



# The Bulletin

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# A full stage musical theatre spectacular

Riverside Theatres, Parramatta

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

May and early June has been a very busy period for our team with a lot of events happening all over the Region.

I attended an Australian Scout Medallion presentation at North Rocks for Cameron Hayes and the hall was full of family, friends and members of the Scouting family. Congratulations to Cameron on achieving this prestigious award and I wish you well in the Venturer section. I understand that there were two more medallion presentations but neither myself or my deputy were advised until after the event was over. We were very disappointed that we could not attend and share this special occasion with the recipients.

What a great activity the Joey Fun Day was held at Bundilla on 19<sup>th</sup> May. It was an absolute delight to see the happy smiling faces of 135 Joey Scouts and their Leaders and parents as they progressed around Bundilla from one experience to another. As always the flying fox and the climbing wall were a great hit but congratulation to all the Leaders who manned the excellent bases.

Thanks to the Leaders and supporters who attended our Annual Report Presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We were joined by one of our patrons Julie Owen MP (Federal Member for Parramatta), Clr Ross Grove (Mayor of Holroyd City Council), Clr Mike Creed (representing Hawkesbury Council Mayor), Clr Scott Lloyd (representing Parramatta Council Mayor) and Clr Dr Shadat Chowdrey (representing Parramatta Council). Thanks to these people for their support. The annual report will be up on the web as soon as the web master has time!

Along with my Deputy David Stopps, I visited the Jamborette for a day and was pleased to see there were around 900 camping and being Cub Scout Day approximately 300 day visitors. The standard of the gateways was particularly high this year. Well done to everyone even the Flying Fox Team who managed to break a water pipe on the Friday afternoon. You all looked to be having fun!

David Stopps and myself were invited to attend the announcement of funding by the Federal Government for the Western Sydney Sport and Community Centre at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club. The proposed complex will include a Scout hall and it is great to be community partners in this development. We look forward to the project being completed and having Scouting up and running in the new complex.

I have had the pleasure this month of writing to Jordan Fenech from 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills on the awarding of his Queen's Scout Award. Well done Jordan and your Leaders and fellow Venturers in the Unit.

It is also a pleasure to announce the appointment of Liz Hayes as District Leader Cub Scouts for the Parramatta District. Thanks for volunteering to take on this role Lizzie.

Also effective immediately Tony Dent will take on the extra responsibility of Acting District Commissioner Blue Mountains and will work with David Stopps during my absence.

A reminder that this year's Awards Presentation will be at Toongabbie Sports Club on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 so put this date in you diaries. The Adult Recognition Awards for 2013 will be announced on World Scout Day 1<sup>st</sup> August.

I am busy packing my caravan and will depart in late June, heading to the West for three months and during my holiday David Stopps will take on the role of Acting RC - but I will have my laptop and mobile phone with me and will be keeping an eye on things from afar!

While I am away I will send a report from time to time on things and places you may be interested in.

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

**Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner**

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Kevin Kingston (Captain of Penrith Panthers)  
Neville Henderson RC, Warren Wilson ( CEO of Penrith  
Panthers) and David Stopps ARC



**Which one of our  
hard working Office  
Girls made it to the  
top at the Arndell  
School fete?**

**Bravo Kim Harris!**

**Photo: Phil Heinrich**

## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

The highlight of the Joey Calendar was this year's Joey Scout Fun Day. We had 133 Joeys, 43 Leaders and 19 Parents celebrating Australian History. Bases included, Bush Rangers, Gold Rush, Life Savers, Settlers Farm, Cooks Landing, Australian Flora, Fauna and Environment. The biggest attraction of the day was the Flying Fox and Climbing Wall. Joeys started with concerned looks on their faces and reached the other end screaming: "That was Awesome!". A special thanks to Mark Fell and his Region Activities Team for making all that happen, we hope to have them back next year. Thank you to all the Leaders and parents that helped run the bases and the lines, the day ran smoothly because everyone stepped up and helped out.

