



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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If you have ever attended a training course, attended an activity or camped at Bundilla Scout Camp - you are cordially invited to come

Back to Bundilla

16TH SEPTEMBER 2012

9.45 am to 3.30pm

- Catch up with old friends, reminisce about the past
- Partake in the activities (not too strenuous)!
- Enjoy the entertainment
- Browse the displays
- Wear civvies - no uniform required
- For adults only (no youth members under 18)
- Lunch will be available to purchase at a reasonable cost
- Registration required for catering purposes, please reply asap

Contact: Sandra Parker

Email: cparker@tadaust.org.au or phone 9626 8850

If you know of someone who may like to attend, please pass on this invitation.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Firstly it is with regret that I have accepted the resignation of Ann Pounder (RC Adult Training and Development) and Paul Roach (DC Blue Mountains District). On behalf of all members I would thank these loyal people for their excellent service to the Region over many years and look forward to working with them in other roles.

Our Region training day was a huge success with 86 participants from 47 formations. Only a couple of Groups were not represented.

Thanks to the Region team and Kim and Maggi for their assistance prior to and their input on the day and a thank you to Quakers Hill/Doonside for providing lunch.

I had the pleasure of writing to the following people and congratulating them on receiving their awards;

Matt Thompson, 1st/2nd Merrylands Rovers
Baden Powell Award

Liam Batchelor, 1st Carlingford Venturers
Queen's Scout Award

Alfred Lee, 1st Westmead Scouts
Australian Scout Medallion.

It is always a pleasure to be invited to attend a presentation of the Australian Scout Medallion and was delighted to attend such a function for James Chapman of 1st/2nd Merrylands. Congratulations to James on achieving this Award and to his group for arranging such a good function to recognise this important occasion.

I took the opportunity to call in and observe at the Youth Helpers Course at Bundilla earlier this month and met the 13 Venturers who participated. Well done to RC Cubs, Anne Thompson and her team on the way they conduct these very important training sessions.

Kim and Maggi entered the Adult Recognition Awards nominations on the computer and these have now been sent off to State Office for approval by the State Awards Committee. A special thank you to our important office staff for the effort put in to getting this task done on time.

We received 67 nominations and all districts were represented and a thanks to the members who nominated leaders and committee members for the awards.

The Group AGM's are to be conducted from April 16, 2012 until May 31, 2012 and now is a good time to approach parents for positions on the Group Committee.

Please email Region Office with your preferred date, to assure a Region representative will be in attendance.

The new cash books are available for collection from the office, during normal business hours (if you have not yet received yours).

If you know of anyone in Scouting who is under 30 and in the insurance industry, please let me know. We need such a person to complete the NSW Insurance Committee. If you know of anyone who is interested please get them to contact me via my email address and I will discuss the position with them.

We are currently looking to fill the following Region and District positions:

- District Commissioners: Blue Mountains, Penrith and Hawkesbury
- Region Treasurer
- Various District roles.

Anyone who is interested please contact me via my email address.

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 If you would like to read about the new legislation go to: <http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/newlegislation2012/Pages/default.aspx>

A reminder that from 1st April 2012 the State fees will be charged on quarterly billing basis and this should assist both parents and Groups to budget better in the future.

The new State fee structure is \$30.00 per quarter (or \$120.00 per annum). It is now time for Groups to start sending out accounts to the parents for the fees.

If in any doubt of the administration details please read the following;

- ★ Every quarter the Census Membership Report (CMR) will be despatched from State Office to a designated Member of each Formation.
- ★ Groups have 25 days to complete the CMR **and return it to the Region Office.**
- ★ The Region can immediately input youth membership changes.
- ★ Leader changes are to be sent to Region Office but will be input by State Office.
- ★ If the Region has not received the CMR by the appointed date, Groups will be billed for whatever figures are on the system.

- ★ The State Office generates and sends invoices.
- ★ Groups then have 21 days to pay the invoice **via the Region.**
- ★ Region will follow up outstanding payments.

