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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

Mr. Neville Henderson
Region Commissioner

Mr. Alan Overton
Region President

and

Mr. Geoff McGrath
Region Chairman

*Cordially invite you to attend
the annual*

*Adult Recognition Awards
Celebration Dinner*

on

Thursday, 20th October 2011

6.30pm for 7pm start

at

**Blacktown RSL Club
Second Avenue
Blacktown**

\$40 per person

R.S.V.P. - 6th October 2011

Full uniform and decorations to be worn please.

Please see page 13 for RSVP slip.

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.

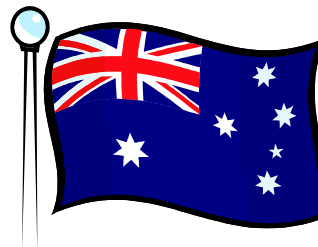
The main Sydney celebration will be held at lunchtime on Friday 2nd September at the Martin Place Amphitheatre. The Australian National Flag Association has invited the Scout Association to be a Guest of Honour on this very special occasion.

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



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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

By the time you read this report, I will be somewhere in outback Northern Territory having my annual R&R in my caravan. Will keep you informed next month of where I am and have been, as I will have my laptop and mobile phone with me and will be in regular contact.

The annual World Scout Day Adult Recognition Awards have been announced and to the 78 recipients from our Region I must pass on the congratulations of the Region Executive and the Region Council. The Awards Dinner will be held at Blacktown RSL on Thursday 20th October and an invitation is in this Bulletin. Award recipients will receive an invitation in early September so start planning a table now.

I attended the State AGM and was very pleased to see our Region represented with an activity being conducted by Kellyville Cub Scouts and assisted by RC Cub Scouts Anne Thompson. Well done to the Leaders and Cubs from Kellyville.

We will again be represented on the State Executive Committee by Holly Playford, Lyall Wood and Steve Wallace who were elected for another year. Our Region President, Alan Overton, was elected to the role of State Vice President - a position he has held for the past twelve years and he did a great job chairing the AGM. The Venturer Queens Scout Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Mills of 1st Dural Venturers. Well done Matthew.

At the Chief Commissioners Council we presented our Region Development Plan and a copy of this has been sent to all section Commissioners and District Commissioners. They were required to give me their thoughts on the direction they saw their section or district going in the future. These were included in the report handed to the Chief Commissioner.

We are in ongoing negotiations with the Greater Western Sydney Giants to form a partnership which will give Scouting much needed free promotion and I will keep you advised of the progress we are making in this regard. This is a great opportunity for us to promote GWS Scouting.

I am still looking to fill the following positions and if you are interested please email your Scouting details to me in order that I can consider any applications.

- ★ **Deputy Region Commissioner**
- ★ **District Commissioner - Penrith**
- ★ **District Commissioner - Hawkesbury**

There are other district positions which need filling so please contact your District Commissioner who will be happy to advise the positions available in your district.

Keep up with the activities for our youth members as we have to continue to give our young people interesting and challenging Scouting.

Sorry to hear about the passing of Gordon West (ex Group Leader 1st Hawkesbury) and Sharon Douglass (Cumberland Gang Show Fellowship) in the past couple of weeks. Sincere Sympathy to their families and friends, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

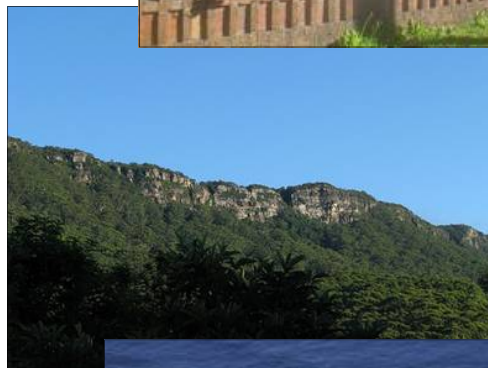
Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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1ST AUSTINMER SCOUT HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore Street in picturesque Austinmer NSW, (20 km north of Wollongong), is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by Cub packs and Scout troops. The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rainforest right to the top of the escarpment. The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore Street.

