



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

Issue 424 - September 2014



JAMB WEE
On the Air / Sur les Ondes - On the Internet / Sur internet



**57th Jamboree on the Air
(JOTA)**

**18th Jamboree on the Internet
(JOTI)**

18th & 19th October 2014

At locations all over NSW

Lots of fun

Learn exciting things about radio and alternate forms of communication.
Make new friends - talk with Scouts and Guides from all over the world.

For more information on how to participate or
for help to run a JOTA/JOTI activity - please contact your
Region Office or JOTA/JOTI Coordinator.

Register online at www.jotajoti.info to participate

Any questions? Just email either of the addresses below.

Karl Humphreys: karl.humphreys@bigpond.com

Carol Cope State International Commissioner: ccopecy@bigpond.net.au

NSW International Team

GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE

6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills 2153

BUSINESS HOURS: TUESDAY to THURSDAY 9AM TO 3.30PM, FRIDAY 10AM TO 4.30PM

Phone: 9639 2488 Fax: 9686 2510 Email: gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

Website: www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I had the pleasure to attend the recent Cub Scout Leadership Course at Bundilla and was pleased to see around 50 young people in attendance. Being invited to join them for morning tea served by Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship was a highlight of the morning. Can I say the pikelets with jam and cream were excellent. Well done Anne and her team for giving up their time for the youth of our movement.

On the same day I called on the competition camp for Parramatta District Scouts and was pleased to see a large number of scouts setting up their camp sites. This is really putting the "out" into scouting.

We were invited to be part of the Rouse Hill Anglican College Harvest Fair and Mark Fell, Stuart Cowan and Ross Howlett, a Scout and three Venturers set up the climbing wall which was a big hit on the day. This was used as a promotion for Scouts and a number of parents collected details of Scouting for their children. I understand that at least one young person has joined Joeys already. Thanks to the leaders and youth who attended. I did not climb the wall even though Mark made the offer to me several times. I am led to believe that around 130 children and one mother climbed the wall on the day!

I understand that senior cast members of Cumberland Gang Show will be calling on groups over the next couple of months to advise the young people of the upcoming auditions for the 2015 show. Please make them welcome when they contact your group or section.

As I write this report we have around 180 people registered to attend the Adult Recognition Awards Presentation Dinner on Thursday 23rd October at Toongabbie Sports and Bowling Club. If you haven't advised Region that you wish to attend, please contact the Region Office asap.**

Entries on the current MIS computer system cease on 12th September while the information is transferred to Scoutlink. The new system is scheduled to come back on line on 1st October and is apparently far more user friendly than the old MIS system!

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

Neville Henderson Region Commissioner

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

****Please note:** The dinner venue is full. Any new applications will go onto our waiting list. Those not paid by Friday 19th Sep will move on to the waiting list and those on the waiting list will be given the opportunity to get their money to us.

Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW

What a spectacular show!

Thanks to everyone who participated in Cumberland Gang Show 2014, whether you were on stage, behind the scenes or in the audience - you helped make Cumberland Gang Show 2014 brilliant!

This year, Cumberland Gang Show challenged everyone to **Imagine** their potential. It was for anyone who has ever been a kid, who can remember the sheer joy they radiate, or who is just a kid at heart. 'Imagine' combined a bunch of exciting new ideas to entertain the whole family - with its stunning video screen, new audio design and clever mix of commercial and Gang Show songs, it radiated life and energy.

A huge congratulations to everybody involved in the show. The cast made it an experience to remember and our new Comet cast of 7 to 9 year olds stole every scene. Bravo also to the Greater Western Sydney Circus Team who gave a wonder-filled performance every show.

Bravo to Karina Wardle who won the 2014 Rodney Award for 110% effort in her first year as Marketing Director – well earned.

Auditions for the 2015 show will be held on Saturday 8th December.

More information will be circulated and placed on our website very soon!

We also have workshop teams who would love to visit your group, run a self-expression activity and tell your youth members how they can be part of our 2015 show.

To make a booking go to:

www.gangshow.asn.au or contact
workshops@gangshow.asn.au



Please support our generous sponsors!

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

By now all Mobs should be preparing their Short Term plans for Term 4 and also starting, if not already finished their long term plan for 2015. Remember it's easier to plan it now than five minutes before opening parade!

