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WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF THE
FESTIVE SEASON AND A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Another year is almost over and most groups will be getting ready to close for the holidays. Please remember that the office will close on Friday 17th December and reopen on Tuesday 1st February 2011. I will open the office on Tuesday 25 January 2011 for any urgent matters.

Our Region Commissioner Activities, Keith Travers, has decided to step down from his current role effective the end of this year and will take on a lesser role in the activities team. I am sure you will all join with me to say thank you to Keith for the work he has done in Scouting since 1985 and in particular since moving to Region Activities.

I am pleased to announce that Mark Fell has agreed to take over the Region Commissioner Activities position and I wish him well in this role and look forward to working with him.

I have sent out a list of people who are eligible for Good Service Awards in 2011, to all the District Commissioners and have requested them to distribute to each of their Groups.

The nomination form should be on the State and Region websites so please complete the nomination and a citation and **email to Region Office** (gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au) before **Friday 4th February** as that is the closing date for next years nominations at Region Office. ***Unfortunately - no late nominations can be accepted.***

I have had the pleasure to write to Harry Provins of 1st Westmead and Sushen Gupta of 1st North Rocks Venturers who have gained their Queens Scout Awards. Congratulations to you both, a job well done. Unfortunately I was unable to attend Sushen's presentation as I was out of Sydney visiting a relative who was ill.

We have just been advised that we have received a State Government Grant to upgrade the kitchen in the Brownsea. A special thanks to Tracey Hansford for her assistance in submitting the application and to Wayne Merton MP (the member for Baulkham Hills) for his support of our application.

Remember that the Scout financial year closes on 31st December and Groups should be looking at having their books updated and audited and not left till the last minute before the AGM's in April and May 2011. By the way the fee for 2011/2012 is \$100 per member.

On behalf of myself and my family I wish a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all Leaders, supporters, youth members and their families.

I trust you have a good rest over the festive season and look forward to working with you all in 2011.

Until next time.....Carry on Scouting.

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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FROM THE REGION OFFICE

Lost Property

We have an ever increasing amount of lost property. Anything that hasn't been collected by the end of February 2011, will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Christmas holiday closure

The Region Office will be closed from 18th DECEMBER 2010 to the 31st JANUARY 2011

Thank you for your friendship, patience and assistance during our first year in the office, you have made us feel most welcome. We look forward to our return next year and meeting many more members of GWSR.



Wishing everyone a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.

Maggi and Kim



RONALD KEITH EDWARDS

4/8/1923 - 11/11/2010

Ron had a long and proud association with Scouting in many different roles. He commenced as a CSL with 1st Granville in 1948, moved to 3rd Merrylands in 1956 and was GL at 1st Westmead from 1963 to 1979. He then moved through various NWR District Chairman roles and was appointed Branch Adviser NSW State HQ in 1996. Ron retired from Scouting in February 2000. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

It was very nice to see so many Joey Scout Leaders completing their training at the recent **BL3**. It is pleasing that most Leaders in the Joey Scout mobs are fully trained. Of course Group Leaders will have to keep identifying new Leaders for the section to keep the mobs active.

A number of GWSR mobs have completed a **Trek About** walk this month and received their badges. The Joey Scouts have participated in a number of different hikes, all with the same objective, "**to put the OUT into Scouting**". Several mobs hiked in the Blue Mountains. As well a number of mobs hiked around the trails from Bundilla that were originally used as Cub Scout yellow cord hikes.

November is traditionally **Care and Share** month. Many mobs have been incorporating this concept into the program. This is the time Joey Scout mobs show they care for their community. A number of mobs have made donations to a charity providing help to needy families.

2011 is a special year for Joey Scout Leaders as it is a **State Konara** year. Leaders from all over the state come to share and learn. I hope to see many of the GWSR Leaders there. The information and forms will be available soon.

Congratulations to James Orme from 1st Blaxland Taipans on an excellent **Promise Challenge** presentation. His community service was cleaning up litter around the historic Lennox Bridge at Glenbrook. He included photos and a short history of the bridge in his presentation.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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VERA RODGERS

22/11/2010 AGED 97 YEARS

Vera joined 3rd Granville in 1939 and was Secretary and Treasurer for 40 years. She was also a member of the BP Scout Guild, Hume Area and served three years as their Treasurer. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her brother John Coghlan, her family and friends.

