



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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## SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA—NSW GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION

**MR ALAN OVERTON AM**  
Region President

**MR GEOFF MCGRATH**  
Region Chairman

**MR NEVILLE HENDERSON**  
Region Commissioner

Invite you to 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:**

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

On ANZAC Day I was invited to join 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Blacktown and 1<sup>st</sup> Quakers Hill/Doonside at the Dawn Service at Blacktown RSL. It was great to see such a good representation from Scouting at the service. I was also invited to join them for breakfast at the club and enjoyed that as well!

I had the pleasure to attend a cheque presentation at 1<sup>st</sup> Whalan Scout Group hall, for a successful NSW State Grant to renovate the hall, and spent some time speaking to the local State MP Bart Bassett and the Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Victor Dominello. Both of these gentlemen were keen to hear about what is happening in Greater Western Sydney in respect of Scouting and have offered their support if and when needed.

We were approached by a Police Liaison Officer from Blacktown who is keen to form a partnership with Scouting and we look forward to meeting with them in the near future to discuss their proposal. I will keep you informed of the progress.

If you know of anyone who is or was a King's Scout, can you please let David Stopps know. State is trying to put a register together - the same as the one they have for Queen's Scouts.

Jye Sloan from 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Blacktown is arranging for a time capsule to be buried at Bundilla before the Region ARM - below is his request for assistance and if you can help please do so. Jye is looking for a Group scarf and name tape from each Group if possible.

The Group Annual Reporting Meetings should be taking place now and are due to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> May, to allow the Region ARM to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013. I have attended a number of Group, Fellowship and the Region Rover Council ARM's and they have all run smoothly.

Not long now until the Joey Fun Day and the Region Jamborette and I would remind you all to get your applications in as soon as possible because if you miss the closing date your youth members will miss out.

Advanced notice that this year's awards presentation will be at Toongabbie Sports Club on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - so put this in your diaries. The Adult Recognition Awards are now with the National Commissioner and will be advised to us on World Scout Day in August.

I will be packing my caravan in late June and heading to the West for around four months. During my holiday David Stopps will be taking over as Acting RC but I will have my laptop and mobile phone with me and will be keeping an eye on things from afar.

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

**Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner**

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



### **Scout Medallion Project**

**Jye Sloan, 1st/2nd Blacktown**

**Your Help Required Please**

*"My project is to gather information, history, articles and pictures of Scouting within the Greater Western Sydney Region, to be buried at the base of the flag pole at Bundilla Scout Camp at 2:00pm on the 2/6/13. The time capsule will be opened in 25 years time - it will be interesting to see how different things are in the Region by then!*

*You may have some old photos, articles, badges etc. that you would like to share with future generations of Scouts in the Greater Western Sydney Region"*

*Please send all information to:*

### **BUNDILLA HIRE**

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 the new rules.

**Neville Henderson JP  
Region Commissioner**

## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

It's almost twelve months since the last Region Joey Fun Day and all systems are GO for this year's one. The arrangements are very similar to last year, Main Gate will close at 9am. Most parent questions can be resolved by reading the A1. I will be sending out some final info very soon.

As we go over our annual reports it's also a good time to look at our training for the future. Anyone who hasn't done their Wood Badge training I recommend that you seriously consider it. The Wood Badge training provides you with more advanced programming skills and various other aspects of leadership. If you did your basic training prior to E-Learning, send Kathy Cuneo an email to get into a catch-up course to bring your basic qualifications up to date. As time goes on these catch-up courses will be harder to get into so don't leave it too long. Also, don't forget to keep renewing your senior first aid, I recently had an extended family member that was saved after 30 minutes of CPR and four hits from the Ambulance Defibrillator. He is lucky to be alive and thanks to two people nearby that had done the CPR training, he made a full recovery, check the region website or email [kobi@gwsjoeys.org.au](mailto:kobi@gwsjoeys.org.au) to find out when the next course is.

Leader recruitment. All Joey leaders should be involving the parents every week and building up those professional relationships that open the door for them to become leaders. Start off by getting them involved on the committees. SIGN THE UP. Once we have them on the committees they will realise how important it is that we need to keep recruiting leaders. Maybe that might get their foot in the door. Never get too comfortable, things change and people move on, keep chasing them.

Last month we had a big list of Promise Challenges come through which is great, but more the merrier, so keep an eye on those birth dates and don't leave it till last minute.

