



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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“Argh my hearties the Pirates are Coming!”

Sunday 9th December 2012

ANGLE PARK - CHIPPING NORTON LAKE

9.00am till 3.00pm

Come and join the rest of the crew for a Pirate Fun day on the big blue wet thing.



- There will be ropes to haul and treasure to find!
- Gold for the best Pirate outfit of the day!
- There will be a food stall selling drinks and hot food.
- There are limited BBQ facilities available.
- PFD's will be supplied to all participants on the water.



Don't forget to bring; a hat, your Scout Scarf, sunscreen, bottle water, towel swimmers and river shoes (must be worn while in water or boats).

Only \$5.00 per pirate

or \$20.00 for a family of Buccaneers.

Little Nippers under 5 are Free

You will need to register using the A1 Form available from www.greaterwestscouts.com.au with payment to the Region Office by Friday 30th November 2011.

Further information is on the A1 Form.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept registrations on the day.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

What a great day **Back to Bundilla** was with around 80 people registering throughout the day. I had a number of people comment on what a great idea it was and I would pass on my thanks to Ann Pounder and Sandra Parker for their assistance with organising and being there on the day. Also thanks to Geoff McGrath, Peter Nickl, Kim and Maggi who also helped make the day such a success. It was good to catch up with some of the older Leaders and listen to their stories of the early days of Bundilla.

I had the pleasure, along with my wife, to be guests at the wedding of the Region Commissioner Communications and Public Relations, Matt Thompson, to Meagan Lee on 15th September. It was a great day with a Scouting and Guiding theme coming through. Our best wishes go to the happy couple.

It was also my pleasure to open the National Performing Arts Council conference at Bundilla over the long weekend and welcome people from many areas of Australia. Well done to the Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship for organising the conference.

Due to a computer malfunction at State Office there were three leaders unfortunately left off the list of people awarded Good Service Awards as at 1st August 2012! **Congratulations and a big BRAVO** to the following people on their Certificate of Merit Awards;

Lisa Dent - Group Leader
1st Toongabbie Group

Bradley Dewhurst - ASL
West Pennant Hills Valley Group

Craig Kennedy - ASL
1st Kings Langley Group

Please be reminded, that it is now time to get your applications in to your State member of Parliament, for the current round of grants which opened on 27th August 2012. If you need further information please look up your local state member's website for details.

By the time you read this the Adult Recognition Awards Dinner will have been held and at the date of writing we have around 150 people attending and the night should once again be a success.

I have to report that Tracey Hansford, DC Parramatta has been "*under the weather*" for a few weeks and we wish her a speedy recovery.



Don't forget that invoices for the third payment of fees is now out there and we ask that you get this paid by the due date.

Almost Christmas and the Jamboree is just around the corner!!

Until next time keep on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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Personal Accident Cover

There has been some confusion regarding the Personal Accident cover provided as part of the NSW Scout Insurance Program.

Following is an explanation which may assist in explaining the cover .

The Scouts NSW Personal Accident Policy provides 75% reimbursement of any Non Medicare Medical Expenses up to a maximum of \$4,000 per injury (\$5,000 for officials and voluntary workers i.e. all non participants). Non Medicare Medical Expenses include private hospital bed and theatre fee, dental ambulance (if not otherwise covered), chiropractic physiotherapy, osteopath, naturopath, massage and orthotics prescribed by a surgeon to aid recovery.

Please also be advised that Government Legislation prevents insurers from covering Medicare related costs, such as Surgeons, Anaesthetists, Doctors, X-rays including the Medicare Gap, for example if a Doctor's visit costs \$100 and you are entitled to \$50 back from Medicare the \$50 gap cannot be covered by insurers due to the Government legislation.

Subject to the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 any treatment rendered necessary by injury must be completed within 12 calendar months from the date of such injury occurring.

With regard to loss of income, the policy provides 75% of the insured's net weekly income up to a maximum of \$1,250 per week, there is a 7 day excess period. This means that the first 7 days income from the date of injury is excluded from any claim.

Further information on coverage available via the policy, including the policy schedules and policy wordings, can be viewed by visiting the Scouts NSW insurance web pages:
www.willis.com.au/scoutsnsw

Neville Henderson
NSW Insurance Committee Chairman

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

This Term I'm asking all Joey Mobs to focus on Term Planning and their Long Term Plan for 2013. If you don't plan ahead than you cannot possibly be working towards the Desirable Standards and the NSW Strategic Plan.

