



The Bulletin

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BUSHWALKING LEVEL 1 and 2 ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP



Bundilla Scout Camp
Winston Hills

Sunday 23rd October 2011

For all **LEADERS, ROVERS**
VENTURERS and SCOUTS

to gain

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The day has been designed to quickly accredit Branch members with the new Bushwalking qualifications. It is a combined practical, teaching and assessment process - with the aim of participants both learning and/or becoming qualified.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

How did we ever live without email? Recently I pressed a button on my computer and wiped all reference of me off my laptop. Unfortunately at the time our web master was on a cruise so I couldn't have him reinstate what I had deleted and had to wait for his return to get my email back up and working. I have been told not to press any strange buttons without Matt's approval.

We are pleased to advise that the Region Executive have invited Julie Owens, Federal Member for Parramatta and Ray Williams, State Member for Hawkesbury to be Honorary Patrons of our Region and I am pleased to advise that they have accepted. This is good news for the Region.

Recently we had an incident in GWS where two Associate Leaders took children on an activity without a qualified Leader and of course there was a car accident, but fortunately there were no injuries. To make matters worse, the accident occurred in an area not indicated as part of the activity, the A1 had not been received by the Group Leader the mandatory 14 days prior to the activity and our Region Commissioner Activities did not have a copy of the A1. Following this incident I am putting in writing the rules which will be followed in this region from now on;

1. 14 days prior to an activity the A1 will be given to the Group Leader. (This is for activities being undertaken outside the hall on a meeting night which may be classed to have some risk involved. Does not include a night at the movies etc,)

2. The Group Leader will pass on the A1 to the Region Commissioner Activities (as well as the ZAC in a district or region outside the Group's normal district or region). Forward to any other person you wish to keep informed.

Region will not accept any deviation from the above. Remember if you don't follow the Association rules you may end up without insurance cover if you are involved in a court case.

The Adult Recognition Awards dinner is on October 20th, and I am pleased to say that we have received 256 acceptances including 64 recipients. This is will be our largest dinner for a number of years. Thanks to Kim and Maggi for all their hard work.

A reminder that we are running a citation writing workshop at Bundilla on Saturday 12th November at 2.00pm and the chair of the NSW Awards Committee, Claire Geary will be attending to advise what they look for in a recommendation.

Group Leaders and Group Presidents please put **Sunday 5th February 2012** in your diary as we are

having a seminar at Bundilla to discuss a number of matters which will be important to your Group. This meeting is compulsory for all Group Leaders, District Commissioners and Region Section Leaders. Region will provide a sausage sizzle for lunch as well as morning and afternoon tea. Further details will be included in the next Bulletin.

I had the pleasure to join the District Cub Scout Leaders and Anne Thompson at a dinner recently to thank Tricia Shaw for her contribution to Cubbing in GWSR. The evening was most enjoyable and I had the chance to socialise with some very nice dedicated Leaders. Thanks for the invitation Anne.

Until next time.....Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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Tuesday and Thursday 11:30am - 2:00pm

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Proprietress: Marie Lai

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

The term ended with many Joey Scout Mobs completing badge work. Many Trek About badges and Campfire badges were given out.

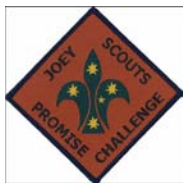
The Trek About concept with mobs going on a nature walk or hike has proven to be very popular with mobs all over the state. It is pleasing to see so many mobs putting the 'out' into Scouting.

Term 4 is generally the **Care and Share** term, so many mobs are planning programs around the Care and Share month of November. Joey Scouts are shown that we look after other people in our community.

I am pleased that we are about to have a parents' night to try and start a new Joey Scout mob at 1st Greystanes. This will give children in the Holroyd District another mob to attend. As most of us know - the main challenge will be, to find enough Leaders. Good Luck to this Group.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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

Carley Verco - 1st Carlingford

Karl Gibian - 1st Carlingford

Oliver Minty - 1st Winston Hills

Eleanor Maddock - 1st Blaxland

HOP HOP HOP



Joey Scouts enjoying themselves at the
Joey Scout
Fun Day at Bundilla

Photos courtesy of

Kim Harris



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Our final Cub Scout Leadership course for the year, once again proved most successful, with 56 cubs participating. Sincere thanks to all the Leaders and Cooks for their hard work and support - the team work was brilliant. Special thanks to Tricia Shaw who worked in the kitchen all day, even though it was her Birthday. We hope you enjoyed the Cubs rendition of Happy Birthday!

