



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

Issue 397 - APRIL 2012



JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY

Sunday 20th May 2012

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Bundilla Scout Camp

International Theme

ALL JOEY SCOUTS WELCOME



GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE

6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills 2153

BUSINESS HOURS: TUESDAY to THURSDAY 9AM TO 3.30PM, FRIDAY 10AM TO 4.30PM

Phone: 9639 2488 **Fax:** 9686 2510 **Email:** gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

Website: www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

During the month of March I was lucky enough to attend presentations for Alfred Lee from 1st Westmead (Australian Scout Medallion) and Liam Batchelor from 1st Carlingford (Queen's Scout Award). Congratulations to both of you. Unfortunately I was away and could not attend the Australian Scout Medallion presentation for Mitchell Howlett of 1st Quakers Hill/Doonside scouts. I understand it was well attended and congratulations to Mitch from all in the Region.

For two weeks over Easter I volunteered at the Royal Easter Show and it was good to run into a number of scouting members as well as other supporters. Really enjoyed the opportunity to talk to people I have not seen for some time.

I understand that the Cub Scout Leadership Course conducted at Bundilla was a huge success with over 50 Cubs attending. Well done Anne Thompson and her team on conducting this course for our youth members.

Along with Graham Bargwanna and David Stopps I attended the Community Cabinet Meeting at Parramatta recently held at MacArthur Girls High. We got some exposure for Scouting and it was interesting to talk to other people from various community groups and to find out that they too are chasing grants.

I was contacted by a Group who were having trouble with a neighbour and between us we were able to send an email stating our position and hopefully this has solved the problem. If your Group has a problem don't hesitate to contact me and I may be able to assist the Group.

For those of you who attended the recent Dragonskin I hope you had a great time and the weather was kind to you. I look forward to hearing all about your experiences as I go around to the Group AGM's in the next month.

Speaking of Group AGM's, they are to be conducted until 31st May, and I trust you have approached parents for positions on the Group Committee. Please email Region Office with your preferred date to assure a Region representative is in attendance. The new cash books are available for collection from the Office during normal office hours if you have not received yours.

If you know of anyone in Scouting who is under 30 and in the insurance industry we would like to know in order 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 looking to fill the following Region and District positions:

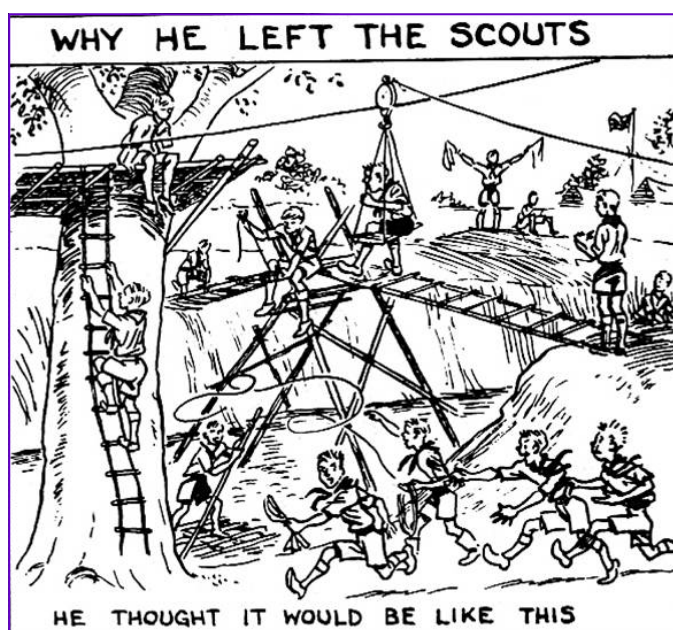
- District Commissioners; Blue Mountains, Penrith and Hawkesbury
- Region Treasurer
- Various District roles.

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

Until then Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au



**GOOD PROGRAMMING
IS ESSENTIAL!**

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Preparations are well advanced for the Joey Fun Day on Sunday 20th May.

