



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

Issue 412 - August 2013



Scout International Friendship Team (SIFT)

Invitation to all Leaders

INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE

BADEN-POWELL SCOUT CAMP

Pomona Street

Pennant Hills

21ST SEPTEMBER 2013

commencing at 9.00am in Lyon Barton Hall

Following the success of our previous Elective, the SIFT team will be conducting another Elective morning to encourage all Scouts to add an international flavour to their Programming. There will be a new set of Programmes, covering all youth sections, available to all who attend.

Course costs just \$26.00 which includes a light lunch.

Closing date is 2nd September 2013

Don't miss out - get your applications in now!

Please complete an L1 Course application, marking it 'International Elective' and send it to State Office.

Come along in uniform and have some fun while picking up new ideas to assist with your Programming.

Enquiries may be directed to Carol Cope on 9639 3035 or

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I am sitting in my caravan in Karatha, Western Australia and have received a list of the 71 recipients of Adult Recognition Awards for 2013. Congratulations to all those who received an award recognising your contribution to Scouting.

I look forward to seeing you all on 7th November at the presentation dinner at Toongabbie Sports Club.

Whilst driving into Karatha I noticed that 3rd Karatha Scout Group was doing a cleanup along the Coast Highway and had a large number of garbage bags ready for collection. Great to see that Groups are still into service projects!

Having a great holiday and not missing the Sydney weather at all. Today was 28 degrees and fine!

Until next time....carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson RC

SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION

for all

**Group Leaders
Group Treasurers
Group Chairpersons**

**14th September 2013
9am – 1pm**

Rotary Hut
Bundilla Scout Camp

Light lunch will be provided

**RSVP to Region Office
by 1st September 2013**

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

FROM THE DEPUTY RC

I would like start my report by congratulating all the Awardees of the 2013 Adult Recognition Awards. A big BRAVO -O - O to everyone.

Our awards dinner this year will be held on the 7th November but the venue has changed from previous years. This year it will be held at Toongabbie Sports Club.

This month I had the pleasure in attending 1st Ermington's 60th Anniversary celebration. It was a fantastic afternoon. The sun was out on the day and lots of past and present members were in attendance. The day was topped off with the Queen's Scout Presentation of Mitchell Hodgson. Mitchell was 1st Ermington's first ever Queen's Scout so again Bravo to both Mitchell and 1st Ermington!!

There has been a lot of debate during the last month on the requirements for Group and Family camps for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts; please take note of the relevant Region Commissioners when it comes to these requirements. The rules are there to protect everyone. Do not break them.

Membership Cards are rolling out again, your Group Leader will be handing them out very soon - so make sure you receive yours.

It has come to my attention that some Groups have been forgetting to forward the Y1 forms to Region Office in a timely manner. This has been exemplified because of Cuboree. I would like to share one example with you: A parent trying to register their son to go to Cuboree, rang the Region Office to obtain his membership number - she was told sorry, but we do not have anyone by that name. The parent then says: "Well my son has been a member for 8 months!" The forms have since been located in a bag in some ones car!!

This practice is not at all acceptable. You have two weeks to send the forms into Region Office after the child's investiture - NOT two months!!

In conclusion I would like to say, I am really looking forward to seeing as many Awardees and their families and supporters at the dinner in November, as possible. Once again congratulations to every one.

David Stopps Deputy RC

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PLEASE NOTE

**Closing Date for The Bulletin
is the last day of the month
preceding publication.**

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

I hope everyone is doing their Mob Hop Challenges. There are a couple that haven't received their contacts yet - I'm chasing those up. If you have any questions, please contact me.

McHappy Day is slowly approaching us (Sat 10th Nov) so we should be including it in our Planning for Term 4. Therefore we should be making sure we are all familiar with the rules regarding children under 8 doing charity fund raising. Youth's under the age of 8 may get involved in the McHappy Day activities, but they should not be carrying around a fund raising bucket. For more information check out Clause 2.10 of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Policy in the NSW O & I.

A special HOP HOP HOP for the following Joey Leaders: Leonie Plummer, Pauline Legg, Josie Botto, Anthony Brooks, Dean Maddock, Alasdair McLean and Linda Vella. These awards are not given lightly and the dedication of these Leaders should never be understated. Please make an effort to attend the Awards ceremony this year and congratulate these people that go beyond the call of duty in delivering the Scouting program. In society these days, it is so easy to criticise, so let's rise above that and be positive and give credit where it's due, specially to people that have earned it. See you there.

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts

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**Congratulations to these
Joey Scouts who have earned
their Promise Challenge Badge**

**Clare Cullen - 1st Ermington
Rory Fowler - 1st Greystanes
Shannon Battam - 1st Kellyville
Blake Mitchell - 1st Oakville
Thomas Matthews - 1st Oakville
Brayden Allen - 1st Oakville**

HOP - HOP - HOP

Joey Mascots -
L to R
**Jamie Jamison
1st Sth Penrith
Joe E Scout
and
Jumpy
1st Erskine Park**



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Congratulations to all of our Cub Scout Leaders who gained recognition for their invaluable service to Scouting on World Scout Day. Enjoy the accolades - you have certainly earned them! I hope to see many of you at the Region Presentation Dinner in November.

