

The Bulletin

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GWS Region Seonee invites all Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers working with a Cub Pack to join us on a great adventure!



PALAUVER

'JUNGLE SAFARI'

25th May 2013 @ Bundilla Scout Camp

Participants should arrive from 8:30am to be ready for departure at 9:00am.

Dinner will be served at 6pm and our safari will conclude at 8pm

Uniform should be worn for arrival

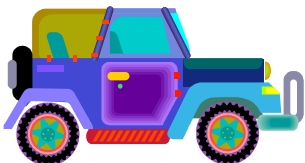
but please bring comfortable clothes for the day's activities.

We invite you to dress up as a jungle explorer or inhabitant (human or animal) for Dinner!

COST: \$45.00 covers Registration, hand-outs, craft, activities and all meals.

RSVP: 17th May 2013 - Region Office (A1 available on the GWSR website)

So brush up your pith helmets and come and join in the fun! This is a great opportunity to meet and mix with your fellow Leaders to share ideas, problems, solutions and gain some ready made Programmes you can run at your own Pack.



REGISTER NOW!

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I was invited to attend the Queens Scout Presentation for Amber Bolton from 1st/2nd Merrylands and it was great to see so many people in attendance. Well done to Amber, her family and fellow Venturers and Leaders on this achievement.

By now you will have your Annual Report Presentation (AGM) on the calendar and I look forward to attending a few groups. I have already attended two Scout Fellowship and the Region Rover Council meetings and congratulations to the people who took on roles. Please advise Region Office of your ARP date in order that a Region representative may attend.

I spent a fortnight recently volunteering at the Royal Easter Show and was lucky to run into a number of members of the Scouting family. Also had the opportunity to attend on the first Scout Day and see a number of Scouting volunteers in attendance. Well done.

Each Leader in the Groups 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 your uniform please attach them as soon as you receive them. The Group Leader epaulettes will be available at a later date. We are waiting for them to arrive and will distribute as soon as they are received.

Don't forget in the next six months, to keep in touch with your Federal Government Member and any candidates, as they will be looking for your support and you may be able to get them to commit to assisting you in a project. I recently wrote to all Groups and requested a wish list and this has now been passed on. No guarantees!

I have had the pleasure to appoint some more members to the region team. Phil Heinrich has accepted the role as District Commissioner Hawkesbury, John Aquilina is now the District Leader Cub Scouts for Hawkesbury and Matt Lee will be the Assistant Region Commissioner Rover Scouts.

Don't forget our Annual Report Presentation on 2nd June at 2.30pm at Bundilla. We are inviting all the local politicians.

Until next time.....carry on scouting.

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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BUNDILLA HIRE

In the past month we have had two separate weekend bookings at Bundilla who have not attended and we could have had other bookings in their place.

After discussions with David Stopps and Geoff McGrath we have decided that a new process will be implemented immediately:

1. Any group who books will be required to complete a booking form and return with a deposit within 14 days from the date of booking to confirm that booking
2. If the form is not returned within the 14 days, the booking is not held and is then open to any other hirer.
3. Any Group who has a booking and has paid the deposit but withdraws within a month of the expected occupancy will lose that deposit, even if we rebook the camp.

These conditions apply to both Scouting and non-Scouting hirers. Please let your Groups and District personnel know of these new rules.

**Neville Henderson JP
Region Commissioner**

ST JOHN

FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday 4th May 2013

8.30am – 4.30pm

Bundilla Scout Camp

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.**



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

JOEY FUN DAY

A1 Forms are due in at the Region Office by 6th May.

Unfortunately many Blue Mountains' Mobs will be involved in the Centenary Celebrations of the Blue Mountains Crossing. I wish them all a great time with that celebration.

Can all JSL's please email me a copy of their Mob Registration Forms as well as submit it with their forms to Bundilla?

Leader ID badges will be issued to Leaders shortly. Please take this time to make sure that your uniforms have the correct badges and any out of date badges are removed. We need to set the example for our youth members.

Could all Joey Scout Leaders please make sure that Parents/Guardians come into the hall to collect their Joeys.

The next **Wandarrah** is a very important to make sure everyone is ready for Fun Day and to prepare for the announcement of the Woonona. So please make an effort to attend.

This month is a time for reflection, I hope that everyone can make it to an ANZAC March; also please be safe on the roads over these school holidays.

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts

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

Owen Mitchell - 1st North Rocks

Campbell Grant - 1st North Rocks

Raymond Leslie - 1st Quakers Hill/Doonside

Aleksandr Zhigunov - 1st Carlingford

Lachlan van der Drift - 1st Greystanes

Luke Vaughan - 1st Winston Hills

Blake Wood - 1st North Mt Druit

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CUB SCOUT NOTES

Youth Helpers Course, April 6th at Bundilla. We had just five keen participants at this course but the day proved to be worthwhile for both youth members and Leaders. My sincere thanks to Brian Zarth, Charlene Bordley, Alison Sullivan, Melissa Harding and Shirley Robinson for all their help.

