

# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW - GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

**Mr. Neville Henderson OAM**

*Region Commissioner*

**Mr. Alan Overton AM**

*Region President*

*and*

**Mr. Geoff McGrath**

*Region Chairman*

*Cordially invite you to attend the annual  
Adult Recognition Awards Presentation Dinner*

*on*

*Thursday, 23rd October 2014*

*6.30pm for 7.00pm start*

*at*

**Toongabbie Sports and Bowling Club**

**12 Station Street**

**Toongabbie**

*\$40 per person includes three course meal*

***R.S.V.P. to Region Office by 3.30pm, 14th October 2014***

***\* Full and correct uniform and decorations to be worn please.***

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

As I sit in my caravan at Lightning Ridge, I am thinking of you all working hard in Sydney. The temperature this morning in Gilgandra was just 3 degrees. Quite cool.

I am pleased to announce that Jan Playford (immediate past Region Commissioner and now Honorary Commissioner) was rewarded for her long service to Scouting by her election at the recent State AGM, to the NSW Branch Council as a Life Councillor. This is a most prestigious role and congratulations to Jan on receiving this honor.

Congratulations to Lindsay Ferguson (NSW Lones and ex 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Venturer) and Melinda Varcoe (1<sup>st</sup> Blaxland Venturer) on being awarded the Queen's Scout Scholarship. Congratulations to these two young ladies who are a credit to our Region. The Queen's Scout Scholarship is a recognition of the tremendous effort Lindsay and Melinda have made whilst members of the Scout Association. It is awarded to aid the further education of Queen's Scout Awardees. The presentation took place at the recent State AGM.

I had the pleasure of attending the Queen's Scout Presentation for Ellen Gray of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Merrylands Venturer Unit - and was honoured to present the Queen's Scout Charge and woggle on behalf of the Region Commissioner Venturer Scouts and congratulate her on this excellent achievement.

Our Adult Recognition Awards have been announced and I can tell you that 72 of our Scouting family have been honoured. Please take the opportunity to congratulate the recipients who are listed in this copy of the Bulletin and on our website [greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://greaterwestscouts.com.au)

I have appointed Gabie Thompson to the position of Assistant District Commissioner Hills South to assist Gavan with the running of the district. Gabie will continue in her current role as DLCS, Hills South District. Welcome aboard Gabie.

Brett Williams has been appointed to the role of Region Adviser and will be mentoring new Group Leaders and Leaders in Charge within the Region. Welcome aboard Brett.

I have approached Matthew Bordley who is being booted from Nepean Rovers next month and have offered him a role as Region Advisor responsible for liaison between the Rover and Venturer Sections. I am not happy to be told by several people that we are losing Venturers because the Rover Section is not following them up when they turn 18.

Congratulations to Lorraine Shaw (Region Adviser) for the great job she is doing mentoring the new leaders at

1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe Heights Cub Pack, who have increased their cub numbers over the last two terms!

I must mention the excellent job being done by Kathy Cuneo (RC Adult Training and Development), Leonie Plummer (DL Joey Scouts, Parramatta District) and Cub Leaders from Parramatta District, especially Joseph Doyle CSL 1st North Rocks - at 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Farm Group where they have opened a Joey Mob and also increased numbers in the Cub Pack.

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

**Neville Henderson Region Commissioner**

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**Be Prepared...**

*for new adventure!*



### **RATSKIN 2014 - 'FAIRY TALES'**

**20th and 21st September @ Falnash State Forest**

\$10 covers you for Rat Skin Badge, camp fees and expenses related to the Saturday night activity.

**Closing date for applications: August 22nd 2014**

If you are thinking of coming this year, we need your applications in asap! The Golden West Region Venturers are in the process of organising a fantastic weekend for the leaders, so show your support for these amazing teenagers! If you don't have a full team, send your application in and we can add you to a team.

Closing date is 22nd August! If you miss the mail, phone Cassie or Leigh, as there are no late entries this year. Closing date is final. It will be a magical year, so come play in the enchanted forest! Make sure you remember to bring your sense of humour, and your fun hat!

The forms are at [www.3rdorange.org.au/ratskin](http://www.3rdorange.org.au/ratskin)

**Cassie Talbot 0417 950 014 Committee Chairperson**  
**Leigh Williamson (02) 6369 0653 Leader Responsible**

**Yours in Scouting**  
**The Rat Skin Committee 2014**

## RSVP FOR GWS Region Awards Presentation Dinner

Toongabbie Sports and Bowling Club  
12 Station Street Toongabbie

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2014**

**6.30pm for 7pm**

*Full uniform and decorations to be worn please.*

Please confirm on the slip below whether you will be attending the dinner as our guest and if you will be inviting any additional guests (additional guests will cost **\$40 per head**).

