



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**JAMBOREE OF THE AIR/JAMBOREE ON THE INTERNET  
17th and 18th October 2015**

Hope you have planned something special for this event?  
If you have any questions about JOTA/JOTI please contact  
John Leahy or Karl Humphreys. You can also check out the  
State website for more information.

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

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Don't forget we will be holding our annual presentation dinner on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Wentworthville Leagues Club at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Registrations have now closed with 178 attending.

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. We are registering this course as an elective which will be added to participants training records.

**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. If you haven't done so already - please email your WWC number and expiry date to Region Office.**

Unfortunately I have been on the sick list for the past month so I have had a quiet time during September.

Until next time...Carry on Scouting!

**Neville Henderson OAM**

**Region Commissioner**

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### **1ST DURAL GREEN CORD PRESENTATION**

**David Sirianni** of 1st Dural Scout Troop proudly received his Green Cord in front of his family fellow Group members and honoured guests including RC Neville Henderson OAM. The occasion was a very important milestone for the Group - their first Green Cord in 9 years!

***BRAVO David***



**Photos: Sera Sirianni TL (S)  
1st Dural Scout Troop *Giwang***

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## APPOINTMENTS LIST 14/9/2015 - 6/10/2015



### APPOINTMENTS

<b>HEINRICH, Philip</b>	Fellowship Member	Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
<b>RYAN, Sharon</b>	Appt TL (C) ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack

### TRANSFERS

<b>SUTTON, Jeffery</b>	From Appt TL (C) To CSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
<b>JENNIS, Anthony</b>	From CSL To ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
<b>LEES, Robert</b>	From SL To ASL	1st Pendle Hill Scout Troop 1st Westmead Scout Troop
<b>MORDEN, Cathryn</b>	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
<b>MOXEY, Paul</b>	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i> 1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
<b>ROSE, Gregory</b>	From SL To ASL	3rd Merrylands Scout Troop 1st St Marys Scout Troop 3rd Merrylands Scout Troop 1st St Marys Scout Troop
<b>BENNETT, Emily</b>	From Appt TL (C) To ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack
<b>LEGUIER, Jason</b>	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
<b>DRINKWATER, Julie</b>	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st North Rocks Scout Troop 1st North Rocks Scout Troop

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>LANGRIDGE, Mykl</b>	ACSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
<b>McKINLAY, Karin</b>	ASL	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop

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## **CUB SCOUT REPORT**

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Thank you to all the Leaders who encouraged their Cub Scouts to submit their badge designs for the **CS Centenary Badge competition**. All the certificates have been handed over to your DLCS/Seeonee Leaders for the Cubs who participated. Congratulations to all 71 NSW entrants and congratulations to the winning design from **Peter Dixon, Cressy Group, Tasmania**. Our **NSW Winner** is **Woody Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbotsford, South Met Region**. The design submitted by **Kaitlyn Brush** from **1st Winston Hills Cub Pack** has been chosen for the Invitation postcard that will go out to all Cub Scouts - congratulations Kaitlyn, well done!

**Cub Baanya** will be held at **Bundilla** on **November 14 and 15**. The E1 and full details are available on the website. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your older Cubs to some of the Scouts from your Troop, teach them a bit about working as a Patrol and improve their camping skills. All forms and money to be at Region Office by **November 3**. I hope you have been busy inviting your Scouts to act as PLs for the camp - they will be rewarded with a certificate for their hours of service.

I would like to encourage all CSLs to look at the **Commissioners Challenge Badge** requirements. I am sure that many of you would have no trouble qualifying for this special award - after all it is based on all the essential elements for running a good pack Programme and fulfilling the role of a CSL. The **15 challenges** need to be completed in the 12 months prior to October to gain the award. Application forms are available through your Seeonees and on the Region website. Please send me your application before **November 23**, via your Seeonee or Region Office to receive your badge.

