



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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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/coffee

LUNCH: Chicken kebabs with salad, cold drinks
(available at a reasonable cost)

- Registration essential for catering purposes

RSVP: 7th September, 2012

Organiser: Sandra Parker

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Have you looked at the new region website? I think it is excellent and once again a big thank you goes to our Region Commissioner Communications and Public Relations, Matt Thompson, for producing a modern up to date website. Have a look at the website which is greaterwestscouts.com.au

I was disappointed to receive a couple of phone calls over the past two weeks advising that a couple of Leaders in our Region have been wearing the old khaki uniform at Scouting functions. This uniform has not been in use for at least ten years and was phased out at least seven years ago. The Chief Commissioner has stood down a few Leaders who have persisted in wearing the old uniform - so take this as a warning, that if you want to go against National Dress Policy then you could also end up 'stood down' from all Scouting duties.

On a happier note, congratulations to the sixty people from Greater Western Sydney Region who received Adult Recognition Awards in the recent World Scout Day Honours List. The presentation will be conducted on Thursday 18th October 2012 at Blacktown RSL and the invitation appears in this Bulletin. A special mention to Lyall Wood (member of Region Executive) who was awarded the National President's Award and Tricia Shaw (State Commissioner Cub Scouts and ex GWS Region Commissioner Cub Scouts) who was awarded the Silver Kangaroo. Well done to all recipients.

The next round of Adult Recognition Awards will close in January 2013 so I suggest that you start thinking of people you would like to nominate and be ready to send in the citation when the office commences accepting them.

I had the pleasure to attend the Queen's Scout presentation for Joshua Bordley at Bundilla and it was good to get back to a presentation around a camp fire. Congratulations to Joshua and the Venturers and Leaders of 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit for a most enjoyable evening

A couple of Leader appointments in our Region:

David Stopps has been appointed Deputy Region Commissioner

Ross Howlett has been appointed District Commissioner Blacktown.

Charlene Bordley is now Region Advisor Community and Environment

Once again I would remind 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 the younger Leaders to keep the history of our Region going. Let's make this a major event to remember.

David Stopps and myself attended the Chief Commissioner's Conference a couple of weeks ago and were part of the planning process for the new **State Strategic Plan** for the next three years. We are asking all Group Leaders to put together a three year plan for their Group by the last week in September 2012. If you have problems doing this please contact David or myself.

Until next time keep on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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1ST OAKVILLE SCOUTS

PLANT SALE

22nd & 23rd SEPTEMBER

WINDSOR ROAD

(Near Hungry Jacks)

MCGRATH'S HILL



**Huge variety of
plants
for sale.**

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

This was my first month as RC Joeys and I have hit the ground running. I'd like to give a big thank you to Kathy Cuneo for the dedication she has shown to the role over the last few years and to Dean Maddock for acting in the role while Kathy was overseas.

I would like to extend a Joey HOP HOP HOP welcome to Jock McLean who has transferred from South Met to District Joey Scout Leader - Blacktown, many people already know Jock and I'm sure he will make a great contribution to the Blacktown District. Valerie Lockman has also taken on the role of District Joey Scout Leader for the Hills District. I will still be looking after the Penrith District and then we are all going to set up a roster to look after the other districts.

I attended a Viking Mob Holiday at Pennant Hills last weekend, held by 1st Nth Mt Druitt & Iron Cove District. It was great to see the Joeys having fun on the high seas/oval and I witnessed how great a campfire can be when you have adequate planning. All the parents joined in and the Joeys just loved doing the skits.



Over the next few months I'm going to be focusing on finding out how all the mobs are running and promoting the NSW Strategic Plan. I will also be promoting Planning and Safety. It's very easy to let things slip and then planning becomes the casualty.

