



# The Bulletin

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## 2011 CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW 42<sup>nd</sup> SEASON

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Riverside Theatre, Parramatta

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

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

This year promises to be simply spectacular, full of excitement and fun as we get set to **Be Unleashed**. The cast and crew are set to "unleash the power within, the will to achieve and the joy of self belief," as they come together to create this year's show, our 42<sup>nd</sup> Cumberland Gang Show.

Come along on a journey as we take a **Getaway** to Hawaii, take learning to a **Literal Level**, dance the flamenco with the **Senoritas of Seville** and ask the age-old question **Why, Why, Why Delilah?** We will have you dancing in the aisles, singing along to the tunes of **Elton John** in our **Crocodile Rock** tribute medley and you'll be laughing as we parody the weekend trip to the **Hardware Store!**

Book now for the **early bird rates** from \$22.50 to \$25.50 for Adults and from \$13.50 to \$16.50 for Children and Pensioners. There is also a HUGE 20% discount for groups of 20 or more and a family priced ticket, provided you book before 18th June, 2011.

You can book by contacting Lyall Wood 9636 2731 before 18th June or on the web at [www.gangshow.asn.au](http://www.gangshow.asn.au) After the 18th June, you can still obtain great tickets through the Riverside Theatre on 8839 3399. This year we are having an 11am and a 3pm matinee on both Saturdays.

*Make it a fun outing with your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit, Crew,  
Group, Family and Friends.  
We look forward to playing to a packed house for every show!*



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## ***FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER***

I was in Bundanoon recently and attended the Scottish Festival and was interested to see the participation of the local Scout Groups who took the opportunity to be involved in the festival for their annual fundraising. They had a food stall set up which was very popular in the morning selling bacon and egg rolls for breakfast and sausage sandwiches for lunch. The Venturers assisted in running the activities and I understand that the profits from the day were split amongst the community groups who assisted. Well done for the promotion work done by the Scout Groups concerned.

It is with pleasure that I can announce the appointment of Tracey Hansford as the District Commissioner for the Parramatta District. I am thrilled with the appointment and look forward to working closely with Tracey.

Also I attended a rehearsal of Cumberland Gang Show a few weeks ago and had the opportunity to talk to the cast members and heard their singing session. Absolutely divine! Don't forget to order your tickets to the show which is on at the Parramatta Riverside Theatres in July. Contact Lyall Wood 9636 2731 for ticket orders.

I have written to Oscar Sheppard of 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit on behalf of Region expressing our congratulations on the approval of his Queen's Scout Award. A big BRAVO Oscar on this fine achievement and congratulations to the Leaders and other members of the Unit who helped him complete the challenges for this award.

Just a reminder that Groups should be getting ready for their AGM's to be held during the months of April and May. Please make sure your books have been audited and that the cheques are ready for the Region Representative who will be there.

I was in Canberra a few weeks ago and unexpectedly ran into the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Reg Williams, and a former Chief Commissioner for NSW, Graham Fordham. Both were interested to hear how our numbers of Leaders and youth members were increasing and they asked me to pass on their regards to the Leaders in GWSR.

A special thanks to Kim and Maggi for their tremendous effort to get the Good Service Award nominations entered onto the system and off to State Office on time. We have received over 90 nominations but unfortunately some were rather poorly put together. We have decided that we will be conducting a citation writing workshop in October or November and would suggest that anyone who wishes to nominate someone next year attends. Due to the number of nominations received this year, the Region

Executive have asked Groups to pay \$ 20.00 towards the cost for the Awards Dinner to be held in October. Region will pay the remaining \$ 20.00.

Until next time...carry on Scouting.

**Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner**

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**Having fun at the recent Cub Scout Leadership course**

**Photos - Matt Thompson**



## CUB SCOUT NOTES

Wow! Where did all those Cub Scouts come from! It was great to see the response to our March Cub Scout Leadership Course, with over 70 applications it was necessary to run a dual course. Thank you to all those Leaders who came with their District Leader Cub Scouts to assist with our large numbers.

I hope all packs are busy cooking up a storm preparing for your District Cook Off events. I am eagerly awaiting our Region Cook Off on 28<sup>th</sup> August, when I am able to taste all your culinary delights, and see how well you all work together.

