

# The Bulletin

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West Pennant Hills Valley Scout, Peter Kerr is invested by SL David Varvel (Frosty) standing on a raft on beautiful Lake Macquarie during their recent family camp.

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## Scout Day at the Royal Easter Show

**Saturday 18th April**

There will be a street parade at 1pm and free activities in the Overflow. See the Scouts Australia website for further details. Register your Group's interest in the parade.

Members are needed to help run the activities from 1pm to 6pm. You will receive a free Show pass and the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped showcase Scouting to the wider community.

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

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*Building a Better Future*

It is now April and this month means Anzac Day. Does your Group participate in any Anzac Day marches or ceremonies? Older Scouts and Venturers, as well as Rovers are needed to represent our Region at the Sydney March. If you have members able to attend please contact me for more information. If your Group participates in this or local ceremonies you can earn the Their Service Our Heritage badge. The requirements are in the Cub and Scout handbooks.

April and May also heralds AGM's. I am often asked how do we get parents to help? Or how can we recruit leaders? The secret is to involve parents right from the first night their child comes along. Do you know your parents, their interests? What they do in their workplace? Have they had previous Scout or Guide experience?

I was shocked a few years ago when attending an AGM with only the current committee and a few Leaders in attendance. It appeared that the current committee was re-standing so the other parents had not been invited! All parents should be invited to all events as much as possible. By involving parents and getting to know them and making them welcome to the Group you will find it much easier to ask for their help and if they are involved in outings and camps you never know, they may actually enjoy the experience and want to become a Leader.

You may have a parent with expertise that the Group can use. Perhaps they are in the building industry, maybe they work somewhere suitable for the youth members to visit, and perhaps they have hobbies that are in line with some of our badge test requirements. Parents need to know that committee meetings are for all the parents, not just the committee. Have one of your members 'buddy up' with the new parents and get them to explain how the Group works. Sometimes we are all guilty of assuming that everyone knows how something is done, and forgetting the newcomers. They then feel they are being ignored and don't bother to turn up again.

Our most successful groups are ones with strong parental involvement. In the above scenario I wonder what happens when the committee does not re-stand. Actually I don't need to wonder, I know what will happen.

Speaking of parental involvement, all Jamboree fundraising needs a charitable collections certificate. Please contact Jan Carter for these. I know lots of fundraising is going on and it is very important that we use these certificates.

Scout Job Week is fast approaching; this is an ideal time to take advantage of the publicity and for your Group to raise funds. Remember all funds raised stay within the Group. Our numbers have dropped slightly as they do always at this time of the year.

We have had a couple of busy years with Centenary celebrations. Let's not lose that impetus. Whilst it is a Jamboree year and the focus of most is on that, let's use the Jamboree as a 'carrot' to recruit younger members and show them what they have to look forward to in a few years. There is a promotional DVD available and if you haven't seen it please see your Scout Leaders. Matt Thompson is doing a wonderful job with our website, so keep up to date with what is happening with the Jamboree and other events in the Region by accessing it regularly.

***Thought for the month:***

I've learned that you shouldn't waste too much of today, worrying about yesterday.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to*

**Mitchell Woolfenden**

**1st Blaxland Venturer Unit**

*Who has earned his Queen's Scout Award*

**Bravo - Well done**



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

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As I sit at my deck, breathing a big sigh of relief, it is now 4.15 pm 31st March 2009, the deadline for resigning youth members and leaders. For anyone who sent forms directly to me instead of SHQ, I have checked and re-checked this afternoon and all are resigned. Best I can do - only hope groups have done the right thing their end. If not - too bad, it is their problem now.

**Closing Dates:** Now most of you know I am very keen on them: they are there for a reason. The early bird special for the Jamborette has a closing date, so don't be late.

Speaking of being late, I was at the Airport last week to pick up my grandson from Cairns his arrival was 10.15 pm. I was there a little early, the terminal was very quiet, most flights were in or ready to leave. I heard the attendants call for 10 or more names, to please hurry to Departure Gate 41 (right down the far end).

