



The Bulletin

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A SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTING EVENT....

AGOONORETTE

KUM-BA-YAH GUIDE CAMP, MT. KEIRA

FRIDAY 26 to SUNDAY 28 AUGUST, 2011

An Agoonoree is a camp for all Scouts and Guides, especially for those with Special Needs. An Agoonorette is a mini-Agoonoree.

This event:

- ★ is open to any Scouts/Guides, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Commissioners, Fellowship members, parents and carers.
- ★ will include a day outing to the Wollongong Science Centre on Saturday 27 August. Visitors (including Joeys and Cubs) are welcome to attend this outing as a stand-alone activity.
- ★ will have indoor accommodation.
- ★ is being held during the nation Scouts in Action – Disability Awareness Week
- ★ will cost about \$60 for full-time participants
- ★ will be GREAT FUN !!

If you have any queries or if you wish to register your interest and receive the appropriate A1 Activity/ Application Form, please contact:

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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, NSW

GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION'S

64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2011

Commences 2.30pm

RSVP due 15th June 2011

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 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.

Badges are \$5 each which includes GST and postage. ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS TO:

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



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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I had the pleasure to attend the 30th Anniversary celebrations for 1st Oakville Group and had a wonderful time. The attendance was good with around 100 people including four local politicians mixing and mingling with a cross section of past and present members of the group. The day was organised by Jessica Smith as part of her Scout Medallion and a BIG BRAVO for a fantastic effort by Jessica and the members who helped her.

Our Region AGM will be held at Bundilla on Sunday 26 June 2011 at 2.30pm. Your invitation appears in this issue of The Bulletin. Please attend and show your support of our Region and we will even have afternoon tea for those who attend.

Again this year we held an information day for members of the group committees and a special thanks to Ann Pounder and her team for organising and running this successful forum.

A reminder that Cumberland Gang Show is on at the Parramatta Riverside Theatres in the July School holidays and as usual will be great entertainment for all the family. Have you got your tickets... I have mine. My wife and myself are going on Red Scarf Night (Tuesday). For tickets contact the Parramatta Riverside Theatres box office.

We have recently found termite damage to one of the properties being administered by Region and I suggest that all groups have their hall inspected to make sure it is not being eaten out from under them. Also another of our properties was broken into and the electric wiring stolen (we presume for the copper) and the hand basins and shower heads were ripped from the walls and stolen. Obviously someone was renovating their home and needed the fittings more than we did. We have now installed security which should stop the break-ins at these premises.

A special thank you to the Leaders who sent their condolences and best wishes to Joy and myself on the recent passing of my father in law. Your thoughts were appreciated during the difficult time.

I have had the pleasure of again meeting many nice people during the AGM visits and look forward to working with those on group committees this year

Until next time.....Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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We are holding our super hero craft - constructed at the last minute - because someone forget the table decorations!

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

At present our Joey Scouts are still hopping along very nicely with membership at 230. This month I am presenting three Promise Challenge badges.

On the weekend 130 Joey Scout Leaders (25 from GWSR) came from every Region in the State to Konara **Adventure Ho**. There were many varied and exciting bases which re-enthused the Leaders present. A lot of preparation went into making this a memorable event.



Our Region supplied two bases. A big Hop Hop Hop to John Leahy and Dean Maddock for running a science base and showing different activities for the Joey Scouts.

A big thank you to Valerie Lockman for organising the Mt Druitt SES to visit as part of the emergency base. We suggested activities that could be done, using resources from various websites that would complement a visit by the SES, Rural Fire, Police and Ambulance. The main focus for most of the emergency services for that age group was getting the children to be able to clearly state their name and address if they call 000.

The Joey Scout section is now starting to plan their Fun Day on 14th August at Bundilla. I plan for each district to run an adventure base. Some districts have more mobs than others so I may have to ask for help from the other sections for the districts that only have one mob (Holroyd, Hawkesbury).

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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



Rocco Pugliese - 1st Carlingford

Tristan Bollard - 1st Balcombe Heights

Macy Chan - 1st Kings Langley

HOP HOP HOP



CUB SCOUT NOTES

It was disappointing that so few leaders took the opportunity to attend Palaver. I am sure those Leaders who did attend would agree that they were rewarded with a weekend of FUN and FRIENDSHIP. It was a great chance to share ideas and go home with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas to try at your pack programmes.

