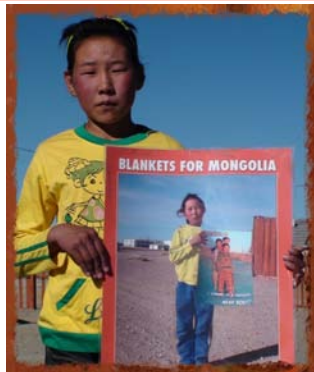




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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
AIMS TO COLLECT 10,000
BLANKETS
BY SEPTEMBER 2010!**

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. **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.**

**WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS NOW!
THANK YOU**

REGION OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED MONDAY

TUESDAY to THURSDAY

9AM TO 3.30PM

FRIDAY

10AM TO 4.30PM

Phone: 9639 2488

Fax: 9686 2510

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FROM THE REGION
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au



TIME WARP



4TH NEW SOUTH WALES CUBOREE @ CATARACT SCOUT PARK

9TH - 13TH JANUARY 2011

**1ST PAYMENT
& APPLICATIONS
DUE BY
30TH JUNE 2010**

**ON LINE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
SEE SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

The AGM season is over at last. Thanks to the people who put their hand up to take on a roll on the committee. Without these people our organisation would not function.

Planning is well underway for the Big Day In on 1st August and you will now have received your posters 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. Please bring your youth members along as it is being put on for them.

Bundilla is looking really good and we hope the work will be finished by the end of August. The carpet is going down and the air conditioning is on the way and the improvements will make us one of the best campsites in Sydney. The Guides think so as they have booked for 200 people in October. If you are having a camp, why not consider Bundilla. Our rates are competitive but you will need to get in soon as dates are running out for this year.

We held our Region AGM on 20 June and to those who attended a big thank you. The region team put themselves out to conduct your AGM and we appreciate the groups who attend ours. Thanks to Westmead Scout Fellowship for the excellent afternoon tea. Also congratulations to the office bearers and delegates elected at the meeting.

We are still looking for a number of District Leaders and if you are interested please let me know and I will give you a job description to have a look at.

Thanks to Mary Garrett who is "baby sitting" Hawkesbury District while we look for a District Commissioner. Mary will be attending our Region Council and will be able to keep us updated with what is going on in Hawkesbury. Also thanks to Tracey Hansford who has agreed to administer Parramatta District until we get a Region Commissioner there.

If your group is having an Anniversary or any other function you want people to know about please advise the Bulletin Editor (Anne Thompson) or our Webmaster (Matt Thompson) who will give you space in the Bulletin or on the Region website.

I will be going away for a short time on holidays in a few weeks but will be contactable via my laptop and mobile. If you need something urgently that no-one else can handle contact Region Office who will get in touch with me.

Until next time..... Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson RC

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

JOEY SCOUT NOTES



Joey Scout Fun Day

Sunday 16th May was a beautiful sunny day as 156 Joey Scouts descended on Bundilla Scout Camp for a day filled with fun and activity.

Over sixty leaders (including some cub, scout and activity leaders) set up eight exciting bases. There was the climbing wall, an obstacle course, a science base, billy carts, games, craft, face painting and a treasure hunt.

The Joey scouts were divided into groups of about 20 and with a couple of leaders to look after them they moved from base to base. They made new friends as the groups had Joey Scouts from different mobs and all participated in the activities with enthusiasm. All Joey Scouts applied their law of "caring and sharing."

A big thank you must go to the leaders for the efforts made to provide the activities. As one leader remarked the reward is in seeing these small children having fun.

A thank you also has to go to those parents who came along prepared to help the leaders run the bases. As leaders we always appreciate an extra hand.

Kathy Cuneo RC Joey Scouts

Email: joeyscouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au

PRO DIVE would like to invite you and your Group to join us on our fantastic whale watching tour commencing next month.

As a local Group, we would like to offer you a special rate of \$50 pp for children over 12, plus up to 3 FREE Leaders on the Monday - Friday tours, with the understanding that there are 20 paying children (12 - 18 yrs).

The tour will be a chance for them to see and learn about some of the world's most fascinating marine mammals. It will be both, an enjoyable and educational experience.

