



# The Bulletin

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW  
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



**Mr. Neville Henderson OAM  
Region Commissioner**

**Mr. Alan Overton AM  
Region President**

and

**Mrs. Debbie Howlett  
Region Chair**

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

**Thursday, 22nd October 2015**  
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

**Wentworthville Leagues Club**  
Starlight Room  
50 Smith Street, Wentworthville

\$40 per person includes three course meal

**Please wear full and correct uniform (including decorations).**

The venue accommodates 8 people per table.  
It is preferred that you register as many of your group as possible in the one  
online  
registration. Feel free to add in the comments if you would like to be seated with  
anyone in particular. The office staff will do their best to accommodate your re-  
quests, but there are no guarantees!

Please register online at  
[www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

**Registrations close - 4.30pm, Friday 9th October 2015**

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

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Congratulations to the leaders and supporters who received Adult Recognition Awards on World Scout Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August. To recognise these awards, we will be holding our annual presentation dinner on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Wentworthville Leagues Club, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Look in this Bulletin for details on how to register for the dinner.

Congratulations to Peter Nickl on his election as a Life Councillor on the NSW Branch Council. Well done Peter after so many dedicated years of service to Scouting.

A day elective will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Bundilla from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Mental Health and Youth Suicide. We will have professional speakers on the day and will supply morning tea and lunch. The session will be free of charge but will be limited to around 100. Watch for the invitation in the next Bulletin.

There is a new State Strategic Plan being drafted at the moment which will be rolled out later this year and it will affect all Regions in NSW. To assist with the roll out I have appointed a Region Leader Strategy, Geoff Henderson who has commenced his training and will be on board soon.

I am on a short holiday and David Stopps is looking after the Region during my absence. I will still be contactable by both email and mobile phone (when I am in range).

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

**Neville Henderson OAM**

**Region Commissioner**

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**HAPPY 25TH BIRTHDAY TO THE JOEY SCOUT SECTION**

## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

**25th Birthday Celebrations:** A massive congratulations to all Joey Scouts, Leaders and supporters, past and present. We are now 25 years young and still hopping. Celebrations have been going on all across the country, all across NSW and especially here in Sydney. On Sunday August 16, hundreds of Joey Scouts, Leaders and their families converged on Scout Place in Sydney to celebrate. We went searching for clues around the Wind vane that was donated by Dick Smith during the Centenary of Scouting celebrations. Then they went searching for famous writers along the Sydney Writers walk through Circular Quay and around to the Opera House; after a short stay on the Opera House forecourt we all gathered in the neighbouring parklands for lunch and a special parade to celebrate the birthday. It was great weather; great bunch of Joey Scouts and a great bunch of Leaders that all came together to make it a great success. Thank you to every that helped out. Note that the celebrations are not over yet, there is more to come, so watch this space.

**GWS Konara Days:** Konara is a Training & Development Day for Joey Leaders, so all Leaders in the Joey Section are requested to attend either one of the following days.

Day 1 : 30th August 2015 - 10am to 3pm Rotary Hut, Bundilla Scout Camp

Day 2 : 13th September 2015 - 10am to 3pm Rotary Hut, Bundilla Scout Camp

***This is a Free Activity - BYO Lunch - Tea and Coffee will be provided.***

Please send an email to [joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au) to register your attendance at either one (not both). Please include any topics that you would like covered.

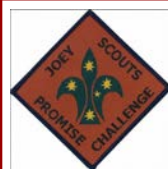
Do you have any excess resources or materials sitting at your hall? Please bring them along. We will have a care and share table for you to place them on, to share with other Joey Leaders. The Konara Days will be slightly informal and the topics may vary on the day, depending on what you want.

**2016 Cataract Woonona:** 29th - 30th October 2016 at Cataract Scout Park. We are planning our next Woonona Camp and this time we are including Hume, South Met, and any other interested Joey Mobs. It will be a big event, but the major concerns like catering will be broken down into smaller groups with Cataract providing all catering, so we can focus on the activities. Shortly we will be starting a badge design competition, so keep an eye on your emails.

**2016 Joey Fun Day - Colours:** This year we will be celebrating colours, with each district to have a different colour. More information at the next Wandarrah.