Gradually the names became less and less, until they were only calling one name! "Mr. So and So, the plane is fully loaded and ready for departure, please hurry to Gate 41". This happened 3 or 4 times. Then suddenly this man came running down the passage pulling a bag on a trolley which was bumping along behind him. I guessed that was Mr. So and So! Some time later he came walking back. Well I got the giggles; an old chap sitting near me said, "What's so funny, he missed his flight!" I told him of our saying for late applications; "Sorry the plane has left the tarmac, you weren't on it, we don't have stand bys, get in early next time". He joined in the laughter and said, "You should have heard the language that fellow was using on his mobile, none too pretty".

Well if Virgin Blue wouldn't wait for him - what do you think I will do? I'm sure their attendants are used to the language and so am I.

*Cheers - Jan the Elder*

**FROM THE**  
**DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER**  
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Following the success of our Centenary celebration in June last year, it has been decided that we will once again have a Region Fun Day on **1 August 2010**.

Scout Section please note that this is not the weekend of the State Rally, that is on the following weekend.

There is a *Big Day Out* at ANZ Stadium each year and a *Big Day Venturing Out* at Henry Kendall Reserve Ermington on 5 July 2009, so I have decided to call the event our **Big Day In**. Once again this will be open to all youth members and their families, Leaders and members of the general public. At the last event we had around 3000 people come through the gate and we are looking forward to an even bigger number in 2010. We will again be offering the opportunity for Scout Groups to use this day as a fund raiser by operating food stalls (last time some groups made close to \$ 1,000 on the day) and they keep all the profits.

An event like this does not happen on its own - we need a planning committee consisting of a representative of each section (including Rovers and Scout Fellowship) and we will commence our planning meetings in August 2009. If you are interested in helping on the planning committee please advise me on my email [deputyrc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:deputyrc@greaterwestscouts.com.au).

If you missed our Centenary celebration don't miss out on this one. Remember time flies and it will be 2010 before we know it. Plan ahead to put this important date in you diary.

**DISABILITY CONFERENCE 23RD AND 24TH MAY 2009**

Baden Powell Scout Camp, Pennant Hills

Open to all Leaders

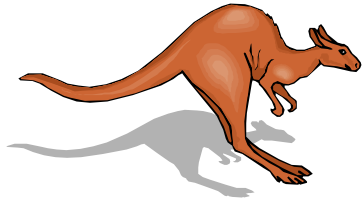
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## **JOEY SCOUT NOTES**

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Once again the Joey Scout section was blessed with a beautiful sunny day for their Fun Day on the Water. Joey Scouts, their siblings and parents all participated in a range of bases that included canoeing, Harmony Day flag making, water safety experiments, water games and parachute games.

These bases were run by the Region's Joey Scout leaders and all participants appreciated the efforts made for the children. A special thank you must go to the Scouts from the Region that helped paddle the Joey Scouts around in the canoes. I received a number of positive comments from parents about giving the children an opportunity to "have a go" at these outdoor activities in a friendly, caring atmosphere.



The next Region event for the Joey Scouts is the Medieval Fun Day to be held at Bundilla on 31st May. A competition is being held for the Joey Scouts to design the badge. All Leaders can obtain the details from Cassie Rec. We have a number of bases organised and now we need the Joey Scout mobs to come and have fun.

Although the date of the next Wandarrah is during the school holidays (17th April) we hope to see most of the Leaders as we have quite a number of new Joey Scout leaders to be invested. Thank you to Ann Pounder and her training team for helping get all the new Leaders trained.

## **TRAINING TALK**

*Ann Pounder*

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### **Advanced Training**

Don't forget that you have until June 1, 2009 to complete your Wood Badge projects!

### **Interviews**

Introductory Interviews are held at Bundilla on the first Thursday of each month. For those unable to attend this night, your Group Leader needs to contact the DC and Training representative to organise an alternative.

### **Training assistance**

Trainers are available at Bundilla every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month, to assist trainees with their paperwork completion or to sort out any problems they may be having with training. This includes Distance Learning, Basic completion, Advanced completion and Project assistance.

## **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 (BOOK NOW), 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.**

# CUB SCOUT NOTES

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In this, the International year of Astronomy I invite you to come along to Palanee on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Bundilla. What is Palanee? A programme of ideas on a theme, suitable for you to use at your cub scout pack. A time to have fun and share ideas with fellow Leaders. I hope to see you there.