Please visit our website
www.prodivesydney.com

For further information call us on **9264 6177** or email:
sydneycity@prodiver.com



CUB SCOUT REPORT

Parramatta Ramble - The day dawned clear and sunny after all the rain, a great day for our ramble. Cub scouts and leaders could be found in all parts of Parramatta checking out the sights and history of the area. Special thanks to the District Leaders, who manned check in points around the city, and to the volunteers at the Lancer Barracks who gave the cub scouts a great time. I know most went home tired but happy.

CUBOREE - applications are now online. These need to be completed by the person attending or their parents, then printed and returned to the group. The group should then arrange a group cheque and sent to myself via the Region Office, as all applications need to be signed.

Remember everyone attending Cuboree in a Pack situation will need to attend a Cuboree shakedown camp, the date you need to attend will be advised after the closing date when Cuboree packs are arranged. All parents, scout and venturers need to have a PED with their application form.

The Region Seonee has agreed to postpone Palaver to early 2011 to give leaders plenty of time to prepare for CUBoree.

Other Dates for 2010

18 September	Cub Scout Leadership Course
23 - 24 October	Cuboree Shakedown Camp
30 - 31 October	Cuboree Shakedown Camp
6 - 7 November	Cuboree Shakedown Camp

2011

9 - 13 January **CUBOREE**

Have Fun!

'Tricia Shaw RC Cub Scouts

Email: cubscouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au

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



Sienna Archer - 1st Winston Hills
Shannon Cattel - 2nd Baulkham Hills
Kyle Nekipelov - 1st Toongabbie
Claire McKinley - 1st Kings Langley
Mitchell Gallagher - 1st Kings Langley

1 - 2 - 3 WOOF

VENTURER REPORT

A huge turnout was enjoyed at **Anzac Day**. Thank you to the Rover section for hosting the 'Awake-a-thon'. The standard of uniform was excellent and all sections represented the Region well.

Our **Region Initiative Course** was held last month. The weather was perfect and despite the challenging course, the participants worked well to achieve the course objectives. Thank you to Steve for his tireless efforts in coordinating the activity. I would also like to express my thanks to all of the leaders and parents that helped to ensure this weekend was a huge success.

Don't forget that **Roventure** applications are closing shortly. Make sure that you register on the Region website to obtain your A1 form. **Waratah** Team Registrations are now open as well. Remember that bonus points are available for early registration. Following the success of 2009, teams are also encouraged to include up to 2 Scouts (over 14 years of age) in their team as part of the **Try Venturing Program**. For more information and to get started on the pre-Waratah activity, be sure to visit the Region website.

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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WORLD SCOUT \$ DAY

August 1, is World Scout Day and at AJ10, Scouts Australia's National Team launched the World Scout \$ Day project, where we are asking every Scout in Australia to donate \$1 by 1st August 2010.

Think about it... if every member of Scouts Australia donates just \$1 each that's over \$66,000!

The funds raised for World Scout \$ Day will be sent to the World Organisation of the Scouting Movement to support the Food For Life project in the African Region.

The project is now underway, so Groups can start collecting dollars from members, or even run a fundraising event to raise at least one dollar per person by World Scout \$ Day.

Groups should send any funds raised to their State Branch Office (please make cheques out to 'Scouts Australia - World Scout Dollar Day', who will forward them to National Office. The national total will then be transmitted to the World Scout Bureau in Geneva, which will ensure the funds are distributed appropriately.

ROVER REPORT

The past month has seen several activities and events happening within the Roving community, all for good causes.

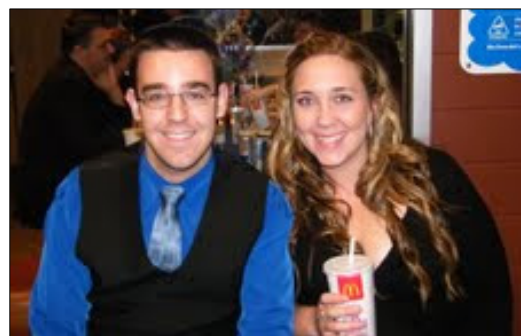
On 22 April, some of the Region's Rovers attended a service at St James Church in the CBD to celebrate **St. George's Day**. Mitchell Shaw (Kings Langley Rovers) and Matt Thompson (1st/2nd Merrylands Rovers) delivered two of the service's readings. Brendan Richards (Kings Langley Rovers), Greg Anderson (1st North Mount Druitt Rovers), Tristan Hornstra (1st/2nd Merrylands) and Alasdair McLean (KL Rovers) carried some of the flags into and out of the church.