Brian Zarth - RC Joey Scouts

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

Marcus Henderson - 1st North Rocks

Emelia Macarthur - 1st North Rocks

Lucy Stevens - 1st Carlingford

Thomas Wilby - 1st Carlingford

HOP - HOP - HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Thank you to all the Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers who took part in **Palanee** last Friday night. Thank you for supporting your District CSL's and my thanks to the team for organising their fun segments. I do hope you all enjoyed the evening - the resource package will be distributed shortly - sorry for the delay.

Congratulations to our State Commissioner Cub Scouts, **Tricia Shaw**, who was awarded the **Silver Kangaroo** and to all the other Leaders who received **Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service**. It is nice to have your endeavours on behalf of the youth members recognised and appreciated. 1,2,3, Woof/BRAVO to you all!

There is some concern about the decrease in youth membership across the State. Cub numbers in GWSR are down somewhat from past years and it would be good to see an increase. I would highly recommend that every Pack runs the **Bring A Friend Programme** for a month to help boost numbers. The Programme is available on the State website and there is a nice woggle available to all who participate.

Our next **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on Saturday, 1st September. If you wish for any of your Cubs to attend please obtain the info package from your DLCS. Closing date is Friday 24th August. There will be no late applications accepted, so please get your forms in to Region Office promptly.

Dates for your diary

Back to Bundilla - 16th September

Cub Baayna - 27th and 28th October

JOTA/JOTI - 20th & 21st October

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

Jack Skinner - 2nd Kings Langley

Matthew Flavell - 2nd Kings Langley

Merrick Horam - 2nd Kings Langley

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



Well we have just come out of another very successful season of Cumberland Gang Show, with eight spectacular performances down at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta.

There is something about Gang Show that does make it very special. For some it's the thrill of performing in front of families and friends; the adrenalin rush as you wait for the curtain to rise; or being part of a team making costumes or sets. Maybe it is controlling a light, playing in the orchestra or serving cordial and toast at interval. Maybe it's the thrill of seeing what seemed impossible, come alive, as everyone does their bit.

And then there is the Rodney Award. A very special award in recognition of Rodney Milton, a Rover with 1st East Hills, who tragically died in 1998 after an abseiling accident. Rodney was an active and much loved member of the Gang and Scouting. A special award for someone who has really put in 110% for the season, and this year awarded to our Stage Manager Michael Apthorpe. A significant yet humbling award for Michael, who was very much part of Rodney's involvement in Gang Show.

Talking about awards, it was great to see Fred Kaltenbacher recognised for his effort in earning his Wood Badge in Activities. Fred heads up our Rock Team, and is a terrific asset with his wealth of experience in all things to do with Adventurous Rock type activities. **BRAVOOO** to Fred!

How are your First Aid qualifications? Certification only lasts for three years and it is amazing how quickly three years passes by. I thought I would do a refresher course thinking I still had about four months to go. In actual fact my certification would have run out less than a week after the course. Don't forget for every activity requiring an A1 there needs to be a current First Aider in attendance. I personally believe every Leader, irrespective of what section or role they have, should hold current Applied First Aid. Is not the motto of Scouting "**Be Prepared**"?

As a Leader, I have often spoken about setting a challenge for yourself, learning a new skill, experiencing something perhaps you thought you could never do. I have just set myself a challenge!

I have joined up with a team of four, to walk 100km (Brooklyn to Mosman) in 48 hours, to raise money for **Oxfam**, a worldwide organisation helping people in poverty to help themselves. But that's not really the challenge. The real challenge is our team is hoping to do it all in 24 hours. I am told by those in the know,

that it is 40% physical and 60% mental that will get you across the line. I will just keep saying to myself: "This is adventurous fun (I think) and I must stay activity safe!"

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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RATSKIN 2012

15th -16th September 2012
Newnes – Wollemi National Park
\$15 per team member

Rat Skin... is basically Dragon Skin in reverse. Venturers set up and run interesting and challenging bases for Leaders, Rovers and other adults. The Venturers are responsible for every aspect of the weekend except how the adults camp, so the adults get to unwind and relax!

So are you?

