



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW - GWSR**

**Mr. Neville Henderson**

*Region Commissioner*

**Mr. Alan Overton**

*Region President*

*and*

**Mr. Geoff McGrath**

*Region Chairman*

*Cordially invite you to attend  
the annual*

*Adult Recognition Awards*

*Celebration Dinner*

*on*

*Thursday, 21st October 2010*

*6.30pm for 7pm start*

*at*

**Blacktown RSL Club**

**Second Avenue**

**Blacktown**

*\$40 per person*

*R.S.V.P. - 7th October 2010*

Full uniform and decorations to be worn please.

*Reply form on page 11 of this issue.*

For all the latest news from the  
Region and the wider  
Scouting community

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Please contact the Webmaster  
if you wish to advertise your event.



## REGION FUN DAY ON THE WATER

Sunday 12th December 2010



**Come along for a fun, action-packed day on the water!**

We have sailing boats and power boats that will take you for a ride and canoes you can paddle (except Joey Scouts who need to have a level 2 in the boat with them or a parent).

Activities will include:  
- Canoe races - Sailing races  
- Donuts in power boats - Mintie scramble in the water.

Please wear uniform, bring a hat, sunscreen, bottle water,  
towel and swimmers.

PFD's will be supplied by Region.

There will be a food stall selling drinks and hot food.

**Where:** Chipping Norton Lakes, Angle Park

**Time:** 9.00am till 3pm

**Cost:** Members of Scout Association - \$10 per person

Family members (non-Scouts) - Free

You will need to register (using A1 form - available from  
[www.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au)) and pay region office by 26th November 2010.  
There will be no registrations accepted on the day. Limited BBQ facilities available.

### REGION OFFICE HOURS

**TUESDAY to THURSDAY**

**9AM TO 3.30PM**

**FRIDAY**

**10AM TO 4.30PM**

**Phone: 9639 2488**

**Fax: 9686 2510**

## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

The Bulletin seems to come around all too soon when we have to do reports. We received a report comparing the number of youth and Leaders over the past 5 years and it is pleasing to see that our numbers have been steadily increasing each year. Also the number of Groups that are in the critical zone due to lack of members have reduced in the past 12 months. A great effort from the people at the 'coal face'. Keep up the good work as it does not go unnoticed at Region and State.

I must say that Bundilla is looking good after the carpet has been laid in the motel rooms, the Peter Waite Room, the boy's dormitory and the caretakers house. The air-conditioning went into the Rotary Hut and Peter Waite Room this week and the vinyl in the Peter Waite Room kitchen within a couple of weeks. We are also getting a quotation to repolish the floor in the Rotary Hut so it may be out of use for a couple of weeks. Have you been down for a look and booked for your section camp?

Group Committees should keep up to date on the grants available from various sources including State and Federal Government. This is becoming the best way to fund capital works at your Group or assistance with purchasing equipment. Keep an eye on the Scouts NSW and GWS Region web sites as they often have details of grants available and closing dates.

I was at an Insurance Committee meeting at State Office recently and was asked how many Groups knew about the offer of insurance on group trailers. To be honest I could not answer how many had read the details from the AGM pack. If you are interested please contact Carlos or Alex at State Office as the premium is reasonably cheap for the cover available.

Recently I had the honour to be invited to a Scout Medallion Presentation for James Shields at Winston Hills. I also had the pleasure to write to Chloe Hatcher on her being awarded the Baden Powell Award. It is great to see young people putting in a big effort to achieve these prestigious awards and congratulations to you both.

I mentioned to the District Commissioners at our last Region Council that each District and Fellowship will be required to put in a weekend once a year, as Camp Wardens, to allow our Camp Caretakers to have a weekend off. The Bundilla Committee will be writing a list of duties and we will circularise these to you shortly.

The World Scout Day Good Service Awards dinner is on at Blacktown RSL on Thursday 21st October at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. An invitation is attached so please

complete and return to Region Office as the numbers will be limited. The Awardees should have received their invitations by now, so please come and support your Scouting colleagues on the night.

