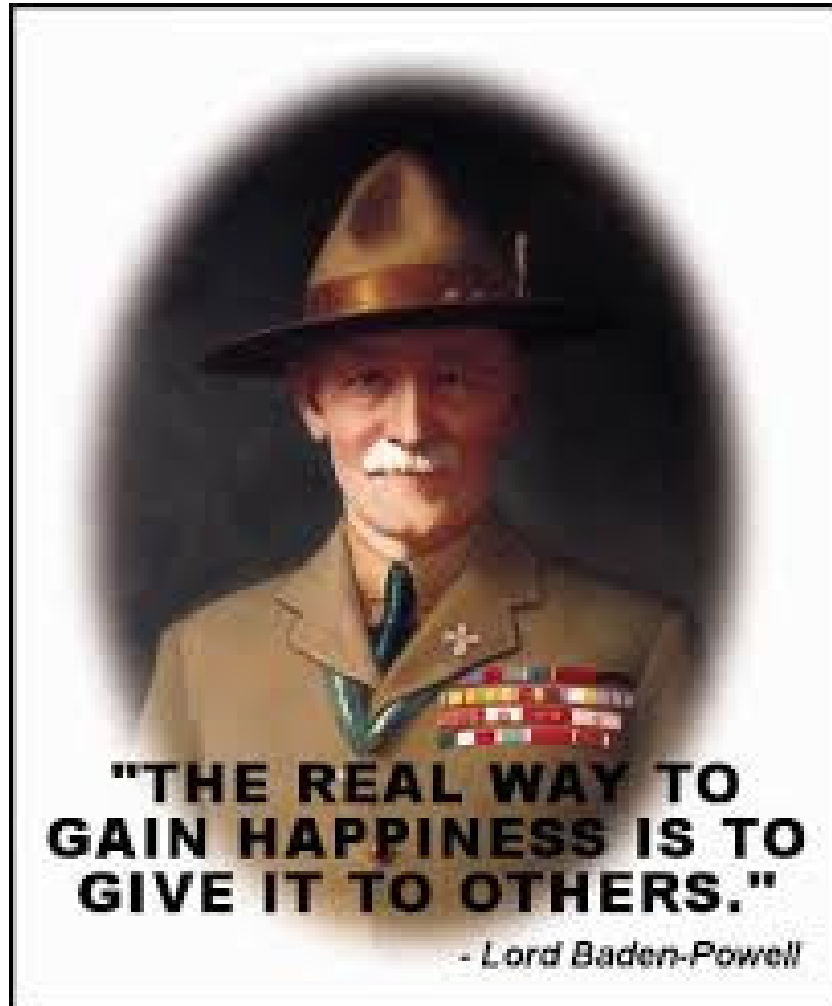


The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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Happy Birthday and thank you to our Founder

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Welcome back to 2016 and to those of you who were at the Jamboree I hope your web feet have cleared up!

David Stopps and myself had a great day at Super Saturday - both on the bus to and from Cataract Scout Park and while on site visiting the troops from our Region. Thanks to David McKinley and Craig Kennedy from 1st Kings Langley for lunch, Paul Thompson and the Finance Team for morning tea and Terry Brooke (Chief Director) for the slushy.

I am sorry to have to report that our long serving Region President Alan Overton has decided to resign due to illness and he will be sadly missed. Alan remains a member of Scouting through his State role of Life Branch Councilor. Hopefully we will be able to catch up with Alan shortly.

Thanks to the people who sent in the 85 nominations for the Adult Recognition Awards. I have read each one and hope the Awards Committee look favorably on our submissions. We now have to run them past the Region Awards Committee and then Kim and Maggi have to enter them onto the State awards system before sending them in to State Office.

Congratulations to Amanda Wade from 1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit on the awarding of the Queen's Scout Award and there will be a presentation in February of the badge. Well done Amanda, your parents, leaders and the other members of the unit who assisted you to achieve this prestigious award.

