



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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1st Kellyville Scout Group 65th Anniversary

All current members, past members and associates are warmly invited and encouraged to join us for our very special 65th Anniversary celebrations to be held on Sunday 20th June, 2010.

**11am – 2pm
Open Day**

Games and activities for the youth, photo display memorabilia, BBQ lunch - FREE

6pm – late
Anniversary spit roast dinner for adults
tickets essential – \$20 per head.

**1st Kellyville Scout Hall
68 Acres Road
Kellyville**

All welcome.

Further information and bookings can be made through Gabie Thompson, Leader in Charge, gabiet@bigpond.com or 0419 101 951



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR VENTURERS AND ROVERS

**Wiseman's Ferry Rural Fire Service
would like to hear from you.**

The Wiseman's Ferry Rural Fire Service are interested in hearing from Venturers or Rovers who would like to train for Service for Queen Scout or BP Award and anyone who would like to become a regular member of the brigade. For further information please contact the Brigade Captain, Tom Duffy on 0407 892 141 or e-mail: tom.duffy@australbricks.com.au



ANNUAL GWS REGION JAMBORETTE

11th - 14th June, 2010

Bent's Basin State Conservation Area

Theme:

Wipeout Disasters

All forms available on the GWS website or at Region Office.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 1ST JUNE

For all the latest news from
the Region visit

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I have attended a couple of AGM's already and I hope your Group has their paperwork ready and your books audited in order that your AGM can proceed without any problems.

Over the Anzac weekend I attended the Hawkesbury Show with my family and was pleased to see the display put on by the Hawkesbury Scouting Community. Well done to the organisers and also to the people who manned the display throughout the weekend. This is great publicity for Scouting.

Also a special thanks to all members who attended Anzac Services. This is also a way to promote Scouting.

Last month you were advised that we had new Camp Caretakers and I am pleased to advise that they have commenced and are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few months. Adele and Michael also have plans to improve the grounds at Bundilla.

Planning is well underway for the Big Day In on 1st August and you will receive your posters during May and we would ask that you display them in a prominent position in your hall. There will be an incentive for those who book early. There are still some opportunities for groups to fundraise so email me if your group is interested and I can tell you what is still available.

I am looking forward to upcoming events such as Winston Hills 40th Anniversary and also Joey Fun Day. Make sure that if your Group is having a function that you advise the Bulletin Editor (Anne Thompson) or our Webmaster (Matt Thompson) who will give you the publicity to advise a large audience.

We are still looking for a number of District Leaders and if you are interested please let me know.

With all the good news around it is disappointing that over the past couple of weeks I have also received some not so good news. Warrimoo Scout hall in the Blue Mountains was vandalised and burned and is now lost to Scouting and the community in general. Also I had a call from one of the Region Commissioners, who advised that a hall in Hawkesbury had suffered some damage from vandals and the same day I had a call from a Group Leader who informed me that his hall had been broken into a damage done. Please make sure that your hall is secure in order to cut down on these incidents.

In closing I would remind you of the Region AGM on Sunday 20th June at 2.30pm at Bundilla Scout Camp. Look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

Neville Henderson
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JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Planning is well underway for the **SUPER JOEY FUN DAY** to be held on Sunday 16th May. Full report next Bulletin.

Welcome to Quakers Hill/Doonside who are aiming to start a new Joey Scout Mob. This will be the third new mob this year and it is pleasing to see that there is interest in Scouting at that age.

Kathy Cuneo RC Joey Scouts
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*Congratulations to the following Joey Scouts,
who are the first to receive their
Promise Challenge Badges for 2010*

Trefor Douglas - 1st Dural
Jacob Hilton - 1st Kellyville



HOP, HOP, HOP

POSITIONS VACANT

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Hawkesbury District
Parramatta District

DISTRICT LEADERS

District Scout Leader – Hawkesbury
District Scout Leader – Parramatta
District Scout Leader – Hills
District Scout Leader – Blue Mountains

DISTRICT LEADER TRAINING

District Leader Training – Penrith
District Leader Training – Holroyd
District Leader Training – Parramatta
District Leader Training – Blue Mountains

DISTRICT DELEGATES TO REGION EXECUTIVE

Most Districts need a representative.



