



# The Bulletin

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All Joey scouts are invited to attend the

## 2014 GWS Woonona

(Region Camp for Joey Scouts)

### Scouting for Joeys

**CASTLE MOUNTAIN, WEBBS CREEK (NR WISEMANS FERRY)**

**27-28th September 2014**

**Registrations Open February 2014**

**<http://www.gwsjoey.org.au/woonona>**

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

Welcome back to 2014 to all the leaders and supporters of Scouting. I trust you all had an enjoyable break and are refreshed and looking forward to a bigger and brighter year and we hope to show an increase in our youth member numbers this year.

I had the opportunity to visit the Cuboree and be a guest at the Opening Ceremony and was pleased to see the young Cub Scouts having a lot of fun and enjoying themselves. Unfortunately I didn't get to visit all our Region packs - but those I did were set up well and looked great with their gateways. My granddaughter told me that she had an awesome time and can't wait to attend another camp.

Unfortunately I received the sad news that an old mate of mine Charlie 'Jock' McLean had passed away and the funeral was held during the Cuboree which limited the people who wished to attend. On January 19th, we held a Scouts Own/Memorial Service at Bundilla for Jock; 168 people attended which shows the high esteem in which he was held.

I must say that I was surprised and humbled to be nominated for, and awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List. A sincere thank you for all the messages of congratulations I have received from the Scouting family.

On Australia Day my family had the pleasure of hosting Anton, a Cub Scout Leader from Germany and he was pleased to see how we celebrated our National Day.

I recently completed reading the Adult Recognition Awards nominations and citations and can advise that we received over 70 submissions. Well done to the people who took the time to complete their nominations.

The Region conducted a development day aimed at increasing our youth member numbers which have fallen below 2,000 for the first time in a number of years! Thanks to Steve Fernie, Region Commissioner Hunter and Coastal, for his excellent presentation which was very well received. Steve was ably assisted by Kevin Allen and Greg Allen on the day. Over 60 people attended and special thanks must go to Lisa Dent

and her team of helpers from 1<sup>st</sup> Toongabbie Group who provided morning tea and lunch on the day.

Some good news for the Region, Paul Thompson has agreed to take on the role of Region Treasurer and we welcome him on board and look forward to working with him.

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

**Neville Henderson**

**Region Commissioner**

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*be prepared...  
for new adventure*



# Clean Up Australia Day

## **Bundilla Scout Camp**

6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills

**7.30am - 10.30am**

**Sunday 2nd March, 2014**

Please come and lend a helping hand to tidy up our very special meeting place.

***Register online on the GWS website or on the day at the site.***

You will need a hat, sunblock, closed in shoes, protective clothing, gloves and don't forget your water bottle!

For more information contact:  
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## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

January was a sad month for us with the passing of Charlie 'Jock' McLean. All those years of service to Scouting have now moved on. When it came to planning a mob holiday or even a Camp Fire some onlookers would get annoyed because he found it just so easy - well 50 years of Scouting does that for you!

Experience is the key, you only have to look at the biography of Baden Powell and recently Bear Grylls. Learning by Doing. Who knows - anyone of our current Joey Scouts could end up being a Chief Scout, another Bear Grylls or even Charlie McLean.



Rest in Peace Jock, I'm honoured to have served alongside you for the past four years. A special thank you to everyone who helped organise, run and attend the Scouts Own for Jock, it was a very moving service.

Occasionally now you may see our new Region Joey mascot appearing at Joey Activities - we have named him **Jock** and the Joey in the pouch is little **Charlie**.

I would like to commend Karen (Rosella) Cardona from 1st Erskine Park for her creativity. Her Joey Mob, last week, made Jock Rocks in honour of Jock, it was a great tribute.