I look forward to catching up with some more Leaders over the next month.

Until then Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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JOEY SCOUT REPORT

The Joey Scout mobs in the Region are once again very busy enjoying their activities. It was great to see 1st Winston Hills and 1st Kings Langley doing their buddy badge with an outdoor night. Well done. Although the weather has made planning outdoor activities difficult, the longer hours of daylight are ideal for going outdoors.

Many mobs are planning to participate in Clean up Australia Day this weekend. Well done. Learning to care for the environment is an important part of our Scouting life.

Planning for the Fun Day on Sunday 20th May has started. It is hoped that all mobs will participate. Our aim is to get more than 200 Joeys involved this year. Leaders please promote the event.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY

Sunday 20th May 2012

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Bundilla Scout Camp

International Theme

ALL JOEY SCOUTS WELCOME



CUB SCOUT NOTES

There were thirteen very nice and enthusiastic young Venturers on the recent Youth Helper's Course and three have already been signed off to receive their badges and certificates: **Rebecca Knox, Rachel Ewings and Deborah Ewings, all from 1st Ermington.** Thank you for giving up your time to help out with the Cubs.

The first **State Palaver** was held last weekend at Morisset. Although the weather was rainy and humid, it didn't dampen the spirits of the 130 plus Leaders in attendance. Congratulations to Tricia Shaw for organising the event and to all the RC's who helped run bases and various activities for everyone to enjoy. It was a shame that we didn't have more CSL's present, especially from our Region.

The next **Cub Scout Leadership course** to be held at Bundilla on Saturday March 24, already has 52 applicants! Next one will be on 1st September.

On Sunday March 25, Carol Cope and her team will be conducting the **AL2 workshop** to enable Leaders trained under the old system to do the Camping under Canvas and Pack Holiday training components. Keep tuned for another of these workshops sometime later in the year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to **two new members** of the **Region Cub Council** - Gabie Thompson, who will be the DLCS for Hills South District and Melissa Cahill who will be the DLCS for Parramatta District. We are very happy that you have agreed to take on these demanding roles, and hope that you enjoy the challenges that lay ahead! We say farewell to **Andy Jenkinson DLCS** for the Hills District and thank him for all the effort he put in to the role, we are sorry to see you go but we understand that family and work should come first!

At Region Seonee, we have had many discussions on the many and varied ways, Leaders conduct **ceremonies**. All DLCS are planning to visit the Packs and look into the way ceremonies are conducted. Eventually we hope to have a guide available on the GWSR website. Stay tuned or check out your Ceremonies book to see if you have got it right.

Can I remind all Cub Scout and Associate Leaders that they should be attending their District Seonee every month, whenever possible. There is usually a training component, followed by a short business meeting. It is part of your Appointment to attend this meeting.

Thank you to all the Leaders who attended the elective on Areas of Personal Growth. We will have to follow this introduction up, at Region and District Seonees.

Keep up the good work you are doing with our Cub Scouts and try to recruit another Leader or Youth

Helper to give you a hand. They are a valuable resource and need to be encouraged. They are most likely, our future Leaders. Good Hunting!

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

Chris Richard - 1st Ermington
Catalina Gonzalez - 1st/2nd Merrylands
Craig Lewis - 1st/2nd Merrylands
Allia Boehringer - 1st Blackheath



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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.

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23rd Australian Jamboree AJ2013
Maryborough, Queensland

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Email: 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/>

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Just a couple of items for your information, the most urgent one being the Jamboree update.

JAMBOREE

Registration statistics as of Friday 2nd March 2012:

Scouts	249
Venturers	11
Rovers	0
Leaders	73
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Numbers are low and there are some troops as of the 2nd March who have not even submitted applications. Time is running out. Do our Scouts even know about the Jamboree? Are we positively promoting the Jamboree?