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

VENTURER REPORT

Dragon Skin was a huge success this year with clear skies and warm days helping to ensure an enjoyable weekend was had by all. Almost every unit was represented this year, with several inter-unit teams featuring in the competition. Congratulations must go to team **THUNDERBIRDS** from **1st Kings Langley** who achieved the highest score in the Region, coming in at 5th place overall.

Focus is now on the **Region Jamborette** with some great activity bases being organised by our Venturer Units. Don't forget that applications are due at Region Office soon, so make sure you get them in early to avoid disappointment. No late applications will be accepted!

Units across the Region have been keeping very active with a range of activities being scheduled during the school holidays. Many of these activities have been working towards badges for the Queen's Scout Award and I am looking forward to seeing a good number of applicants throughout the remainder of the year.

A new **Queen's Scout Award Policy Handbook** has been distributed to all Venturer Leaders and Commissioners with the latest guidelines on the award. Anyone with questions should contact me to discuss. As well, I would like to congratulate Erica Barlow of 1st Blaxland for having her Queen's Scout Award approved. Well done!

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts
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The annual Maccas Formal Regressive Dinner was a huge success and a lot of fun for all who attended.

ROVER REPORT

It has been a very big month for this GWSR Rovers. At this year's **Dragonskin**, the 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew took out the award for the Best Activity Base on VOC4 – a big congratulations for all your effort.

At the NSW Branch's RRC AGM, the **Kings Langley Rover Crew** were announced as the recipients of the **Quality Roving Award**; for their participation in and contributions to various events including the Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner, Dragonskin, Hike for Hunger, the Lord Mayor's Picnic and several others. This award has been presented as a testament to their long-standing commitment to service in the Roving community. During the AGM, **Jenny Wardell, RA** (Responsible) Kings Langley Rover Crew, received the Stan Bales Award, in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the crew over the last decade.

On 18th April, Jenny was presented with her Gilwell Scarf and Wood Beads by Ann Pounder and Neville Henderson in front of the KL Rover Crew and many of her Scouting and Roving colleagues. A massive congratulations to Jenny for both achievements that are very well deserved.

If there are any Rovers who would like to help out at this year's **Region Roventure** at Camp Ku-ring-gai, could you please contact Mitchell Shaw (Venturer Liaison Officer) on 0431 218 368 or via e-mail – venturers@gwsrovers.com.au

Also another reminder that the **Gamer Moot** is now just a few months away; for more information, please contact the Kings Langley Rover Crew through kingslangley@gwsrovers.com.au

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Jenny receives her Gilwell Scarf from Neville Henderson RC

BUSHWALKING NOTES

Bushwalking within Scouting is now run under its own policy. The latest version is available on the Scouts NSW website at:

http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/uploads/documents/Policies/oiHandbook/BUSHWALKING_POLICY.pdf

The policy will be ten years old this year and us old timers need to drop the habit of referring to it as 'new'! Attention is drawn to the limits applying to qualifications issued.

The policy defines three levels;

1. Restricted walks
2. Unrestricted walks
3. Walks involving remote areas

Restricted walks are covered by Preliminary Bushwalking Certificates and unrestricted walks by Bushwalking Leader qualifications.

Few people realise that remote area walks require a special endorsement to the Bushwalking Leader certificate. A walk comes under the remote classification when **ANY ONE** of the following are **EXCEEDED**;

1. Sixty kilometers in length
2. Four days duration
3. Estimated twenty four hours from incident to rescue.

I am quite happy to add endorsements to Certificates for people with the appropriate experience. Endorsements can be specific for a particular walk or general for the currency of a Certificate. They can be issued by email. Details of how to obtain qualifications are given in the Policy. I have prepared an information sheet to help with applications. Please send an email to the address below to obtain a copy.

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GWS Region Bushwalking Coordinator

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

The SCOUT Jamborette will soon be upon us in June. Half the year gone already! We are having staffing problems in all our activity areas. CAN you help? We will have some help from Rovers and Venturers however, we still need help with FLYING FOX, abseiling, climbing wall and canoeing.

Unfortunately, we still do not have enough interested people to run a flying fox course.

There are caving trips being organised with Carey Barlow, please visit the website for further details. See Rick Jamieson's Rock report for details about upcoming trips and courses. Contact John Leahy to organise Science and Radio nights - but expect a delay.

We have run 4 canoe courses since February and about 70 participants have obtained qualifications. I expect that water activities and courses will slow down with the cooler weather. If you need a canoe or sailing course contact me on 9632 3341 and we will try to fit you into a packed Programme!