On **ANZAC Day**, Rover Scouts attended various Dawn Services and ANZAC marches throughout Sydney. Some of the Rovers attended the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph on Martin Place, forming a guard of honour for the attendees of the service. Later in the morning, attending Rovers helped with distribution of rosemary to the general public, and also assisted with the running of a Rovers stall close to one of the marshalling areas for the ANZAC march.



On 1 May, the Kings Langley Rover Crew ran another successful **Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner**. This year, the Rovers went to McDonald's Wetherill Park (for dessert), McDonald's Arndell Park (for the main course and prizes as well) and McDonald's St Marys (for entrée). In a first for the Maccas Dinner, Venturer Scouts and their Leaders attended the event as well. Overall, the event was a success, with approximately 100 Rovers and Venturers attending the annual event, and around \$500 was raised for Ronald McDonald House Charities.



On 15 May, Sam Loveridge (Kings Langley Rovers) supervised the running of 1st Wentworthville Scouts biannual Car Boot Sale as part of his Squire training. The Car Boot Sale included two stalls that were run by other members of the Kings Langley Rover Crew.

The annual **Region Roventure** is now just a few weeks away, and will take place at Camp Ku-ring-gai near Wilberforce from 2 to 4 July. For more information, please visit <http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/roventure>

Are you **"game"** to attend Greater Western Sydney Region's **Gamer Moot**? If the answer is yes, hit that Start button (or roll the dice, insert coin, draw a Chance card, whichever is your choice) and make your way to Camp Ku-ring-gai from 6 to 8 August. For more information, please visit <http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/moot>.

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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Recent Courses: Our recent Abseiling and Caving courses went really well. Thanks to the Instructors who helped – great work !

COMING ACTIVITIES

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

Caving Course: 21st Sep, 25th & 26th Sep (**abseil experience needed**). **PLEASE NOTE: This date has been changed from that previously advertised!**

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

Scout Abseil Badge Course: 17th Sep (theory) and 19th Sep (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 Nov (Dalpura Canyon - **minimal abseil experience required**). Also 5th Dec (Birrabang Canyon, **no swimming or abseils - suitable for Scout beginners**).

Rescue Course: 7th November (Abseiler qualification needed).

Theory nights for Scout badge courses are organised at locations to suit attendees.

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

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting me.

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



**Lachlan Barlow
on the Ladder Climb
in Blowfly Cave at
Bungonia.**

*Photo courtesy of
Allison Lynch*

Rick Jamieson, Region RRA Coordinator
Phone: 4572 1321 (for all enquiries)
Email: rickj15@bigpond.com

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

The cold weather has arrived. I have been doing a little touring with my wife in the country. The changes to the trees is spectacular on the south coast and around Canberra.

We went on a Probus bus trip to Lake Tabourie for a few days. What a camping spot! Lots of caravan parks, amazing scenery and the locals tell me the fishing is good also (both beach and lake). My second trip was to visit a mate in a retirement aged care facility in Yass run by the RSL. After visiting Ken, we went to Burrinjuck Dam - \$8 car entry but a beautiful area with kangaroos in the kid's play area. Kiosk, petrol etc right on the water's edge - well almost, as the dam is only at 33% capacity. Good concrete ramps available for launching boats. Plenty of cabins and camping space, tennis courts and volley ball courts available! We continued on to Wee Jasper from Tumut, then on to Canberra before heading home, approx 1,000 kms round trip.

There are plenty of Group activities happening, judging by the number of A1 forms coming in. People are starting to fill in names - very good - thank you!

We still have the problem of some people not filling in **all the details required, particularly in the section** that states who the Activity Coordinator is. This person is responsible for coordinating the activity, managing an overdue party, keeping members safe and must if possible advise transport providers and emergency contacts of revised arrangements. The Activity Coordinator delegates someone to notify ALL parents of overdue status and ultimately prepares any necessary incident reports.

