



The Bulletin

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2013 GWS Joey Fun Day

**THIS IS
AUSTRALIA**

SUNDAY, 19th May 2013

9:30am to 3pm

At Bundilla Scout Camp

All Joeys Welcome

Speak to your Joey Leader



GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I attended the opening of the Allan G Ezzy Community Centre at Greystanes during February along with a number of the Scouting family. Allan was a councilor at Holroyd for over 38 years and has been a great supporter of Scouting in GWS. Congratulations to Allan on this honor.

Also had the pleasure to attend the Parramatta District Swimming Carnival with our new Assistant Region Commissioner Scouts, Belinda Francis, as part of Founder's Day celebrations. It was very well attended and congratulations to all who organised the night.

The Region and District Teams held a preseason training day on 17th February to look at a variety of matters and I am pleased to report that it was very successful with 40 people in attendance. Thanks to Lisa Dent and her committee from 1st Toongabbie who provided morning tea and lunch for us.

The new beds are in place and I thank members of the Parramatta Scout Circus and some Rovers who assisted with the assembly of the beds.

Each Leader in every group in GWS will shortly receive two epaulettes to sew onto their uniform. These are for Leaders who have completed their training and have received a Certificate of Adult Leadership - as these are now a part of our uniform please attach them as soon as you receive yours. The GL epaulettes will be available at a later date and will be forwarded when received.

Congratulation to Kim and Maggi on the 3rd Anniversary of employment with us in Region Office. Well done ladies and we hope we have many more years together.

We received 74 nominations for Adult Recognition Awards and they have been sent off to the State Awards Committee for their consideration. Thank you to the office ladies, who spent many hours (including their own time) working on getting the applications ready for lodgment with the committee. Thank you also to the Leaders who took the time to write a recommendation for fellow members of the Scouting family. We will have to wait until August to see who has received the recognition they deserve.

The Group Annual Reporting Meetings are just around the corner - please make sure the books are audited and you have a committee in place. Please advise Region Office of the date, in order that a Region or District Leader can attend.

Until next time.....carry on Scouting!

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner
Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

ST JOHN FIRST AID COURSE



Bundilla Scout Camp

Saturday 4th May 2013

8.30am – 4.30pm

Cost: \$80 per person

Dress: Casual - no uniform

This course is open to all.
It can be used as a refresher or total course.
Some pre-course work may be required by those that do not currently hold a First Aid certificate.

A1 (available on website) and payment to Region Office by close of business 19th April, 2013.

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 2nd and 4th 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.

SCOUT JOB WEEKS

This annual event is a proud Scouting tradition and in 2013 Scouts across NSW will once again show their community spirit, by lending a hand in their local communities and undertaking various jobs for a just reward.

Scouts have the opportunity to learn new skills, interact with people in their local neighbourhood and raise funds for their Scout Group. All money raised can be used to update equipment, refurbish Scout Halls and help fund future Scout activities.

Scout Job Week is the time to step up and be an active citizen in your community.

Register your interest today on the Scouts NSW website.

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Can all Leaders please remember that you must seek approval from the RCJS for any Joey Scout Overnight Activity (including Group Family camps). I haven't received any requests for Group Family Camps over the last 12 months and I'm pretty sure that doesn't mean there hasn't been any. Forms can be found on the gwsjoey website under resources -> mob holidays. Note that this isn't a new requirement, it has always been the case!

All Mobs should be planning their **Jamboree on The Trail** hikes - this usually clashes with Fun Day - but don't let that dampen your enthusiasm, just move it back or forward a week or two.

Mob Holiday Resources:

I've been on my soap box asking everyone to get out there and have Mob Holidays, well let's all pool our resources and ideas and share them with everyone. This month I would like everyone to bring to Wandarrah their thoughts, ideas, programs, anything that can be shared with everyone else - to inject some fun and excitement into a Joey Mob Holiday. I hope to add everything to the gwsjoey website.

2014 KONARA - Our World:

Please advise your Group Leaders that ALL Joey Scout Leaders (including assistants) should be going to the KONARA, so please include it in your Section Budgets for 2014. Konara is a FUN weekend for Joey Leaders where you will pick up a wealth of ideas for programming in the Joey Section. 'Our World' is supposed to have an environmental context, so it will be interesting to see what resources will be circulated this time.

