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Cast and Production Team with His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of NSW at the Opening Night performance of the 47th Cumberland Gang Show

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I had the pleasure to attend Cumberland Gang Show on opening night as a member of the official party which included His Excellency General The Honourable David John Hurley Governor of NSW and Mrs. Linda Hurley who were special guests and had a great night. They really enjoyed themselves. I thought it was one of the best shows I have had the pleasure of seeing in 27 years!

The Chief Commissioner (elect), Neville Tomkins, met with myself and a few of my Region Commissioners and explained to us his vision for the future of Scouting in NSW.

David Stopps and myself attended the Chief Commissioner's Council recently and a number of issues were discussed including the possibility of groups conducting a collection area for recycling drink containers. Groups in South Australia earn around \$8,000 a year conducting these collection points. I would suggest your group should commence discussions regarding a collection point when the opportunity comes in 2017. Further details will follow when they are available.

It is with great sadness that I advise the passing of Frances Blundell, Honorary Commissioner GWS Region on 12th July 2016. She gave almost 70 years of service to Scouting, with 63 years continuous service from 1953 -2016. Frances and her late husband Noel, started 1st Ermington Scout Group and were the inaugural leaders of the group. She remained a supporter of 1st Ermington Scouts until recent years. Frances was the Secretary of the Cumberland Gang Show for over a decade and was held in high esteem by her many Scouting friends. She will be sadly missed.

At the State AGM I accepted a presentation on behalf of Alan Overton AM to recognise his service as NSW Vice President from 1999 to 2016. We will be holding an afternoon tea at Bundilla shortly to pass on the presentation to Alan.

I received the medallions for the Adult Recognition Awards and would suggest you watch the emails after August 1, for details of the members who have been recognised this year.

Until next timeCarry on Scouting.

Neville Henderson OAM JP

Region Commissioner

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NSW JOTA/JOTI would like to offer to all members of NSW Scouts and Guides

13 years and over - the opportunity to obtain

a Foundation (or Level 1) Amateur Radio Licence.

Classes are conducted for 3 to 6 people and will run over two days with Day One being Training and Day Two Assessments and Revision.

The licence allows the holder to own and use amateur radio equipment.

The training will result in the applicant obtaining an Australian wide qualification that is even recognised in some other countries and permit them to wear the **Scout Amateur Radio badge**.

The holder of a foundation licence can use their radios at any time they wish and can help with activities at a JOTA.

The next course will be conducted on August 20 and 21 near Penrith.

Full details, registration and the E1 are on the NSW JOTA/JOTI website

<http://www.nswjotajoti.org/courses.html>

Karl Humphreys (Buzz) VK2KFH/VZU930/VKS737 mobile 1361
NSW International Team / JOTA JOTI Coordinator

TRAINING REPORT

Once again there are changes!!

The main change will affect those who wish to do advanced training and obtain their wood badge.

Completing the workbook is no longer the project. Each trainee will be given their own individual project at the residential course. **So, the process is now:**

- Do the e-learning- advanced core, advanced sectional techniques **and 2 extra elective modules.**
- Attend a residential weekend at which a project will be set. The project supervisor will be the RC AT&D or someone that I have nominated.
- Complete the project and present to a Wandarra, Seonee, Mindari etc.
- Apply the advanced lessons learned and be assessed by the Region Commissioner of your section.
- Steps 3 & 4 can be completed at the same time.
- For those who would like a Certificate IV in Leadership and Management , complete the 60 page workbook and submit it with a L21 to The SAIT training section through the State Office.

The other major change is that from 1st August, automated reminders will be sent to all trainees to remind them that they are expected to complete their training in a timely manner:

- For example after two months from the police clearance it is expected that the BCORE CHILD and the BCORE WHS will be finished.
- After 6 months the Basic Core modules should all be complete.
- At 12 months all training should be finalised and a CoAL presented.

It should be noted that all group supporters as well as trainee leaders are being logged on and the group supporters have the two month window to complete BCORE CHILD, BCORE WHS and Bullying modules as well. A number of supporters have queried why they are being logged on to the system and it is so they can do those three modules.

Committee members may also be interested in the committee modules.

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner AT&D

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REGION FIRST AID COURSE HLT AID003

Saturday 6th August 2016 - 8:30am to 3:00pm

2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall, 25 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills

Cost per person \$55 Numbers required: 10 - 35

For further information and to book on-line

<http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event.php?eid=17>

Closing date 29th July 2016

CUB SCOUT REPORT

CUBOREE 2017

All Cub and Leader applications are due in by the end of July! Once the GL or SIC has the forms, they need to complete a cover sheet listing all the names on the forms and pay by Group cheque or EFT. The money must match exactly the number of forms being submitted. Once everything is in order, please deliver them to Region Office asap. I will collect them from there, process them and ensure they reach Cuboree Office. If you have any questions about the process, please call or email me.

