



The Bulletin

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ANDREW COLIN WALKER



8th May 1929 - 8th February 2011

Andy Walker began his lifelong association with Scouting as a Cub Scout. He often regaled young members with tales of gaining his *King's Scout Award*, telling them that he was so old that, "Queen Elizabeth was only a Princess" when he passed his final test. His adult career in Scouting began in 1951 when he joined 2nd Abbotsford Scouts as a Scout Leader. He grew up into an Assistant Senior Scout Leader at 1st Blacktown in 1964 and remained in that Group until 1970 when he became the Group Leader of the newly formed 1st Winston Hills Scouts Group. Andy remained in this role until 1976 when he joined the old *Tartoola District* as a District Leader.

He moved around the Cumberland District in various roles, and eventually joined the State Team as an Activity Leader from 1984 until 1988, when he returned to Tartoola District. From 1990 -1992 Andy returned to 1st Winston Hills as Group Leader then transferred into the DC Parramatta District role until 1994. He retired to be the Parramatta District Secretary 1994-1996 and accepted an Honorary Commissioner role in 1996.

Andy loved being around the young people of GWS Region and even up until recently was a valued member of the GWS Region Science Team in an active role as the *Mad Scientist*, cooking pizza and biscuits by sunlight. He judged the Cub Scout Cook Off in 2009 and was a frequent visitor to Groups whenever he was able to attend.

Andy achieved his GL Woodbadge in 1973 and was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 2004. Andy will be sadly missed by young and old alike. Our deepest Sympathy is extended to Andy's family and friends.

Tracey Hansford DC Parramatta District

1ST OAKVILLE SCOUT GROUP REUNION - 29TH MAY 2011

Jessica Smith PL of Scorpion Patrol, is organising a reunion to help celebrate the Group's 30th year of registration. She would like to make contact with as many past Leaders, Youth Members and Supporters as possible to invite them along to join in the celebrations.

The reunion will commence at 11:00am If you would like to attend please contact Jessica via her Scout Leader, Rose Smith (Panda) on **0418 970 085** or email: rose@winstonexpress.com.au

RSVP 8th May 2011

1ST GRANVILLE SCOUT GROUP CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2011

We are compiling a contact list of past members and supporters to keep everyone updated on the planned celebrations and to ensure they receive an invitation.

Ex-Members of other Granville Groups are also invited to make contact, as we would like to involve all who enjoyed Scouting in the area over the many decades.

Please email: 1stgranvillescouts@gmail.com or bruceroberts12@hotmail.com or sms **0403 547 530** or phone **9681 2478**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

February proved to be a very enjoyable month in respect of Scouting. I had the pleasure to attend the presentation of the Queen's Scout Badge for Harry Provins from 1st Westmead Venturer Unit. Even though it was during the hot spell - the venue at Putney Park provided a nice breeze off the water.

The second event was the presentation of the Scout Medallion to Krishan Ravindradevan from 1st Westmead Scout Troop.

Well done to both of you and a big Bravo on achieving these prestigious awards. Congratulations should go to the Leaders for their excellent support of these young people.

Groups should now be getting ready for their AGM's, arranging for nominations for their Group committees for 2011/2012 and having the books audited. Your AGM pack and new accounts book have been given to your DC's and in the case of Rovers to your RC Rovers.

Please book your AGM with your DC to have a date from beginning of April to 31 May 2011. All AGM's must be completed by the last date as we need to put together information for the Region AGM on Sunday 26 June 2011 (further info will follow).

We will again be running a free Group Committee information session on Sunday 29th May 2011, to assist the position holders at the Groups.

There will also be free citation writing workshop in October to assist with people who wish to nominate others for a Good Service Award. Times and venues for these will be published in the next Bulletin.

It was sad to hear that Andy Walker (Honorary Commissioner) had passed away at the age of 81 years, but it was very pleasing to see such a large attendance of uniformed members at his funeral. Sincere Thanks is extended from Andy's family to all those people who attended the service to farewell an old mate.

I have accepted, with regret, the resignation of Rod Lean District Commissioner Penrith, due to increased pressure at work. Rod has done a tremendous job in the role and we wish him all the best in the future. A new DC will be announced shortly.