<http://www.gwsjoey.org.au>

I have been updating the forms on the website, including the Promise Challenge - the content is pretty much the same but just cleaned up a bit. Note that we are not accepting the Promise Challenge submission via email, see the form for more details.

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts

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BankWest



HAPPY COMMUNITIES GRANT

Please vote for the Joey Scouts to win a \$1,000 grant from Bank West.

- Go to this web page <http://tinyurl.com/voteforJoey>
- Click on the **VOTE NOW** Tab - it's on the right
- Scroll down to **Scouts Australia - Greater Western Sydney Region - Joey Scouts**
- Select our entry and click on **Vote** at the bottom.

Thank you.



Rocket Back Pack

Created by Natalie Shaw and Doodle Craft

For this and other great ideas visit:

<http://doodlecraft.blogspot.com.au/>



A FIRST IN NSW

By Brett Graham (Archy) Queen's Scout

I recently attended the NSW Branch, Inaugural King's Scout and Queen's Scout (KS/QS) reunion dinner at Baden Powell Park, Pennant Hills. To be honest, I didn't know what to expect. Would there be 15 people there or 50? In fact I think there were around 100 attendees on the night. Then, of course, who would I know there, as it was such a long time ago since I joined the ranks of Queen's Scouts. I was thinking to myself, who would be there as a King Scout, I really didn't think there would be too many! Well did I get a surprise. There were around five or six King's Scouts and all looking fit for their age. It was amazing - the earliest recipient I saw was from 1940 and the youngest recipient was Jan Goodall's daughter - a 2012 recipient.

On arrival, while parking my car, the first person I recognised was Brian Roberts, of course our own Region Advisor Scouts – he walked too fast for me to catch him, I finally said g'day once we had signed in! We were given tags indicating the year we received our KS/QS awards and where it was received. Brian received his in 1962 – I was not even born. Incidentally this would be a good time to mention Brian recently celebrated 60 continuous years of Scouting – BRAVO! Another surprise was seeing my Venturer Leader from 1982, Christopher Holcroft, who apart from some grey hair, had hardly changed! I also saw a colleague from work whom I didn't know was in Scouting and a Leader I met at my advanced Wood Badge course. Who said I wouldn't know anybody?

There was a wonderful display of new and old memorabilia including old Venturer uniforms, that seemed to be the place to be, as many attendees told stories about the fond memories of their Scouting days. It was interesting listening to what happened in the *olden days*. Honestly, the principles haven't changed. I was surprised at how many people were still active members of Scouting, I was also informed my Scout Leader from the late 70's (Stan Kennedy) is still going at 78 years of age and is currently running a Troop! Where do they get their energy?

It was a fantastic night of great food (Cookie who also cooked at my Wood Badge course) great company and great entertainment. The director of AJ2016 discussed his team's thoughts on how AJ2016 will be the best ever and we were entertained by Andrew Locke, Australia's most accomplished high altitude mountaineer. On 2nd October 2009, Andrew completed his 16 year project to be the first Australian to climb all fourteen of the world's 8,000 metre mountains. It was captivating, Andrew had us all on the edge of our seats, listening intently to stories of his climbs and in particular, how he and his group came within 100 meters of the top of Mt Everest and then they had to turn around!

I was humbled by the calibre of participants, the efforts they all went to turning up from all over NSW, not just the Sydney area. There were young and old, boys and girls - a great mix of Scouting at its best. Some were nearing the end of their Scouting careers and some were just at the beginning. Andrew is still an active member in Scouting - he began his story by stating that his passion for climbing began in Scouts. The role we can all play in defining the future path of our youth members is a little scary; if this night is anything to go on we are doing it right.

The night was organised by Jan Goodall and her team, they got the idea from Victoria who have been celebrating these events for the past five years. What a great idea! Victoria has some great ideas for its youth members. The annual Hoadley Hide Venturer competition weekend at Easter was brought back to Sydney by my former Venturer Leader, Christopher Holcroft, and Dragon Skin began in NSW. It has grown from an Area to State, National and now an International camp.