All Joey Scout Leaders have A1's to give to the youth members, the leaders and the parents that are attending. We need an A1 for everyone on site. All parents will also have to fill in an M5.

Most of the Joey Scout mobs are finishing the term with Easter activities. An Easter egg hunt is most popular.

All Joey Scout Leaders are expected to take note of the AoPG requirements when planning for next term. I am hoping to see balanced (and exciting) programs.

On March 25th, seven experienced Leaders took part in our first workshop for overnight activities to align the different types of training. It was very pleasing to note that the experience showed to prove our Leaders are continually learning in their role.

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

Email: joey@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

Ashleigh Allan
1st Oakville
Jayson Hawkins
1st Oakville

1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF



3rd Merrylands CSL Charles Yendle (Bagheera) with two of his most recent Grey Wolf Awardees Ricky Newell (L) and Paul Charbel (R)

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Fifty two enthusiastic Cub Scouts attended the **Cub Scout Leadership Course** on March 24th at Bundilla. The Cubs worked and played well together, the Leaders provided interesting sessions and fun activities and the cooking team from Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship kept us well fed. Thank you to everyone involved for helping to make it a successful day.

Carol Cope conducted an excellent **AL2 'catch up' Workshop** on March 25th for those appointed Leaders (trained under the old scheme) to gain their qualification for Pack Holidays and Camping Under Canvas. Another workshop is planned for those Leaders who missed out - keep an eye on the website for further details.

PACK HOLIDAYS REQUIREMENTS: I need to remind all Leaders that **Branch Policy must be adhered to** when organising a Pack Holiday. Associate Leaders or other section Leaders can not be in charge of a Pack Holiday.

Cub Scouts may be taken on Pack Holidays in accordance with the following rules:

- a) Two (2) Leaders holding current Certificates of Appointment and Adult Leadership, one of whom must hold a current appointment for the Cub Scout Section, shall be present at all times.
- b) The Leader in charge shall hold all of the following qualifications:
 - A current Certificate of Appointment and Adult Leadership for the Cub Scout Section,
 - be aged not younger than 21 years,
 - be a holder of equivalent to Pack Holiday Topic from Advanced level of Training and have assisted on and been involved in the planning of at least one Pack Holiday.

Your Pack holiday program (wet & dry), menu and other details must be completed one month prior to the pack holiday and must be submitted to the Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts), or designate, and the Group Leader for approval. I have sighted only three Programmes during the past year. Does this mean that Pack Holidays are not happening or the Policy is being ignored?

Cub Fun Day will be held at Bundilla on **May 27**. I hope to see every Cub Pack and all their Leaders present as no other events should be planned for this day! Check the GWS website for further details - thank you.

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

VENTURER REPORT

Late last month I attended the **Queen's Scout Award Presentation** at Government House. It was a beautiful day in Sydney and very pleasing to see three Venturers from the Region presented with their certificates from the Governor.

Dragon Skin was held over the Easter long weekend at Penrose State Forest with a large number of Venturers from the Region in attendance. A full update of the event and competition results is available on the Region website.

Due to popular demand, GWSR is hosting an extra **Leadership Course** on the weekend of 12-13 May 2012. This is in addition to the Sydney North course on the same weekend that has already reached capacity. Any Venturers who are currently 17 years of age and need to complete this course as part of their Queen's Scout Award are encouraged to apply early as these courses are filling up fast. Our next Leadership Course will be on the weekend of 25-26 August 2012.

The **Mawson Scholarship in Leadership** is in operation again this year with two new courses available for Venturer Scouts to attend. The Mawson Scholarship is an advanced training program for Venturer Scouts aged 15 to 18 years. Last year saw three Venturers from GWS selected to attend and I look forward to seeing many more applications being received. Full details and the application form are available on the Region website. Closing dates are 4th May 2012 for the July course in Queensland and 20th July 2012 for the October course in the ACT.