For bookings contact Ron Witton on 0409 399 752 or rwitton@uow.edu.au



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Term 3 for Joey Scouts is a **Blanket Badge** term. I am making the suggestion to all Joey Scout Leaders that as Joey scouts (and sometimes their parents) do not understand the camp blanket concept that Leaders copy the Konara idea and make a scarf from polar fleece material. Badges can be sewn onto the scarf. The whole scarf can be added to a blanket later on in their Scouting lives.



The first badge available is the **Fun Day** badge. Plans are well advanced for the Fun Day on Sunday 14th August. Districts are providing the bases and plans are for all the Region's Joey Scouts to enjoy an adventurous day.

Joey Scouts can also participate in the **Scouts in Action** programs at the end of the month. This year the focus is on disabilities.

Scouts Australia as a national initiative is urging all Joey Scout mobs to participate in a **campfire**, either with their Group or with their other district mobs. This term is one of the best times to hold a campfire.

Finally GWSR Joey Scouts are asked to go **outdoors** again for a bushwalk to continue the tradition of **Trek About**. Many of the Leaders are accepting the challenge to find a different walk for the Joey Scouts and promote the outdoor component of our organisation.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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*Congratulations to
Joey Scout*

Corelle Spagnolo

1st Ermington

who has earned the Promise Challenge Badge

HOP HOP HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

On behalf of myself and all the Cub Scout Leaders and Cub Scouts in GWSR, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to 'Tricia Shaw for all the time and effort she dedicated to her role as Region Commissioner Cub Scouts. We are sorry to see 'Tricia move on but congratulate her and wish her every success and happiness in her huge new role, as State Commissioner Cub Scouts.

Thank you also for your many messages of congrats and best wishes, as I endeavour to take on my new role as the Region Commissioner Cub Scouts. I certainly have a hard act to follow but I will do my best!

Our next event is the **Region Cook Off** to be held at Bundilla on **Sunday 28th August**. For those groups who have qualified, you will need to create your own **A1** for the day. You will also need to set up your **own kitchen and dining fly** on the camping flat and be ready to serve your meal for judging by **12.30pm**. The winning Six of the Region Cook Off will go on to represent GWSR at the State Cook Off in September. Good luck to all our participants.

The **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on **17th September**. Please ensure all applications are in by close of business on **Friday 2nd September** as no late applications will be accepted.

Applications for the **Grey Wolf** award are coming in steadily. Please hand them to your **DLCS or delegate** - **do not** send them to State or Region Office. They will not be processed without the required signatures.

Finally I would like to encourage all Cub Scout Leaders to attend their Seeonee. This is how you find out what is happening in your District, Region and State. It is where plans are made and learning is continued and it is the perfect opportunity to meet your colleagues and discuss any issues you may have and work out satisfactory solutions. Seeonee is not an optional extra but part of your commitment to Scouting.

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

James Goode - 1st Kellyville

Jarred Harber - 1st Oakville

Ben Van De Vorstenbosch - 2nd Baulkham Hills

Benjamin Humphries - 2nd Baulkham Hills

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VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate Rob Slater of 2nd Baulkham Hills on receiving his Queen's Scout Award. The portfolios being presented for this award are consistently of a very high standard and indeed I commend Rob for his dedication towards achieving this award.

The beginning of term saw the opening of our newest Venturer Unit at 1st Erskine Park. As part of a larger Group celebration, the Venturers made a grand entrance as the younger sections coated them in silly string. Congratulations to Jason and Janice who have now completed their Basic Training as the new Venturer Scout Leaders. Thank you to 1st Whalan for hosting the Erskine Park members in recent months and for supporting them to achieve this objective.

Applications to attend Bud close on 19 August 2011. All Scouts, Venturers and Leaders must ensure that forms and payment are received at Region Office before this date.

Waratah applications are also coming in fast and furious. All Venturer Units should be getting in some bushwalking practice in preparation. If any Venturers require bushwalking qualifications, please contact Frank Barr (data_scsi@msn.com.au) for assistance.