I would love to be able to tell you that the on-line registrations are open for **Super Saturday** (Visitor's Day/Future Scout Day) at the Australian Jamboree, Cataract Scout Park on **January 9, 2016** - but unfortunately they are not! I have emailed the organisers for more information but am still waiting for a response. In the meantime, keep an eye on the AJ2016 website and start planning a visit for your Packs. Bus registration will go live very soon on the GWS website. I still need Leaders to volunteer as Bus Captains - please let me know if you are interested.

I hope everyone has the lovely **poster** advertising **Cuboree 2017** hanging in their halls - I have some spares if anyone needs one. Melissa Harding DLCS Blue Mts & Penrith and I are already planning the GWSR Activity Base for Cuboree. We are going to need lots of helpers, so if you are not planning on camping with the Cubs, please think about working on the base. Email me if you are interested.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Awards Dinner on Thursday night (October 22) or at the special elective on Mental Health and Youth Suicide (October 24).

Keep up the great job you are doing for our Cub Scouts and please keep supporting your District Seeonee.

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

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



***James Loebel - 1st Rydalmere***

***Jessica Andrews - 1st Carlingford***

***Emily Thatcher - 1st Carlingford***

***Mikhael Andonian - 1st Hawkesbury***

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

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## VENTURER REPORT

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Congratulations to **Jessica White (1st Erskine Park)** and **Meglyn Dent (1st/2nd Blacktown)** on achieving the Queen's Scout Award.

21 members from the Region attended the **23rd World Scout Jamboree** in Japan last term. As the Australian Contingent Leader, it was a privilege to lead the largest ever Australian Contingent to this event. The Australian Contingent enjoyed a very extensive tour of Japan including the thrill of white water rafting, a night in a traditional Buddhist temple, a tour of the Imperial Palace, and the excitement of Universal Studios. Over 34,000 Scouts from around the world travelled to Japan for the Jamboree. A particular focus during the camp was a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The youth members also enjoyed the opportunity for some Home Hospitality with host families on the island of Shikoku. The next **World Scout Jamboree** will be held in **North America in 2019**.

There is a wide range of international events over the next few years. Overseas Jamborees require considerable fundraising and so starting early is key to being able to afford these once in a lifetime adventures. Online applications are now open to attend Roihu 2016 – the **7th Finnjamboree**. Any Scouts or Venturer Scouts aged 12½ and older are encouraged to apply by visiting <http://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/> Cost is only \$1,250 plus flights. **Applications close at the end of November** this year.

The **Region Leadership Course** was once again oversubscribed with 39 participants attending the weekend course in August. Dylan Hunt was the guest speaker with some great insights to leadership and the Youth Program Review. Last month we also held an Environment Activity at Bundilla with 14 participants whilst another 28 Venturer Scouts attended the **Unit Management Course**.

Several Units were represented at **Ratskin** this year, including a good number of leaders competing in the competition. Well done to everyone who attended. Applications have also recently closed for our **10th Anniversary Waratah** event next month with a large number of participants having completed their registration. The Region Team are very much looking forward to an excellent weekend.

**Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts**

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### NEWS FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

National Office has just informed us that Bunnings would love to help Scouts run their Christmas Tree Drives this year. To continue their positive relationship with Scouts - **Bunnings** is happy for Scout Groups to set up Christmas tree stalls at some of their local stores.

***If anyone is interested, they are encouraged to contact their local Bunnings store to discuss the details.***

Once you have organised everything with your local Bunnings stall, please email Jessica:

**[Jessica.cooper@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:Jessica.cooper@nsw.scouts.com.au)** with the details.

***This would be a great Scouts promotion around Christmas!***



## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Liquid Nitrogen with Venturers

The good news is that I can still get LN2 from former work, so last month we put some of it towards a fun night with Oakville Venturers.

To start the demonstrations we explain the hazards associated with a liquid at -196 C, and the fact that it expands to gas at x400 times its liquid volume.

Karl enjoys demonstrating this last property by firstly checking for overhead breakables, like light fittings, then pouring a half cup into a Milo metal can and jamming on the lid. The hot metal can (it is after all +200C compared with the LN2) quickly evaporates the liquid and blows the lid, which hits the roof with a clang. A couple more goes gets the night off to a bang, or two.