### **The Region Structure for Joeys will now be:**

Blacktown - Valerie Lockman  
Blue Mountains - RCJS  
Hawkesbury - RCJS  
Hills - Leonie Plummer  
Holroyd - Valerie Lockman  
Parramatta - Leonie Plummer  
Penrith - RCJS

### **Region Wandarah:**

As of Term 4, 2013, we are inviting all Joey Leaders to attend the first Region Wandarah of each term and then each month after that they should attend their District Wandarah. Unfortunately the Region Wandarah last term clashed with the Blue Mountains bush fires so the changes didn't get off to a good start.

The Term 1 2014 Combined Region Wandarah will be held on 20th February, 7:30pm in the Rotary Hut at Bundilla. The discussion/training element for this Wandarah will be about building our Mobs. "What works for you?" Please come along and share your ideas.

**Trek About Badges:** We have new stock of the Trek About badges with a light blue background. The order form is on the GWS Joeys website and the badges are available from Region Office.

### **2014 NSW State Konara:**

17th & 18th May 2014 @ Glenfield Scout Camp. This event only happens every three years, I thoroughly recommend that you make an effort to attend. It's best described as a Joey Scout Leaders programming and ideas Expo. You will come away with all sorts of ideas and resources that will help you with running your mob. It takes a lot of work to put these on, specially for our country regions that have to travel across the state to get there. I want to see every GWSR Joey Scout Leader there - my fingers are crossed.

### **2014 GWSR Woonona:**

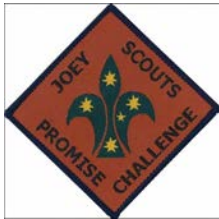
27th & 28th September 2014. A1's will be circulated in the next week and I would like to see this region promoted as much as possible. I will be circulating posters at Region Wandarah.

### **Promise Challenges:**

It's good to see a large influx of Promise Challenges coming through. Things became a bit hectic in December and I think a couple may have slipped through the cracks. If your Promise Challenge is not listed here, please let me know and I'll chase it up for you. Don't be hesitant about badgering me about it if it's not arrived, I'm not perfect, I have a full time job and the Joeys that have worked hard for it shouldn't miss out.

I'd like to make special mention about a Joey from the Riverina Region. For the community service part of his promise challenge he collected shoes to send to the children in Afghanistan. He collected them at school and from his local community. What an awesome inspiring Joey!

**Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts**  
Email: [joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



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

**Declan Vane - 1st Springwood  
Ethan Trimmer - 2nd Castle Hill  
Cayden Hawren - 2nd Castle Hill  
Kevin Chin - 2nd Castle Hill  
Sienna Hanson - 1/2nd Merrylands  
Joshua Green - 1st Kings Langley  
Mark Stowell - 1st Toongabbie  
Serenity Mackres 1st Carlingford  
Quinn Stephens 1st Carlingford  
Kaitlyn Brush - 1st Winston Hills  
Laura Douglas 1st Winston Hills**

**HOP - HOP - HOP**

## **TRAINING REPORT**

### **Welcome to a new year!**

This year each Group will have its own Personal Leader Advisor to help those leaders in training. Each trainee needs to complete their training within the year - so your PLA will be encouraging and assisting you. Your Group Leader can tell you who your PLA is, and hopefully they will make themselves known to the Group. In a lot of the cases it is one of your own Group's leaders.

### **Experienced Leaders!**

It is time to consider doing your Wood Badge. Advanced courses are being run at Pennant Hills in April and October. Complete the advanced modules of e-learning and apply now. The training calendar on the NSW website has the full details.

### **Scout and Venturer Leaders:**

All those in training will need to complete the **SIS10 Level 1 Bushwalking** before being granted a Certificate of Adult Leadership. Experienced Scout and Venturer leaders need this bushwalking knowledge as well. Frank Barr has agreed to run a Level 1 Bushwalking course on the 22nd and 23rd March at Bundilla. This course is self-catered, camping overnight and BYO tent.

**To apply:** Complete an L1 form, attach payment of \$60 (cheques payable to Scouts Australia) and submit to our Region Office asap.