Palaver

Palaver, *Jungle Safari*, will be held on **May 25th** 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. I hope we have a record attendance!

Cuboree January 6 to 10, 2014 at Cataract Scout Park.

All Cub Scout Leaders should be busy promoting Cuboree within their packs and encouraging Parents to go online and register their Cub Scouts. Your DLCS is available to speak at your Group, if you wish to organise a Cuboree information evening.

Don't forget that **1st Payment and Applications** are due at Cuboree Booking Office by **31st May** - so they need to be submitted to **Region Office** by **24th May**, so that I can sign them and move them on. **Final payments are due at Cuboree Office by 31st August.**

Late applications cannot be guaranteed to camp with their Pack, so get those applications in ASAP. Just a reminder that **all applications are to be done individually on-line - not as a Group and email addresses must be current**, so that information can be disseminated promptly.

Cub Day at the Jamborette, Sunday June 9

Information, A1 and Registration Forms are now available on the region website. **Please insert your own details on the forms before distributing and only use the official Registration Form to accompany the A1's and Y1's (new chums only).** It makes it much easier to check registration numbers and tally amounts required for badges and cards - thank you.

Just on a personal note, thank you to all those kind people who have expressed their sympathy to me and my family, on the recent sad passing of my mother - your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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Congratulations to Cub Scouts

Scott Camley - 1st Castle Hill

Jack Maddock - 1st Blaxland

who have earned their
Grey Wolf Award.



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VENTURER REPORT

Last month I attended the investiture of four new Venturers at 1st Kings Langley. Dragon Skin is a great motivation to link from Scouts in time for Easter and it is excellent to see a good number of Scouts continuing into Venturers after the Jamboree. Congratulations to all of our newest Venturers this year and I look forward to every Unit continuing to grow in the months ahead.



This year's **Dragon Skin** was held at Belanglo State Forest over the Easter long weekend. A total of 98 Venturers participated in the event from GWS Region with a team from 1st Springwood achieving our highest score of 726, finishing in 20th position. Congratulations to all Venturers that attended, and thank you to all of the Rovers and Leaders that volunteered to run activities, welfare and onsite support for the event.

Here are a few photos taken during the event highlighting the great times had by our Venturers and Rovers. Check out the official Dragon Skin page on Facebook for more than 1,000 other photos taken by the Dragon Skin media team. A full record of results is available from the Dragon Skin website.



The first World Scout Jamboree promotion was held at Bundilla earlier this month. There is another information session at Roseville Scout Hall (Sydney North Region) on Thursday 16th May. Other sessions will be scheduled over the coming months. Visit the Contingent website – wsj2015.scouts.com.au – for more information.

The latest **Queen's Scout Award** presentations were held at Government House earlier this month. Congratulations to all of the youth members from the Region that received their certificates at this ceremony.



Applications for our upcoming **Initiative Course** close on **19th April 2013**. All Venturers that have not yet completed this course are encouraged to do so. It is a great weekend and earns one of your badges for the Queen's Scout Award!

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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DRAGON SKIN 2013: INTO THE WILD

by
Frank Barr

The annual Dragon Skin was again held at Easter and attracted 162 Venturer teams from all over NSW and interstate. The location was Belanglo State Forest, on the Southern Highlands. Unusual for Dragon Skin, the weather was mostly dry with just a few showers to keep the dust down.

The theme for this year was *Into the Wild* and most teams (each with 4 to 7 members) entered the spirit with appropriate dress and names. GWS Region was well represented with 14 teams qualifying for the activity award and this included 4 in the top 50!

20	The Game	1st Springwood
22	Wild Things	1st Blaxland
34	Gotta Catch Them All	1st North Mt DrUITT
43	Why Not Zoidberg	1st Springwood

As usual, the event was well supported by Rovers. They manned many of the 60 activity sites and played a big part in running the 4 VOC's (Venturer Overnight Camps). This year was Dragon Skin Number 30 and it has become a very popular event in both the Venturer and Rover calendars. It is always held over Easter and in a State Forest. A great first this year was the closure of the forest to the general public. Up until now, Venturer teams have shared the forest with 4WD's and trail bikes etc. This was a great improvement.

One unusual outcome noticed in the result sheet was 2 Units had 2 teams both coming in the top 5. Should make for some interesting intra - unit rivalry in the lead up to Dragon Skin 2014!



Tent City!
Venturer Tents set up at VOC 4
on Sunday night.