- An armchair Dragonskin expert Venturer Leader or
- a super navigation theory skilled Scout Leader or
- a Cub Scout Leader looking for a big time bush adventure or
- a Joey Scout Leader wondering what the bush is all about or
- a Rover looking for whatever Rovers look for or
- none of the above but an adult involved in Scouting!

If you satisfy one of the above, you are eligible to join a team and have a great weekend honing your bush skills in a very fun activity.

It is also an opportunity to help allow our senior youth section members to develop their leadership skills in a very practical way.

Further details now available at
<http://www.3rdorange.org.au/ratskin/>

TRAINING REPORT

This month I would like all Leaders who have finished the training weekends to think about gathering the paperwork for their in service and handing it in so that they can be given their Certificate of Adult Leadership.

Across the Region we have more than thirty Leaders who have this small task to complete. Do it for yourself and for your Group - particularly if they paid for your training! Sign off nights are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at Bundilla.

For those Leaders who have completed the e-learning component of their training and are waiting for the residential weekend, please remember to send in your application a month before the course. Course dates and numbers are all on the training websites, the NSW website and the GWSR website.

While you are waiting for the course it is a good time to get the In Service done and the paperwork collated.

Group Leaders - if you have a new Leader to start training, don't forget to purchase a '**new Leader kit**' from Bundilla and book your new Leader into an Introductory Interview. Introductory interviews are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Bundilla.

Finally congratulations to Alison Mountford and Bryan Rigg from Carlingford Scout Group for being awarded their Wood Badges.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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Campfire Blankets

Vintage blankets lovingly restored for our Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders. 100% Australian Wool.

Satin Blanket Bias around neck - no itching. Rough edges transformed with crochet stitches.

Fabulous for around the campfire and ready for you to sew your badges onto.

Create a memory that will last forever.

No blanket the same as another.
Suitable for both male and female.

Only \$35 each

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for more information.**



ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMING ACTIVITIES

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

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.**

*Venturer abseiling
at Yellow Rock*

**Rick Jamieson
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One of the great traditions of Scouting is bushwalking, yet I fear that we no longer do so much as in times gone by because we like to indulge in more 'modern' activities. I am not saying that all these things do not have their place – they can be exciting and instructive as well as teaching us much about ourselves as we conquer fear or otherwise challenge our limits. However, I am suggesting that maybe we need to rediscover old challenges that may not be so resource hungry and are rather more placid. Hiking often seems such a drudge. With house (well, tent anyway) in a pack, with other necessities of life on your back, me' for my efforts as I go. These rewards may be to happen on a pretty glade perhaps decorated with wild flowers, to crest a hill that reveals a grand vista of mountain upon mountain stretching to the horizon, or maybe an inspiring view along the coast.

So, how do we enthuse young Venturers to pick up thand seemingly weighing far more than it ought, we set off to 'enjoy' ourselves. Now I for one like the walk to 'reward eir packs and hit the trail? I think there are a few basic matters we need to address because we are dealing with a generation that does not even walk to school, let alone hike a significant distance.

1. Make sure they are well equipped to hike comfortably. This includes things like having decent, well-fitting footwear appropriate to the task and a pack that is properly set up for them that does not break their will because it is too heavy. Make sure that youngsters get decent hike boots that fit properly and are adequately broken in before they set out to climb Kilimanjaro! It is a real concern to see the runners worn by some and what they hope to achieve before they fall apart. If you do not know how to properly set up the straps of a pack so it sits properly upon their back, seek out someone who does and ensure the young people set out with well organised packs containing the right things packed in an appropriate manner. While there is a variety of views about many aspects of this, it is wise to ensure Venturers understand the advantages of doing it well. I have advocated the idea of a Unit having several different packs that Venturers can try out. In this way they will be able to determine which suits them best before investing in one themselves.

