



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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## GWS Region Office Christmas Closure

The office will close at

**4.30pm Friday  
December 21st, 2012**

and reopen

**9am Tuesday  
January 29th, 2013**

**Any mail** can be placed in the red box on the gates of the main building as this will be cleared regularly.

### ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

nominations should be  
emailed to

[gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au)

or

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

prior to

**29th January 2013**



*Wishing you all the  
joys of the  
Festive Season*

*and a*

***HAPPY, HEALTHY  
and PROSPEROUS***

*New Year*



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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Recently an incident occurred in the Blue Mountains where a Scout suffered an ankle injury and police made the decision to have her airlifted out by rescue helicopter and taken to Westmead Hospital. Luckily the injury suffered was not major and the young lady is recovering.

I would like to comment that the Group involved, 1<sup>st</sup> North Mt Druitt, had all the correct paperwork in place, had followed the correct procedures when hiking in the Blue Mountains and had the M6 in to the State Office within the prescribed 48 hours, as required by Workcover. Well done to the Leaders involved and to the Blue Mountains LAC, Frank Barr who kept us fully informed.

I was invited to attend the end of year meeting of the Parramatta District Council as I had filled in on a couple of occasions for Tracey Hansford during the year when she was out of action. Thanks for the hospitality of the Group Leaders and Tracey on the night.

We are currently in the process of completing the budget for 2013/2014 Scouting year and all Regions have been requested to cut their budget by 10%. This will not affect any activities run by Region but we would ask that you patronise Region activities, and if you are planning a camp or section holiday that you look at using Bundilla - as the additional income generated, will assist with the shortfall in the budget.

Not long now for the members attending the Jamboree in Queensland and on behalf of the Region Team I wish you all safe travel and an enjoyable time with the many other members of Scouting from Australia and overseas.

The list of Leaders eligible for Adult Recognition Awards was distributed to all Group Leaders last week and nominations are to be emailed to Region Office by close of business on 29th January 2013.

- Awards of Certificate of Merit, Silver Arrowhead and Silver Wattle need a citation of less than 1,500 characters;
- Silver Koala and above need the National Form and citation (form to come next week). **If you require any printouts, please organise them, before the office closes and not on the last day!**

**Just a reminder that the Region Office will close at 4.30pm, 21st December 2012 and reopen at 9.00am on 29th January 2013.**

Thanks to the Leaders, Supporters and Volunteers and in particular my Region Team for your continued service to Scouting in 2012. On behalf of myself and my wife, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a

Happy and Safe New Year and I look forward to seeing you again in 2013

**Neville Henderson**  
**Region Commissioner**  
Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



### **VOLUNTEER POSITION VACANT** **GWS Region Commissioner (Rovers)**

The Region Commissioner (Rovers) works within the Region to encourage, promote, support and develop the Rover section in conjunction with the Region Rover Council.

This is an exciting and challenging leadership position within our Region. It is preferred that applicants have previously been involved within the Rover section, or at least have a good knowledge of the Rover section.

A detailed job description is available upon request to Neville Henderson ([rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)).

#### ***Written applications should be forwarded to:***

Private & Confidential  
Positions Vacant: RC (Rovers)  
GWSR - Scouts Australia - NSW Branch  
6 Baden Powell Place  
Winston Hills NSW 2153

***Alternatively, applications may be emailed directly to [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)***

### **CERTIFICATE OF CURRENCY** **(Public Liability Certificate)**

The 2012 - 2013 Scouts NSW Insurance Certificate Of Currency has been updated on the Scouts NSW Website.

You can download the PDFs of both the general certificate and the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ certificate at [www.nsw.scouts.com.au](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au)

## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying their Christmas programs and activities. I have visited a few mobs in the last month and went on a Mob Holiday with Penrith District to Dubbo. It's great to see so many happy faces.

I've been a little concerned about the recruitment of new leaders and at the Next Wandarrah in February, I'll be inviting ideas from everyone on what works and what doesn't. We have several mobs running with only one leader and I'm concerned that the work load on one person can get a bit much sometimes. Maybe a **Bring a Parent** night? Who knows, let's keep an open mind and pool those ideas over the new year break and see what we come up with.