Please book early, as numbers are limited. To reserve your place, just complete the slip below and return it with any payment for additional guests to **Region Office by 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**.

### NAME OF ATTENDEES

(include yourself if you are coming. Please PRINT clearly for place cards)

Names	Dietary requirements

Total amount enclosed @ \$40 per person (excluding awardees) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Cheques payable to Scouts Australia***

- *You can make a note of those people you would like seated at your table. We will do our best to ensure everyone is seated with their family, friends and groups - however, as table numbers are limited, we may have to split large groups.*
- **Forward this advice slip and money to:  
Region Office, 6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills NSW 2153**
- **RSVP by close of business 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**
- ***For further enquiries phone the GWS Region Office on 9639 2488***

***Book early to avoid disappointment!***

## **CUB SCOUT NOTES**

Sincere congratulations to everyone who gained recognition for their service to Scouting in the **2014 Adult Recognition Awards** announced on World Scout Day, August 1. It is indeed an honour to receive an award and know that someone thought enough of your contribution to Scouting to take the time and effort to write a recommendation for you. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Region Dinner on October 23 at Toonie Bowling Club.

Our **Palaver** was held at Bundilla on Saturday August 9 and what a great day it turned out to be. Thank you so much to all the Leaders and Cub Instructors who spent the day with the Region Seeonee Team and who took part in the activities so enthusiastically. It was great to see leaders having fun and chatting to one another. My sincere thanks to Shirley, Melissa, Gabie, John, Virginia and Jeff for helping me to organise and run the day; to Pinnaroo and Paul Thompson for providing us with some great food: and to our State Commissioner Cub Scouts, Tricia Shaw for supporting us - as always.

We had 5 excellent entries in the **CS Challenge**, I am pleased to announce the winning entry was from **Red Six, 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack**. They constructed a mess kit storage rack for a dining fly. Congratulations to the winners and well done to the other entrants - it was a difficult choice. I will be taking the winning entry with me to State Cub Council in September, to compete against the rest of the State - good luck!

The final **Cub Scout leadership Course** for this year, will be held at Bundilla on August 30. The Invitations and A1 have been distributed through your District Seeonees and the closing date is Friday August 16. If you would like to help out at this course, please contact your DLCS or Seeonee Leader.

Our annual **Cub Baanya** will be held at Bundilla on the weekend of **November 1 and 2**. This camp is designed for older Cub Scouts to have the opportunity to camp and work in Patrols with experienced Scouts and it affords the Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills and earn valuable hours of Service towards their Award scheme. Many aspects of the Boomerang Award scheme are covered by fun bases run by each District and Pinaroo and it gives Cub Scouts a small introduction to the next level of Scouting and will hopefully encourage them to move out of the pack and up to Scouts, when the time is right. The E1 and full details will be available on the GWSR website at the end of August.

Could you please make sure that your new Leaders are aware that this publication and the Region website exist. It is really important that everyone is kept in the loop with the latest news, and we are indeed fortunate to have such an efficient means of communication.

To receive an email notification for when each new edition of **The Bulletin** is available for download - just go to the GWSR website, click on Region Bulletin and 'click here' in the blue box to register your email address - it's as simple as that! So for all those Leaders who say they never "get The Bulletin", please visit the GWSR website and register to receive an email notification or just click on The Bulletin to read it on-line.

I would love to hear from all the CSLs in our Region - both trained and in training, telling me what they would like to see happening in our Region as far as Cub Scouts go. What events would you like? What help do you need with Training or Programming? Would you like more social gatherings to give Leaders the chance to mingle and exchange ideas? Would you like a Region Campfire, just for Leaders? These are just some broad question/suggestions - I am certain you have some thoughts of your own - if so please contact me or send your requests through your District Seeonees?

2016 is going to be a big year, as we celebrate the Centenary of Cub Scouts. How should we, as a Region, celebrate this very special milestone? I look forward to all your suggestions.

Thank you and congratulations on the huge amount of time and effort you put into running your Packs, to give your Cubs the very best Scouting experience. You all deserve awards - keep up the great work.