The third payment for the Australian Venture, Wild Dayz, is now due. If any Venturers have not yet made this payment, please ensure that you have this paid urgently. Full details were included in the recent NSW Contingent Bulletin.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts

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Apology from Editor: It was not Cassie Rec who won the free ticket to Bud, as stated in the July Venturer Report, but rather Cassie Higgins from 1st Ermington. Sorry ladies and Aaron!



**1st Erskine Park Venturer Scouts
first night back at Erskine Park hall.**

*Photos courtesy of
Janice and Jason Edwards*

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Can I open by saying a very heartfelt thank you to all who passed on their condolences on the death of my youngest brother James, after a long battle with cancer. While his passing was expected, it is never easy at the time. The support and kind wishes of the GWS Scouting family was very much appreciated.

On the activities front we have just finished the Gang Show season, with another very successful year with **Cumberland Gang Show** in its 42nd year at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. Whether part of cast, backstage, production, orchestra, or front of house, every person should be incredibly proud of their achievements for this year's show. A huge BRAVO to you all.

While water activities are normally very quiet during the winter months, there has been much planning in readiness for when the warmer weather comes our way. Tracey Hansford is looking at organising an overnight canoe trip for those who wish to pursue their **Level 3 in Flat Water Canoeing**.

Also looking at running some **Paddle Fun Days** These are designed to allow youth to simply practise their paddling skills. There are some great canoeing games which we can play, and best of all, there is no testing involved.

Don't forget for all our budding sailors amongst us, we are running a **5 day sailing course at Lake Chipping Norton** from **Wednesday 5 Oct through to Sunday 9 Oct. Cost is \$75.00**. All details, including the A1 Forms, are on the GWS website. Closing date for applications is the 21st August. What a fantastic way to spend five days of the school holidays!

And for those who don't like to get their feet wet what about considering doing a **Flying Fox Course**. While only short notice, we did received a very kind invitation from South Metropolitan Region to attend a Flying Fox Course at Cataract 16-17 July. We had three participants attend from GWSR. They are looking at running another course, probably in October. I will get further details out, once I have more information. It would be so good to get a **fox team** back up and running within GWS Region.

And remember, as always...

Have adventurous fun and be activity safe!

Mark Fell (DINGO) - RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwetscouts.com.au

Invitation
Julie Owens MP
Your Federal Member of Parliament for Parramatta

CARBON PRICE YOUTH FORUM
You are our reason to act

The Federal Government will begin to cut our carbon pollution and put in place the foundation for a clean energy future that young Australians deserve.

An invitation to hear the facts and discuss the issues.

WHEN
Sunday 21 August
3.30pm to 5.30pm

WHERE
Information and Cultural Exchange (ICE)
8 Victoria Road
Parramatta

RSVP by
Thursday 18 August

ELECTORATE OFFICE DETAILS
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1ST GRANVILLE SCOUT GROUP CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to join in our Centenary celebrations on Sunday September 11, 2011. Please meet at the Scout Hall, Glen Street, Granville at 1pm.

If you know any ex Granville members and supporters, please let them know about this event so they can come and share their memories and meet up with old friends.

For further details please contact Bruce Roberts:
bruceroberts12@hotmail.com or phone 9681 2478

SHERWOOD MOOT

Sherwood Moot, the **GWS Region Rover Moot** was held on the weekend of 5th to 7th August 2011 at Glenfield Scout Activity Centre. About **150 Rovers** from GWSR, NSW and Victoria came together for a fun weekend of medieval themed activities. Some of the highlights were, archery, candle making, jousting, sparring, siege workshop, sock/slime wrestling, Red Bull girls, merry men and sheriffs guard training academy, a huge flour/water fight, fire twirling, trivia, 'rescue of Maid Marion' iron gut, and of course, our fun at the fair.

Everyone was treated to a real feast on the Saturday night. Our amazing catering team worked all day to prepare a delicious dinner of tender roast beef on a spit, roast chicken, baked potatoes and pumpkin, corn, peas and carrots a plenty! Add some medieval music, decorations, fires and costumes - and it turned into a real medieval banquet!

Congratulations go to **Blaxland 'Kalangadoo' Rover Crew** for taking out **1st Place** in the **Region competition**, followed closely by **Kings Langley Rover Crew in 2nd Place** and **1st North Mount Drutt Rover Crew in 3rd Place**. Congratulations also to **Platabeen Rover Crew** for taking out **1st Place in the Outer Region competition**.