Venture South 2013 online registrations opened last month. Over 150 applications were received in the first 48 hours and any Venturers interested in attending are highly encouraged to do so. This will be an amazing event and a highlight of your Venturing activities. Visit www.nzv2013.com for further information.

A new **Look Wide magazine** is being released this month and will be available for download on the Region website. It includes information on upcoming courses and international events, as well as promotions for the Mawson Scholarship and **Waratah 2012**.

Finally, the **Region Jamborette** is fast approaching. Any Venturer Unit planning on organising a base, is reminded that the activity must involve at least 20 minutes worth of effort. Specific Venturer Unit Application Forms are available on the Region website and must be used by all Units that are attending.

These forms also include details of eligibility, curfews and supervision requirements that are in force and must be agreed to before applying. The cost is \$30 per Venturer/Leader and applications close on Friday 11th May 2012. All activity base proposals must also have a completed Scoutsafe Risk Awareness Form attached for approval.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts
venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au
Mobile: 0421 076 497

WANTED

DISTRICT LEADERS - SCOUTS

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.

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
scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Congratulations to all of the youth members from GWSR who received their Certificates from Governor and Chief Scout, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO at Government House, Sydney on March 31st, 2012.



Australian Scout Medallion
JAMES CHAPMAN
1st/2nd Merrylands
MITCHELL HOWLETT
1st Quakers Hill/Doonside
ALFRED LEE
1st Westmead

Queen's Scout Award
KRISTIN BARTLETT
LIAM BATCHELOR
DANIEL MORT
1st Carlingford



**Baden-Powell
Scout Award**
MATTHEW THOMPSON
1st/2nd Merrylands

*Photos
Aaron Wardle*

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

There are so many exciting activities happening at present, a sign of very healthy Groups within our Region. To all the Leaders getting out there and doing stuff "Well Done!"

Of course with the Activities comes paperwork. A necessary evil which we all have to contend with, and can I say most of you have a pretty good handle on the requirements, in regard to paperwork.

There is one area which I need to explain. That is not a criticism to any of you, as the **A1 Form**, as it stands, is a little ambiguous in this area.

Every activity we do, there must be at least **one person** in attendance with a **current Senior First Aid, or Applied First Aid Certificate**. (The First Aid person does not need to be the Activity Coordinator).

This person's name should be shown on Part 3, page 3 where it mentions **Certificate Required**. When completing just Parts 1 & 2, there is no real need to mention who your designated First Aider is. While you may have a number of qualified First Aid people on the Activity, you only need to show one name.

Another area which has caused some confusion is the procedure for booking an Adventurous Activity Course. These must always be booked through Region Office at Bundilla, and not via the Activity Leader.

All courses have limited numbers, and as each application comes into the Office, it is dated, receipted, and the ladies check the membership details against the MIS. Once, either the closing date or the maximum number of participants is reached, a list of applicants is sent to the Course Leader. The Course Leader will access all applications, and if there are any applicants who are denied from participating, they will be advised by the Region Office. Region Office will then send out the acceptance letters to all approved participants.

Where a maximum attendance is reached prior to the closing date, the Course Leader may nominate a new maximum number, depending on available resources.

For those of you who like to go a bit further out into the scrub, we have just purchased an additional PLB. (Personal Locator Beacon, thanks to David Stopps, who did some shopping around for me).



We now have two units, both 406 MHz which are available for hire for only \$10.00 for an activity. Basically a PLB is required on any activity which is more than one hour from a point where an alarm can be raised.

Our new PLB Unit

(More than 1 hour from mobile coverage). They must only be activated in situations of grave or imminent danger.

I have often said it is important that Leaders have a bit of fun as well! I was able to attend a recent overnight canoe trip with a number of other Leaders, all doing their overnight endorsement, up at Wisemans Ferry; clocking up just over 57km over the two days, including a night paddle. Who says serious training can't be a bit of fun. Thanks to Tracey Hansford who organised the trip.