This year we will again have Cub Day at the Jamborette, this is a great opportunity for your cub scouts to experience a scout camp, and prepare the way for our future scouts.

This year we will again celebrate Out and About Month in November. This is a wonderful chance to promote Scouting as the premise is that you take an outing using public transport and be seen out and about in your uniform. There will again be a special badge struck.

## Diary Dates

<b>June 7</b>	Cub Day at Jamborette
<b>August 8</b>	PALAVAR
<b>August 29 - 30</b>	Cub Baanya
<b>September 19</b>	Cub Scout Leadership Course
<b>November</b>	Out and About

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

**Ryan Barton - 1st Castle Hill**  
**James Williams - 1st Kings Langley**

**1 - 2 - 3 WOOF**



## ***RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY***

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### **My Robot Collection**

I have always been fascinated by robots because of their endless varieties and possibilities. To make a useful one, you need to design and plan the mechanism, have modeling and machining skills, a knowledge of motors and gearing, sensors to monitor its environment, and ultimately electronics and programming, if you want it to learn, or do anything autonomously.

I'm sure scouts would be interested in my mechanical menagerie, and would all like to have a go: but there's the problem; robots are a 'one person



at a time' activity, unless you just do a show and tell, which is not very interesting.

The simplest mechanism was a kit I designed for a JOTA activity called '**CD Bot**'. It was a CD with two motors attached, flashing light and noise maker which took an hour to solder together, with Leader support and fixing. (Cost \$10)

The **RoboSapien**, remote control humanoid, has been used as a base at the Jamborette, for 3 - 4 Scouts at a time to discover its actions and programmability. They soon tire of its limited functionality. (Cost \$70)

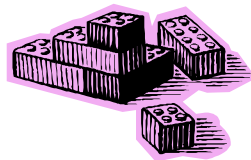
Programmable robots like the **Cybot** or **Robo-Box3** require not only construction, but a computer to assemble and download a program before they will do anything. These require some study to become familiar with the program language and how it interprets the sensors and decides what to do. (Cost \$150)

My 10 year old grandson was keen to assemble the Robo-Box3 with nuts and bolts, and then drag and drop the program icons on the screen, download the program, and watch it move or turn, without really understanding what the blocks meant, all within a couple of hours of one on one help. I'm sure that with a week of tuition he would get a good understanding of the programming language.

So you can see my problem, one and a half hours, 20 scouts 1 or 2 experimenting with the robot, some not interested - chaos!

Lego blocks and motors should be a solution because every kid knows how they go together; but the motors are too expensive.

Does anyone have any ideas for a program on Robots involving a take home construction/toy to make, an exciting robot game or two, and a unique demonstration? All I've come up with is 'come dressed as a robot'.



### **We need more Leaders in Science**

Are you looking for a change in Scouting? Thinking of taking a break, but don't want to leave Scouting? Would you like to reach more Scouts with your expertise? Want to work with a wider range of scouts, from Joeys to Rovers?

Scouting can't afford to lose you, and we could sure use your help. We have a full calendar and proven programs that you could enjoy presenting from your first night.

Only two requirements; inquisitiveness and enthusiasm!

***Please contact John Leahy for further details.***

## Hover nights popular

The Cubs seem to enjoy floating around the hall on the hovercraft. I guess it's the easiest (low friction) part of the night, where they get to ride, instead of pulling a board with their mates on it (high friction). They also like to race their balloon 'Hover CDs' down the ramp to see who's go the furthest, and flying the model hang glider and rubber powered aeroplane (which also hover).



West Pennant Hills Valley Cubs  
enjoying the program.

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### **Kings Langley Rover Crew were named Rover Crew of the Year by Scouts NSW. Congratulations and well done!**

Congratulations also to KL Rover, Kerriann Clark who prepared and cooked a three course dinner for forty Lions Club members. Kerriann was ably assisted by her mother, Heather, who helped with the cooking, and some fellow Rovers who served the delicious meal in full uniform and helped with the setting out and cleaning up! The evening was a great success and some of their profits have been generously donated to the Victorian Bush Fire victims appeal.