We hope to run more of the Level 1 Bushwalking courses in GWSR in the future, and we encourage all Joey Scout and Cub Scout leaders to also apply. After all Scouting is about getting out and bushwalking is the basis of getting outdoors.

**Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D**

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**Jock meets  
Bindi,  
the mascot of  
Lyn Mann  
State  
Commissioner  
Joey Scouts**

## **FIRST AID COURSE**

**22nd February 2014**

**8am to 2pm**



**2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group, Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills**

**\$50 for Scouts and Leaders - \$70 for Parents (non uniform)**

**\$2 for a sausage sandwich lunch Closing Date 20th February 2014**

**A1 available on GWSR website**

## CUB SCOUT NOTES

2014 started off with another super State Cuboree. The Cubs are still talking about all the activities they took part in and the Leaders are slowly recovering from providing these amazing opportunities for them!

The GWS activity base proved to be popular and we have had some very positive feedback. Sincere thanks to all my Team who did a brilliant job of running the base. A special thanks to Mick Fry who constructed our fantastic gateway, Paul Thompson for making all the stars and to everyone who decorated the stars to hang on the gateway (all 500 of them) - there was no way anyone could miss our base! What a shame there was no award for a base gateway - only pack gateways!



A number of changes have occurred in the Region; firstly we must say farewell and thank you to Liz Hayes as DLCS for Parramatta District - Virginia Klomp CSL has kindly taken on the role of Seeonee Leader. Penrith District will farewell Melissa Harding as their DLCS and Maree Jeffs will now be the Seeonee Leader. I ask all the Cub Scout Leaders to support these ladies and their District by attending Seeonee regularly and taking part in District and Region events.

All CSLs were asked to submit their **term Programs** to their DLCS as soon as possible, but there are many Programs still outstanding. **Weekly Programs** should be readily available when a DLCS pays a visit to your pack meeting!

The **Region Seeonee Program** is available on the website, please check to see that there is no clash of dates, as you plan your Group and District events. Consent for Pack Holidays will not be given if the dates clash with important State or Region events.

A **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on **Saturday 5th April**. Invitations to attend the course are with your DLCS or Seeonee Leader; please ensure you attend Seeonee to obtain all the relevant forms and info or contact your DLCS asap, so that your cubs have plenty of time to apply - as no late applications will be accepted. **Closing date: 21st March**

A **Youth Helpers Course** will be held at Bundilla on **Saturday 10th May**. If you have young people working with you at the Pack please remind them of the Course. Applications should be made on the **L1 Training Course Application**, available on the GWSR website. Forms and money need to be at the Region Office by **Friday 2nd May 2014**.

**Our Cub Scout Fun Day - Carnivale** - will be held at Bundilla on the **25th May**. Your District teams will be working hard to provide some great activities and we hope to see every Pack represented on the day. Please remember that this is a special day for Cub Scouts, not parents and siblings.

**Palaver - Jungle Safari** - will be held on Saturday the **9th August** at Bundilla. This is a great opportunity for all CSLs and Youth Helpers to get together, have fun and gain great Programming ideas for their Packs.

**Declining numbers in youth members** was the major topic for discussion at the recent Region Development Day. The GLs and DCs present, worked on a recruitment plan but they need your support to achieve the goals they set - they can't do it alone.

We are keen to increase the information available on the GWSR website for the Cub Scout section. Please forward all Programs, suggestions for suitable bushwalks, games or any other ideas you care to share with other CS Leaders, to the Region Webmaster.

**Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - 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.**

**Holly McDonell - 1st Carlingford**

**Jordan Bowden - 1st Carlingford**

**Christian Benecke - 1st Carlingford**

**Abhinay Subramaniam - 1st Carlingford**

**Lily Jacobsen - 2nd Castle Hill**

**Cooper Siedentopf - 1st Kellyville**

**Ian Gaiser - 1st Hawkesbury**

**Amelia Harding - 1st Blaxland**

**Maeve Barber - 1st Ermington**

**Daniel Arrowsmith - 1st Riverstone**

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## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Hi everyone. Welcome to 2014! We trust everyone has had a great holiday and, for those who participated, a great Cuboree. We look forward to a great year working with you.

