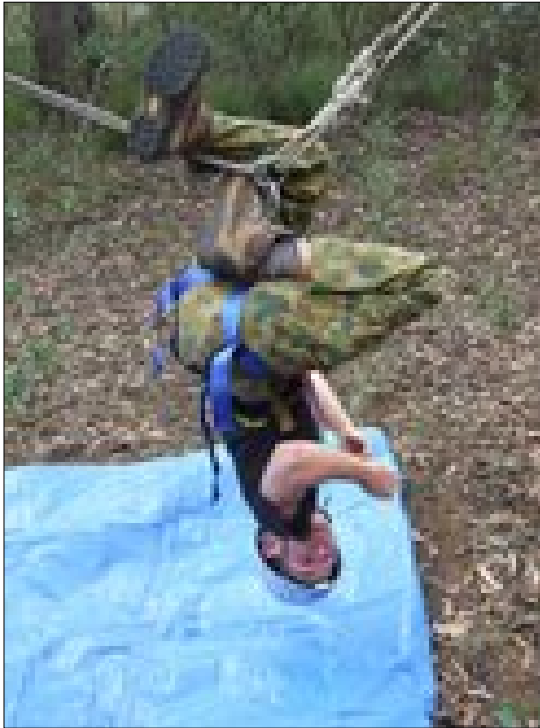


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**A Venturer *'hangs out'* at the
Kings Langley Rovers' Activity Base
Dragon Skin 2009**

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Kings Langley Rover Crew

THE BUNDY CLUB

**IS HOLDING A
WORKING BEE
@ BUNDILLA
ON
SATURDAY
16TH MAY
FROM 9AM to 1PM**

They need as many helpers as possible to complete some of the outstanding chores that need doing.

Morning tea will be provided.



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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

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Building a Better Future

It gives me great pleasure to announce we have a new RC Venturers. Aaron Wardle has agreed to accept the role. Aaron brings a wealth of experience and has some great ideas to progress the Venturer section in the future. I would like to thank Steve Wallace for standing in temporarily whilst we were without a RC Venturers. Aaron will be working hard to hopefully increase the number of Venturers we have in the region. One of the activities is The Super Special Awesome Venturing Day Out 5th July at The George Kendall Riverside Park at Ermington. This day is the initiative of 1st Ermington but is for everyone in the region. If your group has Venturers, or if your group would like to start a unit this day is for you. There will be all sorts of activities for older scouts, Venturers and Rovers, fundraising opportunities, food stalls and lots more. We will also be holding the Region AGM there and inviting special guests and politicians to attend. Please look at our website for all the information, and if you haven't registered now is the time to do so.

The year is progressing quickly and I know everyone is very busy with many activities as we are receiving many A1's. I would like to thank all leaders and the District and Region teams for all their hard work. To the outgoing committees a big thankyou, and to the new committee members thank you for taking on the responsibility. We would like to offer committee training, probably on a District basis, so please let your District Commissioner know of your interest.

Whilst our numbers have dropped slightly as is usual at this time of year, overall we are still up on April 2008. We have at the moment the scout section as the largest section. I assume it is because we have cubs gone up hoping to be eligible for the Jamboree, and scouts close to Venturer age remaining to attend the Jamboree. The task will be to retain these members after the Jamboree. Has your group, plans in place to make sure we don't lose these members? Of particular note, will be getting the older Scouts to Venturers.

After the high of a Jamboree, there can sometimes be a bit of a “*let down*”. We need to make sure the program is exciting and offering interesting activities for the youth members to look forward to. Perhaps if your Group and section can have some discussion now, as to how you are going to retain those members in 2010, it will be beneficial. Retaining members is just as important, if not more important than recruiting. If we can give exciting experiences, then those members will tell their friends. We also need to encourage the younger sections to look forward to the future. Scouts that attend the Jamboree can visit the younger sections and tell their stories of the Jamboree.

If your Group is thinking of opening a new section, could you please advise us. We have on hand, expert advice of “how to” start a new section and the protocols that need to be followed.