Until next time..... Carry on Scouting

**Neville Henderson, Region Commissioner**

Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



### **Doreen May Harber OAM**

**9th July 1930 - 13th August 2010**

Doreen was a staunch supporter of Scouting, serving as secretary of the Guildford group for thirty years.

She was also a life member of the Guide Association, joining as a young girl and continuing on with Guiding all through her life at all levels.

For her commitment to the community through Scouting, Guiding and many other sport and community based organisations, Doreen was awarded an OAM in 1996.

The Scouting family of the Greater Western Sydney Region extends its deepest sympathy to Doreen's husband Ron, her children and their families.



I have just been informed that Ms Deidre Pritchard recently passed away. Many of our more senior Scouting family members may remember her as the lady who sold Scout uniforms and paraphernalia, in the room above the Snowgum store, Macquarie Street Parramatta. Apparently she never married but spent her life in service to her church and the community.

*Vale Deidre Pritchard.*

## JOEY SCOUT NOTES

Since the July school holidays, I been visiting Joey Scout mobs with **Koa Kea, Benny Beaver and Jacqui Joey** to explain the naming of the youngest Scout section in different countries.

The Joey Scouts were interested especially if they could hold the toys. Koa Kea and friends have now moved onto Hume Region. During the visits we were lucky enough to see Promise Challenge badges being presented, Buddy Badge visits and Investiture ceremonies. The GWSR mobs are still working on **Hands Across The Water**.

As the warmer weather approaches the mobs are beginning to plan **mob holidays**. Penrith District is going to the Yurt Farm at Goulburn this weekend. Parramatta District and Blacktown District are planning for September/October holidays.

All mobs are being asked to take their Joey Scouts outdoors on a hike for the **Trek About badge**. This was a popular activity last year that is being repeated with a different coloured badge for this year.

Another exciting outing for Joey Scouts that was suggested at Wandarrah is a visit to the **Powerhouse Discovery Centre** at Castle Hill. The staff set tasks for the Joeys to complete.

**Kathy Cuneo RC Joey Scouts**

Email: [joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

*Congratulations to these Joey Scouts who have earned their Promise Challenge Badges*

**Jack Rose**

1st Dural

**James Ross-Marshall**

1st Blaxland Pythons

**Bethany Botto**

1st Ermington

**Lachlan Diego**

2nd Castle Hill



**HOP HOP HOP**

## CUB SCOUT REPORT

### CUBOREE

By the time you read this our Cuboree Packs should be finalised and you will know which weekend your shakedown camp will be held. Remember only those people who will be part of the Cuboree Pack will be camping at each shakedown camp. This is to give you the opportunity to see that each Leader knows their role and that the Cub Scouts get to know those they will be camping with at Cuboree. In some cases you may be with people you do not usually work with, however, shakedown will give you the chance to build a working relationship. It has not always been possible to keep Districts together, due to the constraints of a Cuboree Pack. I know you will all endeavour to give our Cub Scouts the best time possible at Cuboree, and I thank you in advance for your efforts.

Our next **CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE** will be on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

**GREY WOLF AWARD APPLICATIONS** are currently being held up because they are not filled in correctly! Please ensure the following; that you use the correct form; the Membership number is included; the supporting statement and Pack Resource details are completed on Page 2; the NAME is LEGIBLE! and the District Leader Cub Scouts has signed the form. Remember that the hike should be discussed at Seonee so that it meets the requirements and there are no questions after it has been completed. Also, the pack resource must have a JUNGLE theme.

### DIARY DATES

#### 2010

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 23 - 24 October | Cuboree Shakedown Camp |
| 30 - 31 October | Cuboree Shakedown Camp |
| 6 - 7 November  | Cuboree Shakedown Camp |

#### 2011

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 9 - 13 January | <b>CUBOREE</b> |
|----------------|----------------|

Have Fun!  
'Tricia Shaw

'Tricia Shaw RC Cub Scouts

Email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

### FINAL PAYMENT FOR CUBOREE DUE

**12th September 2010**

\$110 for Cub Scouts and \$90 for Leaders/Helpers  
Please post cheque and a detailed list of whom the payment is for, to:

**Cuboree Headquarters  
PO Box 200  
Port Kembla NSW 2505**

## ROVER REPORT

It has been a very busy month for Rovers in the Region with the running of this year's Region Moot and participation in several other Scouting events as well.