With the long term plan (2015) it does not need to spell out your weekly program, it's more focused on what happens outside of your weekly program and therefore help you later to plan what happens inside that Weekly Program. We are looking for your Mob Holidays, Group, District and Region activities, your hikes, Fun Days, and ongoing badge work. Once you map out the big picture you can then base your short term plans on that.

The easiest way to do this, is to organise a planning meeting and invite the parents, your Leaders, your District Leader or even the RC Joeys! It's amazing the ideas that can be generated once you get all these people together. What can sound like a daunting task, can all of a sudden becomes a great resource!

2014 GWS Woonona: Only a few more sleeps until Woonona. A special thank you to everyone that supported this event, we have over 100 people attending and fingers crossed for great weather. I look forward to providing a report for next month's Bulletin with plenty of photos showing those smiling faces.

2015 - 25 Years of Joey Scouts in Australia (1st July 2015: Next year is going to be a great year for Joey Scouts, we will be planning a few activities based on this milestone. Every Joey Mob will be holding a BP (Big Party) first week in Term 3 (July). We are currently discussing the idea of a major Joey activity in Sydney (watch this space). We are also looking at creating something special like the 10 Year Anniversary Quilt created back in 2001. (See image)

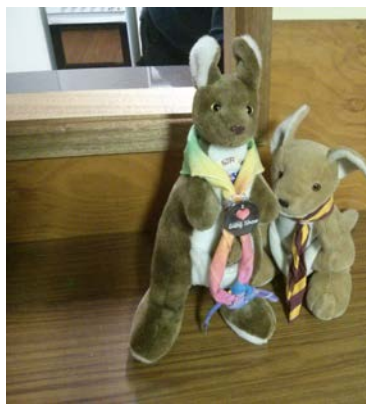
2015 GWS Joey Fun Day: Please ensure that you note the date Sunday, 17th May 2015. We hope to set a theme at the November Wandarrah.

Region Combined Wandarrah - 20th November: Please note that we are holding a Combined Region Wandarrah on Thursday, 20th November 2014 at 7pm (not 7:30pm). ALL Joey Leaders are asked to attend. Please check with your District Leader if you are still holding a District Wandarrah in November, but the Combined Region Wandarrah is the priority. Wandarrah is a training meeting, so uniform is required and we shall try to make the content more about sharing and learning than about administration.

Region Awards Dinner: I look forward to seeing you all at the Awards dinner next month, it will be a special night, not necessarily because of my award, but it's great to hear about all these dedicated people that have given so much to Scouting and to see them recognised for it. If you don't have tickets yet, then you're going to have to wait for the photos, it's sold out!

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

10 year Anniversary Quilt
in Lyon Barton Hall
Baden Powell
Scout Activity Centre



Jock catches up with
a good friend at
1st Greystanes Joeys

2014
GWS Woonona Badge



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

Jack Miller - 1st Oakville

Dylan Lieu - 1st Balcombe Heights

Joel Pleffer - 1st Parramatta

HOP - HOP - HOP

CUB SCOUT NOTES

The final **Cub Scout Leadership Course** for this year was held at Bundilla on 30th August. 49 Cub Scouts took part in the one day course which was run by your Region Seeonee team and some wonderful Leaders who came to help throughout the day.

All were well fed by the excellent catering team from the Blue Mountains Fellowship. Congratulations to all the cubs on their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm - it was a pleasure to have them on course and sincere thanks to all the Leaders and Fellowship members who gave up their Saturday to lend a hand. Thank you also to all the parents for allowing their children to attend the course and paying the course fee - not an easy thing to do in these tough economic times and when there are so many other demands on the household budget.

We gained some really good feedback from the Cubs - unfortunately not all good! It would seem that bullying in the pack by other cubs and poorly behaved, attention seeking cubs who continually disrupt pack meetings were the main concerns from the majority of the cubs. Perhaps it is time to run some of the **anti-bullying Programmes** located on the '**Scouts in Action**' website and 'Break the Cycle'.

It was also interesting to hear that some Cubs had never taken part in a Cub Scouts Own or Pack Council, and it would seem that singing and prayer is not common place in some Packs. There are probably many reasons for the lack or absence of these activities. If any leaders need help in any area of Programming - please talk to your DLCS or Seeonee Leader - they are only too happy to offer some assistance and support.