See you all at the Joey Fun Day on 19th May.

**Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts**

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## CUB SCOUT NOTES

We have been advertising Palaver for many months now and requested that no other Pack events be held on the same day, and yet I was informed at Region Seeonee that one Pack has booked a Pack Holiday! I had no idea this was happening, as once again Branch Policy was ignored by the ACSL organising the event - neither the DLCS or myself have seen a Programme, which I am now told is still being written - just three weeks out from the Pack Holiday!

### PACK HOLIDAYS REQUIREMENTS

**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) 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.**

Many of the District Cub Scout Leaders have reported apathy amongst their Leaders towards Palaver and have been given a variety of reasons for their inability to attend! At this stage I am inclined to cancel Palaver - I will leave it for a few days before making a final decision! Please make sure that all of your Leaders visit the GWSR website regularly and read each issue of The Bulletin as it is published.

**Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts**

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

**Michelle Hallis - 1st Kellyville**

**Hayden Davis - 1st North Rocks**

**Myah Riley - 1st South Penrith**



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## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

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Already we find ourselves in May and, one month out from the start of winter. Over the last few months we've seen our Scouts and Scout Leaders making the most of the beautiful Autumn weather: District camps; participation in the Royal Agricultural (Easter) Show and local agricultural shows; marching in the recent ANZAC Day commemorations; and attending events out of our Region, such as the Sirius Cup.

May will see many GWSR Patrols taking part in Scout Hike. I'm sure our Scouts will plan well and hike well and be great ambassadors for the Greater West.

Hot on the heels of Scout Hike will be our annual GWSR Jamborette at Bents Basin. Yes, the June long weekend is normally the beginning of our colder weather - however year after year our Scouts and Leaders have an enjoyable weekend, filled with activities, learning, making new friends and showing off the latest fashion in thermal garments and beanies!

Each District has been making plans for the bases which all together, will allow Scouts to achieve the Jamborette Award. The theme this year is 'Blast from the Past' and it will provide our Scouts and Cubs a selection of the best bases from the Jamborettes from years gone by. The early bird closing date is fast approaching so keep an eye out for details. If you're looking for information about Jamborette, the best place to start is with your District Scout Leader. Otherwise, send your question to [scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au) and we can point you in the right direction for an answer.

The next Region State Youth Council (SYC) meeting will be held at Jamborette. Each District should prepare to present, at the Jamborette meeting, the matters their Scouts have been discussing at a District level. As well, elections will be held for the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. For anyone considering nominating themselves for a position on the Region SYC team, you can look forward to attending the next State SYC in the Riverina in November.

I must thank again, the many Leaders who participated in the 23rd Australian Jamboree in Maryborough. Although it was a few months ago now, the contribution of the Leader community was remarkable. Did you know that the work performed by Leaders for AJ2013 added up to more than 2 million hours worked? Truly remarkable!

Before I sign off for this month, I'd like to recognise our two Scouts who have recently been approved as recipients of the Australian Scout Medallion: Cameron Hayes (1st North Rocks) and

Callum Firth (1st Hawkesbury). If any Scout is considering working toward their ASM, this is a special year in which to do so, because 2013 is the 10th anniversary of the ASM award. Leaders, I encourage you to motivate all eligible and capable Scouts to think about applying to work toward the Australian Scout Medallion.

I look forward to seeing you at the Jamborette on the June long weekend.

**Robin Garrett - RC Scouts**

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## 20<sup>TH</sup> NEW ZEALAND JAMBOREE

### Fielding - North Island

**28th December 2013  
to  
5th January 2014**

Applications are now open to become part of the Australian Contingent for the 20<sup>th</sup> NZ Scout Jamboree.

This is your opportunity to join this exciting trip to one of the most beautiful countries in the world and it is just next door!

The NZ Jamborees are known for being 'JAM' packed with fun and excitement and have an extensive activity program with adventures never seen before at any other Australian Jamboree.

#### **So what are you waiting for?**

Apply now and get ready to have the adventure of a lifetime.

**Applications close on 31st May 2013.**

For more information visit:

<http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=25917225>

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## VENTURER REPORT

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It was great to see so many Venturers out in the community attending local Anzac services throughout the Region last month.