**1st Blaxland Rover Crew *Kalangadoo* at
Activity 402 - *Amazon Rescue***
L to R:
**Donal Ramsay, Scott Robertson
Greg Robinson, Fletcher Patrick
Hannah Woodrow , Bowen Van Der Voort
John Spiller Kellie-Jo Fletcher and Peter Harris**

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FAREWELL LILLIAN

Lillian Ewe has decided to concentrate on her family and studies and sadly, will leave our team at the end of April. We thank her for devoting two and a half years to the Science activity. Her resourcefulness and good humour have made possible the continuance of our goal - to bring fun science programs to as many Scouts as possible.

It hasn't been plain sailing, as on occasions only two of us were available and some nights just me alone. To try and solve this problem, I will go out and beat the bushes at Groups, to find **TWO** new members, before the end of this year!

In the mean time I will take NO NEW BOOKINGS for the second half of this year. Furthermore, if Karl can not attend on nights (when he is called away), I will cancel that meeting as soon as I am aware (that may be the morning of the afternoon activity).

If you were thinking of trying something new and would consider joining the science team, now is the time to put your hand up and save me a lot of shoe leather!

TAKING A TABLET

Aldi recently had a 24.5 cm (9.7") Tablet for sale, with the latest Android 'Jellybean' operating system, Wi-Fi, Blue Tooth, 3G, GPS, 16 GB memory, 5Mpixel camera and a multi touch screen. I thought: "I know what each of those abbreviations means and what I don't know the manual or on line will tell me."

Right.....the manual assumed you had designed the system, and didn't want to be bored with simple details, and the complicated stuff, well you'll figure it out!

After 3 or 4 months, with my children's prompting and a couple of helpful magazines I am starting to see the sense in it, after all Google designed the Android operating system and a lot of free 'Apps' (read programs) to take advantage of a mobile computing platform. They assume everyone is 'on line' all the time with Face Book, Twitter, weather or news, politicians latest pronouncements, or watching some idiot nearly kill himself on 'You Tube'.

So I'm going to ignore that stuff and drill down to the exciting applications of this device. For one, TED talks are a constant source of innovation, amazing stories of resourcefulness, and good human interest stories. You can review them and download via Wi-Fi to watch later.

Another is AR (Augmented Reality) which is going to revolutionise tourism, Art Gallery guides and magazine content by bringing still images to life – Harry Potter style; and start looking for QR tags (quick response) for URL guides and city geocaching. Once you have the QR App installed on your device, point your mobile phone or tablet camera at this QR tag, and see where it takes you.



MAY - JUNE NIGHTS

May Fri 10	Oakville	Scouts Arcs & Sparks
May Wed 15	Ermington	Venturers Pyro Rockets
May Sun 19	Bundilla	Joey Fun Day
May Mon 27	Winston Hills	Joeys then Cubs Light
June Mon 3	Roselea	Joeys then Cubs Measurement
June 8 -10	GWS Jamborette	Scouts
June Thu 13	Cherrybrook	Joeys then Cubs Chemistry
June Mon 17	Balcombe Hts	Joeys then Cubs Measurement
June Mon 24	Oakville	Joeys then Cubs Heart

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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APPOINTMENTS LIST

25/3/2013 — 8/4/2013

APPOINTMENTS

DIAZ, Keanii

Appt TL (C) 1st Oakville Cub Pack

O'REILLY, Tracy

Appt TL (C) 1st South Penrith Cub Pack *Panther*

MOULDER, Kirsty Elizabeth

Appt TL (S) 1st Blackheath Scout Troop

MOULDER, Rodney William

Appt TL (S) 1st Blackheath Scout Troop

RESIGNATIONS

BROOKS, Anthony Kevin

AJSL 1st Kellyville Joey Mob

SOLEYMANI, Kimberly

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

MUNRO, Peter Morrison

ASL 4th Castle Hill Scout Troop

TRANSFERS

OZOLS, Helen Maree

From AJSL 1st Greystanes Joey Mob

To Group Adviser 1st Parramatta Scout Group

AQUILINA, John Joseph

From CSL 1st Glossodia Cub Pack

To DCSL Hawkesbury District

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

BUTLER, Christopher John

Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack

TRAINING REPORT

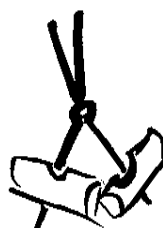
Welcome to all the new Leaders that we have interviewed in the last few weeks. It is always exciting to start these new Leaders with e-learning and we hope that the training fulfils their expectations.

A reminder to all Leaders in training, to plan their training, so that their applications for the residential weekend are sent in on time. There are fewer courses being offered so it does require careful planning.