Calling all Leaders and Youth Helpers working with a Cub Pack - put 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June on your calendar and join *'The Pagemaster'* as we explore the library and take home lots of great ideas to use with your Cub Pack. See your District Leader Cub Scouts if you have not received your invitation yet.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, is Cub Day at the Jamborette. Bring your Cub Scouts along so that they may experience the excitement of this camp and prepare them for their adventure in the scout section.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION re GREY WOLF AWARD

A Grey Wolf Award Commencement Form has been introduced and is in place immediately - any Grey Wolf Awards in progress, will need to have this form filled in now. The form will need to be given to your District Leader Cub Scouts. If you have any questions your DLCS will be only too happy to help you.

### Other Dates for your 2011 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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Tricia Shaw and some of the Cubs at the recent course at Bundilla



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

Joshua Rec	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
Thomas Hrast	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
Melanie Hrast	1 <sup>st</sup> North Rocks
Lucas Caine	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Merrylands
Nicholas Hose	1 <sup>st</sup> Rydalmere
David Sirianni	1 <sup>st</sup> Dural
Kiara Garske	1 <sup>st</sup> St Marys

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**Pam Garske, Peter Stieme and Steve Shaw (Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship) volunteered to cook for the recent CS Leadership course!**

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## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

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Hi everyone. Most of my comments are based on the Jamborette in June. Hopefully we are working on our plans to improve our desirable standards. We also need to make sure we are promoting the Patrol System as there are too many cases in Troops where the Patrol system is not working like it should.

Your District Leaders/Reps have a copy of the new Patrol System DVD and hopefully have already presented it in your District Mindari. If you have not had the chance to see it and have a discussion on the Patrol System, please raise it in your next Mindari.

By the time you read this we hope to have the Jamborette applications out to everyone. The theme for the Jamborette this year is '**Cartoon Capers**' a title based on the Region Scout Youth Council (RSYC) vote on a Disney/Nickelodeon theme. The badge design should have also been decided by the time you read this as well.

We hope that this year the number of activity bases will increase a little, to provide a good variety for the Scouts to choose from. We still do not have a confirmation as to whether we will have the Flying Fox as part of the Jamborette or not, as we do not have a fully functioning Fox Team, so we are trying to import one from another Region!

We do ask that Leaders organising the activities keep in mind safety and provide details of their activity to this year's activity co-ordinator, Ross Howlett in Blacktown District. No activity is so secret that the Region team can't scrutinise it to make sure we do not have duplicate activities and have an advance awareness of any safety issues.

At this stage we plan on keeping the cost the same as last year, but we have not yet had National Parks provide us the camping fees and other infrastructure costs. However by the time you read this, it should already be finalised. The **early bird date** is on again at **\$5 off per person** for those registrations received in the Region office by the close of business on the **13<sup>th</sup> May**. **The final closing date for Scouts, Rovers and Leaders is close of business on the 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Note this is a Friday. **Venturers the final closing date is 20<sup>th</sup> May**.

Please plan early to get your A1's from your Scouts, Leaders etc and the group cheque with enough time to get them into the Region Office. Do not leave it to the last minute just in case something happens and your designated Leader cannot get it in or we have a snap postal strike! It is compulsory that everyone attending be registered members of the Association and that we have a completed, signed A1 form for everyone in attendance.

We do have a concern with the number of vehicles that we have on site each year and ask that you please pool vehicles to reduce the number of vehicles on site.

We also have Cub Scout day this year, so there will be an increase in the number of vehicles and kids on site on Sunday. Vehicle movement must be kept to a minimum for obvious safety reasons. We are also looking at space requirements and having all vehicles park in the designated car parks or along the top fence like we used to have in previous Jamborettes. We are hoping that the rock pile that has been at the top will be gone to allow room for the Venturers camping in that area.

This year we are going to add something different. An **Adventurer level Construction and Environment activity**. We have had a couple of expressions of interest from Scouts to do these activities but there hasn't been the opportunity to do them previously. There will be two separate activities: 1. Environment (being run hopefully by National Parks) and based on something out of the World Scout Environment Badge. (We have yet to see the details). 2. The Construction activity will be based on the construction of two items as per the requirements. We want youth members to let us know well in advance of their desire to participate in these activities so they can start work on them before the Jamborette. The construction requires some planning which we hope to have done before the event. The Environment of course requires a lot of additional work on the badge and hopefully the Jamborette weekend will knock over the major project part of the award.