Cub Day at the Jamborette will be over by the time you read this - report next month.

It will soon be time for the Region Cook-Off; I am looking forward to trying out all your wonderful recipes. I know this event makes a great deal of work for the Pack Leaders as they prepare the cubs for this event, but you will be rewarded as your six grows and develops during the process. Give it a go, we may have a future Masterchef in our midst and even if we don't the cubs will have had a great experience along the way.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR 2011 DIARY

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| 28th August | REGION COOK-OFF |
| 17th September | Cub Scout Leadership Course |
| 24th - 25th September | STATE COOK-OFF |
| 29th - 30th October | Cub Baayna |

Have Fun!

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*Tricia Shaw - The Pagemaster
and Shirley Robinson - Mr Dewey*



The Palaver Team

Congratulations to Cub Scout

Stephanie Nelson
1st Murray Farm

who has earned her Grey Wolf Award

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*Chris Casley
and
Melissa Clarke
Palaver's
Mad
Scientists!*



The Palaver Cooking Team

VENTURER REPORT

Adam Wheat of 1st Hazelbrook coordinated our Region Initiative Course last month - 22 participants successfully completed the course. The weekend was very successful and I would like to extend my appreciation to Adam for coordinating the entire event.

The Mawson Scholarship in Leadership is a new national training program for Venturer Scouts aged 15 to 18 years. The course will be conducted at Bay Park, Victoria from Monday 3 October to Friday 7 October 2011. 30 participants will be selected to attend the course from around Australia. Each participant should have completed the Venturer Scout Leadership Course (or similar) prior to attending the course. Participants should also hold a current leadership role or have recent leadership experience. Applications have opened recently and will close on June 30. More information and a link to the application form is available from the Region website.

There were 139 Venturers in attendance at the Region Jamborette. Managing over a dozen activity bases and supporting the Region Activity Teams, Venturers were actively involved with the Scouts throughout the entire weekend. Our Bud 2011 team visited all troops in promoting our **Try Venturing Camp** for September and the Venture Out base was a huge highlight of the event. Applications are already being received for Bud and this is set to be an exciting weekend. More information is available from the Region website including the A1 forms. Venturer Units will also be visiting their Scout Troops in the coming weeks and months to promote this event.

Operation Dragnet applications are currently open. This activity is designed to be a challenging and exciting competition for all Venturers across the state. A Venturing Skills Award and previous bushwalking experience is required for all participants and a bonus is available for teams where at least half of the Venturers have completed their Initiative or Expedition badges. Therefore, all Units should now be working to ensure that the unit program provides an opportunity for all members to develop the necessary skills and experience in preparation for this event. For more information and a copy of the A1 form, be sure to visit the Waratah website. Applications close on 7th October 2011. The early bird bonus closes on 9th September 2011.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts

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The *Mawson Scholarship in Leadership* is a new national training program for Venturer Scouts aged 15 to 18 years. The course will be conducted at Bay Park, Victoria from 11am Monday 3 October to 3pm Friday 7 October 2011.

30 participants will be selected to attend the course and will be divided into five patrols. Each participant should have completed the Venturer Scout Leadership Course (or similar) prior to attending the course. Participants should also hold a current leadership role or have recent leadership experience.

During the camp, participants will receive instruction on Teamwork and the Scout Method; Behaviour Management and Conflict Resolution; Effective Programming and Activity Planning; Communication and Effective Public Speaking; Decision Making and Problem Solving; Policy and Administration; Financial Management; and Media and Public Relations.

All participants will be issued with a certificate upon completion of the course. The reverse side of this certificate will document all sessions and skills covered by the training program.

Participants will be accommodated in dormitories at the venue and full catering will be supplied. The cost to participants is **\$100**. All remaining costs, including the cost of flights to Melbourne (where required) will be paid, pro-rata, by the individual Branches.