**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.**

**Angus Katen - 1st Winston Hills**

**Daniel Dring - 1st Greystanes**

**Laura Wilkie - 1st Carlingford**

**Benjamin Howse - 1st Sth Penrith**

**Hayden Bonitz - 1st Kellyville**

**Emelia Macarthur - 1st North Rocks**

**Hugo Hose - 1st Ermington**

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW**  
**GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**  
**2014 GOOD SERVICE AWARDS**



**SILVER KANGAROO - for eminent achievement and meritorious service**

Henderson OAM, Neville James: Region Commissioner, Greater Western Sydney Region

**SILVER EMU - for sustained and exceptional service**

McLean, Charlie (Deceased): District Joey Scout Leader, Blacktown District

Thompson, Anne Marie: Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts), Greater Western Sydney Region

Yendle, Charles Frederick: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Merrylands Cub Pack

**SILVER KOALA - for distinguished service**

Garrett, Robin Joseph: Region Commissioner (Scouts), Greater Western Sydney Region

Leahy, John: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

**SILVER WATTLE - for outstanding service**

Douglass, Annette: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Parramatta Cub Pack

Fell, John Mark: Region Commissioner (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

Mort, Teresa: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Venturer Unit

Rigg, James Bryan: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop "Bartoo"

Wardle, Aaron Christopher: Region Commissioner (Venturer Scouts), Greater Western Sydney Region

Wood, Stuart Lyall: Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD - for outstanding service**

Apthorpe, Linda Anne: Fellowship Member, Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship

Thompson, Paul: Region Treasurer, Greater Western Sydney Region

Wilson, Adrian Lynden John: Fellowship Member, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD - for Excellent Service**

Fennell, Pauline Maree: Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop

Fitzsimmons, Guy: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack "Kookaburra"

Hourd, Nicholas William: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit

Majoor, Michael: District Delegate, Greater Western Sydney Region

Massie, Gary Ian: Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop

Rec, Cassie Bernadette: Group Leader, 1st North Rocks Scout Group

Rose, Derek Hugh: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

Selwood, Shane David: Group Leader, 1st Winston Hills Scout Group

Stewart, Meredith Christine: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

Williams, Brett: Region Adviser, Greater Western Sydney Region

**SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - For Good Service**

Anderson, Helen: Group Secretary, 1st Oakville Scout Group

Astley, Jodie: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit

Barber, Peter John: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Joey Mob

Bone, Alan Kenneth: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville Scout Troop

Bowden, Dharma Asima: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Cub Pack "Alleena"

Boxall, Gregory Bruce : Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Joey Mob

Caine, Gavin: Supporter, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group

Connor, Elena: Assistant Group Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group

Cordell, Wallace: Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop

## **SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - For Good Service**

Crump, Joshua William: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit  
Drysdale, Darren Robert: Group Leader, 1st South Penrith Scout Group  
Duffy, Nathan Paul: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Venturer Unit  
Edwards, Jason Ross: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit  
Fowler, Trevor: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes Cub Pack  
Frost, Jeanette Ann: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Cub Pack  
Greely, Matthew: Group Vice-President, 1st Oakville Scout Group  
Grundy, Jane Pauline: Associate Leader (Group), 1st Springwood Scout Group  
Harber, Geoff: Group President, 1st Oakville Scout Group  
Harris, Mathew Gordon: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Cub Pack  
Harvey, Steven Wallis: Scout Leader, 1st St Marys Scout Troop  
Hayes, Alister Robert: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit  
Heinrich, Leonie Ann: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop  
Hilton, Scott Andrew: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville Cub Pack Darzee"  
Holloway, James Chay: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit  
Hose, Michelle Louise: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Cub Pack "Blaxland"  
Hrast, Joanne Maree: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop  
Ingleton, Colin James: Group Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group  
Lawrence, Robert: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show  
Marlow, Guy: Group Treasurer, 1st Kings Langley Scout Group  
Mason, Kristine Esther: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit  
M<sup>c</sup>Culloch, Karen: Group Chairman, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group  
M<sup>c</sup>Kinley, Karin: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop  
M<sup>c</sup>Lellan, Alexandra: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack "Nackara"  
Napier, Quentin Robert: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Cub Pack "Barloo"  
Overton, Julie: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes Joey Mob  
Peirce, Kathryn Margaret: Joey Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Joey Mob  
Priest, Tracey Marie: Group Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Scout Group  
Quan, Dianne Mary: Joey Scout Leader, 2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob  
Roynon, Margaret: Region Office Assistant, Greater Western Sydney Region  
Smart, Patricia Louise: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop  
Smid, Eleanore Margaret: Group Treasurer, 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group  
Stamminger, Nicholas Peter: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Cub Pack "Alleena"  
Van Der Voort, Adrian: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Venturer Unit  
Wade, William Stephen: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop  
Whiddon, Andrew Robert: Scout Leader, 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop  
Willard, Rex Howard: Group Deputy Chairman, 1st Toongabbie Scout Group  
Zarth, Brian: Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts), Greater Western Sydney Region

