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PALAUVER INVITATION



All Cub Scout Leaders and Youth Helpers
are cordially invited
to join us for a fun and action packed

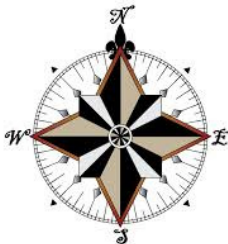


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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Have you purchased your Gang Show tickets. Only three weeks until opening night so don't miss out on the good seats. I have purchased my tickets and look forward to seeing this year's show with the new Comet Cast.

I had the pleasure to write to Ellen Gray from 1st/2nd Merrylands on being awarded her Queen's Scout Award. Well done to Ellen, her parents, leaders and fellow Venturers on achieving this great award.

Congratulations to the Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts, Tricia Shaw who was nominated by members of the community to receive a 'Pride of Workmanship' award from the Rotary Club of Holroyd. The presentation of this award was made at a special dinner held on May 19, at Club Merrylands.

Unfortunately due to a prior commitment I was unable to attend the Cub Scout Fun Day held at Bundilla but I have been told that Anne Thompson and her team did a great job on the day which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Along with David Stopps, Geoff McGrath and Phil Heinrich (DC for Hawkesbury), I attended the opening of the new garage at 1st Oakville and congratulate the group on such a wonderful facility.

I had the pleasure to attend the Jamborette for a day over the long weekend and took the opportunity to talk with many of the leaders and youth members who were in attendance. It was great to see the youth members enjoying themselves and having fun at the activities with their fellow patrol members.

We have just been advised that ROUND VI of the Community Building Partnership Grants will open on Monday June 9, 2014. It will close on Friday 18 July, 2014. The Community Building Partnership Program is using a new online grants administration system this year called SmartyGrants. This is different from the system used in all previous rounds of funding. Therefore, to apply for funds - Scouts will not be able to use its previous CBP login accounts. We will advise groups by email once we have found out the information.

Don't forget the Region ARP will be held at Bundilla on Sunday 15th June 2014 at 2.30pm and we already have a number of State and Local Government representatives attending. Our usual excellent afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

Neville Henderson Region Commissioner
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TRAINING REPORT

At present we have trainee leaders applying for courses at Glenrock and Pennant Hills. This is the second basic sectional techniques weekend offered for the year. There will be basic sectional courses offered for all sections in September/October at Cataract and that will be the last courses for the year. All those logged on to e-learning now should have their e-learning completed in time to apply for those courses.

INSERVICE

There is some confusion about the requirements for Inservice. To complete the basic training - all leaders have to hand in an L10 in service form for the section they are training in. The form requires proof in the form of minutes that the trainee has attended a Committee meeting, a Group Council meeting and a district/region section meeting (Wandarrah, Seonee, Mindari).

The trainee also has to have Programs to show they are able to do activities appropriate to their section, such as badge testing, games craft etc. One of these Programs should be prepared and run by the trainee leader. ***(All this information is on the L10 form).***

The confusion is in visiting other groups or sections. This is to add to the trainee's knowledge - so each trainee must visit a section meeting for the section above and below their own section. They should also visit their own section in another group to see how they differ or are similar. Each section and each group is different because of the individuality of the youth members. However the Scouting aims and methods should cause the basic structure to be similar.

When visiting another group it is helpful to become involved in running the night but this is not mandatory. There is not a set number of nights to visit another group - but we suggest at least twice.

Inservice can be done before the residential weekend - although most leaders like to leave the final Program that they prepare and assess until after the weekend so that they have as much information as possible.

The L10 should be handed in to the PLA within a few weeks of completing the residential weekend.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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be prepared...
for new adventure

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

2014 NSW State Konara 'Our World'

This month thirty four of GWSR's Joey leaders had an awesome time at the NSW State Konara at Glenfield Scout Activity Centre. There were 144 leaders from across NSW and the ACT; we all shared idea's, resources and many shared email addresses and facebook accounts. GWS took on the Rainbow Serpent theme to the Dress-up dinner and camp fire. Thanks to GWS Cubs for loaning us the Serpent activity box. All attendees were provided with a Polo Shirt, Joey Leader Beanie and 4Gb Lego Man USB memory stick with all the resources from this Konara and past Konaras. I would like to give a big Hop Hop Hop to all our leaders that helped with our Games Base. Thanks to Kathy Cuneo for helping with registrations and thanks to Cassie Rec for helping with the Special Needs Elective.