**GAMER MOOT** (Press Start to begin reading Gamer Moot paragraph. OK, joke over)!

On the first full weekend of August up at Camp Ku-ring-gai, the 2010 Gamer Moot was a success for the Kings Langley Rover Crew with over one hundred Rover Scouts attending the weekend - long funfest of life-sized Mario Karting, oversized Jenga playing and much, much more. During the weekend there was a wide variety of activities, games and competitions for participating Rover Scouts to take part in, including a themed dinner night (dressing up as computer game characters or game console parts, including one Rover who dressed as a Wii™ Remote), various round-robin games and activities. A massive congratulations to the members of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Merrylands Rover Crew for topping the **high score** Leaderboard for this year's Moot. So what will they come up with for next year's Region Moot?



The Moot Trophies



Members of **Kings Langley Rover Crew** who organised and ran the successful Gamer Moot

Members of **1st /2nd Merrylands Rover Crew** who won the Gamer Moot trophy and the privilege of running next year's Region Moot.



## BALLS OF STEEL

On August 12, the Region challenged 1<sup>st</sup> Baulkham Hills Rover Crew to a Balls of Steel tournament - a bowling night at the Blacktown AMF Centre. The evening was a huge success; the members of 1<sup>st</sup> North Mount Druit Rover Crew ultimately won the evening's challenge. The night was also run for a good cause with over \$100 raised for Relay For Life.

*Congratulations to*  
**1st Nth Mt Druit**  
**Rover Crew**  
**WINNERS**  
**Balls of Steel**  
12/8/2010



## BILLY CART DERBY

On August 15, Rover Scouts assisted with the running of Blacktown District's annual Cub Scout Billy Cart Derby at Rooty Hill. Members of the Kings Langley and North Mount Druit Rover Crews proved to be of a lot of help during the day by setting up barriers, clearing the grounds just before the first Cubs turned up, selling kites to Cubs and their families, and keeping a close eye on everything happening on the racing track. It seemed that the weather was *almost* perfect for a fun day of billy carting and kite flying. The "almost" caveat stems from the fact that there were two brief but unexpected rainstorms on the day, despite Channel Nine's forecast of sunny weather! Darren Casey (*Kaa*, 1<sup>st</sup> Whalan), a recent recipient of the Silver Wattle, has had the pleasure of running the event for over twenty years, and it is to his credit that hundreds of Cub Scouts from the Blacktown District and other participating Districts (as well as their families) have all had the pleasure of participating in this fun-filled event. **1, 2, 3, WOOF** to Darren for his efforts!

## HIKE FOR HUNGER

The aim of *Hike for Hunger* is to collect as many cans as possible to help the Wesley Mission feed Sydney's needy people. The cans collected by the Rovers each year currently cover Wesley Mission's food requirements for anywhere from 3 to 6 months. Once all the cans are collected, we meet in the city and carry them to the Wesley Mission offices where they are sorted and stored." (Text from NSW Rovers website, [www.nsw.rovers.com.au](http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au)) Last year, over 11,000

cans and packets of food were donated by Rover Scouts to Wesley Mission, with over ten percent of the total donated by GWS Region. If you would like to give to this worthy cause, please contact your local Rover Crew for more information, or visit <http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au/events/hike-for-hunger.html>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS for ROVERS

**September 25 BRC (Teleconference).**

For information contact [activities@nswrovers.com](mailto:activities@nswrovers.com)

**September 24 - 26 BL3 course, Rover.**

For information contact [activities@nswrovers.com](mailto:activities@nswrovers.com)