It's hard to believe that we are already in Term Two, however several closing dates are fast approaching:

- \* Region Jamborette - 10th May
- \* 5th NSW Cuboree - 31st May
- \* State Venturer Environment Camp - 6th June
- \* Remote First Aid Course - 14th June

Please help us by getting applications in early.... and don't forget that (except for the Jamborette) forms can be submitted at the Region Venturer Scout Council at 1st North Mt Druitt Scout Hall on Monday 20th May 2013 to save you a trip to Bundilla.

Finally, applications for **Waratah 2013, The Amazing Race**, open this month. All forms are due by 11th October 2013. This event is set to be a great weekend, so start planning early and get your applications submitted as soon as possible. Visit the Waratah website for all of the latest details.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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## TRAINING REPORT

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Each year the Greater Western Sydney Region training team interview about one hundred new leaders.

In 2013 we have interviewed about 70 new leaders so we are continuing the trend. This is the positive news.

The downside of the story is that of the one hundred leaders interviewed last year only twenty nine completed their training and received their Certificate of Adult Leadership.

There are a number of reasons and I'm sure I have heard them all - but if we are to provide exciting programs and adequate supervision for our youth members we need to make an effort to help the training leaders get through the system. All Leaders should be encouraging the new Leaders in their Group and in their District.

Last year we did not have as many Leaders do advanced courses, mainly due to the change over to e-learning. We are now able to offer advanced training to experienced Leaders and I look forward to seeing those who take up the challenge.

With the change in training methods, Joey Scout and Cub Scout Leaders who trained under the old system have to do a catch up course to enable them to access advanced training. The catch up component is the outdoor and overnight component of training.

GWSR is offering this course for interested Joey Scout and Cub Scout Leaders on Sunday 21st July at Bundilla Scout Camp. For those who wish to do the course please fill in the A1 from the greaterwestscouts website calendar. As more people do these courses and move on to other roles in Scouting, there are fewer Leaders needing the catch up courses so I do not anticipate running another course after this one.

**Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D**

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



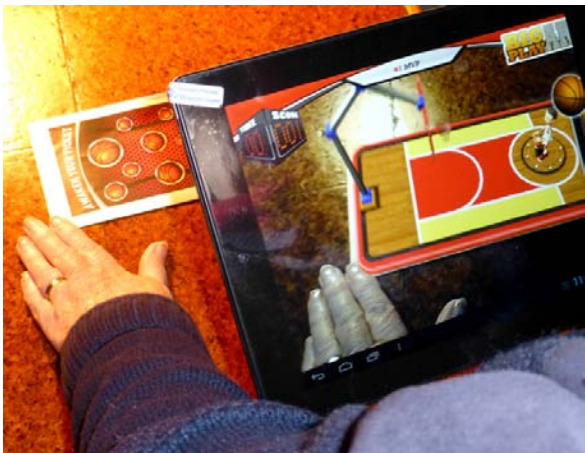
Scouts participated in many Anzac Day services across the GWSR  
*Lest We Forget*

## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Augmented Reality

Here is an example of AR. It is a free App that locks an image of a 'ticket' to a simple animated game. You can see the hand on the printed image and the photo of the hand on the edge of the game. You can move the printed image and the animation will follow and lock to it. Furthermore you can change the point of view of the tablet e.g. behind the player or behind the basket ball hoop, by moving the elevation or direction of the tablet while keeping the ticket in view of the camera.

The computing power involved in processing the camera image (pattern recognition) in real time, and locking that to continuous animation from different points of view, is amazing. This is so much better to see than explain. I hope I am not boring you with what I find interesting!