We have just been informed by JOC, QLD that the **Jamboree Registration** system will be **closed off** on the **30th April**. This is sudden news which is not being received very well by Contingents around the country, some of whom have already expressed concern.

This is apparently being done for a number of reasons, the main one to allow Contingents to finalise applications to JOC by the 18th May. We are not sure at the moment if we can get this changed, so far attempts have failed. This being the case, we need to urgently **get our applications in as quickly as possible**.

Parents need to be advised to make sure they have **Ambulance Cover** - as any ambulance transport required during the Jamboree, will be billed directly to the parents - they can then submit a claim to their own health fund for reimbursement.

Scouts who have to be sent home - their parents will be billed for their airfare one way, plus the return airfare of two accompanying Leaders.

Jamboree cost and information:

Scouts \$1,495

Venturers \$1,130

Leaders and Rovers \$1,095.

The **first deposit of \$750** for everyone is due on the **15th March** 2012.

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

Fees for withdrawals received:

On or before 31st August 2012 the fee is \$100

1st September to 30th November is \$550

After 30th November there are no refunds.

Have a look at Patroltent for further information:

<http://aj2013.patroltent.com>

WANTED

DISTRICT LEADERS - SCOUTS

The DLS is a member of three teams - District Council, District Mindari and Region Mindari.

Requirements:

- ★ Possess a good repour with the Scout Section Leaders in the District.
- ★ Able and willing to visit troops within their district to promote and assist the Scout Sections within their District, Region and State.
- ★ Involvement 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).
- ★ District Scout Leaders participate in District Councils District Mindari and Region Mindari.

Interested Leaders should contact either their District Commissioner or myself.

Thank you.

Robin Garrett - RC Scouts

scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au

WANTED

SCOUT YOUTH COUNCIL MENTORS

We need two Leaders to fill the roles of SYC Mentors. Mentors must be Leaders, preferably young Leaders or at least very young at heart!

Requirements:

- ★ Understanding of the Patrol System and Troop Council
- ★ Able and willing to be a champion of Scout Youth Councils (SYC)
- ★ Possess **a good repour with Scouts**
- ★ Able and willing to visit District and Region SYC meetings and be a part of the Region Mindari.

The role can be undertaken in conjunction with your appointed Leader position.

Anyone who may be interested should contact me directly, please.

Robin Garrett - RC Scouts

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VENTURER REPORT

Last month, over 130 Venturers and Leaders attended the first ever **Region Venturer Training Camp** at Bundilla.

The weekend was extremely busy and I would like to thank all of the participants for their patience and perseverance in all of the work that was covered. Topics featured during the camp included unit management, programming, activity notification, award scheme, recruitment and bushwalking.

All adult Leaders in attendance were presented the new **Areas of Personal Growth Workshop** and many dozens of Venturers were also awarded their **Bushwalking qualifications** and completed other awards during the sessions provided.

I would like to recognise the assistance of Mark Fell, Frank Barr, Rob Slater, Alex Motyka, Jeff Harrison, the Region Rovers and my District Venturer Leaders, Judy, Steve and Chris, for their assistance in delivering the diverse program of workshops during the weekend. Thank you also to David Stopps and 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop for supporting the weekend and to Paul Shoemark of St Luke's Anglican Church at Northmead who visited to assist Venturers with their Ideals Badge.

Our **2012 Waratah Committee** was also elected at our camp. Congratulations to Matt Vella on his appointment as Camp Chief. The other successfully elected committee members were: Steve Wallace, Cameron Foye, Ashton Louat, Gary Riches, Chris Hanson, David Mort, Kelly Wallace, Paula Hyatt, Carol McGarry, Robert Wood and Libby Evans. The Region is certainly looking forward to a very exciting **Waratah** event in **November – The Knights of Camelot!**

Congratulations to Liam Batchelor of 1st Carlingford on the awarding of his Queen's Scout Award. This is the fourth award from 1st Carlingford in as many months and is a great tribute to the quality programming within the Unit. Well done!