For the Scouts who participate in either of these activities, we will waive the requirement to do at least 14 bases for the Jamborette Award.

Yours in Scouting

**Robin Garrett - RC Scouts**

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### OPENING HOURS

Mon. Tue. Wed: 9am - 4.30pm  
Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm  
Friday: 9am - 4.30pm  
Saturday: 9am - 12pm

## VENTURER REPORT

The closing date for Venture Applications has now been reached and GWSR has a total of 44 Venturers, 1 Rover and 5 Leaders registered to attend. There were many more applications logged onto the website, however these have not been completed, nor deposits received. There may be some places still available in the Contingent and so if you are among these people yet to submit your application, please do so urgently to avoid disappointment. The first Contingent Bulletin should be distributed within the coming weeks.



If you have any questions about Venture please visit the FAQ on the Region website or send me an email.

Dragon Skin applications remain open until 15 April 2011. I am hopeful that every unit will be in attendance this year. The event will be held at Belanglo State Forest and may be very cold and wet, so make sure you pack accordingly. There are sample menus and information on what gear to pack on the Dragon Skin website.



Many Cub Packs and Scout Troops across the Region are currently looking for Youth Helpers to provide assistance with their program at weekly meetings. Working as a **Youth Helper** is enjoyable and rewarding experience. It will also allow you to complete your Queen's Scout Service Badge. Any Venturer interested in helping out should speak with their Group Leader.

Congratulations to Oscar Sheppard of 2nd Baulkham Hills on having his Queen's Scout Award approved.

**Aaron Wardle - RC Venturers**

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Some edible craft at CS Leadership Course  
Caroline Watts CSL – 1st Oakville lends a helping hand



## 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](mailto:venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

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## ROVER REPORT

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### RRC AGM

Elections were held for the new **Executive**. I would like to thank the outgoing executive for their hard work and dedication over the last twelve months and congratulate the new executive who have taken on this important responsibility and wish them well in their endeavours in the coming year.

#### 2011/12 Office Bearers

<b>Chairman</b>	Liana Sedgers
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Jodie Richards
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Lang
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephanie Mead
<b>PR &amp; Internet Officer</b>	Luke Saunders
<b>Region Commissioner Rovers</b>	David Twist
<b>Training Officer</b>	Michael Hudson
<b>Venturer Liaison Officer</b>	Ashton Lout
<b>Activities &amp; Services Officer</b>	Greg Anderson
<b>NSW YACS Delegates</b>	Libby Morey Jonathan Morey
<b>BRC Delegates</b>	Adele Lockman Mel Cahill Andrew Thompson Libby Morey

The complete minutes can be found at:

<http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/minutes>

**The next RRC meeting is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2011.**

### PUBLICITY

On the 11th February 2011, members of the Kings Langley Rover Crew participated in a publicity event promoted on the Seven Network's morning breakfast program **Sunrise**. Numbers in Rovers have plateaued over recent years, so hopefully the efforts of Kings Langley will pay off and result in increased membership within Rovers.

### DRAGON SKIN 2011 – GET A JOB!

Preparations for this year's Dragon Skin are well under way and Rover Crews within GWSR are hard at work developing their bases. Due to ANZAC Day falling on the Monday of the Easter Long Weekend, an ANZAC Day Service will be held at each VOC at the Dragon Skin Site for those that wish to attend.

Dragon Skin is the Premier event for venturers in NSW and is held every year over the Easter long weekend. This year, Dragon Skin is being held at Belanglo State Forest. To find out more about this year's Dragon Skin visit; <http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au/>



### ROVERING TOWARDS 2020 SURVEY

The Roving Towards 2020 team have put together a survey and would love to have as many Rovers complete it as possible. So what are you waiting for?