I am pleased to announce that Tracey Hansford has accepted the role of District Commissioner for Parramatta District. This appointment is effective immediately.

An update on the Good Service Awards... I have a pile of nominations on my dining room table and am reading each one, correcting bad grammar and spelling and will have these back at the office shortly to now go through the process. Thank you to the people who

took the time to complete and write the 90 nominations and we look forward to seeing the list of recipients on 1st August.

Don't forget to book Bundilla early if you wish to hold an activity there, as available dates are filling up quickly for 2011. We even have bookings coming in for 2012!

Until next time...Carry on Scouting.

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

FROM THE REGION OFFICE

Please note price increases for the following items:

Region badges \$1.50 each
Bundilla badges \$1.50 each
New Leader Kits \$60 each
(Postage extra \$10)



POSITION VACANT

DISTRICT LEADER - VENTURERS

Parramatta/Hills Area

Applications are sought from any suitably qualified Leader for this essential role.

Please contact Aaron Wardle for further information or to express your interest.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturers

Email: venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

There was a very pleasing attendance at **Wandarrah** in February. The Joey Scout Leaders and their mobs are enthusiastic about the new year and we have had four Promise Challenges completed already.

In May the Leaders have the Konara to attend and the theme for that is **Adventure Ho**. GWSR will be providing a Science base (thank you John Leahy) and an Emergency Services base (thank you Frank Barr). I hope to see a lot of our Region's Leaders attending.

The Leaders are hoping to pick up some great ideas for our **Joey Scout Fun Day** which will be held on Sunday 14th August. The theme for the Fun Day will be **Adventure**. We aim to make this an exciting outdoor activity for the Joey Scouts.

The Joey Scout section is considering a major change with five year olds being considered as youth members. This would mean a change to policies, programming etc. It will be our challenge. The National Scouts Association is reviewing the proposal now.

We are all ready to embrace e-learning. once again a big change for Joey Scouts as the outdoor/overnight section is now included in the basic training. This is a welcome change for those wishing to do mob holidays.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

Email: joeyscouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au

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

Kyle Walker - 1st Toongabbie

Bailey Angus - 1st North Rocks

Robert Burrows - 1st Carlingford

Seth Neal - 1st South Penrith



HOP HOP HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

I trust by now, that you are all back in full swing at your packs. Remember that great programming means happy Cub Scouts and lots of friends wanting to join.

The Cook-off events being held at District, Region and State level are an opportunity to develop your sixes. They need to work together as a team and produce a menu and a meal for this event - so have a go at pack level to decide who will represent you at District. Those Leaders that took part in this event in the past had glowing reports on how well their Cub Scouts developed during the process. So have a go!

The theme for this year's Palaver is **The Pagemaster**, so plan to come along and go home with lots of ideas for themed meetings with your Cub Scouts. Dress for dinner on Saturday in your favourite Historical character. Please plan to be there on 4th & 5th June and join in all the fun!

This year it is **Cub Day at the Jamborette** on Sunday 12th June. This is a great opportunity for our Cub Scouts to see what happens when they go up to Scouts, so bring them along and join the excitement.

Some more Dates for your Diary

17 September	Cub Scout Leadership Course
24-25 September	STATE COOK-OFF
29-30 October	Cub Baayna

Have Fun!

Tricia Shaw - RC Cub Scouts

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

Ryan Lummis	1st Ermington
Zachariah Hammond	1st Hazelbrook
Mia Maguire	1st Balcombe Hts
Alexander Hill	1st Carlingford
Anusha Pillai	1st Carlingford
Nathan Bowden	1st Carlingford
Sean Turner	1st Winston Hills
Furqan Chowdhury	1st Toongabbie



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VENTURER REPORT

All Venturers and Leaders, please be aware of the following closing dates that are fast approaching.

If you have questions about any of these events, please contact me, Aaron Wardle (RC Venturer Scouts) on mobile: 0421 076 497 or email me at venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it

All relevant forms and information is available on the Venturer Calendar of the Region website or by accessing the links included below.

There are also some positions still available to attend the NSW Venturer Scout Forum at Bundilla on 1-3 April 2011. This event is being sponsored by the Australian Government to encourage young adults to be in touch with their community. The forum will look for strategies and initiatives that will enhance the Venturer Scout program and improve the resources that are available. Please visit the Region website or contact me for more details.

