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1st Kellyville CSL Gabie Thompson, watching on, as her daughter Emily is invested into Scouts on board John Leahy's Rocket trolley - a truly memorable Going Up ceremony. Photographer – Leanne Haslam (Jacala)

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Scout Day at the Royal Easter Show

Saturday 18th April

Purchase your Showlink tickets through Scouts Australia and receive a 25% discount., buy 50 and get one free! \$5 postage on all orders. Adults \$24, Children \$16.10, Concession \$19.10. There will be a street parade at 1pm and free activities in the Overflow. See the Scouts Australia website for further details, the order form, and to register your Group's interest in the parade.

**Closing Date Friday
20th March**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford



Building a Better Future

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through March and 1st term. As you are all aware, November last year was the end of the five year changeover period for the change of uniform. You all should be wearing the blue uniform shirt now. It has been uniform for the last five years so for anyone still wearing khaki, you have had more than five years wear from it and should have well and truly had your money's worth.

All AGM's should be in the planning stage. Please let your DC know so we can organise representation to attend. If you have any questions about your AGM packet NOW is the time to ask, not on the night.

I am seeking expressions of interest for a RC Venturers – see ad elsewhere in Bulletin. There are also many District roles unfilled, whilst we have unsuccessfully approached some people to fill the roles, we are more than happy to hear from you, if you think you would like a change and have the skills for these roles.

I regard District and Region roles as the same as a line leader. The expectation is that these roles are as busy, and as time consuming as a line leaders. They are not for people who think they are an easy ride, with little to do. They are different though, in as much as most can be designed around your time commitments to suit your schedule. You set meeting times etc to suit you and your team. Currently we don't have a RC Environment, or a RC Special Needs. I believe the environment is being covered well by the Sectional Commissioners in their programming.

For Special Needs, Cassie Rec represents the Region, however Jan Carter our Member Support person deals with many special needs issues, liaising with Groups, particularly in the placement of a special needs child in the appropriate Group.

Having said that if anyone has an interest in either of these areas, and can come up with a plan for the Region, I am more than happy to speak with them.

I must congratulate you all. Our numbers continue to grow, which is very pleasing. We now have three Groups with over 100 members, 1st Blaxland 137, 1st/2nd Merrylands 125 and 1st Winston Hills 101. We also have eleven Groups with numbers ranging from 70 to 90. What a fantastic effort.

Our average Group number is 51. So you can see these Groups are well above the average. Where does your Group sit? Can we help to grow your Group? What help would you like to have? Let us know.

I recently renewed my first aid qualification, doing a one day refresher course as my current first aid was due to expire. I can thoroughly recommend this format. For those of you who are time poor this is a great time saver. Contact Jan Carter at the office for more information.

Congratulations to Kathy Cuneo on receiving her Leader of Adults Woodbadge. It was my pleasure to attend Wandarrah to do the presentation. It was very pleasing to see so many Leaders present.

Lastly, Leaders are still needed to attend the Jamboree, so that all the youth members can have the time of their life. Full time, or if you can spare a day or two you would be welcomed with open arms. Check out the website www.scoutsaj2010.com for information.

Thought for the month:

“Well done is better than well said.”

Benjamin Franklin



DISABILITY CONFERENCE

Baden Powell Scout Camp, Pennant Hills

23rd and 24th May 2009

Topics include; Brain Injury, Child Abuse, Diabetes, Dyslexia, Fragile x, Eating Disorders, Music therapy and Duty of Care.

Open to all Leaders

For further details visit Scouts Australia website or email hydroce@bigpond.net.au Details on how to apply are available in the Adult Training and Development Calendar.

POSSUM'S CORNER

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Thank you to those Groups who were named in the Bulletin as having outstanding payments. The rest of the group ignored the advice and now the amounts are possibly higher.

I stress **AGAIN** that there should be no problems paying the invoice on receipt of same, as the parents will/should have paid for the new membership and the group NOT use it for other reasons. So as at 25th February - if you have paid the amounts please disregard this notification.