We are now coming to the end of Term 2 so everyone should be organising their Term Plans for Term 3. If you need any help please just ask, with a few minds put together we can have a term program together pretty quickly. It's also a good idea to pre-plan some of those external activities for Term 4.

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

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

**Lacklan Van Der Drift - 1st Greystanes**

**Michael Ong - 1st Carlingford**

**Vanessa Ozols - 1st/2nd Merrylands**

**Nicholas Walton - 1st Greystanes**

**HOP - HOP - HOP**

Photos

David Stopps



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## **CUB SCOUT NOTES**

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Regretfully Palaver had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and a clash of dates with Pack Holidays and Festivals. We will endeavour to run a Palanee on a Friday night sometime later in the year if time permits.

Please don't forget that only an appointed CSL can be in charge of a Pack Holiday and that the Program (wet & dry), Menu and other details must be completed **one month prior to the pack holiday and must be submitted to the RCCS or DLCS** and the **GL** for approval. If this policy is not adhered to, you may well find your Pack Holiday cancelled and any deposit paid for accommodation forfeited.

I have now signed 425 applications and delivered them to Cuboree Office. Thank you to those Leaders who read the instructions and followed them - you made the whole process a little easier. Please continue to promote Cuboree in your Group and send any new applications to Region Office with a Group cheque to pay the deposit or entire amount.

The next and final payment is due at Cuboree Office by 31st August. These cheques go directly to Cuboree Office - not Region Office. Make sure you put a list of all the people the cheque covers with the cheque before posting. **See Page 5 for all the details.**

One of the biggest problems I have encountered over the last month is the **lack of Communication!** Some Leaders have told me that they don't have time to read The Bulletin or visit the GWS website and quite a few are totally unaware of their existence! Everyone - please make sure that your new Leaders are made aware of these resources and encourage all Leaders to use them. Regular attendance at Seeonee would also ensure that all CS Leaders are aware of what is happening within GWSR. I can't believe that there are still some Leaders out there who never attend Seeonee even though it is an essential requirement for a CSL's Appointment - and support for one's District is very important - don't just leave the hard yakka to the same Leaders all the time - it isn't fair (they are busy people also)!

Thank you to all the Districts for organising and running such a wide variety of fun and challenging bases for the Cubs, last Sunday at the **Jamborette**. Our thanks to Robin Garrett and his Leaders and Scouts who allowed us to join in their activities - the Cubs had a marvellous day. Thank you also to all the Leaders and parent helpers who spent the day taking the Cubs around to all the bases, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as the Cubs! I do have a few badges left over and they will be available for sale at Region Office just in case you missed out on one.

It is essential that everyone attending Cuboree (in Pack lines) takes part in **one shakedown camp**, to give them the opportunity to meet the people they will be camping with and ensure they have all the equipment they need. It is also the perfect opportunity for us to make sure that all the adults know their roles and are able to carry them out and work well together. Mark Fell will be visiting us to check the campsites, answer any enquiries and offer suggestions to ensure the best and safest camping experience for all participants.

**Shake Down Camps** are booked at Bundilla for October 19 & 20, November 2 & 3 and November 9 & 10 and each District has been asked to nominate their preferred date through Region Seeonee. Please do not book any other events for these dates until you know which camp you will need to attend.

**Our Region Cub Scout outing is scheduled for Sunday August 25** and we will be repeating the Parramatta Ramble (with a few changes) which was such great fun three years ago. The A1 and further details will be available on the GWS website soon.

Just a reminder that all components of the **Grey Wolf Award** must be completed before the Cub's 11th Birthday. The application form must be submitted to me within two weeks of completion of the award and before the Cub's 11th Birthday (some CSL's are cutting it very fine)!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Hayes who has taken on the role of DLCS for Parramatta District and thank you to all the Leaders who have worked hard to keep the District functioning so well in the absence of a DLCS.

**Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts**

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

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



**Rosanna McCann**

1st Parramatta

**Jack Hodge**

2nd Castle Hill

**1, 2, 3 Woof**



## 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, 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 - as do all of the other activity bases.

