



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region



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**3RD-11TH July 2015**

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**SPECTACULAR MUSICAL VARIETY PERFORMANCE**  
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Name:

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

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I had the pleasure to attend the Region Jamborette on the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday weekend. What a great sight to see 1,115 Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders camping at Bents Basin, and everywhere you looked there were tents and flies and of course the mandatory campfire. It was great to walk around with David Stops and talk to many of the Leaders.

Our Jamborette must be popular when we have a number of Scouts attend from outside our Region. This year we hosted troops from Bathurst, Orange, Parkes, Ryde, East Ryde, Boronia, Waitara, Lane Cove, Tamborine Bay Sefton, Cobbity and Narellan. They told me that they were really enjoying the weekend.

On top of that almost 450 Cubs attended for Cub Fun Day and there were many and varied activities to keep them entertained. I also attended the investiture of Cub Scout Alec Mitchell and Venturers Tanaya Sloan Lauren Strickland and Ben McDonald from 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks Group.

Congratulations to all the organisers and a particular thank you must go to Kim and Maggi from Region Office.

Called in at Gang Show rehearsals the other night and the show is really looking good. Don't forget to buy your tickets as there are only 8 shows this year. Discount prices will cease shortly so get in now.

I hope you have all completed your ARP and a reminder that our ARP is on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 2.30pm for 3.00pm. Please put this date in your diary.

I understand that a number of groups took part in the recent Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army and I thank them for their efforts.

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

**Neville Henderson OAM**

**Region Commissioner**

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



**A fantastic aerial view of the 2015 GWSR Jamborette**

**Photo courtesy of Aaron Wardle RCVS**

**SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE 2015  
INCLUDING SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS ELECTIVE**

**Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July 2015**

**Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills**

Cost \$140 includes the Special Needs Elective (above), all meals, overnight accommodation and handouts.

Sessions on behaviour management, communicating with parents, burning issues, etc.

Guest presentation on Sunday by **Paul Nunnari** (Paralympian & Australia's Got Talent 2013)  
re Inclusive Event Planning.

**SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS ELECTIVE**

**Saturday 25th July 2015, 9am -12.30pm**

**Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills**

Cost \$25 includes morning tea and handouts.

Lunch is an additional \$15

***You can do this Elective without attending the Conference.***

The Special Needs Conference and Special Needs Awareness Elective are open to all adults in Scouting and Guiding. Please see GWS website for the E1 Form for the Special Needs Conference and the L1 Form for the Special Needs Awareness Elective.

**Applications close Tuesday 23rd June 2015**

**Please send all applications directly to:**

**Mark Burfield State Commissioner Special Needs**

**PO Box 642**

**BURWOOD NSW 1805**

**LEVEL 1 BUSHWALKING RPL WORKSHOP**

**21st June 2015**

**9:00am Rotary Hut - Bundilla Scout Camp**

Level 1 Bushwalking is required by all new Leaders in Scout, Venturer and Rover sections before appointment or by Leaders transferring into these sections.

Tony Dent will be conducting a recognition of prior learning (RPL) workshop for those who can show some previous bushwalking experience (which doesn't necessarily have to be in Scouting).

The cost of the 4 hour workshop is \$30.

**If you would like to attend the course, you need to contact Tony for a RPL workbook and further information.**

**Tony Dent RC Special Duties, GWSR**

Act DC Blue Mountains & Penrith

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## **CUB SCOUT REPORT**

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**State Palaver** was held in Katoomba over the weekend of May 15 to 17. Nineteen leaders from our Region participated. It was a good get together, with plenty of activities, fun, useful information and good food! If you couldn't make it to this event, perhaps you could attend Palanee on August 7 at Bundilla. Thank you to the CSLs who kindly gave me some of their Cub's Grey Wolf resources to display. The display went over well and we most certainly demonstrated a good standard and compared most favourably with other regions!

Our Bi-annual **Cub Day** at the Jamborette was held at Bents Basin on **Sunday 7th June**. We had a huge turn out of Cub Scouts, their Leaders and lots of other Leaders, parents and siblings. It was a lovely sunny day with plenty of activities for the Cubs to enjoy. My sincere thanks to the Region Seonee Team members who did a fabulous job of organising and staffing activity bases and to Robin Garrett and his Team for allowing the Cubs to be part of their Jamborette. Special thanks to all the leaders who brought their Cubs to Bents Basin for the day - we hope you enjoyed yourselves. All feedback is most welcome through your Seonees - thank you.

Don't forget to organise a special **Pack outing** to see **Cumberland Gang Show** during the July school holidays. **This year the Joeys and Cubs** have been invited to see the show on **July 4 at 2pm**. The E1 and further information is available on the GWS website. Anyone taking part in this special event, will receive a free limited edition souvenir badge! Hopefully you have distributed your modified E1s by now and will soon be able to book your tickets. Don't forget to let me know when you have purchased your tickets, so we can set aside your badges.

