



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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The invitation card is divided into two columns. The left column features logos for Scout Heritage NSW, Scouts Australia, and the Australian Scout Museum, along with a black and white illustration of a Scout in a hat and uniform kneeling to plant a tree. The right column contains the event details in a serif font.

**Scout Heritage NSW**  
invites you join us for morning tea  
at the Australian Scout Museum

**Saturday 21 February 2015, 9:30am**

Come and explore the museum and  
celebrate our history for Founders Day

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The Australian Scout Museum, Buildings 140 & 146  
Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park  
Parking available in the Jamieson Street car park

RSVP by 14 February 2015 to Denise:  
[heritage.museum@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:heritage.museum@nsw.scouts.com.au)  
or 0427 328 437

We would love to see lots of youth members, leaders, supporters and families join us for this special event.

**Happy Birthday to our Founder, Lord Baden Powell**  
**22nd February 1857 - 8th January 1941**

**GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE**

**6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills 2153**

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

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

Welcome back from your annual holidays and I guess the focus for this year will be on the Australian Jamboree at Cataract Park at the beginning of next year (2016). I suppose there will be shake down camps, the three night camp at the Region Jamboree and in general getting the gear in order and the fundraising will move to another level.

In the November Bulletin I advised that the fees for 2015 would not change after a vote at the Region Commissioner's Forum, however the State Board made a decision to increase the fee by \$2.00 per quarter or \$8.00 per year. Sorry about the change but it was outside our control.

One good bit of financial news is that the rate for your Asset Management Fee has not changed and will be the same as last year. The value will increase slightly to keep up with inflation.

Thanks to the leaders who took the time to nominate leaders for the Adult Recognition Awards during the past two months. We received 71 nominations but to be perfectly honest some were far from acceptable. I took many hours to rewrite these documents and have decided that we are going to run a citation writing workshop later in the year in order to get the citations in a reasonable form.

At the end of 2014 we lost the services of our Region Chairman, Geoff McGrath, who retired due to personal reasons and after consultation with David Stopps, I am pleased to announce that Debbie Howlett has agreed to come on board and chair the Region Executive. I will be offering Geoff another position with a lot less involvement. Thanks Geoff for your service and welcome Debbie.

**All Adult Members, Rovers and Adult Helpers attending Australian Jamboree 2016 and Dragonskin 2015 must apply immediately and are required to complete the process of obtaining a Working With Children Check by 20 March 2015. Failure to obtain your WWCC Clearance and provide it to Region Office for verification will prevent your participation in the event you may be applying to attend.** Other leaders will be required to get their WWC later in 2015 so if you are not going to Dragonskin or the Jamboree please wait until you are asked to apply.

When you visit Bundilla you may see a climbing wall on or near the camping flat. We were lucky to get the wall which needs repairs and we hope to have it up and running later this year and this will mean that we will have a wall available for use in Greater Western Sydney Region. I will keep you updated on the progress.

We have now completed the Region Budget for 2015/2016 and I hope that groups have done the same.

I look forward to meeting up with a number of you this year.

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

**Neville Henderson OAM JP**

**Region Commissioner**

**Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**



Believe it or not, this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day, started by round-the-world yachtsman Ian Kiernan AO in 1990.

This was an idea that had its origins in NSW and eventually spawned clean-up campaigns around the world. Anyone who participates in Clean Up Australia Day this year will receive a special 25-Year commemorative certificate.

For more information and details on how to sign up, go to the Clean Up Australia Day website <http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/>

### **THE SCOUT SHOP**

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### **OPENING HOURS**

Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 9am - 4.30pm  
Thursday: 10am - 4.30pm  
Saturday: 9am - 12pm

## **TRAINING REPORT**

We have started the year running with everyone being chased to complete the modules for child safety. It is a requirement from the Royal Commission into Child Abuse that Scouting Australia provides training for all adults that will come in contact with our youth members.

We have over 600 leaders and rovers registered in GWSR and I must thank the 500+ that completed the modules in Term 4 last year when they were first asked. A big thank you must go to the Region, District, PLAs and particularly Group Leaders who have followed up on the others. There have been many e-mails flying through cyber space over the Christmas holidays!