The Desirable Standards help you cover the NSW Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan helps to ensure that we are running an efficient organisation and Programme. I've run a mob without a Term Programme and it wasn't pretty. The stress of wondering what on earth we were doing next week takes over, and the fun of doing it disappears! I would like ALL JSL's to email their Term Programs at the beginning of each term. So far I have received just two.

Mob Holidays: All Mobs should be planning their Mob Holidays for next year. DO NOT leave it until the last minute. Mob Holidays should be planned well in advance and approved by the RCJS BEFORE announcing them to the Parents. Please see the GWSR Joeyes website (Resources -> Mob Holidays) for the application form. I want ALL Mobs to have a Mob Holiday in 2013. If you don't have a qualified Leader to run it contact me and I'll arrange one!

Joey Fun Day 2013: It's been decided that our Joey Fun Day will be based on *Events in Australian History*. Each District should be brainstorming ideas to nominate a period/event for their District at the November Region Wandarrah. We are also after a Name for the Fun Day and I would like to run a Design Competition for the event badge.

October Region Wandarrah has been cancelled due to the clash with the Awards dinner. Please attend a District Wandarrah. You may attend any district Wandarrah, it doesn't have to be your district.

October District Wandarrah's:

Blacktown: 7:30pm, Thursday 25th Oct at Quakers Hill/Doonside Scout Hall

Hills South: 7:30pm on Tuesday 23rd Oct at 1st Balcombe Height Scout Hall

Penrith: 7:30pm, Tuesday 23rd Oct at 1st Erskine Park Scout Hall.

I am hoping to organise a special Wandarrah for Blue Mountains.

If you need any help please contact myself or one of our District Leaders.

- Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RCJS - 0403 781 446
joeyes@greaterwestscouts.com.au
- * Charlie "Jock" McLean (Kobi) - DJSL Blacktown
0451 441 318 - alcm@bigpond.net.au

- Valerie Lockman (Wallerroo) - DJSL Hills
0402 226 371 - dandvalerie@gmail.com

Congratulations to all the Joey Scouts who have earned their Promise Challenge badges.

Brian Zarth - RC Joey Scouts

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

Caitlin Gray-Jones	1st South Penrith
Lucy Marie Durant	1st Oakville
Mitchell Dodge	1st North Rocks
Gemma Ryan	1st Kings Langley



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REGION WEBSITE

www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

The site hosts the latest Region news, calendar events and many great resources for Leaders in our Region - check it out today.

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

Matt Thompson

RC Communications & PR

Email: webmaster@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Are you on Facebook?

If so, then please search for 'GWSR Scouts' and 'like' us - or go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/gws.scouts>



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Cub Baanya will be held at Bundilla on the **27th and 28th October**. See your DLCS and the GWSR website for the A1 and further details. Please get your forms and money to Region Office by 17th October. Remember that the **fee set for food, is not** to be paid to Region Office but directly to your DLCS.

There is a great concern at present about the decreasing numbers of youth members. Please take a good look at your Pack. Do you have a full Pack of Cub Scouts? Do you have a waiting list? Are you planning and running good Programmes? Are you getting out and about in your District in uniform? Are you actively recruiting? Have you run a Bring A Friend Programme recently? Are you attending Seeonee regularly to keep up to date with events and to work together with your fellow CS Leaders. We seriously need to stop the drop. If anyone has any good suggestions as to how we can remedy the situation, please contact your DLCS.

A **Camping Under Canvas** "catch up" course will be held at Pennant Hills on Saturday 17th November. If you need to do this course please complete an L1 form and send it along with \$40 to Sydney North Office asap. This will be the final opportunity to do this course this year - don't miss out.

Any Leaders who conduct the **Bring A Friend Programme** over a four week period, need to contact me for the new **Bring A Friend woggle order form**. This form is required by the SCCS before the woggles can be sent to you. The form is not available on the website.

Congratulations to all those Leaders who are helping their Cubs to earn the Grey Wolf Award. I know it takes extra time and effort, especially trying to find time for those hikes in an already busy schedule, but your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Cubs and their families. Thank you also for completing the paperwork and submitting the applications on time - well done.