GWS ROVENTURE

Ingliside Scout Camp \$70
Friday 25 March to Sunday 27 March 2011
Applications due: **11th MARCH 2011**

15TH AUSTRALIAN VENTURE (AV2012)

Quercas Park, Tasmania
Tuesday 3rd January - Saturday 14th January 2012
\$500 deposit (or \$600 if applying for Pre-Tour)
Applications due: **15th MARCH 2011**
NB. Full prices and online registration available at www.wilddayz.com



NSW DRAGON SKIN



Belanglo State Forest
Friday 22 April - Monday 25 April 2011
\$80 (plus \$10 train ticket if required)
Applications due: **15th APRIL 2011**
NB. Online bonus points cease
25th March 2011!
For more information visit www.dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au

GWSR INITIATIVE COURSE

Blue Mountains \$25
Saturday 14th May - Sunday 15th May 2011
Applications due: **29th APRIL 2011**

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturers
Email: venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

On Friday 11th February, I represented the GWS Region at the Court of Honour presentation of the Eagle Scout Award to Benjamin Harper at Castle Hill.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award in the American Scouting system and Benjamin is one of the youngest Scouts ever to be awarded this honour.

Benjamin has been attending 1st Castle Hill Scouts for over a year. It is one of the conditions of being a Lone Scout from America that they attend the local Scout Troop. Benjamin and his father are still members of their troop in the USA.

Benjamin attended the Jamboree at Cataract and also attended the World Jamboree in America last year.

Bravo and well done Benjamin!



Benjamin Harper, his proud father, Daryl Harper and Allan Staples, SL 1st Castle Hill following the Eagle Scout presentation.



Benjamin's Eagle Scout Certificate presented by The Boy Scouts of America

Article and photos courtesy of Kathy Cuneo

ROVER REPORT

Is it just me or have the first two months gone by way too fast already? Either way, this can only mean one thing – AGM time for Rovers. Yes, it's that time of the year where Rovers take on different roles within their Crews, and the time when a new team of Rovers is selected for the Region Rover Council's Executive. So in my final report before we do the handover, there has been a fair bit happening for our Rovers over the past month – awards, television coverage, meetings, meetings and MORE meetings!

BRANCH BALL AWARDS

While the magic of the NSW Branch Ball flowed along, this was also an opportunity for the Branch's Rovers to show their appreciation for the Rover Crews that put in a little extra during the past year. The 2011 Branch Ball Awards were presented as follows:

- ★ **CREW OF THE YEAR**
Wearne Bay Rover Crew - Sth Metropolitan
- ★ **SERVICE CREW OF THE YEAR**
Kings Langley Rover Crew - GWS
- ★ **BEST INTERSTATE PERFORMANCE**
Brush Park Rover Crew - Sydney North
- ★ **CREW THAT GIVES IT A GO**
1st Albury Rover Crew - Riverina
- ★ **MOST ADVENTUROUS CREW**
Epping Rover Crew - Sydney North
- ★ **EVENT OF THE YEAR**
Festival Moot, Razorback Rover Crew - Hume
- ★ **LARGEST ACTIVE CREW**
Kentlyn Rover Crew - Hume
- ★ **SMALLEST ACTIVE CREW**
1st Westmead Rover Crew - GWS

*Congratulations to all the
Rover Crews
on their outstanding
achievements.*



SCOUTING SUNRISE

On the morning of February 11, members of the Kings Langley Rover Crew (in addition to crews from Sydney North Region), participated in an interesting PR event for Scouts Australia in which the weather segment of Channel Seven's *Sunrise* program was presented from the Pennant Hills Training Camp.

To everyone's surprise/delight/whatever-you-prefer, Grant Denyer even donned a khaki uniform and an outrageous wig, while some Scouts gave advice (make

that *somewhat scripted advice*) on what to do and what not to do in Scouts. Rovers were paired up with the Venturers for the 7:30am weather segment.