Adult Helpers need to register on-line before the end of July also. They will have to complete an A2 form before they can finally submit their application. The A2 form needs to be sent to Region Office asap. Once it is processed the Adult will receive their membership number and they can then complete their on-line application and compulsory e-learning modules, BCORE Child-Child Safe Scouting, BCORE WHS & Scouting and E-Bully - Bullying.

If you have too many Leaders for the number of line positions available, please encourage them to apply to work on the GWS Activity Base. The more volunteers we have - the lighter the workload and the better chance of more time off to visit the rest of the Cuboree or catch up on some sleep!

CENTENARY WIDE GAME

Next Sunday, July 31, over 2,000 Cub Scouts and Leaders will descend on the city of Sydney to celebrate our 100th Birthday. GWSR has 134 Leaders/Adults and 361 Cub Scouts from 36 Packs registered for the event. It should be a fabulous celebration - have fun! Please send me some photos for the next Bulletin from your time in Sydney.

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE

Our final course for the year will be held at Bundilla on August 13. Applications close on July 29 - so there is still time to register your Cubs. If you do have Cubs attending the course, please make sure they complete the two page pre-course work and bring it with them on the day. If you would like to lend a hand to the Region Seonee Team and help out on the course - please contact your DLCS or Seonee Leader, thank you.

PRE-CUBOREE CAMPS (aka SHAKEDOWN CAMP)

Everyone should be aware of the dates set down for their District's Pre-Cuboree camp by now. Attendance by the Line Leaders, Cub Scouts and Cooks is compulsory. If for some legitimate reason you cannot attend, please contact your Pack Coordinator immediately, who may be able to make alternative arrangements for you.

September 10th & 11th – Pre Cuboree Camp (Blacktown, Blue Mts, Hawkesbury & Penrith)

September 17th & 18th – Pre Cuboree Camp (Hills, Holroyd & Parramatta)

PACK COORDINATORS:

Blacktown, Michelle Mclean **Blue Mts**, Jo Hillyard **Hawkesbury**, John Aquilina **Penrith**, Melissa Harding
Hills, Ian Lutz & Richard Horman **Holroyd**, Trevor Fowler **Parramatta**, Melissa MacAulay & Andrew Selmes

SCOUT CENTRAL PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

In the theme of Elementary Navigation - this Cub Scout Programme explains mapping and contours so younger members can create their own contour maps. Also handy if you need a program themed on a fruit or vegetable!

Go to the program here: [Potato - Contour Lines](#)

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts

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



1-2-3 - WOOF!

Madison-Lee Staples - 1st/2nd Blacktown

Liam Dorne - 1st Oakville

Thomas Dorne - 1st Oakville

Evie Dean - 2nd Northmead



Myths and Legends

HOW TO APPLY FOR CUBOREE

- Applications for the Cuboree must be completed and 'submitted' online (see State website) before July 31. After this date, requested shirt and hat sizes cannot be guaranteed!
- When you have 'submitted' your application, you then need to print it out and acquire all signatures required.
- Next, give your completed and signed Application Form and Payment to your Group Leader. Your Group Leader will review and sign your Application Form before forwarding it, with a Group Cheque or receipt number if paying online and cover sheet, to the Region Office.
- **All Applications must be sent via your Group Leader to arrive at Region Office, with a Group Cheque (payable to Scouts Australia NSW) and cover sheet, by 31st July 2016.**
- Late applications received by NSW Cuboree after 31st July 2016 may be accepted if there is room in the planned Cuboree Pack. Applicants may not be with their home Pack if Cuboree Packs have already been formed and no space is available. Applicants cannot be guaranteed any or the entire standard Cuboree supplied merchandise, nor will there be a reduction in the amount payable if some items not available.
- All applications will close on 31st July 2016. Acknowledgement of receipt of your Application and Payment will be by way of a Welcome to the NSW Cuboree Newsletter, which will be received via email to your main, validated email address entered on your Online Application.
- All NSW Cuboree members will receive three Newsletters via email to the validated email address entered as part of the online application.
- Cost \$300 for Cub Scouts and \$270 for Leaders, Scouts, Venturers and Parent Helpers

Any questions?