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Wow! Another year is almost over and we are all ready for **CUBOREE** to start our new year. Thank you to the Pack Co-ordinators for all your efforts to ensure our cubs and Leaders have a great experience at Cuboree. To our Leaders and cooks remember to take your sense of humour with you and be ready for a great time.

Special thanks to Charlene Bordley and Shirley Robinson for all their assistance in getting things ready for our Cuboree base. I look forward to seeing you all at Cuboree.

As we look forward to a brilliant 2011, I remind you all of the importance of good programming to keep our Cub Scouts interested and enthusiastic. Remember to include Region and District events on your programme to allow your Cubs to enjoy the friendships Scouting introduces.

Thank you to Anne, Kim and Maggi at the Region Office, and to Melissa, Lorraine, Phyllis, Gavan, Aafke, Anne, Charlene & Chris for all your assistance during the year to ensure our Cub Scouts are able to enjoy many and varied activities.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

2011 DIARY DATES

9 - 13 January	CUBOREE
12 March	Youth Helpers Course @ Bundilla
26 March	Cub Scout Leadership Course
14-15 May	PALAVER
12 June	CUB DAY @ Jamborette
28 August	REGION COOK-OFF
17 September	Cub Scout Leadership Course
24-25 September	STATE COOK-OFF
29-30 October	Cub Baayna

Have Fun! 'Tricia Shaw

'Tricia Shaw RC Cub Scouts

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

Gemma White - 1st St Marys
Sally Richards - 1st Kings Langley

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VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to the **Nigerian Panda Confederacy of 1st Emu Plains** on winning **Waratah 2010: The Van Arkle Affair!** 32 teams from across the Region and beyond competed at Cataract Scout Park last month in an exciting and challenging spy thriller adventure. The weather was fine and hot and the cryptic clues flowed throughout the event.

Special thanks to **Stephen Wallace** and the rest of the **Waratah Team** on running another successful weekend. We have continued to see an increasing participation rate at Waratah with nearly every unit actively involved in the event this year. This result is a tribute to the many hours of effort by all of the dedicated Leaders and Rovers from across the Region. In particular, I would like to add my appreciation to the amazing catering team who managed to serve over 1,300 meals during the weekend. Well done! A full list of team results is available on the Region website. **Waratah** returns again next November for **Operation Dagnet!** Look out for more details early next year.

In other news, **Nepean Venturers** were registered last month and efforts are now underway for a new unit at 1st Erskine Park. Indeed Venturer membership is growing rapidly across the entire Region which is very impressive.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Don't forget that summer is a great time to get out and enjoy some great Scouting adventures. So make sure to have plenty of fun in the coming months!

Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



Aaron Wardle - RC Venturers

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**THE WINNING TEAM
AND AARON WARDLE RC VENTURERS
WARATAH 2010**



**THE NIGERIAN PANDA CONFEDERACY
1ST EMU PLAINS**

WINNING TEAM

WARATAH 2010 - The Van Arkle Affair



**BEST
ACTIVITY
BASE
WARATAH
2010**

Photos
Courtesy
of
**Brendan
Richards**



**HAVING FUN ON
THE BASES @
WARATAH 2010**



	Scouts Australia NSW LEADER NEWS - ON THE WEB December 2010	PO Box 125 Lidcombe Phone: 97359000 Fax: 97359001
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Significant changes to the
CHILD PROTECTION PROCEDURES
Effective immediately

Over the past few years there has been an ongoing lobbying for changes to the Children's Commission Act's. We have now been advised this has been partially successful and there are changes to their requirements. The new procedures need to be implemented as soon as reasonably possible, and definitely before Groups resume next year.

The changes that effect Regions and Groups are as follows.

- A. **There is no longer any need for those UNDER 18 years of age to sign a 'Prohibited Employment Declaration' (PED) or the new 'Volunteer/Student Declaration'.**
- B. **Replacement of the 'Prohibited Employment Declaration' (PED) with the new 'Volunteer/Student Declaration' (copy attached).**
- C. **Leaders in some high risk roles must have a Federal police check. These are Leaders who mentor disadvantaged children or provide intimate personal care for disabled children who must use the 'Applicant Declaration and Consent' and not the 'Volunteer/Student Declaration.'**

What does this mean?