**Brian Zarth (Magpie) - RC Joey Scouts**

Email: [joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeysgreaterwestscouts.com.au)



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

**Zoe Allen - 1st Oakville**

**Zoe Dunn - 1st Oakville**

**Andrew Mitchell - 1st Oakville**

**Tahlia Ransley - 1st Oakville**

**Gina Chen - 1st Parramatta**

**Cohen Sanders - 1st Springwood**

**Sarah Ryan - 1st Ermington**

**Jasmine Freeman - 1st Quakers Hill Doonside**

**Max Schwalbe - 1st Balcombe Heights**

**Kailash Sureshkumar - 1st Balcombe Heights**

**Raphaela Woodford - 1st Balcombe Heights**

**HOP - HOP - HOP**



# JOEY SCOUTS 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Hi All

I would like to pass on a HUGE THANK YOU to the Joey Scouts, Leaders and their families who made the trek to Sydney today for our 25th Birthday celebrations.

We had Mobs from Sydney North, GWS, South Met, Hume, South Coast & Tablelands and Hunter & Coastal.

Gathering at Scout Place, the Joeys became quite concentrated on the finding of clues in the Booklet. When KYM appeared there was real delight and scenes of gorgeous Joey behaviour - Kym got lots of cuddles and high-fives! Lots of photos under the big banner, which looked absolutely wonderful.

Enormous thanks to Sydney North Rovers (especially the Game and Mitchell families) for being Kym and managing the costume so professionally. You guys rock!

It was wonderful to have Viv and Colin Paulson as special visitors. They really enjoyed the day and are very proud of how the Section has grown.

Thanks to the friendly security guards at the Opera House, we were cleared to take photos on the steps, with Kym and the big banner. Kym had to retire before each mob was photographed, as it was such a warm day and Kym got a bit overheated!

We swarmed into the Gardens and had lovely picnic lunches, games and more photos before we organised everyone for the official photo. A little speech from me, a rousing Happy Birthday to Us and the day was complete.

Some Joeys were presented with their Promise Challenge badges which capped off a memorable day for all, I hope.

I would especially like to thank Cathie and Brian for taking the reins while I was in Japan. Also, thanks to Mark and his team at State HQ who did a wonderful job of the banner, publicity and promises of more future assistance as well.

So, it has truly been a very Hoppy 25th Birthday as far as Sydney is concerned.

HOP HOP HOP

**Lyn Mann**

**NSW State Commissioner, Joey Scouts**

### **Parramatta and Hills District Joey Scout Joint Campfire**

On a cold July night more than 100 Joey Scouts and their parents gathered at Bundilla Campsite for a night to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday party with a night of singing, yelling and skits. The Joeys had little time to rehearse their skits as they had all celebrated the birthday in their own Mobs for the week leading up to the event.

This year's event was joined by two new Mobs: 1<sup>st</sup> Murray Farm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Northmead. Both Mobs enjoyed meeting Joeys from the District for the first time.

Instead of marshmallows, the Joeys devoured more than 100 cup cakes complete with their own candle. They sang Happy Birthday to Joey Scouts and blew out the candles eager to eat their cake.

**Leonie Plummer**

**DJSL Parramatta and Hills Districts**



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## CUB SCOUT REPORT

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**Congratulations** to everyone who received recognition of service Awards on August 1. Very happy and proud to see some well deserving members of my team among the recipients: Melissa Harding, Gabie Thompson, John Aquilina and Lorraine Shaw - Bravo to all of you.

**Palanee 'Approaching our Cub Scout Centenary'** was held at Bundilla on **August 7** with 39 Leaders in attendance. It was a fun, informative night and great to see everyone getting into the spirit of the evening. My special thanks to Jeff Hook CSL 1st Westmead and Leader Trainer, who organised the Programme and related some great yarns on BP and the history of Scouting; Carol Cope State Commissioner International for coming in to conduct our indoor campfire and take us on a fascinating tour of Gilwell Park; Shirley Robinson for organising a lovely supper and my Seonee Team who encouraged their Leaders to attend and who never fail to support our Region events.

**Campfires** have been held all over the Region and for those Packs that ordered badges, they are now available from your DLCS and Seonee Leaders. It is good to hear that singing and yarn telling is still happening in many of our Packs.

In 2016, the Cub Scout section will be turning 100 years old, and to celebrate this centenary, all Cubs have been invited to participate in a **badge design competition** - CUB SCOUTS ONLY. Your challenge; to design a badge about Australian Cub Scouts. Be creative, be unique, be crazy. Best design winners receive a Wilderness Equipment IExplore Tent (valued at \$549), and State winners receive Leave No Trace products donated by Sea to Summit. Don't forget entries **close 31st August 2015**. Winners will be announced 30th September 2015. Visit <http://scouts.com.au/nyp/cub100badgecomp> for full details and to submit your entries.