### APPLICATIONS DUE NOW

#### It is time to :

- Complete your applications online - fill in all mandatory fields and submit .
- Print out a copy of the application and give to your CSL for signing.
- 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 send them onto the Cuboree Office

### Please make certain that all applications have a current membership number and all the signatures required (including the CSL).

- Any one who submitted a "screen dump" because they could not submit their application, needs to keep logging in. Once you have successfully submitted the application, please print it out and give to your CSL for processing.
- **The final payment by Group cheque is due at Cuboree Office by 31st August 2013.**
- **This is to be sent directly to Cuboree Office with a list attached of all the people the cheque is payment for.** Keep the list simple - Put the name of your Group at the top of the page, then list all the participants, their membership number, their status (Cub Scout, Leader, Parent Helper) and how much you are paying for each person. Put the total amount due and cheque amount at the end of the list, keep a copy for your records and post asap.
- **All cheques are payable to Scouts Australia.**
- **DO NOT SEND YOUR SECOND /FINAL PAYMENT CHEQUES TO REGION OFFICE!**  
**Post directly to Cuboree Office, PO Box 200, Port Kembla NSW 2505**
- Please direct all questions to your DLCS or myself on 0414 819 884 or email:  
[cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au) Thank you for you cooperation.

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## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

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Welcome to winter! This season brings a whole lot of cold weather fun and challenges for Scouts and Leaders. In particular, there seem to be an increasing number Blue and Green Cord hikes and bushwalking activities being planned, as our Scouts try to get in before it gets too cold and too wet.

Scouts who are interested in leading or taking part in a hike should speak with their Scout Leader or they can visit the GWSR bushwalking page at: [www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/activities/bushwalking](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/activities/bushwalking)

Speaking of cold and wet ... it most certainly was NOT that up in Maryborough, for the Australian Jamboree and you will see proof of that in the AJ2013 souvenir DVDs which have started to be mailed out to those Scouts and Leaders who ordered a copy. If you did order a copy and it does not arrive in the next couple of weeks, visit the AJ2013 Facebook page and leave a message.

The Australian Scout Medallion turns 10 this year and GWSR has a number of Scouts all working toward achieving this prestigious award. For those of you who attended the AGM at Bundilla and were outside at 2pm, you may have seen Jye Sloan from 1st/2nd Blacktown burying his time capsule at the base of the flag pole at Bundilla. Jye's ASM project was to fill a time capsule with information, history, articles and pictures of Scouting within GWSR, then bury it for the next 25 years. We wonder how things will have changed by the year 2038, when the time capsule will be dug up?!

The ASM is an exciting and remarkable achievement for any Scout. Please take the time to encourage all Scouts to consider taking on the challenge to complete this award. The next celebration of the ASM achievement will be at Government House on House September 7. Congratulations to everyone who will receive their medallion/certificate of achievement from the Governor General of NSW on that date.

At the time of writing this article the Scout section is getting over a fantastic Jamboree weekend at Bent's Basin. A huge THANK YOU for everyone who attended and everyone who played a part in making the Jamboree a success. The more than 900 Scouts, linking Cub Scouts, Leaders and parents, as well as the visiting 300 Cub Scouts, Cub Scout Leaders and parents, had a great weekend of activities and competition, accompanied by lovely weather up until our closing parade. Why does that always seem to happen?! Oh well, the rain washed off some of the dirt and mud which seems to accumulate on Scouts and Leaders alike.

Keep an eye on the GWSR website and Facebook page for pictures of some of the action. A full wrap up of the Jamboree will be in the July edition of The Bulletin.

A number of our Districts are planning to hold Basic Scout Leadership Courses (BSLC) in the coming months. As well, GWSR will be hosting an Advanced Scout Leadership Course (ASLC) in October. More information can be obtained from your District Scout Leader or by sending an email to [scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au). Leaders, please consider who in your Troop is eligible and would benefit from attending a course this year.

State Scout Rally is fast approaching and will be held at Cataract Scout Park on the weekend of 2nd - 4th August. The theme this year is 'The Future of ...' On-line registrations for State Rally are now open: visit <http://www.patroltent.com/online/> for details including important dates.