ROVERING TOWARDS 2020

On February 12, Rovers and RA's from NSW attended a conference which looked at trying to put a new outlook into the Rover Scout section for the remainder of the decade. GWSR was represented at the conference by David Twist RC Rovers and Mel Cahill and Brendan Richards from Kings Langley Rover Crew.

RRC AGM

The Region Rover Council's AGM will be held on the 9th March at Bundilla. A full report next month.

DRAGONSKIN

Applications are still open for Rovers who are wishing to run or take part in an activity base or participate as a staff member at this year's Dragonskin. For more information, please visit <http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

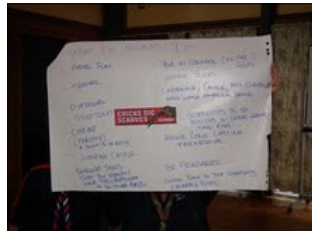
- 26 - 27 March **GWS Roventure** (please contact GWS Rovers for more information)
- 6 April **GWS Region Rover Council**, Bundilla Scout Camp. 7:30pm for 8pm start
- 9 April **NSW Branch Rover Council AGM** (nsw.rovers.com.au)
- 21 - 25 April New Zealand Moot, Rotorua (www.sm69thmoot.com)
- 22 - 25 April Dragon Skin (dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au)
- 7 May Kings Langley Rover Crew's Annual Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner

Brendan Richards - PR/Internet Officer

GWSR Rover Council

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**ROVERING TOWARDS
2020 CONFERENCE**

Photos by Brendan Richards

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

I am settling into the new role now and am certainly impressed with the calibre of experience we have within GWSR and the Adventurous Activities we can provide.

We held our first **Activities Team meeting** for the year, which was a great opportunity to sit down with everyone to look at the year ahead. We are all in agreement, that our main goal is to provide a learning experience for adventurous type activities for our youth members, which is both safe and fun. A big part of my role is to ensure we have the resources needed, be it equipment or man power, to achieve those goals.

A highlight for me this last month was the **State Region Commissioners' Conference**. Yes I know what you are all thinking ... *I really do need to get a life!* However this gave me an opportunity to meet up with my RC Activities counterparts from around the State, many of whom have quite a number of years of experience in their roles. It was a great chance to network ideas and I learned very quickly that most of the challenges we face in GWSR, are the same challenges that other Regions have faced or are facing at present.

A major part of the time spent together was taken up with putting the finishing touches to the new **Scouts NSW Adventurous Activities Policy**. That's basically a fancy way of saying what we can and can't do in regard to adventurous type activities. One of the great things about the new Policy is that it is **state based**; meaning every Region in the State will follow the same rules and regulations. There are certainly a few changes coming, but more of that later, once everything is finalised.

Our Rock Team, lead by Fred Kaltenbacher held a weekend of abseiling, which was a great time for all those who attended. The team finally got their own way by pushing their new RC Activities off a cliff! Fortunately there was a rope attached. I believe the next challenge they have in store for me, is crawling through a hole underground somewhere!

We do have one gap in our Adventurous Activities Team at present. We do not have a **flying fox team**. I did have a number of people approach me late last year indicating an interest in becoming a **Foxer** or helping out where required. I would like to get something happening here, so if you are interested, please send me an email and I will see if we can set up some training. It would be fantastic if we could have the Flying Fox back at the **Jamborette in June**.

In the meantime have adventurous fun and be activity safe.

Mark Fell (DINGO) – RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au

SCOUT CLIMBING WALL - MARK FELL

There has been a bit of confusion as to the use of the Scout owned mobile climbing wall, on community type events; in regard to appropriate dress code. In particular, correct footwear.

While we stipulate appropriate footwear must be worn by Scouts, the same rules are not always applied to the public. This has put some of our Instructors in a difficult position, with pressure placed on them by the organisers to "*just let the kids have a go.*"

The rules we have for Scout members are to be exactly the same as rules that apply to the public using the Climbing Wall.

If approached by a community group to run the Climbing Wall, you need to ensure the organisers are fully aware there are certain requirements which need to be adhered to, in regard to the wearing of appropriate footwear. Whether they provide signs, or even mention it in their advertising flyer of the event, it's up to them!

Our Instructors are all trained up to a high level of expertise, with safety being paramount in that training. As Instructors, they are responsible for the safety of all who use the wall, and have the final say as to whether a person is physically able or appropriately dressed, to participate on the activity or not.