### Jamboree

It is just under two years before the Jamboree in 2016 at Cataract - so I presume everyone will start thinking about and planning for it now. The NSW Contingent leaders have already started their planning. Requirements for the Jamboree are the same as they have always been. We need to look at our existing Scouts and see who is eligible to attend and start talking and planning to make sure everyone meets the requirements.

Most importantly, now is a good time to start fund raising - so as not to be such a large burden on the families. We should be aiming for more than 50% of our eligible Scouts to go, so promotion is important. Costs have not been advised yet, but we know from previous experience that it will likely be over \$1,000 per person (so we have a minimum goal). Please do not pressure upcoming Cub Scouts, nearing the age for the Jamboree, to advance into the Scout section early just to make up the time in Scouts so they can go. We deny the Cubs the opportunity to achieve their Grey Wolf if we do this. Chances are, they will still be old enough to attend the next Jamboree anyway.

Leaders need to also start thinking about participating in the Jamboree either as leaders in the troop line or in any of the many other support and activity roles. We particularly need many leaders to help run the activities for our Scouts and the reward for doing this is very positive for both ourselves and the Scouts. We are considering a potential line leaders information weekend in October this year for *anyone* thinking about being a line leader or would like to know what is involved, so mark the 11th and 12th October, in your diaries now. More info will be forthcoming.

### Australian Scout Medallion (ASM)

The ASMs for our Region have been progressing nicely. At the time of writing we have one project under way, one in initial consideration stage and one recently completed. This is a worthwhile award to strive towards. It is important that you understand and help the Scouts understand that it is all about leadership. The Scout needs to be able to plan and organise the activity and demonstrate in a report that they have done this.

It is very important to point out that: ***A Scout must not commence the project until they have received permission to proceed with it.***

Preliminary feasibility discussions are ok, but the actual formal meeting must wait until approval has been granted and notification has been received.

For this year the process will change slightly and we ask you, as leaders, to be a little more involved as well as the Troop Council. Approval for a project and approval to award the Medallion now lies with the Region Commissioner Scouts and not with the State Commissioner.

Initial discussions will now take place with the Scout Leader, Troop Council and District Scout Leader who will also receive the initial application and initial reports/logs. The District Scout Leaders, after reviewing the application and logs/reports, will then forward them on to myself for approval if they feel the application or report is ready.

Please look in Patroltent <http://www.patroltent.com> under Australian Scout Medallion for information about the ASM including project, application and final log. These guidelines will be expected in all applications and report/logs.

**Robin Garrett (Batman)- RC Scouts**

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## 2014 Australia Day Honours List

**MR NEVILLE HENDERSON**  
Region Commissioner - GWSR

**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL**  
for service to youth and the community  
of western Sydney

**Congratulations and best wishes from  
your Scouting family and friends.**

**BRAVO!**



## VENTURER REPORT

Welcome back to another exciting year of Venturing! There are lots of events happening in the next year or two, many with closing dates in the coming weeks. Please make sure that all eligible youth members in your Group are aware of these opportunities. The latest edition of **Look Wide** magazine was also released recently and is available for download from the Region website.

### 5th NSW Cuboree

Last month we were well represented at the NSW Cuboree with 18 Venturer Scouts (over a quarter of those in attendance) and 13 Venturer Scout Leaders. Our volunteers worked on several Mega Bases throughout the Cuboree, as well as in other roles at the Newspaper, Cafe and Sub Camp operations. Congratulations to everyone that attended on a job well done! Venturer Scouts who worked at the NSW Cuboree can use the event towards their Service Badge at Venturer Award or Queen's Scout Award level. Simply add your Cuboree certificate to your portfolio as evidence in achieving the requirements of the badge!