Ann Pounder is taking a well earned break and Terry Darragh is caretaking training. I would like to thank Terry for taking on this responsibility and all the District and Region team will be trying to lighten the load. Terry is liaising with Ann and keeping everything ticking over. We are currently having discussions as to how we can perhaps simplify some procedures. The courses run at Penrith as non residential were very successful. If you need to do some training but are unable to attend a residential course please contact Terry. If we have sufficient people we MAY be able to run a local course.

We are holding a Bundy Club 16th May 9am -1pm. Lots of small jobs to be completed at Bundilla. Something for everyone, no particular skills required, and remember “many hands make light work”.

Jan Playford

Thought for the month:

The greatest achievement was at first and for a time, a dream.

The oak sleeps in the acorn.

The bird waits in the egg.

And in the highest vision of a soul, a waking angel stirs.

Dreams are the seedlings of reality.

James Allen

POSSUM'S CORNER

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In March I attended a Region Office Manager's Conference, which was very interesting! ROM's were asked to list any issues we had. Papers lost after being sent to State HQ, was a priority issue, which was acknowledged and a new procedure formulated for the young lady who deals with distribution of incoming mail. Hopefully we will see an improvement soon.

The importance of Group's addressing P2's and P3's.

This is something we need to address in our Region. Many Groups see the **one off hirers (P2)** as a good way to fundraise, however, they must be submitted to SHQ two weeks ahead of time, so they can be logged for insurance purposes. Some people who run fitness groups in parks (where they don't pay fees to council) want to use our halls when it rains. Well if the fitness guru can tell the weather two weeks ahead of time, he's a better weather forecaster than all of us! Parties are very dicey also, if someone rings me, I do not always give the booking officer's details - please be very, very careful.

P3's for long term hirers, must be submitted to Region Office for presentation to the Executive Committee.

The Group must...

- complete the P3 form
- have a Safety Audit completed and lodged at Region Office.
- obtain a Certificate of Currency (from the prospective hirer) for at least 10 million dollars (with the Scout Association recorded as the Interested Party).
- write a cheque for \$90 for preparing the license
- obtain a letter of permission from the Council if leased land.

If you have any doubts please ask me, and do not give anyone permission to use the hall until Executive have passed the P3.

Safety Audits

There are the Groups who still have outstanding safety audits. I know that some, have completed the requirements and not let me know, but some have done nothing.

For those Groups who have completed all or even part thereof, please fill in the ***Recommendation page*** - record the dates when each item was done and then send me a copy. If you are in doubt as to what needs to be done, please email me and I will send out another copy of your Audit Report.

INCOMPLETE SAFETY AUDITS

BLACKTOWN DISTRICT

- #153 1st Mt Druitt
- #127 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside
- #186 1st Riverstone
- #1546 1st Whalan
- #115 1st / 2nd Blacktown

BLUE MOUNTAINS DISTRICT

- 1st Leura

HAWKESBURY DISTRICT

- #685 1st Glossodia
- #1709 1st Grose Vale
- #1441 1st Kurrajong
- #179 1st North Richmond
- # 1601 1st Oakville

HILLS SOUTH DISTRICT

- #1218 CG Show (Louise Avenue)
- #121 2nd Castle Hill
- #1353 4th Castle Hill
- #1160 West Pennant Hills Valley

PENRITH CITY DISTRICT

- #119 1st Cambridge Park
- #139 1st Emu Plains (Lapstone)
- #1234 1st Emu Plains (Glenbrook)
- #1267 1st Erskine Park
- #1681 1st St Marys
- #177 2nd Penrith (Taloma St)

HOLROYD DISTRICT

- #246 CGS (Kenyons Rd)

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT

- #1354 1st North Rocks



REGION OFFICE HOURS
8.30 pm – 4.30 pm
MONDAY to FRIDAY
Closed for Lunch 1.00pm – 1.30 pm

URGENT REMINDER RE JAMBORETTE REGISTRATIONS

When Troops are submitting registrations for the Jamborette be reminded that along with you payment, list of names and numbers you must also submit an A1 for every person attending. You can find the A1 on the GWS Website and you can alter it to suit your troop needs.

