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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Along with David Stopps, Geoff McGrath, Holly Playford (Chair SEC) and Doug Menzies (Chief Commissioner Scouts NSW), I attended the re-commissioning of Richmond Hall after the upgrading of the facility with the help of the SEC and the 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group. 1st Hawkesbury have now moved into the hall and will be meeting there from now on.

It was great to see around 60 people attend the Region ARP held at Bundilla on Sunday 15th June 2014. We had a number of State and Local Government representatives in attendance and our usual excellent afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting. Thanks to the kind graces of Peter Nickl and his son Tracey (Gumnut Patisserie in Southern Highlands) and 1st Westmead Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship, the afternoon tea was excellent.

We mentioned in last month's Bulletin that Round VI of the Community Building Partnership Grants was opening on Monday June 9, 2014 and 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. Should you require assistance please contact David Stopps.

On a cold Thursday night, along with David Stopps, Tony Dent, Robin Garrett and Aaron Wardle I had the pleasure to attend the presentation of the Green Cord and the Australian Scout Medallion to Coen Moore. I am amazed by how much work some scouts put into attaining this high award. BRAVO to Coen, his parents, leaders and fellow members of the troop on this fine achievement.

I have been invited to the Queens Scout Presentation for Ellen Gray of 1st/2nd Merrylands and look forward to congratulating her on this excellent achievement.

It is my pleasure to inform you that Melinda Varcoe from 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2014 Queen's Scout Scholarship. The Queen's Scout Scholarship is a recognition of the tremendous effort Melinda has made while a member of the Scout Association. It is awarded to aid the further education of Queen's Scout Awardees. The presentation will take place at the NSW Branch AGM on Saturday 19th July at Pennant Hills

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

Neville Henderson Region Commissioner

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ROVER REPORT

Since the last Bulletin, Rovers have been having a great time. We have had an RRC Exec meeting, the final Cumberland Gang Show Rehearsals, Knightings and also, the awesome event, Christmas in July by Hawkesbury Rover Crew.

Region Chair, Angus Boxall from Kings Langley Rover Crew is currently walking the Great North Walk (all 250+km's of it). We wish him and the party every success in their journey.

Coming up we have Man vs Monster Moot, Snow Moot, Service Moot, Mexican Moot and Balls of Steel Competition. More information can be found in our fortnightly updates on the Region Website, under LATEST NEWS.

Johnathan Morey RRC Vice Chairman

Email: chairman@gwsrovers.com.au

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9TH AND 10TH AUGUST 2014

BENGALEE SCOUT CAMP

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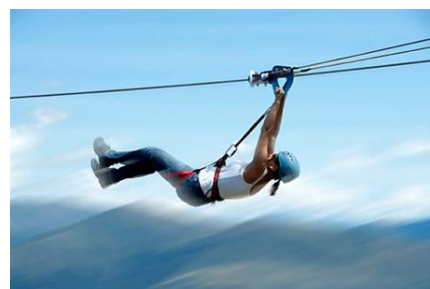
- Covers Basic to Advanced Flying Fox
- \$125pp includes food and manuals
- RSVP: 28th July 2014
- You will need to bring your own tents and sleeping gear as well as dilly bags and personal items.
- Please reply using an L1 form to the SCT Region Office asap.

Kerrie Latham

Region Office Manager

South Coast and Tablelands Region

Phone: 4274 1099



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Applications for the **GWS Woonona** close 1st August, please promote this and get those registration forms and money to the Region Office by then. We are looking forward to a great weekend.

The date has been set for our next **Joey Fun Day** - Sunday 17th May 2015. Please put this on your group calendars.

Reminder for leaders - anyone who has been a leader for two years should consider doing their **Advanced Leadership course**. Log into the E-learning site and get started on those modules. The closing date for the October course close on 11th September 2014.

Cumberland Gang Show. Did you get to see the Comets at Gang Show? They did us all proud, it was great to see them all on stage. The cast and crew of Cumberland Gang Show should be congratulated for their hard work. This year the whole show just seemed to flow from beginning to end; the costumes were fantastic and the scenes with Africa, Spaceman, New York, Robin Hood were great to watch. The Gang Show workshop team are available to come to your mobs and run some activities, please take them up on this generous offer.

Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts

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

Sean Hodge - 2nd Castle Hill

Daniel Whalan - 1st Carlingford

David Guo - 1st Carlingford

HOP - HOP - HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Congratulations to the Production Team, Cast and Crew of Cumberland Gang Show on a fantastic show which many have described it as the best show ever! I thoroughly enjoyed it but was rather disappointed that still so many CSLs didn't bother to bring their Packs along for some great entertainment.