Just to give you a *heads up* - if any money is still outstanding at the AGM - your Region representative will ask for a cheque on the night or look at your cheque book stubs.

1st Blaxland Venturer Unit	\$10.98
1st Kurrajong	\$415.00
1st Glossodia	\$379.00
1st Grose Vale	\$196.50
Nepean Rover Crew	\$236.00
3rd Merrylands	\$549.00
1st Pendle Hill	\$255.00
1st Rydalmere	\$318.00
1st Wentworthville	\$275.00
1st Winston Hills	\$580.00
1st Blaxland/Kalangadoo	\$41.00
1/2nd Blacktown	\$588.00
1st Whalan	\$80.00
1st Cambridge Park	\$177.00
1st Emu Plains	\$353.50
1st Erskine Park	\$353.50
1st Penrith	\$157.00
1st South Penrith	\$1094.50
1st Castle Hill	\$78.50
2nd Castle Hill	\$353.50
1st Murray Farm	\$1638.00

FIRST AID COURSES FOR 2009



Senior First Aid Course Dates:

July 4th & 5th	closing date	19th June
September 5th & 6th	closing date	21st August
November 28th & 29th	closing date	13th November

Cost TBA - I think it will still be \$85 or maybe a slight price rise.

One Day Requalification Courses:

16th May, 15th August, 17th October.

You must have a current (not expired) First Aid Certificate in order to do this course. We are trialing these courses and we need a minimum of 10 people for the course to run.

Cost \$75 for Scouts and \$105 for non Scouts

Forms and money into Region Office two weeks in advance.

Y1 Forms

Youth member numbers are growing at a rapid rate.

Congratulations to all Leaders - you must be doing something good to attract new youth members. Here is a little bit of house keeping for you. I often receive Y1's with strange date sequences e.g. parents signing after the investiture.

Here is how it should be;

- Before a child joins in your activities, you should ask parents to sign and date a current Y1.
- About 6 to 8 weeks later the child is invested, (check with treasurer to make sure fees are paid). The investment date goes in the 'joined or re-joined' space
- Then the GL/LIC/GM signs and sends Y1 to the Region Office for processing. Attached should be a PED from parents.
- ***If in doubt ring Jan Carter 9639 2488***

JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

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The Joey Scout section held its first Wandarrah for the year on Friday night and it was a pleasure to welcome so many new leaders to our section. I hope they get as much pleasure from the Joey Scout section as I do.

This year I am encouraging Joey Scout mobs to go outdoors and on Saturday night the first outdoor event for the four Parramatta mobs was held with their participation in the annual Founders Day swimming carnival for Parramatta district. The leaders had prepared a number of activities for the Joeys to participate in and all Joeys Scouts enjoyed themselves.

The Region Water Fun Day is the next planned event. This will be on March 22nd with all registrations due to the Region office by 6th March.

Planning commenced for the Joey Scout Medieval Fun Day to be held on 31st May at Bundilla. Preparing and running activities for 150 Joey Scouts requires a lot of leader time. We are hoping all our leaders will participate to make this an exciting event for our Joey Scouts.



POSITION VACANT

Region Commissioner Venturer Scouts

Expressions of Interest are currently being sought.

Please contact the Region Commissioner Jan Playford for further details on 0411 375 047 or send your Expression of Interest to

janplayford@inet.net.au

PARRAMATTA JOEYS AT DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL ***Sandy Knox DLJS Parramatta***

Joeys from all Parramatta Mobs gathered together on February 21, to participate in the first ever Joey District events being run as part of the Parramatta District Swimming Carnival.

Thank you to the Count (SL-1st Parramatta) and Parramatta Mindari for allowing us to join their swimming carnival for the first time. It was great for the Joeys to be part of a multi-section event on a large scale. It helps them to understand that Joeys is the first step in their Scouting adventure.