GWS District Camp Fires

Parramatta and Hills District held a campfire at Bundilla and we all had a fantastic time. It was quite clear that all the Joey mobs had done their preparations for the night and it all came together very well. For all the parents in attendance, it was a great advertisement for Scouting. There are district campfires planned for the other districts.

2014 GWS Woonona

We have received a few registrations, but from discussions, it appears that there are a lot of people going, but they have not yet submitted their forms. We are planning on having a Site visit in July - please let me know if you want to come along. **Please note that we have wiped the late registration fee, so the Early Bird rate is now the normal camp fee.**


Promise Challenge

In GWS less than half of the Joeys that link to Cubs are doing the Promise Challenge. When Joeys are awarded the Promise Challenge it is a great way to inspire the younger joeys of the mob. It also inspire that Joey Scout to carry on the badge scheme - to achieve the Grey Wolf and so forth. Please make note of when your Joeys are turning 7½, so you can encourage them to go for the Promise Challenge.

Leader and Youth Recruitment

We are all very busy, but don't forget to take time to seek out opportunities to recruit new leaders and Joeys. These things take time and sudden departures from mobs of Leaders and multiple Joeys can leave your mob in an unsustainable situation. Be Prepared!

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts
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**Congratulations to these
Joey Scouts who have earned their
Promise Challenge Badges**

**Bailey Edwards - 1st Greystanes
Triana Ho - 1st Carlingford**

HOP - HOP - HOP





Photos:
Kathryn Pierce
Tammy Cox
Brian Zarth



CUB SCOUT NOTES

Cub Fun Day was held at Bundilla on Sunday May 25. We had perfect weather for the 325 Cubs and 74 Leaders to enjoy all the activities on offer. There are so many people to thank for helping to make the day so successful, that it is impossible to mention them all without omitting someone, but here goes.

As usual the Flying Fox and Climbing Wall were very popular and I am really sorry that some Groups missed out (I know you were disappointed) - but it is impossible to get so many cubs through in the time available. My thanks to Mark, Warren, Quentin, Robin, Neal and all the others (sorry I don't know all your names) who worked hard all day to get as many cubs through as possible.

Thank you also to my Seonee Team, Shirley, Melissa, John Jeff, Alison, Virginia and Gabie for organising fun bases and then spending the whole day working on them! Thank you to Tracey and the Circus Team for the super job they did entertaining the crowds. Thank you to Tricia, Steve, Terry and Margaret from Pinnaroo for feeding our workers and special guests. Thank you to John and Karl who dazzled everyone with science. Thank you to Peter and Lesley from Blue Mts Fellowship who were kept busy swapping and selling badges. Thank you to the team from State Rail and the SES for their interactive displays. Thank you to Maggi and Kim who were kept busy checking membership numbers and chasing paperwork. Thank you to Dave Stopps and his wonderful children, Kathy Cuneo and my husband Paul for all their support and hard work throughout the day.

Finally a very special thank you to all the wonderful Cub Scout Leaders who brought their Cubs along, helped out on bases and generally helped to make the day a success. Please be assured that I have listened to your feedback - both positive and negative and will take it on board when planning the next big cub event. The badges will be delivered to you as soon as possible via your Seonee, they are still at the manufacturer.

Our next big event at Bundilla, will be **Palaver** on **August 9 from 9am to 5pm**. See how much fun you can have without your Cubs around you! We promise you a great day out, with a yummy lunch and some great resources and a special badge to take home with you. Of course the added bonus is that this is classed as training - so your Group should sponsor you and you can fulfil your training requirement for the year.