**Do the Roving Towards 2020 survey now!**

Please promote this repeatedly to every Rover you know. **Your feedback will shape the Rover section for the next 10 years.**

The survey will be available until 21 April 2010 so don't miss the opportunity. You can find the survey at: <http://enews.nsw.scouts.com.au/link.php?M=11804&N=39&L=78&F=H>

**Luke Saunders - PR/Internet Officer**

**GWSR Rover Council**

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## *Baden Powell Award*



*Congratulations and best wishes to*

**Krissie Bredin**

**2nd Baulkham Hills**

**Rover Crew**

*who recently received her hard earned  
and most well deserved BP Award*

**BR AVO - Well Done**

## PARENT ROLE IN SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

- ★ Checking the provided Activity form (A1) and making sure you know the location and where and when to deliver and pick up your youth member.  
**Keep your section of the A1.**
- ★ Checking to see when transport is needed and providing it.
- ★ Liaising with the Leaders so that you are aware of the complete details of the activity.
- ★ Placing all notes and monies in an envelope marked with the member's name, section, what the money is for and the amount enclosed.
- ★ Being prompt to drop them off and pick them up on activities and week nights and making sure there are Leaders present. **Late drop-off means a late finish!**
- ★ Our Group welcomes assistance with all activities. It is impossible for Leaders to run these on their own. Please do not hesitate to offer your assistance. The more help, the better everyone can enjoy the experience.
- ★ Leaders also appreciate assistance in unloading, cleaning up and packing up after events, particularly camps.
- ★ Parents can also encourage young people with badgework. Ask your Leaders how best to do this.
- ★ Our Leaders are all volunteers who give up a lot of their time and resources for your young people.
- ★ Please respect this.

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and published with their kind permission.**

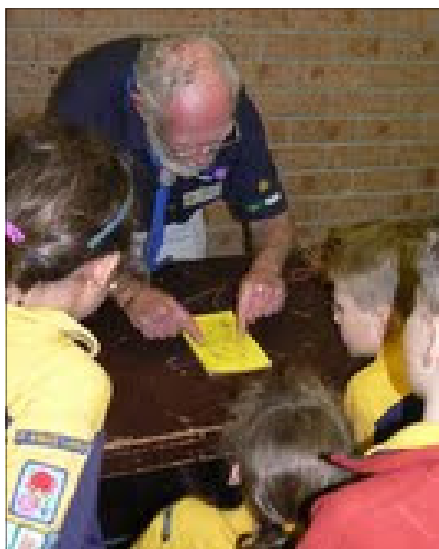
### Remembering Andy Walker - 2

As I developed the Science activities, I based them around the 2 or 3 table concept that Andy and Col Stevenson used before me. This allowed us to individually work with 6 or 7 youth at the same time which was more productive. On the Arcs & Sparks night, Andy did the magnets and magnetic field table which he demonstrated ably.

It was sometimes difficult to get him to finish talking so we could rotate the groups, but he was always good natured about it and never grumbled about the tasks he was asked to do. We often spoke about improvements to the science nights, and he would buy or make new equipment to demonstrate to the Scouts.

He expressed interest in sending voice or music over a Laser beam, but he didn't have the expertise to put it together. I made up a couple of boxes with a microphone and laser pointer attached to one, and an amplifier and speaker in the other. We spent an interesting evening weaving up and down the street outside his home, setting up the tripod and aiming the beam to Andy standing in his front garden. As in the first telephone conversation by Alexander Graham Bell, I would say "can you hear me Andy" and if he could he would wave a torch. I think I got about a block away before bushes and poles in the street made line of sight impossible.

Andy was pretty impressed with this set up and made up a strong frame of aluminium angle that would fit in his car but fold out to about two meters and still maintain alignment between the laser pointer and the photo transistor. He also adapted it to show transmission by fibre optic cable, and would demonstrate it during our Light night program, when ever he could.



### RECENT NIGHTS

We had our first night with **Riverstone Venturers** in February. A cool program for a warm night - Liquid Nitrogen. All the usual demos; frozen food, driving a blue tack nail into polystyrene, breaking things, instant ice crème. I thought it would be instructive to let a Venturer stir the LN2 into the crème. Result, freeze dried (solid) ice crème. A difficult ask because you have to judge the consistency of the mixture under the mist, as well as not getting LN2 in you lap. We had to wait 15 mins for it to thaw out.