2. Plan hikes that can be enjoyed. There is little point in dragging kids along a boring track that is physically demanding but provides little reward other than survival. Not only should they get the rewards mentioned above, they should also walk distances in the course of the day that allow them to have time to relax and enjoy lunch, get to the day's destination with sufficient time to set up camp and make their meal with sufficient life. What we want to do is build an attitude that hiking is an enjoyable thing to do, not a constant fight with adversity. As the levels of skill and fitness grow then increase the degree of challenge.

3. Walk with them. Don't just plan the hike and despatch them. The conversations as you walk, the mutual overcoming of adversity, the funny incidents and all the other multi-layered interactions are enormously valuable in building the camaraderie of successful Units. This is also a time when you can teach a great many things. It is when a Leader can spot a Venturer doing something unsafe or in a less efficient way. Ensure that all members develop habits of walking softly in the environment and following the mantra of 'pack it in, pack it out'. Don't be afraid to invite a special guest along on a hike. This may be someone who can show Venturers something of the flora or fauna of the area, settlements of yesteryear, matters of geological interest or just good hiking techniques and skills.

4. Walk in areas that are unfamiliar. For city kids that generally means heading bush or to the coast, but for country kids it may also mean finding walks in the metropolitan area. Alternatively, it may be that you jump on a train and head to a quite different part of the State. Of course the metropolitan walks will not be overnight walks, so it is only a case of grabbing a day pack and exploring an area that is not so familiar. Note the reference to getting places by train. If Venturers have a public transport concession card, rail transport may provide a convenient and low cost way of getting places without having to organise several parents to drive – an environmentally friendly approach!

Courtesy of Don Leeson, Australian Scout Magazine April 2012

10 POPULAR OVERNIGHT BUSHWALKS IN AND AROUND THE GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION

- Katoomba to Wentworth Falls via Mt Solitary (Blue Mountains National Park)
- Otford to Bundeena (Royal National Park)
- Faulconbridge to Springwood (Blue Mountains National Park)
- Hornsby to Brooklyn (The Great North Walk)
- Mt Victoria to Blackheath (Blue Mountains National Park)
- Heathcote to Waterfall (Royal National Park)
- Govett's Leap to Perry's Lookdown (Blue Mountains National Park)
- Wondabyne to Somersby (The Great North Walk)
- Katoomba to Jenolan Caves (Blue Mountains National Park)
- Bungonia Gorge to Shoalhaven River (Morton National Park)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do Venturers require tents on an overnight bushwalk?

- No. Venturers may be encouraged to use alternative shelter wherever possible (such as a hoochie), according to the participant's experience and the weather conditions expected during the activity.

What preparations are required to organise a bushwalk?

- A1 – Activity Notification Form (All Parts) completed and available well in advance of the proposed dates so that participants may return Part 1 at least two weeks before the activity.
- Scoutsafe Risk Assessment Form completed with specific regard to the nominated walk and the previous experience of the participants.

What qualifications are required by the participants?

- All Bushwalks must have a member qualified in Apply First Aid (HLT-FA-301C) plus:
- ***For 2011 Qualifications:*** The Activity Leader must have at least Level 2 and all other participants at least Level 1.
- ***For SIS-10 Qualifications for on-track walking*** bushwalks need to be
 - a) led by a person holding a ***SIS-10 Bushwalking Level 1*** qualification
 - OR
 - b) be approved by a person holding a ***SIS-10 Bushwalking Guide*** qualification.
- Other participants do not require any bushwalking qualifications.