Please contact Anne Thompson RCCS cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

GWS Region Activity Base - Avalon (Medieval England)

**Calling all Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and Adult Helpers
to work on our fun activity base.**

No experience required - on the job training provided.

Reasonable working hours and a guaranteed half day off at least!

Register online now.

For more information please email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

VENTURER REPORT

It is hard to believe we are already half way through the year, and despite the postponement of the Jamborette, Venturer Units across the Region have continued an active program including a few Units that have already taken advantage of the discount deal at the new Skyspeak aerial adventure park.

Late last month two Venturer Scouts from the Region departed for the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland. It was an absolute pleasure to meet up with them at the campsite, along with over 200 Venturer Scouts and Rovers that were part of the Australian Contingent. KISC is a wonderful destination and highly recommended for all Scouting members to visit. Hundreds of Units and Crews from around the world plan holidays to the centre every year. Why not consider your own trip in the future!



Earlier this month, Bryn Catlin from 1st Erskine Park represented NSW at the Mawson Scholarship in Leadership held in Sydney. Only a very small number of youth members are selected each year for this opportunity and Bryn certainly represented the Region with distinction at this course.

The 7th International Finnjamboree is on this month, and I am joining other members from our Region at this event. European Scouting is always a highlight and I am sure that all participants will have a very enjoyable time.

Our Venturer Scout Leadership course closes on **Friday 5 August** (or earlier if our course quota is reached). Please ensure applications are submitted as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Our Unit Management Course and Environment Camp in September are also filling up fast.

Waratah preparations are continuing with Units beginning to submit their team registrations. An update on the event will be given at the August Region Venturer Scout Council including details of this year's Pre-Waratah activity. The Hunger Games is set to be an amazing weekend and all Scout Groups are encouraged to get involved.

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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The 'TIME TRAVELLERS' AGOONOREE
Friday 23rd to Monday 26th September 2016

Glenrock Scout Centre, near Newcastle

Visitors' Day will be Saturday 24th September

Off-site day will be Sunday 25th September

(possibly to include a visit to Newcastle Museum and more).

These can be attended as stand-alone days for those unable to attend the whole Camp.

There will be an Agoonoree preparation day (mainly cooking) on Sunday 18th September from 10am-3pm at the 1st Lindfield Scout Hall, Slade St, Lindfield. All helpers welcome. BYO lunch, etc. (Please inform us if you are attending so we can anticipate your attendance).

E1s and Additional Support Needs Information Request forms available on the website

For any enquiries and expressions of interest, please contact:

Mark Burfield

State Commissioner, Special Needs

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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA EXCLUSIVE OFFER

- \$35 per person
- Minimum of 10 participants
- Weeknights 7pm-9pm
- Advance bookings essential



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Email info@skypeak.com.au

Visit 215 Forrester Road, St Marys NSW 2760
Entry via Go Bananas

Open Daily from 9:00am to 7:00pm

Participants must be at least 1.4m tall and <130kg



You're a Messenger of Peace - Now Wear the Badge!

Have you seen the amazing Messengers of Peace calculator on scout.org? Already it is more than halfway to 1 billion hours of service performed by Scouts around the world.

Your service hours count too! In fact, you'll find most of your Scouting activities will qualify you as a Messenger of Peace. Scouts in Australia are eligible to enter their service hours and wear the Messengers of Peace badge on the front of their Scouts Australia uniform in place of the World Scout Badge. The badge incorporates the World badge (so you don't wear both).

To find out how to make your service hours count towards the Messenger of Peace badge, read the requirements [here](#). The guidelines can also be found on Scout Central. Sign into scout.org and upload your project, camps, hikes and adventures. On scout.org you can see all the Messenger of Peace projects happening across the globe. You might also be inspired to replicate other service projects in your local community. We have a global goal of 1 billion Service Hours by 2020, and all Scouts can help achieve this.

By wearing the badge, you are telling the great news that Scouting is making a better world. Messengers of Peace badges are available for Leaders to purchase for youth members at scoutshop.com.au Once you are awarded this badge, remember that as a Scout, you are a Messenger of Peace through your positive actions.

REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

In last month's Bulletin I did sort of bag out the weather, questioning whether it was actually going to cool down for winter! Maybe I spoke too soon, with two very rare "weather" incidents happening over this last month.

The first, of course, being the cancellation of the Region Jamborette. I do believe this is the first time this has ever happened. With half the site at Bents Basin being flooded, and the rest just waterlogged, National Parks made the decision and closed the park. A very good call, despite the beautiful weather over the long weekend itself. I must say it was good to see how quickly a number of leaders were able to re-organise "alternate camps" elsewhere.