***BRAVO 1st Kings Langley Rover Crew***

*Sandra Parker DC Blacktown*

## **BUSHWALKING NOTES**

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The Expedition badges for Venturers are probably the most troublesome of all the requirements to achieve the Queen Scout award. Expeditions represent the heart and sole of Scouting and should be a pushover for most Venturers in the normal daily Scout activity. In this issue, I will attempt to explain why many expedition attempts end in grief. We have an excellent track record for the walks themselves. The grief usually occurs in the planning stages for the following reasons:

- First of all, the badge involves a lot of paperwork. Activity notification, permission notes as well as menus, equipment lists and first aid etc. Frequently a bushwalking qualification needs to be applied for and specific maps obtained once a suitable examiner can be found and a suitable walk through time can be found to ensure the participants are up to the task.
- The number of participants is also very restrictive. Five or six Venturer aged people can be difficult to find in good times, let alone among soon to be 18 year olds struggling with the HSC. A number of recent expeditions have failed because one or two in the party have pulled out.
- And when the walk is finished? Back to the paperwork in the form of a report. Some examiners insist on detailed notes combined with logs and bearings. Others regard the walk as the badge and the report supplementary. Few notice the fine print in the passport suggesting the report should include a critical evaluation of the planning process. Whatever is required should be clearly understood by the candidates prior to the activity.

In summary, my advice is plan early and plan often. Involve your Examiner in initial stages rather than present a final product. Most examiners are happy to help with constructive suggestions. Contrary to popular opinion, the walk does not need to test your survival skills as some sort of wilderness trial. The challenge may also involve navigation or even helping a less able Venturer cover the distance.

***Next month: Planning Bushwalks for winter.***

## ***FROM THE DEN OF THE RC SCOUTS***

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### **JAMBOREE**

At this point in time, we have approximately 365 Scouts and 92 Leaders and Junior Service Leaders going to the Jamboree - with this number we definitely have 10 Jamboree Troops, possibly 11.

Hopefully by the time you read this, I should have completed processing all the applications that have come to me. One of the common things I have seen has been a lack of Scout signatures on the signature page. All scouts should have read the first paragraph about their commitment to honor the Jamboree rules and sign that page indicating that they will abide by those rules. Once we have the applications processed, we will look at forming up the Jamboree Troops. There may be opportunities for experienced leaders to be Line Leaders in a Troop other than their own District. We ask that you willingly accept these offers and look at them as an opportunity to meet new Scouts and leaders and be there for the Scouts. I can vouch for the great experience and new friends. Some Districts are low in experienced leaders and need our help.

### **JAMBORETTE**

It is nearly Jamborette time again. The Region Scout Youth Council (SYC) have come up with the theme of ***Survivor GWSR Jamborette***. All the SL's should have heard about this through their Mindari's and be preparing their activity bases. We have Blacktown District responsible for co-ordinating the Activity bases this year, so that we have some good activities and no duplicates. We also have an experienced OH&S person overseeing safety issues for the activities, to ensure our duty of care. Please listen to his advice and also get those Risk Assessments done.

We are doing something different this year to help with the costs. We are offering an ***early bird discount*** of \$5 per person if applications are received at the Region Office by the close of business on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009. After that date the normal

charges will apply which is \$40 per Scout and \$30 per Leader. Application forms have been sent out to the DSL's or a rep. Normal closing date is 4pm, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Leaders, it is up to you to make sure all the applications are in by the due dates. We need you to help our Scouts understand that they need to make a commitment early then get their application in. We are not in a position to take applications and money at the Jamborette. I strongly recommend that you do not leave the close off of your applications from Scouts until the weekend before the closing dates, because if something goes wrong, you do not have any spare days available to make up for it!

This year the Cub Scouts and maybe some Lone Scouts will be visiting for a day. Let's make them feel most welcome. Many of the Lones rarely see other Scouts in person, so to see a whole Region of them all having fun at a Jamborette will be fantastic!

### **Adventurer Journey and Medallion Logs/Reports.**

Please remind all your Scouts doing Adventurer Journeys and Medallions that they must get their logs and reports for these activities completed and submitted **before they turn 15**. Only in exceptional circumstances will they be accepted after a Scout has turned 15. Often the journey or project has been done, but the Scout is slow in getting their log or report submitted.