A huge thanks to Merrylands Rover Crew, Meagan Lee, Bec Lee, Andrew Thompson, Anne and Paul Thompson, Michael and Linda Apthorpe, Ray Shepherd, Stewart and Jenny Hawes and the camp wardens of Glenfield Scout Activity Centre for your support of Sherwood Moot.

Matt Thompson - Moot Chief

**Sherwood
Moot
Winners
Blaxland
(Kalangadoo)
Rover Crew**



**The Winning
Crew
and the
Host Crew**

Some highlights of the Moot - Archery, Ladies Sparring, Kings Langley Rovers and Blaxland Rovers in costume, Sir Loin (Chief Cook, Paul Thompson) starting to tackle the mammoth task of slicing 45kgs of delicious roast beef, hot off the spit after seven hours and the beautifully autographed and decorated Moot skin trophy.



ONLY DUCKS HAVE WINGS (AND PADDLES DO TOO, SOMETIMES!)

I'm not known for being beaten or lying down before the job is done. I have been known to take an involuntary swim or two in **WINTER**, but, I keep coming back for more of the same. You'd think I would learn one day eh! I couldn't leave the tale where it was last month so I'm back with the next episode of my descent into total madness.

I enjoyed a quick paddle on the Hawkesbury from Naughty Wiseman's to around Gundermann and back to Wiseman's Ferry. I used the opportunity to check out one of the overnight paddles for leaders wanting to gain some experience. It was a fabulous day and I look forward to taking our leaders for a weekend trip over part of this ground in the not too distant future. The scenery was awesome and the paddle was outrageously hard considering the erstwhile leader of this particular expedition decided to plan it against the tide both ways (for those of us in big, slow, plastic boats it does make a difference). The Porsche and I both had a big workout on this journey.

Did I mention that I have been in training for my next meeting with the tippy racing boat? No? Well I have been. I got a fit ball, pumped up big at 65cm and I've been practising sitting on it and walking it (with my butt) forwards and backwards, side to side too, without having my feet touch the floor. Once I mastered this, I went on to kneeling on the fit ball and doing the same thing. My trainer told me this was good training for balance in tippy race kayaks (and I was dopey enough to believe him). I added a paddle to both the sitting and kneeling moves and managed to paddle race style, quite well and most elegantly I believe.

Scouting is all about people learning stuff, developing skills and growing personally, so I decided that the best way to tackle my heart of hearts, this super-fast, sweet-as-sugar, racing boat, was to take a couple of lessons from an expert. With super slick wing paddle in hand (and touring paddle in the car as a back up just in case – Be Prepared...) I set off for my appointment with Matt Blundell, King of Speed, Top of the Pops on the Kayak Marathon Scene. I wore my black skins, as I feel that one must look the part of the fast marathon racer in the fast sexy boat, sleek, black, elegant (yeah right, big chick in black out in the fast boat – that's scary). Matt (Marathon Champion for the past *hmm* years, wore a pair of board shorts and a T-shirt).

That feeling of unrequited love just bubbled up again when I set eyes on the coveted prize. Sleek, Shiny, SkinnyRed (because red ones are faster) Bronco, just waiting to be broken to my will and set loose to

skim effortlessly across that glistening surface. Matt carried the boat down to the water and I followed, barely able to contain my excitement. Matt kindly harnessed the beast and held her steady whilst I shoe horned into the cockpit. Time to select the paddle... panic set in. I piked out by asking for the touring paddle, under the impression that I had some chance of saving myself with a slap stroke with the big paddle.

Right at this moment, when the paddle was being handed over, I just happened to lean ever so slightly to reach out and before I knew it, I was testing the water temperature. I reckon this winter has been pretty cold but we've turned the corner and Summer is just around the corner. I can confirm the water in Narrabeen Lake is starting to warm up. On the 7th of August, I think that the water temperature had almost reached a positively balmy 14 degrees. Being scientific about it, in deference to my Activity Colleagues on the Radio and Science team, I used the '*full body immersion method*' to determine this fact.

