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

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Doesn't the time go quickly when there are no Scouting events to attend for a six weeks period. Well not quite a six weeks break - as there were a couple of problems which needed my assistance and I also called at Region Office once a week to check the mail and make sure the bills were paid. I do hope you had a rest and are now ready for another fun filled year.

I am pleased to say that our two lovely ladies are back in the office and will be working the same hours as last year.

As at 1st January 2012, the Scout Association is subject to the new Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011. There was an insert in the January 2012 Scout NSW Magazine and should you have any urgent questions or concerns in relation to the legislation and how it affects you, please email [WHS@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:WHS@nsw.scouts.com.au) If you would like to read about the new legislation go to <http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/newlegislation2012/Pages/default.aspx>

The Adult Recognition Awards nominations closed on January 31, 2012 and at the time of writing this report there were over 50 nominations. If you missed out this time there will be another chance to nominate this year. As from 2013, the Awards will be published on Founders Day in February and not August as has been the case for the last few years. Watch The Bulletin for further details of when nominations are due around July this year.

A reminder that from 1st April 2012, the State fees will be charged on quarterly billing and this should assist both parents and Groups to budget better in the future. The new fee structure is \$30.00 per quarter (or \$120.00 per annum). It is now time for Groups to start sending out accounts to their parents for the fees.

As the end of the financial year for 2011 was December 31, 2011 - it is time for the Treasurers to be thinking about the audit of the Group's books. The Group AGM's will be conducted from 16th April 2012 until 31st May 2012 and now is a good time to approach parents for positions on the Group Committee. Please email Region Office with your preferred AGM date to assure a Region representative is in attendance. The new cash books were handed out to the Group Leaders on 5<sup>th</sup> February and if your Group was not represented on that day they will be given to your DC at the next Region Council.

Don't forget to check the Region website for any updated information on State or Region activities or communications.

Looking forward to hearing about Founder's Day activities and I will attend as many as possible if I am advised, as to when and where.

Until then ..... Carry on Scouting.

**Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner**  
Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

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## ***REGION OFFICE***

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### **A few reminders from Kim and Maggi in the office:**

- ★ Any copies of certificates sent to us to add on to member records **MUST** be certified. We cannot accept uncertified copies.
- ★ The Region Office address is  
**6 BADEN POWELL PLACE  
WINSTON HILLS, NSW 2153**
- ★ Please make certain that all correspondence is correctly addressed and please Leaders, let your parents know this, if they are sending paperwork directly to us.

**The people at 6 Bundilla Avenue in Winston Hills are getting really fed up with receiving our mail!**

## **SLEEPING BAGS FOR SALE**

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We have an abundance of brand new, direct from the factory - fully lined and waterproof sleeping bags to offer the Scouts at the bargain price of \$20 each plus postage.

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## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Welcome to 2012. The new year started in the middle of January for Leaders on e-learning, with a reminder to register for the sectional techniques weekend in February. All courses now require registration a month beforehand and it is important to get the forms sent in. We will all have to be more organised.

It is with regret that we are farewelling some of our Joey Scout Leaders as they move on. Thank you to all for a job well done. We hope that for those going to other sections, they find the experience enjoyable. At the same time we will welcome our new Leaders and hope they have fun in our section.

Planning has started for the **Joey Fun Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. This year's theme is 'International' and each District will choose a country for their base. The Fun Day is a big event on the Joey Scout calendar and we hope to see most of our Region's Joey Scouts on the day.

For all Joey Scout leaders that use the [www.gwsjoey.org.au](http://www.gwsjoey.org.au) website you will notice it has been changed and updated. The many programs that were published have not been moved across, but they can still be accessed by clicking on the link on the title page: [oldsite.gwsjoey.org.au](http://oldsite.gwsjoey.org.au)

Please note that the orange book – *My Adventure in Joey Scouts*, has been reprinted and can be obtained from the RCJS for \$1 a copy. This is a great way for Joey Scouts and their parents to learn about the badges that Joey Scouts work towards.

**Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts**

Email: [joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au)



### FINAL AL1 RESIDENTIAL COURSE (472 12 001) March 2 - 4, 2012 HEATHCOTE

Applications for this course need to be at State Office by **11th February**. Information available in the Training Calendar on Scouts NSW website.

Email: [training@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:training@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## CUB SCOUT NOTES

A **Youth Helpers Course** will be held at Bundilla on **Saturday 3rd March**. If you have young people working with you at the Pack please remind them of the Course. Applications should be made on the L1 Training Course Application, available on the GWSR website. Forms and money need to be at the Region Office by **17th February 2012**.

A **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on **24th March**. Invitations to attend the Cub Scout Leadership Course are with your District Leader Cub Scouts; please ensure you get yours at Seonee so that your cubs have plenty of time to apply - as no late applications will be accepted. **Closing date: March 16**.