Our focus now is to get the leaders who need **Bushwalking level 1** to complete their CoAL through so that they are qualified - particularly those hoping to attend the Jamboree. There is a course being run at Bundilla on the **14th & 15th February** for which the closing application date has passed but the training team will be accepting RPL documents at the course. The RPL bushwalking costs \$30 and application can be made at the Region Office.

Last year there were not very many wood badges awarded in the State so all Regions have been asked to stir up those leaders who have done the course but have not handed in their paperwork. We have 20 outstanding Wood Badges in this Region alone. Please submit the Certificate IV book to your PLA as soon as possible.

Finally all In-service forms, for those leaders who did courses last year, should have been submitted by now. If you have not submitted your form, contact your PLA and finish the paperwork asap.

**Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D**

Email: [training@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

## **CUB SCOUT NOTES**

**Welcome to another busy year of Cub Scouting!**

**The Region Seonee Program** is available on the website, please check to see that there is no clash of dates, as you plan your Group and District events.

I do hope all of our Cub Scout Leaders will join us at Bundilla for a **Programming Night** on Friday February 27, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This night is for all CSLs, in training, newly appointed or very experienced. The E1 is available on the website. Please join us for a fun and informative night, delicious supper and the opportunity to do some essential networking. Please let your Seonee Leader or myself know that you will be present (just for catering purposes).

Our first **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on **Saturday 21st March**. Invitations to attend the course are with your DLCS or Seonee Leader; please ensure you attend Seonee to obtain all the relevant forms and info or contact your DLCS asap, so that your cubs have plenty of time to apply - as no late applications will be accepted. **Closing date: 6th March**

We are keen to increase the information available on the GWSR website for the Cub Scout section. Please forward all Programmes, suggestions for suitable bushwalks, games or any other ideas you care to share with other Leaders, to Suzanne Cornell [webcontent@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:webcontent@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Please send copy of your first term Programme to your DLCS or Seonee Leader asap. This year we will be looking at every Pack to ensure the Desirable Standards are being met, and if they are not, what we can do to help the Leaders. Many of our Packs are seriously struggling for Cubs and Leaders - it is not easy being a solo Akela or running a Pack Programme for three or four Cub Scouts. Attend Seonee and let us know your needs so we can try to help. Keep up the great work you all do.

**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**

**Carley Verco - 1st Carlingford**

**Natasha Ball - 1st Ermington**

**Cassandra Fry - 2nd Baulkham Hills**

**Jamie Burke - 1st Winston Hills**

**Lucy White - 1st Carlingford**

**Paris Laurendet - 1st Hazelbrook**

**Dallas Owen - 1st Carlingford**

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## FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday 7th March 2015 from 8:30am to 3:30pm

2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group

Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills

\$55 for Scouting members \$75 for non members

**E1 and payment due at Region Office by closing date 27th February 2015**

- ◆ E1 available on GWSR website
- ◆ Bring \$2 for a sausage sandwich lunch (includes a drink)
- ◆ Bring your own water bottle
- ◆ Scouts over 14 may attend
- ◆ All participants must provide a USI

### USI (Unique student identifier)

If you do not have a USI, go to [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) to create your number.

It is very easy to create a USI, just answer the questions and have a valid ID handy, such as Australian passport, driver's licence, Medicare card etc.

School students can use their parent's Medicare card to obtain a USI.

Your free USI is generated immediately.

## HARMONY DAY

21st March 2015

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.  
It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day...and it's all because of you. We want to thank **you** for the tens of thousands of events you've held, from the smallest child care centres to the largest businesses. In turn, you might like to thank the amazing people in your community who live the 'everyone belongs' message each and every day. Join the birthday festivities!

### *Follow these easy steps to get involved:*

1. Plan - An event can be anything from a morning tea at work to a large community festival.
2. Register - by using our simple registration form to receive free promotional products to help you celebrate.
3. Share - your event on social media using **#harmonyday**. Follow or like us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

### Event registrations are now open!

Check out the above three easy steps to celebrating Harmony Day. We have some **great ideas**.

Why not hold a 'thank you' themed event this year, to show your appreciation to someone who lives the **'everyone belongs'** message every day?