To assist other Venturers with attaining their Queen's Scout Award, the Region website has recently been updated with links to all upcoming Venturer courses across NSW. Please be sure to access the page regularly for the latest details on courses that are available. (Don't forget that the Leadership Course requires six months of demonstrating your leadership skills after completing the course, so apply early to make sure that you are finished before your eighteenth birthday)!

Finally, a reminder that registrations for **Dragon Skin** close at the end of March, and applications are also

currently being accepted for **Venture South** to be held in New Zealand next January. Visit the Region website for further details on these and many other local and international events coming up in the months ahead.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts
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Congratulations and Best Wishes

to

Liam Batchelor

1st Carlingford Venturer Unit

who has earned his

Queen's Scout Award

Bravo - Well Done

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At a Venture you will have the time of your life!**

Join the Australian Contingent and Venturers from around the world in the adventure capital 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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Why not make the most of your trip to New Zealand?
Join our Pre-Tour for 8 additional fun-filled days on the North and South Islands.

Register your interest to attend Venture South with the Australian Contingent and receive your **FREE** Venture South Ambassador badge: www.nzv2013.com/signup.php

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Despite the summer we had, when you are not having a summer, (...all part of global warming), it has been great to see so many Mobs, Packs, Troops, Units and Crews getting out and making the most of the great outdoors.

One good thing has been the absence of any significant bushfires, particularly in the Blue Mountains, and the milder conditions have been perfect, especially for bush walking. This is certainly evident with the number of A1 forms I am receiving for various hikes and canyoning activities.

While talking about the mountains, Paul Roach has stepped down as the LAC for the Blue Mountains. Paul has been covering the LAC role there for many years, and I know you will all join me in thanking Paul for his time in this important role.

Frank Barr has kindly offered to take on the role. Frank's bush walking skills are legendary, with the Blue Mountains very much his backyard. Frank can be emailed on data_scsi@msn.com.au

Just a reminder to everyone on the role of the LAC (Local Area Coordinator). This is a person who generally lives in the local area of the activity and can advise on current conditions, track closures etc. As I mentioned at the recent Group Leaders Training Day, a map doesn't show a creek in flood.

My role this past month has taken me to a number of conferences and meetings. First was the State Activities Conference at Pennant Hills. A great opportunity to catch up with my fellow counterparts from other Regions, where we can "compare notes" Let me say GWS is certainly up there with the best, in what we can offer. One particular area, which is the envy of just about everyone, is the ability to go to our Region Activity Calendar, click on an activity, and then be able to pull up the required A1 form.

I was also invited to the St John AGM held at St Ives. There is a very strong association between St John and Scouting, and part of the night involved a fascinating presentation by our own Allan Mason and Josette Docherty, on their medical work in New Guinea with the local people.

Have you checked out your First Aid qualification lately? Are you still current? Remember it is only valid for three years. If you need to update, please let me know. Depending on demand we may run a course midyear. This would be especially good for Leaders attending AJ2013.

Gang Show has kicked off for another exciting year of 'theatre thrills.' Now is the time to start thinking about

getting together a party from your Scout Group, family or even work and come along for a great time of variety entertainment.

What about trying something a bit different this year? Become part of the Gang and get involved behind the scenes. I guarantee it will blow your mind! If you can't sing, you may even have the opportunity to join up with the Von Trapp Back Stage Choir!


"Have adventurous Fun and be Activity Safe"



Mark Fell (DINGO) – RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestcouts.com.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.

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- 12 Hours Practical flying training in modern Cessna 172 aircraft,
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- 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

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OPENING HOURS

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

MT KEIRA SCOUT CAMP



Have you ever thought about holding your Group camp at Mt Keira Scout Camp?

The camp is located just 15 minutes from Wollongong on Mt Keira Road.

The Wollongong Science Centre is only 15 minutes away.