I would like to formally announce and welcome Ian 'Kahn' Shield as the new District Scout Leader (DSL) for Hills South District. Ian has moved into this role from being SL at 1st Winston Hills. Thank you to Ian for taking on this role. And thank you to Gavan 'Wombat' Hall for keeping the fires burning in Hills during our search for a new DSL.

Until next time ... safe and happy Scouting!  
**Robin 'Batman' Garrett - RC Scouts**  
Email: [scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

*Congratulations to the following  
Scouts who have recently been  
awarded their ASM or Green Cord*

**Andrew Martin**  
1st North Rocks

**Cameron Hayes**  
1st North Rocks

**David Nelson**  
1st North Rocks

**Callum Firth**  
1st Hawkesbury

**Jack McCulloch**  
1st Hawkesbury



AJ2013



## VENTURER REPORT

Applications are now open to attend **Waratah 2013: The Amazing Race**. Held on the weekend of 8-10 November 2013, this event is open to all Venturers and Scouts aged over 14 years. We are also looking for adults to join us for a great weekend. Participants will visit some amazing destinations across Sydney and complete many exciting activities during the race. The activity will start at The Scout Compass in Circular Quay and combine travel on ferries, trains and buses across the greater Sydney area to replicate the global experience of the TV show. Please visit our website ([www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au)) for the latest details. Registrations close on 11th October.



13 Venturers attended our Initiative Course held in the Blue Mountains last month. We enjoyed some great weather, warmer than usual, making for a very successful course.

The Venturer section organised 12 activity bases for the Jamborette and enjoyed a great weekend promoting the Venturer section to all of the Scouts present at Bent's Basin (full report in next month's Bulletin).

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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*Congratulations to Venturer Scouts*

**KIEREN GRAHAM**

1st Erskine Park

&

**JORDAN FENECH**

1st Winston Hills

*on achieving their  
Queen's Scout Award*

**Bravo!**



## ROVER REPORT

**Introducing our new Executive for 2013-14:**

Chairman - Mitchell Shaw

Vice Chair - Chris Leeder

Secretary - Joshua Overland

Treasurer - Luke Saunders

PR Internet - Angus Boxall

Activities - Nick Drury

VLO - Rob Slater

VLO - Donal Ramsay

VLO - Michael Buskin

Training - Johnathan Morey

We also recommended that Matt Lee be appointed as Assistant Region Commissioner Rovers.

Rovers ran six bases at **Dragon Skin**. We also had many Rovers working on VOC 4 in roles including Sites and Services, Communications, First Aid, Night Activities, Transport and Setting Up and Dismantling of VOC 4.

Thirty Rovers attended the annual **St George's Day** Service in St James Church, Sydney.

Approximately twenty Rovers attended the **ANZAC day** Service in the city. Many Rovers attended their local services.

**Mitchell Shaw**

**Chairman, GWS Rovers**

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*It's St Georges Day  
23rd April*



St James Cathedral  
Sydney

# DRAGON SKIN



Blaxland Rovers VOC4



Westmead Rovers VOC4



Blaxland Rovers VOC4



Merrylands Rovers VOC4



Hawkesbury Rovers VOC4



Kings Langley Rovers VOC4

# Belanglo State Forest

## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### RECENT NIGHTS

Mid May we made Pyro rockets with Ermington Venturers. It was quite a large group as they had invited Scouts from Rydalmere and Parramatta. We managed to make 18 rockets and took them to the local park where about 14 zoomed off as expected. There are sometimes when one or two fail in spectacular or unexpected ways! This time one failed to light and another caught in the launch tube and attempted to take it skyward, unsuccessfully!



The following Sunday was Joey Fun day and I had a two tables with optical exploration pictures, the magnetic painting box, and big yellow crane. I had a couple of PET bottles with floating 'divers' in them and after explaining to a Leader or Parent how it worked, left them with a group of Joeys to discover how to hook and lift paper clips from the bottom of the bottle.