Over the last two years we have had very little success with holding a Palaver and it is such a shame. I know you are all busy - but so are my Seonee Team - and if they can put in the effort to produce great resources for you and think of fun ways to keep you amused - then I think that you should show your support and

appreciation by your attendance. So I am begging you to please join us at Palaver - the more the merrier and just consider what a wonderful opportunity this is, to meet up with your fellow Cub Scout Leaders to compare notes, share ideas and get to know one another. As so much of our training is done on-line these days, the camaraderie and friendships that were forged on training weekends seem to be disappearing - Palaver is a perfect solution to make new friends and catch up with old ones. Even if you can't be there for the whole day, join in for as long as you can. The A1 and further information will be on the website shortly. We look forward to seeing you all there and don't forget that we also have to judge the Winners of the Cub Pack Challenge - it's going to be a busy day!

Just a reminder that the **Region ARP is on next Sunday commencing at 2.30pm at Bundilla** - your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts
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Lucky Door Prize Winners from Cub Fun Day

\$50 Gift cards

D45 green - Anne McCredden

D19 green - Ben Staples

Woolworths complete collectors card Albums

B98 green - 1st Blaxland Cub Scouts

B59 blue - Thomas Marsden 2nd Northmead

CUB PACK CHALLENGE 2014

CHALLENGE: Create a useful gadget (approx. size 600mm x 600mm)

CRITERIA: Constructed by a natural Six. Must be useful. Made from natural materials only.

JUDGING:

- Each Pack will judge their best entry.
- Each Region will choose their best entry. GWSR entries will be judged at **Palaver August 9 at Bundilla**.
- The winning gadget goes to State level for judging for an overall winner. Judging will be conducted at the September Cub Council Meeting at Pennant Hills.
- Each entry that reaches the Region final will receive a special badge.
- Region winners will receive a Certificate.
- Prize for State winner.

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate Hamish Edwards (1st Erskine Park), Rose Mercieca (1st Blaxland) and Meglyn Dent (1st/2nd Blacktown) on being selected to attend the **2014 Mawson Scholarship in Leadership**. I am confident that all three Venturer Scouts will represent the Region well on this course and learn a lot from the experience.

Over 120 Venturer Scouts from the Region attended this year's **Jamborette** and did a superb job working to deliver almost half of the activity bases at the event. A huge thank you to everyone for their effort in developing the activities and promoting themselves so well to the Scout section. Thank you as well to 1st Springwood for opening the rock climbing wall for our Sunday night Try Venturing activity. It was great to see so many of our older Scouts taking the opportunity to meet with their local Units over the weekend.

Blacktown District Venturers are organising another '**Bud' Camp** for 26 -28 September 2014 to the theme of '**The Walking Dead**'. Bud is a junior version of our Region Waratah camp that is designed for Scouts over the age of 13 and run by the Venturers themselves. All eligible Scouts from across the Region are invited to attend the camp which will be held at Camp Coutts. An A1 form is available on the Region website.

Applications for "**Waratah 2014: Enter The Tahrdis**" are now open. This year we will be hosting the event at Bangalee Scout Camp (near Nowra) on the weekend of 7-9 November. All Scouts aged over 14 are eligible to join the Venturer Scout section for this event. All adults are invited to join us for the weekend as well. Cost is \$60 participants and \$40 adults including all meals, camping fees and activities. Application forms are available at: www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au

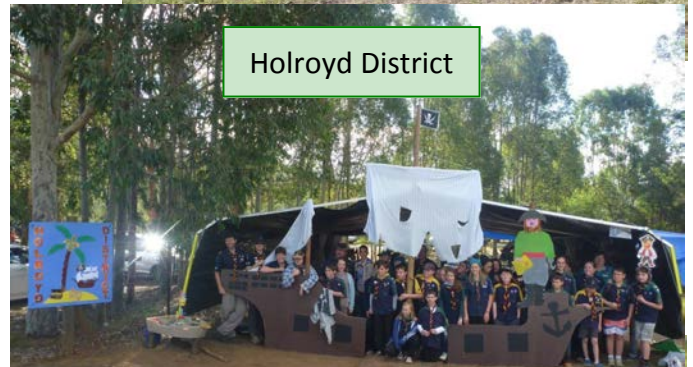
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Fun and games at Jamborette



Was Aaron 'glad' to see his car like this?!



RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

JOEY SCOUTLEADERS STATE KONARA

I travelled down to Glenfield Camp to put on a science activities display for Joey Leaders from NSW. The theme was 'Our World' which fits in well with science that attempts to explain how our world works.

My aim was to show the range of activities we do with Joeys so that these Leaders could reproduce them for their Mob. I had the PET bottle terrariums of Venus Fly Traps and small Pitcher plants and explained how to incorporate small fish and insects; Joey chemistry with felt tip pen and water to separate the colours, also colour change copy paper (yellow to red) with Bicarb and Vinegar solutions; magnetic and electric motors; UV (sunburn) beads and Talky Tape cup that 'said' Science is Fun; optical illusion spinning Zeotrop and circular reflective cylinder that made distorted pictures clear; and the Robot Arm, which seems to appeal to all ages.

I ran a digital picture frame showing stills from past Joey nights, with movies of Water Rockets and Joeys riding the Hover Disk from our Friction night. I gave out all my contact cards and always generate a lot of interest and intentions of getting us to come out their Joey activities, but little follow up – maybe this year.

CUB SCOUT FUN DAY

Karl and I were there with a selection of activities from the Science night programs. There was the ever popular Robot Arm and the Zonker bucket, battery driven DC motor and hand generator to drive the light or the fan, PET bottle diver to pick up the paper clips at the bottom of the bottle, and the steady hand maze solver with buzzer.

Our sound telescope - Big Ear, is always interesting for the new chums, as are the iron filings around the magnet and the magnetic spinning top. Sixers were given the extra challenge of the Connection Detective, a base I made for Scouts at JOTA; to my surprise the Cubs found it interesting and rewarding.

When the queue got too long, I bought out the inflatable Hover Disk for them to throw around in the central grassed area. For the Leaders and Parents I had a jar of apparently clear water which they were invited to put their finger into. The usual response was; "Oh Yuck", as they felt the 'invisible' Water Crystal spheres lurking within!

THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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1st Ermington
Cub Scouts
visit the
Science Base

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

There is one thing we certainly cannot complain about - the great late burst of summer weather we have experienced these last few weeks, and so close to winter. Many groups have been taking advantage of the unseasonal weather to squeeze in a few extra outside activities before things cool down.

The start of the month saw me off to the ScoutHike at Belanglo in the Southern highlands. While just carrying on about the warm weather, that particular weekend was freezing cold. I always enjoy the ScoutHike. I purposely do not have any "official" role there other than hiding away in the back blocks, as helper on one of the activity bases. Good to see how things are working from the coal face. And as always, impressed with the huge effort so many leaders put in.

I also had a bit of a first as far as activities go. Spent a great weekend with 1st Rydalmere on an overnight canoe trip up at Wisemans Ferry. No, it wasn't my first time in a canoe, and I have certainly done overnight canoe trips before. This was the first Scout activity I have ever done, where there were only female scouts present. And when it comes to paddling I would have to say the girls were as good as any of the guys I have seen. Clocked up a total of 40km over the two days, which is a great effort.



*This is a good as it gets.
A gentle paddle under the glow of
a late afternoon sun*

Photo Mark Fell

That same weekend saw the caving team down at the lesser known Tuglow Caves for a "dirty" weekend underground. While a great weekend was had by all, it was marred by one of the helpers involved with a car accident on the way home, after a tyre blowout. Fortunately no major injuries, however the car was a write off.

A good reminder to all of us to take great care when travelling to and from activities, especially when distance and/or unsealed roads are involved.

Our Region has continued to keep the Climbing Wall busy with a great day held at Wentworthville Scout Hall, run by Parramatta District. Big thank you again to Quentin Napier, who along with the climbing wall, also ran a crate stacking base, and a prussic rope climbing activity.