The selection of participants will be managed by each Branch. Each Branch will nominate a specific quota of candidates. The National Youth Program Team will then select additional applicants as required to fill any remaining vacancies on the recommendation of each Branch.

Applications close **30th June 2011**

Any questions about the program should be directed to youth.leadership@scouts.com.au



REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Here's a question for you. How often do you get the opportunity to work with literally hundreds of other people, young and old; male and female; all with differing skills; but all aiming at the same objective? It's like being part of a finely tuned race engine, every part different to the next, but at the same time, every part critical to the overall performance of the engine.

So what I am going on about! It's Gang Show, namely Cumberland Gang Show, which is regarded as one of the largest in the country! A little hidden secret in my role as RC Activities is that Gang Show, while overseen by Branch and some very gifted people, actually comes under the banner of Region Activities, in the performing arts category.

Gang Show is a fantastic opportunity for both young and old to step out of their comfort zone, to learn and experience what performing arts really are. Whether it's singing on stage, building backdrops, controlling a follow spot, playing a violin, keeping the cast and crew well fed, or selling merchandise front of house, there is a role for everyone. I have said it before, the adrenalin rush experience of a Gang Show opening night, not just by cast, but indeed the whole "Gang," would rival the adrenalin rush of doing your first big abseil. How about coming along to one of the shows this year! I guarantee it's the best show you will ever see, without going professional.

Our Water Activities Team lead by Tracey Hansford has been busy. Tracey is looking at introducing some "Practical Experience Days for Canoeing", where participants can learn and develop their confidence in paddling skills. It would be a fun day with no tests to worry about. While talking about water and fun our annual Water Fun Day at Chipping Norton has been moved forward one week to Sunday 4 December. Please note the change in your diary.

We are also looking at running a 5 day sailing course during the September school holidays. If you, or your group are interested in this, please let Tracey or myself know.

This month has seen the release of the new **Adventurous Activities Policy**. While there is little change in what you can or can't do with the activities themselves, there are fairly big changes in identifying the skills levels of each discipline. Activity levels will be based on Level 1, 2 or 3. There will now be no such thing as Instructor, Examiner or Assessor level.

All those with current qualifications will maintain their current status; but with a simple renaming of that level. Understandably, there will be a learning curve for all involved, as the new system is implemented

across the whole state, but I am confident GWS can adopt the new policy with the same gusto as it shows in running the various activities.

So let's all keep working together, and remember to

"Have adventurous fun and be activity safe!"

Regards,

Mark Fell (DINGO) – RC Activities

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JOIN IN JAMBOREE

22nd World Scout Jamboree

27th July – 7th August 2011

Join in Jamboree is a way for all members of Scouts Australia to participate in a World Scout Jamboree.

The Programs provided are some ideas of activities in sample programs kindly provided by Section Leaders from the ACT Branch to assist those not attending WSJ2011 to Join In Jamboree and learn more about Sweden.

Please use the Programs as you would like, adapt them or use them in their entirety - it will depend on your Youth Members, Leaders and other resources. These are useful resources thanks to our Scouting network.

A Join In Jamboree badge available for purchase as part of Join In Jamboree and the order form can be downloaded via wsj2011.scouts.com.au where you can also learn more about WSJ2011 and visit our daily blog during Jamboree for photos and stories from the 190 members of the Australian Contingent attending Sweden for WSJ2011. Once again the Australian Contingent Team for WSJ2011 would like to acknowledge the support and assistance from the team that created these Programs – please enjoy!

Phil Harrison
Australian Contingent Leader

BUSHWALKING NOTES

Those observant ones amongst us, may have noticed a brand new Adventurous Activities Policy has just landed within the boundaries of GWSR. Launched by Branch, the Policy is currently in a one month changeover period and will become both absolute and standalone from 2nd June 2011. Every outdoor activity area is covered but some will be affected more than others. Unfortunately, Bushwalking appears to be the biggest shakeup area.

We will be converting from a log assessment system ("if you have done it, you can do it") to a list specific system. Individual components will be listed and now need to be checked off, similar to the way the Rockcraft qualification has been conducted.