After an inspirational Founder's Day message by Batman, Robin Garrett, RC Scouts, it was onto the pool, where we would hold our novelty events.

Throughout the course of the evening Joey Leaders were assisted by some Rovers, Venturers, and our RCJS Kathy Cuneo. Thanks to all of you for running such a great event.



We started the evening with some fun games with a giant beach ball, and water bomb cricket. After getting changed into swimmers the water events got started. Our Joeys participated in a range of activities in the wading pool. Some of the activities included various relay events, lid scavenger hunt, life saver rescue – Joeys were pulled along on a mat by some

energetic Rovers (who were getting very tired towards the end), various games with beach balls, a pipe filling event – where Joeys had to work together to fill a pipe (with holes in it) with water, games with what looked like hundreds of ping pong balls, squirt tiggly and a sail boat race.

All Mobs received a participation certificate at the end of the night, and all Joeys received a participation ribbon. No doubt all the Joeys went home very tired after their fun night.



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Patricia Shaw

Region Commissioner Cub Scouts



Thank you to those leaders who attended the Programming Workshop, I am sure you all got some ideas from the evening. Thank you to my team who presented the event in my absence. I was at the end of a great trip where I had the opportunity to visit Paxtu where B.P. lived in his latter years and also his gravesite. This was a great experience and I was escorted by a local Leader who explained how they ran all sections together. What a handful that would be!

We have our first Cub Scout Leadership Course coming up on 4th April. If you do not have applications speak to your District Cub Scout Leader.

PALANEE will be held on Friday 1st May. This is a great opportunity to get more programme ideas and spend some fun time with other Leaders. Please put this date in your calendar now!

Other Diary Dates:

June 7 th	Cub Day at Jamborette
August 8 th	PALAVAR
August 29 th - 30 th	Cub Baanya
September 19 th	Cub Scout Leadership Course

Have Fun! Tricia Shaw

Congratulations to Cub Scouts

Jake McCulloch - 1st Hawkesbury

Jonathon Slender - 1st Kurrajong

who have earned their Grey Wolf Award

1 - 2 - 3 WOOF



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OUR FIRST HOVER NIGHT

We tried the Hover night on 2nd Castle Hills Cubs, and they liked it. Brett and his Pack have been the testers for most of the science nights, and the first Leaders to let us loose with our ideas on their Cubs. Most have worked OK and been refined as we went along, a couple have never been repeated.

The take home toy for the night is a balloon driven hovercraft. This involves recycling of an old CD /DVD and a pop top drink bottle.

Please encourage your Cubs to bring these items each night

before we are due to present the hover night program, so I can build up a stock to have ready on the night. A bit of preparation is required before hand, and this slowed us up on the first night.



BUILD A ROCKET DAY

Model rockets are reusable rockets made of cardboard and balsa wood, and powered by skyrocket type motors. They go 50 - 500 meters, and float back to the ground on parachutes. Building and successfully flying a model rocket involves most of the skills of model plane construction and decorating, combined with the added difficulty of supersonic flight. They are a great activity for experimentation and discovery in that 2 & 3 stage rockets can be built to get to the maximum height, gliders can be launched to see who can remain in the air the longest, and contests can be held to see who can launch a hens egg the highest, and return it in the shortest time without breaking it. There is plenty of information on the web, including programs to virtually build and test fly unusual rocket shapes, to save you the

trouble and expense of building a dud design. Also there are accessories to fly, like video cameras and altimeters to tell you exactly how high the rocket went. I've had a look at prices for a basic rocket kit and a couple of spare motors, and it amounts to about \$50. If we could get 10 - 12 Scouts together on a weekend, it is possible to build and launch a rocket in one day. I know a couple of Scout halls next to large ovals, and we could arrange to hire the nearest one, central to the attending Scouts. So ask your scouts if that is something they would like to have a go at, and let me know. The best time to try it is probably around the middle of the year.