Dragged out the Flying Fox again for a very successful Cub Fun Day at Bundilla. Big thank you to Warren Kaltenbacher and the Fox Team, who organised the setup of the fox on the Saturday, then ran it all day Sunday, with about 300 cubs in attendance.

While I am not suggesting we use the cubs as "crash dummies", this is always a great chance to check all the gear in readiness for the Jamborette. To add a bit more excitement to the day we also had the climbing wall in action. John Leahy, our Science Guru, was also there showing the cubs even more marvels in Science and Physics.

Certainly a busy month!

***Scouts in Action Parramatta District Fun Day
Photo Mark Fell***





Check out the new Banners - debuted at the Cub Fun Day. Photo Mark Fell

Planning is now well in hand for the Region Jamborette over the June long weekend. The Activity team will be in top gear with Canoeing, Flying Fox, Climbing wall and the Science base all in action.



Have you purchased your tickets for Gang Show yet?

For a great night of family entertainment you simply can't do better.

Go to www.gangshow.asn.au for full details.

For all you Snow Bunnies out there don't forget the GWS Snow Weekend coming up 22-24 August. For further details please contact Andrew Whiddon (Grug) on 0411 326 021 or email gwsnowtrip@gmail.com

So what do we pack for the Jamborette? Summer or winter attire. My money is on "winter!"

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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ROVER REPORT

The Rovers of late, have been, almost unwittingly, very philanthropic. With both the Kings Langley Formal Regressive McDonalds Dinner, and the Hills Relay for Life falling on the same weekend, many members of the Rover section helped contribute to the near \$2000 raised for the event's respective charities. This is a testament to the honest devotion that these Rovers have to the section motto, being Service, and is a credit to them as individuals.

Recently, we have finished cleaning-up from the Fire Appeal that ran last year. Nepean Rover Crew has been a great asset throughout the entire time, and have time and time again put in more than their fair share of the work towards this. I would like to thank them, for all their help over the last few months.

At the end of the month we had a brave few make the trek down to Albury for the NSW Rover Bush Dance. Breaking out our best flanos, the GWS Rovers dressed to impress. The night kicked into full gear when the bush band started playing, and by the time everyone got back they fell straight asleep from all the square dancing and hoedowns!

With Jamborette just finished, we can now commence patting ourselves on the back for a job well done. We are beginning to come to Jamborette in droves, with more Rovers than ever before in attendance. We successfully ran a dedicated Rover base, as well as playing a major role in the running of the Gang Show base over the weekend. Making quite a storm, we kicked off the Annual Oz-tag competition Sunday evening, attracting quite a crowd on the parade ground. With fruit coming out at half time, what we were playing for became apparent, the MAN OF THE MATCH! This auspicious title was ultimate bestowed on Hamish Boxall, who showed that even the ref can win!

As some of the Rovers begin to finish session One of university, I'm sure we'll have more adventures on the horizon.

Angus Boxall RRC Chairman

Email: chairman@gwsrovers.com.au

Congratulations to all the very excited members of **Cumberland Gang Show** who were named **Champion of Champions** in the **Fair Go for the West** competition at a gala night, held at Rooty Hill RSL Club on June 3, in the presence of their very proud Producer Dr Rob Lang, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and NSW Premier Mike Baird. They were awarded a grand prize of \$10,000 donated by major sponsor, NAB which will go towards the cost of producing the show at Parramatta Riverside.

BRAVO BRAVISIMO VERY WELL DONE!

