



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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## Come on Down - the Night is Right!

All Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers  
are cordially invited to attend

# Palanee



3rd August 2012

Bundilla Scout Camp

7.30pm to 9pm



Don't miss out on this opportunity to take part in our version  
of some popular kids TV shows!

Be Prepared for a night filled with fun activities, the chance to socialise  
with your fellow CSL's and Youth Helpers and gain some new ideas  
for Programming for your Cub Pack.

**Dress:** Uniform

**Supper** provided

**Cost:** \$5 per person

Please complete an A1 form and return it to GWS Region Office  
by **27th July 2012** (Cheques payable to Scouts Australia)

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

Firstly a big thank you to the Leaders who attended the AGM last month. We had 63 people register and that made it one of the biggest numbers we have had. A special thank you to Matt Thompson for another great Annual Report and to Peter Nickl who supplied an excellent afternoon tea, courtesy of his son who owns the Gumnut Patisserie in Mittagong, Bowral and Berrima.

### ***Thanks to both of you for your support of our Region.***

At the AGM our Chief Commissioner, Doug Menzies, presented a Chief Commissioner's Commendation of Merit to James Chapman from 1st/2nd Merrylands. The citation read: "On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011 James was helping his brother Matthew remove a large window on a work site when the window broke and a large piece of glass fell on Matthew's arm. It sliced the arm up from the wrist at a 45 degree angle, severing major arteries, blood vessels, nerves and tendons, and narrowly missing the bone. The hospital classified the injury as a partial amputation.

James took control of the situation, calming his elder brother, controlling bleeding and performing first aid that he had learnt progressively over the previous eight years at Joeys, Cubs and Scouts. He tied a sloppy joe around the injury, walked Matthew down stairs to a security guard and requested him to call an ambulance.

While he waited for the ambulance to attend the scene he bandaged the wound and comforted his brother as he had been taught at a Scout conducted First Aid course. When the paramedics arrived they conveyed Matthew to Royal North Shore Hospital without removing the bandages and complimented James on his first aid skills.

Both the Ambulance officers and the Emergency staff at Royal North Shore Hospital commended James on the way he performed First Aid. They said it helped save Matthew's arm. The surgeons took 3 ½ hours to repair damaged arteries, tendons and nerves, which required over 100 stitches internally!"

### ***Congratulations James on receiving this prestigious award.***

I had the pleasure to attend the Cumberland Gang Show at Parramatta Riverside Theatre during the school holidays and once again enjoyed the show. Why is it that there is a lack of support from Scout groups in our Region when Gang Show is the performing arts arm of Scouting and is there to help Scouts and Guides improve their acting, singing and dancing skills?

### ***Well done to the cast and supporters for another enjoyable show.***

In recent weeks I have made appointments to key positions in the Region and I am delighted to announce the following:

**Kathy Cuneo**, Region Commissioner  
Adult Training and Development

**Brian Zarth**, Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

**Tony Dent**, Region Commissioner Special Duties  
(acting DC Penrith)

**Charlie McLean**, District Leader Joey Scouts  
(Hills District)

**Val Lockman**, District Leader Joey Scouts  
(Blacktown District)

**Ann Pounder** - Region Member Support

### ***Thank you to these Leaders for taking on the roles and I look forward to working with you all.***

I attended the Queen's Scout presentation for Angus Boxall at Oakhill College at Castle Hill and can say that it was one of the biggest gatherings of Scouting people in our Region in a number of years.

Once again I would remind all Leaders of the **Back to Bundilla day on 16th September** (ad in this Bulletin) and even though you may be a young Leader, there will still be plenty to do on the day. Don't forget that when we oldies have gone to the great Scout hall in the sky it will be up to you to keep the history of our Region going!

I hope you have had a good school holiday break and the Scout section will now be looking towards the Jamboree.

### ***Until next time ..... keep on Scouting***

**Neville Henderson** - Region Commissioner

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



Scouts Australia NSW are looking for all Queen's and King's Scouts interested in taking part in the inaugural

### **NSW King's and Queen's Scouts Reunion Dinner**

Please send your name, Scout Group, the year you received your award, email and contact details to

[jan.goodall@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:jan.goodall@nsw.scouts.com.au)

**We will contact you shortly with relevant details.**

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.  
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## CUB SCOUT NOTES

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Applications are coming in steadily for the Grey Wolf award. Just a reminder to everyone that the application forms are available on the State website. **The current forms are dated August 11.** Please make sure you complete all the sections, before forwarding the forms to me via your DLCS's. Each Grey Wolf costs \$10—this can be paid at Region Office or accompany the application form (cheques payable to Scouts Australia).