Palaver's closing date of July 25, is rapidly approaching. Have you sent in your A1 and payment to Region Office yet? Don't miss out on this fun and informative day and the chance to catch up with fellow CSLs and Youth Helpers. Even if you can't be there for the whole day, join in for as long as you can. 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!

Recently I attended a District Seonee and was very disappointed, not only by the lack of attendance but also by the lack of apologies from the CSLs. I think that this demonstrates a distinct lack of courtesy and respect for your DLCS and certainly held up our meeting, while we waited for leaders to arrive. I do hope that any Leader who cannot attend their Seonee sends through an apology in the future! I would also like to remind all Leaders that participation in Seonee is part of your appointment and contributes towards your ongoing training. For those Packs who are fortunate enough to have a CSL and ACSLs, it is not good enough that just one leader attends Seonee.

Another issue I need to raise is badge work. There appears to be some strange practices going on in packs and I have no idea how they have come about but I do know they are causing angst for parents and leaders.

- The basis for Pack Programming is the Boomerang badge scheme not the Achievement badge scheme.
- Boomerang instruction should be covered at Pack meetings, pack holidays or on special days.
- Boomerang badges are age based - Achievement Badges are not!
- Just because you have instructed in a topic does not mean you can sign off on it at the same time. The cub should be tested and signed off at a later date after having shown that they can recall what they have been taught. Of course this does not apply to every test - use your discretion.
- Signing off test work should be done by all leaders - not just Akela and should be done as the cub passes the test work, so they and their parents can see their progress.
- Achievement badges can be used for organising special pack meetings or outings and can be gained by Cub Scouts whenever they express an interest in a particular topic.

- I recently heard a cub told that they could not do the Faith Awareness badge, as it was usually done as a whole Pack. The cub was disappointed and I can see no reason why this badge cannot be earned by an individual cub.
- There should be no time limits set for earning achievement badges e.g. one every 6 months!
- Any badge earned should be presented asap.
- Pinning a badge on the uniform in the place it is to be sewn, is a great help for parents and a lot nicer than just placing the badge in a hand or pocket. Only the highest level Achievement badge can be worn - not both levels.
- It has been observed that cubs with leader parents appear to have more badges on their sleeves and more often than not go on to earn the Grey Wolf. Of course it is difficult to be a Leader and cub parent and more often than not, one tends to be tougher with their own children. Avoid signing off on your own child's test work - involve another leader if possible. The most important thing to remember is that parents are watching what happens at pack and they just want to see a fair go and level playing field for all.

If anyone disagrees with any of these statements we can discuss it at Palaver. See you at Bundilla!

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts

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CUB PACK CHALLENGE 2014

- **It is time to get your cubs to finish off their projects and prepare them for judging.**
- **Judging will take place during Palaver**
- **Judges decision will be final and the Region winner will be taken to State for judging in September.**
- **All entries should be at Bundilla by the 9th August.**
- **Please bring the gadgets with you to Palaver or drop them off at Bundilla between August 6 - 8.**
- **Make sure you attach a label with the name of the entrant and group.**

1st MURRAY FARM

1st Murray Farm has been reinvigorated with the start up of their Joey Scout Mob. Following a four week **Try Joey Scouts Program**, the Group was encouraged when 5 parents took up the challenge to commence training as Joey Scout Leaders.

The Mob invested 13 Joeys with a further two children to be invested in term 3. Leonie Plummer, DJSL and Kathy Cuneo RC AD&T, promoted the start up at the local school and held a parent meeting to explain that the group would run for 4 weeks. However, if the children enjoyed the activities and parents were prepared to be Leaders they would continue to support the fledgling Mob until the Leaders were trained. With exciting activities and continual reminders to parents as to what was required, five parents eagerly took up the challenge and have commenced training.

On the last night of term 2, the thirteen Joeys were invested. They were joined by Brian Zarth, RCJS, who assisted with the investitures. Excited Joeys then sat around a mock campfire for and sausages were eagerly eaten to celebrate the event. The promotion also saw the growth in numbers for the Cub Pack with an additional 8 to 10 children attending. They will be invested in term 3.

Leonie Plummer DJSL
Parramatta District



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





CANYONING CAPERS 3—IN WINTER??