Group Leaders, Leaders in Charge, Rover Advisors, Crew Leaders, Fellowship Chairs and members of the Region Council; please don't forget the Strategic Planning Roll Out day. It is at Bundilla on Sunday 6th March 2016 starting at 10.00am and finishing at 3.00pm. This is a NON UNIFORM event. Lunch will be served. This is a compulsory meeting as the roll out will affect all Groups.

I am looking forward to another good year in 2016 and trust we will continue to grow our numbers.

Until next timeCarry on Scouting.

Neville Henderson OAM JP

Region Commissioner

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Welcome back to a new Scouting year.

My name is Geoff Henderson, and I am the Region Leader for Strategy for Greater Western Sydney.

Over the past six months, we have been busy working on the NSW Branch Strategy for 2016 - 2018, setting the direction for Scouting in NSW and making sure our movement is the best it can be. To do this, we need your feedback.

On Sunday 6th March, Group Leaders, Leaders In Charge, Region Leaders, Rover Advisors and Fellowship Chairs will be gathering for an interactive session; workshopping components of our 2016 - 2018 NSW Branch Strategic Plan. To make the most of this session, we need YOUR input on how you feel about Scouting, and how we can make it better.

Following is a link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGXY8Y7> for all Parents, Youth Members and Leaders to complete a short survey. We would like to get a well rounded view for our discussion on the 6th March and the more responses we can get, the better the information we have to make decisions.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at strategy@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Yours in Scouting

Geoff Henderson

Region Leader - Strategy

TRAINING REPORT

Bushwalking

Please note that bushwalking is now on e-learning under adventurous activities. All those who need to do Bushwalking level 1 will need to do the e-learning first.

Advance Training

All section leaders are now expected to gain a Wood Badge. To do this you need to complete the Advanced modules on e-learning and do a residential course either in July or October. As applications need to be in one month in advance - please plan ahead.

Basic Training

There are basic residential courses in March and April for all sections. The training calendar is on the NSW website for the exact dates and course numbers. Once again - please note the application date is one month prior to the course. This is especially important for Cub Scout Leaders as the course is likely to be booked out early (it is a Cuboree year). Your e-learning must be completed prior to the application date.

Congratulations to Diane Higgins, Paula Mitchell and Bernard Hughes for receiving their wood badge.

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner AT&D

Email: training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

FIRST AID COURSE - Saturday 5th March 2016 - 8:30am to 2:30pm

2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall, Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills



Intensive one day course, suitable for 14 year olds and up.

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

Lunch available: Sausage sandwich \$2, Drinks \$1

Please note: If this is your first course, you will need to complete a workbook available from Region Office.

E1 and money to Region Office by Friday 26th February (E1 available on the GWS website)

Ron Brown - Holroyd City Council Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Ron Brown DC of Holroyd District who was announced as a first time ever, joint winner of the Holroyd City Council Citizen of the Year for 2016.



Photo courtesy of The Parramatta/Holroyd Sun

His long service of over 25 years to Scouting and the community was recognised as a valuable contribution to the youth of the area.

Through his commitment, Scouts have been able to be involved in many local Government events and to be seen as an important part of the community.

Ron Brown with Mayor Greg Cummings and fellow awardee.

CUB SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to what should be a very busy year for the Cub Scout section, as we celebrate our Centenary. There are many special events planned at all levels and of course the Centenary celebrations will conclude with the 6th NSW State Cuboree at Cataract Scout Park from the 3rd to 7th January 2017!

Congratulations to the AJ2016 Organisers and Teams, who did a splendid job under the most trying of weather conditions. Super Saturday saw over 10,000 visitors swarm over the site - visiting Scouts, taking part in Market Day activities, visiting Contingent HQs, doing some badge swapping and just enjoying the Jamboree atmosphere. GWS organised six bus loads of Cubs and Leaders to attend the event - I hope everyone enjoyed the day despite the heat, some muddy areas to negotiate and the long queues for some retail outlets.