## A COMBINED PROVIDE AND REMOTE FIRST AID COURSE

has been organised for

### 1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook Scout Group

70 Railway Parade, Hazelbrook

**Sunday 8th March 2015 from 9am to 5pm**

(+pre-course workbook)

### Course fees for Scouting people:

Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) **\$80**

Provide First Aid + Provide First Aid in a Remote Location (SISOOPS305A) **\$100**

**Course is available to the general public for \$200.**

HLTAID003 is the latest and updated from HLTF311A

SISOOPS305A is the SIS equivalent of HLTF302C (now HLTAID005)

**Apply online at:**

**[http://www.pulsetraining.com.au/pulse\\_regREM.html](http://www.pulsetraining.com.au/pulse_regREM.html)**

**If you do not have one, you will also need to create a Unique Student Identifier.**

To obtain discount, indicate 'invoice' as method of payment and your Group details for billing.

**Further enquiries to:**

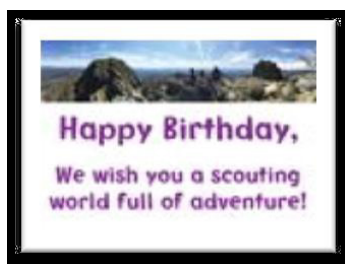
**Frank Barr**

**(02) 4758 6472 or 0409 128 310**

**Email: [data\\_scsi@msn.com.au](mailto:data_scsi@msn.com.au)**

## BIRTHDAY CARDS AND BADGES

Here is a very special way to wish your youth members or Leaders a Happy Birthday. Birthday cards and badges are available from 1st Kaniva Scout Group in Victoria.



Badges \$2 each

Card and envelope \$1.25 each (Two different styles)

Badge, card and envelope cost \$2.95

Plus postage: 1 - 50 \$8.25, 51 - 300 \$13.40, 300 - 500 \$16.70

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please email me for an order form [bulletin@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:bulletin@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

**Thank you to Noriko Burrows from 1st Carlingford for this information.**

## VENTURER REPORT

*It was another busy summer holidays with lots of Units out and about on a range of activities!*

Our Contingent of 29 Venturer Scouts and 4 Adult Leaders from the Region recently returned from the Australian Venture in Adelaide. This year's event involved some significant weather extremes from the over 40°C temperatures and bushfire warnings during the expedition phase, to single digit temperatures and flooding rains onsite at Woodhouse. All of our participants enjoyed an absolutely Heaps Good experience! Thank you to the Leaders who attended, and to all of the Venturer Scouts that represented the Region so well. It was great to meet up with participants enjoying themselves throughout the event. The next Australian Venture will be held in Queensland in January 2018.



A couple of our youth members also attended the 2nd National Adventurous Activities School in Queensland last month. As well, Jarrod Mutton of 2nd Baulkham Hills returned home after his SISEP experience in Denmark and Rose Mercieca of 1st Blaxland completed her Certificate II in Business. Bravo!



I had the great pleasure of spending a weekend with 1st South Penrith Scout Group in January on an overnight canoeing expedition. This was a fun yet hugely exhausting weekend and was a great social

opportunity for the group. Congratulations for completing such an ambitious challenge in the summer holidays!



Region Hike is almost upon us. A large number of application forms are now arriving at Region Office. We are looking forward to a great weekend of bushwalking in preparation for another busy year of outdoor activities. Our Region Venturer Scout Council for February will also be held on Saturday afternoon. All Units should have representation at the event.

Applications for the next **NZ Venture – Inferno 2016** open on 15th February. Places are limited – especially for the pre-tour, so apply early. The Australian Contingent has recently conducted a mail out with the latest details of the event. You can also visit [www.nzv2016.com](http://www.nzv2016.com) for more information and follow the link to complete your application.



As you can see, this year is already shaping up to be another busy calendar filled with many exciting events. It is also essential however, that we remain focused on our core program, and most importantly for 2015 is our goal to achieve **100% compliance with the Desirable Standards checklist**. Despite the name, most of the criteria are compulsory requirements for running a Unit anyway. The District Leaders will be emphasising key elements from this checklist on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure every Unit is working towards this goal. If you need help, please speak to your District Leader for assistance.