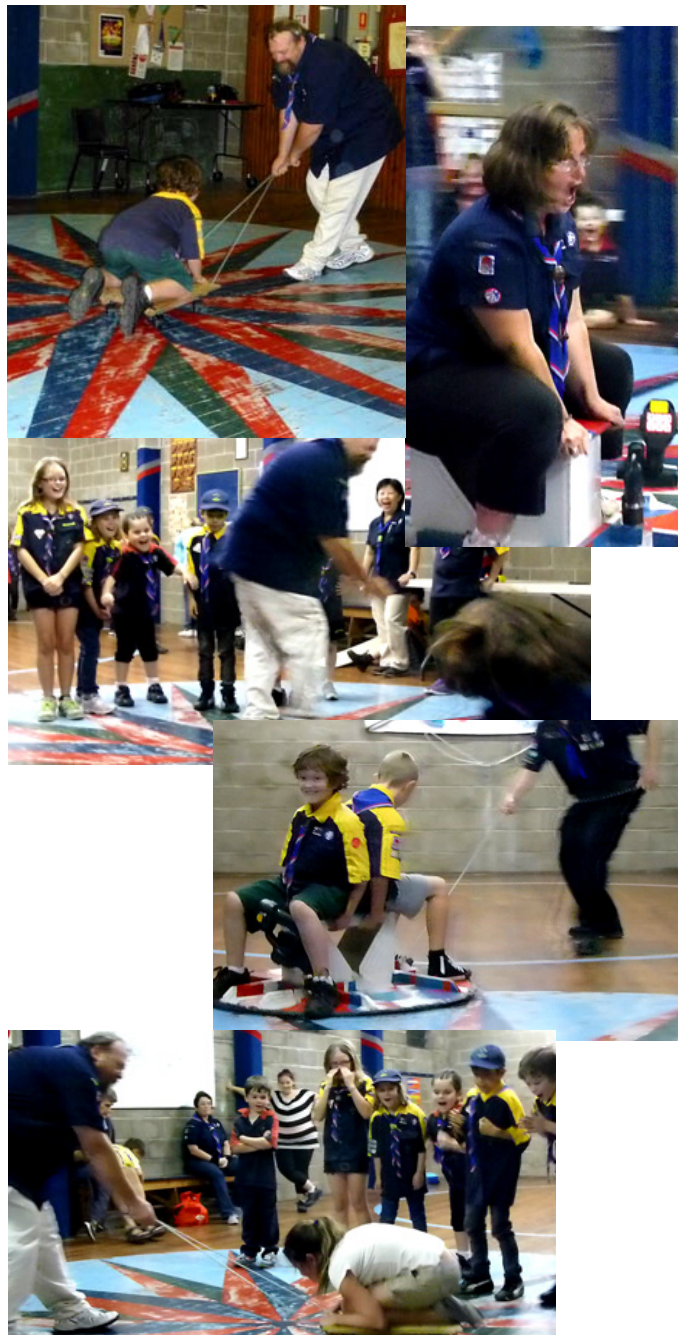


### Recent nights

The beginning of April saw us at Carlingford Joeys and Cubs for a Water Rocket night. The light drizzle did not discourage the Joeys as they alternated between an inside activity and launching rockets. They were followed by Cubs, who had better luck with only damp grass.



Lillian's last night took us back to her original Group, Quakers Hill/Doonside, where we put on a Hover night for the Joeys and Cubs. There were a few tumbles on the swinging trolley ride, including Akela who ended up spread eagle on the floor, much to the amusement of the Cubs. It took a young girl Scout to demonstrate how to keep your centre of gravity low and survive the ride. The hover disk was of course popular, and most resisted the impulse to be thrown off as Karl accelerated them, then abruptly stopped or spun the disk.



### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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# APPOINTMENTS LIST

## 9/4/2013 — 6/5/2013

### APPOINTMENTS

<b>DISALVIA</b> , Lesley Anne	Appt TL (C)	1st Greystanes Cub Pack
<b>PAGE</b> , Taylor Mackenzie	Appt TL (C)	2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack <i>Rumbriah</i>
<b>LAURENDET</b> , James Anthony	Appt TL (C)	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
<b>MCAULAY</b> , Melissa Stafford	Appt TL (C)	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
<b>JEFFREE</b> , Hollie May	Appt TL (V)	1st Glossodia Venturer Unit

### TRANSFERS

<b>CORDELL</b> , Wallace	From ASL To SL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
<b>HODGE</b> , Helen Louise	From ACSL To CSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i> 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
<b>LUTZ</b> , Ian Barry	From ACSL To CSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i> 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>
<b>MACARTHUR</b> , Anthony	From Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Joey Mob
<b>MCLELLAN</b> , Alexandra	From CSL To ACSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i> 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
<b>NICHOLLS</b> , Lisa Margaret	From CSL To CSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>PRINGLE</b> , Rodney	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
<b>ROCHE</b> , David Allan	From SL To ASL	1st Glossodia Scout Troop 1st Glossodia Scout Troop
<b>RUDD</b> , Gary William	From RA (Not Rsp) To RA (Rsp)	1st North Mt Druitt Rover Crew 1st North Mt Druitt Rover Crew
<b>COOK</b> , Carol-Anne	From Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob 1st Carlingford Joey Mob
<b>STEPHENS</b> , Zoe Ann	From Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob 1st Carlingford Joey Mob