On the other hand it was wonderful see so many happy boys and girls who enjoy being Cub Scouts, who are working towards their Grey Wolf awards and who are looking forward to eventually moving up to Scouts. Bravo to all the dedicated leaders who spend an amazing amount of time working with their Packs. Thank you for the great job you are doing of moulding these young people and being good role models for them - let's hope that they in turn will return as leaders in the future to carry on the good work!

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. 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 are available on the GWSR website. Please start talking to your Scouts and invite them along as PLs for your Cubs.

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts

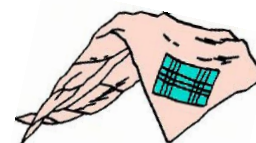
Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

**James Ryan - 1st Ermington
Harrison Ringrose - 1st Hawkesbury
Lachlan Watts - 1st Oakville
Blair Kardel - 1st Hawkesbury
Caitlin Lloyd - 1st Kings Langley
Amanda Borazio - 1st Kings Langley
Christopher Ceccato - 1st North Rocks
Theo Walsh - 1st Blackheath**

1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF



*Congratulations and best wishes to
these Leaders who have recently
gained their Wood Badge*

Brian Nelson SL

1st North Rocks

and

Ross Smith ASL

2nd Castle Hill

Bravo - Well done

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to thank Matt Vella and the District Leaders for their efforts whilst I was over in Europe attending the Iceland and German Jamborees earlier this term. Both events were hugely successful and a great example of Scouting in action. As always, I would highly encourage every Scout to travel to international events if they ever get the chance. These events are an absolute highlight for anyone in Scouting.

Congratulations to all of the Venturer Scout Leaders that received Good Service Awards on World Scout Day. It is always great to see quality leaders recognised for the active work they are doing in our local Units and these awards are very well deserved.



Last month we had 32 participants on our Leadership Course. Thank you to Steve for coordinating the course and managing to accommodate all of the interested Venturer Scouts. The formal dinner on Saturday was a very popular part of the program, and all of the leaders that helped over the weekend were much appreciated.



Last month was also Scouts in Action month and I was pleased to see several Units getting involved with the anti-bullying program. Some great resources are available from www.scoutsinactionmonth.com and are well worth being included in your Unit program again in the future.

As the weather warms up, it is great to see so many Units taking the opportunity to get outdoors. Already lots of E1 forms are arriving for a range of activities including bushwalks, bike hikes and abseiling activities. Pictured at right, is Hayden, Craig, Mark-Anthony and Troy from 1st/2nd Merrylands on their recent journey to the Glow Worm Tunnel at Newnes. From all reports, the journey was a great success and a lot of fun – well done boys! I look forward to EVERY UNIT in the Region getting out and about on at least one or two overnight activities during the spring months ahead!



ENTER THE TAHRDIS
GWS Waratah 2014

Waratah teams are also beginning their preparations for our Region camp in November. All eligible Scouts and Venturer Scouts are encouraged to complete their applications as soon as possible. Registrations close on 10 October 2014 and forms are available from www.waratah.greaterwestscouts.com.au All adult leaders in the Region are welcome to join us for a great weekend – **Enter the Tahrdis!**

Expressions of Interest to attend the 13th New Zealand Venture – Inferno 2016 are now open on – www.nzv2016.scouts.com.au Formal applications will open on 1 February 2015, however all eligible youth members are encouraged to start their fundraising now. Any Venturer Scouts that will be aged between 14½ and 18 on 3 January 2016 are eligible to attend. Applications will close on 30th April 2015 (or earlier if places sell out). More information on the Venture program, pre-tour options, and other frequently asked questions are available from the website.

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

Email: venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Mobile: 0421 076 497



APPOINTMENTS LIST

12/8/2014 - 12/9/2014



APPOINTMENTS

DIXON, Rosie	Appt TL (J)	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
MEDDENS, Christian	Appt TL (J)	1st Oakville Joey Mob
GAO, Mei Lin	Appt TL (C)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
GRAVINA, Alice	Appt TL (J)	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
GRAVINA, Daniel	Appt TL (J)	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
SUTTON, Jeffery	Appt TL (C)	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
YAP, Kim	Appt TL (S)	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>