While it is wonderful we are able to showcase what today's Scouting is all about at these community type events, at the same time let's also display our professionalism and commitment to safety.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me.



**Venturers
practise the art
of Prussiking**

Photo: Mark Fell

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Thanks to everyone who helped on the great canyon trip in February.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Courses: 10th May (theory at Bundilla), 14th and 15th May (practical at Bowen Mt. & Yellow Rock). Also 9th August (theory) and 13th and 14th August.

Venturer Abseil Course: 23rd August (theory at Bundilla) and 27th and 28th August (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock)

Rescue (Recovery) course: Sunday 19th June at Bowen Mountain.

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

Scout Caving Badge Course: 9th and 10th April (no experience needed).

Caving Course: 17th May (theory) and 21st and 22nd May at Bungonia (*Abseil qualification needed*)

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

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course: Sunday 26th June at Dargans Creek with a theory night during the week before. Also Sunday 11th September with a theory night during the week before.

The complete year's program is on our web site at:

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

Group Courses can be arranged by contacting Rick.

A1 forms are on the GWS website in the activities calendar section. 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.**

Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator

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Email: rickj15@bigpond.com

1st Wentworthville Scout abseiling at Bowen Mountain on a recent course.

Photo: Bryan Hall



TRAINING TALK

GWS Training Team are running a number of BL3 courses in the coming months to assist those 'new Leaders' on the old system of training (before the introduction of e-learning).

Leaders must have completed a BL1 and BL2 course in order to attend a BL3. Courses will be held at Bundilla (unless otherwise advised) and all applications on an L1 - Training Course Application form, must be sent to Region Office (6 Baden Powell Place, WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153) before the advertised closing date.

BL3 COURSES

(All cost \$85, cheque payable to Scouts Australia)

Joey Scout BL3 Course: 23 - 24 July 2011

Closing date Friday 01 July 2011

Cub Scout BL3 Course: 30 April - 01 May 2011

Closing date Friday 08 April 2011

Scout BL3 Course: 18 - 19 June 2011

Closing date Friday 27 May 2011

Venturer BL3 Course: 18 - 19 June 2011

Closing date Friday 27 May 2011

Rover BL3 Course: 29 April - 01 May 2011

Closing date Friday 08 April 2011

GL/LOA BL3 Course: 22 - 24 July 2011

Closing date Friday 01 July 2011

Activities BL3 Workshop: 23 - 24 July 2011

Closing date Friday 01 July 2011

Anyone wishing to undertake this workshop must have applied to State Office for the Distance Learning Package for BL3 Activity Leader (cost is \$80.00). Participants are to register their attendance with Region Office by 1st July 2011 and also send to Region Office a fee of \$15.00 to cover extra materials/food for the workshop.

If you have any questions regarding these courses please contact;

Adz Mclean - Region Leader AT&D

or

Ann Pounder - Region Commissioner AT&D

training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Remembering Andy Walker

I first met Andy in 1997 when we tried to enthuse Hawkesbury Leaders about JOTA. Andy was keen to pass on his Semaphore and Morse Code skills and together, with a local Radio Operator and a couple of willing Leaders (including Mary and Robin Garrett) we devised training weekends for Radio operation and JOTA base ideas. Sadly, no one else in the District was interested. We even printed and distributed a monthly newsletter to the Leaders expounding how interesting the coming JOTA would be - still no takers.

Over the next few years, as they developed confidence in us, and with the help of custom electronic kits, the local Leaders came on board to produce interesting activities at two sites on the same JOTA weekend in the Hawkesbury District. I feel these JOTA's were unequalled for quality of bases and enthusiasm. Each year, was bigger and better than the preceding, the last few involved Scouts and Leaders from adjoining districts. Great!

Fast forward to 2004. District Leaders and radio operators move on - JOTA wasn't so pressing and I felt we were neglecting the rest of the Region - after all, we were **Region** JOTA Leaders.

I devised a Cub night activity around Magnetics and Electrostatics called **Arcs & Sparks**. We found a couple of Leaders willing to give us a go with their youth, including Brett Tallis at 2nd Castle Hill. I did the *static* Andy the *magnetics*, on two separate tables at opposite ends of the hall. Then we'd swap groups. A couple of games in between and we had the first science night.