Cuboree applications continue to trickle in. Thank you to all the CSL's for promoting the event and encouraging everyone to attend. Final payments are due by August 31—please see page 18 for further details re Cuboree registration and payments.

Our **Pack Coordinators** are busy organising their Packs, Leaders and Cooks and preparing for Shakedown camps. They will also attend a special meeting at Pennant Hills on August 17; hopefully they will have many of their questions answered and will be well informed about Cuboree by the end of the meeting.

Registrations are coming in for our **Region Cub Scout Outing** (Parramatta Ramble) on **August 25** - don't forget the closing date is August 15.

Our final **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on September 7. This is by invitation only so you need to see your DLCS for further details.

As the District CS Leaders and I visit the Packs in our Region, we observe many variations in the way **ceremonies** are conducted. I would like to recommend that all Cub Scout Leaders purchase (if they don't already have one) and read the book **Ceremonies**, available from **The Scout Shop or Snowgum**, to refresh your memories.

Dates for your Diary

August 25 - Parramatta Ramble
September 7 - Cub Scout Leadership Course
19th & 20th October - Shakedown Camp
2nd & 3rd November - Shakedown Camp
9th & 10th November - Shakedown Camp

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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

**Alexander Fry - 2nd Baulkham Hills
Olivia Brown - 1st Toongabbie
Cosmica Donna-Aroon - 1st Parramatta
Mitchell Dimmock - 1st Kellyville
Lindsay Bath - 1st Kellyville**

1, 2, 3 WOOF

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Welcome to August. The month originally named Sextilis (in Latin) and then renamed in honour of Augustus. That's all well and good but in GWSR we know it as the last month of winter before we move on into spring and warmer camping weather. GWSR Scouts have a whole lot of good stuff happening this coming spring, including District Scout Camps for Blacktown, Parramatta and Holroyd Districts in September, and the Australian Scout Medallion presentations in September. As well, the Jamboree Of The Air (JOTA) / Jamboree Of The Internet (JOTI) are on in October.

It is exciting to see the increase in Scouts interested in undertaking their Australian Scout Medallion. 2013 is the 10th anniversary of this prestigious achievement and I would encourage all Scouts to consider challenging themselves for this award.

We have just finished with the State Rally at Cataract Scout Park. The theme of Rally this year was *The Future of* and GWSR, on RAC 1 with South Coast and Tablelands, ran activities themed *The Future of War*. Even the TARDIS and a Dalek were seen on RAC 1 at Rally, as well as a guy with a multi coloured scarf!

Congratulations to the top three Patrols in GWSR:

1st Place

1st Ermington - The *Dingos Ate My Dinner* Patrol.

Second Place

1st Winston Hills - The *Redbacks* Patrol

Third Place

2nd Castle Hill Patrol.

Best Patrol Leader in the State Award:

Elysia Higgins of the *Dingos Ate My Dinner* Patrol from 1stErmington. Congratulations Elysia, well done!

Congratulations also to Gabriela Gonzales, Chairperson of the GWSR Scout Youth Council (SYC), who attended the State AGM at the end of July and presented on SYC in our Region and her role as a SYC representative. Gabriela did a great job, B-R-A-V-O! The State SYC meeting was held at State Rally, and the next one will be held in the Riverina in November where I'm anticipating Gabriela (Holroyd District), Cassie Andrews (Parramatta District) and Nicolas Queree (Blacktown District) will represent our Region very well. Send an email to: assist.scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au if you have any questions or comments for your District or Region SYC representatives.

As well as planning District Camps, a number of our Districts are getting ready to hold a Basic Scout Leadership Course. On the weekend of 23-24 August both Hills and Hawkesbury Districts will be holding their course. The BSLC is a great opportunity for Scouts to get their first taste of leadership skills in

the Scout section so please encourage your Scouts to consider attending a BSLC.

A reminder to Leaders: our Region will be hosting an Advanced Scout Leadership Course (ASLC) in October; have you considered who in your Troop might be eligible and would benefit from attending an ASLC this year?

Some things to keep in mind:

- The **1st National School for Adventurous Activities** is being held in January 2014. Go to the GWSR website, look for the Activities page, then search for The Bulletin. The Bulletin contains lots of good information for Leaders looking to gain or increase accreditation on activities.
- **Waratah 2013: The Amazing Race** is fast approaching and will be on from Friday evening 8th November through to the afternoon of Sunday 10th November. Interested? You should be! Waratah is a great experience for Scouts looking to go up to Venturers. To find out more visit: <http://www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au/>
- State Mindari was updated on some changes to **Outdoor Policies and Practices** at the June meeting. If you've not already heard about them, you might like to go the State website and look up information on (1) safe storage and transport /use of gas/liquid fuel/naked flame, (2) smoking at events and (3) first aid.
- Have you 'liked' the **GWSR Facebook** page? Facebook is a great way to show photos of some of our activities and it's a good way of getting messages out really quickly to Leaders and to Scouts who use social media. It can be an effective way to promote Scouting and show non-members just how much fun Scouting can be. So ... 'Like' us today.