In the **Adventurer Journey** requirements that Brian Roberts sends out, he lists all the things that he expects to see in a log. If a Scout does not submit all of those items, he will go back to the Scout seeking that information, which could take extra time. The log needs to be completed before they are 15. Also have the Scout send in their green book so that Brian can sign it off, if he is satisfied that they met all the requirements.

For a **Medallion Report**, the first draft sent to me is not the final draft. I often require some additional information and have to go back to the Scout for it. Once I am satisfied, it is then passed along, with my recommendation, to the State Commissioner. Even then, the State Commissioner may want some further information in the report. He needs to be satisfied that the Scout has fulfilled all the steps and requirements that demonstrate their leadership in the activity.

## **REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM**

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Hi everyone. This month we have another change in the A1 form system. We now have 2 forms A1 local and full A1. If your activity is not dangerous in normal Scout assessment in your hall or thereabouts to 2 klms no form is required.

For simple activities, e.g. bowling, putt putt etc use the A1 local form. Ensure all participants are listed. This form is kept by the GL for seven years.

The full A1 is used for Adventurous activities and is required two weeks in advance, with all names filled in. Any changes may be made by phone up to the activity NOT after. These forms may be used by authorities other than Scouts and should be treated with respect. This is a legal document and may be asked for after an accident. The authorities have asked for all participants' names to be filled in to make sure everyone is located in the event of an accident.

On March 22 we helped JOEYS run a Fun Day on the Water for around 150 people, with well organised games and activities at Lake Chipping Norton. We moved a canoe course there, so we could help and eight Scouts from the course helped in canoes for a couple of hours.

Region Rock Team have been busy with abseil and canyon courses. I can see from A1's that some Groups are out every weekend. What great activities has your Group taken part in or are planning?

We have a **SAILING Course** planned from **18th April for 5 days for only \$50**. I hope the course will be filled. Don't miss out - send forms to Region Office as soon as possible.

John Allan is our new **Flying Fox Co-ordinator**. If you would like more information email [johallan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:johallan@bigpond.net.au)

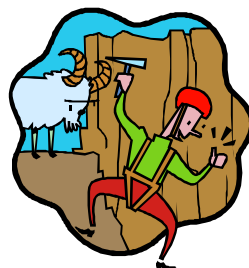
I need some new team members for the Jamborette, please contact me if you are interested.

## **ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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### **A1 forms**

We are trying to get all our activities on A1 forms on the Region website. Hopefully I will have this fixed up soon.

### **Recent Activities**

We have had some GREAT days out in the bush lately with Abseil Badge Courses and canyon trips. Congratulations to the many Scouts who have earned their Abseil Proficiency badges.

### **Coming Activities**

**Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses:** Tue 14<sup>th</sup> April (theory at Bundilla) and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April (practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**Caving Course:** Tue 28<sup>th</sup> April (theory at Bundilla), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May (practical at Bungonia).

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sep (theory) at a Scout Hall suitable to the applicants and Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Sep (practical) at West Pennant Hills or Blaxland.

**Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course:** 26<sup>th</sup> Jun (theory) and 28<sup>th</sup> Jun (practical).

**Rescue (Recovery) Day:** 14<sup>th</sup> June at Bowen Mountain.

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



Applications (A1) should be sent to Region Office at least two weeks before the course. Two day and three day courses cost \$20, one day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge course \$5.

**See our website:**

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

*Stuart Cowen and Leon Staelens of  
1st Balcombe Heights on a Scout abseil course.*

# APPOINTMENTS LIST

## MARCH 2009

### APPOINTMENTS

BISBY Roger	Fellow	Blackhorse Fellowship
KING, Leonie	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland Group
MILLER, Colleen	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys Group
SAYER, Paul	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Group
WATERS, Scott	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Group