**October 1 - 4 SA Sandblast**, run by the South Australian Rovers. For more information, please visit [www.sandblast.net.au](http://www.sandblast.net.au)

**October 6 GWS RRC, Bundilla**  
(7:30pm for 8pm start)

**October 8 Turramurra Rovers' Harbour Cruise**  
(Over 18's only). For more information, please visit [www.turramurrarovers.com/harbourcruise](http://www.turramurrarovers.com/harbourcruise) or call 0401 730 298

**October 22 - 24 H.R's The Festival Moot** – everything musical and festive. Hosted by Razorback Rovers

**October 30 Relay for Life, Blacktown**  
Olympic Park. If you would like to participate in this event or make a donation, please visit [http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2010/blacktown\\_2010/gws\\_rovers](http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2010/blacktown_2010/gws_rovers) or contact Jodie Richards (Kings Langley Rover Crew) on 0414 231 549

**October 30 Gynea Rovers' Halloween Party.**  
For information contact [gymearovers@hotmail.com](mailto:gymearovers@hotmail.com)

**November 6 Hike for Hunger** (in association with Wesley Mission). More information – <http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au/events/hike-for-hunger.html>

**Brendan Richards PR / Internet Officer**  
**GWS Region Rover Council**  
**Mobile: 0431 107 125**  
**Email: [pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au](mailto:pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au)**



Rovers at the recent  
Balls of Steel  
10 pin bowling night

## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Abseil Course**

Oct 26 (theory) and Oct 30 & 31 (practical)

**Caving Course**

Sep 21, Sep 25 and 26 (abseil experience needed)

**Caving Trip**

November 27 and 28 (venue TBA)

**Scout Abseil Badge Course**

Sep 17 (theory) and Sep 19 (practical)

**Canyon Trips**

Nov 14 Dalpura Canyon (minimal abseil experience required)

Dec 5 Birrabang Canyon (no swimming or abseils - suitable for Scout beginners).

**Rescue Course**

Nov 7 (Abseiler qualification required).

Theory nights for Scout badge courses are organised at locations to suit attendees. Group courses can be arranged by contacting Rick).

Two-day and three-day courses cost \$20, one-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$5 (one-day) or \$10 (two-day). Please note that prices will increase by \$5 per practical day after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

Applications (on the A1 form) should be sent in to the Region Office, **two weeks** before the course.

The A1 forms can be found at:

[greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar)

**Rick Jamieson Region RRA Coordinator**

**Phone: 4572 1321 (for all enquiries)**

**Email: [rickj15@bigpond.com](mailto:rickj15@bigpond.com)**



*Scout Prussiking at the recent Big Day In*  
Photo courtesy of Matt Thompson, Region Webmaster

## **RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### RECENT ACTIVITY NIGHTS

We visited Ermington Venturers on a Saturday evening for a **Liquid Nitrogen night**. During the demonstration there is time to try freezing objects bought in by the Venturers. They came well prepared with fruit and eggs [Learnt: A frozen orange is very hard to break, and when it does, it breaks up into small 'grain of rice' particles.]

The instant ice cream is always popular as is the frozen marshmallows. The hall usually ends up fairly messy after this sort of experimentation, so needs mopping out before going home.

A call from Roselea Joey Leaders had us put on a Chemistry night for them. Their hall also has a separate room for the local Guides, and they happen to meet on the same night as the Joeys, so we presented a chemistry night for the Guides after the Joeys. I'm not sure what the Leaders made of our program, but the girls voted with their voices and feet chanting "do it again" - of course we never do!



Girl Guides enjoying a fun Chemistry night

Making instant ice cream



Eating the ice-cream



A Joey Scout and her Mum



Karl has developed a 'Radio Operations' program which we trialled with both Troops of 1st Blaxland Scouts. It needs three Leaders to deliver, and as there were only the two of us, it was a bit heavy going and we had to leave out one section involving the communications game. We have found that for the sort of science based content we are attempting to make interesting, it works best with small groups of 5-7 youth, where all can be involved in the discovery.

### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>John Leahy</b>                     | john.leahy@nmi.gov.au<br>Work phone: 8467-3592<br>Home phone: 4572-1549 |
| <b>Karl Humphreys<br/>Andy Walker</b> | ets0@bigpond.com<br>awalker@barekoala.net                               |
| <b>Murray Irwin</b>                   | 9868 5559   |

## 2010 ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR GOOD SERVICE - GWSR



### SILVER ARROWHEAD

**VARCOE, Gary Martin**  
SL 1st Blaxland

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

**ANDREWS, Mark**  
ACSL 1st Ermington

**BERGER, Pauline**  
Supporter 1st Blaxland

**MERCIECA, Merylese**  
Group Deputy President 1st Blaxland

**ROSS, Debra**  
Group President 1st Blaxland

*Sincere apologies that these name were not published in the August Bulletin, unfortunately they were not on the original list sent to us by State Office. Congratulations to all recipients - hope we see you at the Celebration Dinner on 21st October at Blacktown RSL.*

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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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I have attended another conference, the fourth this year. This conference was for ORIC - OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRY COUNCIL. We discussed ways to improve our delivery of activities to youth members, including E learning and log books for equipment including the use of helmets, rope etc. We need to take more care in recording the use of equipment including boats, PFD's etc. Incident reports are being sought for Coroner's Courts so the more information in them the better. This particularly applies for incidents due to equipment failure. Inspection records are a must.

We now have our **Sailing Course** happening for 5 days from the 25th September.

People wishing to requalify may do so on Saturday (25) and Sunday (26) with a log book and be prepared for a sailing quiz on rules of the *road*. Cost \$20. Anyone wishing to try Sailing may do so on the Saturday for just \$10. You need to register with Region Office by Friday 10th September.

Sadly, during the past two weeks I have been to two funerals for Scouting people who had over 70 years experience between them!

This brings me to the fact that we are very short on Trainers, we do not have a team at all for Flying Fox and only two members for Boating! Frank Barr is recovering from surgery and will be off the scene until January 2011 - so we are also short on Abseil Instructors.

Please contact me if you feel you can help; we do not need a commitment for every weekend but we would like to fit you in whenever possible. We will provide training - you will need some time and a good attitude. For those already qualified. your quals only last three years. Remember to maintain your personal log book this will be a big help to you for reaccreditation

I hope you have the family **FUN DAY ON THE WATER** in your programme for December 12. There will be sailing, canoeing, donuts behind a power boat, a Minty Scramble and BBQ for family and friends. Just \$10 for Scouting persons, family members are free! Closing Date is 28th November.

Don't forget to check the web site for Rockcraft and Canoeing courses. Apply early so you don't miss out!

**Safe Boating and have FUN in whatever you do.**

**Keith Travers RC Activities**

**Email:** [activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

**(H) 9632 - 3341**

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## FROM THE REGION OFFICE

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### APPOINTMENTS LIST - AUGUST 2010

#### APPOINTMENTS

FORAY-NIZANKOWSKA, Katherine  
AL (G) 1st Ermington Scout Group

#### TRANSFERS

LOVE, David Fr ASL WPH Valley Scout Troop  
To SL WPH Valley Scout Troop

VARVEL, David Fr SL WPH Valley Scout Troop  
To ASL WPH Valley Scout Troop

GARSKE, Bradley Fr JSL 1st St Marys Joey Mob  
To AJSL 1st St Marys Joey Mob

SHEPPARD, Wendy Fr AVSL 2nd Baulkham Hills V. Unit  
To VSL 2nd Baulkham Hills V. Unit

(apologies for the misspelling last issue - Ed)

#### RESIGNATIONS

CROSS, Heath AL (G) 1st Toongabbie Scout Group  
CROSS, Patricia ASL 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop



#### SENIOR FIRST AID COURSE Saturday 30th October and Sunday 31st October Bundilla Scout Camp

\$85 per person

See our website for A1 form.

