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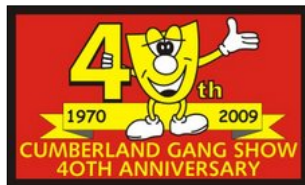
Thrills and spills at the GWSR Jamboree



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Cumberland Gang Show
presents
destination-FUTURE
at
Parramatta Riverside
Theatre
**July 17, 18, 21, 22, 23,
24 and 25**
Evenings 7.30pm
and
Matinees on Saturdays
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8839 3399



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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Jan Playford

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Building a Better Future

Hello Everyone

Our numbers have increased by over 200 since April - this is very pleasing. It is amazing that our numbers suddenly increase when we are holding a Region event. We have had Joey Fun Day, the Jamborette and Cub Day at the Jamborette.

I am concerned that the Region Office is still receiving Y1's that were signed (sometimes) six months previously. I cannot understand why this is happening. These forms need to be lodged in a timely manner, not just left in someone's bag until an event requires a membership number! If you are a section leader you should be attending Group Council where these matters should be discussed with your GL.

Speaking on Group Leaders - congratulations to Sandra Parker DC Blacktown. Sandra has recruited another two Group Leaders for her District. One group in particular has been without a GL for a long time. A Group Leader is so important to the group. The groups where we have a Group Leader are usually the most successful. It is very hard for a section leader to take on leader in charge and run their own section as well. It is paramount that the groups without a GL really make the appointment a priority.

The Jamborette was another successful event with very large numbers as was the Joey Fun Day. Congratulations to Robin Garrett and Kathy Cuneo for organising these events and giving our youth members an exciting time.

I would also like to congratulate Aaron Wardle on the great work he is doing in the Venturer section. It is refreshing to have someone so keen and enthusiastic. I believe we should all be looking at our succession plan for the future. We sometimes tend to have the same person in a role for too long. Everyone gets stale and continues to do the same old thing over and over. It is not until a fresh look is taken that we realise where we have been lacking.

I would also like to thank Terry Darragh for taking on the training role whilst Ann Pounder has been taking some R & R. I believe Ann will be returning in third term and Terry will be taking on the role of District Leader Venturers for the Nepean area.

We are half way through the year and I wonder were the time has gone? With the Jamboree getting closer I know everyone is busy. However, take some time to think about where you and your Group are at. I have met with some of the DC's and have been very impressed with some of the Group plans for the future. The Region at the moment seems to be running smoothly, numbers growing and Leaders being recruited. Let's hope that the next six months will continue in the same way.

Jan Playford

Thought for the month:

Our grand business in life, is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

Thomas Carlyle



1st Kings Langley Venturer Scout Unit 20th Anniversary

October 2009

Calling all past members of our unit, to join with us
and help celebrate this special milestone.

For more information or to pass on your contact details so that you
can receive your Invitation, please contact:

Margo Dalziel VSL

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If you know any past member of the 1st Kings Langley Venturer
Unit, please pass this information on to them.

Thank you.

POSSUM'S CORNER

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GET WELL WISHES



Ray Thornley, our past Region Commissioner, has recently been hospitalised following a stroke. I am pleased to be able to report that he is now home, with his wife Judith, and is progressing quite well. We send our good wishes to Ray, for a speedy recovery and to Judith also. Keeping you both in our thoughts and prayers.



FIRST AID COURSE

One Day Requalification Course, Saturday 15th August

Closing date 31st July 2009.

You must have a current First Aid Certificate in order to do this course. Cost \$75 for Scouts and \$105 for non Scouts.

Please send form and money into Region Office by 17th July

COMMONWEALTH BANK COMMUNITY GRANT

Scout Groups can now apply for up to \$10,000 through the Commonwealth Bank's Community Grants program. This is a great opportunity for your Group, so why not give it a go? Applications close at 5:00 pm (EST) on July 31, 2009. See Scouts Australia NSW website for more information and to apply. Further details can also be found on the Commonwealth Bank's Community Grants Program page.