The second incident was the cancellation of an activity, because of snow and ice! A Top Rope Course planned for Dams Cliffs, near the old Zig Zag railway had to be relocated to Lindfield Rocks, after snow and black ice made getting to the venue quite dangerous. Big thank you to David (Macca) McKinley, who organised the day, and had to make some quick changes, to ensure it all still happened.

Certainly a baptism of fire for Macca, who has just come across to the Activities Team. We do welcome his expertise and experience, particularly in Abseiling and Caving. He will be a great asset to the team.

"...probably need a bit more than a trench around the tent!"

One of the biggest challenges the Activities Team faces is funding for the replacement/repairs of our gear and equipment. This is becoming even more so now with *use by dates* coming into play particularly with abseiling gear, including harnesses; and life jackets, used with water activities.

As a team we need to ensure that every bit of equipment we use is of acceptable industry standard, and fit for use. Of course this all comes at a cost.

With all this in mind I have just done a review on our costings, both for one day and weekend activity workshops. I have also included charges for equipment hire.

These costs will come into effect for the beginning of July 2016.

We have introduced a refundable bond for canoeing and sailing. This is to cover any incidental damage to canoes, trailers, including lights or return of dirty gear and/or equipment. We have, unfortunately, had a couple of incidents where life jackets have been returned covered in mud!

The climbing wall should always be booked through Region Office and not the Activities Team. It is subject to both availability of the wall and also certified operators. Along with the instructors, you still need about 6 people to help with harnessing and general supervision.

Over the past few weeks I took off my Blue Scarf and put on my Red Gang Show Scarf, for a bit of adventurous theatre activity! By the time this goes to print, Gang Show will be finished for this season. For all those who went along, I do hope that you found it a thoroughly enjoyable show.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Stage Manager CGS

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A young Scout testing his skills on the rock face

ACTIVITY COSTS				July 2016
REGION RUN ACTIVITY	Day Trip / Workshop	2 Day / Weekend Trip /Workshop	BOND (Refundable) Cleaning & Damage	Comments
Canoeing	\$25.00	\$40.00		Includes trailer for transport
Sailing	\$35.00	POA		Includes trailer for transport
Abseiling	\$25.00	\$40.00		Include harness, helmet, hardware & rope
Prussic Rope				\$5.00 (\$2.00/m) per piece to keep
				Excludes camping fees on weekend courses
Caving	\$25.00	\$40.00		Includes harness, helmet , hardware & rope
Waist Tape				\$5.00 (\$2/m) per piece to keep
				Excludes camping fees on weekend trips & courses
Canyoning	\$25.00	\$40.00		Include harness, helmet, hardware & rope
	\$6.00	\$6.00		Helmet Only Non Abseil.

EQUIPMENT HIRE				
	Day Activity	Weekend Activity	Bond	Comments
Canoes	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	Includes paddles & Life Jackets
Sailing Boats	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	Includes Life Jackets
Harnesses	\$6.00	\$6.00		
Helmets	\$6.00	\$6.00		
Hardware				
Rock PPE	\$10.00	\$10.00		Helmet, Harness & 2 Carabiners
Rope	\$15.00	\$15.00		Climbing/canyoning/abseiling
Climbing Wall	\$250.00			Booked through Region Office
Transport of Wall	\$80.00			If required. GWS Region Area only. To & from activity

Remote First Aid Course SISOOP305A run by Wal Waerner

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October 2016

Start 7:00 pm Friday and finish mid-afternoon Saturday

Pennant Hills Scout Camp, Pomona St, Pennant Hills

Cost per person \$96 Numbers required: 10 - 24

For further information and to book on-line

<http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event.php?eid=12>

Closing date 22nd September 2016





GWS REGION CANOE JOURNEY 20th - 21st August 2016

Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders - the cooler months of the year are ideal for paddling on the Hawkesbury. River traffic is reduced and water skiers are busy on the snowy ski slopes! Nothing better than a sunny wintery weekend paddling on a big waterway. No sunburn!

Travel from Macquarie Park Windsor down the majestic Hawkesbury River to Cattai National Park where we will camp overnight. After setting up camp, we will go for a paddle downstream and return to cook dinner. After dinner we will try out a short night paddling before going to bed. Next day after breakfast we will explore the river further, before returning back to Windsor.