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**Greater Western Sydney Region
2012 Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service**

SILVER KANGAROO

For eminent achievement and meritorious service

SHAW, Patricia formerly RC (Cub Scouts) GWSR
now BC (Cub Scouts) NSW

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

For eminent achievement and meritorious service

WOOD, Lyaal AM RFD Fellowship Chairman,
Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship

SILVER EMU

For sustained and exceptional service

CLAPHAM, John SL, 1st Springwood Scout Troop

SILVER KOALA

For distinguished service

CORNELL, Suzanne ACSL, 1st Toongabbie Cub Pack

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

For distinguished service

GARSKÉ, Pamela Fellowship Treasurer,
Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship

SHAW, Stephen Fellowship Chairman,
Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship

SILVER WATTLE

For outstanding service

MCLEAN, Michelle CSL, 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack

SAVILLE, George CSL, 1st Mt Druitt Cub Pack 'Cobra'

SILVER ARROWHEAD

For excellent service

CHAPMAN, Karen JSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)
Joey Mob

COFFILL, Linda SL, 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop

DAINES, Glenn SL, 1st Whalan Scout Troop

FARR, Paul ASL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)
Scout Troop

HOWLETT, Ross DSL, Blacktown District

MARSHALL, Ian Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show

MILLS, Warwick ASL, 1st Dural Scout Troop 'Giwang'

ROBERTS, Bruce ACSL, 1st Granville Cub Pack

STOCK, Lorraine GL, 1st Mt Druitt Scout Group

THOMPSON, Matt RC (Communications & PR) GWSR

VARVEL, David ASL, West Pennant Hills Valley
Scout Troop

WARDLE, Karina AJSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)
Joey Mob

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

For good service

BARTLETT, Amanda, Group Chairman, 1st Carlingford

BROWNE, Peter, AVSL, West PH Valley Venturer Unit

BURTON, Alan, Committee Member, 1st North Rocks

CHAMBERLAIN, Joanne, JSL, 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob

CHIN, Richard, SL, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Erskine*

CONN, Phillip, ACSL, 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack

DAVIS, Peter, Group Dep. Chairman, 1st Murray Farm

EWINGS, Nerida, VSL, 1st Ermington Venturer Unit

FAIRALL, Karen, AJSL, 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob

FLAVELL, Mark, CSL, 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack *Waminda*

GIBBS, Michael, ASL, 1st Mt Druitt Scout Troop

GRAY, Faye, AL (G), 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)

GREEN, Jodie, CSL, 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack

GREEN, Kylie, AJSL, 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob

GREEN, Peter, Supporter, 1st Blaxland Scout Group

GROSS, Benjamin, ACSL, 1st Rydalmore Cub Pack

HARRIS, Kim, Region Office Manager, GWSR

HASLAM, Leanne, ASL, 1st Kellyville Scout Group

HEINRICH, Phillip, AL(G), 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group

HENRY, Christopher, ASL, 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

HENRY, Terri, formerly ASL, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group

HUDSON, Michael, AJSL, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob *Python*

KLOMP, Virginia, CSL, 1st Ermington Cub Pack *Blaxland*

LESSLIE, Shaun, VSL, 1st Kellyville Venturer Unit

MCBRIDE, Peter, formerly AVSL, 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit

MCKINLEY, David, SL, 1st Kings Langley Scout Troop

MUIR, Anne, JSL, 1st Toongabbie Joey Mob

MYERS, David, SL, 1st Parramatta Scout Troop

PILLAI, Krishnakumar, GL, 1st Carlingford Scout Group

POLLOCK, Sonia, formerly ACSL, 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack

PRESTON, Margaret, AJSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)

ROBERTS, Craig, AVSL, 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit

SHAW, Mitchell, SL, 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop

SHEPPARD, Wendy, AVSL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit

SIMPSON, Julia, formerly ACSL, 1st Parramatta Cub Pack

now with 1st Berowra Cub Pack

STOPPS, Tracey, ASL, 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop

TALLIS, Brett, ACSL, 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Zazu*

TYLER, Joanne, VSL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit

WADLING, Eric, Committee Member, 1st Grose Vale

WALLACE, Kelly, AL(G), 1st North Mt Druitt Scout Group

WEST, Timothy, SL, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop

WOOD, Katherine, ACSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St. Anne's)