APPOINTMENTS JUNE 2009

APPOINTMENTS

BATH Andrew	AL	1 st Kellyville Group
BEMMER Mark	SL	1 st Emu Plains Troop
BEVERIDGE Michael	AL	1 st Blaxland Group
BLANKISTON Kay	AL	1 st Glossodia Group
BRAME Colleen	AL	2 nd Kings Langley Group
BYRNE Ruthylin	AL	1 st Riverstone Group
DOYLE, Joseph	AL	1 st North Rocks Group
HRAST, Joanne	AL	1 st North Rocks Group
LLOYD Jacqueline	AL	1 st Blaxland Group
MACDONALD Angela	AL	1 st Kings Langley Group
MARSHALL troy	AL	1 st Blaxland Group
METTENBRINK Elisa	AL	1 st Kellyville Group
QUAN Dianne	AL	2 nd Castle Hill Group
RAE Debbie	AL	1 st Glossodia Group
ROBERTSON Carolyn	AL	1 st Hazelbrook Group
SIENDENTOPF Charles	AL	1 st Kellyville Group
VELLA, Linda	AL	1 st Kings Langley Group
ZIEGLER Michael	AL	1 st Kellyville Group

TRANSFERS

BONNICI Jason	Fr AL	1 st North Mt Druitt Group
	To ASL	1 st North Mt Druitt Troop
BRODRICK Melissa	Fr AJSL	1 st Blaxland Mob
	To AJSL	1 st Blaxland Taipan Mob
COWEN Stuart	Fr ACSL	1 st Balcombe Hts Pack
	To ASL	1 st Balcombe Hts Troop
EVETT Carolyn	Fr AL	2 nd Castle Hill Group
	To AJSL	2 nd Castle Hill Mob
FAIRALL Jeffrey	Fr AL	1 st Erskine Park Group
	To ASL	1 st Erskine Park Troop
FRANKLIN-BROWNE Glendin	Fr AL	1 st Kings Langley Group
	To ASL	1 st Kings Langley Troop
GARSKE Bradley	Fr AL	1 st St Marys Group
	To JSL	1 st St Marys Mob
HASLAM Leanne	Fr AL	1 st Kellyville Group
	To SL	1 st Kellyville Troop

KENNEDY Robert	Fr AL	1 st Kellyville Group
	To ASL	1 st Kellyville Troop
KOKAY Craig	Fr ACSL	1 st Parramatta Pack
	To ASL	1 st Parramatta Troop
MCBRIDE Peter	Fr VSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
	To AVSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
ROGERS Anne	Fr CSL	1 st Nth Richmond Pack
	To ACSL	1 st Grose Vale Pack
ROSS, Ian	Fr AVSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
	To VSL	1 st Blaxland Unit
SHEPHERD Sean	Fr AL	1 st Hazelbrook Group
	To AJSL	1 st Hazelbrook Mob
SLENDER Lyvern	Fr ACSL	1 st Kurrajong Pack
	To ACSL	1 st Grose Vale Pack
VELLA Mark	Fr AL	1 st Kings Langley Group
	To AVSL	1 st Kings Langley Unit
WEST Shane	Fr AL	1 st Nth Richmond Group
	To AL	1 st Grose Vale Group
WINCHESTER Aaron	Fr AL	1 st /2 nd Merrylands Group
	To ACSL	1 st /2 nd Merrylands Pack
WILKINSON Gary	Fr ASL	1 st Hazelbrook Troop
	To SL	1 st Hazelbrook Troop

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HARRISON, Jonothan	1 st Ermington
DAY Colin	2 nd Castle Hill Mob
OVERLAND Joshua	2 nd Castle Hill Troop

RESIGNATIONS

SMITH, David	3 rd Merrylands Troop
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RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

BATTAM, Raquel	1 st Kellyville Group
SLENDER Lyvern	1 st Kurrajong 31/3/09

DE-REGISTRATIONS

Guildford Cub Pack, Guildford Scout Troop, Guildford Group
1st Blaxland Joey Mob

JOEY SCOUT NOTES

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Sunday May 31st was a damp, overcast day but this did not stop 135 eager Joey Scouts turning up, in costume, for a Medieval Fun Day at Bundilla. Each Joey Scout climbed the climbing wall, crawled under/over and through the obstacle course, made dragons, juggling balls, jester hats and participated in the jousting. They also fired ballistas, played medieval games and learnt some science tricks. When it rained at lunchtime everyone crowded into the Brownsea Hut including the Medieval Society that had come to give a demonstration of sword fighting. Unfortunately, St George, the dragon, was not allowed to go outside and play with the children in case he got his tail dirty! It was still a very exciting day. Thank you to the adaptable leaders in GWSR that make these days happen. The smiling children at the end of the day make all the effort worthwhile.

