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Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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BEST THEMED GATEWAY

**West Pennant Hills
Valley Scout Troop**

For their pirate ship
complete with a
slippery slide entry!

**Winners 2013
Region Jamborette
Gateway Competition**

BEST TRADITIONAL GATEWAY

1st Kings Langley Scout Troop

For their excellent
'suspended gateway'



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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Our Region Commissioner, Neville Henderson and his wife, Joy are now on their trip around Australia. It gives me great pleasure in submitting my first report to you all.

June was a big month with the Jamborette at Bents Basin; I would like to congratulate Robin Garrett (Batman) and his team for a great event. From all the reports I have received it was a great event. I also would like to congratulate Anne Thompson and her team for Cub Day at Jamborette - well done to you all.

Moving into the second part of the year, it will be more exciting than the first half! Some of the events include; Cuboree Shakedown camps, State Rally and Waratah. These are some of the events coming your way. Also keep an eye on the Region calendar for all events and training.

Our Region will be conducting a training day at Bundilla on Saturday September 14 this year for all new Treasurers and Chairpersons of Groups. Group Leaders are also encouraged to attend. It should only be a four hour session which will conclude with a light lunch. We are hoping to fix some of the problems Groups are experiencing with their financial books and how to keep them in order. There will also be time to answer any questions on Group Management.

There is a special event this month at 1st Ermington. They will be holding their 60th Anniversary of the Group on Saturday the 27th July. All members past and present are invited to this auspicious occasion. I also believe there will be a Queen's Scout Presentation on the day.

Yours in Scouting

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REGION OFFICE

We have had a lot of enquiries about the **Annual Fire Safety Statements** that we have requested. State Office have clarified that **every hall must** have an Annual Fire Safety Statement. It doesn't matter if it is a Council hall or a private hall, freehold or leasehold - ALL halls must have one. It is Scouting's responsibility to obtain these regardless of who owns the halls. If we do not have them then we could be subject to large fines!

When you have your fire extinguishers checked, ask the company for the statement. Some companies will issue it automatically and others you need to ask. If you have not had your fire extinguishers checked then you need to do so urgently. Please send us a copy of your hall's statement when you obtain it, or contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties with obtaining a statement.

DOES YOUR HALL MEET THE MINIMUM FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS?

➤ **Smoke alarms** - hard wired



➤ **Emergency doors** - must be out ward opening with Crash bars



➤ **Fire extinguishers** - one of each for paper and electrical fires. Must be checked annually.



➤ **Exit signs** - non illuminated type is the norm (but all councils are different - please check).



➤ **Fire blankets** - wall mounted, quick release, to smother the fire.



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

It's good to see some Term 3 Programs starting to come in. Please keep them coming. Also please be flexible and allow space for the Mob Hop Challenge.

NSW State Konara: Due to issues with the Venue, we have had to move it back to Pennant Hills and unfortunately our friends at Gang Show have already booked our weekend at Pennant Hills so we have had to move it to 26th & 27th April 2014. (Day after ANZAC Day). Please reserve this date in your calendar, this is a State event so we need every Leader to attend. It includes a Training Elective.

2014 Joey Fun Day - 18th May 2014: With Konara moving to April, our Joey Fun Day is back on the agenda. We need to choose a theme so please, please forward your ideas up the line.

2014 Joey Woonona: There has been many rumours floating around. All I can say is, please speak to me about it. I understand there are concerns and I'm happy to talk about them. Parramatta District have voiced their concerns through the District Council and I thank them for their feedback. This is a large event and as such there will be differing ideas and opinions. The Woonona is a Region event - I'm not declaring it as a compulsory event, but I do expect every Joey should be given the opportunity to attend.

Mob Holidays: The NSW O&I requires all Joey Overnight Activities receive RCJS Approval, please ensure that you download the form from the GWS Joeys website and submit it to me.

This does include Group Family Camps that include Joeys. There have been moves to have this changed, but until it has been changed we need to follow the O&I. Please don't treat this a deterrent! Group Family camps are usually a less formal event and as such we don't expect a heavily planned out Joey Program, we mainly need to ensure that the additional needs of Joeys, such as Adult ratios are factored into the planning.