Amenities include:

- ★ A large camping area suitable for up to 100 people with toilets and hot showers
- ★ A smaller area with toilets for up to 40 people.
- ★ A small number of poles are available for construction.
- ★ There are many hikes around the area
- ★ A compass course is available around the camp – just see the Deputy Camp Warden for instructions.
- ★ A fully commercial kitchen is available at an additional cost.
- ★ Cost is \$10 per person for the weekend



Check us out at www.mtkeirascoutcamp.com.au

To make a booking, please ring Kerrie or Sue on 4274 1099



Dear Friend of Samaritan's Purse,

On the 28th April 2012 from 9:00am we will be having our annual CAR PARK SALE at 3 Binney Road, Kings Park

This year we plan to open the opportunity to you, the volunteer, to have a table of your own. The criteria for this is as follows;

- Stalls will be offered at a cost of \$30 (this can be an individual stall or shared with friends).
- A maximum of 20 stalls are available, so get in quick!
- The profit from the sale of these stalls is to be used at the stall holders discretion (although a donation to Operation Christmas Child would be very much appreciated).
- All unsold items from these stalls must be taken away and are not to be left for SP to dispose of.
- All items to be sold must be in reasonable working order. This is not a junk sale!
- Please let us have a list of items that you intend to sell at the stall.
- There will of course be all of the usual **shop filler** items for sale on the day. Our **"Mother's Day Kits"** and **Agape packs** will be available also. If you know of some schools that may be interested in buying these items for sale at their school fetes - then spread the word around.
- We are also planning to have a sausage sizzle and tea and coffee available on the day for a nominal fee.

Please let Craig (0410 684 303) or Helen (0408 269 390) know if you are interested in organising a stall or if you are available to help on the day with cooking the BBQ or making the tea and coffee.

Start praying for some fine weather also!!

Thank you.

Craig Jennings

State Manager NSW Samaritan's Purse Australia Limited



BUSHWALKING NOTES

Things never stay the same for long and Scouting policies are no exception. Following the major upheaval last year, we now have a very new (again) set of rules to run all our adventurous activities under.

The news, however, is not all bad. After a 20+ year journey, we have finally arrived at a standard system that is universally recognised across different institutions.

We had many false starts with ORIC, NORD, SRO etc but now the SIS-10 (Service Industries – Sport – 2010) system and component modules are issued for qualifications regardless of you completing them in Scouting or in a TAFE course. Each qualification will include a Certificate of Attainment and MIS registration.

There are many things still to be worked out but the commitment has been made. It applies across all adventurous activities (not just bushwalking) and we are already in the changeover period. The 'old' qualifications (those that people worked hard to update at the workshop last October) will expire on 1st November 2012 and we will require the new modules by then.

With bushwalking, the **Bushwalking Level 1** will require a formal weekend course. More good news includes back to the old, old rules with the qualifications required only by the party leader. The new Bushwalking Level 1 will cover 99% of all Scouting bushwalking requirements.

The activity courses will now be run under the training area and need to conform to external standards. We are now an RTO (Registered Training Organisation) and required to follow rules we have agreed to. Obviously, those active in the outdoor side of Scouting will get to hear a lot more over the coming months.

This is also my last column as your GWS Bushwalking Coordinator. I have had the job since the original policy was released in November 2000. However, I am not moving away from bushwalking. On the contrary, my new role will be running formal training courses to qualify Leaders, Rovers and Venturers within the SIS-10 system. They will be Branch based courses similar to the basic and advanced sectional techniques run currently.

I have made many Scouting friends in my roles in GWS and I hope that our paths continue to cross as we travel the long and winding trail called Scouting.

Frank Barr - GWSR Bushwalking Coordinator
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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to all the participants on the recent abseil course – you were magnificent. And a warm welcome to the team for **Steven Harvey of 1st St Marys** who is our newest Abseil Instructor (Level 3). We also had a great group lined up for the Canyon Course – a great pity that it rained so much that week and it had to be called off.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Course: Tue 1st May (theory) and 5th and 6th May (Practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 21st, 25th and 26th August.