Cubs have been busy attending campfires in their Districts to attain the lovely **Campfire** badge. Please forward your payment for the badges to Region Office as soon as possible.

The **Queen's Jubilee** badges have now been distributed. They can be worn on the right breast side of your uniform, as long as there are no other badges in that position. Please forward your payments to Region Office now, thank you.

While on the subject of badges - it is time to remove the **International Year of Volunteers** badge from your sleeve and relocate it to your camp blanket!

**Palanee** will be held on **Friday 3rd August** from **7.30pm to 9pm at Bundilla**. For our new Leaders who have no idea what Palanee is - it is a get together of Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers, to meet fellow Leaders, exchange ideas and gain ideas for Pack Programming. Your Region Seonee team are busy planning an evening of fun and games - so there will be plenty of laughs and the evening will conclude with a delicious supper. Please do come and join us and support your Region. Your District CS Leaders have the Palanee invitation and A1 form. Please fill one in and send it to Region Office, along with \$5 before July 27. **Don't miss out - register now.**

Everyone should start thinking about the next **State Cuboree** which will take place at Cataract Scout Park from **6th January to 10th January 2014** (especially if you need to book holidays with work well in advance)! Your District CS Leaders are looking for CSL's interested in being Pack Coordinators, Bus Captains and helpers on the GWSR activity base.

Invitations for the next **CS Leadership Course** in **September**, will be issued through your District CS Leaders very soon. Start planning now, which Cubs you will send along to the course.

### DIARY DATES

August 3            Palanee at Bundilla  
September 1        Cub Scout Leadership Course

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts  
Email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

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## VENTURER REPORT

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I had the pleasure of attending the Queen's Scout Award presentation for Angus Boxall last month at Oakhill College. It was great to see well over 200 Scouting members joining together to help celebrate the occasion as well as a live internet broadcast for those that were unable to attend. The evening certainly reinforced the importance of the Queen's Scout Award and the wide community support that the award continues to generate. Congratulations Angus on such a successful night.

Congratulations to Joshua Bordley and Scott Robertson on completing their Queen's Scout Awards. These two most recent recipients add to a growing number of highly dedicated Venturers completing this award and I applaud both awardees on their huge achievements.

The Jamborette last month was a great success with another large Venturer attendance. Thank you to all of the Units that coordinated such excellent bases during the weekend. I know that the Scouts had a great time doing all of the activities and I look forward to another big year again in 2013. (And I apologise to everyone for taking the sunshine with me when I left early! J)

Applications for the next Mawson Leadership course in the ACT during October close on 20 July. More information is available from the website.

Finally, later this month I am departing for Jamborees in Iceland and Finland. I will be out of contact during these events until my return in mid-August. Please contact your District Leaders if you require assistance during my absence.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts  
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Congratulations to these  
Cub Scouts who have earned  
their Grey Wolf Award.

**Matthew Cameron - 1st/2nd Merrylands**  
**Lachlan Napier - 1st North Rocks**  
**Tamieka Barden - 1st Kings Langley**  
**Yvette Barden - 1st Kings Langley**  
**Nathan Langborne - 1st Granville**  
**Michael Hillyard - 1st Blaxland**  
**Anna-Leigh Skene - 1st Blaxland**  
**Rebecca Galea - 1st St Marys**

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## TRAINING REPORT

In my first week as the RC AT&D I have made the following observations:

Parents, and the general community, see Scouting as a safe, well planned activity for their most precious possession – their child. As Leaders, we are held in high esteem for our mature, sensible approach to providing a safe environment, in which their child can participate. I expect applications for Adult Leadership to reflect this sensible approach, so that Leaders continue to hold the parents' trust.

There are far too many Leaders-in-training in our Region, who are not completing the tasks set for them in a reasonable time. I know - because I was given *lists* at the Training Conference last weekend.

The only ones who will not be sent a "*please explain,*" are those waiting for the BST weekend for their section. Completing the *In Service* requirements seems to be a hold-up. Please contact me if it is a problem and we will try to find a solution.

I was confused about the "no second Wood Badge" statement. To clarify; Leaders who move sections, or just out of general interest, need or want to do Advanced Training in another section, can do so via e-learning and it will be accredited on the MIS. However, there will be no requirement for a project to be completed and after completing the training, no parchment will be issued, (we were never ever presented with two Wood Badges).

I must thank Carol Cope for "looking after" the Region training for the last six months. Her support in providing catch-up workshops and rolling out the AoPG meant that our Region is ahead in these areas. I was very pleased to be able to say at the Conference that we are addressing these issues - not all Regions are as fortunate. Thank you Carol for a job well done.