A last comment about Leader training. The Scout Leader Wood Badge training is so important to round out any Leader's training. Please bring your qualifications up to date and look at completing your Wood Badge training. Our training team cannot wait to help you complete your education. Please email any questions you may have on this subject to me, and I can help point you in the right direction.

Until next time ... safe and happy Scouting!

Robin 'Batman' Garrett - RC Scouts

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ROVER REPORT

Rovers have been busy over the last month or so, with many of them participating in the Cumberland Gang Show in the term holidays. For those that weren't a part of the cast or crew, many attended the show once, if not multiple times. Everyone had a great time, and it's a testament to the hard work and effort put in by everyone to ensure Gang Show is a success.

More recently, 1st/2nd Merrylands hosted the GWS Region Moot, '*Alice in Wonderland*'. For those who don't know, a 'moot' is a themed camp that attracts Rovers from all across the state. This was no exception. With around 150 people in attendance, including some Rover crews from Albury and the ACT, the weekend was bound to be great. With so many activities to participate in, and lots of prizes to be won, everyone got involved and had heaps of fun. Ultimately there could only be one winner, and 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew finished victorious.

With August and September coming up Rovers have a busy schedule to keep. **Service Moot** is fast approaching, where the Rovers will be lending a hand at Bundilla to help maintain the campgrounds.

A Region '**Balls of Steel**' competition is going to be held on the same weekend, where all the crews will be vying for the coveted 'balls'.

There is also a **Rover BST course** coming up, and if anyone is interested in attending they should contact training@gwsrovers.com.au immediately.

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**1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew
Alice in Wonderland**

VENTURER REPORT

Last month I had the great pleasure of attending the BSA National Scout Jamboree and what a huge highlight it was. From a flying fox some 945 metres long, to shooting 50 calibre black powder rifles and 9mm pistols, white water rafting, caber tossing, mountain biking, rock climbing, and a Brownsea Island experience on a replica scale island, the Jamboree had something for everyone. In fact, there was so much to see and do that even with 10 days on site, we were only able to attempt but a mere fraction of the activities on offer. 'The Summit' will be the site of the next BSA National Scout Jamboree in 2017 and the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. I definitely encourage anyone interested in high adventure to add these events to your diary. I guarantee the experience will be unforgettable.

Also in July, Mitchell Howlett of 1st/2nd Blacktown attended the Mawson Scholarship in Leadership in Adelaide. The course was a great success allowing all participants to greatly enhance their leadership skills and build a network of friends from around the country.

I would like to congratulate Jordan Longmuir of 2nd Baulkham Hills on achieving his Queen's Scout Award last month.

Congratulations to all of the Venturer Leaders in the Region that received Good Service Awards on World Scout Day. The Venturer section was once again well represented with 10 recipients within the Region. Well done to all!

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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Aaron, Tegan and Michael on the Consol Energy Bridge



Australian Contingent on International Day



Australian and Canadian Scouts from Troop INT -9



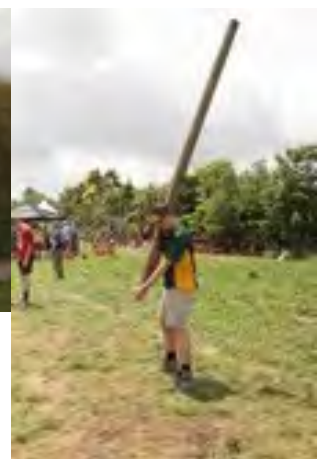
The man-made scale replica of Brownsea Island



Aaron Wardle
at the
White House



Aaron pistol shooting and
tossing the caber!



TRAINING REPORT

As usual we have a number of people in various stages of training. For those who only have their in service to complete, please hand in your paperwork.

For those who have completed, or are completing their e-learning the dates to aim for are:

Joys, Cubs and Leader of Adults - send in your application by the end of September for a residential weekend course at **Pennant Hills on 26/27 October**. This is generally a popular course so send in your application sooner rather than later! You should have completed your e-learning by the application date. The exact application date can be found on the training calendar under Leader resources on the NSW website.

Scouts and Venturers - your applications must be in by the middle of August for a course at **Glenrock** on the **14/15 September** or by the middle of October for a course on **23/24 November at Pennant Hills**. Similarly, your e-learning must be completed by the application date.

There are a number of Leaders who completed the advanced training last year and who have yet to submit a project. These projects should have been completed by now and handed to your course supervisor. We will be checking on the progress of these.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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THE AMAZING RACE WARATAH 2013

HELP NEEDED

GWS Venturers are at it again with Waratah 2013: The Amazing Race!

Staff are needed for the 9th and 10th November to assist us across the Greater Sydney Region.