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

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sunday 17th June.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 25th March with theory on a suitable night during the week before. Also 16th September.

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

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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**Abseiling
at
Yellow Rock**

**Photo
Aaron Wardle**



APPOINTMENTS LIST

7/2/2012 — 13/03/2012



APPOINTMENTS

MERCER , Kellie Michelle	AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
HODGE , Helen Louise	Appt TL(C)	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack Nackara

TRANSFERS

STEWART , Meredith Christine	Fr ASL To RL (Act)	1st Ermington Scout Troop Greater Western Sydney Region
BARR , Frank William	Fr DL(T) To	Blue Mountains District BAL NSW State Headquarters
MCPHERSON , Robert Allan	Fr T/L (G) To Appt TL(G)	1st Grose Vale Scout Group 1st Grose Vale Scout Group

RESIGNATIONS

AUSTIN , Andrew Mark	AL(G)	1st Kellyville Scout Group
BUROW , Michael James	Appt TL(G)	1st Kellyville Scout Group
CASEY , Timothy Michael	AL(G)	1st Whalan Scout Group
HAMILTON , Gary Matthew	Appt TL(G)	1st Whalan Scout Group
HAMILTON , Jessica Maree	Appt TL(C)	1st Whalan Cub Pack
COCKS , Kym Nicole Elizabeth	ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack Zazu
ELTIS , Matthew Charles	AL(G)	1st Dural Scout Group
HARDIMAN , John Antony	PLA	Blacktown District
HARDIMAN , John Antony	DL(T)	Blacktown District
HARDIMAN , Lorna	ACSL	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack Boronia
HART , John Andrew	AL(G)	1st Kellyville Scout Group
HENRY , Terri	ASL	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
HOGAN , Jeffrey Paul	GL	1st Springwood Scout Group (6/12/2011)
JACOBS , Christiaan	AL(G)	1st Castle Hill Scout Group
LOCKMAN , Valerie	DJSL	Blacktown District
MICALLEF , Vicki	AJSL	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
OLORENSHAW , Joanne Marie	SL	1st Rydalmere Scout Troop
PIGDON , Deanne Marie	Appt TL(S)	1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
RYZNAR , David Scott	AL(G)	1st Hawkesbury Scout Group
SMITH , Roslyn Patricia	AJSL	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
ST CLAIR , John Warren	Appt TL(C)	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
THOMPSON , Andrew John	AL(G)	1st Westmead Scout Group (13/2/2012)
VAN DE VORSTENBOSCH , Shane	ACSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack Rumbriah
WARDELL , Adam	RL (Act)	Greater Western Sydney Region

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

DANIELS , Kerri Frances	T/L (JS)	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
DRURY , Anne Theresa	T/L (G)	1st Ermington Scout Group
ROBARDS , Mark Edward	T/L(JS)	1st North Rocks Joey Mob

RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

ANDERSON , Andrew Nicholas	SL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop (19/12/2011)
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CORRECTIONS

BURR , Richard	Fr SL To ASL	1st North Mt DrUITT Scout Troop 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop (9/1/2012)
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RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Recent Nights

We started the year with **Measure nights**. Here are some Quakers Hill/Doonside Cubs attempting to weigh all the masses. Another thing they like to do is to weigh as many Cubs as can get on the scale at once - we managed five on the night.

All the Masses
Quakers Hill-Doonside



Dural Registration Day



I was invited to put on a display for **Dural registration day**. The joystick controlled Robot Arm was a hit with the younger kids, while the Scouts had fun with the smoke filled Vortex Bucket. We will be visiting the Dural Joeys, Cubs and Scouts a couple of times this year.

Heart nights are popular at the moment. Here we see Oakville Scouts investigating the lambs heart and other activities.



