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Dear Colleagues

As you are aware, the Rover Review is in the closing stages of the Review. However, the team would like to refine some of its data and has decided to seek more information from Leaders, Rover Advisors and Venturers about specific aspects of Roving.

To enable the views of the target audiences to be clearly defined, three separate surveys have been developed. Links to the surveys are shown below. In addition, the survey links will be included on the National website.

I seek your assistance in distributing this request as quickly as possible to the target audiences and requesting your people to complete their respective survey by 15th July 2011.

Although the Review team does not need every Leader and Venturer to complete the survey it needs a response that can be considered representative of the sample.

I appreciate the short lead time involved and your support in this important matter.

Yours in Scouting

Reg Williams RFD

Chief Commissioner, Scouts Australia

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Venturers>

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RT2020Leaders>

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Rover_Advisers

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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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Thank you to all the people who attended our AGM recently, it was great to see so many faces. We had the pleasure to welcome Doug Menzies Chief Commissioner for NSW, Peter Read Chairman State Executive Committee and Elston Hynd, Deputy Chief Commissioner, as well as Julie Owens, Federal Member for Parramatta, Ray Williams, State Member for Hawkesbury and David Elliott, State Member for Baulkham Hills. Venturers from 2nd Baulkham Hills gave a presentation on their trip to Vanuatu and this was well received by all present.

At the AGM a Meritorious Service Award was presented to Joshua Mercieca of 1st Blaxland by the Chief Commissioner. Congratulations and a big BRAVO Joshua.

We were complimented on the Region Report and my thanks to Matt Thompson for this professional presentation. A copy of this is now on the website for you to read. Peter Read also described the Bulletin as an awesome publication, especially in content and presentation. Thanks to our Editor Anne Thompson for the excellent job she does with the Bulletin.

Many of you will know that 'Tricia Shaw has accepted the position as State Commissioner for Cub Scouts and has now left us to take up her new role. Thanks 'Tricia for the eleven years you have given to this Region and we wish you the very best for the future.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Anne Thompson as the new Region Commissioner Cub Scouts effective immediately. Welcome to the Region Team Anne and we look forward to working with you.

I had the pleasure of attending the Cub Scout Leaders' Palaver in early June and it was great to get the opportunity to meet the leaders and have a chance to talk to them. For those of you who did not attend, you missed a good weekend of fun and fellowship.

Don't forget that the Adult Good Service Awards are due out on 1 August and that the presentation dinner for the recipients will be held on 20th October at Blacktown RSL. If someone from your Group receives an award please support them by attending the dinner.

There will also be a citation writing workshop at Bundilla on 12th November at 2.00pm. This is recommended to anyone who wishes to know how to nominate someone for a Good Service Award. After this year's problems I would suggest that most people need to attend as I will not be spending a day correcting the citations next year!

I had the pleasure this month to write and congratulate Robert Slater of 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit, on being awarded his Queens Scout

Award. Bravo Robert - well done!

The work at Bundilla is now completed and the area is in great condition so why not come down and have a look, or better still book a camp or activity at your Scout centre.

I hope you have been to Cumberland Gang Show - I certainly have and as usual, it is wonderful family entertainment!

Until next time.....Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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MINOR ADDITION TO THE LSG 29 ON THE A1

Q. Do Leaders and other adults have to sign A1 forms?

A. YES

Remember the A1 is NOT a permission 'to attend' but a permission to 'approve and get medical assistance for the person'. That's the reason everyone attending, including Leaders and other adults must complete an A1.

If something untoward happens - the Activity Leader has the required medical permission and details of the **current** medical history of the person to give to the ambulance or hospital. The Activity Leader is not negligent by relying on possible outdated information or guesswork.

Especially important and helpful if it's an adult, who is unconscious or very ill and the medical staff need details quickly. Were you really told, as they may later claim, or did they forget to tell you of a recent diagnosis of diabetes or a new allergy? Remember the A1 also requires them to attach any medical plan appropriate for the person attending the activity.

Signing the A1 form simply shows that the parent/guardian has read the details and associated risks you have provided and therefore cannot argue that you never provided the information, or offered to answer any questions. The parental approval is simply the fact they sent their child based on what the information contained in the A1.

The signing authorises you to get medical help if necessary and shows informed consent based on them having read the information/details contained in the A1 before signing it.