That same weekend a number of Leaders attended overnight bushwalking training and accreditation down at Cataract, led by our own Frank Barr.



Just a perfect day on the water at Wisemans.

Photo: Mark Fell

I was also privileged to help out on a Canoe Course with 2nd Castle Hill at Camp Windeyer, up at Crosslands. A terrific group of enthusiastic young paddlers, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Next month I am participating in caving weekend at Wee Jasper which will be a huge course. No doubt there will be some great stories to hear and tell from that.



Scouts from 2nd Castle Hill getting into the swing of paddling.

While we are all very busy with our Scouting, please don't forget; **"HAVE ADVENTUROUS FUN AND BE ACTIVITY SAFE!"**

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au

TRAINING REPORT

Areas of Personal Growth Elective

We have run five very successful workshops recently to cover the new Areas of Personal Growth. Later in the year we will schedule more of these workshops and they will be listed on our website or check with your District Sectional Leader to find out if they are running one in the near future. Blue Mountains has already scheduled one for 20th May and Penrith are considering a date that is suitable to their Districts.

Remember this is an elective topic but it is compulsory. There is no cost for the one hour elective.

A CD was also handed out to one member of each group who attended the workshops. It is intended that person will burn extra copies of the CD to share with all other Leaders in their group. If you are not aware who has the CD then please ask at your Group Council or contact me for the person's name. The sectional details on the CD should be discussed with other Leaders in your section at Wandarrah, Seonee, Mindari and Unit Council as part of your on-going training.

Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts Basic Sectional Techniques Catch Up workshops

We have completed both catch up workshops this month. This has enabled already appointed Leaders in those sections (under the old scheme) to gain the necessary qualifications in Mob Holidays, Pack Holidays and Camping Under Canvas to allow them to go on these types of outings. The Catch Up is also a requirement if you are progressing to Advanced Training via E-learning from the old scheme and you need a login to get started. Talk to your Regional Section Commissioners or your Training Team members to gain more information on who should attend. We are planning to run another workshop after May. Check your website for up and coming dates.

Introductory Kits are now available - cost \$60 and must be purchased through your Region Office prior to attending introductory interviews. These interviews are on the 1st Thursday of each month. Leaders transferring appointments need L9 + \$60 for kit. Old system Associate Leaders wanting to continue with their training need L8 + \$60 for kit. Please ring Region Office to advise if you are attending the interviews so we have an idea of the numbers.

PLA Meeting

The Region held a successful meeting last week with approx 20 people in attendance. Matters discussed included the correct completion of documents, the new Areas of Personal Growth, training into the future and the changes to the numbering system on accreditation forms for Cert III and Cert IV.

Basic and Advanced Sectional Techniques Courses will be residential courses at the designated training centres. Cataract, Glenrock and Camp Kurrajong will be running the Basic courses and Pennant Hills will be the only site to run Advanced training. Cataract will also run most Adventurous Activities courses.

Check the 2012 Training Calendar on the NSW website for more information especially relating to the increased cost of residential courses. Be aware that there will be strict adherence to closing dates for courses - so check the dates and put them on your calendar. It is your responsibility to ensure that if you have forwarded your application to other members of your Group (i.e. Treasurer) for posting, that it is still received at the Region Office by the closing date.