APPOINTMENTS LIST

13/5/2014 - 10/6/2014



APPOINTMENTS

PELLEY, Grant Robert Appt TL (C) 1st Kellyville Cub Pack *Darzee*

TRANSFERS

ANDERSON, Kerrie Suzanne Fr Appt TL (S)
To ASL 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
Kings Langley Scout Troop

BURROWS, Noriko Fr CSL
To ASL 1st Carlingford Cub Pack *Alleena*
1st Carlingford Scout Troop *Bartoo*

DARLINGTON, Ryan John Fr Appt TL (J)
To AJSL 1st Oakville Joey Mob
1st Oakville Joey Mob

FAIRALL, Karen Ann Fr AJSL
To JSL 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob

HEWA LIYANAGE, Rasika Hemadhee Fr Appt TL (C)
To CSL 1st Carlingford Cub Pack *Alleena*
1st Carlingford Cub Pack *Alleena*

REDWIN, James Fr Appt TL (C)
To CSL 1st Emu Plains Cub Pack *Booragorang*
1st Emu Plains Cub Pack *Booragorang*

RICHARDS, Brendan Charles Fr Appt TL (C)
To ACSL 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*
1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*

SMITH, Ross Arnold Fr ASL
To SL 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop

WHIDDON, Andrew Robert Fr SL
To ASL 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop

WICKS, John Walter Fr Appt TL (V)
To VSL 1st Glossodia Venturer Unit
1st Glossodia Venturer Unit

WILSON, Darell Peter Fr VSL
To AVSL 1st Glossodia Venturer Unit
1st Glossodia Venturer Unit

ZARTH, Sharon Fr JSL
To AJSL 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

GAGE, Ross Appt TL (G) 1st Rydalmere Scout Group 13/05/2014

KALTENBACHER, Bernard Aloysius RL (Act) Greater Western Sydney Region

WEEKES, Micheal John JSL 1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob

WINFIELD, Joanne Peta ACSL 1st Glossodia Cub Pack

SMILLIE, Philip John ACSL 1st Dural Cub Pack

SULLIVAN, Alison Margaret DCSL Blacktown District

Parramatta District Scout Leadership Course

Recently 22 Scouts from the Parramatta District came together for a weekend, camping on the grounds of 2nd Northmead Scout Hall, for a Leadership Course. These Scouts were a mix of the current and future Leaders of the various Troops in their District. The course was run by the Leaders from the different Troops in the District. Our Region Commissioner Scouts, Robin Garrett (Batman) also attended on the Sunday. The Scouts were very fortunate that the local Police Command heard about the Leadership Course. One of the Officers was a Scout as a youth and he made an impromptu appearance to meet the Scouts and talk to them about the role of the Police in the community, as he handed out stickers and balloons.

The Leadership Course was based on the Scout Award Scheme. All attendees had achieved their Pioneer Red Cord, and one female Scout from North Rocks had achieved her Explorer Blue Cord. The structure of the course was a weekend camp where attendees were placed in Patrols, and camped in Patrol tents. The roles of Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader rotated in each Patrol throughout the weekend. Sessions were a mix of indoor lectures, games and puzzles, as well as several outdoor Scouting games and activities.

The Scouts learned about the Patrol system and gained the necessary skills to take back to their Troops to carry on the Scouting tradition started over a century ago by Lord Baden Powell. They also learned other valuable Leadership skills, including the role of the PL and APL, the Troop Council, Patrol Council, rules and discipline, solutions and decisions, Patrol and Troop activities and skills to combat bullying in their Troop.

Attendees received a certificate and the Scout Leadership Course badge, which is worn on their shirt on the shoulder, the opposite side to their Scoutcraft badge. The course followed the Scouts Australia National Award Scheme requirements. As such, it is the course that is recognised to gain the Scout Leadership Course, a requirement of the Australian Scout Medallion.

Joanne Hrast (Sunny)

ASL - 1st North Rocks Scout Troop



Pictured are the youth members who attended plus Batman (Robin Garrett), The Count (David Myers) and myself.

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Rowallan Avenue, Castle Hill 2154

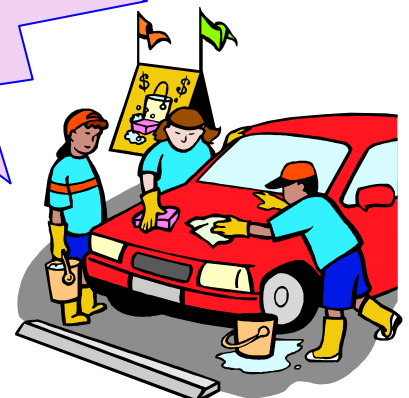
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SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE 2014

The annual **Special Needs Conference** is on **Saturday 26 July** (from 8.30am) - **Sunday 27 July** (to 2.30pm) at the **Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills**.