**State Campfire** will take place on **18th July**. This is not organised by Region, but rather by your District Seonees. I hope you have ordered your badges for the event.

**Palanee** will be held at Bundilla on **August 7**, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Palanee is the perfect opportunity for CS Leaders to get together, have some fun, share ideas, ask questions, gain some ready made Programmes and enjoy a nice supper. I do hope that we have a huge participation, to make up for the low numbers at State Palaver. Check the website for the E1.

The next **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held on Saturday **September 5**. All paperwork will be distributed through your Seonees. Please start thinking about which Cubs will be suitable to attend this course. If you would like to come and help on the day, please speak to your DLCS or Seonee Leader.

In **2016** the Cub Scout section will be celebrating its **100th Birthday!** National is conducting a '**Design a Badge**' competition that only Cub Scouts can enter. Entries close on **August 31**. Please see the poster on Page 5 for further details.

**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**

**Owen Emerson - 1st Blaxland  
Brandon Kent - 1st Hawkesbury  
Charlize Walters - 1st Carlingford**

**1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF!**

★ How would YOU sum up ★  
**100 YEARS of CUB SCOUTS**  
 ★ in a single badge? ★



A Scouts Australia National Competition for Cub Scouts only



**Cubs are 100 years old in 2016!**

**The challenge for Cubs**

Design a Centenary Badge about Australian Cub Scouting



- Cubs, can you create:
- an Australian design
  - a Cub design
  - your best / crazy / favourite Cub idea for a Centenary Badge to be worn by all Cub Scouts (and Cub Leaders) in 2016?



To submit your entry, visit [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au)

Entries close **August 31, 2015**  
 Winners announced **September 30, 2015**



Prizes kindly donated by



★ Best design wins a Wilderness Equipment iExplore tent (valued \$549)  
 State winners receive Leave No Trace products donated by Sea To Summit



**GET YOUR CUB SCOUTS DESIGNING NOW!**

**WOULDN'T IT BE FANTASTIC TO HAVE A WINNING ENTRY FROM GWSR**

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## VENTURER REPORT

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Venturing in the Region has been very busy in recent months which is great to see. Membership is continuing to grow as we welcome new Units into the Region and attendance at major events goes from strength to strength.

Congratulations to **Deborah Ewings on her Queen's Scout Award**. A great effort and completed just before moving to Rovers.

40 participants completed our **Initiative Course** last month and despite the wet weather, the Venturer Scouts demonstrated great resilience to complete the activity. Another 13 participants completed the Youth Helper Course as well and look forward to applying their skills in the younger sections as part of the Queen's Scout Award Service Badge.

**1st South Penrith Venturer Scout Unit** opened at the beginning of this term and is already expanding at a rapid pace with more new recruits joining every week. **1st Hazelbrook** has also started up again and **1st Dural** is currently recruiting new members with the plan to reopen later this year.

A record number of Venturer Scouts attended the **Jamborette** last week with some excellent bases being organised for the event. Everyone was rewarded with some great weather over the weekend and warmer than usual conditions making the event even more enjoyable. The Cub Day was a huge highlight with such a great opportunity to promote Venturers to our younger sections. The Sunday night rock climbing activity also ran very well and the positive interaction with the Scouts was very good to see. **Congratulations to 1st Winston Hills on their Mouse Trap** activity which was voted by the Patrol Leaders as the best Venturer Scout base. Well done as well to **The Wizards Gauntlet (1st Kellyville)**, **Potter World (1st Oakville)** and **A Damsel in Distress (1st Castle Hill)** which were all ranked highly popular.

**Waratah** applications opened recently for our 10th anniversary event to be held on **6-8 November**. E1 forms are available from the Region website and on the Region EMS which is already accepting online registrations. Teams will benefit from registering early. All adults are welcome to be involved in the activity as well and are encouraged to register together with other leaders from their local Scout Group or District for a very enjoyable weekend. Given that this is a Jamboree year, we also look forward to having as many eligible 14 year old Scouts join the event to help encourage them to link after the Jamboree.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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**REVENGE  
OF THE WRAITH**



**Enjoying a game of Quidditch!**

# A bird's eye view of the Jamborette - courtesy of Aaron Wardle



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## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

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The big event for this month, and really the busiest time for the Activities Team, is always the **Region Jamboree**. And what a great weekend. The weather was just superb with 21<sup>o</sup>C max, and even the nights were not that cold!