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>CASLEY</b> , Christine Anne	DCSL	Penrith City District 31/03/2013
<b>MCPHERSON</b> , Robert Allan	GL	1st Grose Vale Scout Group
<b>NICHOLLS</b> , Ian Richard	VSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit 01/02/2013
<b>SHAW</b> , John Edward	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
<b>DAVIES</b> , Nigel John	ASL	2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop 14/03/2013
<b>MCKENZIE</b> , Scott Andrew	AL (G)	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

<b>FINCH</b> , Kelly Anne	Trainee Ldr (R)	Nepean Rover Crew
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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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**ANZAC Day** is a great reminder to what we now have, and what we now enjoy. If it wasn't for the sacrifices of both men and women in two World Wars, conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, and in more recent times, Afghanistan, just how different could life be for us now. On ANZAC Day there is nothing better than shaking a Digger's hand, and saying **"thank you!"**

Closer to home I recently had the opportunity to take about dozen non Scouting dads from my local church, along with their kids, on an overnight camp. We set up tents; we went for a night hike; we cooked damper on an open fire, while watching a brilliant full moon drift across a clear night sky. With a number in the group having never camped before, they were absolutely enthralled with the experience. No big deal for us regular campers, but certainly a reminder of how lucky we are to have the experiences which Scouting can provide.....experiences we so often take for granted!

Talking about camping, preparations are well underway for the Region Jamborette at Bents Basin. Along with some great activities being organised by the troops, the activities team will be in full swing with canoeing, and hopefully sailing, along with the climbing wall, and the ever popular Flying Fox. Don't forget to go and visit John Leahy and the Science Team, up in the Education Centre. Sunday will be a huge day with many budding young Cubs coming along for Cub Day. This is when our younger members can get a real first hand taste of what they can look forward to in Scouts.

It was with sadness I heard that Lillian Ewe was stepping down from Science Team. Lillian has been on the team for two and a half years, and has been a great support to John. We thank Lillian for her efforts, and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Have you got your Gang Show tickets yet? With 130+ youth into their final stages of rehearsal for the 2013 season at Parramatta Riverside Theatre - It would be great to see you come along and be amazed at what our Scouts and Guides can do. As I have said before, the adrenalin rush on opening night would be equal to the adrenalin rush of doing your first abseil! It is a great night or afternoon out for the whole family. What about getting your Patrol together and organize it as a Patrol activity. Tickets can be booked through [tickets@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:tickets@gangshow.asn.au)



Wee Jasper became a hive of activity again with our caving team back there in action with over 50 participants at our latest caving weekend. Judging by the photo, I am not sure who has more fun, the youth members or the Leaders!



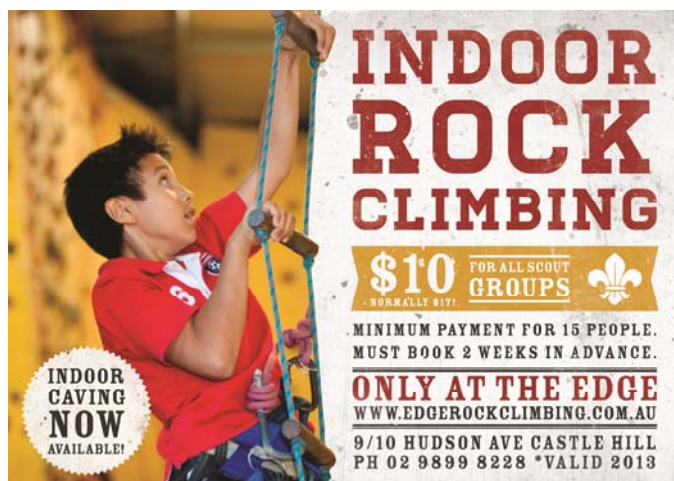
Photo: Tallia Joel

I have a few busy weekends coming up with the State Hike down in the Southern Highlands, followed by a couple of Climbing Wall activities with the Riverstone Festival and the Arndell Anglican School Fun Day. We are also running the Flying Fox at the Joey Fun Day at Bundilla, which has been tied in with a Flying Fox Course run by Robin (Batman) Garrett.