**NSW State Palaver will be held at Morisset, on the 16th to 18th March 2012**. This should be a great weekend of fun and friendship and the perfect opportunity to gain new ideas and ready made Programmes. See your DLCS for an invitation and further details. **Closing date is 28th February. Don't miss out - apply now.**

**Cub Fun Day will take place at Bundilla on Sunday 27th May**. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who can help us with activities or can suggest some fun ideas for the day. Please email me asap - thank you.

We are keen to update and improve the information available on the GWSR website for the Cub Scout section. If anyone has Programs, suggestions for suitable bushwalks, games or any other ideas they care to share with other CS Leaders, then please email them to the webmaster or myself as soon as you can. Hard copies can be left at Region Office for me to collect. Many thanks.

**Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts**

Email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



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

**Keighlyn Scott - 1st Grose Vale**

**Olivia Plucke - 1st Glossodia**

**Aaron Morden - 1st Castle Hill**

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## SCOUT REPORT

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Hi everyone. Welcome to 2012. For those of us who had a break over Christmas and New Year, I hope it was a good break and was refreshing for you. This coming Christmas will not be much of a break with the Jamboree on. I guess that this year will also be very busy with preparations for the Jamboree.

### GOALS FOR 2012

With our preparations we also need to ensure we are delivering quality Scouting programmes for our Scouts, the Patrol System/Troop Councils are functioning correctly, we are providing the outdoor activities and in conjunction with the Troop Councils we are providing for our Scouts to have their say at a District and Region level with the Scout Youth Councils (SYC). I am including once again, the Desirable Standards which we would like all our Troops in our Region to strive to achieve. I would like to see each Troop identify two or three of the standards which they would like to try and reach this year and send that information to myself, copying your District Scout Leader or representative. Striving for this standard will help us ensure we are delivering quality Scouting to our Scouts.

### WANTED

In conjunction with these goals, we also need to increase the number of Districts with dedicated District Scout Leaders. While we have some very dedicated Leaders filling the role in conjunction with their other duties as Scout Leaders and Assistants, the position really needs to have someone fill the role formally. DSL's participate in District Councils, District Mindari and Region Mindari. The person needs to be able to have a good repour with the Scout Section Leaders in the District. They should visit troops within their District to promote and assist the Scout Sections within their District, Region and State. They will be involved with the planning, assisting and running of District events at a District level, Region level (i.e. Jamborette) and State events (i.e. State Rally). The DSL is a member of three teams, District Council, District Mindari and Region Mindari. Interested Leaders should contact their District Commissioner and/or myself.

### WANTED

We are also in need of two people to fill the role of SYC Mentor. Persons need to be Leaders, preferably young Leaders who understand the Patrol System, Troop Councils, willing to be a champion of the Scout Youth Councils (SYC), have a good repour with Scouts, willing to visit District and Region SYC meetings and be a part of the Region Mindari. The role can be fulfilled in conjunction with your other Leader position which you

may already be doing. Leaders interested should contact myself directly.

### JAMBOREE

I am including information about the Jamboree that I have already previously listed for your information. The Jamboree cost and information has now been released and is contained on the NSW Contingent Website. For Scouts the cost 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012**. People can apply online now.

There are **no paper registrations** - 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). For this Jamboree there are strict rules regarding withdrawals which everyone should be aware of.

### Fee for withdrawals received:

On or before 31st August 2012 - \$100,  
1st September to 30 November - \$550,  
After 30th November there is no refund.

Have a look at Patroltent to see some links for further information, <http://aj2013.patroltent.com>

**Robin Garrett - RC Scouts**

[scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



## SCOUT LOGO EMBROIDERY

**EmbroidMe** at NorWest has the Scout logo on file and doesn't charge set up fees to have casual Scout polo shirts embroidered with the Scout Logo and Scout Group name underneath.

The shirts are good quality and cost approx \$23 per shirt including embroidery (other embroidery places charge at least \$90 for a set up cost)!

**Contact: EmbroidMe - Norwest**  
**H148/32 Lexington Drive**  
**Bella Vista NSW 2153**  
**Phone: 9629 6655**

# SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW

## SCOUT TROOP - DESIRABLE STANDARDS

### SCOUTING METHOD:

	Yes	Weekly	1 Month	2 months	3 months	6 months	No
Troop Council in operation							
Patrol System in operation					Yes	/	No

### DESIRABLE STANDARDS (IN RED)

### AWARD SCHEME:

Scoutcraft Badge within 4 months	More	90%	60%	Less
Pioneer Badge within 12 months	More	75%	50%	Less
Explorer Badge within 24 months	More	60%	40%	Less
Adventurer Badge within 36 months	More	20%	10%	Less
Achievement Badge – 2 per Scout per year	More	60%	40%	Less
Patrol Activity Badge – 1 per Scout per year	More	50%	40%	Less
Pioneer Cord within 12 months	More	50%	30%	Less
Explorer Cord within 24 months	More	40%	20%	Less
Adventurer Cord within 36 months	More	10%	5%	Less
Australian Scout Medallion	More	10%	5%	Less
Link Badge (to Venturers)	More	80%	60%	Less
Attend & complete Scout Leadership Course	No	Yes	Not Applicable	