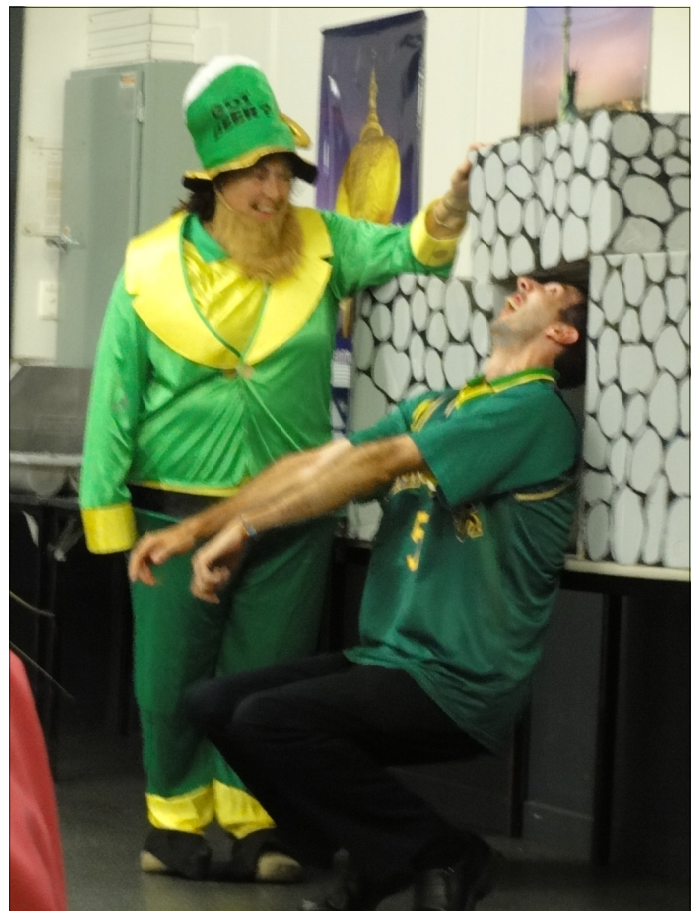
Sign Off Nights – 4th Thursday of the month

Please ensure that you register at the Region Office if you intend to come along to the sign off nights. Dates are shown on our website or check with your PLA's.

Carol Cope

Acting RC AT&D

Email: training@greaterwestscouts.com.au



**Kissing the Blarney Stone
State Palaver style!**

Photo: Anne Thompson

APPOINTMENTS LIST

14/3/2012 - 30/3/2012



APPOINTMENTS

CARDONA, Karen Lee Appt TL(J) 1st Erskine Park Joey Mob

TRANSFERS

BARTLETT, Gary John Fr Trainee Ldr (S) 1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
To Appt TL(S) 1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
CAHILL, Melissa Jane Fr ACSL 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*
To DCSL Parramatta District
HILTON, Scott Andrew Fr AL(G) 1st Kellyville Scout Group
To CSL 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Darzee*
JARVIS, Deborah Therese Fr Appt TL(S) 1st Glossodia Scout Troop
To Appt TL(S) 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
LUMMIS, Christopher Andrew Fr VSL 1st Ermington Venturer Unit
To DVSL Parramatta District
LUTZ, Ian Barry Fr CSL 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Darzee*
To ACSL 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Zazu*
QUAN, Dianne Mary Fr AJSL 2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
To JSL 2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
TALLIS, Brett Andrew Fr CSL 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack *Nackara*
To ACSL 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Zazu*
WHEAT, Adam John Fr AVSL 1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit
To VSL 1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit
WHITTAKER, Lisa Anne Fr Appt TL(J) 1st Kellyville Joey Mob
To AJSL 1st Kellyville Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

ABBOTTS, Simon David CrL (Appointed) Nepean Rover Crew
CARR, Darin Leslie ASL 1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
COOKE, Kim Leanne AL(G) 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group
FINCH, Kelly Anne AL(R) Nepean Rover Crew
FULLERTON, Bruce William VSL 1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit
GARRETT, Mary Fellowship Member Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
GARRETT, Mary DL(T) Hawkesbury District
MCBRIDE, Peter Francis AVSL 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
POLLOCK, Sonia Caroline ACSL 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack *Waminda*
ROACH, Paul Allan Fellowship Member Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