BOOKINGS FOR APRIL - JUNE 2009

We have two spare nights available in December.
Here is a reminder for the next few months;

APRIL

Mon 6	1st Toongabbie	Joeys then Cubs Chemistry
Thu 30	1st Kings Langley	Joeys then Cubs Magnetics/Arcs and Sparks

MAY

Thu 7	1 st North Rocks	Cubs then Scouts	Rockets
Tue 12	Winston Hills	Joeys then Cubs	Sound
Tue 19	Berowra	Joeys then Cubs	Hover
Tue 26	1 st Ermington	Joeys then Cubs	Hover
Sun 31	Bundilla	Joey Fun Day	

JUNE

Tue 2	1st Carlingford	Cubs then Scouts	Light
6 - 8	GWSR Jamborette	Scouts	
Wed 10	4 th Castle Hill	Cubs then Scouts	Hover

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FOUNDER'S DAY 2009

Popeye

1st Balcombe Heights



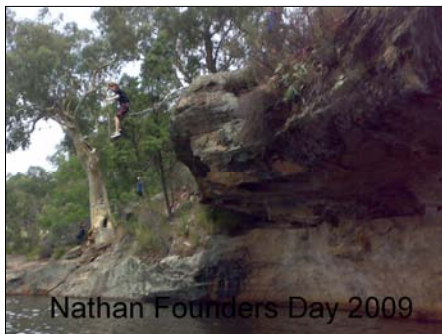
The troop from 1st Balcombe Heights spent the Founder's Day weekend enjoying a canoe training camp at Dunns Swamp, Wollemi National Park. After spending the weekend canoeing and bushwalking we would recommend this location as one that other troops should consider in their program.

Arrival on Friday evening, saw the scouts enjoying an evening of erecting tents in the dark and identifying those important pieces of equipment that were in the Patrol box back in their den.

Scouts Own (on the water) saw the Scouts giving thanks for the normal things and then a resounding chorus of Happy Birthday for BP and some thanks for his efforts that enabled us to enjoy the Scouting fraternity.

Of course a visit to Dunns Swamp would not be complete without a good look at the Dam and the engineering involved in holding all of that water. The Scouts discovered that a small overflow was flowing and therefore the dam was full and the overflow proved to be of considerable interest as to how the dam let the water go.

Careful examination of the picture below, will identify the Scout (still linking from Cubs) committed to the 7m jump from the rock overhang. This was just one of the many Scouts (and Leaders) that understood it was our duty to celebrate Founder's Day with a true scouting activity - jumping from a high rock!



A very special thank you to the guys at www.Scoutstuff.com.au for their support with equipment for the weekend.

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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As most of you are already aware, the A1 form is to be used for all activities, including District events, water and rock and everything that happens 2 kms from the hall. If the activity is overnight or dangerous within 2 kms you also need to fill in the form.

Check the calendar on the GWSR website. If there is an activity click on the title and more info should come up. If it is a Region activity, the A1 form should be available online. Please contact me if you have any questions. I do expect some teething problems!

There is an abseil course and sailing course scheduled for the school holidays. All those people at the Fun Day in December, who wanted to sail - now is your opportunity. We only need six people for the course to run. There are dates available, other than those on the calendar - just email or phone me, to make arrangements.

Rick Jamieson is on holidays, please contact Fred Kaltenbacher for rock, abseiling and canyoning on 4751 5467. Thank you.



1st Balcombe Heights Troop at Dunns Swamp

Photo courtesy of Gary Massie

FROM THE DEN OF THE RC SCOUTS

Robin Garrett



Hi everyone.

A couple of updates for AJ2010

By the time you read this, most of everyone going should have already filled in their registrations. The Jamboree website is still open for on-line registrations. Check out the GWSR website for further details on how to apply.

All enquiries regarding AJ 2010 should probably come to me rather than bothering Jan. I can be contacted on 4577 2662 or mobile 0405 103 331.

We are still in the process of working out Troop transport to the Jamboree so do not have details of the travel costs. We will provide this when we know more, hopefully by June.