Our final **Cub Scout Leadership Course** for the year will be held on **September 5** at Bundilla. Invitations and associated paperwork have been distributed at your Seonees - please make sure you submit your Cubs' applications by August 28, to Region Office. If there are any Leaders who would like to help on the course - please speak to your DLCS or Seonee Leader.

The final Region event for 2015 will be **Cub Baanya on November 14 and 15** at Bundilla. Please do not arrange any Group outings or camps on that weekend. We need full participation from every Group in the Region.

**Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts**

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### REGION FIRST AID TEAM

Have you got a First Aid Certificate?      Are you a Venturer, Rover or Leader?  
Are you interested in joining the Region First Aid Team?

***We are looking for interested members who are wanting to use their skills at Region events and would be able to practice regularly with other team members.***

#### **Qualifications required:**

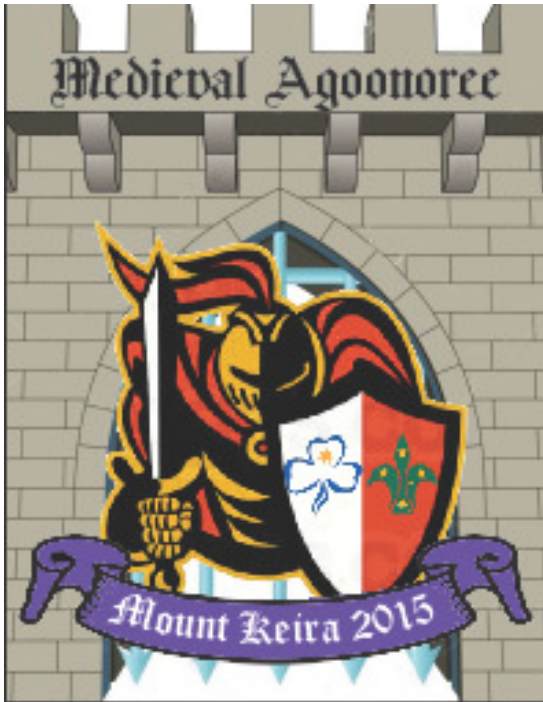
A current First Aid certificate, be a uniformed member and willing to give service.

We do not run courses, but we provide First Aid opportunities to utilise your skills. There will be a monthly practice meeting and regular communication and requests for team members to attend Scouting events, regular updates on Training providers etc.

**For further information please contact: Tony Dent RC Special Duties**

**Mobile: 0424 449 587**

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



## MEDIEVAL AGOONOREE

Friday 25th to Monday 28th September 2015

**Mt Keira Scout Camp**

**Mt Keira Road, Mt Keira**

**Cost: \$120 youth participants, \$100 adult helpers**

(Negotiable pricing for part-timers)

**The Agoonoree is open to ALL Scout and Guide members, their families and friends, and especially those with special needs.**

### On-site Visitors' Day on Saturday 26 September

The Visitors' Day is open to Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Scout Fellowship members  
Guide Association members, Scouting/Guiding supporters, parents and siblings ... All Welcome!

**COST: \$7 for participating day visitors** includes a badge and activities.

BYO lunch, morning/afternoon tea, water bottle, raincoat, jumper/jacket, and personal medications (if required).  
Scout members: Please wear Scout uniform or Scout activity shirt or theme dress with your Scout scarf.  
A change of clothes is advised especially if you do wear Scout uniform and participate in the activities. Day and overnight visitors welcome.

### Off-site Day to Symbio Wildlife Park on Sunday 27 September

## ACTIVITIES

There will be a wide range of theme-based activities and other fun and challenging activities including  
Cirque du Scout, cooking, costumes, crafts, face painting, games, music making, photo booth, scavenger hunt  
sensory activities, temporary tattoos and more! A "Chatterbox" Leader retreat will be operating, and there will  
also be a dedicated "chill out" area for youth participants.

## APPLICATIONS

It is preferred for Day Visitors to send in the completed E1 form and pay in advance by the due date, especially  
if participating in the activities. In any case, it will be appreciated if you can inform me that you plan to attend.

Send any correspondence to: **AGOONOREE, PO BOX 642, BURWOOD NSW 1805** and make any cheques/money  
orders payable to **SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**. Direct deposit information can be provided on request

*Please see the GWS website for the E1 forms for the Agoonoree Full Camp, Visitors' Day and Off-Site Day.*

**For further information please contact:**

**Mark Burfield**

**State Commissioner Special Needs**

**Mobile: 0425 236 617**

## AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE 2016 (AJ2016)

Troops have now been formed and commencing planning and having shakedown camps.