1. In the past where you used the PED you now must use the **'Volunteer/Student Declaration'**
2. The high risk roles that demand a Federal police check are:
 - I. Those volunteers who mentor disadvantaged children in family-like relationships.
or
 - II. Those volunteers who provide intimate personal care for disabled children such as bathing or toileting.
3. Copies of this high risk declaration 'Applicant Declaration and Consent' will be available on the Children Commission web at: <https://check.kids.nsw.gov.au/background-check-consent.php>.)
4. Those who have already filed PEDs with the Group/Region or Association **DO NOT** need to fill in a new declaration, unless they transfer and become involved with disadvantaged children or provide intimate personal care for disabled children.
5. The filing and storing of the 'Volunteer/Student Declaration' remains the same as with the PED **BUT** the 'Applicant Declaration and Consent' forms need to be sent to the State Office for lodging, by the office, with the Commission for a Federal Police check
6. Those procedures and actions already in play for the period to January 3^{1st} can continue to be used, if you so desire.
7. Remember the form is an official Government form and we **CANNOT** make changes except to put our banner above the form.
8. Further copies of the declaration 'Volunteer/Student Declaration will be available on the Scout web site <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/leaders/ScoutsSectionContent.aspx?id=429> as form M5, dated on or after December 6.

A NEW LEADER SUPPORT GUIDE 26.

LSG 26 is in the process of being updated, to reflect the new changes, and will be available within the next few weeks. The current working title is:

WORKING WITH THE 'VOLUNTEER/STUDENT DECLARATION' INFORMATION
 The replacement for the 'Prohibited Employment Declaration' (PED).

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LEADER NEWS - ON THE WEB
 Robert Rodgers, B LegS
 (Assistant Chief Commissioner - Issues Management)

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PARENTS' CHILD PROTECTION GUIDE

The updated **Parents Protection Guide** (Version 1.9) is now available at www.nsw.scouts.com.au It is a compulsory attachment to the Y1 form and must be given to parents, along with the Y1 form to satisfy legal requirements for the Association.

Robert Rodgers LegS
 Assistant Chief Commissioner

Dr Warwick Bateman OAM
 State Commissioner (Special Projects)

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Some Recent Science Nights

First to Wentworthville Scouts for a **Water Rocket night**. They pumped the rockets so hard that the fins flew off a couple of them. While the Scouts were busy chasing the rockets, the Venturers found a flat area under fluoro lights to ram the mixture into their Candy Rockets. When the tops were sealed, fuse inserted and stabilising stick attached, it was off to the centre of the oval to launch, with the Scouts looking on. All flew successfully ! (Thanks to Bryan Hall for taking the photos).



The next week saw us at North Rocks with the Cubs and Scouts for a **Chemistry night**. We do this outside because of the smells, smoke and flames generated. Here we see Karl engulfed in green smoke, a frame from a movie demonstrating the power of chemical energy from Sulphur.

Bookings open for 2011

I'm expecting another Leader to join us in the new year, so that will take some of the pressure off the existing team. I would still like another Leader to join us, but I am willing to start taking bookings for next year in the hope that we may have a new volunteer.

I would like you to organise within you Group for us to see two sections on the night, one after the other, e.g. Joeys followed by Cubs or Cubs followed by Scouts, then let me know a couple of suitable evenings.

Despite publishing the nights in the Bulletin, we have had some **Groups forget that they have booked us**, or not arranged another section on the same night. The Science team still has to arrange for three of us to be at the night, even for a group of half a dozen youth.

To encourage you to organise another section and remember your booking, I am changing the fee method. **The basic cost will still be \$2 per youth** (max 20), or **\$25 per section**, whichever is the greater. So that will be **\$50 per night minimum**. That's for two sections of 12 youth members, which shouldn't be too difficult for you to organise. **These minimums will not apply to Venturers or Rovers and we are still able to arrange Saturday or Sunday activities for them.**



I am happy to discuss individual variations with any Leader, just give me a call or email me, John Leahy.