### 1st National School in Adventurous Activities

Last month we also had four Venturer Scouts and two Venturer Scout Leaders attend the 1st National School in Adventurous Activities at Cataract Scout Park. All of the participants enjoyed the opportunity to expand their qualifications in bushwalking, boating and rock activities. Congratulations on a successful course and I look forward to some great new activities in the Region throughout the year ahead.

### Region Social Camp

Our Region Social Camp will be held at Bundilla on the weekend of 15-16 February 2014. Any Units that are unable to attend, should make sure that they are represented at the Region Venturer Scout Council at 4pm Saturday.

### Mawson Scholarship in Leadership

The Mawson Scholarship in Leadership is an advanced training program for Venturer Scouts aged 15 to 17 years.

**Two courses will be running in 2014 as follows:**

- 7-11 July 2014 Baden Powell Park, Queensland
- 29 Sep - 3 Oct 2014 Bundilla Scout Camp, NSW

Up to 24 participants will be selected to attend each course. **All applications close on Thursday 27th March 2014.** Each participant must have completed the Venturer Scout Leadership Course prior to attending the course.

### Dragon Skin 2014

Dragon Skin 2014 will be held in the Newnes State Forest from 18th - 21st April 2014. The theme for Dragon Skin 2014 is **Lost Cities**.

Visit: <http://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au> to register your team. Printed application forms and payments (\$90 per team member) must be received at Dragon Skin HQ before **11th April 2014**.

### Iceland and German Jamborees

Expressions of Interest for the 28th Iceland Jamboree in July 2014 and the 9th German (VCP) Jamboree in August 2014 **both close on 1st March 2014**.

Email: [int.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.comm@scouts.com.au)

### 23rd World Scout Jamboree

Applications for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015 **close on 31st March 2014**.

Visit: [www.wsj2015.scouts.com.au](http://www.wsj2015.scouts.com.au) to start your registration. Details of funding assistance are currently available on the website.

### 16th Australian Venture

The 16th Australian Venture will be held in Adelaide on 2nd -13th January 2015.

Base Venture fee = \$1,040 youth, \$730 adults

NSW Contingent fee = \$825

Expedition fees = \$80 to \$820

Optional NSW Tour fee = approx. \$700

**Applications close on 1st March 2014**, together with your first payment of \$500.

Visit: [www.av2015.scouts.com.au](http://www.av2015.scouts.com.au) for more details and to start your application.

### Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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Mobile: 0421 076 497

**Ms JENNIE PAGE**

**CSL - 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group**

**Hills South District**

**Hills Citizen of the Year**

**Jennie received the award in recognition of her  
12 years of service to St John and  
19 years service to Scouts Australia.**

**Congratulations and best wishes  
from your Scouting family and  
friends, and thank you  
for taking such good care  
of us at Cuboree.**



**BRAVO**

***“Scouting has a huge and promising future.”***

Nice words to open a new year of Activities with, and no, I am not trying to put on the inspirational hat to everyone! *So why do I say this with so much assurance?* Among many others leaders and helpers from GWS and around the State, I spent an incredible time of fun and excitement at the Cuboree. It was my first Cuboree and two things I want to share:

1. The amazing enthusiasm of the cubs with the activity bases. Yes the new permanent flying fox is up and running at Cataract, and I admit the first time I climbed the ‘tower’ and looked down I thought, there will be a lot of cubs who will balk at this...how wrong I was. They loved it, as with all the bases. (Cub leaders have an amazing imagination when it comes to organizing and running bases.) And Scout Leaders get ready. You have an incredible bunch of new kids coming through!

2. The huge effort that the Scouts, Venturers and Rovers put into helping out on the activity bases. They all worked so incredibly hard, with all the Activity Leaders saying their bases would not have worked without their help. Our last night we held a big thank you night to all the helpers, where I had an opportunity to personally thank everyone for their effort and I asked a question. “Who has been to a Cuboree, as a cub? ...about 75% of everyone there put their hand up...**now doesn’t that tell you something!**”



“Look Mum  
I can do this with my  
eyes shut!”