- Q. Why do we need to give Region a copy you ask?
A. Because this event is a **Region** Activity and as such, we need the forms.
Q. But we didn't have to do them last year?!
A. Rules have changed; last year the troop had a permission note from parents and you only submitted the form with names and numbers.

I am very happy to copy the A1's and give them back to you.

Thanks for your co-operation. Jan the Elder

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 \$85

One Day Requalification Courses:

15th August, 17th October.

You must have a current (not expired) First Aid Certificate in order to do this course. Cost \$75 for Scouts and \$105 for non Scouts

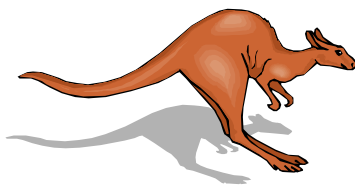
Forms and money into Region Office two weeks in advance.

JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

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The end of term was an interesting one for me as I visited 1st Ermington Joey Scouts and watched their Easter hat parade. The hats were based on the newspaper hat idea that Lyn Mann (SCJS) had shown us at last year's mini Konara. The Joey Scouts made the hats one week and then were able to take them home to decorate for the parade on the last night of term. All turned up with their decorated hats and it was a joy to see the excitement on their faces.

I was at 1st Ermington to present a Promise Challenge badge to Ryan Lummis. He is one of three 1st Ermington Joey Scouts to have completed the Challenge this year. Only two other Joey Scouts (from 2nd Castle Hill) have completed the Challenge this year. I urge all Joey Scout Leaders to give their older Joey Scouts the opportunity to complete this Challenge. The knowledge gained will help them with their linking to Cubs and with early Cub Scout boomerang work. The Promise Challenge should be presented to the mob to show what the Joey Scout has learnt. The Leader then presents it to Wandarrah with an accompanying form (see website) and the payment.

*Congratulations to the following Joey Scouts
who have completed their Promise Challenges*



Ryan Lummis - 1st Ermington
Peter Quan - 2nd Castle Hill
Timothy Marks - 1st Ermington
Christopher Richard - 1st Ermington
Alex McKenna - 2nd Castle Hill

HOP, HOP, HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

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Thank you to all those who joined in the fun of Palanee – I hope you are able to use all the great ideas presented and shared with each other to inspire your Cub Scouts during this the **International Year of Astronomy**.

We will again join the Scouts for Cub Day at the Jamborette, please ensure all payments are made to the Region Office in good time. You will need to show copies of your A1 forms to Jan, they will be copied and returned to you, as you are responsible for your cubs on this day. Each Seeonee will be providing an activity for the cubs to participate in, so please ensure you are available at some time during the day to assist in the running of the activity. This will mean working with other leaders to ensure your cub scouts are supervised while you take a turn. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you are all preparing to attend Palaver on 8th August. This is another chance to gather ideas and make new Scouting friends in a fun filled atmosphere. Our theme is '**It's Not Easy Being Green**' so come along and join the experience that is Palaver.

Other Diary Dates:

7th June	Cub Day at Jamborette
8th August	PALAVAR
29th - 30th August	Cub Baanya



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

**Callum Firth - 1st Hawkesbury
Evan Lean - 1st St Marys**

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VENTURER REPORT

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I would like to thank Steve Wallace for his work in coordinating the Region Venturers over the past few months. The year has already been very busy with several activities being run, as well as many others already in the planning stage.

In the past month, two activities of note have been held. Westmead hosted a Red Knight Blue Knight end of term social activity at Westfield Parramatta. 24 Venturers from 5 units participated and had an enjoyable time. I would like to express a special thank you to all of the Knights! It was especially great to have the support of Castle Hill, Merrylands and Westmead Rover Crews to assist in running the activity.

Dragon Skin was also held successfully at Newnes State Forest over the Easter Long Weekend. GWS had 114 Venturers from 15 units participate. Competing in 22 teams, this represented approximately two thirds of all eligible members which is a huge achievement. Everyone had a fun filled weekend, albeit a little damp in the evenings, and the dedicated Dragon Skin train was a huge success. Congratulations to teams **101st Airborne** from **Hawkesbury District**, and **Highway Patrol** from **1st Kings Langley** for scoring amongst the top 20 teams.