### ACTIVITIES:

Camps per year	More	4	2	Less
One day Activities per year	More	4	2	Less
Participate in State, Regional & Divisional events	More	75%	50%	Less
Participate in Group Activities	More	75%	50%	Less

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Minimum of 18 Scouts per Troop	More	18	12	Less
Leaders – 1 per 8 Scouts	More	3	2	Less
Male and Female Leaders in Mixed Troops	No	Yes	Not Applicable	
Numbers leaving during past year. (Don't count Transfers or advancements)	Less	15%	20%	More
Percentage of Cub Scouts advancing to Troop	More	80%	60%	Less

### LEADER TRAINING:

Attend Basic Core Module and Basic Sectional Techniques within (months)	Less	12	18	More
Attend Advanced Training Courses within (months)	Less	24	36	More

### LEADER COMMITMENT (For each Leader):

Attends All Troop Meetings	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Attends All Troop Activities & Camps	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Attends All Group Councils	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Attends All District Mindaris	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom

### ADMINISTRATION:

Has a written Troop Night Program	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Involves ASL's in Program	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Presents Monthly Report to Group Council	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Uses Parent Consent Forms	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Notifies DC/DSL of Activities	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

Includes Parents in Activities (1 per Term)	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Involve Parents as Instructors, Badge Examiners	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom
Are Parents kept informed of Activities	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom

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## VENTURER REPORT

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### AV2012 - WILD DAYZ

The 15th Australian Venture was held in Tasmania last month with great success. 42 Venturers and 6 Adults represented the Region and had a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

16 members from GWSR joined the NSW Pre -Tour and started their journey on 27 December for the flight to Melbourne and an overnight cruise on the Spirit of Tasmania. Taking over the ship, the Venturers enjoyed a more pleasant crossing of Bass Strait than the Sydney to Hobart yacht race the day before, but still rather rough nonetheless. Waking to see the foreign coastline approach, the first day was not wasted - with an early morning visit to the Anvers Chocolate Factory. This merely gave everyone the energy for a trip to Cradle Mountain and an afternoon walk around Dove Lake. The adventure continued with a visit to the Stanley Nut and the Dismal Swamp, as well as tours of Seahorse World and the Beaconsfield Gold Mine. The next day allowed a swim at Freycinet National Beach before joining the Victorian and WA Contingents for a massive New Year's Eve party at Hobart University. A day at Port Arthur, a dip at the Hastings Thermal Pool, a walk among the giants at the Tahune Forest Airwalk and a visit to the Cadbury Chocolate Factory rounded out the major activities.

With the rest of the Contingent joining together in Hobart in early January, the excitement could only grow as we soon arrived on site at Quercus Park, near Launceston. Some 1,400 Venturers and Leaders from around Australia and the World descended on the showground for two more weeks of fun and activities. Five of these days were away from the site on expeditions. Each participant had the choice of expedition, with some learning to scuba dive, others bushwalking in the Cradle Mountain National Park, enjoying the opportunity to sit on the beach, or even a full on extreme sports tour. Indeed the entire week was filled with Venturers abseiling, bush carting, horse riding, 4WDing, mountain biking, sailing, shooting, kayaking and much more.

When everyone returned on site for the final week, the action did not disappoint, with buggies, laser skirmish and the internet cafe being popular haunts. And the offsite activities continued with a tour of Launceston, scenic flights, horse riding, shooting and many more activities than could possibly be published. All in all, an absolutely massive array of fun, friendships and excitement had by all.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to each of the Leaders that accompanied the NSW Contingent to Tasmania. I am sure they will all agree that this was a hugely enjoyable experience and I look forward to having an even larger attendance at the next **Australian Venture in Adelaide in January 2015!**

To hear more about the fun and adventure that was **Wild Dayz 2012**, be sure to talk with one of the many Venturers that attended, or visit the NSW Contingent Facebook Page for a look at some of the photos.

In the meanwhile, **Dragon Skin 2012, Myths & Legends** will be held at Penrose State Forest from the **6th to the 9th April 2012**. Dragon Skin registrations opened on February 1 at [www.dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au](http://www.dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au) Teams can consist of four, five or six members and can be from your own Unit or a mix of Units. The website has a range of information to assist with your preparation including gear suggestions, a sample menu and other useful bushwalking information. Please remember that it is a mandatory requirement that all participants must have their Venturing Skills Award before attending the event. Venturer Leaders are encouraged to come along and get involved as well. You may like to help out on an activity base or join the BOOTS welfare team. Contact Aaron for more information.

### NZV2013

Applications for Venture South in New Zealand are currently being accepted. If you missed the Australian Venture, make sure you don't miss out on the fun and adventure on offer next January. Visit [www.scouts.com.au/nzv2013](http://www.scouts.com.au/nzv2013) for more information.

### Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts

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Mobile: 0421 076 497



# NSW CONTINGENT 043





**If you thought a Jamboree was great fun?  
At a Venture you will have the time of your life!**

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of the world - New Zealand

**KEY DATES:** Venture South; January 5-14, 2013  
Australian Contingent Pre-Tour; 28/12/12 to 4/1/13



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the North and South Islands.

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Australian Contingent and receive your **FREE** Venture  
South Ambassador badge: [www.nzv2013.com/signup.php](http://www.nzv2013.com/signup.php)

## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Happy New Year to you all!

Certainly looking forward to another year of excitement with the GWS Region Activities Team.

I made a New Year's resolution "*Thou shall not make a New Years resolution in 2012!*" Maybe you did the same, or perhaps you decided that this year you have resolved to learn a new activity skill.

Jump off a cliff hanging onto a rope, crawl through a hole in the ground, learn how to make rotten egg gas, make a canoe actually go in a straight line, perform on a stage (or backstage) or even learn what CPR is - or more importantly, how to actually do it!

If you go to the GWS Website, and click on the Activities Calendar you will find lots of opportunity to put that resolution into action...and not just a new skill. What about upgrading a current skill you may have to the next level. Who said Leaders are not allowed to have a bit of fun? By the way you can also bring your *Scouts along!*



*...it's all about learning a new skill!*

You would be pretty hard pressed to find another organisation like Scouts, which provides opportunity to learn such a wide variety of activity skills, whether outdoor, indoor, underground or even on the stage! There is something for everyone.

Talking about underground I would like to welcome Meredith Stewart to the Activities Team. Meredith has a real passion for caving, and is going to help head up our caving team. We certainly look forward to some exciting caving adventures this year.

Most of you by now have probably heard or seen that Scouts are now coming under the new Workplace and Health Safety Act 2011. This doesn't just affect Scouts, but indeed all volunteer based organisations.

Yes, there will be some changes in the way we do things. The important thought to uphold in our minds, is how can we embrace these changes, and make them work in our particular situation.

No doubt there will be more information to follow in due course.

I read somewhere, "***Have adventurous Fun and be Activity Safe!***"

Keep that in mind, and you are already heading in the right direction.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) – RC Activities**

Email: [activities@greaterwetscouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwetscouts.com.au)

## 1st North Mt Druitt Celebrate Australia Day

Joey's, Scouts and Venturers from 1st North Mt Druitt had an early start to Australia Day when they met at 7am at Featherdale Wildlife Park, Doonside, to unfurl the flags.

Following the flag raising ceremony, they entered the park to wake up all the animals and give them their breakfast.

After all the very hungry animals were fed, the Scouts and their Leaders enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle.

Pauline Legg AJSL  
1st Nth Mt Druitt Joey Mob



## BUSHWALKING NOTES

I hope everyone had a safe and happy summer (?) break and is looking forward to more Scouting fun in 2012. The December/January period was extremely wet but we still managed to have some successful bush outings including Green Cord Hikes and Expeditions. All were completed safely. Congratulations to the organisers/participants on their success. Not all walks in the Blue Mountains ended without drama and I am pleased to report groups requiring help with search and rescue procedures did not include any Scout parties. Unseasonably wet conditions should not be an excuse to require help to be extracted from a position, that proper planning would have avoided in the first place.

The paperwork involved with the new Adventurous Activities Policy was completed over the summer break and Region Office have a draft list of qualifications held. The list is still being worked on with missing data (mainly registration numbers) being added by Region staff. Meanwhile, the office can answer queries on Bushwalking level qualifications held within GWS Region. We have nearly 300 people qualified now and are still adding to the list.

I mentioned a five day bushwalk I did with some 1<sup>st</sup> Erskine Park/1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook Venturers last October and suggested some photographs were to appear. They were held over from the last Bulletin so, here they are now to remind us all about the fun to be had in the outing part of Scouting. Stay safe and perhaps our paths will cross as we travel the many and varied trails on our outdoor journeys.

**Frank Barr - GWSR Bushwalking Coordinator**

Phone: 4758 6472 Mobile: 0409 128 310 Email: [data\\_scsi@msn.com.au](mailto:data_scsi@msn.com.au)

67 Railway Parade, HAZELBROOK NSW 2779

### Hellgate Canyon 2011

### Looking for a short cut to the takeaway shop...



## APPOINTMENTS LIST 5/12/2011 to 6/2/2012



### APPOINTMENTS

<b>ANDERSON, Jennie Sue</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop
<b>SUFFLING, Debra Michelle</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
<b>PIGDON, Deanne Marie</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
<b>CIMINO, Rosaria</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st St Marys Joey Mob
<b>GASH, Kimberly Grace</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st Springwood Joey Mob
<b>MOURKOS, Ireen</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
<b>FARRUGIA, Tracey</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Emu Plains Cub Pack "Booragorang"
<b>CORBETT, Rita</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>SOLEYMANI, Kimberly</b>	Appt TL (C)	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack "Nackara"
<b>OZOLS, Helen Maree</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Greystanes Scout Troop