Jan Goodall needs your help to organise the next King's Scout/Queen's Scout dinner and if this year's attendance is anything to go by then the next will be even bigger. As I consider rolling up my bed roll on a wonderful Scouting career, rest assured I will make every effort to attend these wonderful reunions to once again catch up with Scouting friends.



TRAINING REPORT

ADVANCED TRAINING

We have been waiting for some time for the advanced courses to run with e-learning. It is about to happen.

All those who have had their CoAL for a year and are logged onto e-learning are eligible. You must complete the advanced basic core modules; AINTRO, ACORE SKILL, ACORE PPG, ACORE SAFE, E WORLD, E GROW. Note some extra modules have been added so make sure you do them.

You also have to do the Advanced sectional modules; ACORE FUND, AOM, ASK, APROG, AOUT and any two electives of your choice. Then you are ready for the Advanced Sectional Techniques weekend. Please make sure you book in time (a month before the course).

There is a Joey and a Cub AST weekend at the end of April (27 & 28) so bookings will have to be sent in by the end of March. Check the training calendar on the NSW website or the greaterwestscouts website for the final details. There is a Scout AST at Cataract in May (25 & 26).

TRANSFERRING SECTIONS

The way of transferring sections has changed. Now you have to complete the training before transferring to another section or to a District/Region position. This will take some management within Groups so that if, for example, a JSL is transferring to cubs then they may have to transfer to an AJSL while completing the cub training so that the group can then appoint a new JSL.

For those people wishing to do a Certificate III, the workbook/sheets can be downloaded from the training site on the NSW Scouts website. For those that download them during their e-learning, they will notice some missing.

Finally, there are still a large number of people who need to just hand in their **in service** to complete their training. It would be a great help to your Group if you do this sooner rather than later as your Groups all need qualified Leaders.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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Christopher Holcroft and
Brett Graham at the Reunion



Brett Graham and
Brian Roberts at the Reunion

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OPENING HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

APPOINTMENTS LIST

29/1/2013 - 12/3/2013



APPOINTMENTS

FURST , Stephen George	Appt TL (C)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
Oakey , John Mathew	Appt TL (C)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i>
SIMPSON , Brett John	Appt TL (S)	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
TANNER , Ellen	Appt TL (C)	1st Whalan Cub Pack
WEBB , Glenda	Appt TL (C)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
JACOBSEN , Steven Gerd	Appt TL (J)	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
SAUNDERS , Desmond Allan	Appt TL (C)	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>
VANE , Kathryn Jane Appt	TL (C)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>

TRANSFERS

BARTON , Karen Lee	From AL (G) To Appt TL (S)	1st Castle Hill Scout Group 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
BURROWS , Noriko	From ACSL To CSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i> 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
FOYE , Cameron Adam	From AVSL To AVSL	1st South Penrith Venturer Unit <i>Nepean</i> 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
RAYNER , Jo-Anne Maree	From CSL To ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i> 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
ROACH , Paul Allan	From DC To District Adviser	Blue Mountains District Blue Mountains District
MCCREDDEN , Ann Margaret	From Appt TL (C) To CSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Spurway</i> 1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Spurway</i>
MARTIN , Linda Gay	From ASL To ACSL	1st Cherrybrook Scout Troop 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
MASON , Kristine Esther	From AVSL To AVSL	1st South Penrith Venturer Unit <i>Nepean</i> 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
MCPHERSON , Robert Allan	From Appt TL (G) To GL	1st Grose Vale Scout Group 1st Grose Vale Scout Group
THOMPSON , Gabrielle Anne	From CSL To DCSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i> Hills South District

RESIGNATIONS

RAE , Debbie Jane	GL	1st Glossodia Scout Group
ST.CLARE-TREGILGAS , Peter	AL (G)	1st Glossodia Scout Group
MCLEAN , Adam David	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
MCLEAN , Adam David	RL (ATD)	Greater Western Sydney Region
ROSS , Graham Patrick	SL	1st Penrith Scout Troop
ROSS , Ian Walter	VSL	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
SPALDING , Maurice John	GL	1st Penrith Scout Group

RESIGNATIONS continued

CHARTERS , Jennifer Ann	AL (G)	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group
CAHILL , Melissa Jane	DCSL	Parramatta District
DEARDEN , Geoff Robert	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i> 12/12/2012
ELLIOT , Rebecca Helene	CSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
LYNCH , David James	AJSL	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob
PARTRIDGE , Kym Stanley	VSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