### **Important dates to be aware of are:**

- August – November Various Troop shakedown camps
- August 31 Final payment due
- September – October Line Leader training at four possible locations have been advised to line leaders
- October, November Day worker registrations open. Max 6 days working only.
- November 22 Troop equipment drop off at Cataract and contingent gear collection. This is the only date provided by the Jamboree Executive for doing this. **No trailers to be left on site.** Camp gear needs to be well covered and preferably off the ground with the aid of pallets or something.
- January 2, 2016 NSW Troops arrive at Jamboree
- January 3 Opening Ceremony
- January 9 Future Scout/Visitors Day - Market Day
- January 13 Closing Ceremony
- January 14 NSW depart Jamboree
- ? Feb Collect Troop equipment from Cataract.



**Service Leaders, including Junior Service Leaders:** It is hoped to advise most Jamboree roles before the Jamboree. If you do not hear anything, don't worry, you will be advised when you check into the Jamboree.

**Day worker registration** will be open October November by JEC. Max of 6 days only.

**Working With Children Check** *must* be done and verified. Need to make sure the information is recorded on the State system, the verification part of the process.

- CPAP machines need a battery and can be charged at the sub camp level.
- Medication is advised to be Webster style packs. Troop level first aid includes abrasions, minor belly pains....
- Alcohol is not tolerated on site. Leaders bar at bottom of site will only be open 3 hours each day. They will be 5-6pm, 7-9pm. Line leaders are not to go back to the lines intoxicated to supervise kids. Line leaders on duty should not be in the bar 5-6pm. Smoking in designated areas only.
- Wet sleeping bags need to be handled off site for laundering. More info will come.
- We need to practice sun smart including collared shirts, hats, sunscreen, no open midriffs.
- Curfews will be set by JEC and needs to be adhered to. Practice it early in pre-jamboree camps.
- Home sickness and personal problems *will* occur, usually from Day 3 for Scouts. Applies to leaders as well. Keeping them busy is a good prevention strategy.
- Contact with parents before Jamboree needs to be with JTL's primarily. At the Jamboree the emergency contact needs to be HQ people only. Includes in transit to/from AJ. Mobile phones are *really* not needed.
- Medical updates must be made on line, then advise the JTL and/or H&W leaders. Contact details need to be also up to date.
- Special diets will be locked so changes will need to be a manual process and be supported by medical references.
- Changes to family circumstances need to be done via contingent phone number. The number is 0418-949-000.

## AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

### *A few points we need to remind people about.*

- The Australia Scout Medallion (ASM) project must not commence before approval has been received. Projects commencing before approval will not be approved.
- Scouts should consult with their Troop Council, Scout Leaders and the District Scout Leader (DSL). Once an application is completed, it is passed to the DSL for review/comments and if satisfactory will be passed to the Regional Commissioner (Scouts) (RCS) who will provide the approval to proceed.
- The final report also passes by the same people with the RCS giving final approval of the awarding of the ASM. Anyone along this line can make suggestions to improve the quality of the report.
- Remember an ASM project is not a Patrol Activity. It is a project where the Scout takes charge and manages, including managing people and other resources. They do not do all the work themselves, but manage what has to be done.
- Included in the application, we ask that Scouts include a proposed list of people and resources they expect to use and what tasks or assignments the people might be assigned to. This list of tasks or assignments indicates to us leaders whether the Scout realises what is needed to be done to achieve the project and some direction/advice can be provided.
- The report needs to reflect this management of the project. Guidelines for the report are on Patroltent.

## ADVENTURER LEVEL (GREEN CORD) JOURNEY

### *Again a few reminders.*

- Application for the Journey needs to be made through the Troop Council, Scout Leaders and the District Scout Leader.
- Approval to commence a journey comes from the District Scout Leader.
- The DSL will appoint a Journey Advisor as appropriate.
- The Journey Advisor will advise the Scout, Scout Leader, DSL on matters relating to the Scouts skill, experience, suggested journey and other matters relating to the actual hike.
- The Journey Advisor does not approve the journey or the journey log after the hike. The DSL is the key person within the district for this hike but takes recommendations and suggestions from the Journey Advisor. The exception is if the DSL is also the Journey Advisor.
- Each District has at least one Journey Advisor nominated for their District and we recommend you use them. For those districts without one, Brian Roberts and Tristan Flores have offered to fill in.
- Hike logs after the hike need to have Troop Council approval with a letter included in the log signed by the Troop Council chair person. The log is passed by the Scout Leader, Troop Council, the DSL then on to the Regional Commissioner (Scouts) or his delegate. Anyone along this line can make suggestions for improvement to the log.
- The Region Commissioner (Scouts) or his delegate (Brian Roberts at this stage), will give final approval that the hike has been completed and will sign off the green book and advise the RCS.