I attended Region and District Leaders meetings to sell our activity, and soon we were in demand. Andy had to attend every booked night otherwise the two table circus wouldn't work. Then Karl Humphries joined, and we became the three table circus, and Andy had flexibility to attend to Lodge matters.



Bookings for April - May 2011

Tue 12 Apr	Activity Leaders	Bundilla
Wed 27 Apr	1st Riverstone	Cubs
Mon 2 May	1 st Winston Hills	Joey's then Cubs
Mon 9 May	1/2 Blacktown	Cubs then Scouts <i>Light night</i>
Sat 14 May	Joey Konara	Joey Leaders
Tue 17 May	1 st Kings Langley	?
Mon 23 May	1st Oakville	Joey's then Cubs
Mon 30 May	South Penrith	?

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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'I Helped Other People'

In January 2011, Queensland faced the worst floods in the last 50 years this was closely followed by the destructive effects of cyclone Yasi. Vital infrastructure has been destroyed as well as homes, friends and families.

How can I help?

Draco Scouting Fellowship is releasing a new camp blanket badge, the "I Helped Other People" badge. Funds from every badge sold will be donated to the Scouts Queensland Natural disaster Fund and will go towards rebuilding scouts groups, their friends and families which have been affected by the floods, through either loss of equipment, property or members.

What does it mean?

The badge is based on one of the most important parts of the Scout Promise "...to help other people..." and the yellow ribbon around the scout sign represents hope in the face of adversity. The name of the badge "I Helped Other People" reminds us of the promise that every scouter in Australia and around the world has made to help other people.

How much do they cost?

The badges will cost \$3 each, and \$2 from every badge sold will go towards the Scouts Queensland Natural Disaster Fund.

How do I order my badges?

Just email dracofellowship@yahoo.com.au with your order and address and we will advise you on best payment method and on payment, send them out to you. Draco Scout Fellowship will be covering the cost of postage. You can order one for yourself or one for every member of your group.

Actual size+ about 6cm x 7cm





WIN \$250 for your SCOUT GROUP

It's easy – Just play in the Super 8's Kanga Cricket Tournament
Australian Scout Medallion Project

3rd April 2011

BREAKAWAY RESERVES 1 & 2, FREEMANS REACH

8:30am to 4:00pm

WHAT IS KANGA CRICKET? Kanga cricket is modified cricket - almost like beach cricket.

WHO CAN PLAY? First ten teams to register from GWSR Scout Groups. A team consists of **9 players (8+1 reserve)** minimum 5 Scouts plus 4 non-scout friends of scout age or 10 year old Cubs (max 2). Boys/girls Plus **two adult helpers (scorer and umpire)**. Scout Groups may combine if they wish to. Contact Matt if you don't have an umpire.

REGISTRATION: An A1 form and payment must be returned by each team member to your Scout Leader. A **team registration form** must be completed and returned with the team fee of \$90 (\$10 per player) to 1st Oakville Scout Secretary. **Registrations due ASAP, please ring to confirm interest by 21st March.**

ATTIRE: All teams to be dressed in pink. Trophy Prize for the best dressed team. We'd like to see spectators in pink too if possible!

WINNING TEAM WINS \$250 for their SCOUT GROUP

Your participation fee will be used to support the Breast Cancer Research Unit.

Please contact **Matthew Anderson** via Oakville Secretary, Helen Anderson for further details;

Email: Helen.la@bigpond.net.au **Mobile** 0438 265 691 **Home** 9626 5691 or contact

Spanner (Scout Leader) 4577 5726

Please come and support my Australian Scout Medallion Project

Matt Anderson - 1st Oakville Scout Troop



Holroyd District 2011 Founders Day Camp at Upper Colo. It was so hot at camp 36° +++ so we spent a lot of time in the river, even for Scouts Own !!

**Photo: Julie Overton
CSL 1st Greystanes**

1ST GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP SCOOP THE POOL!