Come and join in the fun as Staff assisting with Support, Activities, Catering, Entertainment & more

For more info check out Waratah.GreaterWestScouts.com.au or email waratah@greaterwestscouts.com.au



APPOINTMENTS LIST 9/7/2013 — 5/8/2013

APPOINTMENTS

REDWIN , James Appt 1st Emu Plains Cub Pack <i>Booragorang</i>	TL (C)
THOMAS , Iain Appt 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>	TL (C)
LOCKMAN , Micheal David Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship	Member
MASSIE , Lauren Patricia 1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob	Appt TL (J)
JONES , Jullie 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack	Appt TL (C)
WHITE , Rodney Kelvin 1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>	Appt TL (S)

TRANSFERS

DIAZ , Keanii 1st Oakville Cub Pack To ACSL 1st Oakville Cub Pack	From Appt TL (C)
MERRYFULL , Jodi 1st Oakville Cub Pack To ACSL 1st Oakville Cub Pack	From Appt TL (C)

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HOPKINS , Bradley Thomas 1st Glossodia Scout Troop	Trainee Ldr (S)
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RESIGNATIONS

BELCHER , Mark Ashley 1st Emu Plains Scout Group	GL
DE JERSEY , Andrew Peter 1st Ermington Venturer Unit	AVSL
REETOV , Alexander Victor 1st Kings Langley Scout Group	AL (G)