Undeterred by this temporary set back, I shook off the water, shunning the concept of *frozen* and leapt right back on the bucking bronco (if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again – comes to mind here). This time, I managed to stay focused and get the boat moving. It was a wobbly ride, but fast, which is important. Here are some important lessons I learned during this experience.

Lesson 1. Don't lean over to get anything.

Lesson 2. I learned that in tippy racing boats, one must go fast. There is no other option. The faster you go, the better the chances that you won't fall out.

Lesson 3. Whilst a touring paddle might save you in a big plastic boat, it does Jack s.... to save you in a tippy racing boat. Water temperature testing took place frequently.

Lesson 4. When you think you have it all together, think again. It's a mirage.

Lesson 5. Don't laugh, don't take your eyes off the horizon and don't turn around in the boat to talk to the instructor. Testing that water again!

Having mastered (well 30 minutes since I had fallen out) the beast, I decide it was time to master, the WING PADDLE. A wing paddle is designed to propel the boat through the water at a rapid rate, with little effort on behalf of the paddler. Now, while this is a great concept (note the use of the word concept) in reality, when one has spent most of *hmm* years using a touring kayak paddle or canoe paddle on scout style boats, one notices a significant difference, which leads to the next revelation - wings have teeth! In a tippy race boat, winged paddles are fabulous. With just gentle pushes, the boat flies along at unmentionable

speeds. With big pushes that carry the paddle past the point that it naturally wants to lift from the water, BINGO, water testing by the full immersion method takes place. Unfortunately this generally happens about 100 metres from the shore in the middle of the lake.

Lesson 6. How to use a wing paddle, the actual subject of this article? Just Don't (use a wing paddle). Pick it up and throw it as far away as you can and look for a touring paddle. At least a touring paddle doesn't tip you into the water.

So, you may well ask what is the point of all these tales about falling out of boats (incessantly) and how you too can be involved in this absolute unmitigated fun! The whole idea is to get down and get wet. Being dry is not what it is cracked up to be. Why don't you come and join me and some of my friends on the next Canoe Course August 26th and 27th . Leaders and Youth Members, 11 and over, are welcome! Don't worry about it being a bit cold, the cold only lasts momentarily and we are having so much fun, who cares anyway! Apply now by following the link to the A1 for all the information.

<http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar?calendar=24&category=0&d=1&m=8&y=2011&event=538&instance=2011-8-27>

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 gwardouly@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.



NATIONAL TREE DAY

Julie Overton, ACSL 1st Greystanes

We may have had Cubs, Scouts and Venturers from 1st Greystanes, 1st/2nd Merrylands and 1st Pendle Hill present, but it was CSL Renee (Baloo) from 1st Pendle Hill Scout Group who saved National Tree Day for Holroyd!

On Sunday 31st July 2001, Holroyd City Council held a National Tree Day planting at Holroyd Gardens in Walpole Street, Merrylands. Holroyd District Scouts turned out in force, but it took Baloo's skills and experience in driving trucks to get a bogged vehicle out of a sticky situation and moving again. BRAVO Baloo!

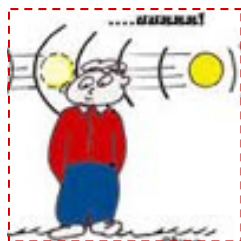
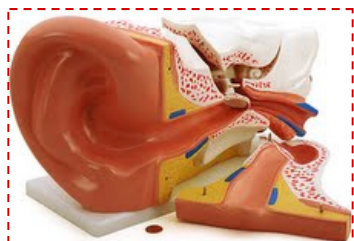
A huge thanks goes to all who attended. Council were amazed that so many Scouts showed up and they had to quickly look for more spots for us to plant extra trees for them. Well done all.



15th - 16th October 2011

SOUND NIGHT

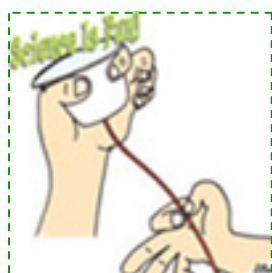
We start off with a model of the ear and the basic mechanism of hearing, including the three smallest bones in the body. The importance of stereoscopic direction finding is demonstrated in the game 'Who Said That' where the blindfolded Sixer points in the direction of the voice, first with both ears working then with one ear blocked up.