THIS SECTION REQUIRES A SIGNATURE. All copies sent to the RC or any section Commissioners must be signed by the Activity Coordinator. Emailed forms, that do not show the signature must be accompanied with a note stating who has signed the original A1 form and who has that form. **The signature confirms that that the nominated Activity Coordinator has agreed to be the person responsible for the Activity.** In a court of law they would then be unable to claim that they were not aware of their responsibilities or that they did not know that they had been nominated because someone else had recorded their name on the form. The same applies for the first emergency contact person.

Remember the **BIG DAY IN on the 1st AUGUST.**

Keith Travers RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au
(H) 9632 - 3341

COURSES

This is just a reminder that courses have a closing date for a good reason. Yes, it is disappointing for a new Leader to miss out on a course but **Introduction Interviews the day before a course starts** does not allow someone to attend a course and **applying for a course without an Introduction Interview** will always lead to disappointment - so please be mindful that the process is there for a reason and it is usually to protect the Group and the participant plus allow time for catering and admin to occur.

FLEXIBLE TRAINING IN GWS

Yes this is occurring and by the time the Bulletin is in your hands the BL1 at Blaxland will probably have been concluded. I will update you in the next Bulletin.

BASIC LEADERSHIP 2

To be held at 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall on Saturday 17th and Saturday 24th July. Applications are now being invited for this course. **Please note; the** prerequisites are Introductory Interview and Basic Leadership 1 Courses. Complete the normal Course application form and send this along with \$85 to GWS Region Office at Winston Hills. We require a minimum of eight applicants for this course to go ahead. People who have Distance Learning Basic Leadership 2 to complete are also invited to this course. To cover catering costs an additional \$5 per day is to be paid.

PLA MEETING

The next meeting for all Personal Leader Advisors will be held on **Wednesday 30th June @ 7pm**. Distance Learning will be on the Agenda. Last meeting looked at the process of Basic and Advanced Training and there are now two power point presentations available.

Ann Pounder RC AT&D

Email: training@greatersestscouts.com.au

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Rodney Lean - GL 1st St Marys
(now DC Penrith)

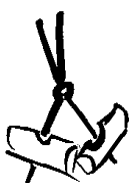
Adam McLean - LOA 1st Blaxland

Mark Fell - LOA Blacktown District
(now RC Special Duties)

Adam Wheat - VSL 1st Hazelbrook

*who have earned their
Wood Badges*

Bravo



FIRST AID REQUALIFICATION COURSE

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.

BIG DAY IN

We hope you are promoting this event in your Group, it will be a super fun day. Don't forget to register!



GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
INVITES ALL JOEYS, CUBS, SCOUTS,
VENTURERS, ROVERS, LEADERS, FAMILY
AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND OUR

BIG DAY IN
SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2010

Bundilla Scout Camp
6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills
10.00am to 3.00pm

Face Painting ★ Jumping Castle ★ Fun At The Fair ★ Market Place ★ Food & Drink Stalls
Giant Slide ★ Flying Fox ★ Fairy Floss
Craft ★ Obstacle Course ★ And much more!

Pre-register with GWS Region Office (Bundilla)
by the 9th July 2010.

Each person will get a special badge, and free
lucky door ticket! Admission: \$5.00 per person.



JOEY FUN DAY AT BUNDILLA

Karl and I were at Bundilla on 16th May for the Joey Scout Fun Day. Some of the activities we had were; a dual giant marble run - the Joeys could guess or time which marble would reach the base first; an Electronic motor and lights setup with coloured rotating disks; Sound telescope, manual control Robot Arm, PET bottle diver, Steel balls burn hole in paper and various noise makers. Most popular were the Marble Run and Robot Arm. We were assisted by Anthony from 1st Kellyville Scout Group.



Arcs and Sparks at Carlingford

The sparks were really flying with Carlingford Scouts when we tried out a new rising spark display - Jacobs Ladder. A modern car high voltage coil discharges into two vertical wires. The initial spark warms the air above it causing the wider gap to breakdown with a spark. This heats the air above itself and the process continues to the top of the wires. The Van de Graaff was generating a strong charge, much to the pain of those who came within arcing range.