**Robin Garrett (Batman)**

**RC Scouts**

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### JOTA 2015

What has your Group planned for this year's International **Jamboree On The Air** on 17th & 18th of October?

A great opportunity to get a couple of nights under canvas for the coming Australian Jamboree and enjoy some communication and technology base activity as well, certainly not to be put off 'till next year.

Wouldn't it be great if a couple of your Scouts or Venturers could earn their **Foundation Licence** to operate the radios themselves? Well it will happen the middle of this month, when Karl presents the first GWS Radio course that will see 6 participants qualify. I understand that the initial course is booked out, but you can contact Karl to be first in line for the next one

If you are planning activities on the JOTA weekend, or you would like some help in putting together an interesting couple of days on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> let Karl or me know, because we have the experience, resources and contacts to make it happen.

### MAGNETICS WITH MURRAY FARM

Towards the end of July we visited Murray Farm Joeys for a 'Magnetic night'. Grace had organised North Rocks Joeys to be there as well, so there were about 20 Joeys and 5 leaders present.

Karl took half on the magnets table, and I showed the remainder magnetic darts, magnetic fish and the magnetic answering robot.

The **Magnetic Fish** activity involves fishing the plastic fish with paperclip heads, out of the water with a magnetic fishing line. The fish are in four colours and have letters written on them. The aim is to arrange the fish, with Leader help on a coloured board to spell out a message, in this case 'Joeys don't waste water'.

After the Joeys, the Cubs arrived and we bought out the Van de Graaff Electrostatic generator, Lemon Battery, simple motor and shake torch, for an 'Arcs & Sparks night'; finishing the session with group and individual zapping with the hand operated shocker.

### MICROWAVE AND ARCS & SPARKS NIGHT

A combined activity with Grose Vale and Glossodia Scouts at Kurrajong hall.

Half the group joined Karl inside for the **Van de Graaff** experiments, **Car ignition** sparks and **Jacobs Ladder** rising arcs, the rest were outside zapping stuff in the microwave oven. After half an hour we swapped the groups around.

Grose Vale had tried this before and had a repertoire of things that should not be put in your mother's oven, but which produce startling or messy results. Here is a short list of experiments we tried.

**CD or DVD:** Don't try this with your favourite disk; it won't play again. The reflective layer sparkles as the aluminium arcs. Each Scout did one to take home. A different way to 'burn a CD'.

**Aluminium Foil:** A crumpled handful produces arcs and sparks. Best done on a Pyrex dish otherwise the hot metal burns holes in the plastic oven case.

**Lighted Candle or toothpick:** Light and place under inverted Pyrex bowl. The flame and hot gases produce an orange plasma which rises above the flame and roams around inside the bowl. If you don't confine it in the bowl the plasma may burn a hole in the oven.

**Filament Bulb 40W:** Gas inside bulb glows and filament supports arc. Also 12 volt car globes, but some shatter.

**Neon Bulbs:** Glow bright red. Short pulse only

**Hens Egg:** Eventually explodes. Best done second last.

**Soft Soap bar:** Swells up to 4 or 5 times its size. Smells nice and helps clean the oven. Best done last.

Use only an old oven, metal tongs and wear gloves (things get hot) and safety glasses, stand well back from the door of the oven and preferably run the oven off an RCD protected power point. Power on for 3 to 5 seconds only.

The night finished with the **Tesla Coil** producing loud sparks, and playing several tunes for the Scouts and assembled parents.



### THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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## SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW - GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION

### 2015 ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

#### ***NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Eminent Achievement and Meritorious Service***

**Nicholas, Colin** Geoffrey: Honorary Commissioner (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region

#### ***SILVER KOALA - for distinguished service***

**Futcher-Hall, Aafke** Carolina: District Leader (Training), Hills South District

**Harding, Melissa** Joy: District Cub Scout Leader, Blue Mountains District

**Kokay, Craig** Dow: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Parramatta Scout Troop

**McGrath, Christine** Therese: Scout Leader, 1st Westmead Scout Troop

#### ***SILVER WATTLE - for outstanding service***

**Cuneo, Kathleen** Margaret: Regional Comm (Adult Training & Dev), Greater Western Sydney Region

**Dalziel, Margo** Janine: Waratah Scout Fellowship

**Freeman, Gregory** Robert: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Scout Troop

**Gale, John** Stuart: Rover Adviser (Responsible), 2nd Baulkham Hills Rover Crew

**Graham, Brett** Lloyd: District Adviser, Penrith City District

**Jefferies, Maree**: Cub Scout Leader, 1st South Penrith Cub Pack *Glenmore*

**Shaw, Lorraine** Margaret: Regional Adviser, Greater Western Sydney Region

**Wallace, Stephen** Paul: District Venturer Scout Leader, Blacktown District

**Watts, Duncan** Leslie: Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Scout Troop

#### ***OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD - for outstanding service***

**Mason, Richard** Charles: Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

#### ***MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD - For Excellent Service***

**Aquilina, John** Joseph: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Glossodia Cub Pack

**Burr, Richard**: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop

**Burr, Sharon** Jane: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Cub Pack

**Connor, Glenn** William: Rover Adviser (Non Responsible) Blacktown Rover Crew

**Henriksson, Philomena**: Scout Leader, 1st Murray Farm Scout Troop

**Humphreys, Karl** Francis: Regional Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

**Hyatt, Paula** Anne: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit

**McGarry, Carol** Therese: Secretary Waratah Scout Fellowship

**McLean, Julie** Karen: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Westmead Venturer Unit

**Smith, Rosemary** Diane: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Venturer Unit

**Sullivan, Neal** Raymond John: Regional Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

**Thompson, Gabrielle** Anne: District Cub Scout Leader, Hills South District

**Vella, Matthew** Guy: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit

**Winchester, Aaron** Luke: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

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

**Achermann, Robert:** Appointed Trainee Leader (Scout), 1st Wentworthville Scout Troop *Barrah*  
**Michael Raymond:** Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Erskine*  
**Bruin, Thomas Peter:** Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Dunphy*  
**Burnside, Mark Scott:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack  
**Dawson, Donna Alison:** Joey Scout Leader, 1st Parramatta Joey Mob  
**Drinkwater, Julie Nicole:** Trainee Leader (Scout), 1st North Rocks Scout Troop  
**Dyball, Richard Lloyd:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack *Boronia*  
**Edwards, Heather:** Group Leader, 1st North Mt Druitt Scout Group  
**Elliot, Rebecca Helene:** Group Leader 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group  
**Fewkes, Jessica Ann:** Joey Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob *Python*  
**Geyer, Tracey:** Group Treasurer, 1st Grose Vale Scout Group  
**Hammond, Jamie Ray:** Cub Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack *Cumbora*  
**Harris, Eric Clifford:** Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop  
**Harris, Peter Michael:** Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Scout Troop  
**Haug, Daniel Graeme:** Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit  
**Henry, Anthony Mark:** Scout Leader, 1st Emu Plains Scout Troop *Barindji*  
**Joel, Tallia Terese:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Cub Pack  
**Joham, Helmut Joseph:** Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop  
**Lang, David James:** Supporter Greater Western Sydney Region  
**Lomas, Kerri Leigh:** Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack  
**Macarthur, Anthony James:** Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Joey Mob  
**McPherson, Robert Allan:** Supporter, 1st Grose Vale Scout Group  
**Overland, Joshua Hugh:** Appointed Trainee Leader (Scout), 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop  
**Redwin, James:** Cub Scout Leader, 1st Emu Plains Cub Pack *Booragorang*  
**Robinson, Gregory Francis:** Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack *Pukeena*  
**Saunders, Desmond Allan:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack *Boronia*  
**Sherwin, Fiona Louise:** Scout Leader, 1st South Penrith Scout Troop *Yee-Na-Pah*  
**Smith, Marta:** Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Joey Mob  
**Suffling, Debra Michelle:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack  
**Vincent, Jonathan James:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack *Keego*  
**Wade, Donnalee:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack  
**Wheeler, Brett Raymond:** Supporter, 3rd Merrylands Cub Pack  
**Williams, Simone:** Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*  
**Zarth, Sharon:** Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st St Marys Cub Pack



## ROVER REPORT

GWS Rovers have been very active over the cold winter months. Some recent highlights include Blaxland Rover Crew's Marvel Moot, Hawkesbury River Rover Crew's annual Christmas in July, and Wood Badge presentations for Lawrence Pearse, Angus Boxall and Johnathan Morey.

Rovers came in their hundreds for Blaxland Rover's GWS Marvel Moot. Held at Kariong Scout Camp from August 7th-9th, there were plenty of Hulks, Captain Americas, Iron Men and Aquamen battling out to be the ultimate Avenger.