ORTEGA , Juan Manuel	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
JONES , Anthony David	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st St Marys Cub Pack
DALBY , Ellen Mellisa	Trainee Ldr(V)	1st Ermington Venturer Unit

INTO RECESS

1st Penrith Scout Group
1st Penrith Scout Troop

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR FOUNDER LORD BADEN POWELL

1st Hawkesbury and 1st Glossodia Cub Scouts joined together at Pugh's Lagoon, Richmond, on Friday 22nd February to celebrate BP's birthday. The evening started with a parade and an investiture and was followed by games, a story of BP's childhood and a BBQ. A most enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Phyllis McAlpine (Kotick) ACSL
1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack



VENTURER REPORT

The last few months has seen a large flow of Venturers into the Rover section. Whilst this is a great positive for Scouting, it has seen a large drop in Venturer numbers. The news is not all bad though with a huge number of 14 year old Scouts now returned from the Australian Jamboree and eligible to start their linking.

A key focus of our recruitment this year is to encourage 13½ year old Scouts to start the **Try Venturing program** so that they can link at 14 years of age. This is important both to keep Scouts interested in the movement beyond the Scout section, but also to give maximum time to complete their own Queen's Scout Awards before starting their HSC exams. This is a very important strategy and we are working with the Scout section to achieve this objective with new postcards recently delivered to eligible Scouts.



The current term program in each unit is therefore dominated with Try Venturing activities to attract as many Scouts as possible before **Dragon Skin** which will be held at **Belanglo State Forest** over the Easter long weekend. **Applications close on 22nd March 2013.**



The rest of the year is proving to be equally as busy with a full schedule of courses and other activities planned throughout the year. Amongst them is another **Venturer Environment camp** being organised at **Ingleside** on the weekend of **28-30 June**. This is one of the best environment camps available for the Venturer section and is a very popular method for completing the award scheme Environment badge. This is run by the Sydney North Environment Team and is highly recommended to all

Venturers. The camp is limited to 40 Venturers – so apply early to secure a place. More information is available from the calendar on the Region website.

This year's **Waratah camp on 8-10 November** is themed **The Amazing Race** with a great plan in place for a massive challenge across the entire Sydney basin. Scouts and Venturers aged 14 to 18 on the weekend will be eligible to participate with forms due out in May. The Organising Committee has now been elected and the weekend is shaping up to be a huge event. Make sure that everyone has this date in their program!

We have many Venturers interested in volunteering as **Junior Service Leaders** at the **NSW Cuboree** next January. Again, this is a perfect opportunity for completing the award scheme Service badge. Applications are open online now..

Adventurous Activities remain a big focus in the Venturer section. We are currently negotiating some changes to the Activities calendar to accommodate other existing Venturer section activities. In the meantime, the new **Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation** will allow youth members (and adults) to use their new SIS-10 training to complete a recognised qualification that is very achievable.

Finally, the Venturer section is very pleased to support our Venturers from Parramatta District in the opening of their own Rover Crew this year. With no other Rover Crew registered in the district, the new Parramatta Rover Crew will be a great focus for our older youth members to continue their involvement locally after their 18th birthdays.

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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Mobile: 0421 076 497



**WORLD
SCOUT
JAMBOREE**

Our first World Scout Jamboree promotional night for the Region will be held at Bundilla on Thursday 4th April 2013 commencing at 7:30PM.

**Aaron Wardle, Australian Contingent Leader
23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015**

Phone: 0421 076 497

State Emergency Service visits Joey Scouts

1st/2nd Merrylands Joey Scouts invited 1st Greystanes Joey Mob to join in on a SES visit to their Hall.

Thanks to the SES volunteers for giving up their time to tell us about what the SES do and show us their vehicle full of tools.

Thanks also to 1st/2nd Merrylands Joey Scouts for their kind invitation and fun evening.

Julie Overton JSL (Kim)

1st Greystanes Scout Group

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



Photos:
Julie Overton



Photo: Kelly Bauer

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) is looking for host families!

We have a large number of youth from Denmark looking for host families as well as youth from England and Japan that will also need hosting.