The next day I was due to visit my daughter in Tamworth; but first a science show for Tamworth Scouts. I had met the Scout Leader, John Press, at the annual get together of Amateur Radio operators, and organised the night with him.

About 60 Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were there for a 'multiple going up night'. After the opening I showed the Venturers how the water rockets worked and left them to run that while I joined John at the Chemistry demonstration table. Halfway through the night the groups swapped over, so they all had a sample of the science activity.



### THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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# APPOINTMENTS LIST

## 27/5/2013 — 10/6/2013

### APPOINTMENTS

<b>GRIFFITHS</b> , Colin Troy	Appt TL (J)	1st Greystanes Joey Mob
<b>HEINRICH</b> , Phillip Bruce	DC	Hawkesbury District
<b>CHARLES</b> , Natasha Michele	Appt TL (C)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>SIMS</b> , Michael Ewen	Appt TL (C)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i>
<b>SLOAN</b> , Ayla-Shannyn	Appt TL (C)	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
<b>DAVIS</b> , Paul Jason	Appt TL (V)	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit

### TRANSFERS

<b>CRUMP</b> , Laura Kathleen	From Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
<b>FREEMAN</b> , Leticia Anne	From Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>GREEN</b> , Phillip Barry	From Appt TL (C) To ACSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i> 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
<b>HAMMOND</b> , Jamie Ray	From ACSL To CSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i> 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>AZZOPARDI</b> , Françoise	AL(VS)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit
<b>BOYD</b> , Samuel Andrew	ASL	1st North Mt Druitt Scout Troop
<b>GREEN</b> , Mark Steven	AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>HANSON</b> , Christopher John	AVSL	1st Oakville Venturer Unit
<b>HICKSON</b> , Jemma Teresa	Appt TL (V)	1st North Mt Druitt Venturer Unit
<b>MCMILLAN</b> , David Peter	AL(G)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Group
<b>NEAL</b> , Stephen Robert	ASL	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Gundooi</i>
<b>STEIN</b> , Heather Janet	CSL	1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
<b>EWE</b> , Lillian Kok-Eng	RL (Act)	Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>GASH</b> , Kimberly Grace	Appt TL (J)	1st Springwood Joey Mob

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

<b>MACCORMICK</b> , David Brian	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
<b>SURESHKUMAR</b> , Sivaja	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack

### RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

<b>FOYE</b> , Cameron Adam	AVSL	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit 18/03/2013
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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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What a month of action! It just hasn't stopped and we have certainly had some fun along the way.

We had the climbing wall in action out at the Riverstone Festival which was a great day. Always a great opportunity to promote Scouting with many of the local youth keen to show off their climbing skills. Big thank you to Quentin Napier, who helped out on the day, supported by myself, and the Leaders and parent helpers from 1<sup>st</sup> Riverstone.

The following weekend we ran our first Flying Fox Course in GWS for quite a few years, with six Leaders, including myself, learning the theory and skills in erecting and running a fox. A huge thank you to Robin Garrett, who dusted off his flying fox gear to run the course for us. We tied this all in with the Joey Fun day, where we were able to run the fox for the Joeys. If that wasn't exciting enough we also included the climbing wall for good measure. Thank you to Frank Barr who kindly stepped in to run the wall with the rest of us tied up with the fox.

John Leahy was again in fine form with the Joeys with his amazing scientific antics. An absolute picture perfect day with Bundilla at its best. We are just so lucky to have facilities like this. One Joey Scout summed it all up: **"This is the best day ever!"** .... and that is probably the best thank you, any Leader could ever get!

This same weekend saw our caving team head down to Bungonia to tackle Drum Cave. Certainly a more technical cave requiring a high level of preparation and experience. Reports coming back indicate it was one of the best caving experiences GWS have had. Big thank you to Meredith for her organisation, and technical support by both David (Macca) McKinley and Mick Fry.

The Fun Day at Arndell Anglican School was another one of the perfect weather days with the climbing wall back in action. Both Frank Barr and myself along with the Leaders and helpers from 1<sup>st</sup> Oakville were certainly kept busy throughout the day with over 200 people having a 'climb'.

### Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Email: [activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au)



A Cub Scout tackles the climbing wall.

Photo: Mark Fell



"Hey Mum! Watch me fly"!

Photo: David Stopps

## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Abseil Course:** Venturer course on 6th August (Theory at Bundilla), 10th and 11th August, (practical at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock) and a normal course on 20th, 24th and 25th August.

**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 originally at Dargans Creek – **this course has regrettably been cancelled as we look for another location.**

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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**GWSR Venturer in Yileen Canyon**

## TRAINING REPORT

Leader training in GWSR is progressing steadily. There were over 20 Leaders at the Basic Sectional Techniques weekend at the beginning of June. This means that soon we will have more qualified Leaders looking after our youth members.

The next courses are in July and hopefully we will see even more Leaders complete their training.

As Leaders, do we wonder why we give up valuable family time to do these training weekends? Recently seven GWS Leaders gave up a weekend to train to be members of the **Flying Fox Team**. The Sunday of the course was dedicated to running the flying fox for the Joey Fun day.

The absolute joy on the faces of the 130+ Joey Scouts as they flew down the wire - showed why we give up our weekends - it is to provide new and exciting experiences for our youth members, and I am sure all those Joeys and their parents are very thankful for the Leaders in our Flying Fox Team.

We now need our experienced Leaders to extend their skills by doing advanced training. The advanced training courses are not attracting applications at present. If you are one of the Leaders that have contemplated doing the Wood Badge course - please consider logging on and doing the advanced e-learning and then applying for a course.

**Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D**

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

### **Joey Scout and Cub Scout Basic Sectional Techniques 'catch up' Course**

**21st July 2013 @ Bundilla Scout Camp**

**Joey Scout Leaders 8am - 1pm \$15**

**Morning tea supplied, BYO lunch**

**Cub Scout Leaders 8am - 5pm \$30**

**Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea supplied**

**Uniform to be worn to camp**

**CSL's may need dark pants for outdoor activities such as fire lighting and cooking etc.**

**Closing Date: 14th July 2012**

**To apply: Download L1 form from Scouts NSW website and mark either JS or CS BST Catch Up Course. No course number required.**

**Send application and cheque to GWS Region Office asap.**

## FROM REGION OFFICE

The huge lost property pile from Jamborette has now arrived at the Region Office. Those items that have not been collected by the end of the month will be donated to Vinnies.

### *The following items are labelled!*

Andrew Martin – 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks Scout **hat**  
Ryan Ferns - 1<sup>st</sup> Erskine Park Cub **hat**  
Damon Love – 1<sup>st</sup> Erskine Park Scout **hat**  
Noah Hardy – 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys Cub **Drink bottle**  
Maison Pressler – 1<sup>st</sup> Kellyville Cub “Darzee” **Hat**  
Matthew Duncan – 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys Cub **Hat**  
Stamminger – 1<sup>st</sup> Carlingford **Beanie**  
Lachlan Napier - 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks Scout **Hat**  
Peirce – 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks **Hat**  
Jack Thornton – 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington **Hat**  
Aiden Bath – 1<sup>st</sup> Kellyville **Hat**  
Brooks - ? **Hat**  
Lachlan Napier – 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks **Drink bottle**  
Luke - ? **Holden drink bottle**  
Aemon - ? **Drink bottle**  
Timothy Miller – 2<sup>nd</sup> Orange **Drink bottle**  
Isabella B – 1<sup>st</sup> Carlingford **Drink bottle**

Please note there are still a lot of items that are **not labelled**. Contact the Office if you are missing something or pop down and take a look.

*Kim Harris*

Office Assistant  
Greater Western Sydney Region Office

## INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SHOWCASE

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

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

**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.**

For more information please contact your  
Region International Representative or  
Bob MacDonald on 9484 5446 or 0428 214 601

**ONCE UPON A Time...**  
A TRIVIA NIGHT for children of all ages  
brought to you by 1st Toongabbie Scout Group

Raising funds for Cuboree 2014

Novelty games, prizes, good fun!