Things that contain moisture like flowers, fruit and eggs change to become brittle at LN2 temperatures. Here we see the venturers freezing and breaking a flower.

Most of the demos give unexpected results like the paints that change colour, the nude light bulb that continues to glow under LN2 (in fact gets brighter), the blue tac nail that hammers into wood, or the magnet that spins in mid air; some are just enjoyable like the instant ice cream!

This is the thinking behind our science programs; some demonstrations show effects that the youth members may never otherwise experience; some explore things they 'see' every day from a new angle or under a different light and hopefully encourages them to be more observant and aware.



Freeze a flower

Crush a flower



Stirring Ice Cream



### THE RADIO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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## REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

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I am getting a lot of E1 forms being sent through to me at present, for a terrific array of activities, camps, and hikes. It is so good to see such an active Region. Keep up the great work!

Back in my earlier days as a Scout Leader, I once said to my troop, *"...I want you to repay all the leaders for the great work and activities they do for you!"* My scouts looked at me slightly horrified. *"How could we possibly do that?"* they asked. *"Simple,"* I said, *"When you grow up to be adults, I want you to get out and do the same thing with your kids!"*



**Scouting really does offer a terrific opportunity to allow our kids to experience and learn some great life skills. And let me say as leaders too we have all learnt, and continue to learn some great skills as well.**

The Activities team has been out and about with a number of days of fun. Earlier in the month we ran an Abseiling Proficiency Day, organised by Stuart Cowen.

Keith Travers was also busy running a 5 day sailing workshop over the school holidays at Lake Chipping Norton.



We had the climbing wall at the Orange Blossom Festival at Castle Hill Showground for a full weekend organised by Tara Bonitz from 1st Kellyville. Big thank you to Simon Edwards, who stepped in to run the wall for me on the Sunday, as I had other commitments.

Earlier in the month I attended a First Aid Course with about 30- 40 other people from Scouts, up at 2nd Baulkham Hills. Thank you to John Gale who organised the event. Keep an eye out for upcoming First Aid courses, remembering that those with SIS qualifications must maintain current First Aid to maintain their activity quals.

I did mention last month about a few changes to the way leaders can achieve their activity qualifications. As most of you are aware, adventurous activities are now covered under SIS, in Scouting, which is an externally recognised qualification.

To compliment this, National has introduced '**Scouting Skills**' which will be applicable for bushwalking and flat water canoeing. It will allow a leader with these qualifications to take youth out on canoeing and bushwalking activities, within their section, and support the relevant youth section award scheme for that section. To achieve this you still need to apply and participate in the relevant activity course, and complete the specific workbook. There are still opportunities to achieve skill qualifications through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Of course if you want to go further and attain a Nationally Recognized Accreditation, (SIS Quals.) you can contact [training@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:training@nsw.scouts.com.au)

Your more risk orientated activities including Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Caving etc, will still come under the normal SIS criteria. If you haven't already, can I encourage all leaders to maintain an activity log - this can be used as part of your evidence when seeking qualifications by RPL.

Many of us are looking forward to the Jamboree at Cataract. I have had the opportunity to see some of the planning going into it all. Let's just say, without giving too many secrets away, it will be absolutely awesome!

That's enough from me. Let's get out, and do what we do so well.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

**Stage Manager CGS**

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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**

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## **BUSHWALKING COORDINATOR REPORT—TRISTAN FLORES**

In the July school holidays two Scouts from GWSR completed their Green Cord hikes on an extended version of The Coast Track between Scarborough and Maianbar in the Royal National Park. In fact it was two walks in one as the sections between Scarborough and Stanwell Park are considered part of the Grand Pacific Walk.

The Scouts reported many highlights on their journey which included crossing the iconic Sea Cliff Bridge, passing through isolated cabin communities, being overtaken by migrating whales near Garie Beach, stunning views and a ride on the M.V. Curranulla. I am told it was a journey they will remember for many years to come. I should also mention the weather was spectacular. Well done to David 1<sup>st</sup> Dural and Sam 1<sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury for your effort and hard work.