Upcoming activities include:

Initiative Course	23rd - 24th May
Venturing Out	5th July
Roventure	10th - 12th July

For more information about these and other exciting activities, don't forget to visit the Region website!

SCOUTS NEED TO LOSE WEIGHT!

Mark fell (Dingo) DLS Blacktown

With some rather bulging packs, about 35 younger Scouts from Blacktown District, along with an invited Troop from 1st Wentworthville, have just experienced their first overnight, light weight camping trip, with our Blacktown District Hike. Catching the train up to Wondabyne, the Scouts hiked north to Camp Kariong, where they set up camp for the night. The following morning, after a good night's sleep, we struck camp, and headed out across the ridge, dropping steeply down to Woy Woy, where we indulged in some hot chips, before jumping on a train back to Sydney.

The success of a weekend like this, was not that the Scouts actually made it, or that it didn't rain, or even discovering that one will not actually die, if a leech latches on to your ankle! The success of the weekend was the fact that every Scout said that they needed to lose weight - in their packs! Suddenly the idea of taking a "just about empty" tube of tooth paste; eating out of your cooking pot, instead of a dinner plate; or even a rain coat inside a sleeping bag cover, for a pillow, all started to make sense. Not to mention the extra set of clothes Mum told you to pack ...just in case!

Learning by doing. It is what Scouting is all about, even for the Leaders. Certainly a wonderful way to experience and enjoy the great Australian bush.



*Taking a break
during the
Blacktown District
over night hike.*

*Photo courtesy
Bryan Hall
1st Wentworthville*



The 40th Cumberland Gang Show

2009 BOOKING FORM

Special Event Nights: Key

- > Gala Opening - walk the red carpet
- # Red Scarf Night - a chance to catch the red scarf
- + Finale Night - special farewell

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$3.00 OFF EACH TICKET IN THIS TABLE FOR EARLY BIRD PURCHASE

GANG SHOW BOOKING FORM

BOOKING PLAN			Cast	Adult				
JULY 2009				A Reserve			B Reserve	
PERFORMANCES				Price	Qty	Cost	Price	Qty
Friday >	17th	7.30pm	Gilbert	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Saturday	18th	2.00pm	Gilbert	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Saturday	18th	7.30pm	Sullivan	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Tuesday #	21st	7.30pm	Sullivan	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Wednesday	22nd	7.30pm	Gilbert	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Thursday	23rd	7.30pm	Sullivan	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Friday +	24th	7.30pm	Gilbert	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Saturday	25th	11.00am	Gilbert	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Saturday	25th	3.00pm	Sullivan	\$28.00			\$25.00	
Saturday +	25th	7.30pm	Sullivan	\$28.00			\$25.00	
TOTAL Number of Tickets & Cost						\$		

How to Book Tickets

- By Phoning Lyall Wood on 9636 2731
- By Faxing this form to Lyall on 9636 1054
- By mail to 2 Oldfield St, Greystanes 2145 before 12th June 2009
- In person at Rehearsals from 28th March to 13th June 2009
- online at www.gangshow.asn.au

PLEASE NOTE:

- All cheques to be made payable to "SCOUTS AUSTRALIA". When forwarding a booking by mail, a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of tickets would be appreciated.
- A Child is a person 15 years and under. Pensioner concession is at Child rate.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Em: _____

Money must accompany bookings. No cash

If paying by Mastercard / Visa / A

Card No: ____ / ____ / ____

Cardholders name: _____

Signed: _____

GANG SHOW TICKET SELLER

Gang Members Name: _____

ROVER REPORT

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Rovers have been very busy during the last month.

At the BRC Conference, Matt Lee from Blaxland was elected BRC President, and Lauren Thorn from Westmead was elected BRC Secretary. Bravo and all the best in your new roles.

St James' Church held a really nice thanksgiving service to commemorate the feast day of St George, the Patron Saint of Scouts and Rovers. The service is non-denominational and open to all members of Scouting and Guiding. I strongly encourage more people from the wider Scouting community to attend in future years as it is a very special occasion.