July is not usually when you think to go canyoning, but 4 Venturers and 2 Leaders from Erskine Park joined me in early July to explore Tiger Snake Canyon on the Newnes Plateau.



The canyon is deep, dark, narrow and quite spectacular, and best of all (for winter) is generally dry – although you do get your calves wet. Although quite overcast, windy and sprinkling, the temperature was a balmy 8 degrees when we met at the Zig-Zag Railway. A 30 minute drive followed by an easy 3km walk saw us at the start of the canyon which involves a short but tricky abseil through a very narrow cleft in the creek floor. A few scrapes and grunts later we were all into the canyon proper and heading through a quite beautiful chasm.

A couple more awkward abseils later, including an abseil from a pile of logs, saw us emerge at the first big drop of around 20m next to a small waterfall. A short walk down the creek follows before we arrived at the last drop, a fabulous 27m abseil down through a small slot into a very dark chamber.



The start is very narrow and one or two of the group had a few moments trying to shimmy down. The canyon here is very deep and narrow and the sculpting of the rock is really quite impressive. After a few more squeezes we emerged at the end of the canyon which in itself is a quite beautiful fern gully surrounded on each side by towering cliffs.



One of the great things about canyoning in winter is at least it is not stinking hot on the climb out, so although the climb was a bit steep, it was quite comfortable. We lunched half way to the top on a small rock platform and caught some intermittent rays of sunlight.

We mused about the name of the canyon – as it was certainly too cold for snakes today. (The story goes that a group of bushwalkers were trapped in the lower part of the canyon by a tiger snake and they had to take their clothes off and throw them over the snake to get past it.) Thankfully the only wild life we encountered was a pond full of very large tadpoles.



One of the highlights of the trip is climbing up a very large pagoda formation as part of the exit track. The ascent is an easy climb of about 40m and provided great views of the surrounding Wollemi Wilderness. Everyone enjoyed the day and has inspired me to find and check out other suitable winter canyon adventures, so keep an eye out on the GWS Region Calendar for future trips.

“It was a great day” – Janice. “I really wasn’t expecting such an adventure and beautiful place” – Olivia
Ross Smith (Elmer) SL 2nd Castle Hill Scouts/GWS Rock Activities - Canyon Guide



RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Our Bases At Jamboree '14

The most noisy demonstration at the Science Base was the *Tesla Coil*. As well as producing loud vicious blue arcs at 200,000 volts, it also played tunes, sometimes. The lightning it produced regularly crashed the computer sending the music information. We had taped four 'dead' fluorescent tubes to the legs of the table holding it, and these lit up or dimmed as the sparks were produced.

Supporting the Tesla coil was information about Nikola Tesla, who made our 21st century life style possible by the distribution of cheap AC power, a rising arc *Jacobs ladder*, running on a car ignition coil from 12 volts, and a *Plasma ball* demonstrating arcs without the Ozone.

Karl had devised an alternate energy activity involving *Solar Panels* outside, converting power from the sun, a vertical *Savonius generator* getting power from the wind, and a *bicycle powered alternator* getting power from the Scouts. Karl had installed switches to connect various light bulb loads; several Scouts managed to pedal for 20–30 seconds with the 50 Watt load applied.

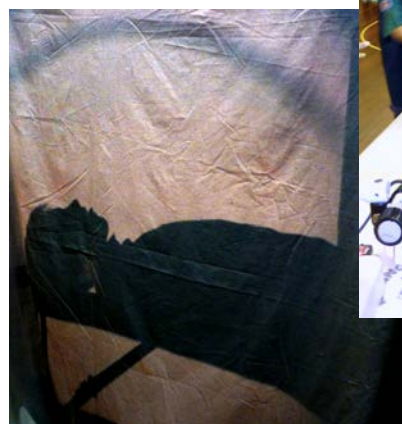
Heart Night with Ermington

We started the evening with a Heart night for the Cubs, first showing the Torso mannequin with removable organs and heart, find your pulse with finger tips, then into groups to look through the microscope at the internals of a real *sheep's heart*, pin the heart on the body poster, feel the pressure your heart pumps at, and 'try removing the pieces' in the shocking Operation board game.

The Scouts had to do a little more. Firstly repacking the organs back into the mannequin, then relating the plastic to a *real pigs stomach contents*. In this case the dummy was a handsome T-shirt display mould. I clearly have a lot to learn about pig physicality (where was Lillian when I needed her?); but we did determine that the deceased was a sow. The Scouts seemed to 'handle' the exercise with good humour.