I have already passed on a lot of information to the District Scout Leaders or someone representing them. There is a Leader's Handbook, plus a just released, Parent's Handbook on the NSW Contingent Website <http://www.aj2010.com> which anyone can have a look at.

I will try to have an update in each Bulletin. Generally I send everything to the DSL's when I receive it. The website mentioned above will also have information, so please check it as well.

District Scout Youth Councils

From the State Scout Youth Council (SYC) everyone was very enthusiastic about getting these councils operating in each Region and District. We have already implemented the Region SYC and are trying to organise the District SYC's. Can you all please see what can be done in your District to make sure this happens. There is a Starter Pack available in <http://patroltent.com> which your Scouts or you are encouraged to download and look at. Of course all this only works best if the Scouts in your Troop are having regular Troop Councils with the Scouts running the council.



Venturing Out

George Kendall Riverside Park, Ermington

Sunday July 5, 2009 10.00am to 4.00pm

The Day will run along similar lines to the Centenary Day in June 2008 at Bundilla. Youth will collect an activity passport on arrival. On completion of an activity base their card will be stamped/signed off. Once all activities have been completed cards will be handed in to the registration tent where youth will be handed a free show bag. The show bag will contain information on Scouting as well as some free products. We are in the process of securing free products from corporate Australia. If you have any business contacts and can help us to secure free products for the show bags that would be of interest to youth aged 12 to 18 please contact Tracey Hansford. All cards that are returned will go into the draw to win a Super Special Awesome prize.

Activity Bases Needed

Planning for the Day is well underway. The Committee has been working hard since September 2008 to ensure that this is going to be a Super, Special, Awesome event for youth aged 12-18 years. We can only do so much – all the planning and promoting of the event isn't going to be much good without your fabulous activity bases. We need your support now. Please let Tracey Hansford venturingout@ermingtonscouts.asn.au or 9874 2281 know that your Troop/Unit/Crew/Group is attending and what activity base you will run. Why not team up with another Group and run the activity base together? Let's all work together to make this a fun day for youth, and show the community what Scouting is all about.

Pre-order your Venturing Out Merchandise by 24th May 2009 and save \$\$\$

T-shirts; Pre-ordered \$13.50 – or \$16.50 on the day.

Badges; Pre-ordered badges 1-9 badges - \$4.50 each
10 or more badges - \$4.00 each or \$5.00 each on the day.

Pre-order your t-shirts and badges online at
<http://www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au/venturers.html> or
call 9874 2281.

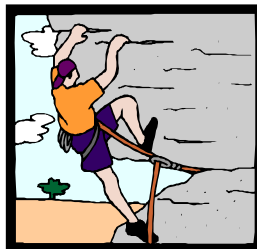
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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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Coming Activities

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses:

Tues. 14th April (theory at Bundilla) and 18th and 19th April (practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 19th, 23rd and 24th May.

Caving Course: Tues. 28th April (theory, at Bundilla), 2nd and 3rd May (practical at Bungonia).

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Fri. 3rd April (theory) at a Scout Hall suitable to the applicants; Sun. 5th April (practical) at West Pennant Hills or Blaxland.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course:

26th (theory) and 28th (practical) June.

Rescue (Recovery) Day: 14th June at Bowen Mountain.

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.

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



*Scout in a cave at
Bungonia on a
GWSR Course.*

2ND BAULKHAM HILLS SCOUT TROOP OUTING

Joanne Tyler ASL

On Thursday February 28, our scout troop set it self a challenge - to catch a ferry, train and bus all in a scout night. We started at Meadowbank ferry wharf and caught the ferry to Circular Quay (it's amazing how different the suburbs look from the river). We were entertained along the way by the Ferry Master who showed us how to lasso a mooring post and catch a rope over one's head. On the way into Circular Quay we spotted the QM2 and although it had not been in our plan, we decided that if we now jogged our route, we could add in a trip across the Botanic Gardens to look at this big ship.

