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MENTAL HEALTH and YOUTH SUICIDE ELECTIVE

You are cordially invited
to attend this elective on

**October 24th, 2015 at Bundilla Scout Camp
from
10:00am to 2:00pm**

Professional speakers will be on hand to discuss these
important issues.

**This elective is limited to the first
100 people who register online.**

No cost involved!

Morning Tea and lunch will be provided.

No uniform required to be worn.

**Please complete your online registration
asap to avoid disappointment.**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Don't forget that we will be holding our annual Presentation Dinner on Thursday 22nd October at Wentworthville Leagues Club at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Registrations are to be completed on line and close on October 9 2015.

A day elective will be held on Saturday 24th 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. We are registering this course as an elective which will be added to participants training records.

David Stopps, Geoff Henderson and myself spent the day at Pennant Hills to put forward our ideas for the new State Strategic Plan being drafted at the moment. This will be rolled out later this year and it will affect all Regions and Groups in NSW. The final weekend will be held at Bundilla in October and it will be rolled out in November.

I was due to take a few weeks holiday but unfortunately I have been ill and unable to go away. It has given me time to catch up on my paperwork and talk to some of our local councils regarding leases.

David Stopps and myself attended the Green Cord Presentation for David Sirianni of Dural and was pleased to see the participation by the other youth sections of the Group. I understand that Nicholas Queree from 2nd Kings Langley is to receive the Australian Scout Medallion shortly. I have also had the pleasure to write to Jessica White of 1st Erskine Park and Meglyn Dent of 1st/2nd Blacktown congratulating them on the awarding of their Queen's Scout Award.

All Leaders in Greater Western Sydney Region are required to have their Working with Children Check by 30th November 2015 or they will be suspended. This is not a Scouts NSW decision but is a ruling from the Office of the Children's Guardian and must be adhered to.

Congratulations to Anne Thompson and her team on a very successful Cub Leadership course held earlier this month. 45 Cubs were in attendance and this shows how popular the courses have become.

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

Neville Henderson OAM

Region Commissioner

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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.

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 someone in particular.

The office staff will do their best to accommodate your requests, but there are no guarantees!

Please register online at www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au

Registrations close - 4:30pm Friday 9th October 2015



Lately I have had a number of W3 forms sent in for people who are changing sections:

- Leaders can not just change to another section.
- The training for the new section must be completed before the W3 is sent in. This includes the In-service.
- Until all training is completed the Leader will remain on the Group census and on Scout Link, in the position to which they were originally appointed.
- This does not mean, however, that they can not help out in the new section. In fact they need to be participating in the new section to do the In-service.

Scout Link has opened up all sorts of new statistics for State Office to access. The latest one is a list of those Leaders who have been active in their basic appointment for more than 6 months and do not hold a Wood Badge. We have 175 on the list!

These people should be doing their Advanced (or Wood Badge) training. Advanced training is enhancing the skills you have to put into practice in your section. It involves more E-learning (Advanced Core modules and Advanced Sectional modules) and another residential weekend. When you have completed your advanced training you receive your Wood Beads and Gilwell Scarf.

Although Certificate III is optional for those doing basic training, doing the Certificate IV book is considered to be the "project" for the advanced training so should be completed while doing the E-learning. Then to obtain a Certificate IV all that is needed is an enrolment form.

Congratulations to the three Rovers; Angus Boxall, Laurie Pearce and Johnathan Morey, who recently completed their advanced Rover training. It is the first time Rover Wood Badges have been presented in quite a number of years. Hopefully there will be more.

Kathy Cuneo RC AT&D

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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.

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Our final **Cub Scout Leadership Course** for the year was held on **September 5** at Bundilla with 45 Cub Scouts in attendance. They proved to be one of the best bunch of Cubs we have had the pleasure to work with - well behaved, enthusiastic and eager to ask questions and give intelligent answers! Sincere thanks to my Seeonee Team and the CSLs who generously spent the day helping on course. Sincere thanks also to the cooking team from the Blue Mts Scout Fellowship, who did a great job of keeping everyone well fed. Just some feedback from the Course ; it appears that some Packs are still not conducting Pack Councils. I'm sure I don't need to remind you, that **Pack Councils** are an important aspect of Pack Management and essential for those Cubs wishing to complete their Grey Wolf Award. If you are unsure on how to conduct a Pack Council, please talk to your DLCS or Seeonee Leader.