As always, the fox was a great hit, and I must say a huge thank you to **Quentin Napier** who arrived on site early Friday morning to start setting it all up. As with past years I wanted the fox all ready to go when the bases opened, and the team certainly achieved that objective. Well done to all!



The dam also got a good work out with canoeing all weekend. **Neal Sullivan** ensured a smooth flow in proceedings, especially on Sunday, with so many budding young cubs all itching to hit the water, so to speak. Terrific effort by Neal all weekend.



The climbing wall was also a great attraction, along with sock wrestling and a caving ladder set up and run by **1<sup>st</sup> Springwood Venturers**. Most of you would be aware 1st Springwood Venturer leader Nathan Duffy has been very sick in hospital, and he would have been so incredibly proud of how his venturers have continued on with the legacy he has left. Well done guys. You have done Nathan very proud.

Of course a Jamboree would not be a Jamboree without **John Leahy** and his science base, and **Karl Humphreys** with his radio base. Always popular with scouts, cubs and leaders alike.

I must acknowledge the huge help the **Venturers** provided to the Activities Team. Whether fitting harness, PFDs, unloading participants off the fox, or ensuring the safety to all while canoeing, they should all be thanked for the big effort they put in.

The next big event for myself is **Gang Show**, which is shaping up to be another fantastic season.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**  
Email: [activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au)



## Have you got your tickets to see Gang Show yet?

Cumberland Gang Show 2015 is an experience not to be missed, two hours of live music, dance & comedy. Fun for all the family and entertainment for the whole group.

Bring your whole section to one of our special performances and every uniformed member will receive a FREE souvenir event badge - registration is necessary:

**Joeys and Cubs – Saturday July 4th, 2:00pm**

**Scouts – Wednesday July 8th, 7:30pm**

**Venturers and Rovers – Friday July 10th, Dinner 5:30pm + Performance 7:30pm**

**More information available on our website - [www.gangshow.asn.au](http://www.gangshow.asn.au)**

Join us on a captivating adventure: from a **Rio Brazil Carnivale** complete with **Latin dancing, voodoo dolls** and a **soccer tribute to Caesar in Egypt**, from an incredible **Steampunk sequence to Wizard Rock** featuring **Harry Potter**, from a heart-warming salute to our **lucky country** and culminating in **Swan Lake Ballet** like you've never seen before!

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## GANG SHOW TICKET SELLER

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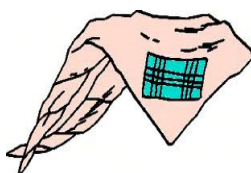


Congratulations and  
best wishes to

**Angus Boxall AJSL**  
**1st Kings Langley Rover Crew**

who has recently been awarded  
his Rover Wood Badge

*Bravo - Well done!*

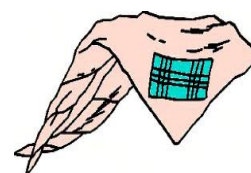


Congratulations and  
best wishes to

**Helen Hodge CSL**  
**2nd Castle Hill Scout Group**

who has recently been awarded  
her Cub Scout Wood Badge

*Bravo - Well done!*



## MAY ACTIVITIES WITH 1ST CASTLE HILL

We started the month with an *Arcs & Sparks* night with their Scouts. Karl with the Jacobs Ladder rising arc and Car Ignition circuit, while I lead the fun with electrostatics and the Van de Graaff machine. Towards the end of the night I demonstrated the Tesla coil in a side entrance to the hall.

The third week we were back at 1<sup>st</sup> Castle Hill with the Venturers for a *Liquid Nitrogen* night. We learnt this time that a frozen egg fractures, while a boiled egg tears, and it really doesn't matter what the temperature is on the night, the instant ice cream all gets eaten. Here we see Karl pouring the LN<sub>2</sub> while the Venturers stir to freeze the cream.



## JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY

Karl couldn't be with me on the day so it was good to have an assistant and some willing parent helpers. I had bought some optical examples: the fly-eye orange glasses, cylindrical mirror images, and moving images in the scanimation 'Kick' book. The motor with rotating coloured disc blended to an whitish blur, and the disk with black segments gave blue and brown rings when rotated at a slow speed.

The zonker bucket that fires pockets of air was popular, and always a surprise and attention getter. The marble run with multiple starts and re-arrangeable sections was a challenge, especially when a couple of builders were attempting to redesign it simultaneously.

Magnets were represented in the 'chaotic pendulum' and washer shaped magnets floated on each other when similar poled sides were placed one above the other. The 'Amazing Robot' asked a question, then spun around to point to the correct answer when placed on the mirror.

From our sound night, the 'sound telescope' is novel to young ears; and Joeys & Cubs usually operate it to deafen each other as demonstrated in the photo.



### THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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# DESIGN A NEW SECTION

Imagine the Possibilities!