Another challenge of the night was to re-enact the classic scout skit '*The Operation*' which is a shadow play involving outrageous and extravagant improbabilities inflicted on a fellow scout during a misguided operation. A chance to experiment and develop themes for a possible end of year show for the whole Group.

The final experience for the night was to stick electrodes on individuals' chest and hand and view their *heart waveform* on an oscilloscope. Some had their Blood Pressure and Pulse measured with a wrist mounted pressure cuff.



THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

We still really can't complain about the weather. Wake up to a clear sunny morning at Bents Basin and put on a pair of shorts! *I have never done that before!* The Jamboree of 2014 would have to go down as one of the *mildest* ever.

A huge thank you...

To the Region Activities Team for their effort at the Jamboree.

To Quentin Napier, along with the Fox Team, who started setting up the fox early on Friday morning to ensure it was up and running when the activities started on Saturday afternoon ...and *no plumbing issues this year with the fox, which certainly kept Batman happy!*



*Paddling on the "Dam" at the Jamboree
Photo Mark Fell*



To Neal Sullivan and John van de Berg who looked after the canoeing all weekend on the dam.

To Nathan Duffy and the team from 1st Springwood who ran the climbing wall, along with a double Sox Wrestling frame, a caving ladder, a prussicking base, and all finished off with some caving.

To John Leahy and Karl Humphries who continued to fascinate us with arcs and sparks along with an extensive display of various types of radio communication.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to the many Venturers who helped us out on all the bases. All my leaders commented on the huge support and help the venturers provided.

We ran the climbing wall up at the recommissioning of the Richmond Scout Hall. Thanks to David (Macca) McKinley, who helped out with myself on the day. Our rock team are quite busy at present. We have an Abseiling Skills Day coming up 26th - 27th July up at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock, with a theory night at Bundilla prior. Check out Region website for all details.

On the 17th August we are also running a Rescue Day for abseilers, cavers and canyoneers. As part of SIS10 we are required to do a practical rescue day every 12 months. Details will be on the Region Website. Don't forget to bring your log books.

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

The school holidays kept me very busy with Gang Show. There is something particular about being part of the 'Gang' Just a cog in the wheel and along with lots of other cogs, we all join up to make something really special happen. Cumberland Gang Show is as good as you will get, without going professional. I still remember going to my first show. It just blew me away. It really does bring out some incredibly hidden talent in so many young, and not so young people. *Wouldn't miss it for quids!*



Final touches at rehearsal before we hit Parramatta Riverside.

Photo: Mark Fell

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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APPOINTMENTS LIST

11/6/2014 - 30/6/2014



APPOINTMENTS

ELLCOTT , Sharon	Appt TL (J)	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob
MITCHELL , Fiona Jane	Appt TL (J)	1st Oakville Joey Mob
BOULTON , David Mitchell	Appt TL (C)	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack
HYETT , Elizabeth Maree	Appt TL (S)	1st Glossodia Scout Troop
THOMPSON , Gabrielle Anne	Appt ADC - DA	Hills South District
PHILLIPS , David Alexander	Appt TL (S)	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
WILLARD , Rex Howard	Appt TL (S)	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop

TRANSFERS

ACHERMANN , Robert	Fr AL (S) To Appt TL (S)	1st Wentworthville Scout Troop 1st Wentworthville Scout Troop
ANDERSON , Neal Robert	Fr Appt TL (G) To GL	2nd Northmead Scout Group 2nd Northmead Scout Group
BRIGDEN , Bruce Roy	Fr SL To ASL	1st Wentworthville Scout Troop 1st Wentworthville Scout Troop
CROESE , Jordan Beau	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Dural Joey Mob 1st Dural Joey Mob
DAVIS , Paul Jason	Fr Appt TL (V) To AVSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
DYBALL , Richard Lloyd	Fr AL (G) To ACSL	1st Winston Hills Scout Group 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>
HALL , Bryan John	Fr ASL To SL	1st Wentworthville Scout Troop 1st Wentworthville Scout Troop
MARSDEN , Andrew Daniel	Fr Appt TL (V) To AVSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
MOREY , Johnathan Raymond	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
SMART , Thomas David Asher	Fr Appt TL (J) To JSL	1st Dural Joey Mob 1st Dural Joey Mob
HOSE , Grant Christopher	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Ermington Scout Troop 1st Ermington Scout Troop
JEFFERIES , Paul John	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
SAUNDERS , Desmond Allan	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i> 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>
SHERWIN , Fiona Louise	Fr ASL To SL	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee-Na-Pah</i> 1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee-Na-Pah</i>