Local ANZAC services and parades, as well as the large Sydney Dawn Service and March were well attended by Rovers. Their help was once again appreciated by the veterans in assisting with buggies, carrying banners, manning information booths, and handing out Rosemary. Thank you to all those who attended.

Kings Langley McDonalds Regressive Dinner was attended by over 60 Rovers from around the state. They raised a whopping \$500 for the Ronald McDonald House Charity... well done Kings Langley Rovers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rover Bush Dance	Saturday 30th May
Region Rover Council	Wednesday 3rd June
GWSR Roventure <i>Christmas in July</i>	10th to 12th July 2009
GWSR Rover Moot <i>Rocky Horror</i>	7th to 9th August 2009

Check the website for full details.



*Thanksgiving Service
St James' Church on
the eve of
St George's Day
22nd April 2009*



*Rovers were well represented at the Dawn Service and
Anzac Day March
Photos courtesy of Matt Thompson and Jeannie Wood*

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Keith Travers Activity Commissioner

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Firstly I would like to congratulate all those that have agreed to take on some responsibility for the organising of this great organisation; Gavin Hall, District Commissioner for Hills South, the newly elected Rover Council, the NEW Flying Fox co-ordinator John Allan (who will need all the help you can give, as there is practically no team to support him) and Aaron Wardle, Region Commissioner for Venturers. I look forward to working with all these people in their new positions as well as those already in positions.

There is a new booklet for activities on the way, with places to go and people to contact. I hope each Leader will receive this booklet once it has been printed.

We will be starting to program for next year, so if you want your activity or event to be included in our program, such as a water fun day or qualifications in abseil, caving etc. then now is the time to plan as we can organise our courses for when you want them. This year we have cancelled two sailing courses due to lack of numbers (we only need three people)! Last year we had to limit numbers because there were too many. We aim to have the calendar ready for the start of the year, that is why you need to think and act now.

Recently, I was invited to a camp to assess qualifications for canoe. I had to paddle into the site, but I had a great time due to the excellent hospitality. Rather than do it this way, I would suggest you obtain quals first, then organise a trip. Congratulations to all those Cubs Scouts, Venturers Rovers and Leaders that appeared on TV during the ANZAC march. Although the commentators did not acknowledge your presence, without your help, there would have been a lot of banners left behind!

Remember the weather is getting chilly and wet - so take care.

Regards Keith Travers

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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A1 Forms

Applications for Rock activities are now made on the A1 form, not the Rock Activities form. This form is available on the NSW Scouts website, nsw.scouts.com.au We are trying to get rock activities on A1 forms on the Region website, greaterwestscouts.com.au There are some difficulties with this A1 form – for example it needs to be signed, and so cannot be sent by email. Also it is difficult to finalise the locations of some courses before we know who the applicants are.

Coming Activities

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses: Tue 19th May (theory at Bundilla) and 23rd and 24th May (practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 11th, 15th and 16th Aug and 27th, 31st Oct and 1st Nov.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Fri 11th Sep (theory) at a Scout hall suitable to the applicants; Sun 13th Sep (practical) at West Pennant Hills or Blaxland.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: 26th June (theory) and 28th June (practical).

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

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting Rick.

Applications (on A1) 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



Scouts from 1st Castle Hill and 1st Balcombe Heights on a canyon trip in March

BUSHWALKING NOTES

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Winter bushwalking offers many advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, we have less chance of bushfires, snake encounters and hyperthermia. For many it is an ideal time to enjoy the great outdoors. The big danger, of course, is cold. The best defense for any situation is to prepare for the extremes.

The main thing to ensure is critical equipment stays dry. Most modern packs have heavy plastic liners available that should protect critical equipment. This includes our sleeping bag and at least one change of clothes. A good night's sleep in dry gear makes all the difference to facing the elements through the day. Only use waterproof bags on critical gear and don't waste space on utensils etc. Even a wet tent is not a total loss. Packing the tent outside the waterproofed inner area, allows for it to be sealed before the tent is dismantled and assembled before the waterproof section is opened. Changing from dry to damp clothes worn the previous day, each morning, can also take discipline. Take it from someone who has been there, it is a much better alternative than finishing a day cold, tired and wet with nothing dry to wear. Keeping dry while bushwalking in rain is extremely difficult. Even with full raingear and pack cover, water usually manages to penetrate between the body and the pack.