***"It is a movement, because it moves forward. As soon as it stops moving, it becomes an organisation, and is no longer scouting" - BP***

Scouts Australia's National Youth Council in collaboration with the Youth Program Review are in need of your ideas! As part of Designing Tomorrow's Scouts Australia, we need to generate some big ideas for Stage 4 Youth Program Review Teams to use in their initial development of our possible new program. This is your opportunity to be creative and innovative in imagining what a section in tomorrow's Scouts Australia could look like. We want everyone to have a go at this, from your local Joey Mob to your Branch Rover Council, everyone should participate, even leaders and fellowships.

Ideas flourish when you discuss and collaborate with others, therefore we suggest that you complete this as part of your local scouting community.

The big picture concept here is that we're simply asking people to come up with what their ideal section would look like. Either the one they are a part of, or one they have an epiphany about. In actual fact, of course we're not suddenly inventing a whole new section from scratch! But, Imagine... what if YOU could do just that?! What would it look like, what would the age range be, what would an award scheme look like, how would the Scout Method be implemented, and the Patrol System?

With our worksheet and our form uploader on the website, we would like to offer some suggestions when running this activity with your Scout Group.

1. Break your group up into small teams, patrols or sixes.
2. Give each team a copy of the *Design a New Section Worksheet* and a pen. For younger sections, a leader may need to run through the questions with the youth members. Get the teams to imagine all the possibilities.
3. Allow about 10-15 minutes to complete.
4. Visit each team and give positive feedback to their responses so far.
5. Have the teams present their ideas to the rest of the group, and then discuss these ideas.
6. Finalise discussions.
7. Submit responses online at [www.nyc.scouts.com.au/design-section](http://www.nyc.scouts.com.au/design-section) , either by scanning in your form and uploading, or filling out answers into the question boxes.
8. Appropriate for each section, as different ages have different needs.

After you have completed the activity please submit all responses to the NYC using the methods below. Once submitted, all ideas can be used as part of Designing Tomorrow.

Website: [www.nyc.scouts.com.au/design-section](http://www.nyc.scouts.com.au/design-section)

Email: [design@nyc.scouts.com.au](mailto:design@nyc.scouts.com.au)

YPR Website: [www.ypr.scouts.com.au](http://www.ypr.scouts.com.au)

By reading this, it is up to you, to bring this activity to your local scout section to truly make it yours, to ensure that your VOICE is heard.

Thank You for being a Part of Designing Tomorrow, Today  
NYC

[NYC.Scouts.com.au/Competition](http://NYC.Scouts.com.au/Competition)



**All entries need to be in by the 1st July 2015**

Dear Volunteers

**We have just announced a brand new event in Sydney - Little BIG DASH.  
We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Little BIG DASH which is coming to Sydney  
(Penrith International Regatta Centre) on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.  
The time frame will be from 6:30 am to 2pm.**

We need your help to build a team of community minded people, with a sense of fun and adventure to assist with this event. We are also happy to support local community and sports groups with a **fundraising opportunity**, if you are able to supply us with a number of group members as volunteers. We will look after you on the day too!

This event is set over nine fun, safe but adventurous activities set in 2km of obstacle adventure, full of colour, fun and guaranteed laughs for parents and children who get to enjoy the activities together!

**For further details contact Bronte Bryant**

Email: [lbdvolunteer@x-tri.com.au](mailto:lbdvolunteer@x-tri.com.au)

Telephone: (02) 8977 5412

Best Wishes,  
Volunteer Manager  
Little BIG DASH™ Team  
Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing



## SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH - AUGUST 2015



### 'SCOUTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT'

Programs, activities and useful resources are already loaded on the website:

[www.scoutsinactionmonth.com](http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com) and you are welcome to jump on the site and start planning for August.

You are also invited to send through any

Environmentally themed programs to

[youth.events@scouts.com.au](mailto:youth.events@scouts.com.au) and they will be included for others to use.

Once again there is a badge available and this has been approved for wear on the Scout Uniform by the Chief Commissioner of Australia but as usual you will need to check your local branch headquarters to check to see if you can wear this year's badge.

To order your badges go to <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2015-Badge.html> and order your badges today!

Yours in Scouting  
**John Parr**  
Scouts in Action Month 2015

Calling all **Scouts, Venturers, Rovers** and **Leaders**

## SCOUT SNOW WEEKEND

Come along and join us on  
**24 – 26 July 2015**

For an **AWESOME** weekend in the snow

### Included

- 2 nights at the Scout Alpine centre
- 2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner
- All transport including mountain transfers
- National park entry fees

**ONLY**



\*Plus Gear hire and lift tickets

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Places are limited so book your seat NOW!

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Or contact  
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