Calling All Scouts

Scouts Australia is organising a special activity for Scouts with an Amateur radio license. During July you are encouraged to talk over the radio to as many other Scouts as possible, earning points for each contact. On the weekend of 9th to 11th July a **QSO-athon** will be held to encourage as many Scouts as possible to contact one another. These contacts can be used to make additional hookups during the rest of the month to increase your score. Participants must keep a list of Scouts they have contacted. These are sent in to claim a gold, silver or bronze **Radio-Active Certificate**. For more information visit the web site radioactive.scouts.org.au

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BUSHWALKING NOTES

Four GWSR Leaders were fortunate enough to be included in a recent SRO training and assessment process for bushwalking qualifications. The modules completed are part of the National Outdoor Recreation Training Package SRO03. When implemented as part of Scout training, we will be able to obtain nationally recognised qualifications while completing Scout courses. This will enable those wishing to pursue formal qualifications with TAFE institutions to be accredited with modules completed in Scouts.

Part of the training was a recent overnight hike in Megalong Valley. The party of seven spent a very pleasant night, camped on the upper Breakfast Creek beside Narrow Neck. The day walking involved learning a whole new area of technology involving GPS units. GPS navigation is being used more and more as another safety aid to bushwalking and forms a component of the SRO03 package.

The course was run by David Walsh (ASC AT&D). Gary Matthews and Dean Fardell, both from South Met. Region, assisted. The four GWS attendees were Darin Carr (1st Hazelbrook), Adam McLean (1st Blaxland), Ken Brodrick (1st Blaxland) and Frank Barr (GWSR).

Frank Barr GWSR Bushwalking Coordinator
4758 6472 or 0409 128 310
Email: data_scsi@msn.com.au



Camping gear "show and tell" before the walk.



*L to R; Ken Brodrick, Frank Barr, Adam McLean
Dean Fardell, Darin Carr and David Walsh*

SCOUTS NSW - HUME REGION

POSITION VACANT - CARETAKER Glenfield Scout Activity Centre

The above position has become available due to the retirement of the current incumbents. This is primarily a Permanent-Part Time position with hours of work agreed and formalised contractually.

The successful applicant will be required to live in a well maintained cottage at the Glenfield Scout Activity Centre and enter into an agreement covering remuneration based on hours of work and payment of rent.

Written application and Resume must reach the Hume Region Office by 4pm, June 30, 2010. Mark applications **Confidential – Glenfield Caretaker** and post to:



The Region Secretary
PO Box 1153
Campbelltown 2560

For further information please contact the Hume Region Office on 4628 4994 or email: hume.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

INFORMATION SESSIONS

World Scout Jamboree - Sweden 2011

New South Wales will be holding four promotional sessions for the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Sweden in 2011.

Phil Harrison, Australian contingent leader to WSJ Sweden, will be in attendance and will speak and meet prospective contingent members and their parents.

The session for GWSR will be held on Saturday 24th July at 1st Penrith Scout Hall, Lethbridge Street, Penrith from 1:30 - 4:30pm.

Participants of the Centenary World Scout Jamboree, London, will be on hand to share their experiences with those present.

All Scouts who will be over 14 .5 years in July 2011 and Venturers, are welcome to come along with your parents / leaders to hear all about this fantastic event and ask any questions you may have. It is requested that those attending please wear uniform.

Any questions prior to meeting, please contact Peter Nickl, GWSR Region Commissioner International on 9632 4738 or email pnickl@bigpond.net.au





The RadioActive Amateur Radio Award For Australian Scouts

The Radio-Active Award will operate for the entire month of July 2010, and is open to Australian Scouts (youth members) and Leaders who hold an Amateur Radio license.

This award provides an opportunity for Scouts with an amateur Radio License to practice and develop their on-air skills, and to get to know other Radio Scouts.



The award will be presented to Scouts who can demonstrate, by providing logs, that they have contacted a good number of Scouts in several Australian callsign areas (States/Territories).

The award, in the form of a certificate, is in three levels – Gold, Silver and Bronze, according to the scores achieved.

On the weekend of 9-10-11 July we'll have a QSO-athon where Scouts are encouraged to operate for all or a good part of the weekend. The QSO-athon makes it possible to increase the score. The longer someone is on air, the more points can be earned.

All voice modes can be used, including Echolink (both through radio and computer) and IRLP. Any band allowable by the operator's license can be used, however it is advisable as much as possible to operate on the bands that Foundation License Holders can use.

Information about how to participate, and of course the rules, can be found at radioactive.scouts.org.au

The rest is up to you! Tell your friends. Join in.

GET RADIOACTIVE!





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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

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