MACKENZIE, William Malcolm Trainee Crew Ldr Nepean Rover Crew
SWEENEY, Colleen Mary Trainee Ldr (S) 1st Murray Farm Scout Troop

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

HUNTER, Robert John ACSL 1st Ermington Cub Pack *Blaxland*
19/03/2012

RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

CAHILL, Melissa Jane ACSL 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*
12/03/2012
GOODFELLOW, Leslie Gordon Fellowship Member Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
1/03/2011

35th GWS REGION JAMBORETTE

Scouts v's Wild

@

BENT'S BASIN STATE RECREATION AREA

8th – 11th JUNE 2012

**Water Activities Obstacle Course Abseiling International
Flying Fox Badgers Club Gang Show Base Theme Bases**

- Camp in troops
- Each troop to self cater
- Move in from 5pm Friday, 8th June
- A minimum of **14 bases** must be completed to gain the **Jamborette Award**
- There will be **good camping certificates** for those troops who earn them
- **Gateway competition** for **Themed** and **Traditional** gateways
- **CAMP FEES:** Youth members \$45 Leaders \$35
- **Early bird discount** (\$5.00 per person), applies if registrations received at the GWS Region Office by close of business on the **11th May 2012**
- **Final date** for applications is close of business on **Tuesday 25th May** at full price.
- **A1** and further information available on the **GWS website**

APPLY NOW FOR A GREAT WEEK END AWAY WITH YOUR TROOP

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Recent Nights

We started March off with **Heart nights** at *Oakville* then *Cherrybrook* Scouts. Cherrybrook has 40 Scouts normally, and we were relieved only 30 turned up on the night. They had plenty of Leaders, so I assigned one of them to run a base for us. As their meeting is for an hour and a half, it was a bit of a rush at the end.

Next was a **Liquid Nitrogen** night with 14 *Kellyville* Venturers. They provided plenty of fruit and eggs to smash, and now have a Blutac 'nail' in their notice board. This time the instant Ice Cream turned out creamy in the new bamboo bowl. The contents were devoured and the bowl scraped clean. Last time the plastic bowl cracked with the cold. Luckily we have a rule that, we make the mess and they have to clean it up!

We had a fine evening at *Oakville* Joeys and Cubs for a **Water Rocket** night, but the oval was a bit soggy underfoot, then onto *Erskine Park* Joeys and Cubs for an **Arcs & Sparks** night, where the Van De Graaf generator struggled to raise a spark, but did raise some hair.

Our last port of call for the term was *Roselea* Joeys & Cubs for a **Sound** night. We tried out the singing plate experiment with the Cubs, and ended the night with a BANG, well, many BANGS, from the Thunder Claps that they made.

Blacktown District Cub Camp at Bundilla

The Science Team provided a few bases for the Cubs on the Saturday. Their Leaders helped us with the **Water Rockets** and **Giant Bubble** activities. Lillian showed the remotely controlled **Robot Arm** and large **Yellow Crane**. I helped them build circuits with the **Snap Circuits** and wire together **Motors & Lights** box.

The star of the bases (by Cub vote) was Karl's **Ambulance Dispatcher** base. Identical road map sheets are viewed by two groups of Cubs, who are out of sight of each other. Both have a model ambulance on the start position. The Dispatcher has a map clear of obstacles with a visible destination, while the Driver sees numerous road works and blockages on the roads. The Dispatcher has to guide the Driver as quickly as possible to an accident over the 'radio' (in this case a wired intercom), using clear instructions and correct radio protocol. Of course the Driver gets blocked and tells the Dispatcher, who directs an alternate route.

Karl developed this activity to teach Scouts the correct way to talk on radios, without them actually being 'on air'. He has added an extra degree of difficulty by being able to introduce static, cross channel interference and signal fade and drop out, to make communications more difficult.