**Kathy Cuneo**  
RC AT&D

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Available now



### AGOONOREE: IN THE WILD Camp Chapman, Somersby

**FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY  
1ST OCTOBER (LONG WEEKEND)**

**Cost: \$120 youth participants.  
\$100 leaders/helpers.**

An **Agoonoree** is a camp especially for Scouts and Guides with special needs, organised by the Scouts Special Needs Team and helpers, and is open to ALL Scout and Guide members in all sections.

**Joey's must attend with at least one of their parents or guardians;**

**Cubs and Junior Guides must attend with at least one of their leaders.**

There will be a **Visitors Day on Saturday 29th September** (which may be the preferred option for younger members) and also an **offsite activities day on Sunday 30th September**.

Activities to include bushcraft, bushwalk, campfire, crafts, games, music, scavenger hunt, Scouts & Guides Own, and more!

Some indoor accommodation is available but camping, where possible, is encouraged. Participants are also encouraged to wear **theme dress** for parts of the camp.

The A1 Form can be found on-line at the NSW and GWSR Scout websites or can be sent on request.

**Inquiries and Expressions of Interest:**

**Mark Burfield**

**State Commissioner, Special Needs**

**Telephone: [0425 236 617](tel:0425236617) or**

**Email: [oceaniahq@froggy.com.au](mailto:oceaniahq@froggy.com.au)**

## **REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM**

One of our major GWSR events of the year is our annual Jamborette out at Bents Basin, and what a great weekend it was. Just because there were about 400 very wet tents to dry out, along with some very wet Scouts and Leaders, it could have been worse. We could have all stayed in our nice warm homes and watched re-runs of the Big Bang Theory!

Just think of all the unreal fun we would have missed out on. Look at it this way. What would you do differently next time to stay drier? Maybe putting that raincoat on a bit earlier, or spending that bit of extra time putting *Dubbin* on your boots, to make them more waterproof. It's all a learning experience. Every camp you do, every hike you participate in, every river you paddle up, every time you get out, you just get that little bit smarter.

Huge thank you to all those from the Region Activities Team who helped out over the weekend. It was great to see the Flying Fox brought out of moth balls, and back up where it belongs. Certainly a big hit with the Scouts.

Another great hit was the Climbing Wall run by Jonathon Sharoff and his team from the Mountains.

Thanks must be also given to the SWASH Team who helped to run the water activities on a very full dam.

We did have one base which was rather quiet over the weekend. Big thank you to our First Aid Base run by Allan Mason, Josette Docherty and the team. It was pleasing to report no major injuries.

Another very popular base this year and often not mentioned, was the International Base run by Peter Nickl, and ably supported by Bob Matthews.

Of course one person who does so much for the Jamborette but is not often recognised for his effort is our Region Commissioner for Scouts, Robin Garrett. Big BRAVOOO to Batman.

I have just spent another weekend with my counterparts at the State Activities Council Meeting. Certainly not a talkfest. We were able to make some very worthwhile ground in regard to the new SIS10 training system, and how it will be implemented.

While there are still areas which will require more thought, I do now have a better understanding of just how it will all work. While a date is still to be set, all Leaders in GWS will have the opportunity to go through their current qualifications for RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) to the new SIS10 System. As a strong suggestion, if you haven't already, now would be a great time to start up a log on all adventurous activities you participate in.

Don't forget as mentioned in the last Bulletin there are a number of opportunities coming up to do Level 1 Bushwalking certificate under the new SIS10 accreditation, which is being run by Frank Barr.

### **Dates are as follows.**

28th - 29th July                      Cataract

1st - 2nd September              Cataract

29th - 30th September      TBA

While it will be all over by the time you read this, I am about to head off for another fantastic season of Cumberland Gang Show.

So whether you are climbing a mountain, doing that big abseil, or dodging 130 cast members moving a prop on stage, always keep in mind.

**"HAVE ADVENTUROUS FUN AND BE ACTIVITY SAFE"**

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

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## **ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE**

**Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills**

**9AM SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST TO  
2.30PM SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST**

**Open to ALL adult Scouting members**

**COST: \$110**

**This Conference will provide information  
and resources to assist in delivering  
Scouting to those with Special Needs.**

**For long-distance travellers, it is possible to stay  
overnight on Friday 3rd August.  
Please apply on the standard training course  
application form available on-line at the NSW  
Scouts website or one can be sent to you on  
request.**

**Inquiries:**

**Mark Burfield**

**State Commissioner, Special Needs**

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## 1ST WINSTON HILLS JOEY SCOUTS

Recently Joey Scouts from 1st Winston Hills travelled by train from Westmead to Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains to complete the Charles Darwin walk as part of their Adventure Challenge Badge.