The Gardens were great at night, the cockatoos were swooping around and the bats were really active. We had a great view of the QM2 from Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. We began our return journey across the city to Town Hall Station, with our leaders on our heels, we had to jog most of the distance, arriving just four minutes before the train. When we arrived in Parramatta, we finally had a break and bought some well deserved snacks before catching the bus back to our parents at Baulkham Hills.

We arrived at 9:40pm just seven minutes later than expected! Parents had doubted that we could do this in one night and told us we'd never get around to see the QM2, but we're scouts and the challenge was on.



We challenge all other scout troops to a public transport night - let the Bulletin Editor know where you got to and back from in three hours!

*2nd Baulkham Hills
Scout Troop pose in front
of the QM2*

BUSHWALKING NOTES

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There have been a few enquiries recently concerning the Bushwalking component of the Cub Scout Grey Wolf award. It appears that some Cubs (and Leaders!) are a little overawed by the requirements. Hopefully I can dispel a few rumours and reassure those wishing to complete the activity.

Briefly, the walk should take at least two hours and be organised by the Cub. It specifies map and compass usage and the Cub being responsible for equipment and personal gear carried by the party. It is suggested the walk be aimed at the level of those involved. All Cubs will require some help and some need more help than others. In any Cub activity, leaders should not be too far removed from the action. A Cub Leader is required to be on the walk and there is no reason why leaders can not actively help in organisation.

Some suggested walks include tourist tracks and plenty of information is available on outings in the Sydney environment. Areas include Cumberland State Forest, Parramatta Park, Lane Cove NP, Ku-ring-gai Chase NP, Royal NP, Blue Mountains NP as well as Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour foreshore walks. For those concerned with qualifications, some of these walks will not come under the Bushwalking Policy and will not require the COAL holder to have a bushwalking leader certificate. The more ambitious ones will require the certificate. Planning should take this into account.

I appreciate that some Cubs will have an excellent knowledge of sophisticated topographical maps. Others may struggle at the street directory level. Again, I suggest the outing be based on ability. Some pamphlets available on walks will contain simple maps suitable for navigation. An example of this is the series on The Great Northern Walk published by NSW Department of Lands.

Always happy to consult so, if you need help, keep in touch.

Next month:

Venturer Expeditions - Do we plan to fail or simply fail to plan?

BLACKTOWN MINDARI PARTIES ON!

Mark Fell DSL Blacktown

Call it a 'Scout Planning Day' and everyone runs a mile. Throw in a nice bush environment, a refreshing river for swimming, and even a spot of fishing, no Scouts, and you have got yourselves a party.

And that's exactly what the Leaders of Blacktown District have just done. Camped on the banks of the Wincarribee River, in beautiful Berrima, fifteen leaders from Blacktown District spent a relaxing weekend of swimming, fishing and socialising. We even learnt (again) how to put up a bell tent, and a real patrol tent, square lashings and all.

As darkness fell on a very balmy evening, we tracked a few satellites as they passed silently overhead, and with a near full moon rising up through the trees, it was a perfect night for sleeping under the stars. A great weekend was had by all, on what was a fantastic way to start another action packed year of Scouting.....
and did I mention that we also did all our planning for 2009?!



Photo courtesy of Craig Kennedy

TRAINING TALK

Ann Pounder

Region Commissioner ATD

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Welcome to the New Year

The Training Team have been very busy being the host for the State Training Team conference at the end of January and beginning of February as well as coming to terms with the TT1 requirements.

Yes, there are changes in store for training, including the TT1, but nothing that cannot be managed.

We are currently in the change over period. June 1 is the cut off date that National has given NSW, to have all trainees complete the training they began prior to 2009. Those who have attended Introductory Interviews in recent months are aware that they will be in the new (2009) version of training.

For the Associate Leaders who wish to complete their training in the future it is all in hand, so Groups do not worry.