Cub Baanya will be held on the 29th and 30th October at Bundilla. Full details and the A1 are available on the GWSR website. The **closing date is 20th October**, so get your applications in now.

Many Packs still need to give a copy of their **2012 Program outline** to their District Leader Cub Scouts. Poor programming seems to be a problem in quite a few Packs. If you are experiencing difficulty in this area, please talk to your DLCS or myself - we have many Leaders willing to lend you a guiding hand - you just need to ask. I would also like to remind any one who is planning a **Pack Holiday**, that a copy of the Program needs to be sent to me at least one month prior to the event for approval. This is to ensure that we are all working according to the Association's Policies and Rules.

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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



Bailey Mackres - 1st Carlingford
Aland Ahmed - 1st Carlingford
Matthew McGuire - 1st/2nd Merrylands
Archy Fowler - 1st Greystanes

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Cub Scout Leadership
Course 17/9/2011



ROVER REPORT

SHERWOOD MOOT (2011 REGION MOOT)

Once again, we had a very successful Region Moot run by the wonderful Rovers from 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew. The Moot was well attended with almost 200 Rovers from within Greater Western Sydney Region and from Abroad. Plenty of fun was had by all who attended and a Special Thanks must go out to Matt Thompson (Moot Chief) for organising this event.

"Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope you had a jolly good time! Big congrats to Blaxland 'Kalangadoo' Rover Crew for taking out 1st place in the GWS Region Competition, and to Platabeen Rover Crew for taking out 1st place in the Outer Region Competition. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

Matt Thompson aka the Sheriff of Nottingham."

ROVERS HELP OUT IN TIMOR

At the beginning of July, five Australian Rovers participated in the **Timor Leste project** in conjunction with Scouts Australia and Rotary Australia. The Timor Leste project aims to improve health and sanitation in East Timor.

Chris Malam from ACT, Nicky Strachan from Victoria, Brandon Leaning from Queensland, Delshard Mozhdinia from WA and our own Lauren Tubby from Epping Rover Crew, along with Graeme Fordham from Scouts Australia and two NSW Rotarians, Jo and John, spent 11 days at Amutin Primary School in Dilli, building a new toilet block and refurbishing other parts of the school.

Currently, Amutin Primary School is attended by 1,200 students, has 20 teachers and only 4 toilets! As part of the Timor Leste project, the Rovers worked with the local Timor Leste Rovers and Rotaract Youth to paint the existing toilet block, and almost the entire school, insulate the small school kitchen and assist with laying the foundation for the new toilet block. Local builders were hired for the major construction work required during the project.

The Timor Leste project was funded by **Dollars for Dilli**, an ACT Government initiative, and the Rotary Club of South Dubbo. The Timor Leste project is planned to be an ongoing Service Project for Rovers, Scouts Australia and Rotary.

VENTURERS AND ROVERS PAINTBALL EVENT

Samuel Boyd is organising a Paintball Event at Action Paintball for Venturers and Rovers across the Region to get to know each other better. All Venturers over the age of 16 are welcome to attend what should be a fun day. For more information see: <http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/rovers/news/462-paintball-event>

OPERATION DRAGNET

This year, the Waratah Team is working closely with NSW Venturers to deliver a one off State-wide Waratah that will see Venturers tested in an all way. Based on one of the most exciting events from the United Kingdom, this seemingly simple Waratah will have Venturers from all over NSW finding all new ways to prove victorious in the Challenge of a Lifetime.

Once again, Rovers from GWSR will be on hand to assist with the smooth running of this event. Applications closed on Friday 7th October. Anyone who has not handed in their application but is still interested in attending will need to contact Stephen Wallace directly ASAP.

Luke Saunders - PR & Internet Officer

GWSR Rover Council

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Scouts Australia are once again asking Scout Groups to assist young McDonald's staff in collecting money for Ronald McDonald House Charities in their local McDonald's on McHappy Day. **100% of the money raised on McHappy Day goes to RMHC, so our members can feel good about helping seriously ill kids... and it's also a great way for your Group to talk about Scouting with families in your local community.**

In return for Scouts Australia's participation, McDonald's will provide participants with a free badge. McDonald's will also place Scouts Australia promotional tray mats in all of its 800 restaurants during March-December 2012.