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

The A1 forms for Rock activities from January to June are available on the [greaterwestscouts](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) website.

Coming Activities

Canyon Trip: Sunday 13th February. Wolgan View and Glow-Worm Tunnel Canyons. No abseils or swimming – suitable for Scouts.

Canyon Course: 5th and 6th March. Bowens Creek South and Serendipity Canyons. Camping at Mt. Wilson. Abseil qualification needed.

Abseil Courses: 15th February (theory at Bundilla) and 19th and 20th February (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock) also 10th May (theory) and 14th and 15th May (practical).

Caving Trip: 19th and 20th March, Wee Jasper.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 27th March (practical) with a theory night during the week before at a location suited to applicants.

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 \$30, one-day trips \$10 Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$10 (one-day) or \$20 (two-day). *No charge for theory nights.*

*Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas
and all the best for 2011*



Rick Jamieson - RRA Coordinator
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**Aiden Hall on a
course at
Blaxland in
November**

Photo courtesy
Bryan Hall

TRAINING TALK

Well I think all I can say at this stage is watch the GWSR website for updates on New Kits and e-learning.

I have been told that the kits look like costing \$40 now but will update when all is confirmed.

There will be the current BL1's running in 2011 as per 2010/2011 calendar. We are hoping to have a link from GWSR website to the new calendar for easy access.

Please remember that those on the current system need to finish all their training before August 2011.

Those who are Associate Leaders don't worry we can assist you if/when you decide to continue. You will need to contact your DLT or myself.

As from February 2011, new leaders signing up will be on e-learning and only the current kit will be in use. So Groups do not stock pile kits, as there is no exchange next year.

Interviews in the new year will be different also. We will have interviews at Bundilla mid February so that Groups will understand the changes. Please check the GWSR website regularly.

Advance Notice PLA's and Assessors

In February 2011 all PLA's and Assessors will be reviewed. You will need to download an Adult Personal Development Plan found between the W10 and W11 under appointments in the Forms. Please complete this form and contact your DLT or myself for your interview. If you no longer wish this appointment let me know.

Correction to November Bulletin: It was Tracey Stopps who gained her Scout Woodbadge not Stacey! Sincere apologies for the error.

Ann Pounder - RC AT&D

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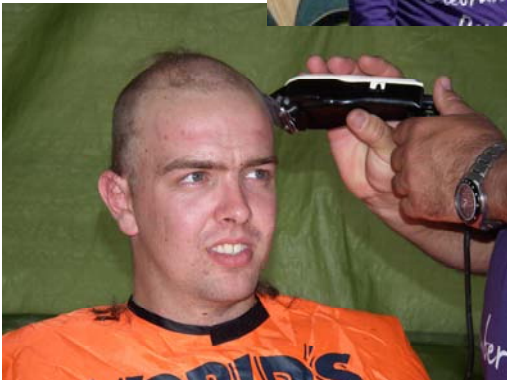
Mon. Tue. Wed: 9am - 4.30pm
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Friday: 9am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm

ROVER REPORT

RELAY FOR LIFE

Ten members of the Kings Langley Rover Crew (plus one member from the Brush Park Rover Crew in the Sydney North Region) represented the GWSR Rovers at the Blacktown Relay for Life on the weekend of 30-31 October 2010. Jodie Richards participated in the Relay, not only representing the Rovers but also working on the Relay for Life Committee as Assistant Secretary.

Some of the Rovers' tasks included security, directing vehicles to the main area, raising money on site for a raffle, taking care of St George Bank's Happy Dragon, helping out at the Mini Olympics and the promotion of Scouting. A total of over \$2,200 was raised for the Region; to date, nearly \$240,000 has been raised for the Blacktown Relay for Life. If you would like to find out more about Relay for Life, please visit <http://relay.cancerCouncil.com.au>



2011 NSW BRANCH BALL

Just a general reminder that the NSW Rovers' 2011 Branch Ball will take place at the Camden Valley Inn on Saturday 5th February 2011. Nominations for the awards to be presented on the night are still open. For more information, please visit www.nsw.rovers.com.au and follow the links.