### JOEY FUN DAY 2013

Over the new year break I intend to put together the A1's and promotional material for the Fun Day so you can all start promoting it in Term 1, so it doesn't get caught up in the Easter & Anzac Day break in the lead up to May. So far the bases are Gold Rush, Bush Rangers, James Cook's Landing, Early Settlers Farm, Ayers Rock. Any luck I might be able to get the science team to turn up as Yahoo Serious's Young Einstein (Just kidding John).

### ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2013

There are many Leaders out there going above and beyond to promote Scouting and help with various facets of Scouting. This includes every section and even group committee people. Nominations close late January for next year's awards so please don't wait until then to think about it. If you know of anyone that's deserving of a special award then nominate them, so we can all know about them and thank them properly.

### MOB HOLIDAYS

I haven't had much feedback on proposed Mob Holidays for 2013. Please organise one for your Mob, it's great experience and it's a great tool for promoting Joeys and Leadership with the parents. Try to organise them with other mobs so it shares the workload and the more Joeys, the more fun it becomes. If you need help, just give me a call or email, help is not that far away.

### PROMISE CHALLENGE

Can all Joey Scout Leaders make sure they are promoting this badge to their Joey Scouts and promote it the moment they turn 7.5 yrs. We would like to award it while they are in Joeys so the other Joeys can get see it.

On behalf of the Region Joeys Team I would like to wish everyone a very HOPPY Christmas and a HOPPY New Year. Please be careful on the roads, remember your pets in the heat of summer and have lots of FUN with family and friends.

Kind Regards

Brian Zarth - RC Joey Scouts

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## CUB SCOUT NOTES

Another year is almost over and many of the Cub Packs have held their final Pack meeting, finishing the year with Christmas parties, outings or staging their annual play for parents and friends.

Congratulations to all the Cub Scout Leaders in the Region who have done a fabulous job throughout the year, working tirelessly to deliver fun and informative programs for their Cub Scouts and helping to train new Leaders. It is not easy, balancing family, work and Scouting - your efforts are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the many Groups who have earned Grey Wolf Awards, without the Leaders' dedication, support and encouragement, those Cubs would never have achieved this prestigious Award.

Thank you also to my wonderful District Cub Scout Leaders, who do a brilliant job taking care of the Leaders within their Districts, organising District events and supporting Region events. Thank you also to my Region Advisers, Shirley and Charlene and members of Pinnaroo, who are always there when needed and ready to lend a hand. Thank you for all your support and friendship.

My sincere apologies to all those Leaders and Cub Scouts who took part in *Cub Baanya*. The badges are still not ready, due to the huge amount of work Westwind Designs are doing for the Jamboree! I assure you that I will deliver the badges to you as soon as I have them, which I suspect will not be until the New Year at this stage!

Thank you to everyone who came to discuss Cuboree. We appreciate all your input and ideas.

Merry Christmas to you and your families. I hope you manage to have a bit of rest during the holiday season and return refreshed in 2013 to do it all over again!

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

Jack Rose - 1st Dural  
Casey Neal - 1st Sth Penrith  
Owen Drake - 1st Hazelbrook  
Gregory Mooney - 1st Carlingford  
Louis Gingell - 1st Carlingford  
Isaac Stamminger - 1st Carlingford

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## VENTURER REPORT

The Knights of Camelot arrived at Camp Coutts last month for **Waratah 2012** - 19 teams attended the event representing Units from across the Region for a weekend of fun activities.

I must add my greatest of thanks to all of the Leaders and Rovers for their huge effort in making Waratah 2012 the success it was.

Catering exceeded all expectations, with an absolutely amazing banquet on Saturday evening. Support succeeded in having no serious injuries across the weekend. Admin and Comms kept the weekend on track in one of our tightest competitions ever. Sites and Services must be applauded for ensuring the campsite was left cleaner than when we arrived. All of our staff on Activities must be congratulated on the creativity of the Quests and our Command Team, ably led by King Arthur (aka Matt Vella), made sure that everything came together in such an enjoyable weekend.