Warwick Bateman OAM

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

The Joey Scout numbers in GWSR continue to grow which is a very pleasing trend. We now have more than 250 Joey Scouts in the Region and this has added to the challenge for the Leaders when planning the upcoming Fun Day. We are now planning extra bases so that the groups are not too large.

Our Fun Day on the 14th August is all about **Adventure**. The Joey Scouts will move around ten different 'Adventures' as well as celebrate the 21st year of Joey Scouts. We will celebrate with a cake at morning tea.

The cost is \$15 for invested Joey Scouts and \$5 per Leader and parent helper. We need parent helpers to help run the bases. Each JSL will organise the parent helpers for their Group.

Our older Joey Scouts are also completing their Promise Challenge as their last activity before they go to Cubs.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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

Bethany Vella - 1st Kings Langley

James Halls - 1st Blaxland (Taipans)

Adam Seymonsbergen - 1st South Penrith

Lincoln Thompson - 1st Blaxland (Taipans)

HOP HOP HOP



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

Mia Mylonas - 1st Ermington (Blaxland)

Tessa Hitchins - 1st Blaxland (Pukeena)

William Freeman - 1st Oakville

Benjamin Nicholls - 1st/2nd Blacktown

Alexander Balcar-Smith - 1st Hazelbrook

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CUB SCOUT NOTES

Cub Day at the Jamborette was a great day with our Cub Scouts having a wonderful time on the bases. This was a great opportunity for the Cubs to see the Scout section in action and encourage them to take on the challenge of the next section when the time comes.

Thank you to those Leaders who took the time to man the activity bases so the Cubs could have lots of fun.



The Cub Scout Leadership Course forms will be available for the start of the new term. This Course is designed for those Cub Scouts who show leadership attributes. They will need to be 9 years 6 months to attend. Please do not send Cubs younger than this as we have found that they do not cope, and then feel embarrassed, so be sensitive and do not put your Cub Scouts in this position.

Our Region Cook-Off is just around the corner, and most Districts have their own Cook-off events planned to decide who will represent them at the Region event.

As many of you heard at Palaver, I am taking on a new role as Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Greater Western Sydney Region as a CL, DLCS and RCCS, but it is time for a new challenge. I will be here for a little while in the background until your new Cub Commissioner takes over and finds their feet.

I would like to welcome Anne Thompson to the role of Region Commissioner Cub Scouts; Anne has been DLCS for Holroyd for many years. I know that I am leaving GWS Cub Scouts in good hands.

Thank you to all the District Leaders Cub Scouts you are a great team and I know you will continue to work with Anne to ensure GWSR goes from strength to strength.

Dates for your 2011 Diary

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

Have Fun!

'Tricia Shaw - RC Cub Scouts

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VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to Cassie Rec from 1st Ermington Scout Troop who won a free ticket to Bud in our Jamborette competition.



Following the success of this promotion, many Venturer Units have been out visiting Scout Troops to recruit participants for our **Try Venturing Camp – Bud.**

To compliment these visits, all eligible Scouts should have also received a letter in the mail with more information about Venturing and this exciting event. A copy of the letter is available for download from the Region website or for further details visit: www.bud.greaterwestscouts.com.au



Operation Dagnet applications are now arriving at Region Office. Don't forget that the closing date for this year's major bonus is September 9.

All Venturer teams should be organising some bushwalking practice in their units and making preparations to register for this exciting challenge. You can run, you may hide, but can you escape the Dagnet? For more information, visit:

www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au

Our August Leadership Course has been moved to accommodate the NSW Training Conference. The new weekend is August 27-28 with a new closing date of August 12. All applications received prior to the change of date have been contacted.

NSW has a new Branch Commissioner (Venturer Scouts) with Phil Crawford recently accepting the role. Chris Lummis has also agreed to transition into the role of District Leader (Venturer Scouts) for the Parramatta VSC. Congratulations to both Phil and Chris for taking on these new responsibilities and we all look forward to working with them more closely in the future.

Finally, the **World Scout Jamboree contingent** departs Australia on 23rd July touring Denmark, Sweden and Norway for a full month. In my absence, any enquiries should be directed to Judy, Steve or Chris for the respective Districts. (I will not be accessing emails or phone calls during this time – shock!)

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

It has been another busy month with Activities, or should I say a busy month in deciphering the new **Activities Policy**. I have received many emails and phone calls regarding the new Policy, and while there is certainly a positive feel to it, there are quite a number of questions which need to be answered.