ROVERING TOWARDS 2020

Scouts Australia conducts a national review of each Section every eight years or so in order to ensure that the youth program remains dynamic and relevant. The purpose of **Rovering Towards 2020** is to conduct a professional and considered review of the **Rover Program** and make recommendations to ensure that Rovering contributes to the education of young adults through a value system based on the Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. The Scouts Australia youth program aims to achieve this personal growth by providing young people with opportunities for new experiences and adventure using the Scout Method, and we all know that it's FUN as well!!! Rovering Towards 2020 will ensure that the Rover program is consistent with this nationwide (and, indeed, worldwide) approach to Scouting.

If you would like to tell us what you think about Rovering now and how it should look in the future or if you would like to subscribe to the **Rovering Towards 2020 newsletter** - email rovers2020@scouts.com.au

You can also [follow us on Facebook](#) to keep up to date with all the latest news and research and to make sure you don't miss out on Rovering Towards 2020 surveys and forums! *(Sourced from NSW Rovers website)*

BRANCH MOOT 2011

Tenders are now open for the 2011 NSW Branch Moot, which is normally held over the October Long weekend. Please contact NSW Rovers for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30/12/10—11/1/11	OzMoot
December 31 (contact NSW Rovers for more info)	Lord Mayor's Picnic
February 2, 8pm	GWS RRC @ Bundilla
February 5	NSW Branch Ball
February 25th -27th	Sydney North Roventure @ Cataract Scout Park

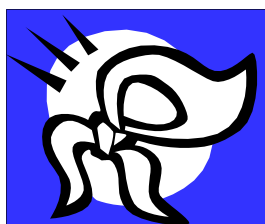
(contact Sydney North Region for more information)

Until next time, I wish you all
a Happy Christmas and
Best Wishes for 2011



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LOST SCOUT SCARF



David Myers of 1st Parramatta found a scarf on the road on his way out of Angle Park after the Region Water Fun Day.

The scarf is completely blue, with a Centenary of Scouting velcro woggle.

If you own this scarf or know who it belongs to please contact David via email:
davenliz@ozemail.com.au

Thank you

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

As this is my last Bulletin, I would like to thank a few people.

Sincere thanks to my wife and two sons for introducing Scouting to me 27 years ago as a parent! My wife was a CSL at 2nd Guildford and Mark was a Cub, we did not have Joeys then so my youngest had to be a trainee Cub at seven (he later became a Queen's Scout and an Activity Leader at Woolwich. The District Cub Scout Leader said I needed a name, so I became **ANKALI** (aboriginal for friend) - that name has stuck.

There have been many people that I have become friends with over the years. I would like to thank the Rock Team, especially Rick, Fred, Frank and Carey for always being there. I would like to thank John Van den Burg for without him we would not have had a boating team.

Thank you to Dawn McGuire and Ray Thornley for appointing me to Activity Commissioner. Ray for gathering all the boats together that were sitting in halls not being used. When we first started the *boating team* we used to do it for free and use a Group's boats. Now we provide everything - including log books printed at Region Office.

Thank you to Kim and Maggie, as nothing has been a trouble to them although it was all new to them. Thanks also to Anne Thompson for publishing the Bulletin and Matt Thompson for the excellent Region Website.

I would like to thank all the Sectional and District Commissioners for their support and lastly and most importantly the 2,700 youth and adults that decided to be involved with boating, for without them we would not have been needed. Best wishes to everyone for the future.

Our last activity was the Fun day on the Water, a fitting end to a very busy year that started with the Jamboree.

On behalf of Rick Jamieson, Fred Kaltenbacher, Frank Barr, John Leahy, Karl Humphreys Andy Walker, Allan and Josette Mason, Carey Barlow, Mick Fry, John Van den Burg, David Mort (power boating) and Bruce Brigden, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

Keith Travers, Activity Commissioner
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A BED IN THE BUSH

1st Whalan and 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Scouts and their families recently attended **A Bed in the Bush** night at the **Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park**, Peats Ridge Road, Calga, about an hour's drive north of Sydney and had an absolute BLAST!!