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

Sarah Collins - 1st Ermington
Joshua Overton - 1st Greystanes
Christopher Fias-Ayon - 1st Greystanes
Mario Coco - 1st Greystanes

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VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to Joshua Bordley, Scott Robertson and Angus Boxall on being presented with their Queen's Scout Award certificates at Government House last month.

Another successful Unit Management Course was held at Bundilla last month with 12 participants. Thank you to each of the leaders that volunteered to assist make this a successful weekend.

Thank you to all of the Venturer Leaders from across the Region for their attendance at District Venturer Councils last month. Lots of important issues were discussed about the need for greater communication between Units and the importance of proper planning. Any Unit that needs assistance with any aspect of Unit programming should contact their District Venturer Leaders for further advice.

Venturer Units across the Region are actively working with Scout Troops to increase promotion and awareness of the section, and help to recruit as many Scouts to start their linking after the Jamboree.

Waratah applications are due on Friday 19 October and I am looking forward to every Unit having at least one or two teams competing in the event. Don't forget that each team can have up to 2 Scouts over the age of 14. This is a perfect opportunity for Scouts waiting for the Jamboree to still participate in Venturer events.

And finally, application forms to join the Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship are currently available from the Region website and are due on Friday 19 October for investiture at this year's Waratah camp. This will be the newest Fellowship in the Region dedicated to supporting the running of Venturer events in the Region.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts

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THE SCOUT SHOP

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OPENING HOURS

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

APPOINTMENTS LIST 04/09/2012 TO 01/10/2012



APPOINTMENTS

GARRETT, Mary	ACSL	1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack
DE KONING, Henriette	Appt TL (G)	1st Glossodia Scout Group
COOK, Michael	Appt TL (G)	1st Carlingford Scout Group
O'KEEFE, James	Appt TL (S)	1st Winston Hills Scout Troop

TRANSFERS

OWEN, Andrew	Fr ASL To ACSL	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Kookaburra</i>
SMITH, Darren Neil	Fr ASL To SL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop 1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
WILSON, Gregory	Fr AGL To ACSL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i>
JEFFERY, Elise	Fr ACSL To CSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i> 1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i>
PILLAI, Krishnakumar	Fr GL To AGL	1st Carlingford Scout Group 1st Carlingford Scout Group
BOYD, Samuel	Fr AL(G) To ASL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Group 1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop

RESIGNATIONS

CASLEY, Shaun	AL(G)	1st Emu Plains Scout Group
BONNICI, Jason	ASL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop
DAVEY, Jodee	ASL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop
HANNAN, Valerie	Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
HANNAN, Valerie	GA	1st Pendle Hill Scout Group
MCGRATH, Mark	AL(G)	2nd Baulkham Hills Group
BARTLETT, Gary	Appt TL(S)	1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
CREEK, Lynda	AL(G)	1st Cambridge Park Group
EMERY, Lara	AL(G)	1st Westmead Scout Group
HOCKLEY, Michael	GL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Group
MATTHEWS, Phillip	ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>
MOURKOS, Ireen	Appt TL(J)	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

WILCZAK, Amanda	T/L (CS)	1st Oakville Cub Pack
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SCOUTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Scouts Australia has published a new document called 'Digital Guidelines'. It is a great resource for leaders which can help navigate them through a constantly changing information technology environment. In particular, this resource explains the do's and don'ts of online social networking use. It was designed to help Scouting members communicate effectively and ethically online and protect them from harassment and discrimination.

The document may be downloaded by visiting:

<http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=17875045>

Many of our Scouting youth members and Leaders are members of social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. These mediums have become a great way to distribute information, promote events and build great online communities of 'caring and sharing' Scouts.

When Leaders and youth members are using these social media tools to communicate with each other, the same principles, conduct and guidelines that apply offline, also apply online. Adult members in particular should be aware of their responsibilities under the Scouts Australia Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct for Adults in Scouting and P&R 2008 Handbook.

Scout Groups should not use Facebook or any other social networking platform as the primary method of communication for a Group - members and families should not be pressured into joining a specific networking site to receive information from the group.

Group websites are a great way to share information about a Scout Group's activities, meeting times/location, latest news and section specific information. Considerable care however, should be taken to protect the identity of our youth members - never share personal addresses, contact numbers or email addresses.