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION

**2013 ADULT RECOGNITION
AWARDS FOR GOOD SERVICE**

SILVER KANGAROO

For eminent achievement and meritorious service

Hook, Dr Jeff William

CSL, 1st Westmead Cub Pack

SILVER EMU

For sustained and exceptional service

Staples JP, Allan Kevin

SL, 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

Wood, Dr Jeanette Kathryn

GL, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group

SILVER KOALA

For distinguished service

Mort, David

VSL, 1st Carlingford Venturer Unit

Plummer, Leonie

JSL, 1st Carlingford Joey Mob

SILVER WATTLE

For outstanding service

Allan, Mary Jane

Fellowship Member, Blue Mts Scout Fellowship

Cuneo, Graham

Group President, Balcombe Heights Scout Group

Kaltenbacher, Bernard

Region Leader (Activities), GWSR

McLean, Adam

Region Leader (Adult T & D), GWSR

Page, Jennifer

CSL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack *Rumbriah*

SILVER ARROWHEAD

For excellent service

Avery, Collette

VSL, 1st Riverstone Venturer Unit

Hansford, Tracey

District Commissioner, Parramatta District

Hanson, Christopher

AVSL, 1st Oakville Venturer Unit

Knox, Sandra

App TL (V) 1st Ermington Venturer Unit

Legg, Pauline

AJSL, 1st North Mt Druitt Joey Mob

Stewart, Clinton Todd

DSL, Parramatta District

Witte, Gerardus Johannes

ASL, 1st Blackheath

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

For good service

Allan, Rick

Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

Bath, Andrew

SL, 1st Kellyville Scout Troop

Botto, Josie

JSL, 1st Ermington Joey Mob

Brooks, Anthony

AJSL, 1st Kellyville Joey Mob

Burke, Lynette

Group Secretary, 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Group

Burrows, Noriko

ACSL, 1st Carlingford Cub Pack *Alleena*

Crichton, Stephen

ACSL, 1st Blackheath Cub Pack

Dakkache, Louie

Supporter, 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Group

Doyle, Joseph

ACSL, 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*

Duncan, Glenn

Group Chairman, 1st St Marys Scout Group

Edwards, Janice

AVSL, 1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit

Ezzy, Allan

Supporter Greater Western Sydney Region

Finch, Theresa

Treasurer, Cumberland Gang Show

Flores, Tristan

SL, 1st Blackheath Scout Troop

Fry, Michael

AVSL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit

Gibian, Michael

ASL, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop *Bartoo*

Hall, Bryan

ASL, 1st Wentworthville Scout Troop

Higgins, Diane

SL, 1st Ermington Scout Troop

Hillyard, Jo

CSL, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack *Keego*

Hornstra, Tristan

VSL, 1st/2nd Merrylands Venturer Unit

Hourd, Tracey

Group Secretary, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group

Hudson, Garry

ACSL, 1st Oakville Cub Pack

Huthnance, Jennifer

AVSL, 1st Springwood Venturer Unit

Kaltenbacher, Therese

Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

Lannoy, Michael

Supporter, Greater Western Sydney Region

Lee, Lyndall

Supporter, Greater Western Sydney Region

MacCormick, Mary Jane

CSL, 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack

Mackie, John

ASL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop

Maddock, Dean

JSL, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob *Taipan*

McLean, Alasdair

AJSL, 1st North Mt Druitt Joey Mob

McLennan, Honni

CSL, 1st Blackheath Cub Pack

Meredith, Darrell

SL, 1st Dural Scout Troop *Giwang*

Mountford, Alison

SL, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop *Bartoo*

Myers, Elizabeth

Group Chairman, 1st Parramatta Scout Group

Nelson, Brian

ASL, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop

O'Keeffe, Warwick

VSL, 1st Winston Hills Venturer

Owen, Andrew

ACSL, 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack *Kookaburra*

Page, Taylor

TL (CS) 2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack *Rumbriah*

Prants, Peter

Group Chairman, 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Group

Roche, David

SL, 1st Glossodia Scout Troop

Rodricks, Brian

Supporter, 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Group

Sheehan, Daniel

ASL, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop

Siedentopf, Charles

ACSL, 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Zazu*

Sirianni, Serafina

AL (Scouts), 1st Dural Scout Troop *Giwang*

Sollom, Grant

ACSL, 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack *Boronia*

Stoppa, David

Deputy Region Commissioner, GWSR

Sullivan, Alison

District Cub Scout Leader, Blacktown District

Sullivan, Jenny

ASL, 1st Erskine Park Scout Troop

Thompson, Meagan

Supporter, Greater Western Sydney Region

Townley, Russell

ASL, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop

Vella, Linda

AJSL, 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob

Wilkinson, Carolyn

GL, 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group

Wilson, Darell

VSL, 1st Glossodia Venturer Unit

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

*For Service of an Exceptional Character to Scouting
by an Office Bearer or Supporter*

McGrath, Geoffrey William

Region Chairman, GWSR

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Have you ever been in this situation?

You are part of a team. A team with some very skilled and dedicated people. A team that has a huge task ahead of it. And as a part of that team, you hope your small contribution will make some difference to the overall result. Welcome to **Cumberland Gang Show 2013**.



As the July schools holidays roll around, the excitement builds, the lights come on and we see what literally thousands of hours of team work can do. The curtain rises, the orchestra comes to life and in the next two hours we are totally mesmerised as over 120 Scouts and Guides from all sections, with even more people behind the scenes, make it all happen. That was Gang Show 2013. And what a season it was! Gang Show is not just eight performances. Gang Show is about working together as a team, to achieve an extraordinary result. It is about many people coming together, each with a particular skill to share. It is allowing our youth to step out of their comfort zone, look outside the triangle, and to BELIEVE in what they can really do.

It was all very different this year; a huge LED Screen; the orchestra in a new home; and that big white boxy thing affectionately known as the "Monolith" was gone and replaced by a more gentle sloping stage.

There were 'live' video crossovers; there were umpteen FM microphones; there was smoke, lights, and an amazingly talented cast who gave us an incredible range of high energy entertainment, from the raging twenties with *Burlesque*, to renditions from *Grease* and even a bit of *Gangnam Style*. Yes it was all very different but "WOW" it worked!!

There was a task to be done....and it was done very well. Huge congratulations to the cast, crew and everyone who worked behind the scenes. To all those who BELIEVED and made it all happen.

"The calm before the storm".

A lone guitarist in quiet reflection, just before the stage explodes in a sea of light, colour and song.

Photo: Mark Fell



Lots of people have been asking about how Rick Jamieson is at present. He has been quite unwell, but is slowly getting back on his feet. I know you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Rick is having a break from the Rock Team so he can get back to his mighty self. In the meantime any rock enquiries can come through to myself.

Our caving Team is busy planning its next two caving expeditions with a trip to Bungonia, which is always a popular trip. Another trip is also planned to the lesser known Timor caves, up near Scone. Check out the Region Website for dates and A1 forms.

Talking about A1 forms, you are all getting pretty good with them now as far as correct information goes. What we do need to work on a bit is the timing. They do need to go out **at least** two weeks before the activity. This includes getting copies to the relevant people (Group Leaders, LAC etc.) This allows time if checks need to be made in regard to the activity, where it is being held etc. If you haven't got all the participants names up, that's not too much of a problem. As long as a final list is sent out prior to the activity actually happening.

There has been a fair bit of discussion with Branch regarding training to set up and operate the Mobile Climbing Walls. We have unfortunately had a couple of missed opportunities with the Climbing wall, with only a small number of people qualified to operate it. Thank you to all those people who responded to my request. At the time of writing I am still waiting on further information regarding some training. Keep your eye on the GWS Region website.

With the weather being the way it has been these last few weeks, we will be into spring before we know it. That is when the real adventurous fun starts.....and don't forget, be activity safe.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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DR ROB LANG
Producer



**2013
CUMBERLAND
GANG SHOW**



REBECCA LEE
Winner
Talent Scout



MATT THOMPSON
Winner
The Rodney Award

SHERBET
Winning Patrol



PRODUCTION TEAM



BUDDY BADGE NIGHT

at 1st Emu Plains Joey Scouts with
1st Springwood Joey Scouts



TRAILER FOR SALE

- Registered until 31/7/2014
- Tray Size: Measured from inside frame: 7 X 5 Ft. (2.10 m x 1.52 m)
- Tow bar: Ball to Frame length: 1.4 m
- Used trailer, not galvanised, it was fish-oiled late 2012.
- Rust around edges of tray and tailgate.
- \$400.00 - ONO

Contact:

Judy Mutton - Chairperson
2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group
0438 009 624



AVINA VAN VILLAGE

217 Commercial Road, Vineyard

Great Venue for your next Camp!