### TRANSFERS

<b>BURR, Richard</b>	Fr SL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop
	To ASL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop
<b>BURR, Sharon Jane</b>	Fr CSL	1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
	To ACSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>LEES, Robert Johannes</b>	Fr AL (G)	1st Pendle Hill Scout Group
	To SL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop
<b>TAMSETT, Peter Lawrence</b>	Fr SL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop
	To ASL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop
<b>CRUMP, Joshua William</b>	Fr AL (G)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
	To AVSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit
<b>HAUGH, Daniel Graeme</b>	Fr AL (G)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
	To AVSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit

<b>PRESTON, Margaret Anne</b>	Fr AL (G)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
	To AJSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
<b>SHEPPARD, Wendy Anne</b>	Fr VSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
	To AVSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
<b>STOPPS, David</b>	Fr DC	Blacktown District
	To RC (SD)	Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>TYLER, Joanne Louise</b>	Fr AVSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
	To VSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
<b>WOOD, Katherine Alice</b>	Fr AL (G)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
	To ACSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
<b>JANSON, Gregory Roy</b>	Fr AVSL	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
	To AJSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob "Taipan"
<b>DRYSDALE, Darren Robert</b>	Fr AL	1st South Penrith Scout Group
	To AGL	1st South Penrith Scout Group

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>CUNEO, Graham Robert</b>	GL	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group
<b>LIVINGSTONE, Cecilia</b>	AL (G)	1st Pendle Hill Scout Group
<b>MERCIECA, Christopher Joseph</b>	AL (G)	1st Pendle Hill Scout Group
<b>TAMSETT, Lesley Anne</b>	ASL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop
<b>ANDERSON, Andrew Nicholas</b>	SL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>BOULTON, Lauren Alyce</b>	AL (G)	1st Toongabbie Scout Group
<b>BRODRICK, Melissa Dorothea</b>	AJSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob "Python"
<b>CRANRIDGE, Doreen Robina</b>	AL (G)	1st Blaxland Scout Group
<b>FERNANDES, Arnold Jude</b>	AL (G)	1st Toongabbie Scout Group
<b>JAYASEELAN, Sam Dhinakaran</b>	ASL	1st Parramatta Scout Troop
<b>JENKINSON, Stacy Simone Judie</b>	DSL	Hills South District
<b>RUTHERFORD, Daniel</b>	ASL	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
<b>LIU, Gang</b>	AL (G)	1st Carlingford Scout Group

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

<b>STEWART, Andrew John</b>	Trainee AL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Group
<b>SHORT, Ian David</b>	Trainee AL	1st Blaxland Scout Group

## ***RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY***

### **BOOK THE SCIENCE TEAM NOW**

If you want us to visit your Scouts this year, better make a date now. There are still some nights free in the second half of the year.

Some Groups would have us four or more times a year, don't let them steal our time with your Scouts. **We give preference to those Groups who can organise a variety of sections on the same night.** We are available on weekends for Venturers, or they can book during the week (smaller numbers OK).

**Remember:** Two sections, one after the other (or Pack 1, then Pack 2, or Joeys + Cubs, then Scouts). Maximum 20 per section. Cost \$2 per youth or \$50 for the night, whichever is the larger.

### **RECENT NIGHTS - DECEMBER 2011**

The first week of December saw us at 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington presenting the **Heart program** to the Joeys, followed by Cubs. The Joeys were fine with the program as there is no dissecting for them to do, but some of the Cubs were a little squeamish, obviously not enough practice in the kitchen at home. But no bother, where some lacked the enthusiasm for it, others made up with determined hacking and exploring, until the plate resembled minced meat more than a heart. If nothing else they discovered that sinews are tougher to cut than muscle tissue. Possible a couple of potential butcher's apprentices here.



*Lillian at Ermington*

The next week we visited Winston Hills Venturers to make **Pyro Rockets**. A large group of about 14, including a visiting young lady, who must have wondered what she had got herself into. Instructions were carried out competitively, and by the time parents started arriving (it had been a long night), they were ready to launch. Out onto the playing field, and with the parents and the Guide Leader from next door watching, the rockets were successfully launched, well

all except one, which refused to go play in the sky with the others!

*Winston Hills  
Venturers  
packing rockets*



*Lighting a rocket  
at Winston Hills  
"What did I get  
myself into?"*

Pendle Hill Scouts, on the last night of the year, launched **Water Rockets** in the small park near their hall. There were quiet a few families present, and the bravest young kids were encouraged to join the Cubs pumping the rocket, and watch it zoom high in the sky. This was our first activity night with this Group and we were invited back this year to do other programs with them.