Ambo Comms
1st/2nd

Blacktown Cub
Scouts

Colour Wheel
↓

Heart Dissection
1st Cherrybrook Scouts
↓



Robot-Crane
1st/2nd Blacktown
Cub Scouts
→



1st Erskine Park Cub Scouts
and Joey Scouts
Arcs & Sparks night



THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

John Leahy

john.leahy@nmi.gov.au
Home phone: 4572-1549
Work phone: 8467-3592

Karl Humphreys

ets0@bigpond.com.au
(M) 0408 205 649

Lillian Ewe

lillianewe@hotmail.com

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Our new harnesses and helmets are excellent. Many thanks to Region for fixing that up.

COMING ACTIVITIES

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

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

Rescue (Recovery) Course: Sunday 17th June.

Scout Caving Badge Course: 1st and 22nd April at Wee Jasper.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 16th September, 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 year's program 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
Phone: 4572 1321
Email: rickj15@bigpond.com

**Abseiling at
Yellow Rock on
a recent
GWS course.**



Parramatta & District Historical Society would like to offer the facilities of **HAMBLEDON COTTAGE for Cub Scouts to gain their Local History badge.**

Hambledon Cottage is an original sandstone cottage, built in 1824 by Elizabeth and John Macarthur and is located at **63 Hassall Street (Cnr Gregory Pl) Parramatta**. It is surrounded by the two acre Hambledon Reserve Park, which can be used for meals and games.

During a visit the Cubs will observe a cottage furnished in the 1820 to 1880's style. They will see artefacts used in colonial days, make comparisons with life today and take part in activities such as slate and stylus writing and playing with toys used by children before video games!

It is recommended that groups of ten, accompany a guide for the tour and all activities. The CSL will be given material to help with follow up activities. At least one hour is required for the tour. The cost is \$3 per youth member.

INSPECTION TIMES

Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4pm
Other times by Appointment only

Hambledon Cottage is open on most Public Holidays but closed on Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Other historic houses nearby include Experiment Farm and Elizabeth Farm.

ADULTS	\$ 4.00
CONCESSIONS	\$3 (Pensioners, Senior Cards)
CHILDREN	\$2 (5 to 15 years)

Groups by Appointment
Telephone or Fax 9635-6924 or Email
parramattahist@tpg.com.au



INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SHOWCASE



Saturday 23rd June
9am to 1pm

Baden Powell Scout Centre
Pomona Street, Pennant Hills

All Welcome

Scouting members please wear full uniform.

**Why not add this date to your calendar and organise a visit
for your youth members also?**



**For more information please contact your Region International
Representative or Bob MacDonald on 9484 5446 or 042 821 4601**

Further details will be available on our NSW International Website



**International
Pen Pals For Scouting**



CUB SCOUT FUN DAY

Sunday 27th May 2012

10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Lunch 12pm - 1pm)

Bundilla Scout Camp

**ALL CUB SCOUTS, CUB SCOUT LEADERS AND
YOUTH HELPERS MOST WELCOME**

**Celebrating the Summer Olympic Games
London, England**



**See the GWSR website for A1 form and further details.
We require an A1 for everyone attending and
an M5 from all non uniformed people please.**

**ALL FORMS TO REGION OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012**

Scouts in Action Week 2012

International Scouting

20-26 August



The theme this year is **International Scouting** and the **Scouts in Action Week** website www.scoutsinactionweek.com has been updated with lots of information about this year's theme. Over the coming weeks more section programs will be added - so make sure you visit the site at least once a week to see what has been added.

Again Groups or Sections are asked to register, so we can keep track of who is participating. Don't forget to tell all your Scouting colleagues about SiAW and you can do this by sending an email with a link to the website inviting them to participate. If you have any contacts outside of Australia please send them an invitation to be part of the largest annual Scouting event in Australia.

Shortly the website will be updated with details on the **2012 Scouts in Action Week badge** and you will receive an email on how you can order yours in advance of Scouts in Action Week, 20th - 26th August 2012.