Also a number of the Cubs were wearing the **2015 Scouts in Action badge**. Scouts NSW have not approved this badge to be worn on uniforms—it is strictly a **blanket badge**. Please remove them immediately along with any other old badges that may still be on uniforms - this includes Leaders also!

Super Saturday (Visitor's Day/Future Scout Day) at the Australian Jamboree, Cataract Scout Park, will be held on **January 9, 2016**. Unfortunately, the online registrations are still not open for Super Saturday - but I would encourage everyone to start thinking about the day: Are you planning to attend? Who will you be taking with you? How are you going to travel to Cataract? It is highly recommended that it is best to travel by bus, as parking is only available along the road outside the camp and can involve a very long walk to the entrance!

With all this in mind, we will be arranging **buses** to take visitors to and from the Jamboree. I still need to finalise prices with the bus company - once this is done - we can launch our online registration for the buses only. That means you will have to register twice! Once on the official Jamboree website as a visitor and then on the GWS website to reserve seating on the bus (this will also involve completing an E1, paying money to Region Office and confirming which pick up/drop off point you will be using). Please keep an eye on the Region website for more information. I will need volunteers to act as **Bus Captains** - they will be responsible for ensuring they have an E1 for everyone on the bus and that all passengers are accounted for before departure to and from Jamboree. Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you to all the Leaders who encouraged their Cubs to submit their badge designs for the **CS Centenary badge competition**. All entrants will receive a certificate of thanks and the winners will be announced shortly.

I would like to encourage all our Leaders to checkout **Scout Central**, which has recently been updated and has plenty of good, ready made Programmes available for busy Leaders.

Cuboree 2017 planning is well under way and the website has been launched. Visit regularly for more information as it updated. If you would like to work on the GWSR Activity base - please let me know. Make sure you are organising Pack Holidays or Sleepovers, to get your Cubs used to being away from home.

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. The E1 and full details will soon be available on the website.

I have just had a look at the new Disney **Jungle Book film** trailer - looks very exciting and a far cry from the animated musical version. Should make for a great pack outing in 2016 and how appropriate for our Centenary!
http://www.popsugar.com/entertainment/Jungle-Book-Trailer-38415167?campaign=sugar_social_button_m

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts

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

Eivan Quirds - 1st Riverstone
Aemon Marshall - 1st Blaxland



Thomas Lukin - 1st Blaxland
Daniel Oakey - 1st Blaxland

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APPOINTMENTS LIST 11/8/2015 - 7/9/2015



TRANSFERS and APPOINTMENTS

FREEMAN, Vicki	From Appt TL (V) To AVSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit 1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit
GOODE, Jonathon	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop 1st Kellyville Scout Troop
HARRIS, Jonathan	From Trainee Leader (JS) To AJSL	1st Dural Joey Mob 1st Dural Joey Mob
TANNER, Ellen	From Appt TL (C) To CSL	1st Whalan Cub Pack 1st Whalan Cub Pack

RESIGNATIONS

BRUIN, Thomas	ASL	1st Blaxland Scout Troop <i>Dunphy</i>
BURNSIDE, Mark	LIC ACSL	1st Grose Vale Scout Group 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
de la ROCHE, Phileen	AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob
McGAUGHRAN, Angus	Appt TL (S)	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
NEELY, Malcolm	SL	1st St Marys Scout Troop
SHEPPARD, Oscar	Appt TL (C)	2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack
SMART, Patricia	SL	1st Hazelbrook
TANTISALIDCHAI, Kanlaya	AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob
WITTE, Gerardus	ASL	1st Blackheath Scout Troop



MT KEIRA SCOUT CAMP IS TURNING 75 YEARS IN NOVEMBER

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75th Anniversary badges for \$4.

Contact **The Scout Shop**
on **4274 1193** or email sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au to place your order.

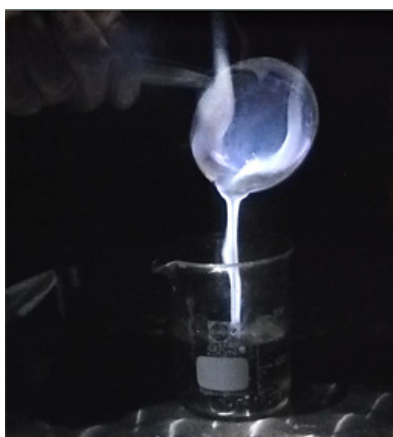
CHEMISTRY NIGHT AT 2ND BAULKHAM HILLS

The first week in August saw us at this Cub pack for a chemistry evening. The main Element in the demonstration is **Sulphur**, and we start off by giving each Cub a sample of sulphur dust to feel and smell.