### TRANSFERS

ABBOTT Philip	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
	To AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Mount Druitt
ABBOTT Samantha	Fr AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
	To AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Mount Druitt
BAWDEN, Lindsay	Fr AL	1st Penrith
	To GL	1st Penrith
CONNOR, Glenn	Fr ASL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown Troop
	To SL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown Troop
HALL Gavan	Fr DCSL	Hills South District
	To DC	Hills South District
JENNIS, Anthony	Fr ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley
	To CSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Pack
McPHERSON, Anne	Fr JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Meadowbank Pack
	To JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Mob
WALKER Valerie	Fr DA	Parramatta District
	To Hon Adv	GWSR
WEBB, Kim	Fr JSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill Mob
	To JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Castle Hill Mob TBR
WHITE Sidney	Fr ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys Pack
	To CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys Pack

### RESIGNATIONS

ANSON Ryan	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie
BANNON David	RA (Rsp)	Hawkesbury River Rover Crew
BLADES, mark	JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Toongabbie
BROWNE, Lewis	AVSL	4 <sup>th</sup> Castle Hill
CODY, Mark	JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville Mob
COETZEE, Deborah	CSL	WPH Valley Pack
COLQUHOUN, Ian	JSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Springwood Mob
CORBETT, Leonard	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
CUTNER Bradley	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
DOGGER, Michael	GL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kurrajong

EASTWELL Darren	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Cambridge Park
FRANKLIN-BROWNE Tanya	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
GRAHAM Brett	DA	Penrith City District
GURNEY Cheryl	AVSL	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
FINCH Margaret	DA	Blue Mountains District
HILL Angella	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
HITCHINS, Nina	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Blaxland
HOLLINS, Michael	AL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown
HUGHES, Lisa	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Riverstone Pack
KRENSEL Andrew	SL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Blacktown
LAWRENCE Daniel	AL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Northmead
MARTIN Linda	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
MARTIN Jason	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
MORANDIN, Levi	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Glossodia Troop
NELSON Garry	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
PEMBERTON, Andrew	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
RAMSBOTTOM, Linda	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Winston Hills
ROBERTSON Aldin	CSL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
SCOTT Lyall	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Emu Plains
SLENDER Lyvern	ACSL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kurrajong Pack
STENBERG, Lisa	ASL	1 <sup>st</sup> Carlingford
STENNING Jodie	AL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Merrylands
TRAN Minh	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Granville
WATERS, David	SL	4 <sup>th</sup> Castle Hill Troop
WELLES Linda	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
WINCHESTER Andrew	AL	1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Merrylands

### **TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING**

ARMSTRONG Craig	Trainee AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook
BATTAM, Raquel	Trainee (JS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Kellyville
COLYER, David	Trainee (CS)	4 <sup>th</sup> Castle Hill
FLEMING, Sean	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Ermington
GREENHALCH, Peta	Trainee AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Glossodia
HALLMARK Katherine	Trainee (S)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills
HENRY, Troy	Trainee (CS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
LOCH Audrey	Trainee AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
PHILLIPS, Jason	Trainee (JS)	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys
SMITH, Rebecca	Trainee (CS)	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
STRACHAN Fiona	Trainee (JS)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Northmead
WILLIAMS, Brett	Trainee AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Castle Hill

### **RESIGNED IN ERROR or DID NOT PROCEED**

ABBOTT Phillip	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
ABBOTT Samantha	AL	1 <sup>st</sup> Wentworthville
BOWEN Rishae	ACSL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley
GRAHAM Brett	D Adv	Penrith City District

## **ROVER REPORT**

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Our Region AGM was held at Bundilla on the 18th March 2009.

Our new executive council consists of:

Chairman - Bennett Lansley (Kings Langley)

Vice Chairman - Lauren Thorn (1st Westmead)

Secretary - Corey Olufsen (North Mount Druitt)

Treasurer - Chloe Hatcher (1st Blaxland "Kalangadoo")

PR & Internet Officer - Matt Thompson (1st/2nd Merrylands)

Training Officer - Matt Lee (1st Blaxland "Kalangadoo")

Venturer Liaison Officer (West) - Glen Johnston (Hawkesbury River)

Venturer Liaison Officer (East) - Mitchell Shaw (Kings Langley)

Activities Coordinator - Andrew Thompson (Kings Langley)

BRC Delegates - Matt Lee, Chris Leeder, Rebecca Cini and Mitchell Shaw

Rover YACS Rep - Rebecca Cini (1st Blaxland *Kalangadoo*)

Region Commissioner (Rovers) - David Twist

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BRC Conference** - 9am Saturday 18th April till 5pm Sunday 19th April, Pennant Hills Scout Camp (End of Pomona Street Pennant Hills). All Rovers and Rover Advisors welcome to attend. \$50 for the whole weekend including all meals and accommodation.