They then split into three groups and explore the bases in rotation. A chance to talk like Darth Vader, see your voice on the oscilloscope, hear a sine wave and the difference between amplitude and frequency modulated sound.

On to the next table to try the Echo tube, Whirly pipe, Doppler buzzer, Screaming balloon and the Singing rod, where your stroking fingers resonate the aluminium tube to an ear splitting volume!

Around the hall to try out the Big Ear listening bowl reflector, the Talking Cup which 'says' "Science is fun", and make a 'Thunder Clap' to take home and terrorise your parents or younger siblings.



The night finishes with either a quite game of **Match the sounds in the metal cans**, or an active game of **Throw the whistling rocket ball**. Sounds like a fun, noisy night!

Jamboree On The Air is a yearly International Scouting event, when Scouts from around the world can talk to each other over short wave radio. This is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to experience Scouting in other places without leaving the country.

What's your Group doing for JOTA this year? Camping somewhere different, on a hilltop maybe for good radio reception? Have you organised a radio operator, interesting technology bases and activities for your Scouts? For ideas or Radio Operator help, give me a call.



FUTURE NIGHTS

Tue 6th Sep	1 st Winston Hills	Joey's and Cubs Arcs & Sparks
Mon 12th Sep	1 st Whalan	Cubs Sound
Mon 19th Sep	1st Cambridge Pk	Cubs Hover
Fri 14th Oct	1st Oakville	? Chemistry
15th -16th Oct	JOTA	
Mon 17th Oct	1st/2nd Merrylands	Joey's and Cubs Hover
Mon 24th Oct	1 st Emu Plains	Cubs ?

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Many thanks for the great work done by the helpers on the Top-Rope Climbing Badge Course in July.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Course: 25th October (theory at Bundilla) and 29th and 30th October (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock)

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).

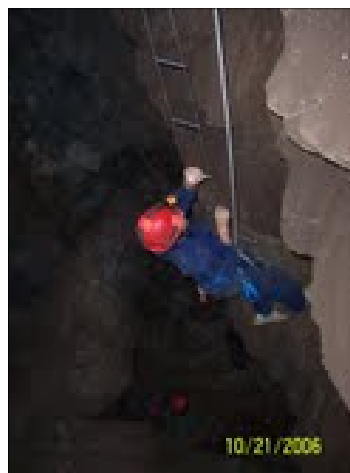
No charge for theory nights.

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Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator

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*GWSR Scout
caving at Bungonia
Photo:
Meredith Stewart*

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CUB SCOUT COOK OFF

We had two sixes participate in our District Cook off at Ermington Scout Hall; Carlingford (White) and Ermington - Blaxland (Black).

All the Cubs had a great time and gave it their best, but unfortunately there can only be one winner in a competition like this.

And the **Winner** was (Drum Roll) **Carlingford (White)** with their three course menu consisting of Rice Paper Rolls, Easy Omelettes with Salad and Meringue Nests with seasonal fruit.

Congratulations to the Cubs (and their Leaders) who will go on and represent our District in the Region Cub Cook off and then hopefully in the State Cook Off.

Other awards given out included:

Runner Up	Ermington
Best Hygiene	Carlingford
Best Designed Menu	Carlingford
Best Table Decoration	Ermington
Best Table Setting	Carlingford

1-2-3 Woof to All

Rob Drury (Spud) ACSL
1st North Rocks



2011 ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS - GWSR

SILVER KANGAROO

for sustained and exceptional service

ROBINSON, Shirley Region Adviser, GWSR

SILVER EMU

for sustained and exceptional service

BARR, Frank DL (Training), Blue Mts District

SILVER WATTLE

for outstanding service

BARNES, Kenneth GL 1st Westmead
BARR, Judith DLVS, Blue Mountains District
BRIGDEN, Bruce SL, 1st Wentworthville
CLARKE, Melissa DLCS, Blue Mountains District
HANNAN, Valerie Group Adviser, 1st Pendle Hill
HORNSTRA, Lars ASL, 1st/2nd Merrylands
MANSON, Owen GL, 2nd Northmead
MUNRO, James Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
WARDELL, Jenny RA (Resp) Kings Langley Rovers
WILKINSON, Gary SL, 1st Hazelbrook