Your Group website should include a link to the National Scouts Australia and NSW Scouts websites as well as the email address for your Group webmaster. Your webmaster should ensure that your Group website is free of copyrighted images, video, music and code unless permission has been granted to use such material.

More information about how to start your own Group Website can be found in the **Digital Guidelines** resource. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments relating to Scouting websites, social media use, email or other forms of Scouting communications.

Matt Thompson

RC (Communications & PR)

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Do names like the “Dragon Teeth, Spoke Shave or Kidney Squeeze” mean anything to you?

Well they didn't to me, until a few weeks ago when I had the privilege to attend a Region Caving weekend down at Bungonia. Big thank you to Meredith Stewart and her team of intrepid Cavers who gave a number of Venturers, Leaders and one RC a real experience in what caving is all about. Whether it was abseiling down through what could only be described as a cork screw, climbing a caving ladder, or experiencing “foul air” (no it wasn't the baked beans for breakfast) it was a great weekend of adrenalin and adventure!

The Caving Team is not only excelling itself underground - they are not bad on the surface either. We took out First Place at **Ratskin 2012**, lead by David “Macca” McKinley from 1st Kings Langley and ably supported by Meredith Stewart, Kathy McKinley, Tallia Joel and myself.

In fact GWSR took out the top three places, with Frank Barr “clowning” around with his team taking out second place and Matt Vella with his team, all dressed up in party attire, taking out third place. Certainly a great indication of the calibre of experience we have at GWS Region.

You could almost call Ratskin a training weekend, covering every thing from navigation to First Aid, but it is just too much fun for training. Let's see if we can get five teams together for next year.



The three teams from GWSR who took out 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at Ratskin 2012!

From the number of A1 forms I am getting at present, there is certainly a lot happening within the various Districts, which I have often said is a sign of a strong Region.

Remember with the A1 forms, Part 1 and Part 2 are required for all activities. Part 3 is only required for

your more adventurous type activities (water activities, rock activities or overnight camps) where there is a higher level of risk involved.

Part 3 is a bit like an insurance policy. If all goes well, it is not needed, however if there is an issue on the activity, it can become an extremely important document. Just a reminder, please ensure that you have a designated First Aid person on every activity - that is someone with a current First Aid certificate, now known as Applied First Aid.

Most of you would be aware we are now officially into the Bush Fire Season, and what could potentially be a very bad season for Bush Fires. Please be vigilant in any planned bush activities during this time. Particularly on days of Very High Fire Danger levels and above. There is certainly no shame in postponing or cancelling a planned hike or camp if the conditions lend to a high risk of fires. Like I have said before it is good to have adventurous fun, but we also need to be activity safe!

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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SAILING COURSE

The most recent GWSR Sailing Course was held at Chipping Norton over five days of the school holidays. Three people successfully completed the course in a mixture of weather conditions that tried to upset the candidates to no avail! The course was run by Bruce Brigden from Wentworthville and Keith Travers – both Region Instructors.





MOBILE CLIMBING WALL

The climbing walls are certainly becoming a popular activity within Scouting, and particularly with community type events. There is however, a bit of confusion in regards to booking and organising the Climbing wall, for a particular event.

The Climbing Wall is booked through Branch and not the Region Activities Team.

Here is the run down;

- Determine a date for the activity.
- Contact Peter Johnston at NSW Branch on 9735 9000 at least one month prior to the planned activity. Peter will send through to you a booking form.
- Complete form and send back to Peter peter.johnston@nsw.scouts.com.au or fax 9735 9001
- The form is fairly self-explanatory. It is up to the organiser to arrange pick up of the wall from either Pennant Hills or Cataract, and to also return it. You need a large vehicle (V6/V8 /4WD) fitted with electric brakes (12 volts).
- There is a fee of \$150.00 (currently) payable to NSW Branch for use of the wall, which includes helmets and harnesses.
- At this point you can then ring me to arrange to have an accredited Instructor there on the day to run the wall. Generally along with the Instructor you will need a least 4 helpers to assist with fitting harnesses etc.
- The Instructor is also the person responsible for setting up and dismantling the wall at the end of the day. It is also the Instructor's responsibility to determine the suitability of the persons using the wall in regard to dress, physical size and whether or not a person may be affected by any substance. Weather can also be a factor, particularly with high winds.
- Please be mindful that we only have a limited number of Instructors, all of whom are dedicated to and very busy within their Scouting Roles, and are not always available for more general community type events.
- Can I encourage Groups to look ahead at their 12 month Programmes, and get in early. You have a far greater chance of being able to get your required dates.