The other big winter problem is wind. We all know about the wind chill factor and what effect it has on comfort. In my experience, I have found the light, cheap windcheaters very effective. They are not as effective as the "Mont" type gear but very good to wear in light rain and windy conditions.

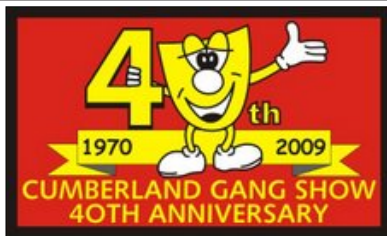
When selecting a tent site, think ahead and consider drainage. Many spots look tempting in the dry but don't work in the rain. Most modern tents have 'waterproof' floors but I have yet to see one not leak when severely tested. Waking up to water seeping through the sleeping bag is not a good feeling!

Water affected sleeping bags in cold times is a double whammy - more warmth required and less available.

Prepare for each day and night as necessary. If it appears like a rainy day, try and pack to minimize the need to open it while walking. For nights, ensure the equipment is in the tent, or at least covered, to avoid rain, frost or dew damage.

Keep these simple points in mind to help you enjoy winter outings. Remember that exercise is the friend of hypothermia and the enemy of hyperthermia. Bushwalking with overnight packs involve plenty of exercise so we finish with yet another 'advantage' of winter bushwalking.

Next month: *Calling for help in the bush!*



**CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW
40TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
19TH JULY 2009
BLACKTOWN RSL**

This year is Cumberland Gang Show's 40th Anniversary and to help celebrate this wonderful milestone, the Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship are organising a special Luncheon on the 19th July at Blacktown RSL.

Adults \$40, children (12 and under) \$20. This includes a two course meal, plus coffee and cake and a special souvenir. Drinks available at club prices.

Why not get some of your friends and family together and make up a table of ten?

Further details and a booking form are available for download on the Cumberland Gang Show Website

<http://www.gangshow.asn.au/>

APPOINTMENTS APRIL 2009

APPOINTMENTS

BELCHER, Clare	AL	1 st South Penrith
BEST, Kieran	AL	1 st South Penrith
BONWICK Jane	AL	1 st Blaxland
COOKE, Kim	AL	1 st Hazelbrook
DRAPER-ROBERTS Laraine	AL	1 st Cambridge Park
ELLWOOD Kelly	AL	1 st North Mt Druitt
HEINRICH Phillip	AL	1 st Hawkesbury
HENRY Anthony	AL	1 st Emu Plains
HOCKLEY Michael	AL	1 st Cambridge Park
HUTCHINSON Donna Marie	AL	1 st Emu Plains
ISON Rene	AL	1 st Pendle Hill
LAWSON David	AL	1 st Grose Vale
LIVINGSTONE Cecilia	AL	1 st Pendle Hill
LOMAS Kerri	AL	1 st /2 nd Blacktown
MADDOCK Dean	AL	1 st Blaxland
MASON Kristine	AL	1 st Emu Plains
MERCIECIA Christopher	AL	1 st Pendle Hill
MICALLEFF Vicki	AL	1 st Erskine Park
PRESTON Margaret	AL	1 st /2 nd Merrylands St Anne's
PRITCHARD Stuart	AL	1 st Emu Plains
ROBINSON Gregory	AL	1 st Blaxland
SCARMAN Anthony	AL	1 st Ermington
SIMMONS David	AL	1 st South Penrith
SIRIANNI Serefina	AL	1 st Dural
SMITH Rosalyn	AL	1 st Erskine Park
SPENCER Heidi	AL	1 st Penrith
SPILLER Colette	AL	1 st Blackheath
SULLIVAN Jennifer	AL	1 st Erskine Park
WATT Adrian	AL	1 st Blaxland