I have been encouraged by the feedback I have been getting from around our Region. After all, it is yourselves who are at the coalface and so are best equipped to offer a workable solution. Interestingly, at my last State Activities Council meeting, the questions being raised by GWS Region are the same as being raised by the other Regions as well. There is certainly a strong sense of working together to ensure we have an Activities Policy in place which is uniform across the State, streamlined and simply "works!"

...and while we are talking about change, there is another change in the wind. Would you believe a single page A1 Form, but more of that later!

One point I would like to raise, in reading the new Policy, is the need to hold and maintain current **First Aid qualifications**. While not compulsory, I am a firm believer that **all Leaders**, irrespective of what section they are in, should have current First Aid qualifications. In my own years of Scouting, I have had to deal with quite a number of First Aid situations, many of which I was better able to handle, due to formal First Aid training.

Why not get a group together (10+) and speak to either myself or the Region Office and we will organise to get a course up and running. Don't forget Certification only lasts three years. If your First Aid Certificate is still current, but nearing its expiry date, you need only do a one day refresher course.

One of the major activities of the Region Calendar is our annual **Region Jamborette**, held at Bents Basin, over the June long weekend. No doubt there will be stories and photos elsewhere in The Bulletin on what was a fantastic weekend. The Activities Team had three bases running which I would like to acknowledge.



The first was the Science team headed up by John Leahy. Whether it was radios, 3D TV or looking at a real sheep's heart through a microscope, there was something for everyone.

(All photos courtesy of Mark Fell)



Canoeing is always popular (once we had broken the ice off the dam)! I would like to pass on my special thanks to the Team from the SWASH Base, headed up by Ivan Finch, who ran the canoeing. I would like to also make a special thank you to Alison Lynch, who kept the team, and myself, very well fed over the weekend.



With abseiling not happening due to safety concerns, it was wonderful to have Jonathan Sharoff and the team from 1st Springwood Venturers, along with Fred Kaltenbacher, from our Rock Team, not only run the climbing wall, but also a climbing ladder, a prussic rope, and a very popular horizontal sock wrestling base.

A big BRAVO to all the Activity Teams and their helpers.

I am very pleased to announce that Meredith Stewart has accepted the role as the new Caving Coordinator for our Region, following on from the retirement of Carey Barlow. I know Meredith will do a great job, and we do wish her well in her new role.

With the cooler months now in full swing, most of our water activities are put on hold, until the warmer weather comes around. To keep up to date with what activities are happening and when, please go to the GWSR Website and click Activities then click Calendar.

You will see the activities on for each month. Click the activity, and you will be able to download the details, along with the A1 form. Of course if your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew would like to run a particular activity at anytime, please make contact with myself.

And of course don't forget....

Have adventurous fun and be activity safe!

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

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Courses: 9th August (theory at Bundilla) and 13th and 14th August (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock), also 25th October (theory) and 29th and 30th October.

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

Rescue (Recovery) course: Sunday 6th November at Bowen Mountain.

Venturer Caving Course: 20th September (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 11th September at Dargans Creek with a theory night during the week before.

Venturer Canyon Course: 26th and 27th November Juggler, Grand and Serendipity canyons, camping at Mt. Wilson on the Saturday night.

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](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) 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.**

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CARING FOR PETS NIGHT

**Josie Botto JSL (Lorikeet)
1st Ermington Joey Scout Mob**

As part of the **Care and Share** programme, our Joey Mob recently held a **Caring for Pets** night. We had RSPCA Inspectors Flett Turner (a cub parent) and Matt French come along to talk to the Joeys.

Matt has recently joined the newly expanded RSPCA Education Unit. He is really keen to present education sessions to scout groups especially Joey mobs.

I was so impressed with what I saw, that I would like to share the information with you to give to other Mobs in our Region who might be interested.

Matt and Flett had the Joey Scout's full attention for the whole hour - which was amazing!

They went through:

- ★ What the RSPCA does
- ★ Identifying dogs that can be approached and which ones to avoid.
- ★ How to approach dogs and what to do if they approach you.
- ★ The tools used by Inspectors to catch animals.

The Joeys were then given a turn at looping a life-size toy dog and casting a net. We decided against bringing pets along this year (found out last year that dogs, cats and guinea pigs don't all get along). Instead, the Joeys brought in pictures of their pets which they shared with the Mob.

Matt is interested in hearing from Groups who would like more information about this presentation and other services the Education unit has to offer. Please contact Matt on **Mobile:** 0413 622 005 or



Scouts at Dargan's Creek on a recent Top-Rope Climbing course.