At the closing parade Lyn Mann (State Commissioner Joey Scouts) presented Promise Challenge awards to Tazma Miles from 1st St Marys and Abigail Ewings from 1st Ermington.

Congratulations also to Samuel Hanson from 1st Kings Langley who has been awarded the Promise Challenge badge.

Photos from our Medieval Fun Day at Bundilla



CUB SCOUT NOTES

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Well what a great day at the Jamborette.

Thank you to you all for the great cub bases.

I am sure there will be lots of cub scouts looking to go to scouts.

By now you should all have your invitations for Palaver on 8th August. This is another chance to gather ideas and make new Scouting friends in a fun filled atmosphere. Come along and find out that it really is, 'easy being green'. If you have not yet received your invitation, please see your District Leader Cub Scouts or visit the GWSR website. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary;

August	8	PALAVAR
August	29 & 30	Cub Baanya
September	19	Cub Scout Leadership Course
November		Out and About

Have Fun! 'Tricia Shaw



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

Timothy White - 1st St Marys
Reece Draper-Roberts - 1st Cambridge Park
Jacob Middlemiss - 1st Cambridge Park
Matthew Penfold - 1st Cambridge Park

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FROM THE DEN OF THE RC SCOUTS

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE PRESENTATIONS 18TH APRIL 2009

Governor Marie Bashir presented Ben Lawrence from 1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop, with his Australian Scout Medallion Certificate and Eliza Farr from 1st Baulkham Hills Rovers, received her BP Award Certificate.

Congratulations on your well earned achievements. Bravo



*Photos:
Ben and Eliza
with the Governor,
Marie Bashir
and
Eliza with the
State Commissioner
Rovers,
Jeff Rose*



JAMBOREE

The first Bulletin has already gone out to everyone who applied to go to AJ2010 before the end of May. By the time you receive this, we should have been able to identify the makeup of each of the Troops along with the Leaders as well.

JAMBORETTE

The Jamborette was a great success, with the weather being the best of all. Congratulations to 1st Grose Vale and 2nd Baulkham Hills for winning the gateway competitions. There are some really great photographs up on the Region website, so please go and have a look.

We certainly appreciate everyone's assistance, which helped to make the weekend the success it was. Thank you to all the Leaders, Parents, Rovers and Venturers for creating some really good activity bases. Thank you to our First Aid Team for their hard work over the weekend dealing with some of our needs. Thank you to the Rovers who assisted with our little emergency on Sunday night! Thank you to Aunty Possum and her team of helpers with the administration and thanks to our Committee who took responsibility for tasks leading up to and during the weekend. Finally, thank you to all the Scouts who came with the right attitude and had such a good time. **Bravo everyone.**

HIKES

I am hearing far too many stories of hikes, even Green Cord hikes, where Scouts are not using common sense. **A Patrol on a hike only goes as fast as the slowest member in that Patrol.** One individual should never walk out in front and not be able to see the rest of his/her Patrol members or not be able to be seen by them. This rule applies to the Patrol also - never leave a slower member behind. There are too many cases where this is happening and someone goes off on the wrong trail. Usually a lot of time is wasted because the Patrol has to do so much back tracking and searching. Thankfully no one has been lost yet, but if we do not re-enforce this basic principle with our Scouts, it is only going to be a matter of time before emergency services are called out to search for someone who is lost!

Scouts must also be properly prepared with a well planned hike and sufficient supplies of water, warm clothing and food taken along. If a trail is hard to follow and a Patrol becomes displaced from where they are supposed to be, they should be equipped to deal with the situation. In such cases, at least they are all together and should have sufficient water and possibly emergency shelter in case they cannot get out before night falls.

Recently I sent out, to all the District Scout Leaders/representatives some information on an activity that could be done on a troop night to help Scouts know what they should do to prepare for hikes - even day hikes! If you have not seen the email, please contact your District Leader Scouts/Representative and ask for a copy. Alternatively, let me know and I will send it to you.