What a fantastic effort by all 1st Greystanes Cubs, Scouts and Leaders at the Holroyd District Swimming Carnival held on Friday 4th March 2011. **Archie Fowler** was awarded the Holroyd District **Ten Year Old Cub trophy** for a fantastic effort in every race. Our **Cubs** received the **Roma Dowling Cub Trophy** for the **Best Cub Pack**. This was because all our Cub Scouts entered every race they could, to get points, no matter where they came. Then with the help of our fantastic Scouts and our three Cub Scout Leaders, we were presented with the overall Group trophy. It was a great team effort and a night to remember!

Julie Overton (Kim) CSL 1st Greystanes Cubs



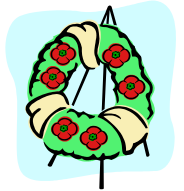
Winners are Grinner!

Congratulations

1st Greystanes

The Salute by Veterans at the Cenotaph or Wreath Laying Ceremony (Remembrance Service)

It will be noticed at any Remembrance Service or when passing a Cenotaph, Veterans will place their right hand over their *left side*. Many believe that they are placing their 'Hand over their Heart' in Respect or Remembrance of their Fallen Comrades - this is not so.



The Veteran's Salute to their *Fallen Comrades* originated in London on Armistice Day in 1920.

During the ceremony to unveil and dedicate the Cenotaph in Whitehall, a funeral procession accompanying the remains of the *Unknown Soldier* halted at the Cenotaph, before proceeding to Westminster Abbey for internment. Those present included the senior Soldier, Sailor and many Victoria Cross winners.

The ceremony was to conclude with a march past. The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Guard Regiment, who was conducting the ceremony, when faced with a gathering of highly decorated and high ranking military men (including many Victoria Cross winners) all wearing rows of medals, decreed that all would salute the Cenotaph as they marched past, by placing their hand over their medals, signifying that "**No matter what honours we may have been awarded, they are nothing compared with the honour due to those who paid the supreme sacrifice**".

Courtesy of 'Tricia Shaw RC Cub Scouts

1ST AID COURSE (Snr)

North Mt DrUITT Rover Crew

8.30am to 4.30pm Sunday 10th April 2011

North Mt DrUITT Scout Hall, Andover Crescent, Hebersham

Course cost: \$80 pp

Closing Date Wednesday 23rd March 2011 @ 5pm

Please contact course Leader, Charlie (Jock) McLean on 9835 1015 or 0415 095 101 to obtain an A1.

Suitable for any interested Scouts/Guides (14 this year), Venturers
Rovers (especially those going to Dragon Skin) and Leaders.





SCOUTS AUSTRALIA LOGO DESIGN AND DESIGNER

Scouts Australia Corporate Identity Manual

(Updated 30 July 2007)

The Design

The design commission was given to Mr John Coburn, who created the image for the Association, which retains the essential aspect of the north point or fleur-de-lys, whilst at the same time giving it a refreshing modern approach and placing it contextually in the southern hemisphere and strongly featuring the five stars of the Southern Cross.

The Symbolism

The three elements of the north point project several images - the three elements of the Scout Promise, the Scout salute and stylised eucalyptus leaves – quintessentially Australian. The central vertical component represents strength, purpose of youth, growing, aspiring. The super imposition of the Southern Cross represents the infinite universe and the wonder and inspiration of the natural world seen by a Scout sleeping under the stars. The composite natural features – eucalyptus leaves, the heavens, growth and vigour, depict Australian Scouting as it is – natural, healthy, outdoors, unfettered but with direction, goal seeking, free, uninhibited, focused and positive.

The Artist

John Coburn's paintings are hung in the National Gallery in Canberra, all State Galleries, the Vatican Museum in Rome and the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington DC. He designed tapestries for the Aubusson workshops and his works, the *Curtain of the Moon* and the *Curtain of the Sun* hang in the Sydney Opera House. He taught at the National Art School from 1959 to 1968 and was Head of the School from 1972 to 1974. He won the Blake Prize for Religious Art in 1960.

The Logo

The name Scouts Australia is incorporated as part of the design, which has been registered with the Australian Patent and Trademarks Office. The logo was designed to take the Association well into the 21st Century. The Scouting Movement in Australia is known as SCOUTS AUSTRALIA. The formal name The Scout Association of Australia remains for legal purposes.

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