They were joined along their journey by Dean Maddock from 1st Blaxland. Only a short walk from the railway station, past a few tempting bakeries, the walk follows Wentworth Falls creek which was swollen from recent rains. The day was cool and windy but pleasantly sunny with the Joeys following the trail easily, crossing bridges, passing pools and waterfalls whilst happily chatting about their experiences with Drop Bears and Zombats!

Bandicoot (Dean Maddock) and Potoroo (Helen Sara) both revving them up about the big surprise at the end of the walk - being Wentworth Falls itself. After a little over an hour of walking, the Joeys, Leaders and Parents were awestruck by the sight of Wentworth Falls being blown back up and over the cliff by the very strong wind.

We managed to find a sunny sheltered spot to have lunch where we could watch the falls going up and over us. After lunch we ventured out on to the impressive National Pass, carved into the sheer cliff face, where the photo was taken before being blown back up the trail, heading back to the station and our train home.

There were two short detours, one to race "poo sticks" down the creek and the other to the bakery for a tasty treat for the train ride home. All of the Joeys, Parents and Leaders had a fantastic time exploring a beautiful part of the Blue Mountains.

**Dean Maddock JSL**  
**1st Blaxland**



## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

**Thanks** to the Instructors, Leaders and Rock experts who helped on the recent Top-Rope Climbing Badge days - with 45 applicants, we made two days out of it.

### COMING ACTIVITIES

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

**Abseil Course:** Tuesday 21st August (theory at Bundilla) and 25th and 26th August (Practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 23, 27 and 28 October.

**Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course:** Sunday 9th September at Dargan's Creek, with theory during the week before, at a suitable location.

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

**Caving Course:** 19th September (theory at Bundilla) and 22nd and 23rd September (practical at Bungonia).

**Rescue (Recovery) Course:** Sunday 4th November at Bowen Mountain.

**Canyon Trip:** Sunday 11th November to Birragang Canyon. No abseils or swims, so suitable for Scouts. Also Sunday 2nd December, to River Caves and Deep Pass Canyons.

**Caving Trip:** 17th and 18th November.

**Venturer Canyon Course:** 24th and 25th November.

**Special courses for individual groups can be arranged by contacting Rick Jamieson**

**The complete year's program 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: [rcki15@bigpond.com](mailto:rcki15@bigpond.com)**

*GWSR Scouts Top-Rope Climbing at Dargan's Creek.*



## DANISH ROVERS VISIT GWS REGION

Two Rovers from Denmark recently made contact with GWS Scouting hierarchy via the International Scouting Organisation and arranged to spend several days meeting us and spending some time in our Region.

Mikkel and Søren arrived at Hazelbrook on the evening of Thursday 7th June. By early am Friday, we were doing the rounds of the standard Mt Victoria, Blackheath and Katoomba lookouts. At Echo Point, Mount Solitary was observed and the visitors thought it might be a great place to spend some time. We were due back at Hazelbrook at midday, so they settled for a walk down the Furber Stairs and a return trip on the Scenic Cableway. It was then back to pick up the 1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook trailer and transport it to Bents Basin for the GWS Jamborette. By late afternoon, we were back in Hazelbrook and quickly packed our overnight gear for a moonlight hike to Mount Solitary.

By 6.00pm, we were at the top of The Golden Staircase and commenced the descent off Narrowneck in darkness. Twenty five minutes later, we had descended the 200+ metres safely and arrived at Federal Pass. Some brisk walking for a few hours put us at the foot of the Knife Edge climb to The Mount Solitary summit. By around 10.00pm, the summit was reached with the rewards including watching the moon rise as well as observing the distant lights of Katoomba and Wentworth Falls.

Saturday morning dawned clear and crisp. The Jamieson Valley was half filled with fog and mother nature turned on special scenery for our guests. All day was spent exploring along the top of Solitary from Chinaman's Gully to the Col. A highlight at the Col was adding names to the visitors book. The visitors were also excited to observe that Bear Grylls had also passed that way previously (14th May 2011).

It was dark before the Knife Edge descent commenced and a quick camp near the Ruined Castle summit had our visitors on time for a 9.00am Sunday pickup at the top of the Golden Stairs. This time it was back to Bents Basin for a GWS Jamborette experience with an overnight hosted by our local Rovers. On Monday, Mikkel and Søren returned to Hazelbrook for an overnight rest and a pm Tuesday departure for the overnight bus to Byron Bay and the next leg of the trip up the Australian Eastern Seaboard.