*Setting up the  
water rockets  
with  
1st Pendle Hill  
Scouts*

## FUTURE NIGHTS

Wed 1 Feb	1st Quakers Hill -Doonside Joeys & Cubs	Measure
Mon 6 Feb	1st Abbotsford Joeys & Cubs	Measure
Sat 11 Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> Dural Registration and Info	
Tue 14 Feb	1st Toongabbie Joeys & Cubs	Measure
Mon 20 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Cubs & Scouts	Heart
Fri 2 March	1st Oakville Scouts	Heart
Tue 6 March	Cherrybrook Joeys & Cubs	Water Rockets
Wed 14 Mar	1st Kellyville Venturers	Liquid N2
Mon 19 Mar	1st Oakville Joeys & Cubs	Water Rockets
Mon 26 Mar	1st Erskine Pk Joeys & Cubs	Arcs & Sparks
Sat 31 Mar	Blacktown District Cub Activity Camp - Bundilla	

### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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### OPENING HOURS

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

## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Abseil Course:** Tuesday 14th February (theory) and 18th and 19th February (Practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 1st, 5th and 6th May.

**Venturer Abseil Course:** Tuesday 7th August (theory) and 11th and 12th August (practical).

**Rescue (Recovery) Course:** Sunday 26th February. Also 17th June.

**Canyon Course:** 3rd and 4th March - Juggler and Grand Canyons, camp at Mt. Wilson, then Serendipity Canyon.

**Caving Course:** Wednesday 14th March (theory) and 17th and 18th March (practical at Bungonia).

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** Sunday 25th March with theory on a suitable night during the week before.

**Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course:** Sunday 24th June with theory during the week before.

**Caving Trip:** 19th and 20th May (location to be announced)..

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

The complete program for 2012 is on our web site  
[www.beprepared.com.au/gws](http://www.beprepared.com.au/gws)

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**  
**Phone: 4572 1321**  
**Email: [rickj15@bigpond.com](mailto:rickj15@bigpond.com)**



Scouts and Leaders at the bottom of Grill Cave, Bungonia on a GWSR Caving Course

## TRAINING REPORT

Welcome to the new year! The final changes to training will hopefully occur smoothly. Advanced training, Activities and Training the Training Team are the three huge areas to undergo change this year.

Reading The Bulletin and attending your District/Region Team meetings are now even more important, in order to keep up to date with any changes.

**As of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 the following is now required by training team members;**

<b>Leader Trainer</b>	TAE 40110 (Cert IV Training and Assessment)
<b>Assistant Leader Trainer</b>	One module of TAE 40110 but preferably all.
<b>State Assessor</b>	One module of TAE 40110
<b>PLA</b>	2 units of TAE 40110 (TADEL 402A and TADEL404A)

*The Train the Trainer modules are now non-existent.*

This Cert IV training is not in our scope of delivery but will be delivered by St John at a cost of \$100 per module, due to a mutual agreement between Scouts Australia and St John. St John have endorsed Carol Cope and Margaret Crawford to deliver and assess the TAE 40110.

It is now mandatory to hold these requirements for the training team to remain compliant under ASQA. GWSR ALT and LT's will be compliant with this as of 5<sup>th</sup> February after upgrades have been completed.

Current PLA's with this qualification need to give me their JP endorsed copy to put on file. At reviews this will also be noted. Those who have BSZ or TAA qualifications need to upgrade to TAE.

**Appointment of PLA's will not occur without the 2 unit qualification.** Current PLA's - I will keep you informed at our regular fifth Thursday of the month meetings. The first PLA meeting for this year, will be held on the 29th March at Bundilla.

### FORMS

- ★ All forms with an L prefix now have 2012 date
- ★ Inservice forms have changed please look and update to the current form.
- ★ Yes, I know some of you are about to complete and come to February sign off - don't stress. All those people who have finished courses and sat there with only the Inservice (L10) to complete really need to sort out what is required to complete training, as this form is different again. Instead of complaining - contact myself or Region

Leader Adz or DLT Frank or Aafke - it can be sorted out very quickly. Other people have done this and were amazed that it was not the problem they thought it would be.

- ★ To all Groups who have trainee Leaders please act promptly to get the Inservice L10 and W3 completed to appoint the Leader to the section.

### E LEARNING

Many people on e learning have said that they get interrupted and find it hard to complete the units - so in answer to this - on the 1st and 4th Thursday of each month, I am offering them two hours at Bundilla (from 7.00pm to 9.00pm) to complete some of the modules.

Trainees will need to bring a laptop but if they do not own one, they must contact me, so I can organise a loan one for the night. I can have up to 5 people in a session, more if anyone can access the internet themselves. **Bookings are essential through Region Office.** This is a trial only and if it proves to be worthwhile, we will look at organising similar opportunities within Districts also.

As trainee leaders do not receive notification of *The Bulletin* via their email, it is important to inform them of the valuable information they can access on the GWSR website.

I have just been informed that John Hardiman DLT Blacktown, is resigning from Scouting. I would like to thank John for his huge contribution to Scouting and wish him well in his "life after Scouting."

**THANK YOU**

**Thank you and Bravo John.**

### WOODBADGES AWARDED

Please forgive me if I have missed congratulating someone, it can happen. Please let me know and I will ensure it is recognised.