**Congratulations to team Godspeed on winning Waratah 2012: The Knights of Camelot! The winning team consisted of Alfred Lee, Benjamin Park and Brendan Roche from 1st Westmead, Megan Glacken from 1st Winston Hills and Ha Hguyen from 1st Canley Vale.**



*Team Godspeed  
Winners - Waratah 2102*

This year's camp also saw the official launch of our **Waratah Activity Fellowship** with the first 11 members invested by the Branch Commissioner for Scout Fellowships. The Waratah Activity Fellowship allows strong supporters of the Venturer Scout section to become members of Scouting without the weekly commitment as a section Leader. The Fellowship is also a place for current Leaders to engage socially with

other Leaders in the Region, as well as ensuring the success of the many events that exist in the Venturer calendar. More information and application forms to join this new Fellowship are available from our Region website.

Well done to everyone on an excellent weekend and we look forward to another amazing event next year in **Waratah 2013 – The Amazing Race!**



It is with great sadness that I farewell one of our experienced Venturer Leaders within the Region. **Dorothy Bell (Dino)** has been an inspirational Leader at **1st North Rocks** for many years, and whose passion for Scouting has driven the Unit towards great success. In recent years, Dino has helped mentor two Venturers to achieve their Queen's Scout Award, has volunteered on the Waratah Organising Committee and been a strong advocate of the *Try Venturing* program within Parramatta District. Thank you Dino for all of your hard work and dedication to Scouting and I wish you a happy and peaceful future.

**Amber Bolton of 1st/2nd Merrylands** has recently completed her Queen's Scout Award. Congratulations on a job well done!

Earlier this year, **Angus Boxall** was appointed the **Editor** of the **NSW Look Wide** magazine. I am pleased to report that the latest edition is now available for download from the Region website. Well done Angus on accepting the challenge and producing such a high quality publication. We are looking forward to the next issue early in the new year.

Speaking of next year, we are only a few weeks away now from both the **Australian Jamboree in Maryborough** and the **New Zealand Venture in Riverton**. GWSR has several Venturers flying to NZ for the event which should be a great highlight of the year.

**Dragon Skin... into the Wild** is also well prepared for 2013. **Applications open on 1st January 2013** and will **close in March** ahead of the Easter long weekend. Now is the time to start organising your teams and doing preparations for the event. Don't forget that there are a large number of Scouts that will be eligible to attend after the Jamboree, so be sure to program a Venturing Skills bushwalk early in the year for them to complete. Leaders are also invited to attend Dragon Skin running bases or helping on the BOOTS welfare team so please be encouraged to submit your applications to attend as well.

Finally, our **Region Picnic Day for the Venturer Scout section** will be held on **Saturday 16th February**. As well as being a great social occasion, we will also be holding a brief RVSC and launching our promotions for

Waratah 2013 – The Amazing Race! Make sure that this date is included in your Unit program for next term and we look forward to seeing a good attendance from every Unit.

Otherwise, for everyone else, do have a safe and enjoyable holiday and I hope to see you all again after Christmas for another busy year ahead!

**Aaron Wardle**  
**RC Venturer Scouts**

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## Queen's Scout Award

**AMBER BOLTON**

**1st/2nd Merrylands Venturer Unit**



*Bravo - very well done!*

### MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Scouts Australia is not the only organisation concerned with falling membership, it has also been a problem for Scouts Canada for the past three decades.

#### What we can do about membership decline?

Scouter Liam Morland visited many Scout troops to research the problem. He found that amid membership decline were many successful troops with healthy and growing membership. He has written an essay which examines what makes these troops successful, so that others can follow their lead.

Topics include the role of badges, outdoor activities, giving responsibility to the Scouts, and the Scout uniform. This essay was written as part of fulfilling Liam's degree requirements at the University of Waterloo and he presented the paper at the **2007 World Scout Scientific Congress** in Geneva.

Click on any of these links to read Liam's paper:

[scoutdocs.ca/mrst](http://scoutdocs.ca/mrst)

[scoutdocs.ca/MRST](http://scoutdocs.ca/MRST)

<http://scoutdocs.ca/mrst>

[www.scoutdocs.ca/mrst](http://www.scoutdocs.ca/mrst)

## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### RECENT NIGHTS

It was back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill Cubs for a Chemistry night. Here we see their Leaders sitting on the steps outside the hall as the Cubs investigate the properties of Sulphur.