On Friday night, Rovers partied into the night and a Round Robin Tournament was held on Saturday morning. This Round Robin was won by 2nd Baulkham Hills Rover Crew. Hawkesbury Rover's annual Christmas in July had an excellent turnout. Rovers gathered by a fire at Richmond Scout Hall, sharing warm conversation, roasting marshmallows and enjoying a very warm tub. Santa himself delivered gifts to all the Rovers, including the naughty ones. The event saw Laurie receive his Wood Badge, and many people new to Scouting had a great time and were inspired to join Rovers.

Hannah Woodrow Clark GWS Rovers Chairman,  
Email: [chairman@gwsrovers.com.au](mailto:chairman@gwsrovers.com.au)  
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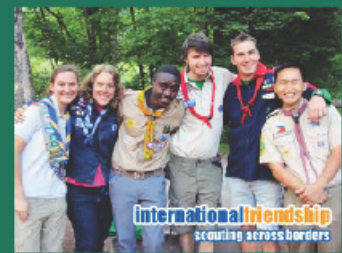


**Be Prepared...**  
for new adventure!

# INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING INFORMATION NIGHT

Enquiries  
Aaron Wardle  
0421 076 497

*Bundilla Scout Activity Centre = 6 Baden-Powell Place, Winston Hills  
7:30pm Thursday 10 September 2015  
Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Parents and Leaders Invited to Attend*



## INTERNATIONAL



## SCOUTING SHOWCASE

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 - 1pm to 4pm**  
**Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pomona Street Pennant Hills**

- \* Would you like to find out more about our Student Exchange Program?
- \* Are you interested in learning about opportunities for our youths to become Ambassadors for Scouting across the world?
- \* What exciting activities happened at the World Jamboree?
- \* Do you know what the International Explorer Award is?
- \* How does JOTA/JOTI fit into the International Scouting Scene?

We invite you to come along and enjoy a number of presentations covering these topics.

Very talented young people have travelled to countries such as UK, Denmark, Japan, New Zealand, and Africa and they will give us a talk on the people they have met, the friendships they have made and how they have enjoyed their trips overseas. You could be the next ambassador if you wish.

**All ages welcome, scouting members please wear full uniform**

**FIRST AID COURSE**  
**Saturday 5th September 2015**  
**from 8:30am to 3:00pm**  
**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**  
**28th August 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

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## REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Now starting to slowly come out of the cooler months of winter, I am seeing an awakening on the activities calendar, as we head towards the warmer months of spring, and then on to summer, with daylight savings and flies and zinc cream and ice creams and all that good stuff.

The cooler months have certainly not gone to waste with both our abseiling and caving teams out and about. It has also provided a great opportunity to take stock on a number of items which required attention. A bit of carpentry to our Rock Store has provided a much better storage system for all our climbing and abseiling hardware. I have also used the opportunity to do some work on one of the Canoe trailers, which has succumbed to a bit of corrosion. A new bottom, a coat of paint, and it will be as good as new!

As things start to pick up again, I thought it would be a good opportunity to explain the procedures in booking for an activity, or utilising the Activity Team to run a dedicated activity for your group.

A great place to start is the GWS Region web site. Just go to [www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/calendar) Here you can see what is coming up within the GWS Region in the months ahead. Generally a month or so out from the activity, all being well, you can click on the actual activity on the calendar, and it will provide you with a link to the required paperwork, E1 Form, costs, and all other relevant details for that activity. The procedure then is to book through the Region Office. Do not contact the Activity Leader to make a booking. You can however contact the Leader if you want a bit more information on the actual event.



**Learning canoeing skills is one of those great activities we provide in Scouting.**

We can often accommodate groups on more tailor made activities. Perhaps your troop would like to do a weekend canoe workshop or similar. We can arrange this to suit. Perhaps a couple of troops within a District can work together to do something like this. Happy to talk to you about the various options.

Even things like First Aid Courses can be found on the Region Website. As part of SIS qualifications you must have current First Aid certification to maintain your activity accreditation. Remembering First Aid qualifications only last 3 years. Mine is up for renewal in about 3 months' time, so no one is exempt.



There have been a lot of requests for the climbing wall at present. Please remember the climbing wall should be booked through the Region Office and not directly with Branch.

One of the big challenges we have at present, is that there are only a few people qualified within our Region who can set up and run the wall. We do need to be mindful of putting too much demand on just those few people.