**Ann Pounder RC AT&D**

**Email: [training@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

*Congratulations and best wishes to*

**Clifford Howard SL  
1st Granville**

*and*

**Robert Wood JSL  
1st North Mt Druitt**



*who have earned their Wood Badges  
Bravo - Well Done*

# 1ST NARELLAN SCOUT GROUP

## AJ2013 FUND RAISING



As part of our AJ2013 Fund raising we have produced a unique, limited edition, blanket badge. The brightly coloured badge measures 50mm x 50mm.

These badges will only be sold in NSW, so this will make a great swap badge at Jamboree 2013. All money raised from the sale of the badges will be used to purchase desperately needed equipment and help subsidise the fees for Jamboree 2013

If you wish to purchase this badge please complete the order form and return it with a **cheque payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Narellan Scout Group** and send to address shown on the order form.

**Stock is limited so don't delay!**

**No orders will be taken from 20th June 2012.**

Thank you for your consideration and hope to meet you at Jamboree! Gary Cockroft (Tiny)



**Register for AJ2013 now!**

To lodge an application, please proceed to the link below and follow the instructions on the page. There are links from the Jamboree website <http://aj2013.scouts.com.au> to the registration system as well. There is a short summary of the information a user requires in order to apply, as well as a few guides to assist the user through the registration process. Clicking on the buttons at the bottom of the page takes the user on to the registration system itself. If you require any more information please don't hesitate to call or e-mail the Support Services team.

**Ryan Sodziak - Director Support Services**  
**23rd Australian Jamboree AJ2013**  
**Maryborough, Queensland**

**Phone: +61 7 3870 2291 | Fax: +61 7 3870 2291**

**Email: [support@aj2013.scouts.com.au](mailto:support@aj2013.scouts.com.au)**

**Website: <http://aj2013.scouts.com.au>**

For information relevant to **NSW Contingent** this link will take you there: <http://aj2013.patroltent.com/>

### BADGE ORDER FORM



Scout Group .....

Contact Person ..... Phone number.....

Mailing Address .....

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Number of badges required..... @ \$3.90 per badge = \$.....plus

Postage and handling: \$5.00 per 100 badges **Total amount due: \$.....**

**Please make Group cheque payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Narellan Scout Group and post with completed order form to:**

1<sup>st</sup> Narellan Scout Group  
 Attention Gary Cockroft  
 P.O. Box 316  
 Narellan NSW 2567

**It's on again in 2012...**

# ***The 62<sup>nd</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta***

***9th to 11th March 2012***

***Balmoral Oval, Balmoral Beach***

## **What is it?**

- ★ A chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities.
- ★ The Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon.
- ★ Scouts come from all around - including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Tuggeranong from the ACT, from the north (Belmont North, the Hunter and Coastal team, Ourimbah), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerringong).

## **More Details...**

- ★ the Sirius Cup Regatta is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and it is held annually
- ★ there are 5 divisions of sailing races
- ★ canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders
- ★ rowing events
- ★ iron man events for all-comers
- ★ activities for the land lubbers
- ★ evening entertainment



**For further details, please visit: <http://siriuscup.webs.com/>  
or email [siriuscup@yahoo.com.au](mailto:siriuscup@yahoo.com.au)**

**Mark it in your diary now!**

## SYDNEY SWANS FUNDRAISER

Sydney Swans and Volkswagen have teamed up to create a fundraiser to not only raise money for the Sydney Swans Academy - but also for NSW community groups and sporting clubs who want to get involved.

It's a really awesome deal where **your club gets to keep half of all monies raised from the tickets sold**. The other half is donated to the Sydney Swans Academy who encourage, train and educate our young up and coming AFL players of the future.

- ★ There are no upfront costs for your Group – the Sydney Swans provides the raffle tickets, raffle prizes and fundraising authorisation. We send the tickets and information out and all we need you to do is sell tickets to your members and supporters. Easy! Your Group gets half of the ticket price and the other half is donated to various Sydney Swans development and community initiatives.
- ★ Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and come in a book of 10. Every book sold makes your Group \$25 - 100 books sold will raise \$2,500 for your club!

### RAFFLE PRIZES

- First Prize:** Volkswagen Polo 77TSI Comfortline 5 Door 7 Speed DSG. Valued at \$22,350  
**Second Prize:** Volkswagen Polo Trendline 3 Door 7 Speed DSG. Valued at \$19,190  
**Third Prize:** \$5,000 deposited into a Citibank Account.

### Incentive for your raffle sellers:

As an added incentive your ticket sellers also have the chance to win a \$10,000 travel voucher if they sell the most tickets throughout the raffle.

### What else is involved?

Once you have confirmed with us that you are interested in taking part, we will send you a Administrator pack.