Here at Avina, we have ample room to accommodate your young campers. We offer camp sites and accommodation for scouts, schools, church groups, companies, sporting/interest groups, just about any group of people that would like to enjoy the outdoors.

We can accommodate almost any size group, from a few to many. We have an abundance of separate camp sites catering for the smaller groups all the way up to sites that can camp 200 odd people. We can also accommodate caravans on our powered sites.

For those that like to experience the outdoors without camping, we have a nine bedroom lodge that sleeps 30, a four bedroom lodge that sleeps 15, a 6 bedroom Bungalow, the chalet and two 3 bedroom lodges.

Things to see and do:

Set up your own activities or set out for a great day in the Hawkesbury.

Wet and Wild Opening in December 2013 (17 minutes from the Park).

A day trip to Sydney; visit the **historic Rocks**, the **Opera House**, **Taronga Zoo**, **Darling Harbour** or the **Sydney Aquarium**. You can take the **River Cat** straight to the CBD - it's the most relaxing way to get there and the wharf is only a short bus trip away. Visit **Featherdale Wildlife Park**, where you can get close to a koala, kangaroo or wombat (just 20 minutes from the park). **Nurragingy Reserve** a great location for a day trip. Just 10 minutes from the park is **Rouse Hill Regional Park**, Great location for bike riding, bush walking and rollerblading or just enjoy a walk - take a picnic lunch and make it a day.

Facilities:

The park has two large amenities blocks, a camp kitchen, two laundries, squash and tennis courts, a resort style swimming pool (25metres) a heated spa (on request) and games room. Take a walk around the 50 acres and see the animals, horses, goats and birds. An abundance of space to hold a picnic under the trees, overlooking the two dams.

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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.



MY GREY WOLF HIKE

Alex Fry, Cub Scout
2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack

Date: Saturday 13th July 2013

Time: 12:00 - 14:00 hours

Cub Scout Participants: Alex Fry, Jeremy Farrell, Michael Squires, Cassandra Fry, Phoebe Hendriks, James Farrell

Leader: Michael Fry

Hike Undertaken: Map Parramatta River 9130-3N, Start Point 626156

Finish Point 616156

At the designated meeting point and time I confirmed that all participants had provided their A1s to me, had the appropriate footwear and each had a back pack containing snacks, water, lunch, first aid kit and a raincoat. Before leaving I showed everyone the route that we were taking on the map and nominated buddies.

We then set off to our destination. The first part was down a steep gravel fire trail to the bottom of a hill where we came to a fork in the road. One headed to Eric Mobbs and the other would follow the creek

downstream to our destination. The track crossed numerous times over the Darling Mills Creek and there were big concrete steps in some locations and in others we crossed over rocks that had been washed downstream from previous heavy rains. We went through several areas that were jungle like passages with vines, big trees, fallen



logs, lots of leaf matter and because it was a little overcast it was a bit dark. There were other spots that were beach like with sand washed on to the track by floods and big open areas with water holes.

The recent rains had left the track a little muddy but the water was clear and didn't seem polluted. We saw a few dogs which surprised us as there were signs about fox baiting so we didn't think people would take their dogs there.



The walk took us under two huge bridge like structures. The first was the Renown Road Bridge that we drive down all the time and call the big dipper and the other was under the M2 road. It was a little noisy here from the big trucks driving over. We stopped here for snacks at map reference 614154. I got the map out, and showed everyone where we were, where we had come from and where we were going to. After checking that everyone had had a drink and snack and were all feeling okay, we headed off again.

We had a dam to get to before we would have our lunch. The only wildlife we saw were cockatoos and other birds but nothing else!



We passed a group that was doing bush care at the bottom of Ventura Road. They were pretty serious as they were using chainsaws to cut down fallen trees. There were wooden bridges that crossed the creek and went in different directions but we left those for another day.

We continued the walk downstream and then walked down a small hill and came to a small tunnel. It is actually

at the bottom of the dam wall and when it is flooding this is where all the water goes through. There was lots of graffiti on the walls.





After we walked through the tunnel we ended up on the other side and lots more graffiti. Through here there was a lot off debris that had been washed down. There were also ramps but we weren't allowed to try running up. There were steps that you headed up, to get to a small platform but we decided we were going to walk further up and get to the lookout area over the dam wall.

We reached the dam wall. Here there was a sign that showed it was called the

Loyalty Road Flood Retarding Basin and it was opened on the 21st October 1996. There was graffiti over this as well! The view was great and you could see a little bit upstream to where we had just walked from.

We had our lunch and then headed 400 metres up another fire trail to our hike completion point. I thanked all the cub scouts for their participation and their parents for making it possible.



1st TOONGABBIE GREEN CORD PRESENTATION

At the end of July, 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop held a celebration for the presentation of their first Green Cord Award since 2004!