The first of the new Advanced Training courses begins this month and I hope that Leaders are taking advantage of the opportunity to improve their skills.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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*Congratulations to these
Leaders who have gained
their Wood Badge*

STUART WOOD

1st/2nd Merrylands

CUB SCOUT WOOD BADGE

KATHRYN PEIRCE

1st North Rocks

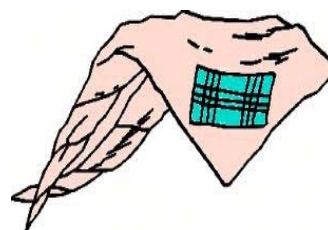
JOEY SCOUT WOOD BADGE

GLEN DAINES

1st Whalan

SCOUT WOOD BADGE

Bravo - Well done!



REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

The one thing I really enjoy as RC Activities is the opportunity to head out with one of my activity teams on a weekend course. It is great to see young people out doing really good stuff, (that doesn't involve a computer) while learning or honing their activity skills.

I spent a great weekend with the caving team down at **Bungonia** along with a very enthusiastic team of **Venturers from Ermington**.

Of course the learning is not just for the youth. It includes Leaders, and can I also say, I also learnt something, as well! Despite the thrill of doing a 30m abseil down inside a cave, next time, before launching off into a black hole with the adrenalin pumping, always ask the question before you jump: "How do you get out!" ...let's just say climbing up a 30m caving ladder is not for the faint hearted.

Preparations are well in place now for another big caving weekend at **Wee Jasper**, with over 50 participants coming along.



Tallia Joel emerging from the depths at Bungonia

Photo: Mark Fell

The following weekend saw me up at **Crosslands** with **1st/2nd Blacktown** on a **Canoe Course** run by **Tracey Hansford** and the hard working canoe team. Again a great weekend of fun and learning, teaching Scouts how to paddle in a sort of a straight line and how to empty a canoe full of water out in the middle of a river. You always know these courses are successful when at 9.30pm on the Saturday night, "...nothing was stirring, not even a mouse...!" 26 exhausted Scouts tucked up in their tents sleeping like babies, with Leaders following soon after!



Nothing better than being out on the water on a sparkling autumn day.

Photo Mark Fell

While talking about Region activities, there has been some recent confusion in regard to the **booking process for a Region run activity**.

Dates for activities are shown on the Activities calendar, and clicking on the activity will bring up the A1 Form with all the information, costs etc. While it is OK to speak with the designated Course Leader regarding general information about the activity, all bookings and fees must be made through the Region Office. This creates one point of contact, and allows Kim and Maggie to be able to accurately monitor the participant numbers. **Please do not try and book through the Course Leader**. The Region Office will have already communicated with the Activity Leader in regard to maximum number of participants on a course, and can advise when a course is full. We have had a number of fully booked courses recently, which is a great problem to have. With larger groups we can sometimes run dedicated course just for your Group.

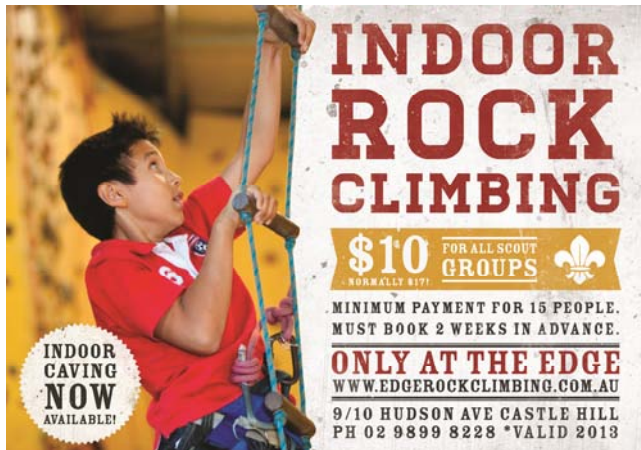
Gang Show is well and truly into rehearsal mode now, with about 130 Scouts and Guides practising hard for the 2013 season. If you have never been to a Gang Show before, can I recommend 2013 to be the year to be there. Of course if you have already been to a few, this season is going to be quite different to what you have seen in the past. The season kicks off with **Red Scarf Night on Friday 5 July at 7.30pm at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta**.

For general information see: info@gangshow.asn.au

For **Ticket Sales** go to tickets@gangshow.asn.au



If you want a great night out for your Cubs, Scouts or Venturers, why not try out Indoor Rock Climbing at **The EDGE** in Castle Hill. We have been able to arrange a special deal for all Groups within the GWS Region. **Check out the details.**



Have adventurous fun and be activity safe.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au

CUBOREE

January 6 to 10, 2014 at Cataract Scout Park

A Cuboree Pack consists of

1 Pack Coordinator

6 Leaders

4 Cooks

36 Cub Scouts

We know that many parents have volunteered to cook at Cuboree but as there are only 4 positions available per pack and these have to be shared out fairly between the Groups in the District, some parents may miss out.