With the heat of our Australian summer, the Ranger decided we'd go boomerang throwing before our hike through the bush. Some of the cubs, after a few quick instructions, were throwing boomerangs like they were naturals! Our bush walk was like nothing we had done previously - the Ranger was AWESOME and happily shared his knowledge of Aboriginal skills and culture, with the cubs and adults alike.

The clouds decided to open up midway through the walk and the whole group was drenched! To our credit we put on our brave faces and marched on. The group was enticed into trying some termites, which had quite a surprisingly pleasant taste, despite the screwed up faces on the prospective tasters.

The hands on experience with some of the creatures at the park was enjoyed by all and handled very professionally with a large dose of FUN. Dinner was excellent and the tents were cosy. During our nocturnal walk, we met the parks Bilby and then the evening was finished off in style with some marshmallows by the open fire before sliding into sleeping bags for a well earned kip.

After waking up with Emus and Kangaroos wandering through the campsite, everyone enjoyed breakfast before roaming through the park themselves at their own leisurely pace.

It was a VERY memorable adventure for all who attended and we are looking forward to dropping in again in the future!

If you would like to find out more about the Park visit their website - www.walkaboutpark.com.au

Hathi
Manfred Schroeder ACSL
1st Whalan



AMBULANCE OFFICERS GIVE FIRST AID TRAINING TO LOCAL CUBS

There was a buzz of excitement amongst the children of the 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack on Monday night 29th November, as an ambulance drew up outside the Scout hall in Mill Lane, Kurrajong. Three St John Ambulance officers, John Christie, Paul Barber and John Keevers had arrived to teach the Cubs about Health and First Aid.

First of all, the officers emphasized the importance of cleanliness. The cubs were shown how to wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water or an anti-bacterial gel if water was not available. Disposable gloves were given out and the officers showed the children how to use sterile bandages and dressings to avoid the spread of germs.

The children discussed the correct methods to treat cuts, burns, snake or spider bites and how to stop bleeding. Mr Christie asked one of the boys to lend him his triangular scarf and demonstrated how in an emergency it could be used as a bandage, a sling for an injured arm or as a pressure pad.

The officers were amazed at the depth of knowledge shown by the cubs.

In small groups the children were given a quick tour of the ambulance and the lights and siren were activated briefly to everyone's delight.

The officers were invited to join the Closing Parade during which Mr Christie was presented with a Certificate of Thanks from the Group and the Cubs gave them the traditional 1 - 2 - 3 - Woof.

Ambulance Officers: John Christie, Paul Barber and John Keevers. **Cub Scout Leaders:** Anne Rogers (Akela) Jane MacCormick (Raksha) and Phil Conn (Rafiki) and the Cub Scouts.

Lisa Bonazza
Cub Scout Mum
1st Grose Vale Cub Pack



5,000 GOOD REASONS TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Glenn Duncan, Group President, 1st St Marys has actively been involved in grant writing applications following his attendance at the Grant Writing Workshop held at Pennant Hills earlier this year. As a result of Glenn's efforts the Group has netted a few small grants ranging from a few hundred dollars up to approximately \$1,500.

More recently Glenn's efforts landed a big one in the form of a \$5,000 granted presented to the group for some refurbishment of their electrical system and other building requirements. This wonderful grant was also the result of some hard work behind the scenes by Adam Miles, who asked his boss to consider 1st St Marys Scout Group for **Community Grant**. Fortunately for 1st St Marys, the grant request was approved!

On 10th November, Kevin Ho (Operations Manager), Travis Rawling and Adam Miles from Laing O'Rourke visited the group to present a giant cheque to the Group Leader, Malcolm Johnstone.

I was privileged to have been invited to share in this wonderful moment and was also provided the opportunity to publicly thank the team from Laing O'Rourke for their wonderful donation.

The goodwill extended to the Group by Laing O'Rourke didn't stop with the cheque. The company also allows their staff one paid day off per month to volunteer their time to community projects, therefore electricians and carpenters from Laing O'Rourke will be giving their time to conduct the work around the hall. It just goes to show how a little bit of effort can reap wonderful rewards for your group!

In closing, I would like to congratulate Glenn Duncan and Adam Miles for their excellent effort and to extend a very big and heart felt thank you to Laing O'Rourke for getting behind and supporting one of our Scout groups in the Penrith area.