We are running another 5 day Sailing Course during the next school holidays at Chipping Norton, 9.00am – 3.00pm each day. At \$100.00 for the full five days, you could not do a better deal anywhere else. We are very fortunate to have a number of highly skilled "Sailors" who are happy to give up their time to do this. Course is limited to 12 participants only. Open to Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders. Successful participants will be eligible to sail at the Jamboree, Sirius Cup and the Port Neptune Regatta.

Let's now go and make it all happen!

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

**Stage Manager CGS**

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

# LET'S GO SAILING..!

<b>WHERE</b>	Lake Chipping Norton
<b>WHEN</b>	Saturday 26th Sept - Wednesday 30th September 2015 (School Holidays) 9.00am - 3.00pm
<b>WHO</b>	Open to Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders.
<b>WHY</b>	Because sailing is a heap of FUN!
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$100.00 for the full five days</b>

## **FINE PRINT**

- All sailing gear including PFDs is provided.
- Participants to bring their own lunch each day, as well as adequate water.
- Hats and water shoes are compulsory.
- Don't forget your sunscreen.
- Each day's activity is based on the weather conditions.
- We can only accept up to a maximum of 12 participants.
- Full details including E1 Forms are on the Region Website.
- Closing date is to Region Office by 11th September 2015.



For further information please contact  
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## **BUNDEENA MAIANBAR HERITAGE WALK** 28th & 29th November 2015

*Short hikes around Bundeena and the Royal National Park*

A hiking and camping activity based at Bonnie Vale Campground for Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rovers and Leaders. Parent Helpers are also welcome to register. Please note only 28 places available.

**\*E1 form available on the Region website.**

**Coordinator: Tristan Flores**

**Mobile: 0420 634 135 or Email: [tristan.flores@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tristan.flores@det.nsw.edu.au)**

## APPOINTMENTS LIST 20/7/2015 - 10/8/2015



### TRANSFERS and APPOINTMENTS

<b>Willetts, Carolyn</b>	AVSL VSL	1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit 1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit	15/07/2015
<b>King, Susan</b>	Appt TL (G) GL	1st Rydalmere Scout Group 1st Rydalmere Scout Group	15/07/2015
<b>Gross, Jacqueline</b>	Appt TL (C) ACSL	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack	20/07/2015
<b>Tovkach, Leanne</b>	Appt TL (S) ASL	1st Greystanes Scout Troop 1st Greystanes Scout Troop	20/07/2015
<b>Hayes, Elizabeth</b>	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship	20/07/2015
<b>Antala, Rachel</b>	Appt TL (C) ACSL	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack	30/7/2015
<b>Boulton, David</b>	Appt TL (C) ACSL	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack	30/7/2015
<b>Sloan, Ayla-Shannyn</b>	ACSL Region Adviser	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack GWSR	
<b>Woodley, Mathew</b>	Appt TL (S) ASL	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop	05/08/2015
<b>Daines, Glenn</b>	SL AVSL	1st Whalan Scout Troop 1st Whalan Venturer Unit	10/08/2015
<b>Whiddon, Andrew</b>	LIC	2nd Castle Hill Scout Group	4/08/2015
<b>Rowsell, Naomi</b>	Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship	

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>Harris, Peter</b>	ASL	1st Springwood Scout Troop	6/08/2015
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### R U OK? Day

**A National mental health awareness campaign  
September 10, 2015**

Some ideas for events and how to get involved can be found in this link:

<https://ruok.org.au/inspire-conversations/event-ideas-and-tools>

Scouts Australia NSW would like to encourage all Scout Groups to get involved and show their support.

**For further information and to register your support please contact:**

**Jessica Cooper - Communications and Marketing Officer**

**Phone: 9735 9023**

**WANTED  
GROUP LEADER**

**1ST GROSE VALE SCOUT GROUP**

We are looking for an energetic, organised Scouting person to join our team as Group Leader, and thought that it might be of interest to someone in the GWS Region family?

Our group has good member numbers, a great leadership team and a super Parent Support Committee.

For anyone up for the challenge, your training will not only allow you to undertake this role, but you will also be able to complete a number of 'externally recognised' qualifications along the way, including;

- BSB20112 Certificate II in Business
- BSB30112 Certificate III in Business
- BSB40812 Certificate IV in Front Line Management
- BSB51107 Diploma in Management
- SIS20213 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- SIS30413 Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation
- SIS40413 Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation

All interested members should contact me at their earliest convenience on

[grhendo@y7mail.com](mailto:grhendo@y7mail.com) or **0417 887 513**

**Geoff Henderson Chairperson, Parent Support Committee  
1st Grose Vale Scout Group**



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