Sulphur can exist in a couple of solid states and we show this by heating a container of the dust over a flame.

The first melt is a yellow *watery liquid*, and we pour some of this into water to produce *brittle solid beads*. Powdered Sulphur can be recreated by grinding this solid.

The remainder is heated more to produce a *dark brown toffee like liquid* which can be lit. The blue flaming liquid is poured into water in a continuous stream to produce a *stretchy rubbery mat* when cool. Cubs get to handle the brittle and plastic form of Sulphur and to take some home if they like.



MINECRAFT

Minecraft is a game that has taken the world by storm; it is basically a open block world where users can build anything they wish, while trying to survive being attacked by monsters. Scout Link (World scouts online team) has set up a worldwide server for Scouts from all over the world to use and have fun on. People on the server can build, farm, play small games such as paint ball. The server has a creative world and survival world. It is available at any time day or night the link is minecraft.scoutlink.net

JOTA/JOTI 2015

JOTA/JOTI is coming up fast - October 17th and 18th and planning should be well under way. If you have any questions about JOTA/JOTI please contact John Leahy or myself. You can also have a look on the state website or check out the NSW Jota/Joti page of facebook using the QR code below or www.facebook.com/Jotajotinsw?fref=ts



THE STATE RADIO COURSE

On the 15th and 16th of August John and I helped run the first Scout level 1 Amateur Radio training course at Erskine Park hall. The Course was organised by the State JOTA/JOTI coordinator. We had 5 members attend; three from GWS and two from North Sydney. John and I used our experience in the areas of electronics and radio technology to help teach the members; we also had another Leader from 1st Greystanes help out as well. A good time was had by everyone - with all students passing the external exam. We hope to hear the newly licensed Scout members on air in the coming weeks and to have more JOTA sites on air this year, thanks to the new operators. The next course is set for March 2016



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DISCOUNTED SCOUT FLAGS FOR SALE

Manufacturer Evan Evans is offering an exclusive discount on ALL Scout flags **until September 30, 2016.**

The following flags are available:

Joey section (rust) Cub section (yellow), Scout section (green), Venturer section (Maroon)
Rover section (Red) World Scouting (Purple), Sea Scout (Navy Blue), Air Scout (Air Force Blue)

The flags measure 1800mm x 900mm and are made from trilobal fabric with hemmed edges
(eyelets can be included upon request).

Cost just \$95 each plus GST and delivery.

To take advantage of this special offer, call Evan Evans on 1800 990 989

REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

With the weather now warming up I can hear movement in the camp!

A couple of weekends back, with a full moon, and just perfect weather, Tristan Flores lead a group on an overnight practise hike from Patonga to Wondabyne, via Kariong Falls in the Brisbane Water National Park.

Taking a well earned rest in the Brisbane Waters National Park

Photo: Tristan Flores



Top of the "Donkey" to watch the sun set

David (Macca) McKinley also did an overnight hike that same weekend, up Donkey Mountain. Not a long hike, but quite strenuous, and the rock formations at the top are spectacular. From the top you can look down on the ☆☆☆☆☆ Wolgan Valley Resort, where you can pay \$1,500 per night. Donkey Mountain is one million ☆☆ and it's free!

Thank you to everyone who send through their E1 forms to me; most of them are well filled out. Just a reminder, that I only really require a copy of the E1 for overnight activities, water or rock related activities or when your activity does have an element of risk. e.g. a full day walk in the Mountains. I do not necessarily need to know about your Troops 10 pin Bowling Night or your pack day at the Zoo. However if unsure, just send it through. It is good practise.

The Climbing Wall continues to be popular. If you require the wall, please remember to book if through the Region Office. We have had a couple of recent bookings which have not gone through the correct process, and have resulted in the wall not being available.

Some of you who get the E-News from Branch would have seen a recent article about change to the Activities Training and the introduction of "Scouting Skills" (This was a directive from National) Unfortunately the article was sent out a bit prematurely, causing quite a degree of confusion. While I do have some information, I am waiting for State Conference to hopefully get a better understanding on what is actually happening, before making any comments.

Don't forget our 5 day Sailing Workshop happening from 26 – 30 September at Lake Chipping Norton. \$100.00 for the five days. You would certainly not find a better deal anywhere.

When does your First Aid certificate run out? Remember they only last 3 years. Mine runs out in just over a months' time so it's off to do a refresher. All in readiness for the Jamboree.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

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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.**

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TO ROLL OUT
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