There will be lots of discussion in coming months and I suggest everyone start preparing by reading and understanding both the Adventurous Activities Policy 2011 (http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/images/stories/Adventurous_Activities_Policy_2011.pdf) and the Bushwalking Policy (http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/images/stories/Bushwalking_Activities.pdf).

This reading is itself part of the requirement for those after a Level 3 qualification. My initial reaction to the new policy is we have a lot of work in front of us.

Some aspects are very interesting including:

- No novices allowed out without Level 3 in charge
- No Level 3 qualification for anyone under 18 years
- At least 240km, 4 day hikes (leading one) to gain expedition endorsement
- No expedition endorsement for anyone under 15

One of our experienced GWSR bushwalkers, Ken Broderick from 1st Blaxland, reported after a recent outing that the climb up **Carlons Head** has further deteriorated. It has always been difficult and dangerous but Ken has reported one of the critical spikes has rusted through and broken. As described, it appears to be near the bottom of the challenging climb above the rock bridge in a very intimidating position. My suggestion is we do not now use this track except for those experienced amongst us, that know the climb and can plan accordingly. **Tarros Ladders** to the South is a much safer alternative.

I have recently been advised that **Ratskin** weekend has now changed to the weekend before the one originally advised. The dates are now 10 to 11 September. Should still be the same great fun weekend and rumored to be closer to us with sites between Lithgow and Bathurst being considered.

Frank Barr - GWS R Bushwalking Coordinator

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1ST GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP

1st Greystanes Cub Scouts were introduced to the **Veggie Lady** at the award winning Wentworthville Community Garden, to give them advice and seedlings to start their own veggie garden at their hall in South Wentworthville.

Toni Salter, 'The Veggie Lady', who is a qualified horticulturist, was invited by Holroyd City Council to help the Cubs plan their veggie garden after they recently received a **\$1,000 Coles Junior Landcare Grant**.

The Cubs and their Leaders were given many valuable tips and hints on how best to get their garden started and how to grow successful fruit and vegetables, like the ones they were shown in the community gardens. Toni suggested that the Group start off small with one or two garden beds to see how they go.

The Group are also planning to incorporate composting, a bird bath, a rainwater tank and recycling into their garden design, following some of the many suggestions from Toni.

The Grant has given the Group access to many contacts in the local community and they value all the support they are receiving.



**1st Greystanes Cub Scouts with
The Veggie Lady, Toni Salter and
their Leaders Trevor Fowler and
Julie Overton.**

MY BP RAMBLE - A FIVE DAY CYCLING EXPEDITION IN THE ACT

BY MATT THOMPSON

Over the recent Easter long weekend, four Rovers from 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew successfully completed a 200km cycling journey from the border of NSW/ACT to the Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex at Tidbinbilla. It was an exciting yet challenging adventure that we will never forget.

Our journey involved a gruelling ride to the peaks of Mt Majura, Mt Ainsley, Black Mountain, Red Hill and Mt Stromlo while travelling past 24 National Attractions in the ACT. We had time for a quick visit to some of them before we had to get back on the trail, including the Royal Australian Mint, National Carillion, Parliament House, Black Mountain Tower, National Museum of Australia and the Canberra Glassworks. It was great to learn more about Australia's history and development at the various exhibits and museums along the way.

Over the weekend we gained experience in riding in different terrain - from highways, roads and shared/cycle paths to fire trails and mountain single tracks - which was lots of fun, but we also had to be very careful! Unlike Sydney over the Easter long weekend, we were very lucky to have perfect weather with no rain over the whole five days!

A definite highlight of the weekend was going to the ANZAC Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial. It was a very cold Monday morning and a 5.30am Dawn Service meant we had to be up at 3.30am, so we could ride the 6km from our campsite to the War Memorial. After locking our bikes up, we found seats and sat in reflection during the special service. We rode back to the campsite, had breakfast then packed up our tents before riding another 40km to our next campsite that night, Camp Cottermouth.

A big thank you to my fellow cyclists, Josh Crump, David Lang and Dennis Farr who braved this journey with me and for encouraging me along the way, and a huge thank you to our amazing support party, Andrew Thompson, Kerriann Clarke and Meagan Lee for supporting me in my BP Ramble - I couldn't have done it without your support.



RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SOUND NIGHT AT 1ST KINGS LANGLEY

For the *Scout light night* I have added a couple of extra sound sources.

The first is a monophonic music synthesiser, shown here being investigated by two Scouts. It represents a transition between the electric organ and the synthesiser, with some good instrument presets combined with a basic electronic effects generator. This one was the second model made by Roland and was lent to me by a neighbour.



The other 'sound' demonstration attempts to induce a level of relaxation or alertness in the subject (depending on the frequency), by synchronising the visual and audio processing sections of the brain. This is (supposably) achieved by flashing lights in the closed eyes and hearing the same period as a tone in the ears.



JOEY KONARA 2011

Dean Maddock and I demonstrated science activities to Leaders at Pennant Hills on the Saturday afternoon. Dean went through his *Eggs Crash Dummies* demonstration and I had a couple of tables showing Joey activities including: **PET bottle gardens** of carnivorous plants, beans and visible carrots growing. **Golden Rod litmus paper**, turning red with bicarb, then back to yellow with vinegar. **Colour separation** of water soluble felt tip pens on blotting paper, and a myriad of other wonders such as the speaking cup, the frog that wasn't there, and circular reflection colour in.



We seemed to have a constant throng, and I ran out of handouts for the various experiments that I was demonstrating! It's a pity I couldn't respond to all the requests to visit Mobs, but I am confident the Water Rockets will appear in Queanbeyan Park for a Joey awareness day in September.

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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COME CAMPING

With the Duty to God Christian Fellowship

JULY 2nd TO JULY 9th, 2011

Camp Courage, Appin

This camp, on the Georges River, near Appin is for all invested Scouts 11 to 14 years of age (\$165 pp).

The purpose of the camp is to gain a clearer understanding of God and our duty to Him. Daily sessions of discussion and Bible study will be provided to achieve this aim. Only warranted Scouters will take charge of the camp, under the leadership of the Camp Director, Mr Robert Reeve.

The camp revolves around good meals and heaps of fun activities including archery, BMX bike riding, horse riding, canoeing, abseiling, wide games, first aid training, bush cooking, axemanship and blacksmithing, with the opportunity to reach a satisfactory standard in various Target and Challenge badges.

Application forms are available at Region Office or contact Mrs Cheryl Alexander on 4657 2700 for further details.

TRAINING TALK

Hi everyone things are very busy with the team as the e-learning change over is now occurring and sectional weekends now need to be managed.

PRE E LEARNING

For those Leaders on our old system finishing training, August is fast approaching and it is important that you finish by then.

We have a Joey BL3 and a GL/LOA BL3 in late July. These 2 courses are both running as is the BL2 for Leaders who need this course to complete training.

The BL2 in August is only for Leaders who did their training out of order and only have the BL2 to go. Please note all these courses are non residential and are Saturday and Sunday only. Applications can be forwarded to GWSR Office now. More information can be received from our Training Team re these courses.

E LEARNING LOG ON

It is really important that once People receive their log on details that you actually do log on! This would really save me receiving reports of those who have not logged on - then having to chase up and listen to the many reasons of why it hasn't happened.

We are all busy but I have been told that if you do not log on, the log on will be taken away. This especially applies to PLA's and those who were given special log ons as they come up under my banner. If you have lost your log on or you do not believe you received a log on email, please contact me.

To new Leaders once you have received your letter please let your GL know and the person who interviewed you so that we can ensure your log on has occurred and training can begin

OFFICE BEARERS WORKSHOP

A small number of people attended the workshop and I thank them for the time they gave. I hope they all benefited from those who were there to assist them in their role on the Group Committee

Ann Pounder - Region Commissioner AT&D
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Congratulations to
LORRAINE SHAW DLCS
Blacktown District
who has earned her
LOA WOOD BADGE

Bravo - Well done!



CONTINGENT BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION

Entries are invited for the AJ2013 NSW Contingent logo and badge.

The winning entry will be used on our NSW AJ2013 website, on all NSW Contingent clothing and souvenirs, and on correspondence.