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts
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**1st Ermington
Joey Scout Mob
having fun and
polishing the floors
at the same time!**



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Cuboree applications are still coming in and it is great to see such a good response. 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.

A number of Districts are short of Line Leaders, so please consider volunteering for this very important role. Talk to your Pack Coordinators or DCS Leaders.

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 12 for full details.**

Our Region Cub Scout Outing - Parramatta Ramble will take place on August 25. I do hope that most Groups will take part. Just \$6 covers museum entry and a special limited edition badge. Closing date for registration is August 15 - don't miss out!

Whenever we hold a special Region or State event, the one thing that is constantly made apparent, is the number of youth members who are not registered and yet, have been with the Group for a reasonable period of time. Sometimes it is because a transfer form was not sent to Region Office but more often than not it is because the Y1 was not forwarded on.

The only way of ensuring that your Cub Scouts are registered is to make certain that you view each and every Census that is sent to your GL/LIC four times a year. Check the census carefully against your list of current members, let the GL know of any discrepancies and record the membership numbers against each Cub Scout's name in your **records folder**. This will ensure that all your Cubs Scouts are covered by insurance in the event of an accident and that your Group is not paying for youth members they no longer have.

A signed Y1 should always be obtained as soon as a New Chum attends your Group. Once they decide to join, the parents pay the membership fees and the child is invested, forward the form immediately to Region Office for registration.

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

**Connor O'Brien - 1st/2nd Blacktown
Johnathon Imber - 1st Sth Penrith
Luke Sherwin - 1st Sth Penrith**

1, 2, 3 Woof

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

We've officially entered the second half of the year and are on the uphill run to warmer (and hopefully drier!) weather.

While we're talking about wet weather - please be very thoughtful about the risks associated with hiking and camping in locations which are prone to suffer from water damage and fast rising water levels. Risk assessments are there to help you make the right decisions on behalf of your Troop. Scouts should also be encouraged to consider risk assessment, especially in their Blue and Green Cord hike planning. You can find out more about hiking on the GWSR bushwalking page.

By now everyone would have dried out and packed up following our 36th annual GWSR Jamborette. We were very fortunate to enjoy a crisp, winter weekend right up until Closing Parade. Why does it always do that?! Over the Jamborette weekend Bent's Basin hosted nearly 906 adults and youth from the Scout section, including out-of-Region visitors from 1st Engadine, 1st Waitara, 2nd Orange, 3rd Orange, and a single Lone Scout. The feedback from our visiting Scouts from Orange is that they'll be back next year and might even run a base in 2014. Joining us on the Sunday were nearly 292 adults and youth members from the Cub Scout section.

Over the weekend we ran 29 bases at Jamborette and they were busy from start time on Saturday right through to close of bases on Monday. There were a few favourite bases - as voted by the Scouts - and a big 'thank you' to the Leaders, Rovers and Venturers who put on a great show this year. As well, 'thank you' to the Region Activities team who ran the flying fox and the climbing wall base. Did you know that only one Scout finished every base? A very determined Scout! Also, a hearty effort by the Flying Fox team in starting construction of the Flying Fox on the Friday so as to be sure it was ready on Saturday in time for the bases to open. All this in spite of driving a picket through the water supply!

This year we once again ran the Green Cord construction base for 10 Scouts who gave up spending time on the bases in order to complete the construction element of their Green Cord. A big 'thank you' to Paul Davis from 1st Glossodia and his support team for running a great base for these Scouts. The Scouts did a great job of building their bridge and, to prove their confidence in their design and their construction work, each Scout walked across the bridge without support and with their heads held high. Good job!

The 2013 Gateway Competition was won by two very deserving Troops. Best traditional gateway was won by 1st Kings Langley Troop for their excellent 'suspended gateway'. Best themed gateway was won by West Pennant Hills Valley for their pirate ship, complete with a slippery slide entry. B-R-A-V-O to both Troops for their excellent effort.

On the Sunday evening at Jamborette, Bel 'Boomer' Francis facilitated our Region Scout Youth Council (SYC) with representatives from every District in GWSR. The discussion covered everything from Scout and Leader training and Region and District activities, to wheelchair access to halls, to the facilities at the 2014 Jamborette, to energy drinks on Scout camps. As well, the District SYC representatives voted in the new Region SYC 'office bearers' for the next year.