CRAZY KIND OF LOVE.....

To all those May Canoe Course participants, had you been there, you would have laughed. Even the ducks were laughing at the mad woman in the black skins and paddle shorts, who on July 3rd, midwinter, repeatedly and voluntarily, threw herself into Narrabeen Lake, all in the name of fun!

While Water Activities for GWS Scouts are temporarily on hold due to a minor hiccup called WINTER, Potoroo's Porsche, the plastic fantastic, piloted personally by Potoroo, is going Marathon Racing, although it is much slower than the Kevlar and Carbon Fibre K1's!

Last week, I was excited to be offered a boat to race, which could push me right up the rankings - as it is one of the fastest boats on the water! So off I went to try it out. (I will mention at this stage, that I have a raging head cold with accompanying ear infection and balance issues) only minor considerations, that were put aside at the prospect of trying out this boat.

I had a plan all laid out. Had the GPS programmed to record the fabulous, heady speed I would achieve, skimming along in this amazing boat on top of that lake. Start out a bit slow, then ramp it up to full race speed just to see how fast she would go! How exciting! Couldn't wait to get out there!

I tried the boat setup on the floor of the boat shed before I took it out. I was impressed. It was great! The guys had set it up pretty well for length etc and the seat, foot bar and rudder positions were pretty close so I didn't bother altering them. I had my brand spanking new, unused wing paddle in hand and went down to the edge of the lake to set off in this magical, fast boat and break the water speed record..... yeah right, in my dreams. I managed to sit in the boat, kinda snug, but OK, for a race boat.

I noticed that I had a small problem when I pushed off and the paddle took the first touch of the water. Before I knew it, I was sitting on the bottom, waist deep in ice, wondering what in the hell had happened! Not to be deterred by this minor impediment, not to mention the water temperature of around 12 degrees, I got back in the boat and tried again. This time I managed to go 5 metres before rolling straight out into the ever so slightly chilly water again. Bleeding freezing actually, but I wasn't going to be beaten. I swam back to shore with the boat and asked to borrow a touring paddle, hoping that this might save me, which it did, to some extent; at least I could brace before I hit the water and attempt to save myself.

Yeah right! Bring it on! I would have shivered, but the prospect of falling in through unbalanced shivering stopped me mid shake. I managed to paddle, albeit around in big circles and very tentatively, for about 20 minutes, before I was frozen stiff and wanting to go

home before I permafrosted to the seat. That's where the next opportunity to show the stern stuff Scouts are made of began.... How in the hell was I going to turn the bleeding thing? In my favourite boat, I just drop my hip, drop a paddle in and pivot around it - as the Porsche turns on a sixpence. I had forgotten that K1's have the turning capacity of a B Double on a hairpin bend - it was sort of like trying to balance (with a wobbly head from the ear infection) on a pencil on piece of soap on a block of ice and turn at the same time. Forget any notion of speed, leg drive and any concept of body rotation..... I was riveted to that thin piece of Kevlar under my butt, stiff as a board with every bit of my core strength and will focused on staying upright (and not to mention butt cheeks firmly clenched to the seat as a faint hope of salvation). After some kind of eternity, no, make that several eternities, I finally managed to get to the shore and promptly fell out again before I could stand up. I found that the water was pleasantly warm by this stage. So how fast did I go? Even with very tentative paddling, with a paddle that you could use to muster cattle, no leg drive and no rotation, I managed to push the boat to 12.5km per hour on the straight.

I'm in love. I think this is the one for me, so I'm going back for more punishment once I have recovered from the ear issues in a couple of week's time. Stay tuned for the next riveting instalment.

Tracey Hansford (Potoroo)

GWS Water Activities Co-ordinator

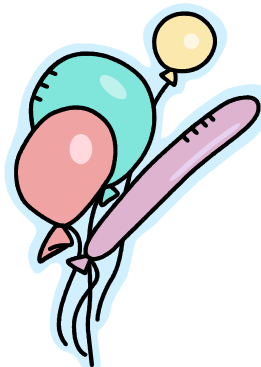
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1ST KINGS LANGLEY SCOUTS

ARE TURNING 30!

All past and present members of the Group are invited to our 30th Birthday celebrations to be held on Saturday, 10th September at the hall, from 2pm to 5pm.

For further information, please contact Graham Fardouly at gfardouly@bigpond.com



Come along and catch up with some old friends, meet some of our current members and have some birthday cake.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

JOIN THE SCIENCE TEAM

We still need another person to help us in the most active Activity in GWSR.