However there are many roles to be filled at Cuboree and that includes Activity Leaders. GWSR will be running an Activity Base, 'Wish Upon a Star' and we need quite a few helpers to cover all the activities we are planning to do each day.

We are keen to hear from any Scout, Venturer Scout, Rover, Leader or any other Adults who are interested in helping on our fun base.

For more information please contact:

Charlene Bordley cbordley@gmail.com or Anne Thompson anne.dlcs@gmail.com as soon as possible please.

ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Many thanks to the Instructors who did such a great job on our Scout Abseil Badge day at West Pennant Hills in March. Fantastic work!

COMING ACTIVITIES

Abseil Course: Tuesday 30th April (theory at Bundilla) and 4th and 5th May (practical at Bowen Mtn and Yellow Rock). Also Venturer course on 10th and 11th August, and a normal course on August 20, 24 and 25.

Rescue Course: Sunday 16th June at Bowen Mountain.

Cave Trip: 18th & 19th May (See A1 form for details).

Venturer Caving Course: 11th September (theory at Bundilla) and 14th and 15th September (practical at Bungonia).

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

Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course: Sunday 23rd June at Dargans Creek, with a theory night during the week before. Also 8th September.

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

A1 forms are on the greaterwestscouts 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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Scout prussiking on a recent Abseil Course

SUCCESSION PLANNING ???

After many years of teaching Scouts to abseil and canyon, it has become time for me to pass the baton, (or is that piton?), on to another. Therese and I will be packing the *Troopy* with the tent and camp and bushwalking gear and going wherever the roads and tracks lead us.

I learnt to abseil in 1962 and carried this skill to the boys in 1st Springwood Senior Scout Troop (now known as Venturers) when I became an Assistant Senior Scout Leader in 1966. I dropped out of Scouting in 1971 when motorbikes and motocross took my interest.

I returned to Scouting as a committee member, when our son, Warren, joined the Cubs with 1st Springwood in 1994 and got back into uniform again when our other son, Gordon, advanced from Cubs to the 1st Springwood Scout Troop in 1999.

Eventually I transferred my appointment to be a Region Leader – Activities, where I gained much satisfaction in introducing Venturers, Scouts, Cub Scouts and adult members to the fun of abseiling and the thrills of canyoning.

I taught our sons, Warren and Gordon, to abseil when they were 5 years old, using a small oval carabineer and a tiny piton. They were also early starters into canyoning, leading up to, when Warren was 12 and Gordon 9, they experienced the adrenalin rush of Claustal Canyon with me.

Warren studied Outdoor Guiding at TAFE and now works in the height access industry. Warren has a unique natural ability of being able to take the most nervous novice and to gently encourage them to make that most unnatural move of stepping backwards off a cliff. By the end of the day, Warren usually has turned them into *abseil junkies*. Warren is well known throughout Rovers as a bit of a ratbag, but once on a cliff edge, you would need to cast a very wide net to find another person with anything like his ability, and attention to detail and safety. If I were to find myself in a dangerous position, I would trust Waz with my life. Warren has been invited to become a member of the Region Activities Team, by Mark Fell, Region Commissioner Activities, so it was with a mixture of regret and pride that I handed my Region scarf to Warren as a new Region Leader Activities. My wife, Therese, and I now wear the light blue scarf of Scout Fellowship.

The next generation is also coming up, with grandson Riordan Drake (aka Weirdo) about to advance from 1st Springwood Venture Unit to Blaxland '*Kalangadoo*' Rover Crew. Riordan has been hanging out for years to turn 18 so he could qualify as an Abseil Instructor and become part of the Rock Team. I taught Riordan to abseil when he was 8 or 9, and together with his two uncles (Waz and Gordon) and Therese, we have enjoyed many days out on the rocks. Riordan gained his abseil proficiency badge in Scouts and started accompanying me, as an '*observer*' when I was running Abseil courses and Rescue days. In truth, he did much more than just '*look*' and was a great help on these days.

Gaining his Abseiler (level 1) qualification in Venturers, Riordan attended nearly all the Region Rock courses as an *assistant* and it wasn't long before he had qualified as an Abseil Leader (level 2) and also qualifications in Canyoning and Caving. When assisting on the courses, Riordan was given the task of delivering both theoretical knowledge and practical skill components to the trainees. In doing so, Riordan has shown himself to be a skilled Leader with excellent communication skills, as well as a reliable team player. In my opinion, Riordan will make an excellent Abseil Instructor (level3) and will be a valuable asset to the Rock Team. In December 2011, Riordan, his two uncles, Michael (Pirate) Hudson and I did the epic trip of Danae Brook at Kanangra Walls. Danae is arguably the toughest canyon in the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Site, and no small endeavour!