In March we revisited **Whalan Cubs & Scouts** for a Chemistry night. Started outside under the external light and everything was going fine until "Sir can we go inside.... I'm getting wet." This is the first time it has rained on our Chem night, which we do outside because of the smoke and flames generated. So inside we went, where they insisted we carry on, so I set up near an open door. It didn't help of cause and by the end of the night we couldn't see from on end of the hall to the other!



#### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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## TRAINING TALK

### INTRODUCTORY INTERVIEWS

Well the first of the new interviews has now occurred with quite a few new leaders being signed up for e-learning. Very shortly they will be logged on and begin their training. A reminder that kits are now \$60 and available from GWS Region Office.

As paperwork needs to be gone through before the interview night on the first Thursday of the month, it is important that Groups allow enough time to get kits to their Leaders and bring on the night.

Handbooks will given to the new leaders, after the paperwork process is completed.

### COURSES

Please note that the courses for the BL3's being run in our Region will not begin Friday night. Instead the course will begin early on the Saturday morning and they are non-residential. All dates and forms are available on the GWSR website.

Enquiries re courses can now be made on the following email address [courses@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:courses@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Hopefully this will speed up our response time to any questions you may have.

### FUTURE EVENTS

We are also looking at running a BL2 in August, as many trainee leaders have encountered problems with cancelled courses. This will enable trainee leaders doing Distance Learning a chance to finish off as well as leaders to finish on the old system as well.

After a very successful workshop last year with The new Group Committee members we will again offer this workshop around the 28<sup>th</sup> May after the completion of Group AGM's.

We are also looking at conducting a citation writing workshop in either October or November.

The PLA course held recently saw 16 Leaders attend an informative course. This course helped Leaders understand the role of the PLA and how the e-learning training will impact on PLA's.

### PLA Meeting

The 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month will be the regular meeting for PLA's. It is really important that all PLA's attend these meetings, to obtain up to date information. All PLA's need to submit an Adult Development Plan and return the questionnaire that was distributed by the Training Team.

### OF CONCERN TO US

We have a number of Leaders completing Basic and Advanced Training on the pre e-learning system but our numbers are way down on paperwork for this at the moment.

If you are someone completing training could you please send me an email or call to let Training know how you are going.

We do catch up with many people on a regular basis but there are always some we miss, which is most unfortunate. Please keep in touch with your PLA, they are there for you.

**Ann Pounder - Region Commissioner AT&D**  
[training@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



*Congratulations to the following  
Leaders who have earned their  
Wood Badges*

**ADAM MCLEAN**

RL AT&D

**LOA WOOD BADGE**

and

**STACEY KEMPTON**

DLS HILLS SOUTH

**SCOUT WOODBADGE**

*Bravo - Well done!*



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## TRAINING COURSES

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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)

<b>Joey Scout BL3 Course:</b>	23 - 24 July 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	Friday 01 July 2011
<b>Cub Scout BL3 Course:</b>	30 April - 01 May 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	Friday 08 April 2011
<b>Scout BL3 Course:</b>	18 - 19 June 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	Friday 27 May 2011
<b>Venturer BL3 Course:</b>	18 - 19 June 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	Friday 27 May 2011
<b>Rover BL3 Course:</b>	29 April - 01 May 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	Friday 08 April 2011
<b>GL/LOA BL3 Course:</b>	22 - 24 July 2011
<b>Closing date</b>	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](mailto:training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

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## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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Our new gear has now been marked and logged – thanks to Region for fixing up our equipment problem.

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Abseil Courses:** 10th May (theory at Bundilla) and 14th and 15th May (practical at Bowen Mt. and 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 Course:** 17th May (theory) and 21st and 22nd May at Bungonia (Abseil qualification needed)

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** Sunday 18th September (practical), with a theory night during 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](http://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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Scouts  
abseiling at  
Bowen  
Mountain  
on a recent  
course

## **REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM**

Over this last month it has certainly been a great encouragement to see such wide variety of activities being carried out throughout the Region. There have been bike hikes, numerous camps, (one with a Greek Mythology Theme) and even a Swimming Carnival. People come to me saying it is difficult to find a free weekend - my answer...*"What a great problem we have!"*

One of the advantages of my role is that I receive many Activity Notification (A1) Forms for these activities, so I do get a good handle on what is happening. There does, however, still appear to be a fair degree of confusion regarding that A1 Form.