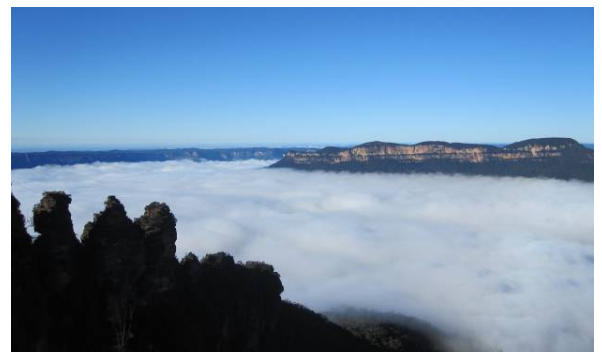
It was great fun having Mikkel and Søren as visitors. We all learnt from each other and made some great friends in the process.

**Trivia:** Did you know (I didn't) that the highest landform in Denmark is 172 Metres AMSL? Hence the frequent use of the word "wow" when visiting the Blue Mountain lookouts.

**FRANK BARR**



Mikkel and Søren at Govett's Leap with Bridal Veil Falls in the background



Early Friday morning view of Mount Solitary from Echo Point. Home for the night (via Bents Basin) is the peak at centre right.



Frank, Mikkel and Søren preparing for the night walk to Mount Solitary.



Mikkel on the ascent of Mount Solitary via the Korowall Knife Edge

# APPOINTMENTS LIST

5/6/2012 to 2/7/2012



## APPOINTMENTS

<b>STANDRING</b> , David Harold	Appt TL(C)	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <b>Boronia</b>
<b>CONE</b> , Brett Andrew	Appt TL(S)	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
<b>RICHARD</b> , Mark John	Appt TL (G)	1st Ermington Scout Group
<b>GROSS</b> , Angelina Appt	TL (C)	1st Riverstone Cub Pack
<b>GREEN</b> , Benjamin Peter	Appt TL (V)	1st North Mt Druitt Venturer Unit
<b>LOCKMAN</b> , Adele Joy	Appt TL (R)	Nepean Rover Crew
<b>PROVINS</b> , Robert Alan	F/ship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
<b>RICHARDS</b> , Brendan Charles	F/ship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship

## TRANSFERS

<b>HADDOCK</b> , Peter Leslie	Fr Appt TL (C) To Appt TL (S)	1st Ermington Cub Pack <b>Blaxland</b> 1st Ermington Scout Troop
<b>DEWHURST</b> , Bradley Jason	Fr ASL To SL	West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop
<b>LOVE</b> , David William	Fr SL To ASL	West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop
<b>GREEN</b> , Jodie Lee	Fr ACSL To CSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <b>Impeesa</b> 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <b>Impeesa</b>
<b>HAMMOND</b> , Jamie Ray	Fr AL (G) To ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Group 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <b>Cumbora</b>
<b>JOHAM</b> , Helmut Joseph	Fr AL (G) To ASL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>MCALPINE</b> , Phyllis Ella	Fr District Adviser To DCSL	Hawkesbury District Hawkesbury District
<b>RICHARDS</b> , Michael James	Fr CSL To ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <b>Impeesa</b> 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <b>Impeesa</b>
<b>WADE</b> , Donnalee	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
<b>ZARTH</b> , Sharon	Fr AJSL To JSL	1st South Penrith Joey Mob <b>Jamison</b> 1st South Penrith Joey Mob <b>Jamison</b>
<b>CUNEO</b> , Kathleen Margaret	Fr RC (JS) To RC (ATD)	Greater Western Sydney Region Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>ZARTH</b> , Brian	Fr DJSL To RC (JS)	Penrith City District Greater Western Sydney Region

## RESIGNATIONS

<b>BOYLING</b> , Douglas Francis Ian	AL(G)	West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Group
<b>CICLOVAN</b> , Neil Grahame	AL(G)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group
<b>GARDNER</b> , David John	CrL (Appointed)	1st North Mt Druitt Rover Crew
<b>PARKES</b> , James Russell	ASL	1st Penrith Scout Troop 01/12/2010
<b>PERRIMAN</b> , Andrew Charles	AL(G)	1st Penrith Scout Group 01/12/2011
<b>MATTHEWS</b> , Robert Bruce	GL	3rd Merrylands Scout Group
<b>KING</b> , Barry Arthur	ASL	4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

## TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

<b>SLATER</b> , Robert James Trainee	Ldr (S)	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
<b>MATTHEWS</b> , Sonia	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st St Marys Cub Pack
<b>HENDERSON</b> , Victoria Irene	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Hawkesbury Joey Mob
<b>SUTHERLAND</b> , Donald	Trainee Ldr (G)	4th Castle Hill Scout Group

## RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

<b>IREDALE</b> , Ian	ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <b>Darzee</b> 28/05/2012
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*If you have ever participated in 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 18YRS)**
- **MORNING TEA: DEVONSHIRE TEA OR TEA/COFFE**
- **LUNCH: CHICKEN KEBABS WITH SALAD, COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE AT A REASONABLE COST**
- **REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSE**
- **PLEASE REPLY BY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**If you have any old photos or memorabilia associated with Bundilla, Sandra would love to hear from you.**

**Organiser: Sandra Parker**

**Email: [cparker@oneseniors.com.au](mailto:cparker@oneseniors.com.au)**

**or phone: 9626 8850**

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

## CUB SCOUT CEREMONIES



### THE FLAG PARADE AT PACK MEETINGS

The Leader should choose one flag bearer and two escorts (if numbers allow, otherwise omit escorts). It should be impressed on the Pack that it is a distinct honour to be permitted to carry the flag.

The Leader proceeds to the centre of the Circle and calls "**Pack Alert, Colour Party Fallout**". The colour party walks to the gateway, forms a straight line and pauses for a second. While the escorts remain at **The Alert** at the gateway, the flag bearer moves forward and collects the encased flag, about turns and moves back into the Circle towards the Leader. As the bearer passes between the escorts, they about turn and proceed with him/her, one on either side.

The colour party stops in a straight line one or two steps in front of the Leader.

The Leader steps forward and takes the flag from the bearer, removes the cover and hands it to one of the escorts. The Leader holds the pole horizontally and the flag is unfurled by the other escort and the bearer, who take the flag by the fly (outside edge) as the Leader steps slowly backwards. When the flag is unfurled, the Leader raises the pole vertically, gathering the flag in around the pole and hands it to the bearer.

The Leader then takes one step back and salutes.

The flag party about turn (by the right) holding the flag upright. The Leader now calls "**Pack At Ease**". The flag is carried at the Slope and slowly paraded clockwise completely around the circle.

As the flag approaches the right hand neighbour, each Cub Scout in turn springs to at **The Alert**, looks up at the flag, salutes and waits for it to pass by the next Cub Scout, the stands **At Ease**. The Leader, meanwhile, slowly turns to face the flag while it is being paraded. When the flag has been right around the circle, it is taken out through the gateway. It is then placed in a bracket on the wall or flag stand. The escort places the cover around the base of the holder. When the flag is in position, the colour party step back, pause, salute together, then pause, break off and return to their places in the Circle.

The Leader can then say, "**Thank you Colour Party, Thank you Pack**", as he/she returns to their place at the gateway of the Circle.

At the close of the meeting, the flag is paraded in a similar manner, but in the reverse order. The colour party walks out to the flag, salutes it, and it is then carried around the Circle clockwise, each Cub Scout saluting as before. It is then taken to the Leader who salutes and, assisted by the escorts, furls the flag and replaces the cover. The cased flag is handed back to the bearer, who aided by the escorts, puts it away. This ceremony should immediately follow the Grand Howl but precede prayers.

Any of the Assistant Cub Scout Leaders may be called upon to conduct the Flag Parade or other Ceremonies, but the Leader normally takes the Grand Howl and Investiture.

### NOTE

The Pack flag is not used in the Flag Parade, which is a ceremony for the National Flag only. The Pack Flag could be unfurled and placed in a wall bracket. Note also, that during that part of the ceremony when the flag is being unfurled i.e.. from the moment the colour party stops in front of the Leader until the moment they about turn to parade the flag, the colour party should remain at **The Alert** in the position where they stopped and the Leader is the only person to move during the unfurling, etc.

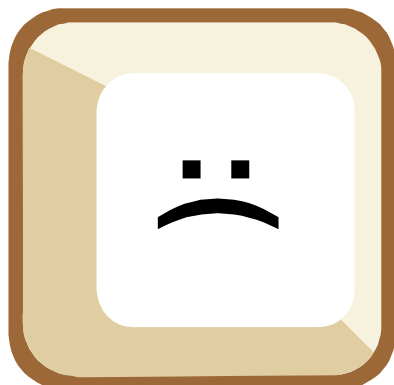
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**A valuable resource for all Leaders.**

If you do not own a copy, may we strongly recommend that you purchase and read the book **Ceremonies**, available from **The Scout Shop or Snowgum for just \$7.80**. This book covers the key ceremonies for each of the Scouting Sections including Investiture and Advancement Ceremonies, as well as how to wear the Uniform, the Scout Salute and Scout Sign, Parades and Formations and Flags.