SILVER ARROWHEAD

for excellent service

ANDERSON, Andrew Crew Leader (Appointed)
1st North Mt Druitt Rovers
BELCHER, Mark GL, 1st Emu Plains
BORDLEY, Charlene RA, GWSR
CASLEY, Christine DLCS, Penrith City District
CUNEO, Kathleen RCJS, GWSR
DALZIEL, Margo VSL, 1st Kings Langley
DRURY, Robert ACSL, 1st North Rocks
EDWARDS, Simon VSL, 1st Dural
FREEMAN, Gregory ASL, 1st Oakville
GANE, Philip AVSL, 1st Emu Plains
GRAHAM, Brett ASL, 1st South Penrith
HAYES, Elizabeth SL, 1st North Rocks
MERCIECA, Joseph AVSL, 1st Blaxland
POLLOCK, Fredrick JSL, 2nd Kings Langley
ROSS, Graham SL, 1st Penrith
SHAW, John Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
SHAW, Lorraine DLCS, Blacktown District
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SNELLING, Andrew SL, 1st Granville
WALLACE, Stephen DVSL, Blacktown District
WARDLE, Jenny Supporter, Cumberland
GS Scout Fellowship
WATTS, Duncan SL, 1st Oakville
WHEAT, Adam AVSL, 1st Hazelbrook
WILLIAMS, Michelle ASL, 3rd Merrylands
WOODBURY, Peter AVSL, West PH Valley

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

for good service

AQUILINA, John	CSL, 1st Glossodia
BURR, Richard	SL, 1st North Mt Druitt
BURR, Sharon	ASL, 1st North Mt Druitt
CAHILL, Melissa	Crew Leader (Not Appointed) Kings Langley Rovers Group Chairman 1st South Penrith
CAMERON, Connie	SL, 1st/2nd Blacktown
CONNOR, Glenn	SL, 1st Balcombe Heights
COWEN, Stuart	AVSL, 1st Ermington
DE JERSEY, Andrew	ACSL, 1st Carlingford
DEARDEN, Geoff	SL, 1st Dural
DOUGLAS, Carol	ASL, 1st Westmead
EMERY, Andre	AGL, West PH Valley
FRANCIS, Belinda	SL, 1st Murray Farm
HENRIKSSON, Philomena	ASL, 1st Granville
HOWARD, Clifford	VSL, 1st Emu Plains
HYATT, Paula	CSL, West PH Valley
JENNIS, Anthony	Supporter, 1st Blaxland
LITTLEJOHNS, Sharon	CSL, 1st South Penrith
LOUAT, Beverley	SL, West Pennant Hills Valley
LOVE, David	CSL, 1st Kellyville
LUTZ, Ian	AVSL 1st Oakville
McGARRY, Carol	VSL, 1st Westmead
McGRATH, Eliza	Group Secretary, 1st Blaxland
McLEAN, Shauna	AL (Group), 1st Toongabbie
McLEAN-MURRAY, Julie	SL, 1st St Marys
OA'ARIKI, Gertrude	Crew Leader (Appointed) 1st North Mt Druitt
OLUFSEN, Corey	Group Chairman 1st North Rocks
RALSTON, Wendy	AJSL, 1st Winston Hills
RICHARDS, Jodie	VSL, 1st Blaxland
ROSS, Ian	ASL, 1st Oakville
SMITH, Rosemary	GL, 1st Penrith
SPALDING, Maurice	GL, 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside
SULLIVAN, Neal	CSL, 1st Kellyville
THOMPSON, Gabrielle	AVSL, 1st Kings Langley
VELLA, Matthew	CSL, 1st Oakville
WATTS, Caroline	ACSL, 1st St Marys
WHITE, Sidney	ACSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands
WINCHESTER, Aaron	GL, 1st North Mt Druitt
WOOD, Robert	

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