The new Fox in action  
at Cuboree!

Photos: Mark Fell



The start of the new year also comes with much sadness with the passing of Charlie (Jock) McLean. I have personally known Jock for many years as the First Aider for Gang Show. In recent times he became part of the Activities Team as a First Aid Trainer, running numerous courses throughout the year. Jock was a true Scout through and through, and while we are saddened by his passing, we are all the better for having known him.

As I sit at my computer writing this, a number of leaders are down at Cataract as part of the Adventurous Activities School. This is a two week live in course providing SIS10 training for all the adventurous activities we do in Scouting. (Except Flying Fox). While this does not necessarily up our skill levels, which are already very high, it does allow leaders existing skill levels (with a bit of tweaking) to match up with SIS10 requirements.

It is going to be a huge year for **Cumberland Gang Show** this year. Big changes to the show format which were introduced last year are being worked on to be even bigger this year. Auditions have taken place, with the first rehearsals starting soon. If it has been a few years since you have been to Gang Show, or perhaps you have never been before, what about arranging a **Theatre Night** with your Group.

We also have a new marketing team on board, so keep a watch out for some **special theatre deals**. You will be pleasantly surprised!



So whether it’s sailing or singing; bush walking or backstage; abseiling or acting; caving or circus skills, there is no other youth organisation which can provide the great variety of life skills, we simply call **SCOUTING**.

Let the fun begin..!

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

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# FUN DAY ON THE WATER

**Sunday 30th March 2014**

**ANGLE PARK, LAKE CHIPPING NORTON**

**9.00am till 3.00pm**

**Only \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family**

**Kids under 5 Free with paying parents**

**Grandparents are free with paying kids!**

Don't forget a hat, and your Scout scarf, sunscreen, water bottle, towel swimmers and river shoes (*River Shoes must be worn while in water or boats*)

PFD's will be supplied to all participants while using watercraft.

There will be a food stall selling drinks and hot food.

There are limited BBQ facilities available.

**You will need to register using the A1 Form available from [www.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au) with payment to the Region Office by **Tuesday 25th March 2014.****

**Further information is on the A1 Form.**

**Unfortunately we are unable to accept registrations on the day.**

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Following on from our cancelled **Water Fun Day** last December, we have rescheduled it for Sunday 30th March 2014 at Chipping Norton.

Obviously, for all those people who have made a payment previously, it is just a case of completing the new A1. If any one who has made a payment and cannot attend, please let the Region Office know, for a full refund.

Certainly a great opportunity to run a Group family day with a picnic lunch etc.

**Mark Fell**



## 1ST TOONGABBIE CUB PACK

### Harrison Frost's Grey Wolf Hike by Sophie Fry

On Sunday, Harrison asked us to go on his Grey Wolf Hike. He also asked Emma, Bryce, Matthew and me. We arrived at Harrison's house at 9:00am where Harrison, Akela and Keego met us. Harrison checked all our backpacks to make sure we had packed sunscreen, mozzie repellent, First Aid Kit, a jacket, raincoat, hat and snacks. Our starting area was at Lapstone, lower Blue Mountains. Harrison's dad and brother stayed behind to cook us some sausage sandwiches for when we had finished our hike. Harrison had checked to make sure the path was safe a few weeks before we had to walk. He did this walk with his Mum, Dad and brother.

We had to walk on flat ground to start off. We went up and down the track for quite a while until we came across the old train tunnel where we had a rest and some snacks. You could not get into the old train tunnel because there was a ledge that you couldn't get down to as it was too steep and the tunnel was closed up. The next stop was the old train station. The station was built for only one man. He was the only person to ever use the station. I don't know what the train station was called as it was so old everything was over grown and I didn't see any signs.