For Groups fundraising in McDonald's restaurants: In October, the Branch Coordinators will provide the name and contact number of McHappy Day event managers in each McDonald's restaurant. Once you receive the contact details from your Branch Coordinator, you can give the event manager a call and start planning your Group's involvement in McHappy Day.

If your Group is planning to participate in McHappy Day, please visit the Scouts NSW website to read more about your role in McDonald's Restaurants, and to register your group's interest.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your NSW Branch Coordinator, Rosalie Batistoni on 9735 9034 or email rosalie.batistoni@nsw.scouts.com.au

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Here's a question. As a Leader, are we supposed to have fun as well, or is it just the youth?

I have often said that when the fun goes out of your Scouting experience, that's the time to change direction, or simply hang up the scarf.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend Ratskin, run by Golden West Region, out the back of Lithgow. As a part of the team from GWSR, lead by Matt Vella from 1st Kings Langley Venturers, Ratskin is a camp for Leaders run by Venturers, and it is just awesome fun! And best of all, our team came second overall. (There is probably a double page spread somewhere else in the Bulletin from another team from GWS that sort of came first!) **...it was something to do with the Master versus the new kid on the block!**

But seriously, a great weekend was had by all; where Leaders can hone their navigation and Scouting skills in a real fun way. Next year I hope to have a big contingent of Leaders from GWSR in attendance.

the rock equipment, but all the gear we have, including the water activities gear. Good quality gear is not cheap, and looked after correctly it should last for a good number of years.

We have been approached by National Parks at Bents Basin to provide some canoes and helpers as part of a Culture Camp to be held at Bents Basin on Saturday 12th November 2011. I am looking for a number of Leaders or Venturers with either Level 2 or Level 3 Flat Water Canoeing to help out. Please let me know if you can help.

Don't forget our Water Fun Day coming up Sunday 4th December at Chipping Norton Lake. What about making the day your Group's annual Christmas Party. We have also booked one of the mobile climbing walls for the day. Further details will be out soon.

With the weather starting to warm up, there will be an increase in our water activities with planned canoe courses, a sailing course, and for the more adventurous, an overnight canoe trip to obtain Expedition Endorsement (Leaders, Rovers & Venturers only).



I am very pleased to advise we have been able to purchase a fairly large amount of new climbing and abseiling gear, including new ropes, harnesses and helmets. This will ensure we have sufficient gear to maintain the current growth in our rock activities. We have some very dedicated Leaders trained in rock skills, and it wonderful to be in a position to ensure they have the much needed resources to be able to share their skills.

The seventh Scout Law is "A Scout is Thrifty." We all need to be thrifty in the way we treat, not just

You can keep up to date with what activities are happening by simple going to the GWS website, and follow the links to the Activities Calendar. There you can also pull up the A1 form for the particular activity.

Keep enjoying your Scouting and always remember to **"have adventurous fun and be activity safe!"**

Mark Fell (DINGO) - RC Activities

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APPOINTMENTS LIST

29/08/2011 TO 19/09/2011



APPOINTMENTS

EDWARDS, Janice	AVSL	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
EDWARDS, Jason	VSL	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
PRIEST, Tracey	Appt TL (G)	1st Cambridge Park Scout Group
GARSKE, Bradley	AJSL	1st St Marys Joey Mob

TRANSFERS

ANDERSON, Gregory	From AL (G) To AVSL	1st Nth Mt Druitt Scout Group 1st Nth Mt Druitt Venturer Unit
HARRIS, Peter	From AL (G) To ASL	1st Springwood Scout Group 1st Springwood Scout Troop
MCKINLAY, Karin	From AL (G) To ASL	1st Grose Vale Scout Group 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
SELMES, Andrew	From AL (G) To ACSL	2nd Northmead Scout Group 2nd Northmead Cub Pack
JAYASEELAN, Sam	From AL (G) To ASL	1st Parramatta Scout Group 1st Parramatta Scout Troop
RICHARDS, Brendan	From AL (CS) To Appt TL (CS)	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack (Impeesa) 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack (Impeesa)
THOMPSON, Anne	From DCSL To RC (CS)	Holroyd District Greater Western Sydney Region

RESIGNATIONS

AHUJA, Harish	AL (G)	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
BROME, Colleen	AL (G)	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
HEATH, Jessica	AJSL	1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob
TREMLETT, Scott	ASL	1st North Rocks Scout Troop
GORMAN, Lisa	ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack (Cumbora)
YOUNG, David	AL (G)	1st Westmead Scout Group