For long-distance travellers, it is possible to stay overnight on Friday 25 July

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

Share in some great activities, fellowship, food and fun! Cost: \$135. Applications close on 27th June.

Please apply on the standard training course application form (L1) available at the Scouts Australia NSW website – see Forms at Resources and Policies under Leaders or I can send on request. Basic details are in the Adult Training & Development Calendar (p. 16) at this website - see Leader Training under Leaders.

SUPERHEROES AGOONOREE

The annual **Agoonoree** is on **Friday 19 to Monday 22 September** at **Camp Ku-Ring-Gai**, Holmes Drive, Ebenezer (27km North of Windsor) with the theme, **Superheroes**.

An Agoonoree is a camp open to ALL Scouts and Guides in every section, especially Scouts and Guides with special needs and of course includes helpers (Leaders, Scout Fellowship members, Rovers, Venturers, parents and carers). Cubs and Junior Guides can attend if accompanied by a leader or parent/guardian; Joeys can attend if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Details of the wide range of theme-based and other fun and challenging activities will be provided soon. Tent camping is preferred and encouraged, but there is also indoor (bunk) accommodation available. Participants are encouraged to wear 'Superheroes' theme costume, especially on Saturday.

There will be a Visitors' Day on Saturday 20th September and also a great offsite activities day on Sunday 21st September to Australiana Pioneer Village in Wilberforce. 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 Activity Notification Forms (application) for the full camp, for the Visitor's Day or Off-Site Day will be available on the NSW Scouts website by mid June or I can send on request.

Mark Burfield

State Commissioner, Special Needs

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Parramatta and Hills District Joey Scout Joint Campfire

On a balmy May evening around 100 Joeys and their families gathered around a blazing campfire at Bundilla to share in a night of songs, skits, jokes and marshmallows. The Joeys had practised in the weeks leading up to the night – some had rehearsed their first ever performances at their Group's ARP, others at the Hall the week before and yet another Group used the new method of email to learn and perform theirs!

The event was attended by our Region Commissioner for Joey Scouts, Brian Zarth, and the State Commissioner for Joey Scouts, Lyn Mann, who both backed up after a busy weekend organising the State Konara. They helped with teaching the Joeys songs.

1st Dural Joeys performed a Blazing Saddles skit, 1st Winston Hills tried out the washing socks skit and 1st Parramatta Joeys, the crying skit. 1st Kellyville had us all laughing as they told jokes. One group of eager Joey Leaders even performed a skit to the delight of the Joeys. Joeys sang, yelled and shouted their way through a great night finishing up with "warmed" marshmallow!

The event looks as if it will be a regular event for the Districts who deemed it a raging success!

Leonie Plummer DJSL Parramatta and Hills Districts



1st Oakville is busting with pride, at the opening of its new hall extension.

During 2013 the parent support committee and leadership team for 1st Oakville set a huge goal to add extensions to their existing Hall. The committee President Geoff Harber and Assistant President Matthew Greely lead the project with design and application for financial grants from various sources. Local MP Ray Williams was instrumental in supporting the grant application and helped in securing the funds.

Once approved by council and with many local businesses in the Hawkesbury Region showing their true community spirit with assistance and donations of time and materials, the real hard work began. Many hours of work with the assistance of multiple working bees, the group worked tirelessly to complete the extension and also painted and renovated the existing hall.

The new extensions for 1st Oakville Group were officially opened on Saturday 24th May during a great open day where all the sections came together with displays of memorabilia and scouting activities. The true essence of the scouting spirit is alive and strong with 1st Oakville Group and the support from an active Parent Support Committee makes the job as a leader enjoyable and rewarding with evidence in a growing and active group.