We would like to teach Scouts to put on an effective **Shadow Operation**, so they could do it for a family concert night. If any Leaders have details for this skit could you pass them onto me please.



Shadow Doctor

Singing Plates

Objects can be made to vibrate in unusual ways. Bridges have collapsed when they twisted in extreme ways by wind that was tuned to the natural resonance of the mechanical structure.

The picture shows a thin metal plate that is fixed at its centre to a mechanical vibrator, much like a speaker without a cone.

Sand is sprinkled on the surface, and as a resonance frequency is reached, the sand bounces away from where the surface is moving and gathers where it is still. As the frequency is changed, and another resonance mode activated, the sand pattern changes as the plate vibrates in different areas.



Reach more Kids

I don't want to steal good Leaders away from their Group, but I do feel that Leaders with special skills, say in science, could better serve the Region by visiting ALL the youth in the Region rather than just their Group. Instead of just using your skills for the occasional science night with your kids, you could be putting those skills to use EVERY week with the science team, and enriching the whole Region.

We have some excellent Leaders who have been doing the same job for 10 years or more. That is certainly enough time to perfect the program for that section. Why not take a leave of absence with the science team to fine tune our science activities? We would be grateful for your experience for a year, and you may return to a new Leader or two in the section you left.

BOOKINGS
APRIL - MAY 2012

ANNUAL HOLROYD DISTRICT FOUNDER'S DAY
CAMP - 25TH AND 26TH FEBRUARY 2012

Julie Overton JSL, 1st Greystanes

Mon 2nd April			
Roselea	Joeys & Cubs	Sound	
Tue 24th April			
Ermington	Joeys & Cubs	Chemistry	
Mon 30th April			
Winston Hills	Joeys & Cubs	Heart	
Tue 8th May			
Berowra	Joeys & Cubs	Heart	
Tue 15th May			
Pendle Hill	Cubs & Scouts	Arcs & Sparks	
Sun 20th May	Joey Fun Day	Bundilla	
Mon 21st May			
Oakville	Joeys & Cubs		
Sun 27th May	Cub Fun Day	Bundilla	
Tue 29th May			
Forestville	Cubs & Scouts	Water Rockets	

The weather was perfect and not a drop of rain fell during our Founder's Day Camp at Camp Kanangra, Nords Wharf on the picturesque Lake Macquarie.

The camp was attended by approximately 80 scouting members and their families, including youth members, Leaders and ex- Leaders and from 1st Pendle Hill, 1st Greystanes, 1st Westmead, 1st Granville and Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship. It was a fun filled camp centred around water activities including canoeing, sailing and fishing.

It was thanks to Anaconda at Auburn, who donated almost \$300 worth of fishing rods and tackle, that the Cubs were able to earn their fishing badges. Thanks to **Rosso** also for his priceless fishing lessons. The Joeys and Scouts "*caught the fishing bug*" and couldn't put the rods down. I am not sure if it was Rosso's lessons, the new rods or beginners luck, but some of them caught bream or whiting which caused great excitement!

A huge thanks needs to go to Ray Shepherd (Luna) for co-ordinating this event, assessing the canoeing badges, and providing the *kitchen* and *dining room* for all the families to cook and eat their meals in style. Many thanks go to all the Leaders and Parents for their help and support to make this year 's camp, a camp to remember!

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Cubs fishing with the new fishing rods and tackle donated by **Anaconda, Auburn**



Opening Parade



Canoeing on Lake Macquarie



1st Greystanes at Founders Day



Joeys and Cubs using the **Anaconda** fishing gear.



TRAINING REPORT

Welcome to my first report as Acting RC AT&D. As you may or may not be aware, **Ann Pounder** has resigned from the RC AT&D role and is currently taking leave of absence. On behalf of the training team we would like to thank Ann for all her hard work and diligence over the eight years she was in the role. Her dedication to this very demanding role has ensured Leaders in GWSR were kept up to date with all the changes relating to training and accreditation.