**St Georges Day** - Wednesday 22nd April 2009, 7.30pm at St James' Church, 173 King Street, Sydney. All Scouting members welcome to attend this non-denominational thanksgiving service to St George, the Patron Saint of Scouting and Roving. Full uniform required. Rover Crews are requested to bring their Crew Flag / St George Flag if they want it to be blessed. Contact BRC Service Coordinator for more info - [service@nswrovers.com](mailto:service@nswrovers.com)

**Anzac Day Sydney Dawn Service** - Saturday 25th April 2009, 4.15am start at the Cenotaph, Martin Place. Rovers have been asked to assist with escorting & ushering VIP's, and wreath laying. Rovers helping with this need to be there earlier. Contact BRC Service Coordinator for more info - [service@nswrovers.com](mailto:service@nswrovers.com)

**Anzac Day Sydney March** - Saturday 25th April 2009, 9.00am start at the Martin Place. Rovers have been asked to assist with information booths, golf cart drivers / movement of fatigued marchers, marcher registration, rosemary distribution. Times vary for each of these roles. Contact BRC Service Coordinator for more info - [service@nswrovers.com](mailto:service@nswrovers.com)

**Kings Langley Formal McDonalds Regressive Dinner** - Saturday 2nd May 2009

**Rover Bush Dance** - Saturday 30th May 2009

**Region Rover Council** - Wednesday 3rd June 2009

*Congratulations to Kings Langley Rover Crew on being awarded Crew of the Year - BRAVO*

**Starry, Starry Night Tour - *Looking Up from Down Under***

**Saturday 18 April 2009, 6.30pm - 9.30pm**

**Bents Basin State Conservation Area**

Wolstenholme Drive, Greendale

The NPWS invites you to celebrate The Year of Astronomy by *Looking up from Down Under*.

Hear stories from an Aboriginal elder, listen to our special guest astronomer, Scott Williams tell us about the universe, view the night sky through our telescope or bring your own.

A light supper of tea, coffee, damper and hot chocolate will be provided. Cost includes overnight camping, vehicle entry fee and light supper. Bring your own camping equipment.

ADULTS \$25.00 CHILDREN \$10.00

FAMILY (2 adults, 2 children) \$55.00

**Bookings are essential.**

**Phone 4774 8662 (Bents Basin)**



## SEA SCOUTS OR VALLEY SCOUTS?

Boomer (Belinda Francis) West Pennant Hills Valley

West Pennant Hills Valley Group has recently welcomed quite a few new families to the Group. As a way to give them a really enjoyable 'Scouting welcome', the Valley Group held a Family Camp at beautiful Camp Kanangra at Nord's Wharf. The theme of the weekend was 'Pirates of the Kanangra'. We had Cubs with hooked arms, eye patches, swords, and even one with a parrot on his shoulder for much of the weekend.



Cub raft builders

After setting up on the perfect spot - right on the waterfront of Lake Macquarie - the families started getting to know each other around a campfire while the Scouts and Cubs set about

planning the construction of rafts which would see a whole weekend of fun on the water, as well as a battle royal between the *land lubbers* (parents and

Leaders) and the *pirates* (Scouts, Cubs and our GL).



Scout raft

The rafting prowess of the Scouts was obvious, but the Cubs and the GL did not fare so well. Being low in the water, the Cub raft may have been streamlined but it did seem to spend a lot of time going around in



Cub raft

circles. Mind you, having one paddle did not help in the attempt to cruise up and down the lake and keep up with the Scouts on their raft.

A big thank you to the Valley Leaders for their continued commitment to our youth

members and a recommendation for anyone looking for a great location for a Family Camp - try **Camp Kanangra!**



Flour bomb warriors!



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