I always feel guilty about letting the kids 'play' with chemicals, because I was taught, as they will be in high school, never to touch, smell or taste 'chemicals'.

Most of the substances we use are benign, it's only when they are mixed together and /or lit that they behave in unexpected ways (mostly flames).



I attended the **South Met Joey Fun Day at Heathcote**, and put on a table of activities for them.

They had a Water Rocket base with 'bought' kits from Jaycar. I would call them water bottle launchers, not very rocket like, and not as high as ours.

There was also a GWS juggling team of Venturers(?) who had a base and entertained during lunch.

Karl went to Springwood's 95<sup>th</sup> Celebrations and manned a science table for the day.



### ROB THE NEST WITH A TWIST

On our MEASURE night, the final game is based on **Rob the Nest**. In our case they are 'golden eggs' (tennis balls). Most of the eggs have *varying amounts of cement inside*, so some are light (no cement) and some are heavy (full of cement), the rest are in-between.

The aim of the game is to collect the heaviest amount of eggs. The game is therefore not just a 'snatch and run' exercise, but an 'evaluate and run' one. The team with the heaviest nest after two minutes is the winner.

Here we see Oakville Joeys and Cubs playing the game when we ran a Measure night with them recently.





## BOOKING US FOR 2013

NOW is the time to plan to have us visit your Group next year. Email us with your preferred nights.

We can do two sessions per night with a maximum of 20 per session e.g. Joey's followed by Cubs, or Pack 1 followed by Pack 2. \$50 per night or \$2 per youth member, whichever is the greater, so present 25 or more youth to get the best value.

Organise yourselves at your Group or District meetings for a combined night, or 'invite a friend' to make up the numbers. We are committed to supplying varied and interesting science programs, as well as seeing the maximum number of youth per year, so we will give preference to Groups who can help us achieve that goal. If you are able arrange a group, feel free to book 2 or 3 nights during the year.

### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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**Lillian Ewe**      [lillianewe@hotmail.com](mailto:lillianewe@hotmail.com)

## STIRLING ENGINE

These fascinating machines run on the temperature difference between the upper and lower black metal plates. The piston (displacer) doesn't even seal around the edges and depends on this leakage to work. This one came as a kit, which I bought from a model shop in Berry. It runs very well sitting on a hot cup of coffee (or tea), and on a hot day runs slowly with just an ice cube on the upper plate.



## CUB SCOUT LEADER 1ST OAKVILLE SCOUT GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> Oakville are in desperate need of another Cub Scout Leader or two, and a female volunteer would be just perfect!

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Group and this rewarding role, please contact our Group Leader, Roger Bisby on 4572 3640

## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

I have said before that one of the great pleasures I have in my role as RC Act, is to see the huge variety of activities that have been happening within our the Region, over this last 12 months. It is such a pleasure to be part of a Region that is so keen to get out into the great outdoors and provide such wonderful experiences to our youth, (and I would also suggest the Leaders as well).

To all Leaders can I say a huge thank you. The experiences you have given our youth will stay with them for the rest of their lives. How can our youth pay us back you ask! Simple! "Tell them to do the same for their kids!"



*Photo: Alison Mountford*

I must pass on my thanks to everyone on the Activities Team, along with those who have helped out on adventurous activities over the year. We are so privileged to have such a dedicated team of people willing to give up much of their own time to allow the rest of us to experience some real adrenalin pumping experiences.

When you have so many activities happening, and no matter how careful you are, sometimes things happen where we need to instigate a rescue or recovery. A group of Scouts from North Mt Druitt experienced just that on a recent hike in the Mountains, after a Scout badly sprained her ankle. Not going into panic, all the Scouts worked together to ensure the injured person was comfortable, raised the alarm, and with the expertise of our own Frank Barr working with the SES, the victim was safely airlifted out by helicopter, taken to hospital, and after a short observation, was allowed to go home. Everyone involved, and especially the Scouts should be congratulated on their efforts and particularly the way they all rallied together when needed. A big BRAVOOO to you all.