A big 'well done' to Gabriela Gonzales (Holroyd District) and Nicholas Hibbard (Blue Mountains District) for representing GWSR on the State SYC for the last year. And 'congratulations' to the incoming Region SYC representatives: Chairperson - Gabriela Gonzales (Holroyd District); Vice Chairperson - Cassie Andrews (Parramatta District); Scribe - Nicholas Queree (Blacktown District). These three Scouts will not only remain active in their home District SYC but will be representing GWSR at the State SYC in the Riverina in November this year and in the Hunter and Coastal Region in March 2014.

In regards to the energy drinks item raised in the Region SYC, it was voted unopposed to ban all energy drinks like Mother, Red Bull etc. in Scout camps. As this was a decision made by the Region Scout Youth Council for the whole of the Scout Section in this Region, we are required to make sure this is implemented. This means that all our Scout Section camps be they Patrol, Troop, District or Region, this ruling must apply and we ask all leaders, including Patrol Leaders to honour this decision of the Scouts in upholding it.

For 2014 there will be some changes to how we run Jamborette: we anticipate the registration process to be more automated; the registration deadline will not be extended; each Troop will be provided with only one car park space within the camping area - no exceptions; and Troops will be encouraged to take part in the gateway competition. Start thinking now about the theme for next year's Jamborette. There might even be a prize in the offering for the person who suggests the winning theme.

GWSR Scouts are keeping us busy with the number of Green Cord and Australian Scout Medallion work coming through. Our State Commissioner (Scouts) seems to be visiting GWSR every other week to award our Scouts. Keep up the good work! Congratulations

to those Scouts for their commitment to achieving this award and we look forward to more coming through.

In the next few months we will be holding Basic Scout Leadership Courses in Blacktown District, in Hills District and in Hawkesbury District. This is a great opportunity for newer Scouts to get their first taste of leadership skills in the Scout section. As well, Parramatta and Holroyd Districts are planning District camps.

GWSR will be hosting an Advanced Scout Leadership Course (ASLC) in October. More information will soon be available for interested Scouts. Leaders, please consider who in your Troop is eligible and would benefit from attending a course this year.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE for State Scout Rally to be held at Cataract Scout Park on the weekend of 2 - 4 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.

Until next time ... safe and happy Scouting!

Robin 'Batman' Garrett - RC Scouts

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The strange people you meet at Jamborette!



VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to all of the Venturers and their Leaders for a great weekend at the Region Jamborette! The event was a huge success thanks to your hard work and enthusiasm in running such a wide variety of excellent activities. It was also great to see so much positive interaction with the Scout section with several investitures over the weekend and our Sunday evening activity at the rock climbing wall yielding some great results with many more eligible Scouts getting to meet their local Venturers. **Well done everyone!**

There have been a few changes in different Units around the Region. Most notably, I would like to welcome back 1st Carlingford with eight new Scouts invested into the Unit. We look forward to all of our Units continuing to grow in the next term with many Scouts currently taking the next step into Venturers.

I am very pleased to congratulate nine Venturers on achieving their Queen's Scout Awards in the past month - BRAVO!

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Congratulations to Venturers

RACHEL ANTALA

1st Erskine Park

MITCHELL HODGSON

1st Ermington

TYLER KARA-KINGSTON

MELINDA VARCOE

1st Blaxland

DANIEL SQUIRES

1st Hazelbrook

NICOLA GRUNDY

1st Springwood

ALICE CARNEY

ANTON HARRIS

ANNA SLATER

2nd Baulkham Hills



*on achieving your
Queen's Scout Award*

ROVER REPORT

GWS Rovers kicked off this month with the Kings Langley Annual Formal Regressive McDonalds Dinner (that's a mouthful). The event involves moving between three McDonalds over the course of an evening and having a part of a three course meal at each; in reverse. The evening was a great success, being attended by Rovers from both within and outside the Region, as well as the Venturer section. All in all, there were around 80 participants, and over \$300 raised for Ronald McDonald House.