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

Mr. Neville Henderson

Region Commissioner

Mr. Alan Overton

Region President

and

Mr. Geoff McGrath

Region Chairman

*Cordially invite you
to attend the annual
Adult Recognition Awards
Celebration Dinner*

on

Thursday, 18th October 2012

6.30pm for 7pm start

at

**Blacktown RSL Club
Second Avenue
Blacktown**

\$40 per person

R.S.V.P. - 9th October 2012

**Full and correct uniform and decorations
to be worn please.**

APPOINTMENTS LIST

16/7/2012 to 6/8/2012

APPOINTMENTS

BROOKS, Maryanne Irene Rose

Appt TL (C) 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

CHAPMAN, Nicholas

Appt TL (S) 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Dunphy*

EVANS, Elizabeth

Appt TL (V) 1st Oakville Venturer Unit

GARLAND, Brett Andrew

Appt TL (S) 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop

TRANSFERS

BROOKS, Anthony

Fr JSL 1st Kellyville Joey Mob

To AJSL 1st Kellyville Joey Mob

DENT, Tony John

Fr DC Sydney District

To RC (SD) GWSR

HOWLETT, Ross William

Fr DSL Blacktown District

To DC Blacktown District

MACKIE, John Andrew

Fr ASL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

To SL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

MUNRO, Peter Morrison

Fr SL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

To ASL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

SOLEYMANI, Kimberly

Fr Appt TL (C) 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack *Nackara*

To Appt TL (C) 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Darzee*

STOPPS, David

Fr RC (SD) Greater Western Sydney Region

To DRC Greater Western Sydney Region

RESIGNATIONS

BEVERIDGE, Michael Edward CSL

1st Blaxland Cub Pack *Pukeena*

BLEWDEN, Karen Maree Appt TL (C)

1st Blaxland Cub Pack *Pukeena*

MARSHALL, Troy James AJSL

1st Blaxland Joey Mob *Python*

WORSLEY, Bernard Patrick ACSL

1st Ermington Cub Pack *Blaxland*

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

SECKER, Janet Clare Trainee Ldr (S)

1st North Rocks Scout Troop

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

LIPSCOMBE, Paul Robert ACSL

1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack 18/07/2012

1st Carlingford Scout Group Makes History

Five Wood Badges gained by 1st Carlingford Leaders during the last six months!

Leonie Plummer JSL

Congratulations to Alison Mountford SL, Bryan Rigg SL and Noriko Burrows CSL, who were presented with their Wood Badges on Friday 3rd August at a combined Cub and Scout Campfire. All three Leaders will be travelling to the Jamboree in Maryborough Queensland in January, with four other Leaders and 13 Scouts from 1st Carlingford. The skills they have acquired will be a great asset to the youth members of the Group. BRAVO!



1st Greystanes Scout Group

Julie Overton (Kim), JSL

1st Greystanes Scout Group

Visit our Website at <http://www.1stgreystanes.webs.com/>

Joey Scouts, Cubs and Scouts from 1st Greystanes Scout Group helped Holroyd City Council with their National Tree Day plantings at Bathurst Street Park on Sunday 29th July 2012.

This was just one of the activities they have taken part in, as a part of the Scout Landcare badge.



REGION WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

It is with great pleasure I announce that our Region website was relaunched on the 1st August with a brand new, fresher look. The site design has been modernised and is now mobile/tablet friendly.

Our Region Calendar has been switched over to run on a new platform and is now fully functional again. The site hosts the latest Region news, calendar events and many great resources for Leaders in our Region - I invite you to check it out today if you haven't already.

I am always looking for ideas/suggestions on how to improve our website further - please don't hesitate to contact me.

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PS. Are you on Facebook? If so, then please search for 'GWSR Scouts' and 'like' us - or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/gws.scouts>



The new site home page screenshot

HOLROYD SEEONEE

The Cub Scout Leaders in Holroyd District recently combined an enjoyable Fondue supper with their meeting - a great way to increase attendance and stimulate conversation!