Please send form and cheque payable to  
Scouts Australia to Region Office by the **closing  
date, Friday 15th October 2010**



**Maggie Roynon (Region Office) and husband  
John working in unison and having fun on the  
grass skis at the Big Day In!**

*Photos courtesy of Kim Harris Region Office*

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## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

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Hi Everyone. I have not had a chance to write something up for a few months and I know just how much you have all really missed my comments!

### JAMBORETTE

We had an excellent attendance at the Jamborette in June which was well above what we expected for a post Jamboree year. There were 575 Scouts which included some linking Cub Scouts and 364 others including Leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Parent Helpers which made a total of 939.

Thanks to all the youth members for their performance over the weekend. National Parks management, including the Area Manager, were on hand all weekend and were duly impressed with how well things went, both in relation to behaviour and care for the environment. They were particularly impressed with the way we left the site on the Monday. **Bravo to everyone.**

We had an increase in the number of activities this year which was nice to see. It gives the Scouts a better choice of activities without the long queues. There were some awesome activities. Sorry that we couldn't provide a Flying Fox due to our not having enough qualified Leaders and not being able to get another Region to run one for us. We do need Leaders to take on the skill of building and running a Flying Fox and invite anyone interested to please let us know as the Region is trying to organise a course for you.

I appreciate the teams that assisted me with the preparation for the weekend from organising the loo's, activities, campsite, entertainment, preparation work, security (Rovers), Activities including the OH&S team and Leaders, Venturers, Rovers and parents who designed and ran the activities.

### STATE RALLY

As you saw from last month's Bulletin we had the three winning Patrols for our Region. Congratulations again to these Patrols for a terrific effort. I heard that it was well over a week before some of the Scouts, particularly the Patrol Leaders, came down from their high. None of the Patrols from our Region achieved a State placing but that was very hard as some of the differences in scores were very close.

Our numbers for the Rally were a bit down on previous years, which was a shame, as it is a great opportunity for our Scouts to get in some light weight camping and hiking and working together as a Patrol. Overall we had 22 Patrols which totalled 109 Scouts from 13 Scout Troops. The Scout Leaders should be justly proud of their Scouts' fine efforts this year.

Thank you to the Leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Parents who provided the activities on our activity site, the leaders who assisted us in running the RAC and the Blue Mountains Fellowship for feeding us.

### DESIRABLE STANDARDS

I mentioned in my last note that I would provide more information on the *Desirable Standards* that we are trying to reach. Included in this Bulletin is the document I was referring to. This document lists the expected standards which we should be trying to achieve in our Troops. Some of the standards may already be in place in your Troops. Some perhaps, still need to be achieved. The idea is for you as Leaders in your Troops, to see what you are already achieving and identify the other ones which you need to work on, to achieve in your Troops this year. You may not reach all of them, but if you can reach an extra five then standards are improving.

The standards in **RED** are the standards we hope you are reaching in your Troops. If not, then these are the standards you should be striving to achieve. Don't try and reach them all at once with your Troop - just choose a few to start with.

Yours in Scouting

**Robin Garrett - RC Scouts**

[scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



**1st TOONGABBIE**  
**SPACE**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**25th September 2010**  
7.30pm  
Toongabbie Scout Hall  
99 Bungaree Rd, Pendle Hill  
BYO Drinks and snacks  
Tea and Coffee provided  
\$10 per person (adults only)  
Enquiries and Bookings contact  
Rishae:  
Mob: 0423 056 418  
or email [rishae.bowen@gmail.com](mailto:rishae.bowen@gmail.com)



## SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW

### SCOUT TROOP – DESIRABLE STANDARDS

#### SCOUTING METHOD:

Troop Council in operation  
Patrol System in operation

#### DESIRABLE STANDARD

Yes Weekly 1 Month (1/12) 2/12 3/12 6/12 No  
Yes / No

#### AWARD SCHEME:

|  |      |     |                |      |
|--|------|-----|----------------|------|
| Scoutcraft Badge within 4 months             | More | 90% | 60%            | Less |
| Pioneer Badge within 12 months               | More | 75% | 50%            | Less |
| Explorer Badge within 24 months              | More | 60% | 40%            | Less |
| Adventurer Badge within 36 months            | More | 20% | 10%            | Less |
| Achievement Badge – 2 per Scout per year     | More | 60% | 40%            | Less |
| Patrol Activity Badge – 1 per Scout per year | More | 50% | 40%            | Less |
| Pioneer Cord within 12 months                | More | 50% | 30%            | Less |
| Explorer Cord within 24 months               | More | 40% | 20%            | Less |
| Adventurer Cord within 36 months             | More | 10% | 5%             | Less |
| Australian Scout Medallion                   | More | 10% | 5%             | Less |
| Link Badge (to Venturers)                    | More | 80% | 60%            | Less |
| Attend & complete Scout Leadership Course    | No   | Yes | Not Applicable |      |

#### ACTIVITIES:

|  |      |     |     |      |
|--|------|-----|-----|------|
| Camps per year                                     | More | 4   | 2   | Less |
| One day Activities per year                        | More | 4   | 2   | Less |
| Participate in State, Regional & Divisional events | More | 75% | 50% | Less |
| Participate in Group Activities                    | More | 75% | 50% | Less |

#### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

|  |      |     |                |      |
|--|------|-----|----------------|------|
| Minimum of 18 Scouts per Troop   | More | 18  | 12             | Less |
| Leaders – 1 per 8 Scouts   | More | 3   | 2              | Less |
| Male and Female Leaders in Mixed Troops                                      | No   | Yes | Not Applicable |      |
| Numbers leaving during past year.<br>(Don't count Transfers or advancements) | Less | 15% | 20%            | More |
| Percentage of Cub Scouts advancing to Troop                                  | More | 80% | 60%            | Less |

#### LEADER TRAINING:

|   |      |    |    |      |
|---|------|----|----|------|
| Attend Basic Core Module and Basic Sectional Techniques within (months) | Less | 12 | 18 | More |
| Attend Advanced Training Courses within (months)                        | Less | 24 | 36 | More |

#### LEADER COMMITMENT (For each Leader):

|                                      |        |         |           |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Attends All Troop Meetings           | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Attends All Troop Activities & Camps | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Attends All Group Councils           | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Attends All District Mindaris        | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |

#### ADMINISTRATION:

|  |        |         |           |        |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Has a written Troop Night Program        | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Involves ASL's in Program                | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Presents Monthly Report to Group Council | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Uses Parent Consent Forms                | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Notifies DC/DSL of Activities            | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |

#### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

|   |        |         |           |        |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Includes Parents in Activities (1 per Term)     | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Involve Parents as Instructors, Badge Examiners | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |
| Parents kept informed of Activities             | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Seldom |

## VENTURER REPORT

The Venturer section has been busy during the past month with a large number of activities filling the calendar.

22 Venturers attended the Leadership Course and another 50 completed their Abseiling Course. Other courses throughout the remainder of the year are filling fast, so make sure that your applications are in to the Region Office early to avoid missing out.

The annual Region Venturer Camp known as **Waratah** is again being held in November. Preparations are coming together and it is now time for all teams to ensure they are registered to attend. All Scouts aged over 14 have recently been sent invitations by post with information about the event and encouraging them to join a team with their local Venturer Unit. The theme for 2010 is **'The Van Arkle Affair'** and is a spy thriller that is set to be our biggest and best Waratah event ever. Rovers and Leaders are also invited to join us for this weekend. Registrations are still being accepted and more details are available on our website: [www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Lots of award scheme badges are being completed throughout the Region at the moment, and I congratulate all of the units on building momentum towards the Queen's Scout Award. Venturers should be reminded that many activities in the program can be used to qualify for various badges. For example, any of the Rockcraft courses may be used for the Outdoor badge, Gang Show for the Expression badge, or simply organising a weekend bushwalk for the Expedition badge. In fact, now is the perfect time to get out into the great outdoors and do some hiking before the weather heats up. Leaders are encouraged to distribute the Proposal Forms to each Venturer. Ask them to list the plans for their next badge, and before long, we will have many more Queen's Scout Awards being presented.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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**GWSR Waratah  
November  
12 - 14, 2010  
@  
Cataract Scout  
Park, Site 7  
Register Online  
NOW!**

## Penrith District Mob Holiday Yurt Farm, Goulburn 28th & 29th August 2010

This was the first Joey Mob Holiday as a District and included Joeys from 1st South Penrith, 1st Cambridge Park and 1st Erskine Park. We had 10 Joeys attend and they all had an excellent time. Yes, it was a little chilly overnight but the weather was fantastic.