***Bravo and Congratulations to all our Awardees***

***Looking forward to seeing you all at the Presentation Dinner in October***



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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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I take a bit of a break during July from the RC Activities role to help where I can with Gang Show. No not on stage, (*we try to encourage ticket sales*) ....but side stage or better known as “The Dark Side.” From there I see the show from a very different angle, and I do not mean that all in the literal sense.



Yes I do see the anticipation and the excitement of the cast as they prepare to “hit the stage.” But it is what else I see behind the scenes that really makes being part of Gang Show so special. I see the stage crew in readiness for that next quick scene change. I see the audio team making final checks on the FM mikes. I see special effects with their fog pots (that’s the smoke you see on stage) ready for action. I see loft ready and waiting to take the next fly or curtain in or out, and of course the lighting team, with their incredible array of lighting effects to make the whole show a kaleidoscope of colour. And did you know the whole show is timed to perfection by over 1000 separate cue numbers! It is what happens behind the scenes that makes what you see out front - really special.

Gang Show has many of the ideals we teach in Scouting, put into action. The leadership skills, working together, working as a team, planning and making it all happen. And having a heap of fun along the way!

***Gang Show from a very different angle!***

Just because I was tied up with Gang Show doesn’t mean Activities stop. Again another big thank you to Quentin Napier who ran the climbing wall at the Parramatta District Joey Hike and Adventure Day at Castle Hill.

Thank you to our “Canyoning Guru” Ross Smith who took a group out to Tiger Snake Canyon up on the Newnes Plateau. (I think the name would scare most people off.)

Thank you also to Stuart Cowen who ran an abseiling day at Yellow Rock. Unfortunately the weather wasn’t too kind to us on the first day, and so Stuart has arranged a catch up day, so no one misses out.

One activity within Region which I would really like to see start happening again is sailing. We have a number of rather under-utilized sailing craft, and it would be great to see them out on the water again. Our sailing specialist Keith Travers is running a five day sailing activity during the September school holidays from the 20th- 27th Sept at Lake Chipping Norton. Total cost for the week is \$100.00 per person. There is nowhere else you could get a week of sailing instruction for that price. A1 and details are on the Region Website.



Many of you will know Brian Roberts, who has been looking after Green Cord Hikes in the Region for many years. Unfortunately Brian has had a bereavement in his family which has taken up much of his time. We do pass our condolences onto Brian at this difficult time for him. In the meantime Tristan Flores, from 1<sup>st</sup> Blackheath, has kindly taken on the role of looking after all the Green Cord Hikes. Tristan comes with a wealth of bushwalking experience. He can be contacted by email [Tristan.flores@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Tristan.flores@det.nsw.edu.au)

I have presented another Cert 111 in outdoor Activities, this time to Paul Jefferies from 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills. Paul is highly experienced in both Abseiling and Caving, and has often helped out on Region Activities.

To keep up to date with what’s happening on the Activities front, go to the calendar on the Region Website. Most activities will also have forms attached along with all relevant information.

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Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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# LET'S GO SAILING!

Here is a great opportunity learn the basic skills of sailing with 5 days of sailing experience, in the September School Holidays

- \*When            Saturday 20th September to Wednesday 24th September 2014
- \*Where         Lake Chipping Norton (Entrance off Homestead Ave)
- \*Time           9.00am to 4.00pm each day
- \*Cost            \$100.00

[All sailing craft and PFD's provided.](#)

Learn all the basics of sailing by getting out and actually doing it under the guidance of experienced sailing instructors.

Full details and activity form on the Region Website.