You host for 6 to 8 weeks. The youth live with a host family, attend weekly Venturer meetings and attend school. These youth members will arrive late June or in July. If you would like more information please contact your State Coordinator.

Expressions of Interest are also opened for Venturer age youth interested in going on exchange 2013/14! Expressions of Interest close on 1st April 2013.

For more information and list of contact details for your State Coordinators and National Coordinator please go to www.scouts.com.au/

ROYAL EASTER SHOW SCOUT DAYS

2nd & 3rd APRIL 2013

Attention please, all Groups, Districts, Regions, Crews, and Fellowships...

Scout Days at the Royal Easter Show will take place over the final two days of the Show in 2013.

Kids at the Show get a taste of what being in the Scouts is like, with an array of fun and adventurous activities to try including; a Climbing Wall, Bazooka Water Guns, an Obstacle Course Success in 60 Seconds Challenges and Water Bottle Toss Golf.

We require the help of 75 Youth and Adult Members including Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to cover a variety of jobs including setting up, running activities and managing registrations.

We would appreciate a commitment to a five hour shift. If you are willing to help out, please email: rosalie.batistoni@nsw.scouts.com.au or call 0421 079 903 or 9735 9034

The Easter Show is a fun day out and a great opportunity to introduce people to the wonderful world of Scouting.

We'd love to see you at Scout Day in 2013!

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

There is one thing about Australia. You will never get sick of the weather. This summer season has seen record heat, bushfires, severe storms, and those infamous East Coast Lows, which track down the coast dumping record levels of rain. Throw in the odd water spout, which is basically a Tornado that has decided to go for a swim, and you have it..!.

Of course it doesn't help when you are planning outdoor activities. As much as we can study the weather forecasts, synopsis charts, and even stick your head outside and take a look, it can be difficult to make that call "yes we go, or no we don't!"



So what is the formula to making that call? It's a combination of a number of things; obviously the weather forecast, but also the environment you are heading into, the calibre and experience of the participants, the equipment you have, and don't forget there is also that gut feeling you have as an experienced and responsible Leader. I had to make that call a few weeks ago. With a forecast of high winds and heavy rain, with possible flooding; and youth with heaps of enthusiasm, but limited experience; it was certainly better to face a number of disappointed Scouts, and cancel an overnight canoe trip, rather than having to face rescue authorities and parents, if things went pear shaped!

Of course there are situations which we just cannot predict. A recent canyon trip at Pierces Pass in the Mountains, attended by some Rovers & Venturers from outside our Region, was soured at the end of the day with one of their cars broken into and all their gear stolen. I guess we all just need to be vigilant in where we park our cars on activities, particularly out in those more remote areas.

I was able to attend a successful canoe course run by Tracey Hansford, on the Hawkesbury River at Windsor. With some budding young Scouts from 1st Kellyville, along with their Leaders, it was great weekend of fun and learning with the weather being perfect. Big thank you to Ray Shepherd and Brian Rigg who helped out over the weekend as well.



The water may have had the consistency of Milo, but at least there were no Rivercats to contend with!

Photo Mark Fell

Things are starting to move with the SIS10 Training for our Region. By the time you read this we would have held the SIS10 Information night with Dave Walsh from Branch. While there are certainly many details and questions still to be nussed out, as I have said before, this is a great step forward for Scouting, but it will take time to fully implement.

Our Caving Wombats are gearing up for another exciting weekend, underground, at Wee Jasper. One big advantage with caving is you can do it at any time of the day or night, and generally in most weather conditions, (unless it is raining cats and dogs, and the cave is part of the natural drainage system).

It was with much sadness that I accepted the resignation of Fred Kaltenbacher from the Rock Team. Fred has been an integral part of the rock team for many years and I know there are many out there who can attribute their own rock skills to the teaching skills of Fred. We do wish both Fred and Theresa the very best in their future plans as "Grey Nomads."

We also welcome Warren Kaltenbacher (chip off the old block) to the activities team. Warren has professional qualifications in abseiling, and brings both skill and youth to our team.

Hopefully with the cooler weather coming soon we do start to see more stable weather conditions to allow us to get out and about and do as we always do.