VENTURER REPORT

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Congratulations to all of the Venturers on their attendance at the Region Jamborette. We had an enormous turn out and the creativity in the bases being run was just amazing. Venturer involvement is a crucial element in promoting the section and it was great to see so much positive interaction between the sections over the weekend. A very special thank you to all of the Leaders for their time and effort in supporting their units, to provide such a worthwhile resource at the event. Well done!

The Leadership and Unit Management courses are fast approaching. All applications must be submitted to the Region Office before the closing dates or the Venturers will miss out on the opportunity to attend. More information is available on the Region website.

I am currently looking for prospective leaders for the role of District Leader Venturers. If you know of someone who may be suitable, please let me know so that I can contact them. Volunteers need not be current registered members, although experience in the Venturer section is preferred. The successful candidates will be working with a collection of units to build on recruitment strategies and help improve communication within their local areas. They will also liaise between the Scout and Venturer sections on District events, and aid in coordinating and promoting inter-sectional activities.

*A bird's eye view of the
Jamborette site at
Bents Basin.*



RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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Jamborette Bases

This year we had four activities at our base. Karl had an impressive display of **Radio equipment**



and an antennae tower to show how amateur radio is an exciting hobby and an essential service in times of emergency. He was able



to demonstrate how scouts could converse with other scouts around the

world on JOTA weekend.

I demonstrated how to transfer the scout's **finger print** using sticky tape, and how to classify the unique patterns into 10 basic types. We then revealed their finger print on paper using 'magnetic latent print powder' used by the police. They could then view the pattern using a magnifying glass or microscope and draw a picture of the defining features.

On another table we had a computer running an **Identikit program** where Scouts could practice making likenesses (or not) of themselves or others. There was also a memory feature where a random face was shown for a short time, and they had to reproduce the face as accurately as possible. There were a variety of facial features as well as hats, glasses, moles, tattoos and piercings, so some good recreations were produced as well as several mean and dastardly characters!

I brought my two wheeled **Robot** fitted out with a switch and light sensor and IR reflector sensors underneath. I had written a series of eight programs to guide the scouts in discovering how to move the motors and react to the various sensors. John Vincent ran this activity which culminated in the scouts programming the robot to follow a black line on the floor.

ROVER REPORT

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The Rover Bush Dance held at Kulnura was well attended by GWS and lots of fun was had by all.

Merrylands Rovers helped collect money for the Salvation Army Red Shield Doorknock Appeal on the 23rd May, raising over \$1000 for much needed community support projects.

I attended the Knighting of Brendan Richards, Assistant Crew Leader, Kings Langley Rover Crew on the 31st May, a very special milestone in the life of a Rover. **Bravo Brendan**



GWS Rovers attended the Region Jamborette on the June long weekend. We ran a Tug o' War activity base and had some Rover promotional materials on display, a big thanks to Becky Sampson and Tristan Hornstra for organising this. We also had a dedicated team of Security Rovers who kept an eye on the campsite over the weekend. They were kept very busy with quite a few issues that needed to be dealt with, many of which occurred simultaneously! A big thanks to Andy Thompson and his team for doing such a great job and coping so efficiently.

Everyone worked really well together, and I must thank David Shaw, Meagan Lee and the rest of the Cumberland Gang Show team for their assistance during our 'busy' times. A number of positive comments were received about the Rovers' support of this event - in particular our new high visibility GWS Rover vests were popular and more have now been ordered for future events.

Congratulations and bravo to you all!

The Region Rover Treasurer's Course was held on the 10th June, which has hopefully helped our Crew Treasurers take good care of the cashbooks and to understand the financial processes involved in keeping a Rover Crew running. A big thanks to Chloe Hatcher for her effort in getting this course organised and to Aaron Wardle for his support and guidance.

The last few months have been very busy for the many Rovers who are preparing for the upcoming performances of Cumberland Gang Show's, 40th Anniversary season. I'd like to thank the Crew Leaders and their crews for the patience and support they give to these Rovers, especially in allowing them to take time out of their Scouting to attend rehearsals. If you would like to come and see the Cumberland Gang Show and support our Rovers, visit www.gangshow.asn.au for info about ordering tickets.

I am proud to announce that Eliza McGrath (nee Farr) has received her Baden Powell Award. Eliza was presented with her award at a crew ceremony at Wattamolla in the Royal National Park on the 5th April 2009. Eliza was presented with her Certificate by the NSW Governor, Marie Bashir at Government House on April 18, 2009.