Introductory Kits

The new kits will hopefully be available soon. The old 2008 kits are now no longer current. Forms such as W1 and W3 need to have 2009 in the top right corner. Have you checked out the website recently and noticed that the page says 2008 for the form but when you print the 2009 date appears. Yes that is right - forms now have 2009 on them. The cover page will be corrected soon. All those attending Introductory Interviews from now on, will need the new kits with the 2009 version.

BL1; By the time you receive this Bulletin our trial BL1 in Penrith District will be over. We had 33 on the course.

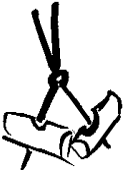
BL2; As a result of the large number who attended the BL1 at Penrith Scout Hall we are running a BL2 over two Saturdays, the 21st and 28th March at the same venue.

Advanced Training Completion

The changeover also affects those completing Woodbadges. It is a lot easier if they can be completed by the June cut off date. It does not mean you can't get your Woodbadge, it just means it makes it more difficult on my end of the paperwork.

Just remember rumours and gossip are often wrong so please check with me to receive the right information!

Ann



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to
the following Leaders*

Maree Jeffs SL
1st Cambridge Park

Dorothy Bell AVSL
1st North Rocks

Jenny Wardell RA (Responsible)
1st Kings Langley

who have gained their well earned Wood Badges

Bravo - Well done!

APPOINTMENTS

February 2009



TRANSFERS

BAWDEN, Lindsay	Fr	AL	1 ST Cambridge Park
	To	GL	1 st Cambridge Park
CRIEGHTON, Stephen	Fr	AL	1 st Blackheath Group
	To	ACSL	1 st Blackheath Pack
JANSON, Gregory	Fr	AL	1 st Emu Plains Group
	To	AVSL	1 st Emu Plains Unit
KIRKHAM, Jane	Fr	AL	1 st Blackheath Group
	To	ACSL	1 st Blackheath Pack
McLENNAN, Honni	Fr	AL	1 st Blackheath Group
	To	ACSL	1 st Blackheath Pack
MERCIECIA Joseph	Fr	ACSL	1 st Blaxland Pack
	To	AVSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
RICHARDS, Michael	Fr	AL	Blacktown District
	To	AL	1 st Kings Langley Group
ROSS, Ian	Fr	ASL	1 st Blaxland Troop
	To	AVSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
SAUNDERS, Brendan	Fr	TCL	1 st Baulkham Hills Crew
	To	AL App	1 st Baulkham Hills Crew
WATTS, Caroline	Fr	ACSL	1 st Oakville Pack
	To	CSL	1 st Oakville pack

RESIGNATIONS

ABSALOM Mark	RC Venturers GWS Region
REDWIN, James	1 st Springwood Cub Pack
ROEBUCK Therese	1 st Whalan Cub Pack

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

ASKEY, David	Trainee GL 1 st Kellyville
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1st National Jamboree of RAN/S

July 27 – August 7, 2009

Theme: Planet of the Kind Deeds

Scouts Australia has been invited to attend the 1st National Jamboree in Russia 2009 in Leningradsky Oblast, 120 km away from St Petersburg, near the famous ski resort *Krasnoe Ozero*

Scouts, both male and female, who are members of Scouts Australia with camping experience, are eligible to attend.

The cost to attend the event, including airfares, is at the individual's own expense. The Jamboree camp fee is 280 euro. This includes food, transfers, campsite and activities

Activities; to help celebrate the Centenary of Russian Scouting participants will compete in different sports, including Football Swimming, Volleyball and Rowing. All participants will have an opportunity to get acquainted with Russian history, folklore, customs, and traditions. A two day walking trip will be held for everyone. The teams of Scouts will leave on boats and stay overnight for camping, returning on foot along the shore of the lake.

Please Note:

Scouts Australia will not be sending an official Australian Contingent to this event. Any member of Scouts Australia wishing to attend this event or who is interested in leading a contingent should contact the International Office for more information.

For more information:

Please contact the International Commissioner

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