While we deliver our regular theme nights, other new and interesting explorations suggest themselves and we need your input to make them happen.

If you enjoy asking, "How does that work?" or "Why is it so?" or discovering novel and interesting ways of explaining how the world works - then give me a call and I will get you along to one of our nights.

You could help us discover what direction this Activity will lead us, or what the limits are; because I can't see any (besides time and manpower)!

RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY JAMBORETTE 2011

At the front door Lillian had a base on the heart. The scouts measured their resting pulse, then skipped a while before measuring their pulse again. A full size mannequin showed the position of the heart and some internal valves. The most startling demonstration was a **real lamb's heart**, sectioned to show the two chambers and the valves operated by white sinews. The scouts could use the tweezers to tug the sinews and see the valve open, under a zoom microscope.



Karl had his radios setup in the corner. He also had his brother's video camera and video effects/mixer. Using a blue tarp as a **Blue Screen**, he was able to make the scouts appear to be in the live action of a playing

video, as well as changing their shape, position and colour on the screen.



In the middle of the hall I showed a novel note generator I had made. It used transparent disks with black patterns rotating on a CD player chassis to **optically generate tones** when a light shone through the pattern.

Another demonstration allowed the Scouts to experience a mind blowing pattern of coloured lights in their head from **flashing LED glasses**. The really adventures could put on the headphones and attempt an out of body experience!



An antique Roland monophonic **synthesiser** completed the light/sound base, by showing the Scouts how difficult it was to produce the early electronic music.

I thought it would be fun to try making **3D photos** so I asked Harvey Norman at Penrith to lend us a 3D camera, 32" 3D TV and glasses for the weekend. The camera was the Fujifilm W3 which takes a stereo image and a 2D picture at the same time. I used a bubble gun to accentuate the depth perception, and encouraged the Scouts to adopt a **3D pose**. They were then able to review the pictures in 3D on the TV screen. Lots of moving their head from side to side, and reaching out to try and burst the bubbles.

On Saturday night some Scouts and Venturers tried their hand at **Light Painting**. This involved shining lights and LED's into the focus area of a still digital camera, which had the shutter open for 8 seconds. After a bit of practice they got quite creative and produced some colourful and interesting patterns.

One group had bought a memory stick and downloaded their artwork and the 3D pictures from the days visit.

The pictures from the weekend will soon appear on the GWS web site and you will be able to download your pictures. You won't be able to view or print the 3D pictures until Harvey Norman gets a 3D printer for these files.



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY

On Saturday, 3rd September 2011, Australians will celebrate the 110th Anniversary of our country's chief symbol, the Australian National Flag.

Australian National Flag Day commemorates the day in 1901 on which the Australian National Flag was first flown at the Royal Exhibition buildings, Melbourne, as a result of a public competition in 1901 that attracted 32,823 entries.

The main Sydney celebration will be held at lunchtime on Friday 2nd September at the Martin Place Amphitheatre. The Australian National Flag Association has invited the Scout Association to be a Guest of Honour on this very special occasion.

All Scout Groups are welcome to attend, but please note that the celebration falls on a school day so special arrangements may need to be made.

To join in the general celebration of our national symbol, Scout Groups are encouraged to display and honour our national flag of Stars and Crosses on September 3rd.

To read more about this celebration, including a history of National Flag Day and Flag Day ceremonial procedures, please visit www.australianflag.org.au.

For further details regarding the Sydney celebration at Martin Place, please contact: **John Vaughan**, National Spokesperson and Vexillographer
Phone: 9958 3246



SCOUTS IN ACTION WEEK Is back!

Join the thousand's that have already registered for the 2011 program

August 22nd - 28th 2011



Be part of Scouts Australia's Scouts in Action Week 2011.

Following the success of Scouts in Action Week in 2010 with its focus on First Aid, Scouts in Action Week for 2011 will provide programs on activities themed on 'Disability Awareness'

During 2010 over 33,000 Scouts and Leaders from Australia, and around the world participated in Scouts in Action Week.

Help our youth members develop a better understanding of and experience the disabilities confronting many of us.

Register your group now at the all new Scouts in Action Week website where you will find a load of program activities and ideas for all sections. Plus, order badges for just \$2/badge. (Badges can be worn in the special events location on uniforms.)

Let's aim for 50,000 participants in 2011!

www.scoutsinactionweek.com

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