I am pleased to report Calna Creek Bridge on the Great North Walk was officially reopened on 7<sup>th</sup> August by Mark Speakman MP for Cronulla and Matt Kean MP for Hornsby with support from Crown Lands and NPWS staff. Made of steel and positioned higher than the former structure, it is wide enough for two people to cross side by side. This rather impressive structure will provide a safe crossing for bushwalkers for many years to come.

On 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 10 Scouts and 3 Leaders travelled to Woy Woy and caught the morning bus to Patonga to join the Great North Walk for our 3<sup>rd</sup> practice journey. We climbed to Warrah Trig and continued along the ridges and rock platforms to Mt Wondabyne.

On Sunday we made an early start and enjoyed morning tea and a swim at Kariong Brook Falls. Then we set in for the slow climb back up to the Mullet Creek Firetrail. We arrived at Wondabyne Station early and laid out on the grass under the trees to recuperate before our train arrived.

Around half of the Scouts who attended are working on Adventurer Level. We had some Scouts return from earlier practice journeys; Josh 1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe Heights, Georgia and Jack 1<sup>st</sup> Dural and Caleb from 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys who was on his very first hike. Our team included Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys, Jessica 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys, Ryan 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks, Cam 1<sup>st</sup> South Penrith and Lochlan 1<sup>st</sup> Emu Plains who joined us for the first time. Thank you to Connor and Rock from 1<sup>st</sup> South Penrith and Gerry for your support. It was a most enjoyable weekend.

**Our end of year activity will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November at Bundeena.**

**These hikes are suitable for entry level participants, details are available on the Region website.**



## HAWKESBURY DISTRICT'S OUTING TO GARDEN ISLAND

Hawkesbury District Cubs visited Garden Island on the 13th September for their **Out and About** activity. Over 65 Cub Scouts and their parents started the day's journey at 8:30am on Richmond Train Station. All the Cubs settled onto the train, some played Spotto and some just happily chatted away.

### Some of the high lights of the day included:

- The glorious view of Sydney Harbour Bridge whilst we were on the ferry.
- Rocket launchers from the decommissioned ships - we saw many types of missiles and guns.
- The Cubs were quiet interested in the memorials to those who lost their lives in war .
- The museum was also quiet interesting with all the different uniforms, missiles and flags.
- The queue to look through the periscope was never ending - the view was amazing out to Sydney Harbour!

We enjoyed a quick lunch in the gardens before heading up to the look out on top of the island. Once again the views were spectacular. A great day, was had by all.

**John Aquilina CSL 1st Glossodia and Seonee Leader**



Photos courtesy of  
Cub Scout Mum  
**Mary Andonian**



# AUSTRALIANA VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!!

The AJ2016 Entertainment Team is looking for willing helpers to assist on the Australiana Village on-site activity base at the upcoming Australian Jamboree at Cataract Scout Park.

The village will be open from 9am to 5pm each day and in particular, we are looking for helpers on the following dates:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

We would appreciate any time you can spare – volunteers can help for up to 6 days at the Jamboree.

We offer many fun, interesting and exciting things to get involved with at the village, such as mock trials, cannon firing, gold panning and candle making. **Help us to bring history to LIFE!**

To get involved, simply **register as an AJ2016 'day worker'** at <https://applications.aj2016.com.au> then email Matt Thompson ([communications@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:communications@greaterwestscouts.com.au)) to join the team!

## JUSTICE FOR SCOUTS

Did you know there will be special court sessions at Australiana Village, where Scouts will have the chance to bring their leaders to trial (or vice versa!)?

## LEAP INTO RICHES

Yes – Scouts can strike it rich when they pan for gold at Australiana Village, the Jamboree's own historic recreation of colonial life in Australia.

As well as discovering if there really is gold "in them there hills", they can make candles, try their hand at blacksmithing, watch the courthouse trials, see convicts flogged and much more. Experience some of the fun and see what life was like in this by-gone era.

**Australiana Village** - the Jamboree's own historic recreation of colonial life in Australia – from about 200 years ago!



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