#### The pack includes:

- A Club Administrator instruction sheet
- The raffle books with book seller instructions included on the front of every book
- Contact Sheet (for you to keep track of all people selling raffle tickets for your Group)
- Reconciliation sheet (so you can tell us the total number of raffle tickets sold and monies you have raised)

**So really - everything is done for you, all you need to do is tell us you're interested and we will send out the books to your door (no charge).**

### Other Information:

- ★ Books that aren't sold need to be sent back to us (this is a legal requirement). We don't charge your Group to buy the tickets, we just send them out to you and you do your best to sell as many as you can.
- ★ Any money collected needs to be banked as soon as possible to keep the money safe and so we can track sales. You will be given your 50% share in a lump sum at the conclusion of the raffle (so you can bank regularly throughout the raffle).
- ★ There is no minimum or maximum of tickets
- ★ You can order more at any time
- ★ The raffle tickets are A5 and come in a book that explains all prizes on the ticket.
- ★ The raffle tickets are due back in **March 2012** and the raffle will be drawn in **April**.

Check out our website for more information: [www.sydneyswans.com.au/vwcommunityraffle](http://www.sydneyswans.com.au/vwcommunityraffle)

I hope you can get involved in this great opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Email: [communityraffle@sydneyswans.com.au](mailto:communityraffle@sydneyswans.com.au)



## PEAK PURSUITS

### Castle Hill

We recently had a booking from one of your fellow Scout Groups and would like the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

We are writing to you about our new indoor recreational sports centre in Castle Hill that may be of interest to your Scout Group.

**Peak Pursuits** is an innovative style of indoor climbing with a continuous belay system on our High Ropes Course and numerous challenging and creative activities that were designed to challenge the participants physically and mentally in a fun environment.

Our activities aim to promote motivation and help our participants develop self confidence and self esteem while bonding with their team mates.

Attached below is a link to our website which explains our many activities, explaining our new creative concept for indoor recreational sports.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any inquiries.

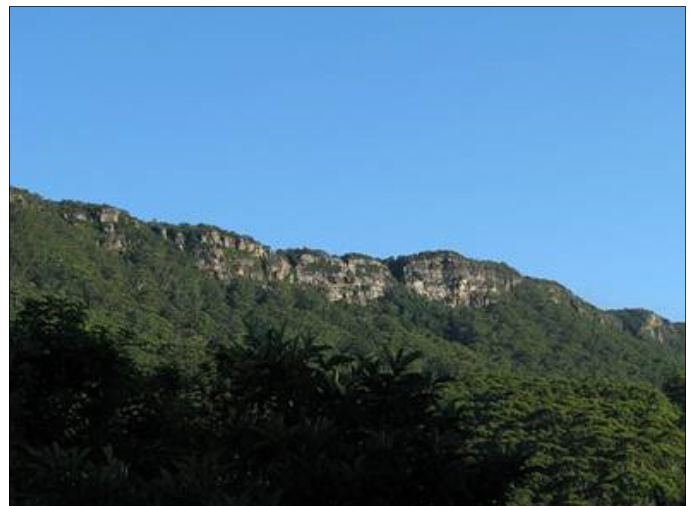
Bernard Ng  
Director

<http://www.peakpursuits.com.au>

## SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore St 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](mailto:rwitton@uow.edu.au)**



## Venturers Learn to Fly



### AIR VENTURE FLYING CAMP Sat 14th – Sat 21st April 2012

Open to NSW Venturers, the camp is run annually by the Scouts NSW Air Activities Centre at Camden Airport.

This unique 7 day, live-in, intensive flying training course includes :

- 12 Hours Practical flying training in modern Cessna 172 aircraft,
- Theory briefings and lessons,
- Text books and Log Book,
- Accommodation
- All meals

Whether you want to launch your career in the aviation industry, or just learn to fly for fun as the ultimate activity in your scouting life, the Air Venture Flying Camp could be for you.

#### DID YOU KNOW ?

- The Scouts NSW Air Activities Centre is fully accredited by CASA as a flying school and ;
- Our team of flying instructors are all professionally qualified to teach you to fly a Cessna, right up to your Commercial Pilots Licence.
- Many former Venturers are now pilots with airlines such as Qantas, Jetstar, Cathay Pacific. Others have gone on to successful careers in aviation such as Air Traffic Controllers and aircraft engineers and more !

For more information email [flyscouts@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:flyscouts@nsw.scouts.com.au)



**AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT**  
**BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA NATIONAL JAMBOREE**  
**JULY 2013**  
 Boys and Girls aged 14 - 20 years  
 Visit [www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au](http://www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au) for more information.

## AMERICAN JAMBOREE JULY 2013



Males and Females are invited to participate in all activities. Age range 14-20.

To be held at The Summit, a brand new Jamboree site in West Virginia, USA.

All activities are on site, including white water rafting, shooting, zip lines, rappelling, bush BMX, along with traditional Scouting activities.

Up to 45,000 participants, all camping on one site.

Contingent Tour includes time in Washington DC, Disneyland, Universal Studios and Six Flags in Los Angeles.

Applications now open to join the Australian Contingent. Please promote this exciting event to your youth members.

Information at [www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au](http://www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au)

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