REGISTRATIONS

1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HOSKEN, David	Trainee AL	1st Castle Hill Scout Group
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FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Hi everyone. Recently we had our **State Jamboree** in Canberra with the theme **Raiders of the Lost Capital**. Sadly though our numbers were down but those who attended had a great time. We had over 50 Scouts from Blacktown District alone as well as Scouts from South Penrith's new troop. It was like a mini Jamboree with Scouts eating and sleeping as a troop, those going off site for the day making their lunch to take with them, then rushing off to catch the bus into the city. Sites visited in the city included the War Memorial, the Zoo and the Museum (and it was not night time).

One of the onsite activities included our very own **Tower of Power** which went off with a bang as usual and no one complained. Surprised a few kangaroos a little but they just nodded their heads and kept on ignoring us.

Other onsite activities included the Flying Fox, Golf Ball maze, archery, slip and slide to name a few. We had Mitchell Howlett with his team there for his Medallion activity to demonstrate **First Lego League Lego Robotics** and introduce the concept to Scouts and Cubs, which sparked some interest from Scouts and particularly some Leaders. In fact we had to pull one of the Leaders out of the way so the kids could have a go! It was all good fun and informative. Mitchell still has some brochures and DVD's if any Leaders are interested.



Some felt that the cost of the Jamboree was too expensive but we seem to have overlooked the fact that it was to be a mini Jamboree with offsite activities which included entry cost as well as bus hire to/from the activities. Never the less, those who did go had a great time. Here are a few snaps of some other activities.

Jamboree 2013 cost and information has now been released and the **NSW Contingent Website** contains the information. For Scouts it is \$1,495, Venturers \$1,130, Leaders and Rovers \$1,095. We should already be involved in fund raising by now. The **first deposit of \$750** for everyone is due on the **15th March 2012**. The on-line applications are expected to go live on the 1st November. There are **no paper registrations** but everyone needs to apply on-line either from home, a friend's house or library. The application cannot be completed until a relevant passport style photo has been uploaded (head and shoulders).

This Jamboree there are **strict rules** regarding **withdrawals** which everyone should be aware of.

Fees for withdrawals received:

On or before 31 August 2012 is \$100

1 September to 30 November is \$550

After 30 November is no refund.

Have a look at The Patrol Tent website to see some links for more information:

<http://aj2013.patroltent.com>

Robin Garrett - RC Scouts

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***Raiders of the
Lost Capital***
State Jamboree
Camp Cottermouth, ACT

Photos courtesy of
Robin Garrett





AUSSIE HELPERS: CHRISTMAS FOR AUSSIE FARMERS APPEAL

Aussie Helpers was formed by Brian Egan. Through a combination of droughts and personal depression, Brian lost his farm and fell on hard times. With the help of friends he escaped this and formed Aussie Helpers to try and support other battling farmers going through similar tough times. For the last two years 1st South Penrith has been collecting Christmas presents to be distributed by Aussie Helpers.

While the weather has been a bit kinder to them this year, there are still a lot of farmers suffering from depression and financial stresses of the previous droughts and flooding rains. The depression can effect entire families including the wives and children. Let's make this a special Christmas and put some smiles back on their faces.

If your Group is interested in setting up a tree this year to collect presents for our farming families please contact Brian Zarth (Magpie) from 1st South Penrith Scout Group on 0403 781 446 or email joey@southpenrith.org.au

You need to setup the tree as early as possible next term so that they can be collected early enough to distribute them to the bush. See <http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au> for more information on Aussie Helpers.

Brian Zarth (Magpie)
Joey Scout Leader
1st South Penrith Scout Group
<http://www.southpenrith.org.au>
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1ST GRANVILLE CENTENARY – ONE HUNDRED CONTINUOUS YEARS

On September 11th 2011 1st Granville Scout Group celebrated a Centenary of continuous Scouting. Almost two hundred people attended the event with well over a hundred taking part in the street march to the Group's headquarters. The march was led by vintage cars and a fire engine from the 1920's and a piper, Riordan Drake, from Springwood Venturer Unit. The vintage vehicles carried the more elderly of our old boys (all in their 80's) and the 92 year old granddaughter of the man who donated the land to the Group for its headquarters in 1912. A flurry of flags preceded the uniform members from the Group, Holroyd District and other Groups.