I have a little secret I would like to share with you. As you may know **Gang Show** comes under the

Activities banner at GWS, and I was able to get a bit of a sneak preview of what to expect next year.

All I can say at this stage is that **Gang Show in 2013** will be quite different to what you have ever seen in the past. The Production Team have been working incredibly hard to update the whole show structure to something quite new, something quite different and yet still with that special uniqueness that makes Gang Show what it is. Whether you have never been to Gang Show before, or have been a regular for some years, can I encourage you to make the effort to come along next year. You will be impressed!

As most of you are aware **Quentin Napier**, who looks after the **Flying Fox** and the **Climbing wall** experienced a nasty fall at work. I know you will all join me in wishing Quentin a speedy recovery.

Being the last Bulletin for 2012, can I take this opportunity to again thank everyone for their support and effort over the year. I would also like to pass on my best wishes to all the Leaders heading up to **Maryborough for AJ2013**.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas, and look forward to a great 2013.

And in everything you do; whether it's with Scouts, family or just a bunch of friends out having some adventurous fun.....don't forget to be activity safe!

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

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### SCOUT MUSEUM

Are you looking for a place to take your youth section for a day outing?

**Then why not try the new Scout Museum at the Armoury in Silverwater ?**

**Open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month from 9.00am to 4.00pm.**

There are loads of fascinating Scout memorabilia items to interest all ages.

**For bookings or further details please contact: Denise Davies on 9481 9411.**

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## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

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**Great Canyon Trip:** We enjoyed perfect weather for the trip in early December. Thanks to Stuart Cowen (KT) for a great leadership job.

**Next Year's Program:** The complete Rock programme for 2013 is now on the [beprepared.com.au/gws](http://beprepared.com.au/gws) website. Also, A1 forms for January to March are available on the [greaterwestscouts](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au) site.

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Canyon Trip:** Sunday 10th February to Wolgan View and Glowworm Tunnel Canyons. No abseils or swims, so suitable for Scouts. (4WD transport needed).

**Abseil Course:** Tuesday 12th February (theory at Bundilla) and 16th and 17th February (practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 4th and 5th May.

**Rescue Course:** Sunday 24th February at Bowen Mountain.

**Caving Course:** 13th March (theory at Bundilla) and 16th and 17th March (practical at Bungonia).

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** Sunday 24th March at West Pennant Hills, with a theory night during the week before.

**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](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.**

**Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator**

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**GWSR Scouts in a Ferny Canyon**

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## TRAINING REPORT

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### COURSES FOR 2013

The training calendar is due to be added to the State website over the next few days. Please keep checking for courses that will suit you.

The first course of the year is at Cataract on the 2nd and 3rd February. The dates will always be for more than one section to make sure there are enough participants to book the centre.

**The first course is for those doing any of the following:**

- Joey Scout Basic Section Techniques
- Cub Scout Basic Section Techniques
- Leader of Adults (Group Leaders apply for this one also).

The next course for these sections is at Wagga Wagga, then Glenrock Scout Camp 23rd & 24th March. The first basic section techniques course to be held at Pennant Hills is in June.

The first Scout Basic Section Techniques is at Cataract on 2nd and 3rd March and the next one will be at Glenrock in April.

The first Venturer Basic Section Techniques is at Glenrock in April followed by Pennant Hills in June.

**Advanced training courses** will begin again in 2013. The Joeys and Cubs Advanced course is at Cataract in April and the Scout and Venturer Advanced course is at Pennant Hills in March.

As well as the advanced weekend, Scouts and Venturer Leaders will also be required to do **SIS10 Bushwalking level 1**. It is suggested that Joey and Cub Scout Leaders also do this SIS10 course..

All these courses will be listed on the website but it is important to note that the **application date closes a month before the course**. This means that in reality those applying for the 2/3 February course must get their application in before Christmas. The course numbers have not been published yet so please have the application ready to go as soon as this happens. Please keep a copy of your application.

I will be notifying all Group Leaders as soon as the course numbers are published and where they need to send the applications.

**Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D**

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



# MY RED CORD HIKE

*Tanaya Sloan, APL Scorpions  
1st/2nd Blacktown*

For my Red Cord Hike we went to The Basin at Pittwater. To get to The Basin we caught a train from Blacktown at 7:00am to Wynyard, waited for the L90 bus and then caught a ferry from Palm Beach to The Basin. We put our tents up, then went for a swim. We were lucky to see a few Wallabies. Then some of us went on the other side of the water hole and collected 2 crabs, 2 starfish, 30 sea slugs, 1 dead fish and 10 Jellyfish poos which we thought were actual Jellyfish – Yuck!!

The water went right out for ages and there was an awesome drop off that we could run and jump into. The water was so clear and clean we could see fish swimming around us. We played Frisbee Wars and then we each cooked our own food. Bundy had steak and Bilby had lamb shanks – we were all jealous and will seriously look at what we take next time.

That night it rained a bit, so we were all in bed by 9.00pm. We were asleep by 9.30pm – a first for us Scouts!

On the second day we hiked up the mountain for Scouts Own and acknowledged the Aborigines for their drawings and stories. We discussed how we could save energy and electricity. Following Scouts Own we returned to our campsite, packed up our tents, had lunch and still had time for a final swim.

Eventually we changed into our Scout uniforms and caught a ferry back to Palm Beach, walked to the bus stop and waited for the L90 bus. Many of us slept because we were worn out from swimming and hiking up the huge hill to get to the Aboriginal Carvings! We caught the train from Wynyard to Blacktown and finally arrived home by 4:00pm.





## JOIN THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

Apply online now to join the Australian Contingent to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015 and travel with us as we explore Tokyo, Mt Fuji, Kyoto and much more in this once in a lifetime Scouting experience.

Meet Scouts from every country of the world and join in the celebration at Kirara-hama in the western part of Japan.

The Jamboree program will feature activities based on Culture, Science, Community, Nature, Water and Peace.

Participants will also get the opportunity to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park to honour the 70th anniversary of the first atomic bomb used in war.

After the Jamboree, youth members will stay with Japanese families as part of the home hospitality program.

Scouts born between 9 August 1997 and 27 July 2001 are eligible to apply.



“WA: a Spirit of Unity” is the theme for the Jamboree. The Kanji Character “和” (WA) embraces many meanings such as unity, harmony, cooperation, friendship and peace. WA also represents Japan and its culture.

The Contingent Fee includes all meals, accommodation, activities, flights and ground transportation between the date of departure from Australia and the date of return to Australia.

If you are attending AJ2013, come along and meet the Australian Contingent team at the International Tent in the Jamboree Mall.

Information sessions will be held in the Yakkery Tent at 7PM Sunday 6th January and 7PM Friday 11th January.

For more information, visit the website below or contact the Australian Contingent Leader - Aaron Wardle - [wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au](mailto:wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au)

**APPLY ONLINE NOW AT [wsj2015.scouts.com.au](http://wsj2015.scouts.com.au)**

## APPOINTMENTS LIST

### 6/11/2012 - 3/12/2012



#### APPOINTMENTS

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| <b>TURNER, Tonya Maree</b>         | Appt TL (C)          | 1st Dural Cub Pack                         |
| <b>ANDERSON, Gregory Luke</b>      | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>DALZIEL, Margo Janine</b>       | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>EDWARDS, Heather</b>            | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>HYATT, Paula Anne</b>           | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>MCGARRY, Carol Therese</b>      | Fellowship Secretary | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>RICHES, Gary Douglas</b>        | Fellowship Treasurer | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>WALLACE, Kelly Ann</b>          | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>WALLACE, Stephen Paul</b>       | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>WARDLE, Aaron Christopher</b>   | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>MACKINTOSH, Stuart Lachlan</b>  | Appt TL (C)          | 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>  |
| <b>THORNTON, Matthew Alexander</b> | Appt TL (C)          | 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack                    |
| <b>BUSKIN, Michael Glenn</b>       | Appt TL (C)          | 1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i> |
| <b>JEFFERIES, Paul John</b>        | Appt TL (S)          | 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop             |
| <b>GANE, Philip John</b>           | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |
| <b>MCGARRY, Drew Scott</b>         | Fellowship Member    | Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship          |