Next we were off to Jamborette, running both the Gang Show base and a Rover base. This year's Rover base focused around 'Squire Training', inviting the Scouts to try their hand at some activities that tested them to the limit, ending with them having to find the 'key' to Rovers, at the bottom of a bucket full of spaghetti and mud. They then finished by getting 'Squirded', and getting a 'Rover Wristband'. If you were unlucky, and missed out don't worry, there'll be plenty more opportunities to get your hands on one!

Looking forward to this month, there are heaps of Rovers involved in the Cumberland Gang Show. Many of whom have been involved for a number of years and some who are just started. They've all been working really hard over the last couple of months to ensure that it's a great show, and they'd love you to come down, and have a great night out.

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APPOINTMENTS LIST

11/6/2013 – 8/7/2013

APPOINTMENTS

WATTS, Duncan Leslie	DSL	Hawkesbury District
JONES, Phillip Frederick	Appt TL (C)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
POLIS, Jonathan Mark	Appt TL (S)	1st Kellyville Scout Troop
DAWSON, Donna Alison	Appt TL (J)	1st Parramatta Joey Mob
SAUER, Rick James	Appt TL (J)	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
CALAFATE, Anthony Cosme	Appt TL (C)	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>
HONG, Jean	Appt TL (C)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
WILSON, Laurence John	Appt TL (C)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
BOXALL, Angus Gregory	Appt TL (J)	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob

TRANSFERS

BONITZ, Tara Janine	From Appt TL(C) To ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i> 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>
BUERCKNER, Scott Lindsay	From AL (G) To ACSL	1st Whalan Scout Group 1st Whalan Cub Pack
JEFFS, Maree	From SL To CSL	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee-Na-Pah</i> 1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
OZOLS, Helen Maree	From Group Adviser To JSL	1st Parramatta Scout Group 1st Parramatta Joey Mob
SELWOOD, Shane David	From Appt TL (G) To GL	1st Winston Hills Scout Group 1st Winston Hills Scout Group
BOSNICH, Vanessa Louise	From Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
GROSS, Benjamin James	From ACSL To SL	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack 1st Rydalmere Scout Troop
KNOX, Sandra Lee	From Appt TL (V) To AVSL	1st Ermington Venturer Unit 1st Ermington Venturer Unit

RESIGNED OR DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

HYATT, Roger David	DC	Penrith City District 15/03/2010
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REGISTRATIONS

1st Parramatta Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

CIMINO, Rosaria	JSL	1st St Marys Joey Mob
SHEEHAN, Daniel	ASL	1st North Rocks Scout Troop
LEGG, Pauline	AJSL	1st North Mt Druitt Joey Mob
SIMMONS, David James	VSL	1st South Penrith Venturer Unit <i>Nepean</i>

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

DICKINSON, Leanne	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Cambridge Park Cub Pack <i>Koala</i>
LANSLEY, Bennett James	Trainee Ldr (R)	Nepean Rover Crew

DE-REGISTRATIONS

1st South Penrith Venturer Unit *Nepean*

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Jamborette Science Bases

We provided five themes to give the Scouts a choice. They had to do 3 of the 5 to complete the base. There were only the two of us, so we could only handle two groups at a time.

Robots: Karl had programmed a *Lego Mindstorm* rover to stay within a black lined area. He had also built a *humanoid robot* with servo motors. It hadn't got to the stage of learning to stand-up, but the scouts were able to move its hands and head from the keyboard, as it reclined on the table.

The last demonstration was an accurate *teaching robot arm*, which Karl had programmed to repeat a sequence of operations involving picking up a wooden block and eventually returning it to the original starting position on the table. We also had a table of simple remotely controlled robots for the cubs.

Music Synthesisers:

I showed a series of electronic musical instruments which demonstrated the evolution of synthesisers. A

1974 *ARP2600* (lent to me by a friend) involving patch cords, a hand capacitance operated *Theremin*, a *Roland SH2000* single note with preset instrument effects and to complete the loop a *digital simulation* of the *ARP2600*, where the patch cords never break, the pots are never noisy, and the oscillators are always in tune.