At the hall a formal ceremony was held. This included presentations to the Group from two federal MPs, two state MPs and two Parramatta Councillors. There was also the unveiling of a Centenary plaque and the dedication of a plaque for the Group memorial wall for a fourth adult who had given thirty years service to the Group. Of course there was also the cutting of the birthday cake.

The Scout Group was quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald of 10/10/41 as being the second oldest in NSW (without the oldest being mentioned). Two early troop members were awarded the Medal of Merit and the Certificate of Merit in 1920 for keeping the troop going during the years of the first World War when most other groups went into recess. 1st Granville's first Scoutmaster (who served the group for 40 years except for four years during WW1) postulated in 1961 whether the Group might then be the oldest in NSW as he had acted as the lone Leader during WW11 with 8 patrols of Scouts and the older group may have gone into recess.

The group's history details a 21 day journey by canoe from Goulburn to Granville (before the Warragamba Dam) and troop camps in the 1920's to Ulmarra on the Clarence and Eden by steamship.

A Sydney North Rover website cites NSW records as showing 1st Granville Rover Crew as the first to be registered in the state in July 1920. Minutes of the troop constitution in 1912 showed the Group to be divided into senior and junior sections (as well as a bugle band and bicycle section). In 1933 (long before senior scouts) the troop was formally divided into fully separated senior and junior troops. The Group was not as proactive with Wolf Cubs as it did not form a pack until the 1920's.

On September 13th 2011 the MHR for Parramatta Julie Owens gave a speech in parliament, congratulating 1st Granville on its achievement and commenting on the atmosphere of the Centenary celebration. The Leaders were mentioned by name and so achieved a degree of immortality being named in Hansard!

A feature of the Group's anniversaries over the decades has been the production of year books and souvenirs. This year we produced a coffee mug (\$8), a year book (\$8) a badge (\$2) and a USB (with newsletters from the 1920's, year books from 1930 to the present, 1920's Rover log books and District newsletters from the 1940's which gives a brilliant insight into the past (\$8). All of these items are available for anyone who is interested.

Please direct all enquiries to Bruce Roberts on 9681 2478 or bruceroberts12@hotmail.com

THE ACTORS PULSE

I am introducing a new teen class here at The Actors Pulse. The Actors Pulse have been training some of Australia's finest actors for the last 15 years. We have often been approached by ambitious and talented young people who are eager to begin serious training as actors, and so we have developed a teen class that will incorporate all aspects of our courses. The course will involve training for stage and screen, and the students will have access to our Theatre space as well as our fully equipped Camera Studio.

The course is open to 11-15 yr olds. Please feel free to pass this information on to any of your teenagers whom you feel will benefit.

Note: Places in the class will be limited so early enrolments are advised.

Please visit our website or contact me for further information, including prices, dates and times. Parents are most welcome to arrange a time to come and see the school and facilities, and I will happily answer any questions they may have.

Alana Ferris

Personal Assistant to Billy Milionis

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www.theactorspulse.com.au



RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RECENT NIGHTS

We visited both Westmead and Northmead, on separate nights, *for the first time* last month, for LIGHT nights. There must only be a handful of Groups in GWS left for us to find.

A couple of HOVER nights were popular as usual. The first at 1st Winston Hills, who always provide us with plenty of enthusiastic Joeys and Cubs, and then Cambridge Park where a new Cub Leader had discovered us.

Returning to Groups is always encouraging, and this month it was to Scouts at Whalan and Oakville for separate SOUND nights.



Northmead Cub Scouts

WATER ROCKETS AT QUEANBEYAN

The Southern Ranges Joeys had a Fun Day on Sunday 11th September. Their RC Alan Stunden saw me during the Joey Konara at Pennant Hills on the May 14 and asked me to put on a Water Rocket base for them.

Sunday in Queanbeyan Park was sunny with blowy winds all day. I set up two rocket bases to add a bit of variety. They had given me plenty of space down wind of the other bases but in a short time we had lost a rocket inside the preschool grounds, so moved further into the oval.

Alan's daughter, Breanna, was a welcome help all day, filling rockets with water, organising each new group of Joeys to count down and pull the cord, filling and carrying the water bucket from outside the oval, and then at the end helping to dismantle and carry everything to the car. A great effort for a young girl of Cub age.