Have adventurous fun and be activity safe.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

New Abseil Leader

Congratulations to Jason Edwards from 1st Erskine Park who has qualified as an Abseil Leader (Level 2).

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Course: Tuesday 30th April (theory at Bundilla) and May 4th and 5th (practical at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock). Also Venturer course on 10th and 11th August.

Rescue Course: Sunday 6th June at Bowen Mountain.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 24th March at West Pennant Hills, with a theory night during the week before. Also 22nd September.

Scout Caving Badge Course: 13th and 14th April at Wee Jasper.

Cave Trip: 18th and 19th May (venue to be advised).

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course: Sunday 23rd June.

Special courses for individual groups can be arranged by contacting Rick.

A1 forms are on the [greaterwestscouts](http://greaterwestscouts.com) website in the Region Calendar section.

There is also a Rock Activities Programme for the year.

Applications (on the A1 Form) should be sent to the Region Office (phone 9639 2488) 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). There is No charge for theory nights).

Rick Jamieson RRA Coordinator

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Ryszard (Rys) Herzig

Deputy Region Commissioner
North Coast Region

18th January 1954 - 6th March 2013

As Rys and Linda were making their way home from the weekend's Chief Commissioner's Council at Pennant Hills, Rys suffered a heart attack on the Monday night at Coffs Harbour. He was flown by Air Ambulance to the John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle and underwent emergency heart surgery, but sadly passed away the following day.

Ryszard Robert Herzig was born in Camperdown on the 18th January 1954 and became a Scout in 1966 with 1st Lalor Park. He was a Rover with the 1st Blacktown Rover Crew and received his Queen's Scout Award in 1971. Rys returned to 1st Lalor Park as Assistant Scout Leader in 1973 and in 1978 became the SL. In 1981 he transferred to 1st Blacktown Venturer Unit as AVSL and from 1983 to 1987 served as VSL.

In November 1987 he was appointed as Cumberland Area Activity Leader and in 1993 he took on the role of AAC Venturers in Cumberland Area.

In 1997 he became Assistant Branch Commissioner and then Assistant Training Commissioner in 1999. In 2001 he was appointed as Region Commissioner, North Coast Region and Training Commissioner with State HQ.

Rys attended 14 Jamborees, 2 USA Camps, 2 Ventures and 6 Dragon Skins during his amazing 35+ years of dedicated Scouting.

A true Scout who will be sadly missed by his many friends, colleagues and youth members who knew, respected and loved him.

Rest In Peace



Barefoot Bowls / Family Fun Day

Pitt Town & Districts Sports Club

139 Old Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town

Sunday 14th April, 2013

10:00am – 4:00pm

This special event is being held in memory of Detective Inspector Bryson Anderson, Hawkesbury Police

All proceeds will go to the Bryson Anderson Memorial Fund - supported by Police Legacy.

**Why not get a team of four together and join in the fun of Barefoot Bowls or
bring the family along for a great day of**

rides, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, jumping castle, chocolate wheel

all day BBQ, cake stall and games with lots of prizes to be won.

Demonstrations will be provided by a number of Police Specialist Units.

All enquiries Windsor Police Station Phone 4587 4099

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Geocaching For Everyone from Joey Scouts to Leaders

By Lisa Nicholls
CSL 1st Quakers Hill/Doonside

WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

Basically it is one big treasure hunt! All you need is a GPS or a GPS enabled smart phone, and a big sense of adventure! The world is literally your oyster! You will find a Cache just about anywhere. In fact, there are over 1.8 million caches hidden all around the world and over 5 million Geocachers! Chances are, that there is one hidden somewhere near your Scout Hall.

Geocaching started way back in May 2000, when a guy named Dave Ulmer decided to test his GPS accuracy by hiding a container in the woods. This idea was called *The Great American GPS Stash Hunt*, and he soon was posting it on in an internet GPS users group.

All the finders had to do, was to find the container (now called a cache) using their own GPS device. The only rule being: **Take some stuff, leave some stuff.** It only took a week for it to spread like wild fire! First there were two users who found it, and then all of a sudden others were also hiding their own caches. They had a mailing group called *GPS Stash Hunt*, but changed the name to **Geocache** to Geo (meaning *earth* as in the global use) and cache which has two meanings - a *temporary hiding place to store items* or, in the computer world, *memory Cache* which stores information on discs

We all know Scouting is about fun, with maybe a bit of learning, so this is an excellent way to teach your youth members all about the use of a GPS, map and compass - and the best thing is, that they won't even know that they are learning!