TRANSFERS

BURNSIDE, Mark	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
JONES, Jullie	Fr Appt TL (C) To GL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group
SIRIANNI, Serafina	Fr AL (S) To Appt TL (S)	1st Dural Scout Troop <i>Giwang</i> 1st Dural Scout Troop <i>Giwang</i>
STAPLES, Benjamin	Fr ACSL To ACSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
ASTLEY, Jodie	Fr AVSL To VSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit 1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit
BURROWS, Noriko	Fr ASL To ACSL	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i> 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
SALTER, Fiona	Fr AL(G) To Appt TL (S)	1st Rydalmere Scout Group 1st Rydalmere Scout Troop
SHIELD, Ian Stuart	Fr SL To DSL	1st Winston Hills Scout Troop Hills South District
WILSON, Amelia	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
ELLIOT, Rebecca	Fr Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i> 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
FISHER, Ellen	Fr ASL To Appt TL (C)	1st Whalan Scout Troop 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
FISHER, Joshua	Fr CSL To ACSL	1st Whalan Cub Pack 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
DE LA ROCHE, Phileen	Fr Appt TL (J) To AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Joey Mob
PEARSE, Lawrence	Fr Appt TL (R) To CrL (Appointed)	Hawkesbury River Rover Crew Hawkesbury River Rover Crew
REIBELT, Elizabeth	Fr ACSL To CSL	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack

RESIGNATIONS

COOK, Carol-Anne	AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
HUDSON, Michael	AJSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob <i>Python</i>
JEFFERY, Elise Rachel	ACSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i>
MOREY, Johnathan	ASL	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
SUDARIO, John	Appt TL (S)	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop
STOPPS, Tracey	DSL - DA	Blacktown District
STOCK, Lorraine	GL	1st Mt Druitt Scout Group 09/09/2014
WAGNER, Stephen	District Adviser	Hills South District 05/09/2014

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

BIRCH, Nicole	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
SINGLETON, Suzanne	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Blackheath Cub Pack
THOMPSON, Michael	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Emu Plains Scout Troop <i>Barindji</i>
SIMPSON, Keely Ann	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>
MAINUDDIN, Asheque	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob 10/09/2014
MAINUDDIN, Jovie	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob 10/09/2014
SAVILLE, Maria	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st St Marys Cub Pack 11/09/2014



SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH

Thank you to all 27,450 of you who participated in Scouts in Action Month 2014
Breaking the Cycle - Bullying is not a part of Scouting!

I hope that you enjoyed the activities and programs put together this year by the BTC Team. Thanks also to those Leaders who sent in program ideas and photos – B.R.A.V.O.

Keep sending in your programs, activity ideas and photos to youth.events@scouts.com.au

As always you can continue to access all the **Scouts in Action** programs and activities by visiting the website www.scoutsinactionmonth.com Follow the links to First Aid, Disability Awareness, International Scouting, Community Engagement and BTC. They are all there for you to access anytime.

If you forgot to register or ran out of time, that's OK. You can still register on the website at <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/Register-Your-Group.html> It is always good to see who participated each year and if you have been with Scouts in Action your Group or Section will receive a 5 year Scouts in Action Participation certificate as my way of thanking you for your support.

You can still order your badges from the Scouts in Action website. There are plenty left so order your badges at <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2014-Badge-Order-Form.html> Please ensure that payment is made promptly after placing your order so you don't miss out and I can send you your badges quickly.

If you have ordered and paid for your badges and not received them please let me know by emailing me at youth.events@scouts.com.au and I can let you know when they were sent and how to follow up. Note receipts are sent with the badges.

Finally, your feedback is really important - so to help plan for 2015 and beyond go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RB9HQ6> and add your feedback. 2015 Scouts in Action could be for all of August or back to the traditional last full week of August, it will be up to you.

Again, thanks for your support and until next time keep accessing the **Scouts in Action** programs and continue to provide wonderful Scouting to our youth.

John Parr

Scouts in Action 2014

youth.events@scouts.com.au

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

Certainly great to see some rain, but it has played up with a number of recent planned activities.

Dodging the showers I was able to participate in an Abseiling Rescue Day organised by Stuart Cowen ably supported by Mick Fry our ropes and abseiling gadget guru. It is a requirement that all SIS10 qualified abseil people do a rescue refresher every 12 months. It is the sort of thing that is good to know, but hopefully never required. One of the really interesting things that came out of the day was a move back to the way abseiling sets ups were done 20+ years ago where a recovery option was built into the setup.



Might look messy to the untrained eye, but a great "rescue ready" set up for abseiling.