TRANSFERS

WEISS , Maximilian Heinrich	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Whalan Scout Troop 1st Whalan Scout Troop
LESSLIE , Shaun Victor	Fr VSL To DVSL	1st Kellyville Venturer Unit Hills South District
VELLA , Matthew Guy	Fr AVSL To ARC (V)	1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit Greater Western Sydney Region

RESIGNATIONS

CAMILLERI , Jane	Appt TL (S)	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee-Na-Pah</i>
KALTENBACHER , Therese Mary	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
ROBERTS , Craig Donald	AVSL	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
COPELAND , Natalie Mable	Appt TL (J)	1st St Marys Joey Mob
MCHUGH , Sarah Alexis	Appt TL (V)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit
MILLER , Noel Alexander	ASL	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HOPKINS , Bradley Thomas	Trainee Ldr (R)	Hawkesbury River Rover Crew
LEEDER , Christopher Trainee	Ldr (R)	Hawkesbury River Rover Crew

SUPERHEROES AGOONOREE

Friday 19 to Monday 22 September
Camp Ku-Ring-Gai,
Holmes Drive, Ebenezer

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

This event is 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.

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 a great offsite activity day on Sunday 21st September to Australiana Pioneer Village in Wilberforce.

A1 and further details available on the NSW Scouts website .

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State Commissioner, Special Needs
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2nd Castle Hill WSJ2015 Fundraiser

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Sunday 12th October 2014

7.45am for 8am departure to approx. 5.30pm

Start/End Point

1st /2nd Castle Hill Group Scout Halls

Rowallan Avenue, Castle Hill 2154

Cost

\$70

Bookings

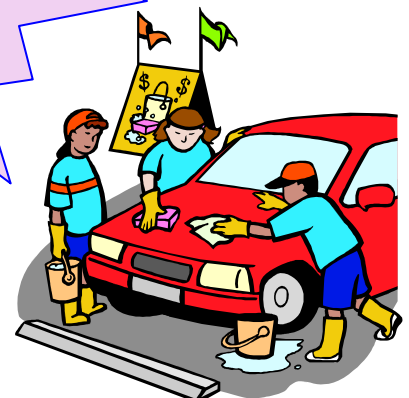
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1st Blackheath Scouts Celebrate Inaugural Australian Scout Medallion Achievement

Blackheath resident COEN MOORE has become the first recipient of the Australian Scout Medallion in the history of 1st Blackheath Scout Group. This is the highest award a scout can earn.

Coen joined 1st Blackheath Group as a Cub Scout in 2008. Since progressing to Scout level in January 2010, he has achieved Pioneer, Explorer and Adventurer Levels, completed Scout Leadership Courses, walked over 300km on Camping Hikes, been appointed Patrol Leader and Troop Leader and been an inspiration and support to new scout members.

To achieve the Australian Scout Medallion, Coen undertook a project to repair all Patrol Tents and set up a maintenance schedule for the future. This involved repairing and waterproofing canvas, checking poles and ropes for strength and viability. The project took over 20 hours' work with several scouts, troop leaders and parents assisting under Coen's guidance.

Region Commissioner Scouts, Robin Garrett presented the medallion to Coen and spoke highly of Coen's commitment, dedication and achievements. Also present was RC Neville Henderson who said, "It takes a keen young person to complete the work necessary to achieve the Australian Scout Medallion, 1st Blackheath can be proud that one of their own has achieved this highest award."

Enquiries to join 1st Blackheath as a Scout or Cub Scout can be directed to Group Leader Mr Russell Brown on 4788 1113.



Robin Garrett RC Scouts presents the
ASM to Coen Moore



L to R: Robin Garrett RC Scouts
Tristan Flores SL 1st Blackheath
Coen Moore
John Clapham SL 1st Springwood,
Frank Barr State Activities Team



1st Blackheath Scout Group
And Special Guests

Photos: Trish Davies

Greater Western Sydney Region Seconee

PALAUVER INVITATION



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



JUNGLE SAFARI



on Saturday 9th August
from 9am to 5pm @ Bundilla Scout Camp

Cost just \$35pp includes
Morning and Afternoon tea, hot Lunch
All Programmes, Handcraft and special Badge

Closing date: Friday 25th July 2014
A1 is available on Region website
Please return form and money to Region Office asap

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