Next sailing course is scheduled for the September school holidays. We can run a sailing course in winter if you want!

Please program now for our **Fun Day on the Water**, to be held on **December 12, 2010** at LAKE CHIPPING NORTON - just \$5 per person.

Don't forget the Region's **BIG DAY IN at Bundilla on the 1st August**. Contact Neville Henderson for further details.

Keith Travers RC Activities

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4TH NEW SOUTH WALES CUBOREE - CATARACT SCOUT PARK

9TH - 13TH JANUARY 2011

ON LINE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

SEE SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS



ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Great Caving Trip: Our first Scout Caving Proficiency Badge weekend at Wee Jasper in March was a great success. Clearly, Scouts can enjoy the easier caves without abseiling. Get a new life underground !

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Courses:

10th August (theory), 14th & 15th August (practical). Also 26th October (theory) and 30th & 31st October.

Caving Course: 7th, 11th and 12th September (abseil experience needed).

Caving Trip: 27th and 28th November (venue TBA)

Scout Abseil Badge Course: 17th September (theory) and 19th September (practical)

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course: 25th June (theory) and 27th June (practical at Dargans Creek near Clarence); Also 24th and 26th September.

Canyon Trips: 14th November Dalpura Canyon (minimal abseil experience required); also 5th December Birrabang Canyon (no swimming or abseils – suitable for Scout beginners).

Rescue Course:

13th June (abseiler qualification needed). Also 7th Nov Theory nights for Scout badge courses are organised at locations to suit attendees.

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting Rick.

The complete year's program is on our web site at www.beprepared.com.au/gws

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 \$5 (one day) or \$10 (two day).



*Caving Group in Bungonia Caves
Photo courtesy of
Meredith Stewart*

REGION OFFICE

Extremely busy time in the office, with Jamborette registrations and AGM paperwork.

FIRST AID COURSES

SENIOR FIRST AID

June 19 and 20 Cost \$85 Closing date 5th June

The A1 is on the website.

ONE DAY REQUALIFICATION COURSES

August 14 Cost \$75 Closing date 31st July

You must have a current First Aid Certificate in order to do this course. A photocopy of your certificate must be submitted with your application form and money.

**A1 to be at Region Office by the closing date please.
Cheques payable to Scouts Australia.**

BADGES AVAILABLE



First Aid and Anchor badges can now be purchased from the Office for \$1.50 each

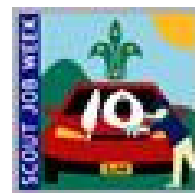


SCOUT JOB WEEK

Scout Job Week has been running for over 55 years and is a fantastic opportunity for Scouts and members of the community to interact and support each other. It is also an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of Scouting in your community.

Scout Job Week packs, which include everything you'll need to get started, are now available from the **State Office**.

If your Group would like to participate in 2010, please email sjw@nsw.scouts.com.au or contact the State Office on 9735 9000.



REGION OFFICE HOURS

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND
THURSDAY
9AM TO 3.30PM**

**FRIDAY 10AM TO 4.30PM
Closed Monday**

PARRAMATTA RAMBLE

Region Cub Outing
Sunday 30th May, 2010

Activities around Parramatta will run from **10.00am to 4.00pm**. This day's activities will see your Cub Scouts complete Part 2 of the Local History Badge. Cost of the Day is **\$10.00 per person**.

Please complete an Application for your Pack and list the names of everyone attending (including parents). Attach an A1 for each person (keep a copy for your records.) **Forward all A1's and payment to the Region Office by Thursday 20th May 2010.**

All **adults** will need to bring **photo ID** as Lancer Barracks (one of our stops) is a working barracks. On arrival you will be given instructions and tasks to complete. This day is a walking activity so it would be best if lunch drinks and snacks are carried in a small back pack. **For all forms and further information visit the GWSR website.**

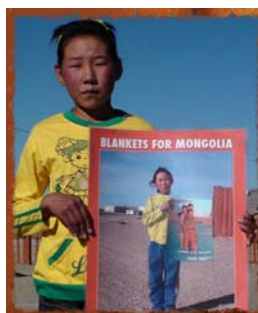


SCOUTS AUSTRALIA AIMS TO COLLECT 10,000 BLANKETS BY SEPTEMBER 2010!