*It is imperative that we try to ensure uniformity with our Ceremonies as much as possible, to ensure that when our Cubs meet other Packs at State, Region or District events, they are not left wondering what everyone else is doing. It is also a great way to show that we are indeed, "all in the great worldwide brotherhood of Scouting" if we are all saying the same words!*



## REGION WEBSITE

Dear Leaders

Unfortunately our Region Web Calendar system is experiencing some technical difficulties. The file attachments located inside calendar events are now inaccessible, displaying code errors instead of allowing you to download files as normal.

I regret that this issue isn't easily resolved and will require a full rebuild of the site.

Please bear with us as we work to fix our website. We hope to give you a brand new Region website in the next month.

In the meantime, calendar events/details are still accessible. However, file attachments will not be downloadable - so please contact the activity organiser listed on the event for them to email you the files instead. Alternatively, you can also email me and I'll send you the files.

Again, I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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**1ST OAKVILLE SCOUTS**

# PLANT SALE

**22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**WINDSOR ROAD  
(Near Hungry Jacks)  
MCGRATH'S HILL**

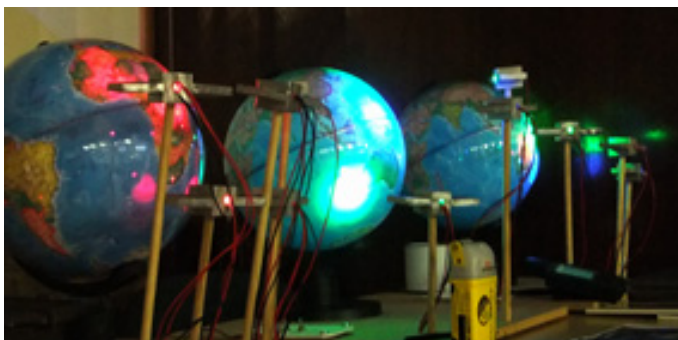
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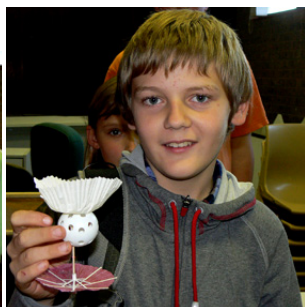
## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### SCIENCE BASE AT THE JAMBORETTE

Karl had three earth globes explaining the use of satellites that make **GPS, EPIRB and SPOT** possible. SPOT is the latest EPIRB that also talks back to the satellites allowing monitoring from a home computer. SPOT provides a lower level of call for help and waypoint plotting. Karl had Led's inside each model satellite to simulate the radio signal coverage on the surface of the globe.



John Vincent guided the Scouts in making floaters/flyers to test in the **Vertical Wind Tunnel**. A car radiator fan provided the draught which was controlled with a variable 12 volts supply. A wind speed meter was available to see who could make a floater in the lowest wind velocity. We provided a bag of paper, foam & ping pong balls, feathers, sticky tape and instant glue; and let the Scouts design and test. Several times each day a construction would find its way under the fan and exit, to loud shredding noises, as confetti at the top!



I operated the **Vibrating Plates** base which investigated the resonant modes in an aluminium plate as the frequency of oscillation was varied. Sand was sprinkled on the surface to show whether the plate was moving, or not, and a meter showed the

frequency. The Scouts were asked to put their finger lightly where the sand was gathering (lower amplitude vibration) and where the sand wasn't (higher vibration). They were encouraged to draw the patterns and record the frequency.



The fourth base showed effects of **Infrared and Ultraviolet**. The invisible IR beam from a remote control was made visible on a digital camera, and the code it beamed from each key was shown on an Oscilloscope. UV light was shone on minerals which fluoresced in different colours.

A beaker of burning metho was shown to act normally when rotated. A fly screen was then placed around the flame and again rotated. The mesh formed a tornado of air that feed the combustion, and the flame leapt up to form a **swirling dagger of flame**.

Lillian took photos and explained the various bases when each of us had a break.



We were also assisted by Meglyn Dent, a Venturer helper, who ably demonstrated on our base over the weekend.