I leave with a feeling of satisfaction in having had the pleasure of facilitating the personal development of many Scouts and the progress of quite a few towards their Queen's Scout award.

I take pride in Waz and Riordan, knowing that they share my belief in Scouting and the desire to foster a love of the outdoors and a sense of adventure in future generations of Scouts.

Yours in Scouting
'Fred' Bernie Kaltenbacher

Congratulations on your many years of dedicated service to Scouting; thank you for the knowledge and skills you have shared and for the brilliant succession planning; and best wishes to you and your wife Therese, for your future adventures together!





**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**](mailto:gwssnowtrip@gmail.com)**

**Three generations doing
what they know and love best!**

**Riordan Drake Kaltenbacher
Warren Kaltenbacher
Fred Kaltenbacher**



**Cub Scout Tegan Davis, 1st Glossodia
on her Grey Wolf hike at Long Neck Lagoon**

Photo: John Aquilina DLCS, Hawkesbury

1ST GREYSTANES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of 1st Greystanes Scout Group, including one of the original Scouts who now lives in Ermington, celebrated their 60th Anniversary in March with a fantastic afternoon of memorabilia display, past members and many memories.

The formal celebrations were marked with short speeches from current Leaders and memories of Scouting sixty years ago were shared by GWSR Scouts President, Mr Alan Overton OAM. The new **Grey stone donated by Boral Quarries**, from which Greystanes was originally named, was unveiled by ex-Cub and Scout Leaders Colin Nicholas and Shirley Robinson. Grant and Amity Dent planted a citrus tree to remember Pat Dent who was the Group Leader for many years. Alan Overton and past members also planted citrus trees which we hope our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts will harvest and eat the fruit in the years to come.

The Scout Group's celebrations also marked 60 years since over 11,000 Scouts descended on Greystanes for the Pan Pacific Jamboree in 1953. On the official opening day the gathering swelled to over 20,000 Scouts and members of the public including the Governor of NSW, Sir John Northcott, who performed the official opening reading a message from Queen Elizabeth II. It was billed as one of the largest gatherings of Scouts ever assembled in Australia. This was a truly amazing event for its time with Scouts coming from all over the world including Britain, France, New Zealand, Indonesia, New Guinea, Japan, Iceland, Hong Kong, Singapore & Lithuania. The journey to the event for 20 of the Scouts included a 17-day road trip across the Nullarbor Plains from Perth in two trucks! The events at the Jamboree included the traditional building of campsite gateways and bridges, Sydney day trips to Manly, and also a performance onsite by 80 members of the Sydney Symphony orchestra.

Photos of the 1953 Jamboree were loaned to the Group to display during the celebrations, by Holroyd City Council Library, who also used them as part of a display about the historic Jamboree in Council's Library in January.

A huge thank you goes to all those who helped mark this special occasion for 1st Greystanes Scout Group.

Julie Overton (Kim) JSL 1st Greystanes Scout Group

Visit our website at:

<http://www.1stgreystanes.webs.com/>



Colin Nicholas and Shirley Robinson unveil the new grey stone and plaque.



Past and present members



Alan Overton OAM plants a tree with the assistance of a Joey Scout.





AUSTRALIAN BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH CONTINGENT

TO

9th Australian Jamboree — Leppington

BADEN POWELL HOUSE, 265 GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2000

Telegrams & Cables:
"Scoutcraft" Sydney

Telephones: 27 1381-2-3
27 7331-2

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

(Please Read Carefully)

DATE: Tuesday, 29th December, 1970, to Saturday, 9th January, 1971.

The Jamboree is being organised by the New South Wales Branch on behalf of the Australian Boy Scouts Association — 12 days of action — full of interest and adventure and a good opportunity to meet Brother Scouts from Interstate and Overseas.

10,000 Boy Scouts and Scouters will be attending, with the New South Wales quota set at 3,320.

There will be opportunities to take part in a wide range of Adventure Activities using the Patrol as the basic unit. Activities will include hikes, tours, special activities, "Challenge Valley", Conservation Trail, social activities and displays.

THEME: The Jamboree of New Endeavour will be the climax of a year of celebrations during 1970 to mark the Bi-centenary of Captain Cook's discovery of the East Coast of Australia, and has been officially endorsed as a part of the celebrations. The Jamboree badge gives visual reference to this theme.

LOCATION: The Jamboree site at Leppington, is approximately 30 miles south-west of Sydney, near Liverpool, and contains 500 acres of well-grassed undulating country which will provide excellent camping facilities. From the higher ground, views extend to the Blue Mountains in the West and to the city buildings of Sydney in the North.