Ran another very successful day with the climbing wall at the Rouse Hill Anglican School Harvest Festival. A great day with a number of good enquires about joining up. Big thank you to all those who helped out. Rain held off until about an hour before the finish when the heavens opened up.

Just a reminder with the climbing wall: Please book through Region Office. This allows the ladies to then contact myself to arrange for instructors, additional equipment and transporting of the wall if required.

It was great to see a number of leaders on the Activities Team recognised in the Good Service Awards for 2014.

John Leahy - Silver Koala - John heads up the Science Team and is a huge asset to the team.

Meredith Stewart - Meritorious Service Award - Meredith's real passion is caving and has taken the caving team from strength to strength.

Quentin Napier - Special Service Award - Anything to do with ropes and Quentin is there, especially with the Flying Fox. Always ready to build something a bit bigger and a bit more exciting!

As mentioned last month I am keen to get sailing back up and happening on a more regular basis within the region. We are fortunate enough to have a number of sailing craft which are crying out to taste some real water. Don't forget to join up with our **5 day sailing experience** to be held over the School holidays 20 -27 September. This is open to leaders as well. Details along with the E1 are on the Region website.

Can I say thank you to all who have adapted quickly to the new E1 forms to replace the A1 forms. It was a change that really appeared without warning. When doing an E1 form always go to the State website and down load the form from there. This ensures you have the most up to date form. Unfortunately changes to forms are not always well communicated.

I am pleased to have been able to present another Cert 3 in Outdoor Activities, this time to Ross Smith. Ross has a high level of skill in a number of outdoor adventurous activities, and has run a number of very successful canyoning days.



Scouts from Blacktown District refining their navigation skills.

Spent an enjoyable weekend at my old stomping ground with the Blacktown District Comp Camp, down on the beautiful Wingecarribe River at Berrima. Always a great weekend seeing young scouts put their camping and cooking skills to the test. A number of leaders were also able to put their 4WD skills into practice after let's just say a couple of us, including one RC Activities, got a bit stuck in ground, which had the consistency of porridge.

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 A1 forms (Sorry E1 Forms) attached along with all the relevant information.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au

ROVER REPORT

Last month flew by pretty fast, even with August having 31 days. With both the Region Rover Moot (Man Vs Monster Moot) and Service Moot within the confines of the month, there was little time to breathe.

To kick off the month 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew showed us a good time at **Man Vs Monster Moot** - with activities throughout the day and a bustling night life rivalling that of New York City. It was the moot that never sleeps and judging by some people's faces the next morning, they didn't. All in all, it was a successful moot, with approximately 160 participants, and while I can only speculate - I think it's safe to say that they all had fun.

Capping of August, the Rovers got down and dirty at the Service Moot. Heading over to the 4th Castle Hill Scout Hall, we gave it a good spring clean; two days early! From top to bottom we got rid of all the rubbish and after a quick trip to the tip to get rid of all the recycling we could find (a scout cares for the environment), we were back. By sorting through everything in the hall we were able to consolidate everything into a store room; the one with the lock on it, which differs from the one without, and got rid of as much of the dust as possible that had built up over the years!

Angus Boxall GWSR Rovers - Chairman

Email: chairman@gwsrovers.com.au



BRUSH PARK ROVERS

When we last launched Water Rockets with Parklea Joey's and Cubs, a couple of Rovers were assisting their Leaders. I offered to do an activity with their group, and they took up the invitation in August. A good turnout of 20 Rovers managed to make 16 rockets that night, (about as many as we are capable of in an evening). Ayla and I started with the first eight to arrive and continued with the next batch of eight as more Rovers turned up and time ran out. From the launch results, I think we must have forgotten some of the directions to the second group, or they applied them in various creative ways. About half went straight and true, a quarter spiralled up to a reasonable height, a couple blew out the top or side, one exploded on lighting, one didn't leave the launch tube and one just managed to leave the blocks but then laid exhausted, fizzing on the grass. From the point of view of 'the most variety of non standard launches', the night was a success, and the Rovers seemed to enjoy the night.



JOTA/JOTI 2014

As many of you may know JOTA/JOTI 2014 is fast approaching. I hope many of the groups are well into planning, for the groups who have yet to start planning the dates are the 18 & 19 of October. If you need help with your JOTA/JOTI you may wish to get in contact with your region JOTA/JOTI coordinator.