Plus, there is a prize for the winning entry. Your design will be seen by Scouts in NSW, across Australia and overseas! **Entries close 30th June 2011.**

Have your Scouts entered their design yet?
Go to www.aj2013.patroltent.com to read the **Contingent Badge Design Contest information, rules and design criteria.**

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

NEW INSTRUCTOR AND LEADER

Great news ! Scott McKenzie of 1st Balcombe Heights should shortly become an Abseil Instructor and Stuart Cowen an Abseil Leader. They performed brilliantly on the Abseil Course in May.

Change: Please note that the Top-Rope Climbing Course set down for 26th June has been postponed to 17th July. Sorry !

COMING ACTIVITIES

ABSEIL COURSES: 9th Aug (theory at Bundilla) and 13th and 14th August (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock). Also 25th Oct (theory) and 29th and 30th October.

VENTURER ABSEIL COURSE: 23rd Aug (theory at Bundilla) and 27th and 28th Aug (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock).

RESCUE (RECOVERY) COURSE: Sunday 19th June at Bowen Mountain. Also 6th November.

VENTURER CAVING COURSE: 20th Sep (theory at Bundilla) and 24th and 25th September at Bungonia.

CAVING TRIP: 19th and 20th November at Wee Jasper.

SCOUT ABSEIL BADGE COURSE: Sunday 18th September (practical), with a theory night in the week before at a location suited to applicants.

SCOUT TOP-ROPE CLIMBING BADGE COURSE: Sunday 17th July at Dargans Creek, with a theory night during the week before. Also Sunday 11th September with a theory night during the week before.

CANYON TRIPS: Sunday 13th November at Birrabang Canyon – no abseils or swims – suitable for Scouts. Also Sunday 4th December at River Caves and Deep Pass Canyons – no abseils or swims – suitable for Scouts.

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

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

Special courses for individual groups can be arranged by contacting Rick.

A1 forms are on the greaterwestscouts 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.**



*Scout Abseiling past a knot
on a recent Abseil Course*

Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator

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1ST PARRAMATTA CUB PACK SLEEPOVER

**Annette Douglass ACSL (Baloo)
1st Parramatta**

On March 12 and 13, 1st Parramatta had a sleepover at **Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park** at Calga.

We had a great time. It was a late start - 3pm Saturday afternoon. All the tents and airbeds were already in place when we arrived.

We took a walk through the park in daylight and then took another walk in the dark, to see the animals that come out at night. We then sat around the campfire and toasted marshmallows.

Dinner and breakfast was cooked by the staff. We were able to get up close to the wildlife. The cost was reasonable and it was an easy time for the Leaders.

The parents who took their newspaper to read, never even opened it! The best time was had by all who attended.

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Ryans Toys are pleased to offer you a fabulous fundraising opportunity for your Scout Group. We invite you to book a group of your members into the warehouse for a shopping trip. We offer genuine wholesale prices, with 2% of sales from your group sales going back to the group in the form of a voucher to spend on whatever you choose. You can buy items to raffle, as an additional fundraiser.

These evenings are run on only allocated dates and bookings need to be made well in advance so as to not miss out. Bookings have commenced for the first half of the year - March through to August and bookings for the second half - September to November, commenced on the 1st of June onwards. To make a booking please contact me on either the mobile listed above or via email.

Our evenings commence at 6:30pm and our warehouse must close at 8.30pm. Everyone is expected to arrive no later than 7pm to allow sufficient time to get around our warehouse. Parking is available - although at our peak times of the year, you can imagine how congested it does get, car pooling is always a great idea!

Payment methods accepted are Cash, EFTPOS, MasterCard and Visa. We supply boxes to carry your purchases or you may like to bring a big bag available at most \$2 shops.

There are no children allowed in the warehouse for safety reasons, if however there is a need for someone to bring a newborn with them please ensure that the child is placed in a carry pouch or sling. Prams are not permitted due to the congestion it would cause.

Organisers of the event are required to contact me at least 3 weeks prior to your booking to confirm actual ticket numbers. This allows sufficient time for me to post out tickets and for you as the organiser to distribute prior to your evening. Following your shopping night a credit voucher for your group will be posted to you. This voucher is for 2% of your total group sales. The voucher is valid for 6 months only.