I do hope this makes things a little clearer. Please feel free to contact myself if you do have any further questions.

Mark Fell (DINGO)

Region Commissioner Activities

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Cumberland Gang Show Auditions

Cumberland Gang Show is gearing up once again to stage another fantastic show in 2013.

Would you like to be part of our wonderful Cast?

Then come along and audition on December 1st at Pennant Hills Scout Camp.

You must be at least 10 years of age by July 2013 to apply.

Visit our website for further details: www.gangshow.asn.au

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Course: Tuesday 23rd October (theory at Bundilla) and 27th and 28th October (practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock).

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](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) 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.**



GWSR Scout in Serendipity Canyon
Photo by Jim Munro

Rick Jamieson
RRA Coordinator
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Scouting lost a much respected Leader on August 13, when Gary Wilkinson, Scout Leader from 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group was called home.

Gary joined the Association in March 1997 after being a parent helper at the Troop. The Hazelbrook Scouts chose him to be their Scout Leader, and while he was willing to take on various roles, predominately others approached, chose or nominated him because of his experience, talent and manner - he did not push himself forward.

Awarded the Certificate of Merit in 2003 and the Silver Wattle in 2011, Gary maintained his role as Scout Leader with 1st Hazelbrook and Acting Mindari Leader for the Blue Mountains District. With his own Troop, Gary made sure the youth members were kept active and the youth were encouraged to go up to Venturers. In recent years seven Scout Medallions have been awarded to the Troop.

Gary was very effective in his role as Mindari Leader which can be gauged by well attended Mindaris and the range of activities that the Scouts in the District undertook, which included District and Water Activities Camp, Region Jamborette, State Rally and Australian Jamboree. In addition Gary organised the Canoe/Scout Leadership courses and in 2009/10 attended Ratskin.

He was always available to assist new and existing Leaders whenever he could, particularly in his role as PLA and from time to time helped out on training courses and Cub and Joey events. At the Region Jamborette, together with his duties as the Scout Leader, Gary and his team have ably run the Flying Fox, in addition to assisting the Water activities team.

Gary attended Australian Jamborees at Cataract in 2001, Woodhouse in 2004, Elmore in 2007 and Cataract in 2010 as Troop Leader which encompassed Troops from three Districts within GWSR.

Gary held qualifications as a Leader in Bushwalking, Advanced Leader in Flying Fox, as well as Canoeing (flat water), Rockcraft/Abseiling and First Aid.

Gary's commitment to the Scouts and his involvement with the Rural Fire Service is an example for others to follow and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Rest in Peace Gary Wilkinson.

Talent Scout 2013

The biggest search for Talent amongst Scouting and Guiding members is about to begin, as the producers of Cumberland Gang Show search for the next huge talent to hit the stage.

If you love to act, sing or dance or perhaps do all three, then make sure you come and perform for the judging panel of **Talent Scout 2013** on **Saturday the 17th of November** at Pennant Hills Scout Camp.

Following on from the initial Auditions, the top 50 performers will proceed to the second round - from which 10 finalists will be selected for *Talent Scout 2013*.

These top 10 finalists will be guaranteed a solo performance in the 2013 Cumberland Gang Show and will be in the running to win the **Major Prize of \$500**.

The winner of Talent Scout 2013 will be announced on Finale Night of Cumberland Gang Show!

APPLY NOW FOR YOUR AUDITION

You will be given a five minute window on the day to present your talent in a two minute performance.

Your performance will be filmed for YouTube, so that everyone can have the chance to vote for their favourite performer and the ten Finalists can be chosen from top 50.

Entries are open to all members of Scouting and Guiding, currently in Youth Sections between the ages of 10 to 30 years of age.