There are further changes to training that all Leaders need to be aware of:

Adventurous Activities: Leaders will need to speak with their Region Commissioner regarding the new pathways for their chosen activities.

New leaders will continue to work through the **Basic E-learning** pathway with another two modules being introduced to their training.

Basic and Advanced Sectional Techniques Courses will be residential courses at the designated training centres. Check the 2012 training calendar on the NSW website for more information.

Rationalisation of Training Centres for 2013

Changes - Following the rationalisation of training centres it was decided that there would be only four centres across NSW. Each centre will have standard equipment and resources and be used for specific types of training. In 2013 State Office will process all accredited course applications.

The four centres are:

1. Pennant Hills Camp – Advanced training only
2. Cataract Scout Park – Basic training and most practical Adventurous Activities
3. Glenrock – Basic training
4. Camp Kurrajong – Basic training

Local Scout Centres can and should still be utilised for Youth Courses and practical courses leading up to major events.

Existing leaders in the Cub Scout and Scout sections who are appointed but have not proceeded to Advanced Training need to attend an AL2 catch up workshop. With the change of content of courses, Leaders need to complete their Mob Holiday, Pack Holiday and Camping Under Canvas components as part of their basic training and before moving onto advanced training. No advanced e-learning logins can be allocated until these components have been completed. Contact your PLA or myself for more details and future dates.

Areas of Personal Growth Elective

There has been a change to the Areas of Personal Growth which will affect our thinking towards our program content.

The Scout Method has been extended from Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social to also include **Character**.

All Leaders in all sections are expected to attend this one hour elective. Initial modules were presented in March and we will be setting further dates in the near future. Please check our website for new dates. This is an ideal elective for District Training Meetings and Leaders are encouraged to discuss this option with their Team Leaders. There will be no cost for this elective.

Costs of courses will increase for Leaders starting training after 1st April 2012. Basic residential course cost will be \$170 and Advanced \$200. For those who have already applied for courses there will be no changes.

Forms: A reminder that all forms commencing with the "L" prefix need to have 2012 date.

Introductory Kits cost \$60 and must be purchased through your Region Office prior to attending introductory interviews. Leaders transferring appointments need L9 + \$60 for kit. Old system Associate Leaders wanting to continue with their training need L8 + \$60 for kit.

Carol Cope

Acting RC AT&D

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Lord Baden-Powell Society



**Funding Available to assist
250 Scouts to attend the 2013
Queensland Jamboree (AJ2013)**

The Lord Baden-Powell Society is a donor society and division of Scouts Australia whose 1200 members help young Australians experience the benefits and joy of Scouting through providing private financial support. The Society will allocate up to \$600 per Scout to go towards the costs of attending the Jamboree in Maryborough Queensland. Grants will be made on a needs basis with preference going to the most deserving applicants. Applications for grants are made to and managed by the State branch. Please contact your Scout Leader, Group Leader or your [State Branch office](#) for more information on applying for a Lord Baden-Powell Society grant.

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 1st 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)

Corporate Express Junior Landcare Go Green Grants Program now open



Corporate Express and Landcare Australia are proud to launch a \$75,000 grants program to fund environmental projects in schools and community groups across the country.

Fifteen successful schools and groups will receive a **Go Green Grant** of up to \$5,000 to support innovative projects that bring about education in environmental issues, focus on sustainability, promote recycling initiatives or help improve the school's or local area's natural environment.

This Corporate Express Junior Landcare grants program is a great way to actively engage young Australians in a hands-on environmental project.

Applications for the Go Green Grants are open until Tuesday May 1st, 2012. Check out their website for more details and to download an application form. <http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants>

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 1st Narellan Scout Group and post with completed order form to:

1st Narellan Scout Group
Attention Gary Cockroft
P.O. Box 316
Narellan NSW 2567

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My sincere apologies for the late issue - hopefully there will be less demands on my time next month!