Tim Martin received his Award from Batman and his Scout Leader, Stix. It was a fun occasion for the Group to gather together. Tim's name has been added to a unique Honour Board in the hall that dates back to the 1960s, and includes his Uncle from the 1980s.

Tim organised with the Troop to set up a Geocache nearby and released a 'Travel Bug' in the Group's name. They hope to follow its progress as it travels around Australia and the world and maybe meet some Scouts during its journey.

Suzanne Cornell ACSL
1st Toongabbie Scout Group



Photos:

Jodie Richards and Angie Gale

1ST CARLINGFORD and 1ST RYDALMERE SCOUT GROUP

CAMP OVERNIGHT at

AUSTRALIA WALKABOUT WILDLIFE PARK

We arrived to a welcome by the kangaroos, wallabies, emus and peacocks that wander around freely and to a well set up camp with ten tents and a huge campfire all ready for our visit. Rangers Karen and Emily took our groups on a interesting and fun hike around the park, where we had a go at boomerang throwing and an introduction to various Australian flora that Aboriginals, who used to live in the area, used for their bush medicine and bush tucker (the termites were very tasty)!

The significance of Aboriginal carvings we visited, some dating back 45,000 years, were also explained and the information around these gave a wonderful insight into how Aboriginals used these drawings to communicate with others that travelled through the area, about important hunting sites and water supply.

The Bilby, a highly endangered species, was significant for this generation to learn about and pat as they may not be around in the next few decades. The night walk highlighted the activity of nocturnal animals and we watched and learnt about Tasmanian Devils, Quolls and Wombats as they were CAREFULLY fed by the rangers. Very exciting!

An Aboriginal dreamtime story and marshmallows toasted around the campfire was a wonderful way to end the night before we snuggled up in our tents and fell asleep listening to the sounds of the bush.

Cub groups explored the park the next day and attended the various talks by the rangers and we got to pat lots of native Australian animals along the way! The Cubs had commenced work on the *Animals and Birds Badge* at home and then finished off the requirements at camp. They all received their badges during the day, which made it even more special!

The Park's website is very helpful - as are the staff <http://www.walkaboutpark.com.au/index.php?id=174> but some details are: Friday or Saturday (subject to availability) \$75 per person includes dinner, supper and cereal and toast for breakfast, as well as Ranger led walks and activities and use of the Park the next day. Our Group provided lunch using the Park's BBQ and we stayed until Sunday 3pm. Minimum booking is 15 people for Friday nights and 25 people for Saturday nights. We were very well looked after by the Park Rangers and Staff and I have to say our Cubs were very well behaved and thoroughly engaged. We highly recommend this as a fun and most informative activity, even in winter! ***Kaa and Nushka***



What an adventure we had!



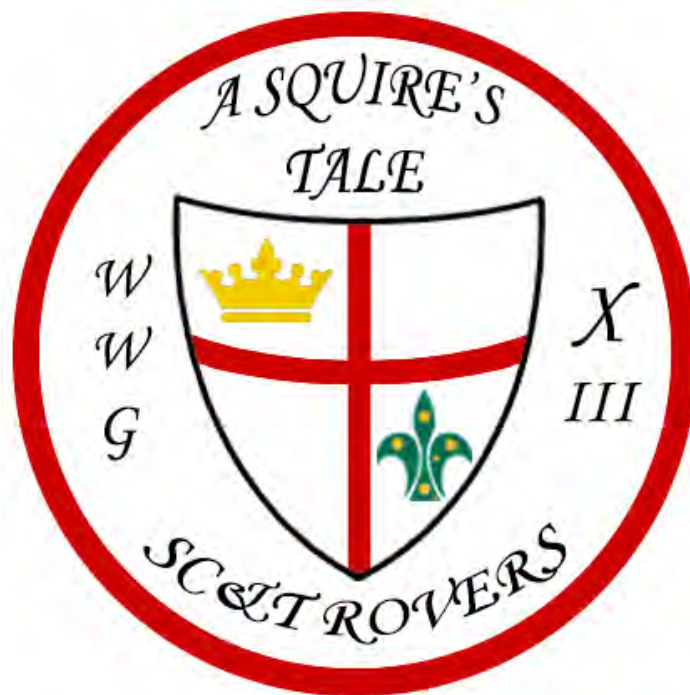


South Coast & Tablelands Region Rovers Present

WEEKEND WIDE GAME NORTH XIII

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16th and 17th November 2013

At Cataract Scout Park, Appin NSW

For further details, visit our website: www.widgame.com.au

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.