I love walking through the bush. I could hear lots of Bell birds calling; it made me feel very happy. When we stood still you could hear frogs croaking. Thank goodness we didn't see any snakes - even though we heard rustling in the bushes - probably other animals. Harrison then led us back to the entrance of the park where his dad and brother had lunch ready for us. Harrison showed me how I was to prepare for my Grey Wolf hike next year with some ideas of what I need to do.



Thank you Harrison for showing us some very old Australian history that no one in my family knew about.

We all had a great morning, even though the temperature by this time was 36 degrees!

I hope my Grey Wolf adventure will be just as much fun.

## Holroyd Citizen of the Year

Julie Overton (1<sup>st</sup> Greystanes) and Charles Yendle (3<sup>rd</sup> Merrylands) were both nominated for the Holroyd Citizen of the Year. These nominations go a long way to help raise the profile of Scouting in Holroyd.

Congratulations and best wishes to Julie Overton who was shocked, but delighted to be awarded Citizen of the Year. Julie was nominated for her service to Scouting and work with local charities.

Charles Yendle (Baggy) receives his certificate from Holroyd Mayor, Nasr Kafrouni



Julie Overton receives her special Award and certificate from Holroyd Mayor, Nasr Kafrouni and congratulations from the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Federal Member for McMahon, Shadow Treasurer of Australia



*It's on again in 2014...*

## **The 64<sup>th</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta**

A chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities.

The Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon.

Scouts come from all around including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra and Lake Tuggeranong (ACT), from the north (Belmont North, Ourimbah), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerrington).

### **More Details**

- the Sirius Cup is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and is held annually
- there are five divisions of sailing races
- canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders
- rowing events
- iron man events for all-comers
- activities for the land lubbers
- evening entertainment

**The when and where:** 7th to 9th March 2014 @ Balmoral Oval, Balmoral Beach

For more details, please visit <http://siriuscup.webs.com/> or email [siriuscup@yahoo.com.au](mailto:siriuscup@yahoo.com.au)  
Mark it in your diary now!

## **CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW**

Cumberland Gang Show is going to be great this year. The script is ready and full of exciting new material as well as popular older and current commercial songs and funny sketches.

The Production Team is organising fun and games for the first rehearsal on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

The Music Team is putting together a fantastic rehearsal CD for all the cast. All is nearly ready to start a wonderful rehearsal season building up into a fantastic show. Congratulations to all those who auditioned successfully for the show - you will have a great experience being part of the Gang.

**Watch this space for tickets becoming available.**

**Whatever you do, don't miss out on seeing the 2014 show where we can all 'Imagine'**

If you have youth members who missed out on an audition and they would like to be in the 2014 show please contact Lorraine Shaw at: [personnel@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:personnel@gangshow.asn.au) or call 0425 318 952 for more information.

We also have teams who would love to visit your group, run a self-expression activity and tell you all about the 2014 show.

For more information and to make a booking go to: [www.gangshow.asn.au](http://www.gangshow.asn.au) or contact [workshops@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:workshops@gangshow.asn.au)



## APPOINTMENTS LIST to 12/2/2014



### APPOINTMENTS

<b>WILLIAMS</b> , Tiffany Louise	Appt TL (C)	3rd Merrylands Cub Pack
<b>KIRKBY</b> , Aline Louise	Appt TL (S)	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
<b>PANKHURST</b> , Gregory Keith	ACSL	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
<b>HOLMAN</b> , Timothy Nicolas	Appt TL (J)	1st North Rocks Joey Mob
<b>STAPLES</b> , Kasey Lee	Appt TL (J)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>WILSON</b> , Amelia Elizabeth	Appt TL (J)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>DAVIS</b> , Andrew Ian	Appt TL (C)	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>
<b>HEWA LIYANAGE</b> , Rasika	Appt TL (C)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>STAPLES</b> , Benjamin Wayne	Appt TL (C)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>WILLIAMS</b> , Simone	Appt TL (C)	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>

### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

<b>MCLEAN</b> , Charlie	DJSL	Blacktown District 04/01/2014
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### TRANSFERS

<b>BARBER</b> , Peter John	Fr JSL To AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Joey Mob
<b>DAWSON</b> , Donna Alison	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Parramatta Joey Mob 1st Parramatta Joey Mob
<b>DOYLE</b> , Joseph Bradley	Fr ACSL To CSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i> 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
<b>JEFFS</b> , Rebecca Maree	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Glenmore</i> 1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
<b>O'HARA</b> , Toby	Fr Appt TL (J) To JSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Joey Mob
<b>O'REILLY</b> , Tracy	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i> 1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i>
<b>RICHARD</b> , Mark John Fr	Appt TL (G) To GL	1st Ermington Scout Group 1st Ermington Scout Group
<b>TANTISALIDCHAI</b> , Kanlaya	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Joey Mob
<b>KELLY</b> , James Stephen	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>MCLELLAN</b> , John David	Fr ASL To SL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop 1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop

## TRANSFERS

<b>OLUFSEN</b> , Corey Arne	Fr ASL To GL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Group
<b>SULLIVAN</b> , Neal Raymond	Fr GL To RL (Act)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Group Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>TRUSCOTT</b> , Naomi Marie	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Westmead Scout Troop 1st Westmead Scout Troop

## RESIGNATIONS

<b>GARLAND</b> , David Leslie	Appt TL (C)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>KINLOCH</b> , Louise Elaine	JSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>MERCER</b> , Kellie Michelle	AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>SMITH</b> , Darren Neil	SL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
<b>VARCOE</b> , Gary Martin	AVSL	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit

## TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

<b>ESVELD</b> , Joanne Maree Trainee	Ldr (CS)	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
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## PENDLE HILL SCOUT GROUP TURNS 60!

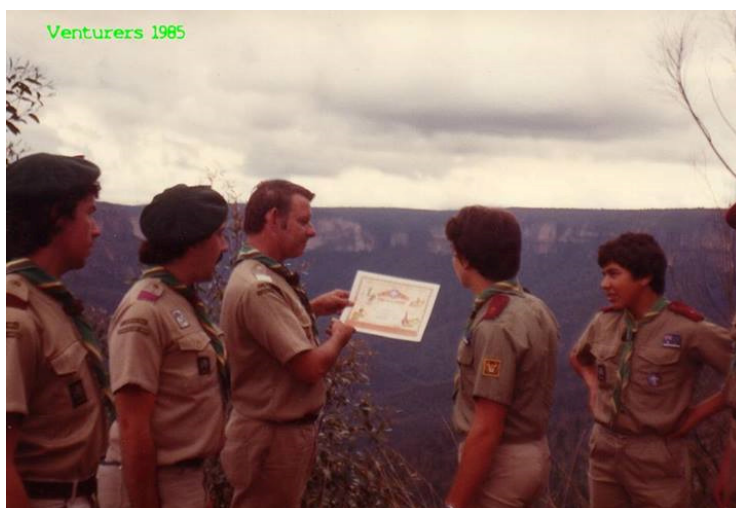
1st Pendle Hill Scout Group will celebrate their 60th Anniversary  
on **Saturday 29th March 2014**

All current and former Joeys, Cubs Scouts, Venturers, Queen's Scouts, Committee Members and Parents  
of Pendle Hill Scout Group and Tartoola District Scout Band

are kindly invited to attend a BBQ at the Group's HQ, Civic Ave, Pendle Hill **from 12 noon.**

For further details or to RSVP please contact **John Lee** on **0424 387 171** or  
email: [jonleee@yahoo.com](mailto:jonleee@yahoo.com)

Visit [www.facebook.com/groups/pendoscouts/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pendoscouts/)





Parramatta District Pack 108 had an awesome time at Cuboree and the cubs are still talking about the adventures they had!

Photos courtesy of Virginia Klomp CSL, 1st Ermington and Pack Coordinator



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