Scouts Australia International is proud to announce the **'Blankets for Mongolia'** project! This project will assist MongoliAid, a Queensland-registered charity, to collect and deliver 10,000 blankets and other medical equipment to Mongolia within the next 18 months. The blankets are earmarked for school dormitories and hospitals within six provinces in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia.

Mongolia is high, cold, and windy, with short summers and long, cold winters. Temperatures drop as low as -30°C in January, and the country's capital city Ulan Bator has the lowest average temperature of any national capital in the world. Mongolia has also experienced - and is indeed still experiencing - the natural disaster of **Zud**, a particularly cold winter with heavy snow which has killed millions of animals, following a dry summer with little or no summer rain for grasses.

GWS Region Office has volunteered to be a collection point. So please get your Group behind this worthwhile project and start collecting blankets now. Please fold them neatly and pack into boxes and leave them at Region Office at anytime. **Thank you.**



Scouts and the Red Shield Appeal Your Chance to Get Involved!

In 2010, Scouts Australia NSW is teaming up with the Salvation Army's annual Red Shield Appeal - the Salvation Army's major annual fundraising drive to help finance our vast network of social and community services. While a number of Scout Groups currently participate in the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock, it would be great to see as many Scout Groups, Cub Packs, Scout Patrols, Venturer Units and Rover Crews across NSW during this weekend in May contributing 3 hours of service to the Doorknock.

Scouts and the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock

The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock will take place on the weekend of 29th-30th May 2010, and the Salvos would love for your Group to get involved. For the Salvation Army, a collection group is known as a 'unit'. Each unit has a quota of 50 houses to visit. Your Scout Group can get involved and collect in any of the following ways:

As a Group – Why not consider this an opportunity to involve all your Sections and even your families to participate in this important community event.

As a Pack – While typically, children under 12 are not allowed to collect without an adult, Cub Packs accompanied by adult Leaders and family members are welcome to support the Doorknock Appeal.

As a Patrol or As a Unit

Register your interest now - Log onto www.salvos.org.au/rsaschools and select the Information for Organisations link. There you will see the Register Your Interest link. Please fill in the details on the form and submit. It's that simple. A local representative from the Salvation Army will contact you to let you know how you can help.

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BOOKINGS FOR MAY - JULY 2010

We are booked out for this year!

May 5	Carlingford	Joeys then Cubs	Arcs and Sparks
May 10 - 14	1 st Kellyville	Joeys then Cubs	Light
May 17 - 21	1 st Blaxland	Cubs then Scouts	Sound
May 25	Winston Hills	Joeys then Cubs	Sound
June 1	1 st Berowra	Joeys then Cubs	Light
June 7	1 st Emu Plains	Cubs then Scouts	Hover
June 18	St Marys	Cubs then Scouts	Arcs and Sparks
June 24	Ermington	Scouts then Vent	?
July 2	1 st Kellyville	Cubs then Scouts	Sound
July 21	1 st Nth Mt Druitt	Cubs then Scouts	Light
July 27	1 st Kings Langley	Cubs then Scouts	Light



Generators - 1st Dural

GROUPS VISITED

Some pictures from our recent activity nights. Firstly to *Berowra* for a **Sound** night with their Joeys and Cubs. A strong Group (20+ Cubs,) who are going through our programs quicker than we can supply new ones. To *Whalan* Venturers on a Saturday night to make **Pyro Rockets** and launch them on the nearby oval. Then onto *Murray Farm* and *Dural* on separate nights, where we had **Arcs & Sparks** with their Cubs and Scouts, followed by *Erskine Park* and *Ermington* Joeys and Cubs for **Codes & Spies** nights. Lots of fun to retrieve the treasure through the mined maze without setting off the alarm, write your name in Aztec code and make a code wheel to send secret messages.



