan Mason - First Aid

*and me, Keith Travers*

## ***ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES***

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### **Program to June 2010**

**Canyon Trip:** Sun 14 February – Birrabang Canyon (easy).

**Canyon Course:** 6 - 7 March

**Abseil Courses:** 16, 20 and 21 Feb. Also 11, 15 and 16 May

**Cave Trip:** 20 - 21 March

**Scout Cave Badge Course:** (new) 17-18 April

**Caving Course:** 18, 22 and 23 May

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** 26 and 28 March

**Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course:** 25 and 27 June

**Rescue Course:** 13 June

Theory nights are organised at locations to suit attendees.

**Group Courses** can be arranged by contacting Rick.

Applications (on the A1 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. A1 forms will be available on the [greaterwestscouts](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) website.



The complete year's program is on  
our web site at

**[www.beprepared.com.au/gws](http://www.beprepared.com.au/gws)**

***Abseil at Yellow Rock  
on a course in October***

## **BUSHWALKING NOTES**

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I have been involved in a few controversial discussions on go or no go overnight bushwalking outings and it appears two things are certain;

1. Everyone has an opinion and
2. They are usually prepared to express it after the event!

Serious planning of serious bushwalks can be very frustrating for organisers. They are frequently in a situation where they are dammed if they do and dammed if they don't.

Sometimes my advice is sought and, in general, I suggest along these lines:

- ★ Keep an open mind for as long as possible. The closer we get to the start time, the more accurate the weather forecasts are. We can probably all remember a fine Saturday morning following a wet Friday evening. Giving up too early can spoil an enjoyable weekend outing.
- ★ Be realistic. Perfect nights and days are very few and far between. Consecutive ones even fewer. Weather can be very kind, cruel and fickle. We can not avoid all adverse conditions by predictions and should learn to cope rather than avoid.
- ★ Be prepared. Yes...it is our motto. It is easier to avoid adverse conditions with short weekend walks than to stay out of the wet weather on a longer one. How do we learn to handle a wet and miserable day 5 on an 8 day outing? We start by coping with wet weekend outings and build on it.
- ★ Seek expert advice. NPWS are very accessible and prepared to help in bushwalk planning. They also have a duty of care within the National Parks they manage. They are more inclined to close tracks to prevent walkers entering dangerous areas. Conversely, open tracks are a sign that NPWS considers the area reasonably safe.

Go or no go decisions can be very marginal and controversial. Personally, I tend to err on the side of a challenge. I have been rewarded over the years with some very memorable outings mixing it with the elements. Sometimes walks have put me very much outside my comfort zone. Knee deep in snow or hot and thirsty climbing a mountain, I look back with fond memories of helping Scouts learn to cope with what nature throws up and the feeling that goes with it.

## **1ST AUSTINMER HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE!**

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore St in picturesque Austinmer NSW (20 km north of Wollongong), is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by cub and scout troops.

The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rainforest right to the top of the escarpment.

The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore St.

For bookings contact Ron Witton on mobile 0409 399 752 or email [rwitton@uow.edu.au](mailto:rwitton@uow.edu.au)





## APPOINTMENTS LIST

### NOVEMBER 2009

#### APPOINTMENTS

CHARTERS Jennifer	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley Group
FERNANDES Arnold	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Group
JEFFERY Elise	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland Group
JOHAM Helmut	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley Group
MCLEAN-MURRAY Julie	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Group
MILLS Sally	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Dural Group
PIERCE Kathryn	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks Group
TJHAUW Ekasenna	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ermington Group

#### TRANSFERS

BATH Andrew	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Group
	To JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Mob
BROOKS Anthony	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Group
	To AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Mob
DRAPER-ROBERTS Laraine	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Cambridge Park Group
	To AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Cambridge Park Mob
HANSON Christopher	Fr SL	1 <sup>st</sup> Oakville Troop
	To AVSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Oakville Unit
HENDERSON Neville	Fr DRC	GWS Region
	To RC	GWS Region
IREDALE Ian	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Group
	To ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Pack
KNOX Sandra	Fr DJSL	Parramatta District
	To AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ermington Mob
LIPSCOMBE Paul	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown Group
	To ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown Pack
LOCKMAN Michael	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> King Langley Group
	To AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley Mob