For more information, please contact our Activity Leader

**Keith Travers - 9632 3341**



## 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 Australian Pioneer Village in Wilberforce.

**A1 and further details available on the NSW Scouts website**

Mark Burfield

State Commissioner, Special Needs

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Mobile: 0425 236 617

## APPOINTMENTS LIST    21/7/2014 - 11/8/2014



### APPOINTMENTS

<b>ANG, Pei Feng</b>	Appt TL (G)	1st Murray Farm Scout Group
<b>PONNAMPALAM, Gillian</b>	Appt TL (G)	1st Westmead Scout Group
<b>GARAI, Margareta Maria</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>
<b>MCGLYNN, Jessica Lee</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>
<b>SHAROFF, Jonathan Peter</b>	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
<b>ELLIOT, Rebecca Helene</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
<b>DAINES, Dale Matthew</b>	Appt TL (V)	1st Whalan Venturer Unit
<b>LYTWYN, Deirdre Lorraine</b>	Appt TL (G)	1st Granville Scout Group
<b>BRAGG, Stuart Alan</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>SHAHHO, Atakan Appt</b>	TL (S)	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
<b>KALTENBACHER, Warren</b>	Appt TL (Re)	Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>KHOO, Francine Appt</b>	TL (G)	1st Murray Farm Scout Group
<b>KRUIJER, Matthew Gregory</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st Hawkesbury Joey Mob
<b>WHITE, Megan Sandra Appt</b>	TL (J)	1st St Marys Joey Mob
<b>ANTALA, Rachel Louise Kate</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack
<b>GREAVES, John Keith</b>	Appt TL (C)	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack

### TRANSFERS

<b>BOTTO, Josie</b>	Fr AJSL To ASL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Scout Troop
<b>GRAY, Faye Bernadette</b>	Fr AL (S) To ASL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
<b>HONG, Jean</b>	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i> 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
<b>WILSON, Laurence John</b>	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i> 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
<b>EDWARDS, Simon John</b>	Fr AJSL To ACSL	1st Dural Joey Mob 1st Dural Cub Pack
<b>HENRIKSSON, Nils Erik</b>	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i> 1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>
<b>O'KEEFE, James Joseph</b>	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Winston Hills Scout Troop 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop
<b>PRIEST, Matthew</b>	Fr Appt TL (S) To Appt TL (S)	1st Erskine Park Scout Troop 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
<b>CHENG, Heang</b>	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i> 1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>CORBETT, Rita</b>	Fr Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop 1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>GRIFFITHS, Colin Troy</b>	Fr AJSL To JSL	1st Greystanes Joey Mob 1st Greystanes Joey Mob
<b>OVERTON, Julie</b>	Fr JSL To AJSL	1st Greystanes Joey Mob 1st Greystanes Joey Mob

## PARRAMATTA DISTRICT JOEY SCOUTS

Parramatta District Joey Scouts trekked to Eric Mobbs Reserve at Castle Hill to meet each other for their first combined District Trek About. There were around 80 Joey Scouts and their Leaders, from 1<sup>st</sup> Parramatta, 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington, 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks, 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills, 1<sup>st</sup> Carlingford and the newly formed 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Farm Joey Scout Mobs.

They all started from different points in Bidjigal Reserve and hiked to converge on the reserve and participate in activities including a climbing wall, crate stacking and whizzer and kite making. Each Joey made a bird to swap with a new friend from another mob. Several groups undertook community service on the day and cleaned up their section of the track.

The Region Commissioner for Joey Scouts, Brian Zarth, organised the climbing wall and was on hand to cheer the Joeys on as they ascended the wall. Quentin Napier from the Flying Fox team assisted the Joeys with their activities on the day.

### Leonie Plummer DJSL



## 2014 Scouts in Action Month—Breaking the Cycle

With Scout in Action Month just over half way through there is plenty of ‘action’ out there amongst our Groups, Breaking the Cycle. Well done and keep up the great work.

**Registrations:** So far there are over 25,000 youth and Leaders from around Australia and overseas as well as members of Guides Australia participating in Scouts in Action Month, ***Breaking the Cycle – Bullying is not a part of Scouting***. It’s not too late to register your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew, the whole Group for Scouts in Action Month. Get your name on the tally board by completing registration details at <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/Register-Your-Group.html> .

**Breaking the Cycle Badge:** All Scouts Australia members are allowed to wear the Breaking the Cycle badge this year through the approval of all the Chief Commissioners so if you have not ordered your badge please click on this link and order yours today. Please remember to make payment for the badges promptly after ordering. <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2014-Badge-Order-Form.html> All badges that have been ordered and paid for up to last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014 have been put in the post. Please allow 7 – 10 days for delivery. If you have not received your badges please email [youth.events@scouts.com.au](mailto:youth.events@scouts.com.au) and I will investigate for you.

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

## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### I Retire (from work) at Last

As you read this - I will have retired from CSIRO/NMI. This has been accelerated by changing pension laws which would have disadvantaged me from Jan '15 onwards, but also because I have reached 70 and should do something different, while my wife and I are in good health.