APPLICATIONS AND FEE: Applications to attend the Jamboree will be accepted from:

1. Boy Scouts and Warranted male Scouters.
2. Lady Cubmasters, other male Scouters and Rover Scouts — numbers will be limited to those required for specific Jamboree staff duties.

The New South Wales Contingent Jamboree fee is \$42.00 and includes a Brotherhood Fund contribution of \$1.00.

The fee covers transport from and to the railhead on arrival and departure, supply of food, camp services and Jamboree badges. In addition, on this occasion, the basic fee payable to the Jamboree Organising Committee covers the supply of tent-poles, two Jamboree scarves and transport only for off-site Adventure Activities and tours.

Application form and initial payment of \$21.00 per person must be forwarded no later than 31st August, 1970:

- to Branch Headquarters by Groups within Country Districts;
- to Area Headquarters by Groups within Areas.

Areas are required to forward all Application forms and cheque covering initial payments of applicants to Branch Headquarters by 15th September, 1970.

The balance form and final payment of \$21.00 is to be forwarded no later than 1st December, 1970:

- to Branch Headquarters by Groups within Country Districts;
- to Area Headquarters by Groups within Areas.

Areas are required to forward balance of fees to Branch Headquarters by 10th December, 1970.
Cheques to be made payable to "The Australian Boy Scouts Association".

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE: A Jamboree Troop will be the basic unit for camping purposes and will consist of six Patrols of six Scouts plus four Scouters.

A Jamboree District will be the operating unit for supply of food, maintenance of the camp, booking for activities and administrative and supervisory functions. A District will consist of approximately 18 Troops plus District staff.

A Jamboree Headquarters will co-ordinate and control the 15 Jamboree Districts and other supporting units, services and facilities at the Jamboree.

TRANSPORT: Special Trains to the Jamboree site will be arranged for Suburban and Country members of the N.S.W. Branch Contingent. Arrangements will be announced later.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL: Only under special circumstances will permission be granted for independent travel. Application forms for independent travel are available from Area Headquarters or Branch Headquarters and must be lodged with Area Headquarters (or in the case of Country Districts outside Areas, with Branch Headquarters) before the 30th September, 1970.

JAMBOREE

TRIVIA

Fred
Kaltenbacher

During our big clean up prior to getting away, I came across my souvenirs of the 9th Australian Jamboree, which I attended as the Scout Master of 2nd Springwood Scout Troop, Blue Mountains Contingent.

I thought you might find this page interesting, as it shows the Jamboree contingent fee - quite a bit different to Jamborees of

GREYSTANES JAMBOREE

Anne Thompson

I attended the 60th Anniversary celebrations for 1st Greystanes and 3rd Greystanes

CSL Charles Yendle told me that he was a Scout with 1st Lavender Bay at the time of the 1953 Jamboree! They loaded the back of a truck with all their gear and Patrol boxes and then the Scouts sat on the boxes and the Leaders drove them all to the Jamboree!

To be retained by Applicant.
TEAR OFF —

1ST HAZELBROOK SCOUTS CELEBRATES CENTENARY OF BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSSING

Lisa Gorman, Chairman

1ST Hazelbrook Scouts

We are very excited to be hosting the official party, including descendants of Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, who will re-enact the crossing of the Blue Mountains in May 2013. The official party will be staying at 1st Hazelbrook grounds for about 24 hours. We are working with Blue Wave, www.bmbw.org.au to provide some comfort and resting spaces for people and horses, whilst at the same time putting on a FUN day in May to celebrate 200 years since the original crossing and connect our community with our history. This will be open to all Scouting Families, past and present in the Blue Mountains District only. A bi-product of this fun day will be a major fundraising initiative (we desperately need to replace our hall's roof which is leaking)!

Limited edition **Holey Dollars** have been produced and 1st Hazelbrook has committed to the sale and distribution of these great mementos. If you would like to order a piece of history, please complete the order form below (also on the GWS website) and submit by **29th April 2013**.

Thank you for your kind support.



HOLEY DOLLAR - AUSTRALIA'S FIRST CURRENCY

Governor Lachlan Macquarie acquired Spanish silver coins to overcome the problem of the early colony not having a currency. He punched out the centre of the coin (named the dump) to make the coins unique and to create two different values from the one coin!

Made of pewter, these high quality commemorative coins will make a nice memento for a very important part of Australia's history.

Coins are priced at \$10 each + postage (depending on weight, to your local Scout group) or picked up at no extra cost. Groups can submit a bulk orders for coins directly to our fundraising co-ordinator for their members by completing and returning this form via email to jhammond@realettraining.com.au by **29 April 2013**

Please include all contact details so that we can send an invoice including postage for payment.