Mathew Harris , Group Leader
1st Oakville Scout Group



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2014 Scouts in Action Month

Traditionally **Scouts in Action** has been held in the last full week of August but this year Scouts in Action will be held over the month of August so for 2014 it is Scouts in Action Month and a dedicated website has been created www.scoutsinactionmonth.com and you are invited to register your whole Group this year.

Programs and activities for all sections of Scouting are being loaded onto the site and you are welcome to use these anytime during Scouts in Action Month. The aim this year is to have as many of our Scouting members from across Australia participate in during August.

Once again there is a badge available and this has been approved for wear on the Scout Uniform by the Chief Commissioner of Australia but as usual you will need to check your local branch headquarters to check to see if you can wear this year's badge. Go to <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2014-Badge-Order-Form.html> and order your badges today!

Check the Scouts in Action Month website regularly for updated programs and activities. If you have any programs or activities based on this year's theme, *Breaking the Cycle – bullying is not a part of Scouting*, please send them to youth.events@scouts.com.au

John Parr
National Project Commissioner, Youth Events
Scouts in Action Month 2014



'Tricia Shaw, State Commissioner Cub Scouts receives her ***Pride of Workmanship*** award from Holroyd Rotary Club President Vera, in recognition of all the hours she spends volunteering her time and energy not just with Scouting, but Trefoil Guild, the Church and teaching SRE as well!

Congratulations 'Tricia, we are very proud of you and your Award is certainly well deserved.

1 2 3 **Woof!**



LOST PROPERTY REGION JAMBORETTE

Please note that all the lost property from Jamborette has arrived at the Region Office. Some of it is labelled and we will endeavour to get in direct contact with families or groups. However much of it is not labelled! We will hold all of it for the next two weeks and after that it will be thrown away or donated to charity.

Maggi and Kim

FROM THE DEN OF THE REGION COMMISSIONER (SCOUTS)

Jamborette

Another great Jamborette over with now and the best part of this one was we took home dry tents, a first for about four years. We had over 550 Scouts and over 300 leaders, Venturers and Rovers. The weather was really great with the coldest night getting down to about 5 degrees. We had a total of 29 activity bases and a plethora of people in pirate outfits of various styles. The Flying Fox was up and ready to go on time when activities opened at 2pm. There were no significant injuries either!

A new Region SYC executive was elected in our Region SYC meeting on Sunday night. We thank our outgoing executive Gabriela Gonzalez, Cassie Andrews and Nicholas Queree. Congratulations and welcome to our new executive, Cameron Heydeman, Aidan Rowe and Kirsty Lavender.

State Rally

Early Bird closing date is Sunday evening 15th June for any new Patrol registrations and the chance to earn an extra 100 bonus points. Other dates to remember are:

2nd July	New Patrol Registrations close at 10.00PM - Patrol maintenance still open
2nd July	Leader Registrations Close
4th July	Payment deadline
9th July	Changes to Patrols close at midnight - last chance!!
11th-13th July	State Rally!

This is an opportunity for Scouts, particularly newer ones to be introduced to light weight hiking. We encourage all Scouts to get in and have a go and see if we can have a Patrol be the State Champions. We have done it before so let's see if we can do it again.

Yours in Scouting

Robin Garrett (Batman)- RC Scouts

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Just some of the many fantastic activities on offer at Region Jamborette

Photos
Robin Garrett



Closing Parade



1st Kellyville Winners Themed Gateway Competition







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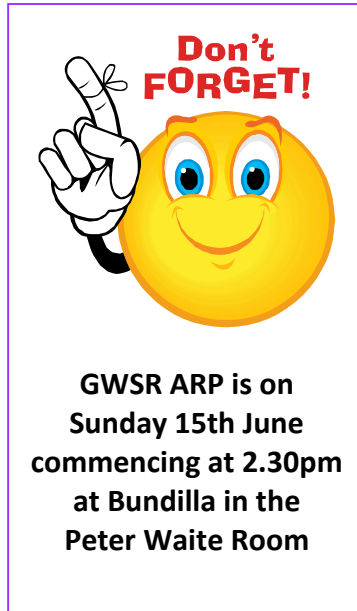


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