QR Codes and AR:

(Alternatively called 'exciting uses for your mobile phone or tablet') The scouts had to find information about QR & AR from articles on the table, then answer 3 out of 10 questions about the technology. The questions were in QR code, so they had to scan and decode that, to discover the question. When they had answered the questions, they could play a game of basketball on the *Augmented Reality* application.



Fuel Cell: I had mounted a fuel cell in a folder box with a fan and light bulb for a load. The scouts could use a 3 volt battery to split water into Hydrogen and Oxygen, then recombine them in the fuel cell, producing water and power to turn the motor or light the bulb.



Portable Radios: Karl explained the features of a dozen different handheld radios, including the orange 'Spot' GPS/tracker, the latest EPERB.

Week Nights

Our last Measure night was with Roselea Joeys and Cubs. One of their Leaders showed the Joeys the marble timer and a Cub Leader helped out on the Length base. Sometimes creative building is more interesting than how much they all weigh!



Group Visits Coming Up

29 July	1 st Castle Hill Cubs	Light
5 Aug	2 nd Baulkham Hills Cubs	Light
13 Aug	1st Dural Joeys then Cubs	Heart
13 Sept	1st Oakville Scouts	Light
18 Sept	1 st Parramatta Joeys then Cubs	Light

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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SPOT IS HERE!

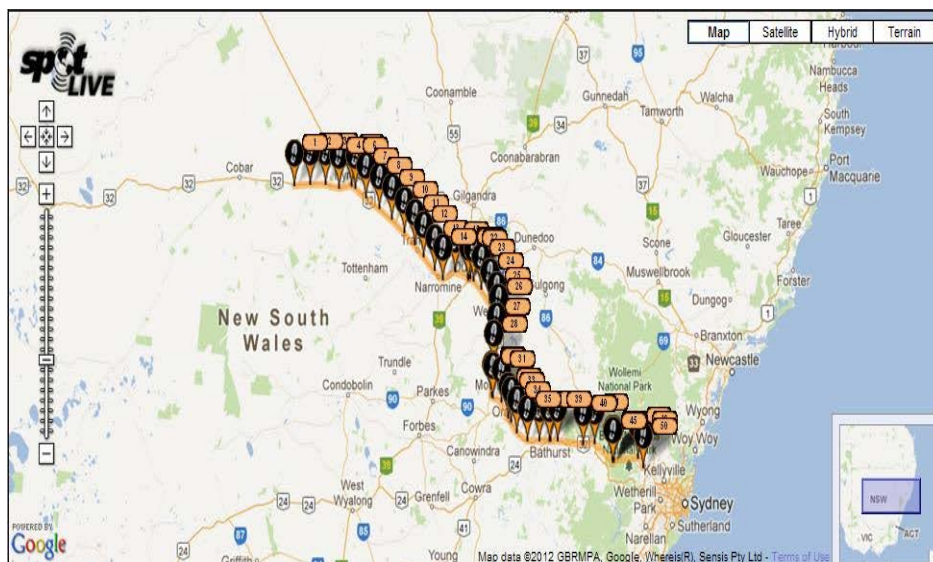
Recently I have been talking with a number of Leaders at events about Scouting (as I am sure we all do) and I have had it mentioned to me that some groups are having difficulty getting parents to allow kids on overnight hikes due to the fact that the parents do not know where the kids are at any one time. I think it is a bit of a sad reflection on the state of the world but it is the world we live in, so why am I saying this?

Well about a year ago I found a device called a **Spot**. For the people who do not know, a Spot is a Satellite tracking and one way communications device that runs on 3 AAA batteries. It can send text messages to nominated 'phone numbers and can be tracked on a website. Also the person carrying it can say they are ok or if necessary send for help. Sounds good doesn't it?

The only problem is the cost of the equipment and the ongoing costs involved with the units. At the time I found out about them, I thought this would be good for Scouts, but I did not know if Scouts would use them, and with the state of most groups' finances it was an indulgence that they could not afford in most cases. I obtained one unit for personal use and have been testing it out for about a year, with no big problems detected so far. I have even rented this unit to a Rover friend of mine for a three week trip across the middle of Australia using 4WD's. The feedback I got was great, it became a bit addictive seeing where they were each hour. After this, and talking to some Leaders and DC's recently, I have decided that it would be a worthwhile exercise for GWS Radio Science and Technology to obtain a few of the units and rent them to groups so the cost can be minimised. I have been thinking of doing this for a while and I think now is the time to start this program.

