



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



**Mr. Neville Henderson OAM
Region Commissioner**

**Mr. Ross Grove
Region President**

and

**Mrs. Debbie Howlett
Region Chair**

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

Thursday, 13th October 2016
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Wentworthville Leagues Club
Starlight Room
50 Smith Street, Wentworthville

\$40 per person includes three course meal

Please wear full and correct uniform (including decorations).

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

Please register online at

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/19>

Registrations close at 3.30pm, Friday 30th September 2016

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Congratulations to the 86 members of our Scouting family who were honoured in the World Scout Day Adult Recognition Awards (listed elsewhere in this Bulletin). The recipients will be recognised at the Awards Presentation Night at Wentworthville Leagues Club on Thursday, 13th October 2016. Applications will open on line on 21st August and close on 30th September at close of business. The cost will be \$40.00 for a 3 course meal, tea and coffee (recipients do not pay) so please arrange your table (8 per table). Registration open now at: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/19>

I had the pleasure to be part of the Scout Basic 1 training course at Cataract Park earlier in the month and really enjoyed the experience even though it was freezing. I had the opportunity to spend some time with leaders from GWS.

Congratulations to **Lachlan Hibbard from 1st Hazelbrook** on being awarded the Australian Scout Medallion. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the presentation due to a previous Scouting commitment. Congratulations also to **Callum Firth from 1st Glossodia** on being awarded the Queen's Scout Award. Unfortunately I will be away and unable to attend this award presentation but will be well represented by one of my deputies.

On 31st July a Group Chair, Secretary and Treasurers' training course was held at Bundilla and it was pleasing to see 20 people in attendance. I hope they went away with a better understanding of their roles in Scouting.

The re-scheduled Region Jamborette will be held over the October long weekend at Cataract Scout Park and registrations are now open. Closing date is the **9th September** and the cost is \$40 Scouts, \$30 Leaders Adult Helpers, Venturers and Rovers. All paperwork is up on the EMS system and the direct link is: <http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/18>

Balcombe Heights Scout Group have generously donated a bar-b-que trailer to Region. Once we clean and paint the trailer, it will be available for use by Scout Groups in the Region.

I believe the Cub Scout 100 Year Birthday Celebrations in the city were awesome and that those who attended had a brilliant time. Well done Anne Thompson and her team for arranging attendance. Also I understand that registrations for the Cuboree are now closed. I called at the Thompson household and saw the stacks of paperwork on Anne's dining room table and wish her all the best in clearing up this large pile!

Until next timeCarry on Scouting.

Neville Henderson OAM

Region Commissioner

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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/12>

Closing date: 22nd September 2016



TRAINING REPORT

It has been decided that all leaders and supporters need to do the e-bully module in e-learning to help combat bullying. This is quite an interesting module giving definitions and strategies. It can be found in the electives part of e-learning. All leaders should be logged on but many of the supporters will have to wait for their log in details; they should be provided in the next few weeks. Please help all members of your Group complete this module.

I would just like to remind all leaders - that to transfer from one section to another requires extra training. Your appointment will remain the same until all e-learning and training is completed. This includes handing in the In Service and completing Bushwalking training in some sections. Extra training for a new appointment is also required for those taking on District and Region appointments. I can not hand in the A3 transfer form until the training is complete.

A successful Advanced Course was held in July and we are now asked to encourage more leaders to complete their advanced training. Our numbers of Wood Badge recipients in NSW have been very low for the last few years. If you do not have your Wood Badge, please consider doing your advanced training.

Kathy Cuneo

Region Commissioner AT&D

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NATHAN DUFFY, VSL-P 1st Springwood Venturer Unit

We all hear about people who receive a rough deal in life; but here is a story of absolute courage and the will of a man to recover sufficiently to return to his beloved Scouting against all odds!

In January 2015, Nathan Duffy spent the Australia Day long weekend with members of 1st Springwood Venturer Unit doing water activities and having a marvelous time. The following Friday January 30, Nathan was admitted to Nepean Hospital having suffered a severe brain aneurysm. In the weeks that followed, Nathan fought hard to overcome many complications.

During a 13 month stay in hospital, Nathan and his family received enormous support from not only the Venturer Unit, many of whom visited on a daily basis, but also Venturers from the Region. These Venturers sat with him, talked with him, built him a computer to help him communicate and provided support and encouragement to not only Nathan, but to his family also.

The remarkable support given to him by the Scouting family was commented on by the staff at Nepean Hospital and his specialists said that because of that support, Nathan's recovery was nothing short of a miracle. Nathan was given leave from hospital a couple of times; once for a dinner out at Penrith Panthers attended by his family and his Scouting friends and for a day visit to Cataract Park for the 2016 Jamboree.

Nathan was discharged from hospital into his sister's care while his family home was being renovated to accommodate the extra equipment Nathan required. While with his sister in the Hunter and Coastal Region, Nathan wasn't very far from Scouting and joined one of the local groups, 1st Swansea for their ANZAC Day service. Being wheelchair bound has not stopped Nathan following his love of adventurous pursuits. He has been down the longest rollercoaster zip line in the world at Treetops in the Central Coast and been out sailing on Penrith Lakes with *Sailability*.

He is now back in his home in the mountains, looking forward to enjoying his time again among the Venturers, pursuing more sailing and other adventures. Nathan has not for a moment lost his sense of humour, empathy and concern for others. His rehabilitation progress continues to defy all expectations, due to his strong will, determination to recover and desire to overcome any possible restraints.