A special thank you to **Alex Van Rooy** who helped me organise the buses and in fact was one of the drivers on the day. He also looked after the other drivers, who were absolutely amazed at what a Jamboree had to offer and the size of the event! A great big Thank you also to my **six Bus Captains** who did a splendid job of ensuring everyone was on the right bus - Peter Stieme (Greystanes), Matt Harris, Melissa Harding (Sth Penrith), Maggi Roynon, John Greaves and Helen Hodge (Castle Hill). I'm sure there were lots of sleepy heads on the return journey!



A special badge (based on the winning design by CS Peter Dixon from Tasmania) has been released for all Cub Scout Leaders and Cub Scouts to wear on their uniforms from Feb 22. The badges will be distributed to all Groups through their District Seeonee and invoiced at \$1.10 each. Numbers will be based on the information in Scoutlink - if you require more, please contact your DLCS or Seeonee Leader.

The UK has launched their Cub Centenary celebrations - here are some links for you.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-35336856>

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/abbiecoles/16-surprising-facts-about-cub-scouts-23svo>



Scouts Australia will be organising media releases very soon. Check out the special website by clicking on this logo, which is on the **Scouts NSW website** home page.

Our first **Cub Scout Leadership course** will be held on **March 5** at Bundilla. Your DLCS/Seeonee Leaders will have all the information. Please register your Cubs before the closing date, **February 26**. If you would like to assist on the course, please talk to your DLCS/Seeonee Leader - we always need volunteers, thank you.

On **March 11**, we invite all CSLs and Youth Helpers to join us for a special night to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting. Full details will be on the website - please put this date in your diary - it would be wonderful to have every Cub Pack in GWS represented. If you have never attended one of our Palanees, then make this your first!

The big Cub Scout Birthday Bash will be held at Bundilla on **May 1**. This is only for CSLs, Cub Scouts and Youth Helpers working with Packs and of course a carers if required - no parents or siblings. Full details will be published on the website very soon and discussed at Seeonees.

Can I ask that every Akela submits their **1st Term Programme** to their DLCS/Seeonee Leader asap. They should all have been completed by now. I am interested to see how Leaders Programme, especially around the Boomerang Award Scheme.

Just to finish on a feel good note - I received this lovely email from Charles Yendle (Baggy), CSL 3rd Merrylands:

"On Sunday January 11, I went to Manly by ferry with my wife. On the ferry and at Manly there were a lot of Scouts, both male and female, proudly showing off their AJ16 shirts and hats. They were with their Leaders and behaving in a manner to make us all proud. One young Scout had a box of chips that he had bought at Aldi - probably for his Patrol back at the Jamboree."

The box would not fit in his backpack, so he took them out of the box and put all the packets of chips into his backpack. He then looked around the wharf, and went and put the empty box and other rubbish that he had in a garbage bin. This showed good training and good public awareness, as he left no rubbish at the wharf. A good advertisement for us all. Bravo to those Scouts - Baggy".

Have a great year!

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts

Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

Lachlan Cooper - 1st Carlingford
Cecelia Hill - 1st Blaxland

1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!

FUTURE SCOUT DAY PACKS FOR SALE

These were very popular at the Jamboree - a handy dark blue polar fleece blanket in a roll with a handy carry handle and embroidered with the Super Saturday badge (the only way to obtain one). Also included in the pack - the official Jamboree badge. **Both for just \$10.** If you missed out on purchasing one on the day, we still have a small number left for sale.

Please contact Anne Thompson RCCS (cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au) if you wish to purchase a FSD pack. Don't miss out on this unique souvenir.



CUB SCOUT CENTENARY WOGGLES FOR SALE

A unique, limited edition woggle to celebrate our Cub Scout Centenary has been released for sale at just **\$1.50 each**. The embroidered badge is on a black band with easy Velcro fastening. If you would like to purchase this special woggle, please contact Anne Thompson RCCS (cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au).



VENTURER REPORT

Welcome to another exciting year!