If you are running a JOTA/JOTI this year we at the NSW International team would ask if you could drop us a line and register your site on the JOTA/JOTI web site at www.jotajoti.org/community/.

I am sure that many of you run fantastic JOTA/JOTI's, but to date not much information is making it up the line to us, so we would ask that if you run a JOTA you send a report to your local JOTA/JOTI coordinator or send directly to us (karl.humphreys@bigpond.com). We ask this so we can put information about your site into the state report.

The scout shop is currently taking orders for JOTA/JOTI badges, pricing is still to be confirmed. If you need to contact branch NSW International, email me at karl.humphreys@bigpond.com

JOTA RADIOS AT GLENBROOK

The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club will provide a JOTA radio base in their hall in the corner of Glenbrook oval, during the weekend 18-19 October. This is the old Scout Hall on Moore St. they lease from GWS Region.

Leaders who would like to book a time to bring Cubs or Scouts, should email Karl Humphreys for a schedule as soon as you know the approximate numbers that will be in the group. Please be aware that radio contacts may not occur immediately due to circumstances beyond the operator's control - so you should arrive with other activities to involve your scouts until the radios become available.



This is a very active radio group who will also provide operators and valuable equipment for other scouting Groups in the GWS region over the weekend. The operators are legally responsible for anything untoward said over their radios, so please be considerate of them and their radios.

THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

John Leahy john.scoutleahy@gmail.com Home 4572-1549
Karl Humphreys ets0@bigpond.com.au (M) 0408 205 649

TRAINING REPORT

The big news for training this month is that every leader in the State (and probably Australia) has to do the two new modules that have been added to the basic core of e-learning:

One is **BCORE CHILD- Child Safe Scouting** and the other is **BCORE WHS- WHS and Scouting**.

- If you are a trainee leader then you will be expected to do the modules before attending the residential course.
- If you are a leader that has been logged onto e-learning and completed your training then you just go back into the e-learning site and do the modules.
- If you are a leader that does not have e-learning access, then the training team will be running '**workshops**' similar to the AoPG workshops that we ran in 2012. An e-mail will be sent to all Group Leaders notifying them of the times for the workshops.

Attention all Group Leaders:

- You cannot transfer or resign any leader using the census form.
- Transfers of leaders requires an A3 form.
- Resignations require an A4 form.
- These forms should be sent to the Region Office.

Pease note that a leader can not transfer to another section until they have completed the training for the new section. Sending in a transfer form does not change their status until the training is complete.

As well, leaders can not transfer to another group if the new group does not have the section they are trained in e.g. Joey Scouts. That is, you can not be a JSL without a Joey Scout mob existing in the group. If the intention is to start a Joey mob, then the transfer can take place at the time of registration of the mob. I have used the Joey section as an example but it also applies to the other sections particularly Venturers and Rovers.

Finally, we must all thank Aafke Fatcher-Hall for managing the training "port folio" while I was away on holidays. Bravo Aafke!

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

Email: training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

THE SCOUT SHOP

85 Wentworth Street
Port Kembla NSW 2505

Phone: 4274 1193

Fax: 4274 6334

Email: sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au

OPENING HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9am - 12pm

2ND CASTLE HILL WSJ2015 FUNDRAISER

Come and join our **Shopping Tour**
a full day of shopping to great outlets - including
women's clothing, shoes, bags, luggage
manchester and home wares.

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

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

BOOKINGS: Contact

Julie Parry-Barwick on 0403 498 540 or

Email: sandjpb@yahoo.co.uk

Adventurer Journeys (Green Cord Hike)

We have made changes to the Green Cord hike process to fall more in line with what is required within the State and delegation of responsibilities to District Scout Leaders similar to Medallion responsibilities. The Green Cord Journey still remains the responsibility of the Region Commissioner Scouts, but some work is delegated to DSLs. Effectively DSLs will take on more of the responsibility for Green Cord hikes. Journey Advisors (SIS10 qualified) have been included where applicable.