#### TRANSFERS

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| <b>FRANCIS, Belinda Joy</b>       | Fr AGL<br>To RL (S)              | West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Group<br>Greater Western Sydney Region                         |
| <b>HODGE, Helen Louise</b>        | Fr Appt TL (C)<br>To ACSL        | 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i><br>2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>             |
| <b>JARVIS, Deborah Therese</b>    | Fr Appt TL (S)<br>To ASL         | 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop<br>1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop                                       |
| <b>BARNES, Kenneth Glenn</b>      | Fr GL<br>To GL                   | 1st Westmead Scout Group<br>1st St Marys Scout Group   |
| <b>GUNATILAKA, Ajith Samantha</b> | Fr AL (G)<br>To AL (S)           | 1st Westmead Scout Group<br>1st Westmead Scout Troop   |
| <b>SMITH, Ross Arnold</b>         | Fr Appt TL (S)<br>To Appt TL (S) | 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop<br>2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop                                     |
| <b>ACHERMANN, Robert</b>          | Fr AL (G)<br>To AL (S)           | 1st Wentworthville Scout Group<br>1st Wentworthville Scout Troop                               |
| <b>FOYE, Cameron Adam</b>         | Fr Appt TL (V)<br>To AVSL        | 1st South Penrith Venturer Unit <i>Nepean</i><br>1st South Penrith Venturer Unit <i>Nepean</i> |

## TRANSFERS

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| HEINRICH, Leonie Ann    | Fr AJSL<br>To ASL    | 1st Hawkesbury Joey Mob<br>1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop                      |
| HEINRICH, Phillip Bruce | Fr AL (G)<br>To GL   | 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group<br>1st Hawkesbury Scout Group                   |
| PYE, Julie Therese      | Fr AL (G)<br>To ACSL | 1st South Penrith Scout Group<br>1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i> |

## RESIGNATIONS

|                             |             |   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| MOSSE-ROBINSON, Christopher | ASL         | 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop        |
| SKINNER, Anthony David      | AL (G)      | 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group           |
| YATES, Kenneth Ricardo      | AL (G)      | 1st Murray Farm Scout Group             |
| BROWNE, Peter Gordon        | AVSL        | West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit |
| VARVEL, David Anthony       | ASL         | West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop   |
| WOODBURY, Peter Leslie      | AVSL        | West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit |
| EVANS, Elizabeth Claire     | Appt TL (V) | 1st Oakville Venturer Unit              |
| KEENAN, Leonie Anne         | ACSL        | 1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack                 |

## TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

|                        |                  |                         |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| CHATTERTON, Chris      | Trainee Ldr (JS) | 1st Kellyville Joey Mob |
| RAMSAY, Kenneth Andrew | Trainee Ldr (JS) | 1st Kellyville Joey Mob |
| PEPPER, Renee          | Trainee Ldr (G)  | 1st Whalan Scout Group  |

## REGISTRATIONS

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## 1ST OAKVILLE CUBS GO FISHING!

1<sup>st</sup> Oakville Cub Scouts recently enjoyed a great night fishing at Yarramundi bridge on the Nepean river. Even though the dark clouds appeared, we were lucky enough that the rain held off. We started the night by investing our newest cub Emma Merryfull on the banks of the river.

Following the investiture we set up our fishing rods and set to some serious fishing. The cubs had been collecting garden worms over the past two weeks to use as bait hopefully looking to catch some Bass, Catfish or Carp. All the cubs used the night to work towards their level one Fishing Badge.

Although the fishing started off slowly, the night was a huge success with Liam Growth catching the largest fish!

***Mathew Harris CSL (Jacala)***  
***1st Oakville Cub Scouts***



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Thank you to all the regular contributors, especially for sending your reports in on time and a very special thank you to all those people who took the time to send me photos and stories of their Scouting events.

This is what makes *The Bulletin* interesting and informative and gives other people ideas they can use in their own Group.

I look forward to receiving lots of articles in 2013!

**Please note that there is no January edition of The Bulletin.**

**Please submit all articles by January 31st for the February edition.**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Anne (Editor)**