So in good old Scouting tradition a big **B-R-A-V-O** to all involved.

Rodney Lean, DC
Penrith City District



CAMP KANANGRA

BRANTER ROAD

NORD'S WHARF

- Hunter and Coastal's Camp Kanangra is situated in the lovely location of Nord's Wharf approximately 10 kms south of Swansea on the Pacific Highway.
- Camp activities on the shore of beautiful Lake Macquarie include swimming, canoeing, sailing, fishing and hiking.
- Indoor accommodation unit (4 bunks, 20-25 floor) includes dining and cooking facilities (electric stove, refrigerator, freezer, cooking equipment).
- Four A-frame cottages (8 bunks each) accommodate 32 persons suitable Pack Holiday, BBQ facilities nearby.
- Outdoor camping (300). Local shop in close proximity for milk, bread, ice and gas (also available from the Camp Warden). Supermarket facilities available Swansea (8km).
- Town water supply. Male/female septic toilets, hot showers. Weekend duty warden.
- We encourage you to use Camp Kanangra for your Scouting needs.
- **For further details or to make a booking call Marie Adams on 4945-2432**



TRAINING MEETS CUBBING

Good things frequently happen in Scouting - it's that sort of organisation! Sometimes, however, actions can produce unexpected rewards in a most unusual manner. At a recent BL2 training course at Bundilla, a few things happened to brighten the day of over 100 youth members in a most unexpected way.

The scene was Sunday morning and the BL2 task was a practical pioneering exercise, planned for outdoors. The weather had been wet on the Saturday, we had showers overnight, which put a damper on the Cub's pre Cuboree shakedown camp. Sunday dawned with overcast skies and it looked like the weather could go either way. Still no rain by start time so the decision was made to go with Plan A.

The twenty two trainees were given the task of '**designing and constructing an outdoor fun park**'. The rides needed to be suitable for eight to eleven year olds. Thirty minutes were allocated to searching Bundilla for suitable material and ten minutes for drawing up a suitable list of activities. Within the allocated time, thirteen suggestions were listed. They were then divided up equally amongst each of the four teams - the leftover activity - a first aid station was given to the trainers.

By this time, the sun had started to shine and construction began in earnest. What was once just grass and trees took the form of structures that included;

- * Putt, Putt golf using 100mm PVC pipe, tennis balls and shovels for clubs
- * a rope bridge complete with artificial water underneath
- * climbing pyramid
- * high ropes course
- * a water slide complete with inner tube and tow rope
- * catapult to land the ball in the bucket
- * sideshow alley - land the balls in the container
- * rope swing
- * blindfold navigation course

as well as perimeter fencing and entrance gates.

Construction soon became pretty serious and many Cubs were keeping a close eye on progress from the safety of their camp site. Because it was going so well, it was decided (Plan B) to 'borrow' four Cub volunteers to test the facilities out and give us their opinion of the best activity.

Volunteers were not hard to come by. Soon all the devices were tested and negotiations commenced on what activity was the most fun. I choose the word

negotiate, wisely. Our four testers would not depart from words like 'great' and 'fun' for all the questions we asked. Meanwhile, a queue was developing at our entrance gate and we decided (Plan C) to open the activities for '*a few minutes*' to all the Cubs.

Following a quick risk analysis, the grounds were filled and lines soon developed at each activity. We then found out the Cub camp was at a bit of a loose end as the parents were involved in a Cuboree meeting in one of the buildings.

Closing the fun park was the greatest challenge. After several time extensions, we finally managed to bid our little new found friends good day and commenced returning the borrowed equipment to the dark nooks and crannies of Bundilla, where it had been borrowed from.

All in all, a great session. It ran well and truly over the time allocated but with one of the best excuses around - what was being learned was not only potentially useful but able to be used on the spot in a very practical way. It was also training with a capital T. We all learned something...

Cub Scouts - It is amazing what fun devices adults can construct out of things like timber, ropes and anything else lying around.

Trainees - Opportunities to have fun in Scouting turn up at the most unexpected places.

Trainers - Never underestimate the resourcefulness, innovation and dedication of a group of trainees.

Parents - Don't spend too much time at indoor meetings - you might just miss out on loads of fun in the sun!

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