Can I encourage everyone to have a look at the Leader Support Guide 29 (LSG29) which provides a detailed explanation on the reasons for the A1 Form and how to correctly fill it out. Go to Scouts NSW Website, click on leaders, then Leader Support Guides.

Aaron Wardle, our RC Venturers, has also put out a one page guide on completing the A1. I am here to help, so please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions relating to the A1 forms or a particular activity.

A number of Groups within the Region had an enjoyable weekend at the Sirius Cup, at Balmoral Beach. Organised by Sydney North Region, this annual activity focuses on water activities with various canoeing and sailing events, including an iron man event on the Sunday.

While on water activities there has been some confusion in regard to type of PFD's Scouts can or can't use. For all water activities canoeing, sailing etc, on enclosed waters Type 2 and Type 3 PFD's are all quite acceptable. Though not as common in Scouting, Type 1

PFD's can also be used. These have a buoyancy collar as well, but do restrict movement like paddling etc.)

Inflatable type PFD's (Including self inflating) must not be used on Scouting activities. Of course all participants must wear suitably enclosed footwear at all times, whilst on boating activities with Scouts. River shoes, available at most sports shops, are ideal. Crocs are not suitable, as they can easily come off, especially in mud.

Maybe not for the winter months, but something to think about for next summer. Region has acquired about 20 silicone face masks which can be used on a swimming or even a snorkelling activity (still need to work on getting some snorkels)! ....And for those already asking, spear fishing, whilst lots of fun, I do not believe it is a recognised Scouting activity. ....*at this stage.*

In the meantime have adventurous fun and be activity safe.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) – RC Activities**

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*Scouts enjoying  
the sun and  
water at the  
Sirius Cup*

*Photo: Mark Fell*



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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](mailto: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



# JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

## FUNDRAISING BADGE

Hume Region has instigated a special Camp Shirt/Blanket Badge, to raise funds to go to Scouts Japan, to help our fellow Scouts affected by the Earthquake and ensuing Tsunami.

All profits from the sale of badges will go to Scouts Japan and a cheque will be presented to the International Commissioner at the Hume Region Cub Fun Day on 19th June 2011.

**The Badge retails for \$5.00 (which includes GST and Postage)**

### ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS TO:

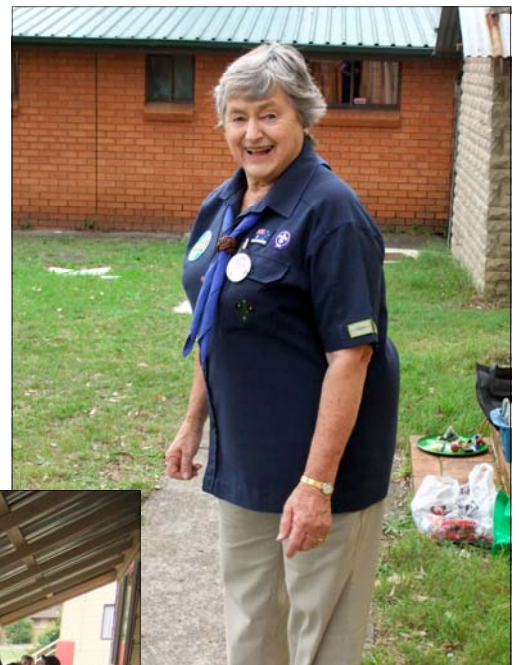
Scouts Australia  
Hume Region Japanese Appeal  
PO Box 1153  
Campbelltown NSW 2560.



*Please support our fundraiser by ordering your badge today, thank you!*



Cub Scouts learning to hoist and break the Australian Flag with Bluto aka Andy Jenkinson DLCS Hills South



Shirley Robinson Region Advisor stops for a quick chat and photo before getting ready to do more fun activities with the Cubs



**1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:1stgranvillescouts@gmail.com) or [brucerobersts12@hotmail.com](mailto:brucerobersts12@hotmail.com) or sms **0403 547 530** or phone **9681 2478**

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**1<sup>ST</sup> OAKVILLE SCOUT GROUP  
REUNION**

**29<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:rose@winstonexpress.com.au)

**RSVP 8th May 2011**