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:
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Saturday 31st Aug from 6pm

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 31st August 2013

6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

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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

RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

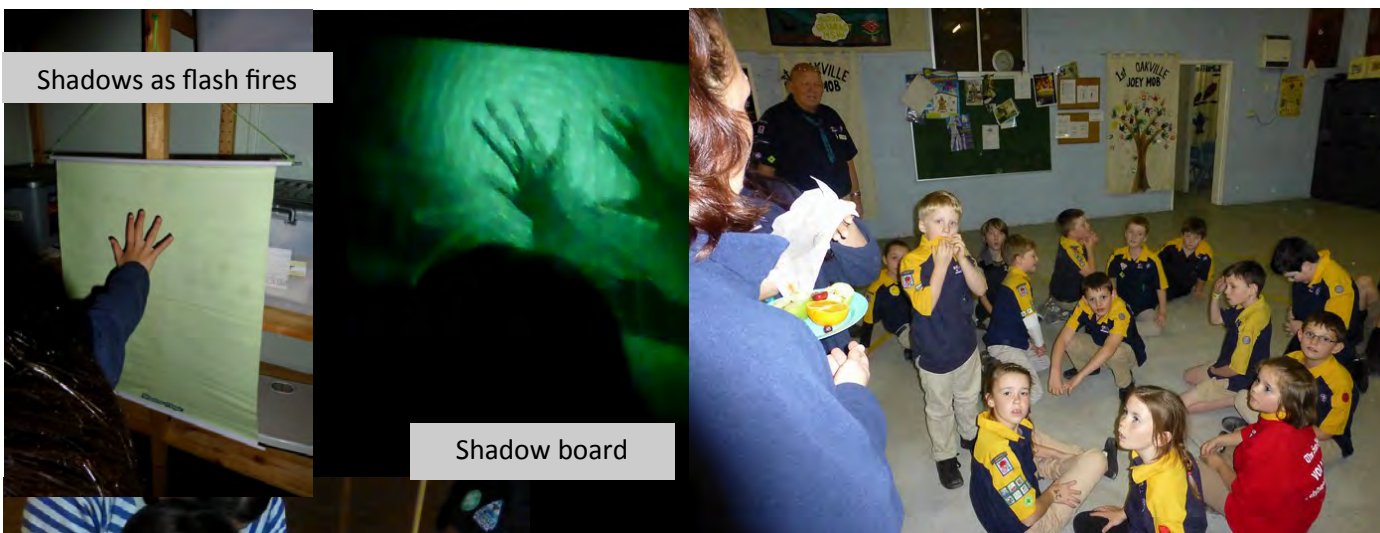
Helping Scouts with the Science Badge.

I've been looking for projects that need only one person. Would it be useful if I (or Karl) could setup individual challenges for Scouts who want to gain the Science badge. Our science badge is pretty lame compared to the American Scout science challenges, so I feel we could make it more interesting for the Scout by (a) showing them a larger variety of ideas, and (b) tailoring the challenge to their interests and abilities. Of course the Scout would have to achieve the same aims as local science badge (or more), and hopefully have extra fun doing it.

The aim would be to work with individual Scouts, initially setting up the challenge, then keep in touch by Email or face to face meetings every couple of weeks. If this process could help a Scout in your Troop (or Pack), email me and I will see what can be arranged.



Balcombe Heights Joey Scouts - Timing the marble run, weighing the masses and engrossed in discovery



Shadows as flash fires

Shadow board

Kim's Game with fruit



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Scouts in Action Week Newsletter No 4

With just over a week to go Groups are getting ready for 'Scouting in the Community' and really engaging with community groups such as Footprints in the Park, RSPCA, Salvation Army and Food Bank to name a few.

Over 20,000 have registered so far and it is not too late to get your Group involved. To register go to www.scoutsinactionweek.com and be part of Scouts Australia's largest activity. To date in the four years of Scouts in Action Week almost 110,000 Scouts Australia members have participated!

Programs and program ideas have been loaded onto the website so make sure you check them out and utilise them during Scouts in Action Week. If you have a program that fits the theme or want to let others know about what you are doing this year email youth.events@scouts.com.au and it will be included on the website so we can inspire others to get involved this year.

Again, like previous years, there is a special badge available for \$2.50 each (includes postage) - so order yours today at: www.scoutsinactionweek.com/2013-Badge.html.

There is also a supply of 2012 badges (\$1.50) and these can also be ordered from the Scouts in Action Week website - www.scoutsinactionweek.com/2012-Badge.html

Scouts in Action Week is a great way to get your Group involved with your local community and an opportunity for you to promote Scouting - so don't forget to let your local media know about what you are doing this year.

More programs will be added this weekend so check the site early next week to see if there is a program that appeals to your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew.

Collecting food for Food Bank, making doggy treats, collecting blankets or revegetating the local park are all great ways we can be **Scouts in Action** and be part of **Scouting in the Community**.

Any feedback is welcome to youth.events@scouts.com.au

Yours in Scouting,

John Parr

National Project Commissioner, Youth Events, Scout Australia

'BOOT CAMP' AGOONOREE

Friday 27th September to Monday 30 September 2013

GLENFIELD SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE off Cambridge Avenue

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 available on-line at the NSW Scouts website.

Please direct all enquiries to:

Mark Burfield, State Commissioner Special Needs

Phone: 0425 236 617

Email: markburfield@gmail.com



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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH
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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

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



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