At Toongabbie Scout Hall - 99 Bungaree Road

**Family Trivia Night**  
Saturday 31st Aug from 6pm  
Cost: \$5 per person  
BYO Drinks and Nibbles (No alcohol pls)  
All welcome (kids included)  
Bookings please contact Jeanette -  
frostgj@bigpond.com  
or 0409 043 759



# “BACK & BEYOND”

Camp No. 5 – 2013

## GLENROCK SCOUT CAMP



Hunter & Coastal Region

Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013

The camp is open to all members of the Scouting Movement, from any Scout Group, Region or State, but numbers are limited and placements will be booked on receipt of applications only. Applications close Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2013.

## Cubs, Scouts, Venturers

Can you imagine what you could achieve in a week?  
We can, so let us help you achieve your goals.

Cubs Level 1 & Level 2 Badge Work  
Scouts Pioneer, Explorer, Adventurer Badge Work  
Venturing Skills, Venturer Award, Queens Scout

Cub Leadership, Scout Leadership, Scout Activities, Scouts Explorer Level Journey, Venturer Initiative, Leadership, Unit Management, Environment, Certificate II Bush-walking, First Aid and more on offer  
Some courses require minimum numbers and pre-course work to be performed in order to run.  
Most courses will incur extra costs.

If that does not excite you, then perhaps Surfing, Swimming, Canoeing, Bushwalking, Abseiling, Mapping, Lawn Bowls, Wide Games, Screen Printing and Movies plus the **HALLOWEEN** Party Night will.

Costs: Cubs and Scouts:	\$370.00 for the entire week,
Venturers	\$270.00 for the entire week, but please remember most of your courses will cost extra
Rovers, Fellowship, Parents, Leaders	\$220.00 for the entire week

Invoices will be issued upon receipt of application, payments can be made in three instalments. First instalment of \$120.00 due by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, next instalment of \$120.00 due by 31<sup>st</sup> of July with the final instalment due 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013. No application accepted after 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

More Information on specific courses being offered will be available as applications come in and will be regularly updated on the NSW Lones web site. The web site will also have all the information regarding camping requirements, camp location, facilities, contacts and so forth. Applications will only be accepted via the NSW Lones web site.

[www.nswlones.net.au](http://www.nswlones.net.au)



**BLACKTOWN CITY FESTIVAL**  
**MAY 25th 2013**

Photos  
David Stopps

**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

# 1st Ermington Scout Group

Greater Western Sydney Region



## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEN:** 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

**WHERE:** At the Scout Hall, Cnr of Bartlett St and Kissing Point Road, Ermington

**TIME:** 3.30 for 4.00pm start till 8.00pm

Come and join us and help us to celebrate Scouting in Ermington.

There will be a great range of activities scheduled during the day - including a Queen's Scout Presentation, and activities run by our current sections - Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

A BBQ and other refreshments will be served on the day.

*Please confirm your attendance by contacting Julie Bonaccorso - Chairperson*

*1<sup>st</sup> Ermington Scout Group*

*president@ermingtonscouts.asn.au*

*9630 8220 or 0408 630 005*



**Ermington youth members - out and about at Scouting activities.**

[www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au](http://www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au)



## 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)



## 'BOOT CAMP' AGOONOREE

**Friday 27th September to Monday 30 September 2013**

**GLENFIELD SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE**

**off Cambridge Avenue (very close to the Moorebank Avenue turn-off)**

An Agoonoree is a camp open to ALL Scouts and Guides in all Sections, especially Scouts and Guides with special needs (and including of course Leaders, Scout Fellowship members, Rovers and Venturers). Cubs and Junior Guides can attend if accompanied by a Leader; Joeys can attend if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Tent camping is preferred and encouraged, but there is also indoor (bunk) accommodation available. Participants are encouraged to wear 'Boot Camp' theme costume (e.g. army fatigues/camo clothes), especially on Saturday.

There will be a wide range of fun, theme-based activities – crafts, music, campfire, commando course, flying fox, games and movie nights, scavenger hunt, themed dinner, water skirmish, and more! A 'Chatterbox' leader retreat will be operating.