Photos courtesy of Trevor Fowler (Akela)
1st Greystanes Cub Pack



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

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

Please send your name, Scout Group, the year you received your award, email and contact details to jan.goodall@nsw.scouts.com.au

We will contact you shortly with relevant details.

Thanking you, in anticipation of your support.
Jan Goodall, Deputy Chief Commissioner (YP)
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RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FUTURE NIGHTS 2012

Mon Sep 3	Roselea	Joeys/Cubs	Light
Tue Sep 11	Winston Hills	Joeys/Cubs	Chemistry
Wed Sep 19	QH/Doonside	Joeys/Cubs	Sound
Mon Oct 8	Toongabbie	Joeys/Cubs	Hover
Tue Oct 16	Cherrybrook	Scouts	Arcs & Sparks
20-21 Oct JOTA			
Tue Oct 23	2 nd Castle Hill	Joeys/Cubs	Chemistry
Mon Oct 29	Oakville	Joeys/Cubs	Measure Up

PAINT WITH A MAGNET

I have made this activity in an old A4 file box. The **iron filings** are sealed in a plastic sheet protector. An outline picture can be inserted from the front, and slides under the transparent iron filings pouch.

The filings are moved around from underneath by a magnet attached to a stick. The 'painting' stick has a strong magnet on one end for moving bigger clumps, and a smaller magnet on the other end for fine placement.

The painting stick is manipulated through a slot at the front, just under the image support. You are actually flying a bit blind, as you can not see where the magnet end is until you raise it towards the picture. The action is to move the stick to the iron filings, raise the magnet up (now you can see where you are), drag the clump to where you want to place it and lower the magnet to release the filings.

The process takes a little getting used to, and you have to organise to 'paint' the image closer to you first (otherwise the 'paint' runs as you move through it).

Painting with a magnet is novel and non-intuitive, and requires experimenting and responding to visual and tactile feedback (the 'brush' can be felt to pull to the iron filings), so I think it will appeal to Joeys and Cubs.



Magnetic Beard Paint



Magnetic Roller

CARLINGFORD JOEY SCOUTS & CUB SCOUTS

The night started with the Joeys doing magnetic activities such as magnetic darts and roller toys, where the magnetic wheel rolls on a continuous track, even hanging upside down. Small groups take turns fishing for magnetic fish, which spell out a message for the Joeys.



Put Cubs and the Van de Graaff high voltage generator together and you get boisterous fun and inventiveness. Once I had shown them how to spark to the sphere with their knuckled hand instead of finger tip, and how to light the fluorescent tube, they quickly put two and two together and started to zap each other AND light the tube at the same time.



Here we see a Cub, isolated from the ground by standing on a plastic chair, holding the fluoro tube. A second cub standing on the floor touches the tube end, a spark jumps to him and lights the tube briefly.

Photos such as these are near impossible to catch with a still camera, so these are frames from short videos.

JOTA 2012

JOTA/JOTI is happening globally on 20-21 October. What is your Group doing to involve your Scouts in this world wide Jamboree?

This is another opportunity for Scouts to camp at the JOTA site and get their hours under canvas for the Australian Jamboree next year, as well as getting involved in the technology bases and international contacts that the JOTA weekend offers.

For information about JOTA, JOTI, or base ideas for a weekend camp during JOTA, contact Karl or I.



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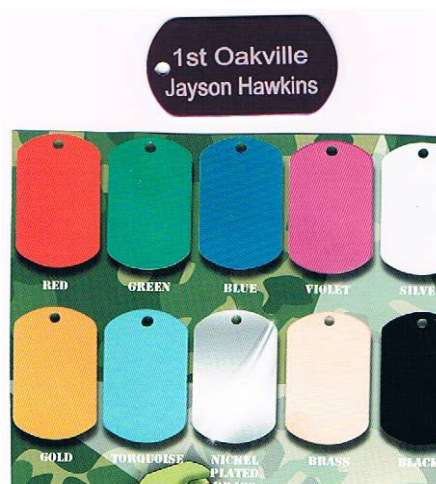
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