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> GLOSSODIA PACK HOLIDAY

## Camp Ku-Ring-Gai, Lower Portland

Eleven youth members (including six new chums), two CSL's, one SL, one VSL, two Venturers and three parent helpers participated in our fun Pack Holiday from June 30 to July 1, 2012

After arriving at the Camp, the Cubs put up their tents with the assistance of the Venturers and a lot of laughter. Following Opening Parade, the cubs were briefed on the Do's and Don'ts of fishing. The Cubs were each given a bag of goodies (resources for them to attain their Fishing badge), which generated a great deal of excitement. We then walked the short distance down to the Hawkesbury River and spent the next 3.5 hours fishing. We had fishing lines high up in the trees, snagged down in the debris and we caught lots of green fish (reeds)! I do recall Akela saying at one point, "If I haven't rigged up 30 rods I'd be surprised!"

We headed back to camp to shower and prepare for dinner. After dinner, we held a Camp fire (which our SL VL and Venturers had set up for us). The **fire spirit** made a spectacular appearance to light our fire and the Cubs were mesmerised. We sang songs, invested one of the New Chums and then enjoyed a traditional supper of milo, biscuits and cake. Our Cubs were exhausted and there was silence after lights out at 9:30pm!

Scouts Own followed breakfast on Sunday morning and then Cookie, our SL led the Cubs on a brilliant nature walk. The Cubs were lucky enough to learn about the history of the local area from some people from Landcare and were also given a brief talk on *Lantana*. We headed back for morning tea and then enjoyed several activities organised by the VSL and his Venturers. Following lunch we packed up our tents and gear and tried to find owners for the usual lot of lost property.

Closing Parade was held at 2pm and Akela presented the Cubs with their level 1 Fishing Badges. Awards were also handed out to each and every person who participated in our Pack Holiday. A great weekend was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to Cookie for his amazing cooking skills and his team for the yummy meals, Darrell for his endless time on activities, Pat and Gareth for their mothering efforts, Phil and Julie for being our fantastic parent helpers, and Roger for your help with the Fishing badge work and especially for your Do's and Don'ts!



John Aquilina (Akela) and Joanne Winfield (Shantie)

# Campfire Blankets

Vintage blankets lovingly restored for our Joey's, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders.

100% Australian Wool.

Satin Blanket Bias around neck - no itching.

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Suitable for both male and female.

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weeks' time - find me at the  
1<sup>st</sup> Grose Vale campsite.



## **1ST GROSE VALE SCOUTS**

### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Saturday, 21st July, 2012**

**7:00pm for a 7:30pm start**

**Grose Vale Community Hall  
Community Centre Road  
Grose Vale**

**\$10 per person**

**Tables of 10**

**BYO drinks and nibbles**

#### **LUCKY DOOR PRIZE**

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Belle  
passes

Camping  
gear

Hairdresser  
vouchers

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family  
passes

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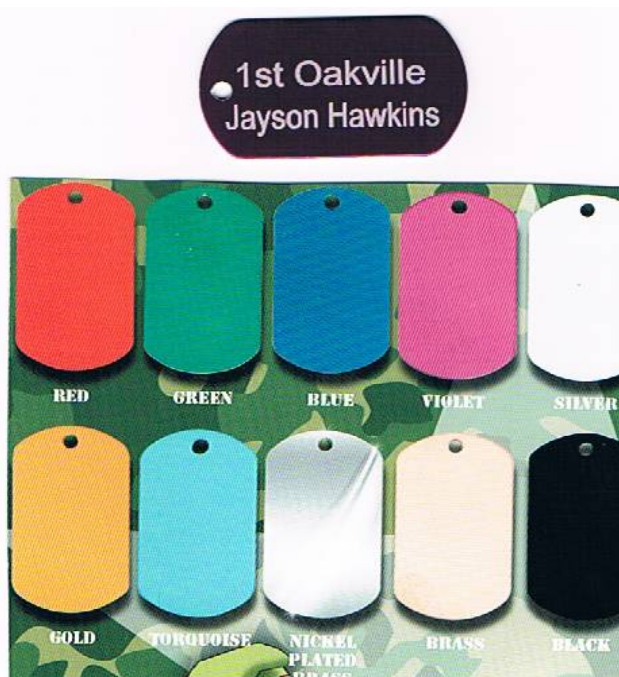
Colours available: Red, Green, Blue,  
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Nickel Plated Brass and Brass

Price per tag - \$5.50 & includes:

Group Name, Name, Troop Number  
and S/S Key Ring

Actual Size: 50mm x 30mm



## 1ST GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, 28th July, 2012

6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Greystanes Public School  
(School Hall)  
781 Merrylands Road  
Greystanes

\$10 per person

Tables of 8

(Sorry no children)

Theme your table for  
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### LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

BYO drinks and nibbles  
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