In the meanwhile, two places to start are:

- (1) always have at least one outdoor activity in your program EVERY MONTH and
- (2) regularly invite the older Scouts to join with your Unit activities. These are the first building blocks to growing Unit membership and are important steps in achieving this goal.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

### **Welcome back for 2015!**

I believe 2015 is going to be a great year with Activities. With many in the Activities Team now with SIS qualifications, hopefully the paperwork, training, documentation, more training, more trees for more paperwork is mostly behind us, and we can now get stuck into what we do best - get out and have some serious fun.

There has been a fair bit happening behind the scenes over the break, including the purchase of some more abseiling gear and helmets. This is to ensure we have not only enough gear, but also know we have the latest equipment available.

Spent a great weekend with the Rock Team up in the Blue Mountains. Saturday was theory day focusing on rescue methods etc. Sunday was "Funday" with a 5 pitch abseil, descending a total of 180m into the Jamison Valley at Katoomba. Great views, but just don't look down!

Photo  
Mark Fell



One of my aims this year is to provide more opportunity for sailing within the Region. We have nearly half a dozen sailing craft to suit a good array of sailing experience. I had the opportunity, thanks to Neal Sullivan, to head out over the break to have a bit of a go on the big blue wet thing. Sailing is something I really do not know much about...apart from when you hear, "**going around!**" being called out, ..... **just duck!** The imprint of a boom in your forehead is not really a good fashion statement! Fortunately I did not "wear" the boom, and we did manage to stay upright; although with the warm weather, a plonk in the drink would not have been a problem!

The popularity of the climbing wall is certainly strong with a number of bookings, already in place for the year.

**Please remember you book it through Region Office, and not myself.**

We also can offer transport of the wall to and from the activity.

***The climbing wall does require a good size towing vehicle fitted with electric brakes.***



Also remember, if you haven't already, now would be a great time to start that Activities Log. It is a requirement for SIS qualifications, and in time it does make a great read, as you reflect back on the various activities you have been up to over the years.

Also please ensure you keep your **First Aid** up to date. Please don't look at it as another 'qualification' they tell me ***I must have!*** But rather to know, that if in a situation where a person is injured, "***I can help that person!***" Now isn't that a good thing?

Anyway that is enough from me. Don't forget I am here to help and support you with any questions you may have in regard to Activities. So let's do it! Let's get out and have some fun!  
Serious fun!

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

**Email: [activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au)**

## INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

There are a wide range of international activities available for youth members over the coming years. Some are cheaper than others, but all require some solid fundraising, so now is the time to start planning your events, and recording your expression of interest.



### Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)

**December 2015 – January 2016**

Denmark, England or Japan

**Venturer Scouts aged 16 or 17**

Cost approx. \$2,000-\$3,500 depending on country

**Expressions of Interest open in February/March**



### 13th New Zealand Venture

**3-16 January 2016**

Rotorua, New Zealand

Venturer Scouts

Cost approximately \$2,500-\$4,500

Register now

at [www.nzv2016.scouts.com.au](http://www.nzv2016.scouts.com.au)



### Kandersteg Expedition

**24 June – 10 July 2016**

Kandersteg International Scout

Centre, Switzerland

Scouts, Venturer Scouts and

Rovers aged 14 to 25

Cost approximately \$3,300

Pre-register now

at [www.kisc2016.com](http://www.kisc2016.com)



### 29th Icelandic National Scout Jamboree

**17-24 July 2016**

Ulfljotsvatni Scout Centre,  
Iceland

Scouts and Venturer Scouts  
aged 12 to 17

Cost approximately \$3,500



### Roihu (7th Finnjamboree)

**20-28 July 2016**

Hameenlinna, Finland

Scouts and Venturer Scouts  
aged 12 to 17

Cost approximately \$3,500

Register now at [http://](http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/international-contingents-expression-of-interest)

[international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/international-contingents-expression-of-interest](http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/international-contingents-expression-of-interest)



### 19th BSA National Scout Jamboree

**19-28 July 2017**

Summit Bechtel Reserve, USA  
Scouts and Venturer Scouts aged  
14 to 17

Cost approximately \$7,000



### 31st APR Scout Jamboree

**27 July – 2 August 2017**

International Children's Centre  
Nairamdal, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Cost approximately \$3,500