YOU CAN DO IT ANY TIME

Many Caches have great educational information in their descriptions, ranging from history to environmental info.

- Part of Camp
- Can do on hikes, bike hikes
- Part of a scavenger hunt
- Use as an emergency fill in for the program
- Compass work - take a compass and work out which way they are going.
- Mapping Work
- Part of Clean up Australia day
- World Environment Badge
- Local History Badge

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA GEOCACHE COMPETITION

Starts March 15th and ends August 15th

\$10,000 in prizes!

Find as many Geocaches as you can in six months.

Can be done individually, as a team or both.

Open to all members including Leaders .

You need to register on the Scouts Australia Web site (you will need your password to log in).

LINKS AND MORE INFORMATION

Official Geocache Website (this is where you create your account) <http://www.geocaching.com/>

Geocachers creed brochure: www.geocreed.info

Geocaching Glossary of Terms

<http://www.geocaching.com/about/glossary.aspx>

Geocachers University

http://geocacher-u.com/?page_id=9

Scouts Australia Geocache competition (you will need your SA password to get in)

<http://geocaching.scouts.com.au/>

GeoScouts Australia: <http://www.geoscouts.org.au/>

It is recommend that you find the cache by yourself before you set your youth members loose.

Refer to the first part of the creed for reasons why.

Do a risk assessment!



CUB SCOUT NOTES

The 5th NSW Cuboree will be held from January 6 to 10, 2014 at Cataract Scout Park.

Online applications are now open. Just go to the NSW State website, click on the Cuboree logo and follow the prompts. **Fees:** Cubs \$250 and Leaders/Adults \$200

Now is the time to start promoting the event and generating interest in your youth members, Leaders and Parents. If you need more information, please contact your District Leader Cub Scouts. These Leaders are also prepared to visit your Group for a Cuboree info meeting.

Eligibility to attend:

Cub Scouts - must be an invested member and be born on or after 10th January 2003 and must attend a pre-Cuboree camp organised by Region.

Scouts - Must be an invested Scout with two years service in the Scout section, hold a Red Cord and have attended a Scout Leadership Course. Must attend a pre-Cuboree camp. Must be recommended as suitable to attend by their SL, GL, RCS and Cuboree Director.

Venturers - Must be registered members of a Venturer Unit and hold the Venturing Skills badge. Must be recommended by their Venturer Unit, VSL, GL, RCVS and the Cuboree Director as suitable to serve as a Service Leader.

Rovers - Must be registered members of a Rover crew, be at least 18 years of age but not older than 26 years at Jan 1, 2014 to be accepted as Service Leaders.

Leaders - Must hold a Certificate of Adult Leadership.

Other Adults - Must be willing to act in any role in which the Cuboree Director/the Cuboree Executive considers necessary. In addition, they must complete a M2 and M5 and read the Adult Code of Conduct and Two Deep Leadership Principles Leader Support Guides.

GWSR Activity Base: We are seeking Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Leaders to work on our fun base. For more information please contact Charlene Bordley cabordley@gmail.com or myself asap, thank you.

There have been a number of changes among our District Leaders Cub Scouts:

Melissa Cahill has resigned as DLCS, Parramatta District due to pressure of work and study. We wish her happiness and success for the future and thank her for her past work in the District. Unfortunately she has not been replaced as yet. If anyone is interested in the role, please speak to Tracey or myself.

Phyllis McAlpine has transferred from DLCS Hawkesbury District to ACSL 1st Hawkesbury. I am really sorry to see Phyllis leave the Team, as she has been a dedicated worker, wonderful resource and above all, a true friend. We wish her well and know that the Leaders and Cubs of 1st Hawkesbury are most fortunate to be the benefactors of her wealth of Scouting experience and knowledge.

John Aquilina, CSL 1st Glossodia, has graciously agreed to be the DLCS for Hawkesbury. I urge all the Cub Scout Leaders to attend their District Seonee, work as a cohesive team, support John and ensure continued good Scouting for your youth members. Sincere thanks to John, a very busy man already, for taking on the role and the extra work it involves!