Order form

Group name _____

Contact name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

No. of coins _____

Total cost (ex post) \$ _____

Do not deliver we will pick up coins _____

Welcome to 'Scouts in Action Week' 2013

This year the theme is '*Scouting in the Community*'. That means we are getting out and about into the community and looking for ways we can partner with other community organisations in completing a joint project or it could mean running a program for another youth organisation such as Guides or Boys Brigade or any other organisation where we can show off what Scouting is all about.

Scouts in Action Week 2013 is a great way to open our doors and join in with the community and work together. Some of you are probably already doing this and let me say congratulations and BRAVO! Keep up the great work but for you the challenge is to look towards some other project or activity that you can do during Scouts in Action Week 2013.

This year the week will be held from **19th August to 25th August** so there are a few months to get organised but make sure SiAW is in the calendar.

Once again you will need to **register your Group** or Section. Please make sure you let the other Leaders in your Group know you have registered for SiAW2013 and let the other Leaders of your Group, District or Region know that SiAW2013 is on and where they can go to register, download this years and previous years Programs and order your SiAW2013 badge.

To register go to <http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com/Registration.html> and select the registration form that is right for you. To order your 2013 badge, go to <http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com/2013-Badge.html>. It is a great badge this year. Please note that there is also a supply of SiAW2012 badges available for sale. This year's theme lends itself towards **Citizenship** and **Community Service** and programs based around these themes will be put on the website shortly - so keep visiting the website to check for updates and new programs. If you have a program that you think fits the theme you can send it to youth.events@scouts.com.au and they will be loaded onto the website for sharing.

Any comments and feedback are always welcome and I look forward to *Scouts in Action Week 2013*.

John Parr

**National Project Commissioner, Youth Events
Scouts Australia**



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



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.**

THE SCOUT SHOP

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OPENING HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 9am - 4.30pm
Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 9am - 12pm

2ND BAULKHAM HILLS BUSH CARE

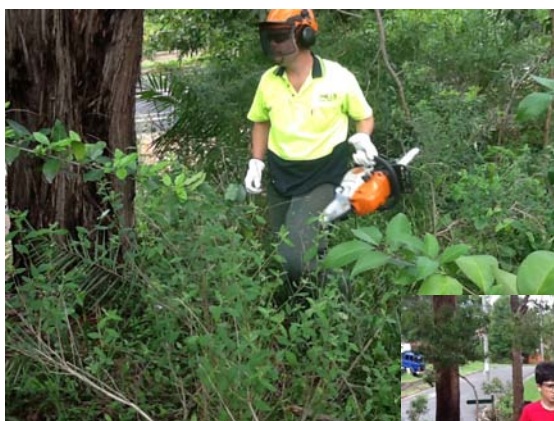
John Gale GL

In Quarry Creek, adjacent to 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall, Privet, Tree Ferns, Lantana, Silky Oaks, Wandering Jew and many other non-native species grow happily amongst the lovely Australian native bush flora. These weeds have sprung from seeds brought in by birds or carried on the wind.

Our Group, along with Baulkham Hills Council are endeavouring to eradicate the weeds and restore the native bushland. Following a site induction and safety talk from Zac from the Council, the application of sunscreen and the donning of safety glasses, the Scouts and Venturers cut and removed the Lantana. They also used a bow saw to cut down an Olive tree and Zac then poisoned the stump.

Elsewhere Troy, also from Council, cut Silky Oaks, Privet and other un-wanted trees with a chain saw. The Scouts and Venturers then pulled the logs and branches to the rubbish pile to await council pick up during the week. Next week the intention is to remove more trees and clear around smaller natives so the Council can come in and spray the Wandering Jew. The next phase after the ground cover has died off in about two months time, will be to start planting native shrubs and grasses which have been grown at the Ted Horwood Reserve Native Plant Nursery. In time, it is hoped that we will be able to work our way along the Creek and with the support of neighbours, eventually reach Windsor Road!

Baulkham Hills Council has a plant propagation depot at Ted Horwood Reserve which is open on the week ends. If any Cub Scouts, Scouts or Venturers wish to organise a visit, to be shown around or to test their green thumb at planting, call Helen on 0421 998 401.





**SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
 NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
 GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



MR ALAN OVERTON AM
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MR NEVILLE HENDERSON
 Region Commissioner

Invite you to be present at the

66th GWSR ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

at

BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP

6 Baden Powell Place
 WINSTON HILLS

Sunday 2nd June 2013 @ 2.30 PM

Please RSVP by Friday 24th May 2013 to:

6 Baden Powell Place
 WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153

Phone: 9639 2488

Fax: 9686 2510 or Email: gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

Tear off and return to 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills NSW 2153

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Name/s.....

Accepts the invitation to attend the GWSR AGM

Declines with regret the invitation to attend the GWSR AGM

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