Alan with daughter Breanna and son.



Where did it go?



There were a dozen other bases including: a large Box Maze, Archery and Spear throwing at target, Bubbles, Badge making table and a Parachute group activity.

FUTURE NIGHTS

Tue 1/11	1 st Kellyville Joeys & Cubs	Measure
Mon 2/11	1 st /2 nd B'town Cubs Scouts	Rockets
Mon 14/11	1 st Erskine Park Joeys Cubs	Arcs & Sparks
Wed 23/11	1 st Quakers Hill Cubs Scouts	Rockets
Tue 29/11	1 st Kings Langley Cubs Scouts	Heart
Tue 6/12	1 st Ermington Joeys Cubs ?	Heart
Wed 14/12	1 st Winston Hills Venturers	Pyro Rockets
Mon 19/12	1 st Pendle Hill Cubs Scouts	Arcs & Sparks

JOTA BASES

The JOTA weekend is 15 -16 October. Group halls that are open for Radio/Internet activities, that I am aware of, include: Glossodia (R), Penrith at Badgerys Creek (R), 1st Kings Langley (R&I), Winston Hills (I), Northmead (R&I), and North Rocks (R&I).

Some Groups set up camp on the Friday night and go through till lunch time on the Sunday (Glossodia and Penrith), others are open Saturday and Sunday, some only Saturday. Cubs and Joeys are welcome anytime, but some Groups have structured activities for the Scouts all weekend and arrange activities for their Cubs on one day or the other.

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Many thanks to all those who have helped on the recent top-rope course and the abseil courses. Excellent work. Also, the new gear that has been supplied by Region has made a great difference.

Coming Activities

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

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

Caving Trip: 19th and 20th November at Wee Jasper.

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 Sun 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

Our program for 2012 will be on this web site any day now.

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.

Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator
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*GWSR Scout in
Yileen Canyon*

Photo: Jim Munro

VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to Mitchell Hayes, Robert Slater and Sushen Gupta on being presented with their Queen's Scout Award Certificates at Government House last month.

The September Look Wide magazine is available for download from the Region website. This edition includes an introduction to our new Branch Commissioner (Venturer Scouts) and details of upcoming events.

Operation Dragnet is only a few weeks away and preparations are progressing well as we prepare for this exciting challenge. Good luck to all participating teams and I look forward to having GWSR win this event!

Expeditions for the **Australian Venture** in Tasmania are now available on the online registration system. Please refer to the latest Contingent Bulletin for further details on flights, payments, offsite activities and a recommended gear list.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts
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TRAINING REPORT

TRAINING

It is of great concern to me, that people are still confusing Associate Leaders and Assistant Leaders appointed to the section. There are serious ramifications if an Associate Leader is in charge of an Activity or running a section night. These people can assist with these, but must have a fully trained and appointed leader with a Certificate of Adult Leadership present at all times and this is not standing in a corner talking to others. It is active participation.

E LEARNING

We have sold 70 odd New Leader Kits and about 60 trainees who have done their Interviews but very few of these have completed their e-learning milestones. If the *log on* hasn't occurred, then ask us what has happened. There are some people, who for one reason or another do not see their emails and some others where their emails bounce back to the sender.

Please Groups be proactive in getting your trainees to complete e-learning and apply for their Basic Sectional Techniques weekend.

LEADERS TRAINING

There many leaders in the Region who only have their Inservice to complete before submitting a W3 for appointment. Please encourage your Trainee Leaders to contact their PLA's for assistance.

On another note: Scouting has a two deep leadership Policy and it is there for very good reasons. It is important for Groups to have their trainees complete their training asap to ensure this policy is adhered to at all times.

FORMS AND PROCEDURES

Do you know how to fill out the Incident /Accident report? Do you know who should fill in one?

Do you know who to contact if there is a major incident/accident ? Are the Leaders in your section aware of the chain of contact and have the contacts readily available?

Maybe as a training component of your Group Council all Leaders could revisit this procedure.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Please contact a member of the training team if you wish to begin your Advanced Training. Joey and Cub Leaders who have been appointed on the pre e-learning system please contact your RC for the section re an AL2 completion as this is now part of the Basic training component.

THE TRAINING PROCESS: I will try to make this simple as people are still confused about the new Leader process! A form has been published but hopefully this will also help.