For further details please go to the terms and conditions page on our website: www.talentscoutonline.com.au



The poster features a red curtain background with a dark wood floor. At the top left are the logos for 'THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN' and 'CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW'. The main text is centered and reads: 'DO YOU SING, DANCE OR ACT? THEN APPLY ONLINE FOR THE BIGGEST TALENT QUEST IN SCOUTING AND GUIDING'. Below this is the website 'WWW.TALENTSCOUTONLINE.COM.AU'. At the bottom, it says 'WINNER GETS \$500' and 'AUDITIONS'. The 'Talent Scout' logo is in the bottom left, and the date and location 'Saturday 17th November Pennant Hills Scout Camp Pomona St, Pennant Hills' are at the very bottom.

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NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

ON the weekend of the 7th - 9th of September, the National Youth Council met at South Australia's Woodhouse for their discussion conference. GWSR's Angus Boxall and Johnathan Morey attended the conference. The NYC spent the weekend discussing topics relevant to the future of Scouting within Australia, and all recommendations made by the Council go directly to the National Commissioners.

Topics included: Shelterbox, Australian Outstanding Scout Award, Centenary of WW1 and many others. Members of the NYC were given the opportunity to listen to and have discussion with Dan Ryan, Australia's Youth Ambassador to the United Nation's and Andrew Lock, Ambassador for Scouts Australia.

Heaps of adventure was had, as members reunited with their friends from other States in Australia. Members of the NYC also got to have heaps of fun while participating in Woodhouse's Challenge Hill (like Cataract's Challenge Valley), as well holding a reflective Scouts Own and trialling the Yakker's Game (NYC at AJ2013). The NYC was also spoiled with heaps of food and lots of big announcements that Scouts should be excited for in the future.

The NYC discussion conference marked the second half of the 2012-2013 NYC Year, and has given the Council a lot to think about and discuss. Each member of the NYC has a term of three years and the NYC would like to invite you to apply for the National Youth Council's 2013 intake.

Information can be found at <http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=15732688>

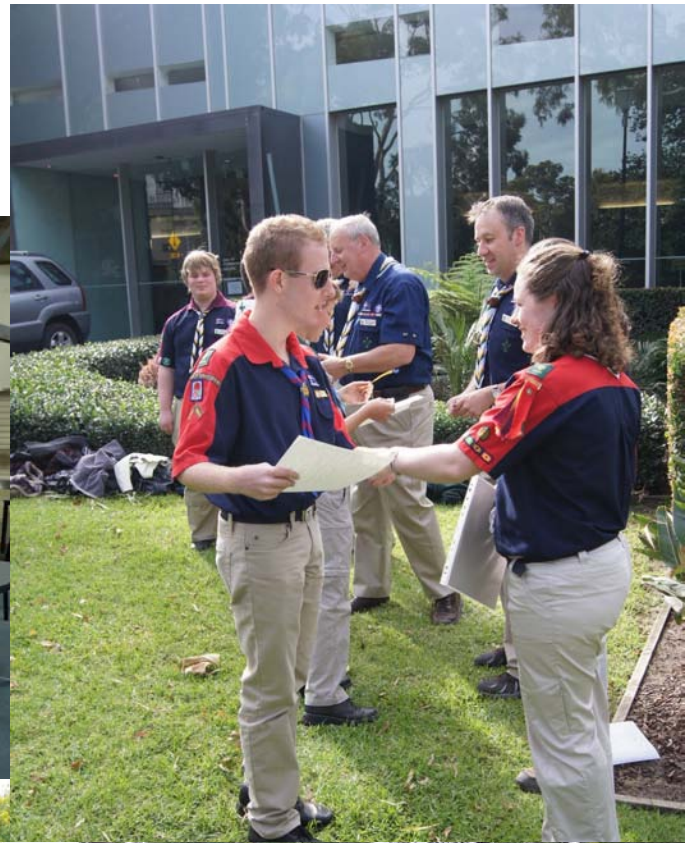
Reports to the National happen most Sunday nights on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsNYC>

Keep Scouting

Johnathan Morey

NSW Representative to the National Youth Council

Kings Langley Rover Crew



TRAINING REPORT

Leaders!

Keep working on the e-learning modules. There are only a few courses left this year, please refer to the training calendar on the website.

Next year basic training will be mainly done at Cataract. There will be some courses offered at Pennant Hills but this centre will be the main training facility for advanced learning.

Don't forget residential weekend training applications are due in one month before the weekend. Please realise that the residential weekend means an overnight, stay unless there are exceptional circumstances. After participating in learning activities from 8 am to 10 pm most people would not be fit to drive any distance. Note that Cataract Scout Camp is a distance from anywhere.