I would like to congratulate Ben Kahane from 2nd Baulkham Hills on recently completing his Queen's Scout Award.

Already last month, our Region had 26 Venturer Scouts and 2 Adult Leaders from the Region at the 13th New Zealand Venture and a further 21 Venturer Scouts and 9 Adult Leaders at the 24th Australian Jamboree. Congratulations to everyone involved in representing the Region so well at these events.

Following the Jamboree, all eligible Scouts over 14 years of age have been mailed a postcard advertising Venturer Scouts. I would like to aim for an ambitious 50% of these youth members to be invested into the Venturer Scout section over the coming months. This would be a huge achievement for the Region - to avoid so many Jamboree participants leaving Scouting and I encourage every adult in the Region to support this campaign.

The Venturer Scout section is hosting a social camp and surf carnival at **Glenrock on 19th - 21st February**. We are looking forward to seeing all Units well represented at this event.

The **2nd NT Venture** will be hosted at the Woorabinda Scout Camp in Howard Springs just out of Darwin from **1st -11th July 2016**. Applications close 29th February 2016. Visit www.ntv2016.com for more information.

Dragon Skin 2016 will be held in Belanglo State Forest from **25th - 28th March 2016**. The theme for Dragon Skin 2016 is '**Colours**'. **Registrations close on March 18, 2016**. Apply online at dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au.



Applications for the **2016 Mawson Scholarship** in Leadership are still open. There are two courses running in 2016 in NSW and WA. Online applications are available at <http://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/>. **Applications close on March 18, 2016.**

Forms for the **Unit Management Courses, Initiative Activity and Leadership Course** are now available from the calendar on the Region website. Please ensure that forms are submitted early to avoid disappointment. All courses close strictly on the closing date or sooner if capacity is reached.

Lastly, there is a wide range of **international events** next year, that are currently accepting applications from youth members in the Region. These include:

- **Nord Jamboree (Norway)**
- **19th BSA National Scout Jamboree (USA)**
- **15th World Scout Moot (Iceland)**
- **31st APR Scout Jamboree (Mongolia)**
- **10th German (VCP) National Jamboree**

Apply online today at <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts
Mobile: **0421 076 497**
Email: venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au



**It's on again in 2016 - the 66th Sirius Cup Regatta
11th to 13th March 2016
Balmoral Oval, Balmoral Beach, Sydney**

What is it?

A chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities. The Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon. Scouts come from all around including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra and Lake Tuggeranong from the ACT, from the north (Belmont North, Woy Woy), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerringong).

More Details

The Sirius Cup Regatta is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and it is held annually. There are 5 divisions of sailing races as well as;

- **canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders**
- **rowing events**
- **iron man events for all-comers**
- **activities for the land lubbers**
- **evening entertainment**

For more details, please visit <http://siriuscup.webs.com/> or Email: siriuscup@yahoo.com.au

Mark it in your diary now!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FIVE DAY SAILING WORKSHOP

16th April to 20th April 2016

Learn how to handle a sailing boat - Knotting - Navigation - Teamwork
Workshop will be limited to 10 participants only - cost \$20 pp each day
E1 and details will be available on GWS website nearer to the event.

TWO DAY SAILING WORKSHOPS

13th & 14th February and 27th & 28th February 2016

Closing date one week prior to each workshop.

For further information please contact: Keith Travers
Home: 9632 3341 Email: keith.travers@optusnet.com.au

REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

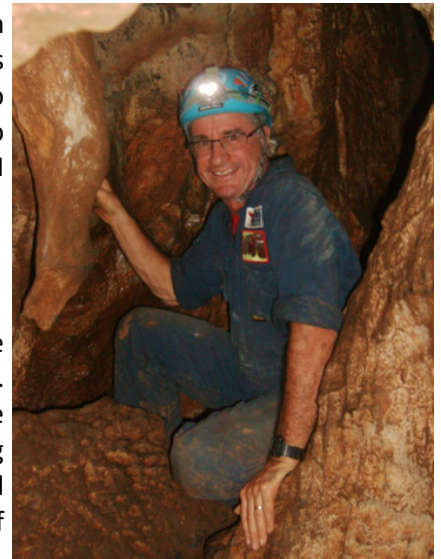
Happy New Year and welcome back to what I reckon is the best part of Scouting.....**Adventurous Activities!**