The Joeys had fun, milking cows, rounding up sheep, horse riding, chasing chickens, collecting eggs, making and sailing wooden boats, grinding wheat to make the pancakes. We did a daytime Ghost walk, it was very tamed down for the Joeys, but we probably won't include that next time.

The hosts were excellent with the Joeys and very helpful. The Yurts (octagonal European style wooden huts) were basic but quite reasonable for dormitory accommodation. The access road was a bit rough, but we made it.

This was the first Mob Holiday that I've been to and the first one that I've co-ordinated. I have to say that the most impressive thing was to see how all the Joeys behaved and bonded. At the end the Joeys weren't sad that we were leaving the farm, it was the good bye to all their new friends. The friendships that were created on this camp were priceless.

We eagerly look forward to planning our next Mob Holiday and keeping the OUT in scouting.

**Brian Zarth JSL**

**1st South Penrith Scout Group**



**RSVP**  
**ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS**  
**CELEBRATION DINNER - 21ST OCTOBER 2010**

**NAME OF ATTENDEES \***  
*(Please PRINT clearly for place cards)*

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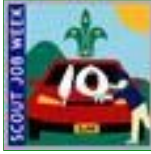
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*\* Please make a note of those people you would like seated at your table. We will do our best to ensure everyone is seated with their family and friends - however as table numbers are limited, we may have to split large groups. (Tables of 12).*

**\$40 per person**  
***Cheques payable to Scouts Australia***

Forward your advice slip and money to;  
Region Office, 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills NSW 2153 by close of business October 7, 2010.

***For further enquiries phone***  
***GWS Region Office 9639 2488***



### SCOUT JOB WEEK

It's time to return **all** your Group's **Job Week cards** (used or new) and the completed **Summary Sheet** to Region Office. We currently have badges and awards in stock.

***Avoid disappointment.  
Return your cards now.***



### 'PIRATES ROCK THE GLEN' AGOONORETTE

**Friday 1st October  
to  
Monday 4th October**

### **GLENROCK SCOUT CAMP KAHIBAH (NEAR NEWCASTLE)**

If you are looking for something special in 2010 – get involved in this camp! The 'PIRATES ROCK THE GLEN' AGOONORETTE (mini-Agoonoree).

An Agoonoree is a camp open to all Scouts and Guides and especially for those with special needs.

Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Fellowship members and Guide members are invited and encouraged to share in this exciting and enriching event. \$120 for youth participants; \$100 for leaders and helpers. Day rates on application.

Cabins and tent camping options are available. **Visitors' Day on Saturday 2nd October** (for Joeys and Cubs) \$5 includes activities and badge. BYO lunch. **Off-site Activity Day on Sunday 3rd October.**

For further information and expressions of interest please contact: **Mark Burfield, ASC Special Needs** Ph. 0425 236 617 or email: [oceaniahq@froggy.com.au](mailto:oceaniahq@froggy.com.au)

### JOTA/JOTI

Time to start planning for this annual event. You will need to order badges for your own Group or District from The Scout Shop in Port Kembla.

**Please note that Region Office will not be holding any stock of these badges.**



### The Scout Shop

85 Wentworth Street  
Port Kembla NSW 2505  
Ph: (02) 4274 1193  
Fax: (02) 4274 6334

### OPENING HOURS

**Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 4.30pm**  
**Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm**  
**Friday: 9am - 4.30pm**  
**Saturday: 9am - 12pm**



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