John Aquilina receives his Region Scarf at the recent Cub Scout Leadership Course.
Photo: Jeanette Frost CSL 1st Toongabbie

Cub Scout Leadership course:

32 Cub Scouts took part in a very successful Cub Scout Leadership Course at Bundilla. Their feedback was very positive and they handled the long day very well. Thank you to the Leaders who recommended these Cubs to attend, you made good choices. Sincere thanks to my wonderful Team, the Leaders who came into help them run activities, our RC Neville Henderson who paid us a visit and spoke to the Cub Scouts and the members of Westmead Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship who did a great job of feeding everyone. Thank you!

Youth Helpers Course, April 6 at Bundilla.

Please encourage your youth helpers to attend this course. The application form and pre-course work is available on the GWS website. **Closing date March 23.**

Palaver

Our Palaver, *Jungle Safari*, will be held on May 25th at Bundilla. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and mix with your fellow Leaders, have lots of fun and laughs and gain some great Programming ideas. This is part of your ongoing training, so please talk to your GL to cover your costs to attend, and put the date in your diary. Further information available on the website.

Grey Wolf Awards

I would like to remind all Leaders that it is their responsibility to encourage their Cub Scouts to achieve this award. Talk to the parents, complete an Application to Commence form (dated Sep 11 on State website) and keep an eye on the time line. All applications for the Award should be on forms dated August 11. Please remember that **all components of the Grey Wolf Award MUST be completed before the Cub Scouts 11th Birthday.**

The application form must be submitted to the RCCS **within two weeks of completion** of the Award and **before the Cub Scout's 11th Birthday.** It is amazing to see how many of these forms go astray until well after the 11th birthday! How sad it would be for your Cub Scout to miss out on their Grey Wolf, just because the paperwork was not moved on in time!

PACK HOLIDAYS REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

Your Pack holiday program (wet & dry), menu and other details must be completed one month prior to

the pack holiday and must be submitted to the Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts) or designate, and the Group Leader for approval.

I would just like to end my report by saying thank you to all the dedicated Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers in our Region, who work so hard to deliver excellent Programmes to the Cub Scouts in their care. Your efforts are truly appreciated. Please let your DLCS know if there is anything we can do to help you .

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

**Joshua Matthew - St Marys
Matthew Duncan - St Marys
Sophie Black - 1st North Rocks
Isabella Hockey - 1st Granville
Jennifer Lytwyn - 1st Granville
Joshua Wilson - 1st Hawkesbury**

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**ST GEORGE'S DAY
SPECIAL SERVICE**

**Tuesday 23rd April 2013
7.30pm**

**St James Cathedral
173 King Street, Sydney**



Each year the Rover Scout section celebrates St Georges Day with a special service at St James Cathedral. Rover Crews bring their St George flags and Crew flags for blessing and actively participate in this non-denominational service. This year we are planning on inviting previous Baden Powell Scout Awardees to the service. We'd like to widen the invitation to include the other Scouting sections, who could bring their flags for blessing too.

For those on Facebook, the event link is <https://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/events/363111767130001/>

I hope to see you there!

Yours in Roving,

Wal Waerner

State Commissioner – Rovers

Email: walwaerner@iprimus.com.au

Phone: 0420 960 548

Interested in going to the snow?

Don't want to drive yourself?

Then why not join us on the GWSR bus that is going to the snow on the weekend of July 26th - 28th?

Leaving from Castle Hill, the bus will take you to Jindabyne, where we will stay in the Scout Alpine Centre.

You will get transfers to the snow on Saturday and Sunday and you will even get fed! All for just \$220 (plus gear hire and lift tickets).

The trip will be open to all Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders.

Seats are limited - so if you are interested, please contact GRUG (SL 2nd Castle Hill) on 0411 326 021 or gwssnowtrip@gmail.com



HARMONY DAY 21st March 2013

This day has been set aside by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia.

Groups can now order Harmony Day badges from The Scout Shop, Port Kembla.

Enjoy your Harmony Day celebrations this year and don't forget to send any stories and photos from your Group's Harmony Day activities to communications@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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