Group Leaders!

Please book your new Leaders into an **Introductory Interview** when you pick up the new Leader kit.

We will hold introductory interviews at Penrith for the Penrith and Blue Mountains groups and for anyone else who finds Penrith more convenient.

Sign Off nights have been poorly attended during the last few months. Please notify the Region Office if you intend coming in on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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I am pleased to announce that **Elston Hynd** has been appointed **National Commissioner Adult Training and Development** and will take up his appointment on 1st December 2012. Elston has been a great asset to NSW and will be missed. I would like to thank Elston for his support since I became Chief Commissioner, and I am sure you will all join with me wishing him well in his new role.

As a consequence of Elston's move to National, I have appointed Peter Oliver as Deputy Chief Commissioner, Strategy and Human Resources. Elston will be handing his numerous projects over to Peter in the next month. I am sure you will also join with me in welcoming Peter to his new role.

Regards

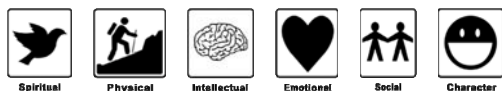
Doug

Doug Menzies
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Australia NSW

*Bravo and Congratulations to
Elston Hynd from all in GWSR*



Do you know what these symbols represent?



Are you ensuring that your Programmes cover all these aspects?

Have you attended a mandatory information session on the Areas of Personal Growth?

If you have not attended one of the AoPG information sessions please speak to your District Leader at your next District meeting. We can arrange to hold some more information sessions at a suitable time and venue.

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.
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RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

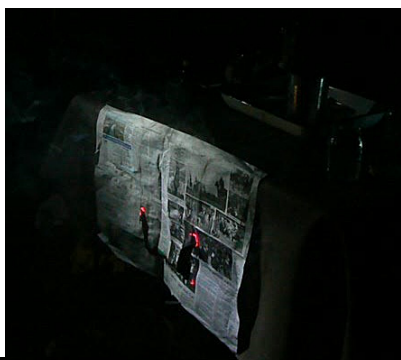
RECENT NIGHTS

A **Light night at Roselea** Joeys was notable because they had invited **Epping Joeys** to join them, making a large group of 30! They were followed by 28 Cubs. I was on my own for the night so was grateful for the assistance of the other Leaders who were there. I didn't have time to take photos!

Chemistry nights were again popular last month, with a night at **Winston Hills Cubs**, followed by a surprise visit to **2nd Kings Langley Cubs**.

Most of the chemistry demonstrations involve heat, flames and smoke:

Smoldering red glow of the potassium nitrate track on prepared newspaper - what shape will it burn?



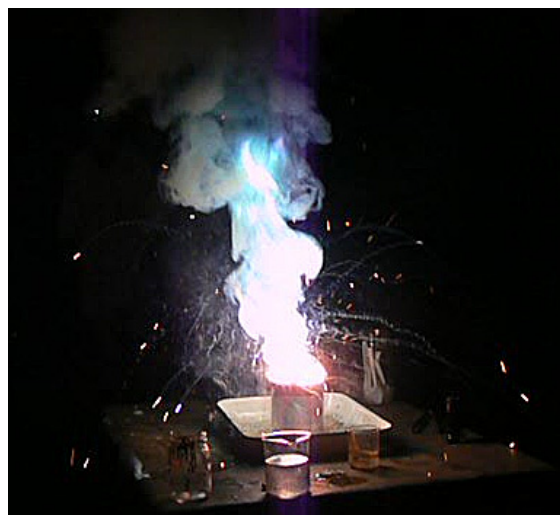
Bright flame and purple-brown smoke of the aluminium/iodine ignition.



The brilliant white glare of burning magnesium



which lights the blue-green flames and white smoke of the zinc/sulphur finale!



JOTA BASES IN GWSR

Radio bases that I have heard may be running on 20th - 21st October:

- **2nd Kings Langley** James Cook Drive (beside the shopping centre)
- **Penrith District** Badgerys Cr Road (off Elizabeth Drive)
- **Blue Mountains** Amateur Radio Glenbrook Oval Scout hall, Moore Street (off Hare Street)
- **Winston Hills** Edison Parade
- **Northmead (possibly)** Whitehaven Road (in Moxham Park)



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