Even in the cooler weather, it always seems to be busy on the activities front! Let's remind ourselves of the great fun we do have with our adventures, and as always, be activity safe in the way we do it!

### Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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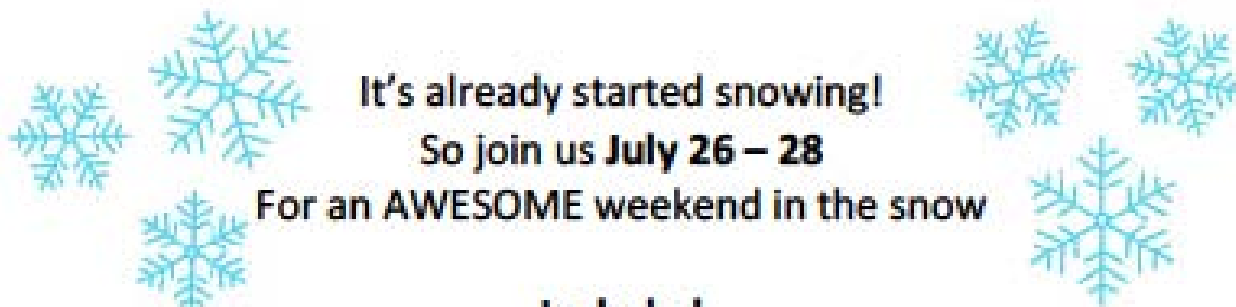
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# INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SHOWCASE

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013  
9:00am to 1:00pm**

**Baden Powell Scout Centre  
Pomona Street Pennant Hills**

- Find out more about our Student Exchange Program?
- Learn about opportunities for our youth members to become Ambassadors for Scouting across the world?
- Discover what the International Explorer Award is?

**You are invited to come along and enjoy a number of presentations by previously successful Ambassadors.**

These very talented young people have travelled to countries such as the UK, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, USA and Peru.

They will give us a talk on the people they have met, the friendships they have made and what they have experienced during their trips abroad.

**All ages welcome.**

**Scouting members please wear full uniform.**

# SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE 2013

The annual **Special Needs Conference** is on  
**Saturday 27th July** (from 9.00am) - **Sunday 28th July** (to 2.30pm)  
at the **Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills.**

For long-distance travellers, it is possible to stay overnight on Friday 26th July

This Conference is open to ALL adult Scouting and Guiding members. It will provide information and resources, and help develop skills to assist in delivering Scouting and Guiding to those with Special Needs (physical, intellectual, sensory disabilities, medical, developmental or behavioural issues, etc.).

**Share in some great activities, fellowship, food and fun! Cost: \$120.**

Please apply on the standard training course application form (L1) available at the Scouts NSW website [www.nsw.scouts.com.au](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au) – see Forms at Resources and Policies under Leaders or I can send on request.

Basic details are in the Adult Training & Development Calendar, p. 17 at this website - see Leader Training under Leaders.

**Mark Burfield - State Commissioner Special Needs**

**Email: [markburfield@gmail.com](mailto:markburfield@gmail.com)**

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## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2013

**'Playing Together and Living in Harmony'**

**Sunday 18th August**

**Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour**

You are most welcome to help out with the Children's Festival 2013 in Tumbalong Park by:

1. Direct assistance
2. Helping to spread the word
3. Encouraging participation in a major parade being planned (possibly from Martin Place to Tumbalong Park). It will be great if Scout Groups could participate in this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries.  
In any case, I will share more information as details are confirmed.

**Mark Burfield - State Commissioner Special Needs**

**Mobile: 0425 236 617**

**Another event for your diary:**

**Annual Agoonoree (special needs Scout camp open to all)  
27th - 30th September 2013 at Glenfield Scout Activity Centre  
Theme: Boot Camp**



## CUBOREE

January 6 to 10, 2014

Cataract Scout Park

We know that many parents have volunteered to cook at Cuboree but as there are only four positions available per pack and these have to be shared out fairly between the Groups in the District, so 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 for 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 [cabordley@gmail.com](mailto:cabordley@gmail.com) or Anne Thompson [anne.dlcs@gmail.com](mailto:anne.dlcs@gmail.com) as soon as possible please.