TRANSFERS

BARKER, Belinda	Fr ACSL	1 st Dural Pack
	To CSL	1 st Dural Pack
BOWEN Rishae	Fr ACSL	2 nd Kings Langley
	To ACSL	1 st Toongabbie
ELLIOTT Rebecca	Fr AJSL	1 st Hazelbrook
	To CSL	1 st Hazelbrook

FLEMING Tania	Fr AL To AJSL	1 st Ermington 1 st Ermington
GRAHAM Brett	Fr Dist Adv To ASL	Penrith City District 1 st South Penrith
KAY Peter	Fr AL To SL	1 st Riverstone 1 st Riverstone
LEAN Rodney	Fr JSL To AGL	1 st St Marys 1 st St Marys
MUNRO Peter	Fr ASL To SL	4 th Castle Hill Troop 4 th Castle Hill Troop
POLLOCK Fred	Fr ASL To JSL	2 nd Kings Langley 2 nd Kings Langley
SALMON David	Fr CSL To ACSL	1 st Dural Pack 1 st Dural Pack
SLENDER Troy	Fr CSL To AL	1 st Kurrajong Pack 1 st Grose Vale
WARDLE Aaron	Fr AVSL To RC V	1 st /2 nd Merrylands St Anne's GWSR
WILSON Evelyn	Fr Fellow To Fellow	Hume Region CGS Scout Fellowship
YALLOP Brett	Fr AL To CSL	1 st Riverstone 1 st Riverstone

REGISTRATIONS

Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

DE-REGISTRATIONS

2nd Baulkham Hills Joey Mob
1st Kurrajong Cub Pack
1st Pendle Hill Joey Mob
1st North Richmond Cub Pack
1st Whalan Joey Mob

OMMISSION FROM FEBRUARY LIST

TRANSFER

HEMMONS, Michelle	Fr AL To ACSL	1 st Kings Langley Group 1 st Kings Langley Pack
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Model Rockets

Last month I proposed a workshop for a group of Scouts to build and launch a reusable gunpowder rocket. Here's a rundown on how it works and what would be involved on the day.

Model rockets are made from a cardboard tube with balsa wood fins and nose cone, so as to be very low mass. The nose cone is a sliding fit in the tube so that at the maximum attitude, it can be ejected, allowing the parachute to deploy. The main tube and nose cone are attached with an elastic cord which also attaches to the parachute, so all the components stay together.

The motors are factory made to generate a given thrust for a known time, then to coast for length of time that would put the rocket at its highest point, whereupon a charge ignites and ejects the nose cone and parachute.

The rocket is launched from a guide wire which slides through two short tubes attached to the rocket body. The motor is ignited at a safe distance by an electrical filament and a torch battery.

The day would start by considering the function of the various components and the effect on stability of the flight of the centre of balance versus the centre of pressure. The effect of the shape and positioning of the fins has on the flight is tested in a simulation program, and later with a spin test.

With the design decided it is time to cut the fins out of balsa, sand smooth and glue to the rocket tube. While the glue is drying, we decide on rocket colour and patterns, make the parachute and sand the nose cone.

Time to spray paint the rockets the chosen colours, and let the paint dry. During lunch more discussion on assembling the components to ensure a safe recovery, how to compensate for a side breeze, methods to determine how high the rocket will go, as

well as safety procedures to insert the ignition filament and attach the firing battery and button are discussed. Then off to the oval to put theory into practice with an actual launch.

Here's a picture of rockets made by my kids when they were at school. They have been flown a number of times with different powers of motor, and returned safely via parachute.



Radios at Hawkesbury Show

Hawkesbury Scouts had a stand at the local Annual Show as they usually do. Karl and I were asked to supply some activities to draw in the passing kids. Karl brought his portable radio station and had it set up and operating in short time. I had some Electrostatic demos and the gyroscopic ball which I used to engage parents to explain the benefits of Scouting both for their kids and themselves.



At the front of the display, two plastic ball ballistas were set up to entice kids to join in the activity. During the day Miss Hawkesbury Show 2009 dropped in and stayed long enough to master the operation of the Gyroscopic exerciser.

The stand was well set up, and the District won two awards, one for **Best Outside Display**, and the other for **Best Presented Float in the Grand Parade**.

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