STEPS

- ★ Purchase a new leader kit for \$60 at GWSR Office
- ★ GL and trainee complete W1 and M5 together
- ★ Book into an Introductory interview either with the DLT or Region Office for 1st Thursday of month at Bundilla at 7:30pm.
- ★ Complete L8 at Interview and hand in W1 and M5
- ★ GWSR Office processes the paperwork and State sends a Letter of Welcome once the Police Check has been approved.
- ★ *Log on* will then occur - an email is sent to trainee and PLA re log on.
- ★ Trainee logs on, changes pass word and completes Core Modules (Milestone report sent to Region re completion).
- ★ Trainee completes Basic Section Modules for the section they are training in (Milestone report sent to Region re completion).
- ★ Inservice L10 can be going through at this stage.
- ★ Apply for Basic Section Techniques in section to be appointed in.
- ★ After attending course complete L10 ensuring all verification paperwork is attached with dates that match.
- ★ Contact DLT or book in to sign off night 4th Thursday of month at Bundilla
- ★ Bring along completed L10, W3 and Cert III workbooks (if doing this) when meeting with training team member.
- ★ Region Office sends paperwork to State.
- ★ State sends back Certificate of Adult Leadership (CoAL). That is appointed Leader to section.

Please note that there is a new Training calendar available on the NSW website updated 11/10/11. The SVR AL2 initially scheduled to run 21-23 Oct has been moved to the weekend of 4-6 Nov@ Camp Coutts. A new RAL3 has been added to run 2-4 Dec at Heathcote. Please consider these courses as an option for people to complete their Advanced training.

Ann Pounder - Region Commissioner AT&D

Email: training@greaterwestscouts.com.au



Congratulations to these Leaders who have recently gained their Wood Badges

MARK FLAVELL

Cub Scout Leader
2nd Kings Langley
and

MICHAEL HUDSON

Joey Scout Leader
1st Blaxland

Bravo - well done!

PEN PALS WANTED

Kelly Johnson, the National Pen Pal Coordinator has the following people looking for Pen Pals in Australia:

- 15 x South African girls - female only, no email
- 2 x Italian girls (15 years) - male and female
- A 9 year old Italian girl
- Kenyan Male Scout Leader (36 years)
- 21 year old Norwegian male
- 12 year old Norwegian girl
- 2 x 8 year old Norwegian boys
- 8 year old South African boy
- 10 year old USA girl
- 11 year old USA male
- 20 x Beaver Colonies - United Kingdom
- 25 x Scout Troops - USA, UK and Poland
- 1x Scout Group - United Kingdom

If you or any of your youth members would like to link with any of these people, please contact;

Kelly Johnson - National Pen Pal Coordinator
Scouts Australia

PO Box 103

MYPOLONGA SA 5254

Email: kemark@mypolonga.com.au



JOTA AT CATARACT

Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club (FGARC) will once again be manning the Amateur Radio Building at Cataract Scout Park this year. Cataract Scout Park is the only Scout Park in NSW that has a dedicated radio shack.

Why not bring your Cubs/Scouts to Cataract for this event and let them enjoy the experience of talking over the air waves to other Scouts around Australia.

If you are making it a camping weekend they will also have the opportunity to make contact with Scouts overseas during the early hours of the evening.

Please note, you will need to make arrangements for a camping weekend through the normal channels, but it will also be necessary to let FGARC know as indicated below.

If you wish to come on a DAY ONLY basis and provide your own food, Park Management has agreed there will be no charge. **FREE ENTRY to the Park for either day only covers the JOTA activity.**

So, Leaders if you can't make it – encourage parents to bring their Cubs/Scouts to Cataract Scout Park and mums and dads will then be able to see the great safe facilities available.

It is understood JOTA/JOTI badges will be available through the normal channels for about 50 cents each.

It is essential to let FGARC know if you intend going to Cataract so they can ensure they have the necessary manpower to assist the Scouts. FGARC will also provide the security code for entry to the Park for that day.

Contact details:

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH

At the July 2011 meeting of the Regional Commissioners' Forum, I was asked by the Forum to review what members should wear below the waist with the National uniform.

The primary concern at the time of the introduction of the current uniform in 2003 was that whatever uniform was to be specified it should be readily accessible to purchase, relatively inexpensive, practical and suitable for all occasions. Those same concerns remain today.