With over 80 suppliers and around 8,000 products in the warehouse there is huge variety to choose from. We regularly have great specials on offer and are always up to date with the latest and greatest in toys. To get a better understanding of our range you can go to our website www.ryanstoys.com.au

We look forward to meeting you there on your night!

Kylie O'Connor



FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR 2012 WILD DAYZ IN TASMANIA

The Tony Balthasar Trust Fund

Attention Leaders and Venturers! Are you a Venturer, or do you know of a Venturer who is motivated and excited about the prospect of the Australian Venture Wild Dayz in 2012, but not sure they will be able to attend?

There are scholarships available.

The NSW Branch Trust Management Committee, with funds provided by The Tony Balthasar Fund, is seeking applicants to attend the next Australian Venture Wild Dayz in Tasmania in January 2012.

To nominate a Venturer for consideration, please register on Scouts NSW website <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au> to receive an Application Kit from the NSW State Office, or encourage him/her to apply themselves.

CLOSING DATE IS 30TH JUNE 2011

APPLY TODAY!

CUB SCOUT COOK OFF

Some photos from the 2008 cook off - just to inspire you and your Cubs for this year's Cook Off.

Photos courtesy of Jan Goodall SCCS



1ST OAKVILLE'S 30 YEAR REUNION

A special project report by Jessica Smith PL - 1st Oakville Scout Troop

For the Australian Scout Medallion, my project was to organise a 30 year Reunion for 1st Oakville Scout Group. The event was held on the 29th of May - our Group first started on 27th May, 1981.

Around 170 people attended the reunion, including our first Akela, Phyllis McAlpine and our first Scout Leader, Skip Michael Buch. They both cut the special anniversary cake, to a large round of applause. Many people who originally started the Group 30 years ago were present and now one of the original member's daughter is attending Joey Scouts.

Six of the original Cub Scouts were also present! They were reunited with the friends that they had made in cubs. Many people were surprised to see each other after such a long time. There were lots of stories and laughs as people mingled with one another. Our Region Commissioner for GWSR, Neville Henderson also joined us along with our local politicians Louise Markus, Bart Bassett, Kevin Conolly and Ray Williams.

The day started with an opening parade, some speeches, special thanks and the cutting of the anniversary cake. Our Venturers and Scouts ran a couple of activities including a ballista and a rope bridge. We had a Cottage Tent and a modern tent, along with our Group's catamaran and canoes on display.

The parent committee cooked a BBQ lunch for everyone and our Joey and Cub parents supplied cakes for afternoon tea which the Joeys and Cubs served to the guests. Inside the hall was decorated with blue and green streamers and balloons which are Oakville's scarf colours. We had also set up lots of memorabilia inside the hall including old and new uniforms, photos from over the 30 years and lots of Group history for people to read. Everyone looked over the displays and many people enjoyed the trip down memory lane. We had a guest book for everyone to sign. We also had made a history booklet for everyone to take home and read. Both young and old,



Doreen Solomons, Steve Solomons, Bruce and Phyllis McAlpine. Doreen and Bruce were on the original Group Committee, Steve was one of the very first Cub Scouts and Phyllis was the Group's first Cub Scout Leader.



1st Oakville's present day Leaders:
Akela (Caroline Watts, Cubs), **Baloo** (Gary Hudson, Cubs), **Taipan** (Greg Freeman, Scouts), **Jacala** (Matt Harris, Cubs) **Panda** (Rose Smith, Scouts), Jessica Smith, **Bottles** (Chris Hanson, Venturers), **Spanner** (Duncan Watts, Scouts), **Frisby** (Roger Bisby GL) and **Spara** (Gary Riches, Venturers).



Ray Williams MP for Hawkesbury, **Bart Bassett** MP for Londonderry and Mayor Hawkesbury City Council, **Kevin Conolly** MP for Riverstone and Deputy Mayor Hawkesbury City Council, **Jessica Smith**, **Louise Markus** Federal MP for Macquarie and **Phyllis McAlpine** (Kotick) founding Cub Scout Leader, pose behind the Anniversary cake.



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