So what new skill do you want to learn this year? Maybe it's how to paddle a canoe in a straight line, or be a bit more adventurous with your bushwalking; rather than just a walk in the park. Perhaps it is the thrill of hanging off a cliff on an abseil rope, or experience the effects of foul air in a cave somewhere.

It was always one of my objectives, back as a Scout Leader, to take youth members just beyond their comfort zone. My objective with Adult Leaders is exactly the same. And I must admit, I have Activity Leaders on my Team, who have the same philosophy. However, they (*I think much to their delight*) also include the RC Activities in the mix, and will push me a bit beyond what I think I can do.

Can be a bit scary at times , but the exhilaration of achieving something you thought was a bit out of reach, certainly makes it all worthwhile.

Like many of us, I had the privilege of attending the 24th Australian Jamboree at Cataract. My role this time was quite different to that of past Jamborees. Working behind the scenes as part of the Arena Team (Night Time Entertainment); and like everyone else, I also spent a number of days trudging through mud, and pine bark, which had the consistency of porridge. While I did not get to any of the offsite activities, I was able see and experience most stuff on site.



However one of the big highlights for me wasn't Challenge Valley or the Flying Fox. Not even the waterslide or the giant swing. It was simply sitting in the Mall one day with a Venturer Leader from 1st Springwood, Nathan Duffy.

Nathan has helped me out over the years on a number of adventurous activities at the Region Jamboree, at Bents Basin. About 12 months ago, Nathan suffered a medical condition which has left him quiet severely disabled and confined to a special wheelchair. Scouting has always been a huge part of Nathan's life, and he very much wanted to come to AJ2016, just for a day, and experience the atmosphere. This was a big undertaking, as Nathan has basically spent the last 12 months in hospital, and getting him on site required hiring a special vehicle, along with an "off-road" wheelchair.

Over the course of the Jamboree, I saw lots of scouts with huge grins on their faces, but not one could match the grin that Nathan had on his face, as he sat there in the middle of that Mall, just taking it all in. Sometimes you do have to move heaven and earth to make something happen, and on behalf of Nathan, can I say thank you to all those who helped make it happen! It was a special day!

As we kick off the new year, I would like to welcome Bryan Hall onto the Activities Team. Bryan was with 1st Wentworthville and is coming across to the Activities Team to help Tracey Hansford with the Water Activities. Bryan also has some "other" adventurous skills which we may introduce into the mix at some stage, but more about that later.

If you haven't done so yet, now is the time to have a look at what is coming up with the Activities Team over the next few months; just go to the Region Website, click on activities, and then calendar. (www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/calendar). Most of the activities have a further link, giving you more details including E1 forms, costs etc.

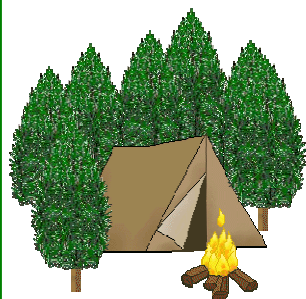
Of course if your mob, pack, troop, or unit are looking for a "more custom" designed activity to suit your particular needs, please talk to me.

Let's now get out of that comfort zone, and have some real FUN!

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Stage Manager CGS

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GWS Region Bushwalking Team – 2016 Calendar

This program is available to Scouts, Venturers and Adult Members. Hikes are based around learning by doing in controlled and relaxed settings. Scouts, Venturers and Adult Members can practice their bushwalking skills, develop confidence, meet people and see the national parks around Sydney.