I have now completed the review and have decided that the uniform to be worn by all Members in NSW will be:

SHIRT (National Policy)

Youth Members – dark blue Scout pattern incorporating the Scouts Australia logo with short sleeves and collar.

The collar, yoke and outside of sleeves to be in the relevant Section colour as indicated below:

Joey Scouts – Tan, Cub Scouts – Yellow, Scouts – Green, Venturer Scouts – Maroon, Rovers – Red

Adult Members – dark blue only Scout pattern incorporating the Scout Australia logo.

SCARF (National Policy)

A scarf of a design approved by Branch which may be worn either under or over the collar, with a woggle.

(the decision on whether worn under or over the collar is one for the Group but all members of the Group must use the same method of wear).

SHORTS, TROUSERS, SKIRTS

Youth Members and Adult Members – Individual choice of neat attire. Colour will be either grey, light colours or navy blue. The decision of what colour will be worn is a Group decision (not a Region or District decision) but the whole Group must wear the same colour. Light coloured is beige, stonewash, light brown or similar colours.

Jeans may be worn on activities with the shirt and scarf as prescribed above may be worn on activities.

However for formal occasions jeans are not to be worn. The colour of shorts, trousers or skirts worn by members of the State Team will be '*light colours*'.

BELTS

Dark blue webbing style belt with metal buckle incorporating Scouts Australia logo.

Black or brown coloured belt.

FOOTWEAR

Neat, practical footwear. Individual choice of black or brown shoes, boots or joggers.

HEADGEAR

Headgear worn will be optional at the discretion of the Group. Wearing of headgear appropriate to a situation is expected safe and sensible practice.

The above revised uniform guidelines are applicable immediately.

BADGES

District Badges – These are not covered by the badges approved by National to wear on the uniform.

The wearing of District Badges is therefore at the discretion of the Branch Chief Commissioner and I have decided that District Badges may be worn on the Group/Region Scarf.

Leader Identification Badges (e.g. Cub Scout Leader, Scout Leader etc) – Badges approved for wearing on the uniform by National do not include leader identification badges. I am aware that Scouts Australia Queensland Branch has produced leader identification badges and some leaders in New South Wales are wearing the Queensland Badges. However these are only approved for wear by leaders in Queensland Branch, not New South Wales. Leader identification badges are not to be worn by leaders in New South Wales and any leaders who are currently wearing these badges are to remove them immediately.

Doug Menzies

Chief Commissioner

NATIONAL FLAG DAY

On Friday 2nd September, Westmead Scout, Alfred Lee represented Scouts NSW at the annual Australian National Flag Day commemoration celebrations held in Martin Place, Sydney.

This was the 110th anniversary of the Australian Flag first being flown over the Royal Exhibition buildings, Melbourne in 1901.

Alfred gave a 3 minute speech on what the Australian Flag meant to him as a Scout. Alfred joined dignitaries on the stage, who were representing our Prime Minister, Miss Julia Gillard and our State Premier, Mr Barry O'Farrell. The school band and school choir from Woollaware High School provided the entertainment.

Alfred, along with representatives of other youth groups attending, helped break the Australian Flag with John Vaughan, National spokesperson for the National Flag Association. The commemoration was very moving, especially when the huge Australian Flag was unfurled across Martin Place and everyone present sang Advance Australia Fair, twice.

There was a Cub Scout, from the Mortdale Group in a wheelchair, who also attended the celebrations and was welcomed onto the stage to sit alongside Alfred.

Chris McGrath SL (Kimba)
1st Westmead Scout Troop



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Bravo Alfred!

Photos courtesy of Christine McGrath



DISCOVER LONE SCOUTS

Lone Scouts gives everyone the opportunity to participate in Scouting, no matter where they live.

Lone Scouts is for those who:

- ★ Live in a regional or remote community
- ★ Have no Scouting Group in their local area
- ★ Live in a region where the Scout Group does not have a section appropriate to their age group
- ★ Cannot attend regular Scout meetings for various work, study or travel related reasons.

Lone Scouts are guided by a Leader, who ensures the Lone Scout has all the support they need to take on various Scouting challenges. Lone Scouts stay in touch through email, CD's, telephone, mail and the internet.

Program resources are sent to Lone Scouts with all the information a Scout needs to complete their tasks and obtain their badges.

Whatever cultural or religious background you come from, you will find a warm welcome at Scouts! Membership enquiries are also welcome from those with intellectual or physical disabilities.

For further information contact;

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