Below is a summary of responsibilities and the procedure:

Role of the Troop Council, Scout Leader, District Scout Leader and Journey Advisors

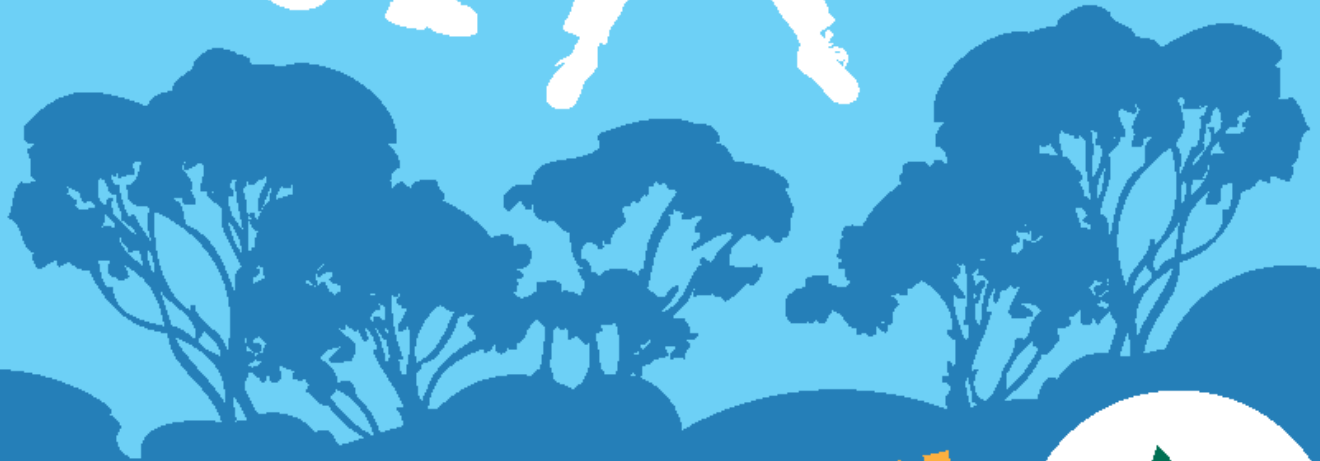
- Troop Council give approval to apply for the journey if they are satisfied the Scout is ready. They also review the Journey Log and include a letter of approval.
- Scout Leader (SL) is a main contact within the troop and can provide advice on equipment, menu, routes and liaises with the District Scout Leader and Journey Advisor as needed.
- District Scout Leader (DSL) assigns a Journey Advisor, gives approval for the journey in conjunction with the Journey Advisor and Troop Leader. Also provides advice on equipment, menu, and journey. Checks completed log for completion and content and may advise on improvements. Liaises with the Region Commissioner Scouts (RCS), regarding the approval/acceptance of the journey log. Keeps records of all journeys and reports current status at Region Mindari.
- Journey Advisor must be SIS10 Bushwalking Guide-Controlled, or Canoe Guide for canoe journeys, and gives advice on all aspects of the journey to both the Scout and the DSL and may provide a journey if one has not already been provided. Will meet with Scout to discuss journey preparations and requirements and assist in determining bushwalking/canoeing capability.
- RCS gives approval that the log and task has been satisfied. May call on anyone else to assist. Appoints Journey Advisors in consultation with Region Commissioner Activities.

Current Procedure

- Scout discusses with Scout Leader and Troop Council desire to do the journey and obtains approval from Troop Council. May have initial discussion with District Scout Leader (DSL) and Journey Advisor.
- Scout and/or Scout Leader contacts DSL.
- DSL reviews request and, in conjunction with the Journey Advisor, determines Scout's experience and suggests suitable hike. Once both are satisfied, approves hike to proceed and advises Scout and RCS.
- DSL and SL work with Scout to review progress and offer assistance where required.
- Scout does journey.
- Scout prepares draft Log for Scout Leader and DSL, who offer any assistance or suggestions for improvement. Information on Patrol tent on Log preparation should be reviewed.
- Scout presents log to Troop Council for approval who provide a signed statement which goes inside the Log.
- Scout/DSL submit log to RCS for approval.

Robin Garrett (Batman) RC Scouts

Email: scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au



AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE

2016

LEAP INTO ADVENTURE

JANUARY 2016

CATARACT SCOUT PARK NSW



APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

Visit Scouts NSW website

THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is edited and published for the general information of members in the Greater Western Sydney Region. The opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the GWSR or Scouts Australia.

Submissions are to be made by the last day of the month preceding publication and may be edited for clarity or to fit available print space.

Articles and illustrations from The Bulletin (except for copyright items) may be re-used unaltered by other Scouting publications and credits shown.

**Please send all articles and photos direct to the
Editor, Anne Thompson**

Email : bulletin@greaterwestscouts.com.au