There will be a Visitors' Day on Saturday 28th and also an offsite activities day on Sunday 29th to local attractions. Either or both these days may be the preferred option as one-off activities, e.g. for younger members, also with an option for camping just one night on Saturday between the two days.

**Cost:** \$120 youth participants; \$100 leaders/helpers – pricing for part-timers on application.

A1 Application Forms will be available on-line at the NSW Scouts website from late June, or I can send on request.

**Please direct all enquiries to:**

**Mark Burfield, State Commissioner Special Needs**

**Phone: 0425 236 617**

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

## SCOUT INITIATIVE – LEADER STYLE

**Frank Barr State Adventurous Activities Trainer (Bushwalking)**

This article was originally submitted for inclusion in the now defunct NSW Scouting magazine! GWSR Bulletin readers may be interested in what happened in a remote area within their Region. Like the rest of us they may also learn, so we can deliver better outcomes when events occur beyond our control. It was very much a learning experience for all involved. With medical emergencies, we are always looking for the quickest and best outcome, and sometimes it is not always the easiest. It is also a nice feeling to solve a problem without resorting to outside help.

As well as occurring in GWS Region, the course included two Leaders from GWS. Congratulations go to them and the rest of the participants for the following effort and this is very much their story.....

An incident that occurred on a recent advanced adventurous activities course demonstrated that Scouting initiative is not just something confined to Venturer courses. It can be needed in real life situations as well!

While negotiating steep untracked terrain in Kanangra Boyd Wilderness Area, a participant fell awkwardly and broke her ankle. The situation was immediately assessed and First Aid requirements addressed. The problem then was how to evacuate the patient to a medical facility? The *'dial a chopper'* option was very tempting but, after a few minutes of pooling ideas, it was a group decision to at least attempt to have the remaining six Leaders transport Jenny, several kilometres to a vehicle access area. Tools, rope, a sleeping bag and miscellaneous requirements were produced and a bush stretcher constructed.

The journey took over four hours to complete. Terrain was frequently untracked - with obstacles including steep slopes and rocky outcrops. Meanwhile, a little more initiative and a vehicle had been positioned through locked gates and closer to the exit point. The patient was eventually transferred to the back seat and made comfortable for the journey to Katoomba Hospital. One participant volunteered to drive. The remaining course members resumed the trail and continued to a suitable camp site by dusk. Next day, the original proposed circuit was completed with a few shortcuts. All the required course components were fulfilled!

*This event demonstrates that cool heads and logical thinking can pay dividends, in genuine, as well as mock emergencies!*

*Well done course 679-13-001*



Our casualty, Jenny Thompson (JSL 1<sup>st</sup> Yass),  
being very patient on the bush stretcher, despite a painful left ankle injury!



Some sections of the terrain were steep with difficult obstacles

...while other sections needed separate portage of patient and stretcher!

Photos:  
Frank Barr



The **'Help Other People'** team prepare for Day Two!

*Left to Right:*

**Tristan Flores**

SL 1<sup>st</sup> Blackheath

**Rowan Munchenberg**

ACSL 2<sup>nd</sup> St Ives

**Cliff Robinson**

ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Figtree

**Louis Bhim**

Coogee Rover Crew

**Greg Cahill**

CSL 1<sup>st</sup> Jerrabomberra

**Steve Harvey**

SL 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys



## 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.**

## THE SCOUT SHOP

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### OPENING HOURS

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

Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

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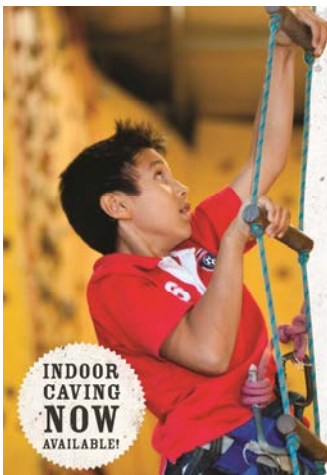
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