It has been my privilege to work for the CSIRO for 20 years, where, I can assure you, I was the 'bluntest tool in the shed' but where knowledge and assistance was readily shared with anyone attempting to learn or for a worthwhile cause, in my case Scouting.

Scouting is held in high regard within CSIRO, where at Lindfield the lady Chief of Division is a Joey Leader and the Electrician and Plumber are Scout Leaders, as are several technicians.

Why am I boring you with this detail? Well Lindfield *National Measurement Laboratory* is built on the site of the **1938 Australian/ Asian Scout Jamboree**. I came across some pictures of this event and thought that I would share them with you.

Our idyllic setting on the edge of Lane Cove National Park, surrounded by bush and quiet residential homes promotes peace and calm, the essential ingredients for invention and innovation. I have often felt the excited stirrings and hubbub of youth from around the world as they were involved in their great adventure in 1938.

### Wentworthville/ Parramatta Scouts

July took us to this combined group for a Heart night. This time we had a more complete pigs stomach contents plus heart, liver, brain and eyeballs.

The Parramatta Scouts bought their Leader, **David (The Count) Meyers** with them. He willingly took the 'pigs stomach rearrangement' base and used his technical expertise to explain all the internal bits to the Scouts. Towards the end of the night he also deftly dissected the cows eye under the binocular microscope for all to see the lens and retina inside.

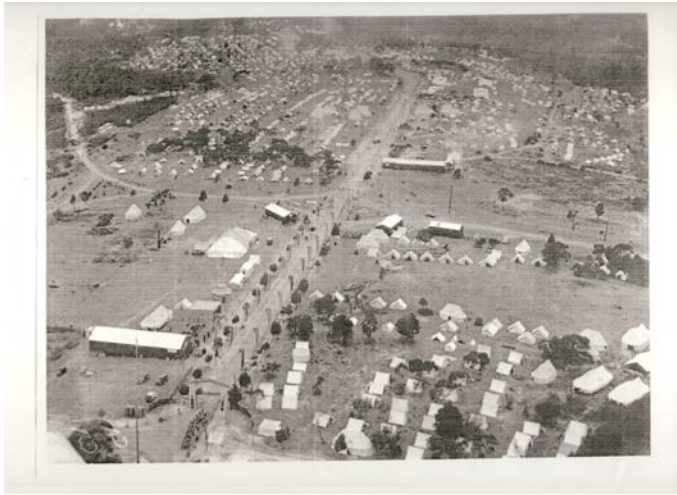
I am constantly amazed, not only by the enthusiasm and ingenuity of some Leaders I meet, but also in this case by the specialised technical knowledge of a few .

Karl and I were assisted on the night by **Ayla (Dory) Jones**, a Rover from Castle Hill. She is doing a BioChem degree and is keen to help on our Activity programs. She helped the Scouts reassemble the plastic organs back into the human mannequin before they attempted the more difficult real, squishy, and interconnected pigs entrails.

*Please note my new email address.*

**John Leahy**





**1938  
Jamboree  
Camp Site**



Scouts walking along  
Bradfield Road  
1938

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## TRAINING REPORT

### Trainee Leaders

All Trainee leaders must fully complete their training within a one year period from the date they are logged into the e-learning system. This means they will need to complete all required e-learning modules, attend a sectional techniques weekend and complete their In-service within 12 months.

### Associate Leaders

It is nearing the due date when all Associate Leaders will be removed from the MIS system. There are two options: Resign the leader (A4) or if they wish to continue send in an A3 form to transfer them from Associate Leader to Trainee Leader.

### New e-learning modules

A number of new e-learning modules were released at the end of July. Two of these have been added into the Basic Core group so there are now 10 modules. The Basic Core modules added are:

#### BCORE WHS - WHS and Scouting

#### BCORE CHILD - Child Safety and Scouting

All trainee Leaders will need to complete these two units to be eligible to attend Courses.

***Every leader in AUSTRALIA is required to complete the BCORE CHILD module before the end of 2014.*** This will be easy for leaders who already have e-learning access.

For all other leaders, arrangements will be made once Kathy is back - probably similar to when AoPG was rolled out.

Rovers will be required to complete the Child Safety module.

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Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

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**\$70 includes morning/afternoon tea and a Pub-style lunch**

### WHEN

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

7.45am for 8am departure to approx. 5.30pm

### START/END POINT

**1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill Group Scout Halls**

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