The aim for this year is to get as many **International Programs** that we can, and you are invited to submit your **international** themed programs to youth.events@scouts.com.au

The **challenge** is to have a **Program** and a **Traditional game** that **represents all 161 NSO's** (National Scout Organisations).

There will also be information about **Pen Pal programs, JOTA/JOTI, Hands Across the Water and other Scouts Australia initiatives** - so check the website to see what is on offer and see how you and your section can get involved.

Yours in Scouting,
John Parr
National Project Commissioner Youth Events
Scouts Australia

REGISTER NOW

**Spread the word to all of your Scouting friends in Australia and overseas.
International participants are welcome in 2012.**



It was a sea of green at our wonderful State Palaver dinner on Saturday night - St Patrick's Day!





FIRST AID TRAINING @ 2ND BAULKHAM HILLS CUB PACK

Abiding by the Scout motto **Be Prepared**, Cubs from 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group were instructed in the Basic Life Support flowchart - DRSABCD. They concentrated heavily on the C - CPR and learnt more about, and practiced on, the D - Defibrillator.

Cub Leaders from 2nd Baulkham Hills, Jennie Page and Taylor Page who are members of Hills Division of St John Ambulance were joined by Gavin Purse and Ben Irvine, ex Hills Scouters and also current members of St John Ambulance, Hills Division to teach the cubs the skills required to save a life.

With the high number of near drownings in the first months of 2012, and with many homes in the Hills having a pool the Leaders felt that it was a appropriate, and essential, to teach the cubs what to do in such a situation. With the use of equipment from St John Hills Division, the cubs were taught the relevance of DRSABCD. They were reminded of the importance of the basic safety rules of swimming, getting help immediately, followed by instruction in CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

Although some cubs of smaller stature may have struggled with the performance of CPR the fact that they have been instructed in how to perform it correctly, will hold them in good stead if ever confronted with a situation requiring the use of these skills. After all they won't always be cubs and it isn't only used in a near drowning incident.

Taylor Page was able to relate first hand the importance of having this knowledge and capability, having resuscitated a gentleman who had suffered a cardiac arrest at last year's City to Surf. We can all feel a little more reassured in the Hills.

Jennie Page, CSL
2nd Baulkham Hills



1st Blaxland Joey Scout Mob Outing

Dean Maddock JSL (Bandicoot)
1st Blaxland Scout Group

To celebrate the end of another enjoyable term of Scouting, the Joey Scouts from 1st Blaxland recently went roller skating. Over half of the Joey Scouts had never skated before and some were quite reluctant to try at first. Soon enough, all of the Joey Scouts were out and about on the rink, some zipping around at a frightening pace, others clinging to the edges but all having fun and increasing their skills.

There were plenty of little spills but very few tears and the Joey Scouts picked themselves up again and went off for more. There were also plenty of opportunities for the Joey Scouts to care for each other and share in a great time. An hour was long enough, with many of the Joey Scouts calling out, "Bandicoot, Bandicoot, look at me, look at how much better I am!" We finished off with a final parade before heading home. All the Joey Scouts did their best with many discovering that their **best** was **better** than they had ever imagined!



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

- **FOR ADULTS ONLY (NO YOUTH MEMBERS UNDER 18)**
- **REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL - PLEASE REPLY ASAP**



If you have any old photos or memorabilia associated with Bundilla, Sandra would love to hear from you - please call or email her asap.

Organiser: Sandra Parker

Email: cparker@oneseniors.com.au

or phone: 9626 8850

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

THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is edited and published for the general information of members in the Greater Western Sydney Region. The opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the GWSR or Scouts Australia.

Submissions are to be made by the last day of the month preceding publication and may be edited for clarity or to fit available print space.

Articles and illustrations from The Bulletin (except for copyright items) may be re-used unaltered by other Scouting publications and credits shown.

Please send all articles and photos direct to the Editor, Anne Thompson

Email : anne.dlcs@gmail.com or cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

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