E1 forms and further details are available at

<http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/bushwalking>

Activity	Dates	National Park	Description	Grade
Bouddi Coastal Walk - Skills Hike	12 & 13 March	Bouddi	MacMasters Beach to Wagstaffe Wharf	Entry Level
Coxs River Bushwalk	21, 22, 23 & 24 April	Blue Mountains	Coxs River Loop	Medium
Ghost Trains - Skills Hike	2 & 3 July	Garrawarra SRA	Helensburgh to Waterfall	Entry Level
Wollangambe Crater Bushwalk	27 & 28 August	Blue Mountains	Sandham Road to Wollangambe Crater	Medium
Great North Walk Mooney Mooney	30 Sep, 1 & 2 Oct	Brisbane Water	Somersby Store to Kariong	Entry Level



NSW 3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING

Bundilla Scout Camp

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2016

10:00 am to 3:00pm

**For all Group Leaders, Leaders In Charge
Rover Advisors, Fellowship Chairs and the Region Team**

No uniform required.

Lunch will be supplied.

Attendance is compulsory - please reserve the date now.

**APPOINTMENTS LIST
14/12/2015 - 1/2/2016**



APPOINTMENTS

WILFORD, Rebecca Fellowship Member Cumberland GS Scout Fellowship

TRANSFERS

GARAI, Margareta	From Appt TL (CS) To ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i> 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>
GRUNDY, Nicola	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Springwood Scout Troop 1st Springwood Scout Troop
MILLER, Gillian	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Oakville Cub Pack 1st Oakville Cub Pack
COUNDRRELIS, Richelle	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To CSL - P	1st Riverstone Cub Pack 1st Riverstone Cub Pack
CALDER, Xavier	From Appt TL (JS) To AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Joey Mob
CORKERY, David	From SL - P To	1st Mt Druitt Scout Troop Transfer out of Region
NEELY, Malcolm	From SL - P To ASL	1st St Marys Scout Troop 1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
DAVIS, Amanda	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Oakville Cub Pack 1st Oakville Cub Pack
MITCHELL, Fiona	From AJSL To ACSL	1st Oakville Joey Mob 1st Oakville Cub Pack
PLOWMAN, Graham	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i> 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>

RESIGNATIONS

HOSE, Grant	ASL	1st Ermington Scout Troop
KHAN, Juanita	Appt TL (G)	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
FLETCHER, Kellie-Jo	Appt TL (CS)	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
HYETT, Elizabeth	Appt TL (S)	1st Glossodia Scout Troop
COCHRANE, Holly	APPT TL (JS)	1st Springwood Joey Mob
PANKHURST, Gregory	ACSL	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
McCANN, Robert	Appt TL (CS)	1st Blackheath Cub Pack

RESIGNATIONS continued

ACHERMANN, Robert	Appt TL (S)	1st Wentworthville Scout Troop
BRIGDEN, Bruce	ASL	1st Wentworthville Scout Troop
GORMAN, Sally	Appt TL (JS)	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob
COOK, Michael	GL	1st Carlingford Scout group
GAO, He	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack
STAMMINGER, Nicholas	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack
SHAW, Lorraine	Region Adviser	GWSR
	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship



Cumberland Gang Show is going to be great again this year!

The theme is '**Power Up**' and we invite everyone in the Gang to widen their life skills through the medium of performing arts.

In 2016 our cast will be learning to use their powers in great numbers from vampires to showdowns in the Wild West; from Sustainability to Rockability; with new, old and commercial songs and sketches for the cast to enjoy.

The Production Team is organising fun activities for the first rehearsal on Saturday 5th March to start an exciting rehearsal season. Watch this space for tickets becoming available. Whatever you do, don't miss out on seeing the 2016 show where we *Power Up* with fun and energy.

Congratulations to all those who auditioned successfully for the show. It will be great to be part of the Gang. If you have youth members who missed out on an audition and would like to be in the 2016 show please contact Jeanie at jeanie@gangshow.asn.au or call 0421 256 529 and we will talk to you about how you can still join.