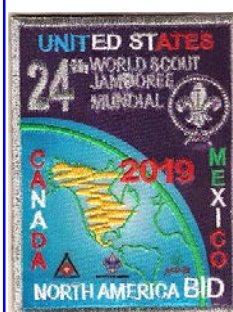


### 10th VCP National Scout Jamboree

**27 July – 5 August 2017**

Wittenberg, Germany  
Scouts and Venturer Scouts  
aged 12 to 17

Cost approximately \$3,500



### 24th World Scout Jamboree

**July-August 2019**

Summit Bechtel Reserve, North  
America

Scouts and Venturer Scouts aged  
14 to 17

Cost approximately \$7,000

*For more information on any of these International activities contact:*

**Peter Nickl**

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**Aaron Wardle**

[venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

*You can also check out the Region website for details of other great international opportunities.*



# CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW



## Cumberland Gang Show is going to be great this year.

The script is full of fantastic new material as well as popular older and current commercial songs and side-splitting sketches. The Production Team is organising fun and games for the first rehearsal on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February to start an exciting rehearsal season. Watch this space for tickets becoming available.

Whatever you do, don't miss out on seeing the 2015 show where we can all  
**"Reach" for the Stars.**

**Congratulations to all those who auditioned for the show.** It will be great to be part of the Gang. If you have youth members who missed out on an audition and would like to be in the 2015 show please contact Lorraine at [personnel@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:personnel@gangshow.asn.au) or call 0425 318 952 and we will talk to you about how you can still join.

## Public Workshops

Cumberland Gang Show ran its first public workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> January with bases in singing, dancing and acting. It was a great morning where 70 young people learned skills and had fun putting them into action. There are two more workshops planned during 2015 school holidays: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.** Everybody from 9 to 26 is welcome and it is a great opportunity for your youth members to come along, have fun and maybe bring a friend to give them a taste of a Scouting activity in the performing arts. Application forms will be circulated before the dates.

## Scout Workshops

This year we will be setting up new workshop teams to come and run age-appropriate performing arts activities in section meetings.

They will be available in March, April, May, September, October and November.

To make a booking please email [workshops@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:workshops@gangshow.asn.au) or ring **Jeanie Wood on 96362731.**

## Dates for Canyon Trips

1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 Valley of the Waters and Grand Canyons (Suitable for Venturers)

5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Starlight Canyon (Suitable for Venturers)

**Please check out the GWS Region Calendar for more details.**



## APPOINTMENTS LIST to 2/2/2015



### APPOINTMENTS

<b>Shaw, Lorraine</b>	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
<b>Mort, Teresa</b>	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
<b>Mort, David</b>	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
<b>Porter, Ben</b>	Appt TL (V)	1st Westmead Venturer Unit
<b>Li, Ang</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>Baldwin, Jamie</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>Romanis, Evan</b>	Appt TL (C)	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
<b>Fornari, Richard</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop
<b>Luck, Leanne</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
<b>Luck, Ian</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
<b>Munro, Yvette</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob

### TRANSFERS

<b>Hibbard, Mark</b>	from Appt TL (C) to ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i> 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
<b>Abnett, Charlotte</b>	from ACSL to CSL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i> 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i>
<b>Flavell, Mark</b>	from CSL ACSL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i> 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i>
<b>Sauer, Rick</b>	from JSL To AJSL	1st Kellyville Joey Mob 1st Kellyville Joey Mob
<b>Elliot, Rebecca</b>	from ACSL to GL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i> 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group
<b>Gravina, Daniel</b>	from Appt TL (J) to AJSL	1st Kellyville Joey Mob 1st Kellyville Joey Mob
<b>Gravina, Alice</b>	from Appt TL (J) to JSL	1st Kellyville Joey Mob 1st Kellyville Joey Mob
<b>Greaves, John</b>	from Appt TL (C) to ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
<b>Pelley, Grant</b>	from Appt TL (C) to ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i> 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>
<b>Hayes, Elizabeth</b>	from ACSL to ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack 1st Parramatta Cub Pack
<b>Sloan, Ayla-Shannyn</b>	from ACSL to ACSL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack

## TRANSFERS

<b>Partington, Julia</b>	from JSL to AJSL	1st Springwood Joey Mob 1st Springwood Joey Mob
<b>Joham, Helmut</b>	from ASL to SL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>Laurendet, James</b>	from Appt TL (C) to ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i> 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
<b>Daines, Kieran</b>	from AL (G) to TL (V)	West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Group West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit
<b>Smith, Marta</b>	from AJSL to JSL	1st Springwood Joey Mob 1st Springwood Joey Mob

## RESIGNATIONS

<b>Bayley, Geoffrey</b>	Appt TL (C)	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
<b>McCredden, Ann</b>	CSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Spurway</i>
<b>Avery, Joshua</b>	ACSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Spurway</i>
<b>Maddock, Dean</b>	JSL	1st Blaxland Joey Mob <i>Taipan</i>
<b>Love, David</b>	Appt TL (V)	West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit
<b>Wilson, Darell</b>	AVSL	1st Glossodia Venturer Unit
<b>Moore, Elizabeth</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st South Penrith Cub Pack Glenmore
<b>Hornstra, Lars</b>	ASL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
<b>Mackie, John</b>	ASL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
<b>Wilson, Joshua</b>	Appt TL (J)	1st Hawkesbury Joey Mob
<b>Kubiak, Jennifer</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
<b>McLellan, John</b>	SL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
<b>Wilkinson, Carolyn</b>	GL	1st Hazelbrook Scout Group
<b>Dalziel, Margo</b>	VSL	1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit
<b>Pearson, Adrienne</b>	Appt TL (C)	1st Parramatta Cub Pack
<b>Richard, Mark</b>	GL	1st Ermington Scout Group
<b>Hose, Michelle</b>	ACSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>Collins, Garry</b>	ACSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>Cheng, Heang</b>	ACSL	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
<b>Harvey, Steven</b>	SL	1st St Marys Scout Troop

## GWS Region Activities – Bushwalking Team



In 2015 we are pleased to introduce our Region based practice journeys. These are for Scouts who are interested to do more bushwalking and who want to improve their skills and confidence. At first journeys are scheduled once a term with space for two Patrols. The bushwalks feature a diverse selection of coastal and inland environments around Sydney.

The program is targeted to the Scout age and older. Leaders, Venturers and Rovers are encouraged to be involved. The walks are suitable for entry level and experienced participants. The objective is to practice skills required for Explorer (blue) and Adventurer (green) journeys.

Participants are to come prepared for an overnight camp, bring a hike pack, personal gear, supplies for meals/snacks, water and their own or a shared tent. We have a couple of spare tents that can be borrowed. There are no charges to participate except for self-catering and local transport. Scouts can participate in these activities without their section Leaders. Activity Leaders will provide direct and or remote supervision throughout the journey.

E1 forms are available on the activities calendar. Please complete and send to the GWS Region Office by the closing date two weeks before the activity <http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar>

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Practice Journey Calendar 2015	
<p><b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <a href="#">Heathcote to Waterfall via Kangaroo Creek</a>  <a href="#">RPJ 01/15</a>                      Royal National Park approx. 12 km  <b>Closing date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>                      Starting location:                      Heathcote Station 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>  <a href="#">Patonga to Wondabyne via Kariong Falls</a>  <a href="#">RPJ 03/15</a>                      Brisbane Water National Park approx. 20 km  <b>Closing date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>                      Starting location:                      Woy Woy Station 9:00 am</p>
<p><b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <a href="#">Govetts Leap to Blue Gum Forest</a>  <a href="#">via Junction Rock RPJ 02/15</a>                      Blue Mountains National Park approx. 15 km  <b>Closing date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      Starting location:                      NPWS Heritage Centre, Blackheath 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>  <a href="#">Bundeena Maianbar Heritage Walk</a>  <a href="#">via Simpsons Bay RPJ 04/15</a>                      Royal National Park approx. 15 km  <b>Closing date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>                      Starting location:                      Tonkin Street Wharf, Cronulla 9:00 am</p>

◆ Children's Parade ◆ Costume Display ◆ Non-stop Entertainment

Poster Contests ◆ Display Stalls ◆ Outdoor Activities

# children's festival 2015

**Sunday 15 March**

**11am to 5pm**

**First Fleet Park, The Rocks, Sydney  
(next to Circular Quay Train Station)**



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