Numbers are limited so reserve your place now by completing the E1 on the Activities page of the GWS website and submitting it to the Region Office before 6th August 2016



His Excellency General The Honourable David John Hurley Governor of NSW addresses the cast at the conclusion of the Opening Night performance of CGS

THE RODNEY AWARD

This coveted award is presented each year to a member of the Cumberland Gang Show, who has given 110% effort. The winner is chosen from 8 members nominated throughout the show....and the proud recipient for 2016 is **Tristan Hornstra - Production Director**.

Congratulations Tristan!

Producer
Dr Rob Lang
Congratulates
Tristan after
making the
announcement.



Girlfriend Rachel Munro and proud parents
Carol and Lars Hornstra pose with Tristan

GWSR APPOINTMENTS LIST

7/6/2016 - 18/7/2016

APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

BISBY, Roger	From AGL To GL-P	1st Oakville Scout Group 1st Oakville Scout Group
HAMILTON, Tamara	From T/L CS To ACSL	1st Cambridge Park 1st Cambridge Park Cub Pack
HARRIS, Matthew	From GL-P To AGL	1st Oakville Scout Group 1st Oakville Scout Group
SIMMONS, Suzanne	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Oakville Scout Troop 1st Oakville Scout Troop
WORSLEY, Sarah	From T/L (G) to GL-P	1st Murray Farm Scout Group 1st Murray Farm Scout Group
DAINES, Dale	From Appt TL (V) To AVSL	1st Whalan Venturer Unit 1st Whalan Venturer Unit
DAINES, Dedre	From VSL-P To AVSL	1st Whalan Venturer Unit 1st Whalan Venturer Unit
DRAKE, Peta	From T/L (CS) To CSL-P	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack
LAURENDET, James	From CSL-P To ACSL	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack 1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack
WHITE, Jessica	From T/L (JS) To AJSL	1st St Marys Joey Mob 1st St Marys Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

FEWKES, Jessica	JSL-P	1st Blaxland Joey Mob <i>Python</i>
FOYE, Cameron	AVSL	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
PHILLIPS, Michael	ASL	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
ROBINSON, Gregory	CSL-P	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Pukeena</i>
RYAN, Sharon	ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack
SIRIANNI, Serafina	Appt TL (S)	1st Dural Scout Troop

THE GOLDEN WEST APPOINTMENTS LIST

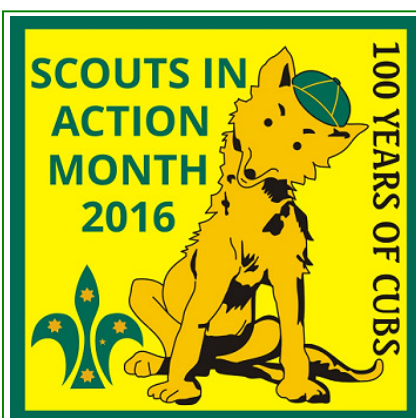
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APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

DEVILLE, Deon	From T/L (JS)	1st Mudgee Joey Mob
	To JSL-P	1st Mudgee Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

BRICE, Christopher	CSL	1st Portland Cub Pack
DOLLERY, Shane	ASL	1st Wellington Scout Troop



SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH

2016 marks the 100th year of Cub Scouting.

Since it was officially founded by Baden-Powell in 1916 (then known as Wolf Cubbing), generations of young people have embarked on an adventure filled with laughter, excitement and camaraderie; an adventure inspired for many years by Rudyard Kipling's fascinating classic, *The Jungle Book*!

100 Years on and Cubbing is still strong in Australia with the Cub Section having the greatest number of members out of the five sections of Scouting.

Scouts in Action Month is all about the Cub Section and will provide opportunities for Joeys to learn all about Cubs well before 'going up'. For Cubs it will be a chance to look back in time and to relive what it was like to be a Wolf Cub and to try some of the badges that were on offer 100 years ago!

Scouts, Venturers and Rovers that were Cub Scouts will be able to travel back to when they were Cubs and relive those moments you liked best when you were a young 8, 9 or 10 year old trying to earn your boomerang or proficiency badges.

Venturers and Rovers can also go back to the old Pack and help Akela, Baloo or whatever Jungle Book or Scouting Name your leader has and run your favourite Programme, the opportunities are endless. Have fun and enjoy 100 years of Cubbing.

[Click here](#) to view the programs!

Don't forget to register your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew by clicking on the 'register here' link.

REGISTER



Scouts in Action Month Badge (\$3 each includes postage)

Once again a special Scouts in Action Month Badge has been created to celebrate 100 Years of Cub Scouts. To order your badge please click on the link [Scouts in Action Month 2016 Badge Order Form](#)

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*My sincere apologies for the lateness of this edition of The Bulletin
Just too many other things happening!*