So I would like to announce that we will be rolling out a small number of Spot's for rental in partnership with my company Event Technical Support (ETS). The first unit is ready to go now with a second unit to follow in late June 2013. More may be available depending on demand. At this time I expect the rental to be \$40 +GST per event/Walk. Also we have a number of **Hand held Garman GPS units** that can be rented for about \$30 +GST per unit / per event or Walk. More types of technical equipment may be added as demand dictates. There are also plans in the works for PLB's, CB radios and Satellite phones to be added to the list of equipment in the near future

If you would like to know more please email me at: ets0@bigpond.com or call me on 0477 428 071
Karl Humphreys (Buzz) Activity Leader GWSR Scouts, Radio Science & Technology
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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Where is this year going? Time flies when you are having fun!

No doubt the big event for this month, and certainly one of the major Region activities for the 2013, was our Annual Jamborette at Bents Basin.

And what a weekend it was!

While most people didn't arrive until Friday evening, the Fox Team, led by Quentin Napier, were up early Friday morning to start the set up. I gave them a simple goal; *"Have the fox ready to roll as soon as the activities start on Saturday afternoon!"* And they did it! Well done to the team! ...even if we did have a slight relationship problem between a star picket and a water pipe!



Photo: Mark Fell

A big thank you to Nathan Duffy and his team from Springwood who ran the climbing wall. The "harness up once" concept worked well, although a few more harnesses would have been good. Along with the climbing wall Springwood also ran a climbing ladder, a prussic rope climb and just to ensure no one got too bored, they threw in a caving activity for good measure.!



Photo: Mark Fell

The dam, which was running at High Tide all weekend, was also a huge hit with all our budding young, and not so young canoeists.

Big thank you to Keith Travers and Neal Sullivan who were kept very busy all weekend. Unfortunately there was not enough wind to get any of the sail boats into action.

The education centre saw John Leahey and Karl Humphries up to their usual tricks with the wonders in science and radios to keep many a youth (and leaders) spell bound with scientific wonders.

I must also pass on my sincere thanks to the Venturers who helped out, particularly with the fox and the canoe base. A great effort by all of you. Can I also congratulate the cubs on their willingness and eagerness to have a go with many of the bases. Certainly made Cub Day a big day!

Despite what some youth may think, the Activity Leaders do need to stop and eat as well. Can I pass on a huge thank you to ½ Merrylands who fed both the Activities and Region Teams. To all those "newbies" who complained about it being so cold, this was probably the warmest Jamborette we have ever had. It is just a pity it rained on Monday at pack up, meaning for the next week or so there would have been about 300 odd tents strung up in halls, sheds, garages around the Region trying to dry out.!

Spent a nearly as enjoyable weekend at the State Activities Council meeting at Pennant Hills. Always good to catch up with my fellow counterparts from around the State, to compare notes and share ideas. Next two weeks I am off to Gang Show for the 2013 season at Parramatta Riverside.

In the meantime let's continue in our adventurous fun, and don't forget, be activity safe!

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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TRAINING REPORT

As the system has changed, we no longer need sign off nights and as no-one is coming to them I will no longer have a sign off night on the fourth Thursday unless I am asked for one specifically.

There are about 50 Leaders who need their in service "signed off" to complete their qualifications for Leaders. These in service sheets should be handed to your PLA or sent into the Region office NOW! You will not receive your coloured epaulette badges to show you are a Leader until you do.

We are now concentrating on getting the experienced Leaders to extend their learning and do advanced courses. This will lead to a Wood Badge.