## TRANSFERS

MCLEAN Alasdair	Fr AL To AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Mob
MOUNTFORD Alison	Fr AJSL To SL	1 <sup>st</sup> Carlingford Mob 1 <sup>st</sup> Carlingford Troop
PLAYFORD Janette	Fr RC To Hon Com	GWS Region GWS Region
SIMPSON Julia	Fr AL To ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Bensville Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Parramatta Pack
SHEEHAN Daniel	Fr Tr S To ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks Troop 1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks Troop
STANFORD Darren	Fr AL To ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley Pack
SULLIVAN Jennifer	Fr AL To JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Erskine Park Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Erskine Park Mob
VARVEL David	Fr ASL To SL	West PH Valley Troop West PH Valley Troop
VINCENT Jonathon	Fr AL To ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland <i>Keego</i> Pack
WAGNER Stephen	Fr SL To ASL	West PH Valley Troop West PH Valley Troop
WATT Duncan	Fr ASL To SL	1 <sup>st</sup> Oakville Troop 1 <sup>st</sup> Oakville Troop

## RESIGNATIONS

ANDERSON Phillip	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley
BONWICK Jane	AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland <i>Taipan</i> Mob
CROPPER Debbie	AJSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury Mob
ROGAN Chery-Lee	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury Group
SPILLER Colette	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blackheath Group

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## ***ROVER REPORT***

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**Hike for Hunger** was held on Saturday 7th November. It started out from Milson's Point with a walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge (wheelbarrows and backpacks full of cans), and into the CBD, to finish at the Wesley Mission on Pitt Street. We had a fantastic turn out of Rovers and over 11,000 cans of food collected during the past few months, were donated to the Wesley Mission, for distribution to struggling families.



GWSR Rovers collected a total of 1,590 cans. Sincere thanks and congratulations to 1st Blaxland Rover Crew 'Kalangadoo' (500 cans), 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Rover Crew (75 cans) and Kings Langley Rover Crew (1,015 cans) on a fantastic effort. Hopefully next year we can collect even more cans.

*(Photos courtesy of Brendan Richards KL Rover Crew)*

Our final service activity for the year, the **Annual Lord Mayor's Picnic** is on again this New Year's Eve - the picnic was started by the City of Sydney as a way of giving back to the community. Every year, families chosen by welfare agencies, can have a worry free evening at the City of Sydney's expense. Volunteer groups, like NSW Rovers, have been lending a hand since the first event 13 years ago, and it is a fantastic time for all concerned.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Region Rover Council & Christmas Party - 13th December  
Lord Mayor's Picnic (Service Activity) - 31st December  
Corporate Moot - 15th to 17th January 2010  
Surf Moot - 22nd to 26th January 2010

Full details available on

[www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/calendar](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/calendar)



*On behalf of all GWSR Rovers, I would like  
to wish you and your family a very Merry  
Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year*

*Matt Thompson*

*Congratulations and best wishes to the  
following Scouts who have achieved their  
Green Adventurer Cord Award*

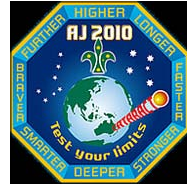


**Blake Huthnance**  
**1st Springwood Scout Troop**  
and  
**Bowen Van der Voort**  
**1st Springwood Scout Troop**

*Bravo - Well done*



**AJ 2010**  
**Cataract Scout Park**  
**January 4 - January 14 2010**  
**Emergency contact numbers**



Main Switch Jamboree Office	(02) 4631 6600
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**Please note:**

Parents will not be able to speak directly to their Scout son or daughter but a message will be taken and relayed to the appropriate person.

**1<sup>st</sup> Dural Scout Group**  
**70th Anniversary Celebration**

Are you a past Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer or Leader  
from 1<sup>st</sup> Dural Scout Group?

If so, we want to hear from you!

If you have been involved with the Group and would like to be part  
of the special celebrations planned for early next year,  
please contact **Stephen Maher** on 0404 054 839 or by email to  
[stephenmaher@tpg.com.au](mailto:stephenmaher@tpg.com.au)

or drop us a note c/- PO Box 210 Galston NSW 2159

***Thank you - we look forward to hearing from you soon.***

Check out the latest Leader Support Guide on the  
Scouts NSW website

**LSG 21 A Guide for Special Need Scouting**

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# Gilwell Reunion 2010

Australian Jamboree  
Cataract Scout Park, NSW

11th January 2010 7:30pm - 9:30pm

**P&O Kitchen (near PODS)**

\$15 which includes supper and souvenirs

Open to **ALL** Woodbadge Holders  
(Current Leaders or Not)

Dress: Uniform if available



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Troop/Group \_\_\_\_\_ Sub Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Woodbadge Section/s \_\_\_\_\_ Year obtained \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 Paid by  Cheque  Cash

I will be attending the Gilwell Reunion at AJ 2010

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP to Stewart Bullivant (Subcamp 10) by Friday 8th January 2010

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