Scout Workshops – this year we will be setting up new workshop teams to come and run age-appropriate performing arts activities at any section meeting. They will be available in March, April, May, September, October and November. To make a workshop booking, please email workshops@gangshow.asn.au or phone **Jeanie Wood on 9636 2731**.

Canoe and Kayak Workshop

Tracey Hansford DC Parramatta

A group of keen GWS Scouts, Ventures and Leaders took to the water over the weekend of 14th & 15th November 2015 to earn their Scout canoeing qualifications. On Saturday at Lake Parramatta, the Scouts learnt basic paddling skills and techniques of how to manoeuvre a boat. They all did very well and were ready to take on a bigger challenge the next day. To earn their Scout Section awards, after learning and practicing the basics, the participants take part in a canoeing journey. Traditionally Scouts use Canadian Canoes on their trips. To add some variety to the workshops, PaddleNSW came along to Putney Beach on the Parramatta River on Sunday so the Scouts could “test drive” sit on top kayaks and get to meet and chat with some of our local legends in paddle sports.

The Scouts and Venturers were given a demonstration on how to paddle a kayak by Anjie Lees (24 hour paddling world record holder) and Jo Brigden-Jones (Australian canoe sprint representative and 2012 Olympian). They all picked up the different paddling technique really quickly. The canoe guides, workshop participants, Anjie and Jo then set off down Parramatta River for a 10km paddle. Half the group were in canoes and half were paddling the sit on top kayaks.



The journey took the paddlers from Putney to Ermington. A lunch stop, rest and stretch was needed by all. The scouts swapped around boats so they all had a chance to paddle a kayak or canoe. The return journey back to Putney was tough as the wind picked up creating choppy water. All the Scouts handled the conditions very well. As we arrived back at our base, many of the Scouts were pretty tired from their long paddle. Each of the Scouts was rewarded with a Scout canoe qualification. Most of the Scouts participating did enough paddling to achieve the requirements for their Pioneer or Explorer Water Activities badge. They now need to finish off by learning a few knots back at their section meeting.



Two Venturers who are keen to complete their SIS qualifications in Canoeing and Kayaking came along to the workshops and demonstrated skills in both canoe and kayak. Mikalya Ozols and James Dakkache are undertaking their SIS qualifications to assist their Group, 1st /2nd Merrylands to run more canoeing activities for their Members. Mikayla is showing great talent in a kayak and since this weekend has been attending a number of GWS Canoe Workshops as an assistant. She has also developed sufficient skills to try out a K1 sprint racing boat with great results. BRAVOOO!

It was great to see the enthusiasm from the Scouts to try new things, work together and help each other out. Many of them showed solid interest in paddling and we hope to see them doing some more paddling with their Groups.

For those keen to develop their kayak paddling, they could contact PaddleNSW to find out information about joining a local paddling club to further develop their paddling skills and to continue to have fun out on the water.

Contact PaddleNSW www.paddlensw.org.au for details of local kayak clubs or have a chat with me if you see me around.

Please contact Tracey Hansford parramatta@greaterwestscouts.com.au for information on upcoming water activities in Summer/Autumn 2016.

A note from the Editor: Sincere apologies Tracey for not publishing this sooner - I misplaced the article!



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

**Sunday 21 February 2016,
9:30am—11:30am**

Come and celebrate the Centenary
of Cubs and explore our history for
Founders Day

The Australian Scout Museum,
Buildings 140 & 146
Newington Armory,
Sydney Olympic Park
Nearest car park: Jamieson Street
Accessible parking available on request

RSVP by 14 February 2016
to Denise:
heritage.museum@nsw.scouts.com.au
or 0427 328 437



Have you registered your group yet?

Clean Up Australia Day is fast approaching. So get your group registered today to Clean Up on Sunday 6th March 2016. The earlier you get your registration in, the more time we have to get your FREE Clean Up starter kit to you. Remember: If your group cannot participate on March 6, 2016, a different date can be easily selected in the registration process; www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/



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