For those that have had their CoAL for twelve months, it is an opportunity to refresh and extend your learning and networking opportunities. Please look at the training calendar on the NSW Scouts website and consider doing a course.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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'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:

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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 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
- **NO SCANS, FAXES, OR PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED - ORIGINALS ONLY PLEASE**

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:

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

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1ST GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 31st August 2013

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Greystanes Public School (School Hall)

781 Merrylands Road, Greystanes

Cost: \$10 per head, tables of 8

BYO Alcohol & Nibbles

Tea & Coffee Supplied

FANTASTIC FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA, GAMES RAFFLES, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

- ♦ Bring plenty of gold coins for the games during the night
- ♦ Theme your table for bonus points
- ♦ All proceeds go directly towards fundraising for all the youth members of 1st Greystanes Scout Group
- ♦ Book a table early
- ♦ If you don't have a table of eight, just book for yourself or friends, tables will be made up on the evening.
- ♦ Sorry, no children

For further information or to make a booking contact:

Mark Dring on 0401 701 258



“BACK & BEYOND”

Camp No. 5 – 2013

GLENROCK SCOUT CAMP



Hunter & Coastal Region

Saturday the 21st to Saturday 28th 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 21st 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 30th of June, next instalment of \$120.00 due by 31st of July with the final instalment due 30th of August, 2013. No application accepted after 21st 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

'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 is still a bit of time to get organised and make sure SiAW is in your 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 year's 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 available on the website - 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



SCOUT MUSEUM

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

Then why not try the 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.**

1st South Penrith *Ye Nah Pa* Troop did some Community Service with **Christ Mission Possible Community Food Program** at Kingswood Station Carpark - serving food to the local homeless people.



Christ Mission Possible Australia

Telephone: 4704 8809

Email: volunteers@christmissionpossible.com.au



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH 1ST NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

10am 13th January to 3pm 25th January 2014

CATARACT SCOUT PARK

For all active Venturers, Rovers and Leaders who have been hogging the flying fox activities at the Jamboree and dream about abseiling, rock climbing, bushwalking and canoeing - now you can do what you love and take on a career where you can actually get paid for it!

This exciting twelve day camp will cover activity streams like bushwalking, abseiling, canyoning, caving, canoeing, kayaking, sailing with some possible options; or a more concentrated stream involving just one or two activities. This will allow you to not only do what you love, but get nationally recognised qualifications for it! This is an exciting time for Scouting, with it leading the way in the outdoors while complying with current industry requirements. Gain nationally accredited qualifications in Outdoor Recreation - Certificate II, III, or IV in Outdoor Recreation, depending on your current skill and previous history. This also has the potential for future employment in the outdoor industry. This initiative, developed by Reg Williams, Chief Commissioner of Australia, aims to increase the number of adventurous activity guides and instructors nationally and to provide career pathways for Venturers and Rovers.

Cost: \$1,150 (includes food, use of activity gear and equipment, local transport to and from activity venues) plus cost of your own transport to and from the school.

For further details on this School please contact: your Branch Activity Leader responsible for adventurous activities or adventurous.activities@nsw.scouts.com.au

1st National School in Adventurous Activities

C/- South Metropolitan Scouts (Sue Morris)

1 Carrington Avenue

Hurstville 2220 Tel: 9570 4525 Fax: 9580 6286 or

David Walsh on 0411 501 400

TRY SAILING

1ST SEPTEMBER 2013

(As this is Father's Day, the instructors are willing to run the course on the 8th September, if that suits everyone better).

Try Sailing is a new initiative - a one day Sail Day and Course to be conducted on Lake Chipping Norton from 9am to 3pm

Cost : \$20 pp

This course is open to all uniformed members from Cub Scouts through to Leaders as well as any interested Parents.

Closing Date: 23rd August 2013

This would be a perfect opportunity for those people holding expired qualifications to renew them.

Excellent instructors will be on hand to assist on the course.

We have 6 boats on trailers, which will need experienced people to tow to and from the course.

SAIL PROGRAMME COURSE

23RD SEPTEMBER TO 27TH SEPTEMBER

9am to 3pm every day

Cost: \$20 per day

Closing Date: 6th September 2013



For further information on either course

please contact Keith Travers

Email: kctrav@internode.on.net or phone: 9632 3341

A1's will be available on GWS website soon.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

1st Ermington Scout Group

Greater Western Sydney Region



60th ANNIVERSARY

WHEN: 27th 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
1st Ermington Scout Group
president@ermingtonscouts.asn.au
9630 8220 or 0408 630 005*



Joeys



Cubs



Scouts



Venturers

Ermington youth members - out and about at Scouting activities.

www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au

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