Bravo Eliza



UPCOMING ROVER EVENTS

10th to 12th July GWS Roventure *Christmas in July*

17th to 25th July Cumberland Gang Show @ Parramatta Riverside

4th August 2nd Castle Hill Rovers Gold Coin Gourmet Dinner

7th to 9th August GWSR Rover Moot *Rocky Horror*

5th to 6th September Magical Mystery Tour

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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Jamborette

The Rock group had a GREAT time at the Jamborette. Thanks a million to Johnno and Springwood Venturers for doing a really great job.

Coming Activities:

Abseil (Rockcraft) Courses: 11th August (theory at Bundilla) and 15th and 16th August (practical at Bowen Mtn and Yellow Rock). Also 27th and 31st October and 1st November.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Friday 11th September (theory) at a scout hall suitable to the applicants; Sunday 13th September (practical) at West Pennant Hills or Blaxland.

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: 25th September (theory at a suitable scout hall) and 27th September (practical at Lindfield rocks).

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting Rick.

Send applications (A1 form) to Region Office two weeks before the course. Two-day and three-day courses cost \$20, one-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$5.

Photos from our Abseil Base at the recent Jamborette.



REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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SAILING COURSE

(Please note change to previously advertised date)

10th to 14th October at Lake Chipping Norton. Cost \$50

Closing Date: 26th September **ONLY 12 places left.**

CANOE COURSES

If your Group wants a canoe course, please ring me on 9632 3341 for further information or assistance with organising a course.

The water warms up from September on - so book your water activities now, before the rush!

FUN DAY ON THE WATER

Sunday 13th December at Chipping Norton.

Remember to keep this date free!

SCOUT EMERGENCIES TARGET COURSE

Saturday 22 August 2009 08:30 – 16:30

2nd Abbotsford Scout Hall

Abbotsford Wharf (end of Great North Road)

Cost \$20 per participant Closing date 7th August

Wear uniform and bring Green book, lunch and drinks for the day.

Please email me for further details and payment instructions

alcm@bigpond.net.au

Charlie McLean (Jock) CSL 2nd Abbotsford

Qualified First Aid Instructor

Please pass this information on to other Scout Leaders who may have interested Scouts. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY FROM JAMBORETTE @ BENTS BASIN

These are just some of the many articles of clothing and assorted bits and pieces lost during the Jamborette. All the items that were clearly marked (name and group or phone number) have been returned to the owners.

I will keep these items only until the end of August, if they are unclaimed by then, they will be given to a charity.

Please remind all your youth members (and their parents) about the importance of putting names on everything they pack for camp. This will be especially important for the forthcoming Jamboree!

Jan Carter - GWSR Office

Marked but unable to be matched to owners;

Grey hooded jacket size 12 (marked Jack Mc)

Black beanie (marked Bailey Caranna)

Scout hat (marked Melissa)

All the following items are unmarked!

3 x Scout caps

Grey sweatshirt size 12

Urban cut off pants size 10

Khaki hooded sweatshirt XL

Grey/orange spray jacket size 8

Grey t-shirt (guitar on front) size 10

Red jacket (pink decoration) size S

Purple hooded Katmandu jacket size 14Y

Blue/white hooded jacket (with monkey faces) size 10

Aqua *Fiorucci* sweatshirt size 12

Blue *New York* cap

Lightning Bolt hat

Black *Global Star* cap

Black and red cap

Black and tan *Victoria Police* cap

Grey knitted beanie

Tan cap

Army style drink bottle

Army black cap

Pair of Blue and White *Rockets* socks (clean)



More happy youth members, tackling some of the many challenges presented to them at the GWSR 'Survivor' Jamboree

Flexible Delivery First Aid Course

Sunday 23rd August 2009 08:30 - 16:30

2nd Abbotsford Scout Hall

Abbotsford Wharf (end of Great North Road)

Closing date: Friday 7th August Cost: \$70

Minimum age is 14yrs. *Flexible Delivery* is equivalent to a Senior First Aid course. Anyone (refresher or full course) can complete a flexible delivery course by completing the workbook and participating in the instruction day. For further information and payment details, please email: [**alcm@bigpond.net.au**](mailto:alcm@bigpond.net.au)

Charlie McLean (Jock) CSL 2nd Abbotsford
Qualified First Aid Instructor

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