**1st Erskine Park
Cubs and Joeys
really enjoyed the
team's visit.**

THE RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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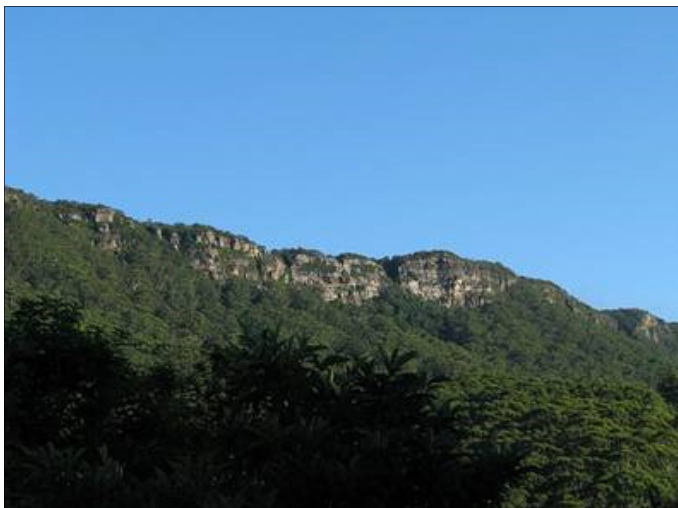
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SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore St in picturesque Austinmer NSW (20 km north of Wollongong), is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by cub packs and scout troops. The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rainforest right to the top of the escarpment. The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore Street. For bookings contact; **Ron Witton on 0409 399 752 or rwitton@uow.edu.au**



2010 CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW

Cumberland Gang Show is to be presented at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre, from Friday 9th July to Saturday 17th July 2010. It's a revue style show, which means every couple of minutes the scene changes and something new appears – great music, side-aching comedy, spectacular dancing. Like the Schools Spectacular, it's got a huge cast of kids and adults, 144 of them, performing for 2 hours in a live theatre with live music. Now add some comedy to the mix and you've got Cumberland Gang Show, which is always a huge buzz to watch! If you have never seen a Cumberland Gang Show before, make this your first, it won't be your last.

The Scouts and Guides of Greater Western Sydney Region would really enjoy your company and your support will be very welcome.

In 2010 join in the party as we throw in a few magnificent ingredients: We will have a visit from some Vikings, create Christmas in July, add a touch of Australiana, and throw in a big bunch of animals too! We take some time to celebrate one hundred years of Guiding (and trust me, everyone gets in on the act) but our battle of the ages is sure to be the showstopper - if the Candyman Swing starts your feet tapping, we are sure our Michael Jackson tribute is sure to leave you dancing in the aisles!

Book now for the early bird rates from \$22.50 to \$25.50 for adults and from \$13.50 to \$16.50 for children and pensioners. There is also a HUGE 20% discount for groups of 20 or more and a family priced ticket, provided you book before 18th June, 2010. You can book by contacting **Lyall Wood on 9636 2731** before 13th June or on the web at www.gangshow.asn.au After the 18th June you can still obtain great tickets through Riverside Theatre on 8839 3399.

This year we are having an OPENING NIGHT GALA performance on Friday 9th July at 7.30pm with a fabulous lucky seat prize - so why not make this the night you come along. We also have matinee shows on both Saturdays, but book early to get the best seats.





**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



**MR A OVERTON AM
Region President**

**MR NEVILLE HENDERSON
Region Commissioner**

AND

**MR GEOFF MCGRATH
Region Chairman**

would like to invite you to be present at the

**63rd GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at

**BUNDILLA ACTIVITY CENTRE
6 Baden Powell Place
WINSTON HILLS**

on

**Sunday 20th June 2010
2.30 PM**

Please RSVP by Thursday, 15th June 2010 to:

6 Baden Powell Place
WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153

Phone: 9639 2488

Fax: 9686 2510 or

Email: gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

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Tear off and return to 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills NSW 2153

Name/s.....

Accepts the invitation to attend the Greater Western Sydney Region AGM

Declines with regret the invitation to attend the Greater Western Sydney Region AGM



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COME CAMPING

With the Duty to God Christian Fellowship

JULY 3RD TO JULY 10TH, 2010

Camp Courage, Appin

\$160 pp

This camp is for all invested Scouts 11 to 14 years of age. The purpose of the camp is to gain a clearer understanding of god and our duty to Him. Daily sessions of discussion and Bible study will be provided to achieve this aim. The camp revolves around good meals, fun activities focusing on various Target and challenge badges. Application forms are available at Region Office or contact Mrs Cheryl Alexander on 4657 2700 for further details.

BASIC LEADERSHIP 2 COURSE

Every Tuesday night for five nights commencing 22nd June 2010 7.15pm to 10.15pm at Glenfield Scout Activity Centre. Cost \$80

Contact Hume Region on 4628 4994 for further details.

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