## APPLICATIONS DUE NOW

### **It is time to :**

- Submit your applications online - fill in all mandatory fields
- Print them out
- Organise a Group cheque for deposits paid
- Make a list of names that the Group cheque is payment for
- Send everything into Region Office so I can sign them and move them onto the Cuboree Office by 31st May 2013.

**Please make certain that all applications have a current membership number and all the signatures required.**

Parent Helpers who do not have membership numbers just need to put in six zeros, to be able to submit their applications online.

So far I have only sighted seven applications - and not one for a Cub Scout!!

If you are experiencing any problems please contact me on 0414 819 884 or email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



# S.W.A.S.H

You are invited to help celebrate the  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Scout Water Activities Sydney Harbour

**29th June 2013**

Buffet Dinner

**Pennant Hills Scout Camp**

Starting time: 6:30pm

RSVP and full payment due by May 31st, 2013

[swashfacebook@gmail.com](mailto:swashfacebook@gmail.com)

**Cost: \$50 / head**

**Dress: Full Uniform or Smart Casual**

- ◆ Alcohol is on a bring your own basis.
- ◆ There will be soft drinks and juices available for purchase on the night.
- ◆ Please contact us should you have any special dietary requirements.
- ◆ Expected conclusion of events is set for 10:00pm and there is overnight accommodation available on site, for a nominal fee.
- ◆ Please see the GWS website for RSVP form and payment details  
(Region > Activities > News)

Scouts Australia, NSW

Riverina Region,  
Cabramurra Scout Hall @ 1488m ASL



## Cabramurra Is Open Again !!!

Come and help us celebrate, use the newly refurbished hall this winter—June to September. Bookings being accepted now — \$50 per person for Friday/ Saturday nights— Minimum required on a weekend is 12 to ensure we cover costs. Mid week by arrangement.

There are a couple of items to complete in the hall but these are expected to be complete by May 2013 and we can then sign off on refurbishments. We know it's been a long time coming but we are all but there—we would appreciate your custom to ensure use for **'the future—our Youth'**.



*"when there is danger before you, don't stop and look at it...go boldly in at it, and it won't be half so bad as it looked "*— Lord Baden-Powell

All Bookings to Adrian van Werven phone  
02 6953 8375 or  
vanwerven@bigpond.com

## 1ST TOONGABBIE VISITS CANBERRA

On Wednesday 24th April, six Scouts, three Cub Scouts, two Leaders and five parents set off on our trip to Canberra for three days. The kids weren't too sure about what we they were going to do in Canberra, but we adults knew just how much we had planned to jam pack into the next three days!

The first day we visited Black Mountain, the Mint and Cockington Green. By the time we arrived at Badimara Scout Hall, we were very grateful to find that we had everything we needed, including a camp fire and wood. Every Cub and Scout helped with the cooking and cleaning up on both nights and they even had showers without any nonsense. They were in bed by 9pm of their own accord!

Day 2 was Anzac Day: We rose at 3:30am to get the bus from Woden. What an experience! Canberra bus drivers don't slow down for roundabouts or corners! The morning was freezing, it was crowded, but the pre-service program of images projected onto the War Memorial walls, and the thoughts read out by the Dignitaries were very moving, the Dawn Service was heartfelt by everyone present. The kids listened to every word and were quiet from the time we found a spot to stand in until we moved off to return to the hall for breakfast. After breakfast we drove back for the Parade and Day Service. We watched the parade assemble and even got to meet Corporal Ben Roberts-Smith VC who offered to have his photo taken with the Cubs and Scouts.

After the service and the loud FA 18's fly-past we returned to the hall for lunch and then later we ventured into the beautiful War Memorial to have a good look around. To relax in the afternoon, we played frisbee golf in a local park. The result was a frisbee that ended up in a few pieces and lots of exhausted kids!

On Day 3 we were up and out of the hall early. Our first stop was a guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport. Next we visited Parliament House - where Ryley was invested into Scouts. We had our own little parade and a few passers by watching too. We then watched all the kids roll down Parliament House hill, closely followed by Nushka and Styx!

After refuelling with some lunch, we explored Questacon - where the *big kid* came out in all of us! We sat in the earthquake house, saw a talking robot and enjoyed eight levels of various fun stuff from science to nature. After Questacon we all headed home, to hopefully share some magical stories with everyone. Can't wait to explore more of Canberra with our troop!

**Angie Gale, Group President**

**1<sup>st</sup> Toongabbie**



## 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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Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

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