Unfortunately due to an Administration error Nathan was resigned from his role but this has now been rectified. Apologies to Nathan and his family for this error.

Nathan and his family wish to thank all the Venturers and the wider Scouting Family who have given such wonderful support to them through this most difficult and challenging time and have aided in Nathan's recovery.



Prepared by Katherine Mahns and added to by Neville Henderson OAM

CUB SCOUT REPORT

CENTENARY WIDE GAME

On Sunday, July 31, over 2,000 Cub Scouts and Leaders descended on the city of Sydney to celebrate our Centenary year. The weather was perfect and the Governor and his wife were charming hosts and made us all feel very welcome - it's not every day one gets to picnic on the lawns of Government House! The cakes were delicious and we must congratulate and thank Tricia Shaw SCCS for organising such a wonderful event for us. Thank you to all the Leaders who organised their Cubs to take part in this activity - it was wonderful to see such a good representation from GWSR.

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE

60 Cub Scouts participated in our final leadership course for the year. It was a very busy day—but as usual the Seenee Team did a fabulous job of presenting sessions and running bases and we must thank all the Leaders who spent the day with us helping in many ways—they were very much appreciated. Special thanks also to Paul, Matt and Andy Thompson who slaved away in the kitchen all day and kept us very well fed. Also a very special thank you to Suzanne Cornell who came to lend a hand with dinner preparation, serving and cleaning up—it was very kind of you to volunteer Suzanne.

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 and Penrith

September 17th & 18th – Pre Cuboree Camp - Hills Sth (3 packs), Holroyd and Parramatta (2 packs)

PACK COORDINATORS

Blacktown Michelle M^cLean **Blue Mts** Jo Hillyard **Hawkesbury** John Aquilina **Penrith** Rodney Pringle
Hills Ian Lutz & Richard Horman & ? **Holroyd** Trevor Fowler **Parramatta** Melissa M^cAulay & Andrew Selmes

CUBOREE

Finally - the application forms are coming in. Many are missing important signatures and information and very few have cover sheets, so it is taking me quite some time to fix them and send them off to Cuboree Office! Thank you to all the Leaders who sent me perfect forms and cover sheets and correct payments - you most certainly made the process much easier. Don't forget to send in the forms for your parent helpers, as soon as they have their membership numbers, and encourage them to do their e-learning modules.

The withdrawal form is on the website. If someone has submitted their application and payment and have now changed their minds - they need to complete the withdrawal form and post it off immediately. For those who are only at the Initial stage - please send me their names so we can delete them off the system.

I have many applications from youth members wishing to be Junior Service Leaders, but I have no idea what roles they are interested in. Maybe they are good at Flying Fox or Caving and would like to help out on Challenge Valley; maybe they are more Circus orientated and would like to work on the GWS activity base (Avalon); perhaps they don't really mind what they do; whatever they are interested in, we need to know, so we can allocate them to the right places If you have registered for Cuboree - please let me know what you would like to do (a simple email would be nice). Unfortunately I will be away from September 10 to October 12, so have no time to set up a meeting with JSLs at this stage.

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

Monique Romer - 1st Greystanes
Vera He - 1st Rydalmere
Michael Anderson - 2nd Northmead
Laura Douglass - 1st Winston Hills

1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!



Anne Thompson (Wontolla) - RC Cub Scouts

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**Cub Centenary Picnic
and Wide Game!**
July 31, 2016



VENTURER REPORT

The 7th International Finnjamboree was a huge success last month with 17,000 Scouts attending from around the world. The Australian Contingent arrived in Helsinki for some sightseeing before enjoying four nights of home hospitality with local Scouting families. Activities included cycling, canoeing, a traditional game of Mõlkky and a sauna at their lakeside summer house.

Once we arrived at the Jamboree site, the real fun began, setting up camp in the forest. From a game of cricket to the forest gym, badge swapping to ice climbing, hammocks and constructions, discos and dancing, everyone formed such great memories from the amazing experience. Our journey ended with a tour of Tampere, a cruise into Hämeenlinna, campfire cooking at Nuuksio National Park and then back to Helsinki for our flight home.

Now is the time for youth members to start planning their own International Scouting experience. Applications are currently open for Jamborees next year in Norway, Mongolia and Germany! Apply now at ...

<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

Closer to home, applications are also open for Jamborette in October and Waratah in November. Apply now at <http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au>

Special congratulations to the following leaders from the Venturer Scout section for receiving Adult Recognition Awards on World Scout Day:

Judy Barr DVSL, Shaun Lesslie DVSL, Nerida Ewings AVSL, Cameron Foye AVSL, Ian McDonald AVSL, Wendy Sheppard AVSL, Rod White AVSL, Carolyn Willetts AVSL and Greg Anderson Waratah Fellowship

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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The Australian Contingent to the
7th International Finnjamboree



REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

I generally take a bit of a break from Adventurous Activities this time of year, and get involved with some more serious ATF (Adventurous Theatre Fun). It involves lots of lights; but my team are generally in the dark; there is lots of music; and yet we need to be as quiet as a mouse; and then there are lots of people all dressed up in some amazing clothing; and my team just wear boring black!

I am talking about Cumberland Gang Show. And of course my Back Stage Crew just couldn't do their stuff, if it wasn't for a fantastic cast, who support them throughout the season. Seriously though it was a great season, and congratulations to all involved.



Gang Show from a different angle!

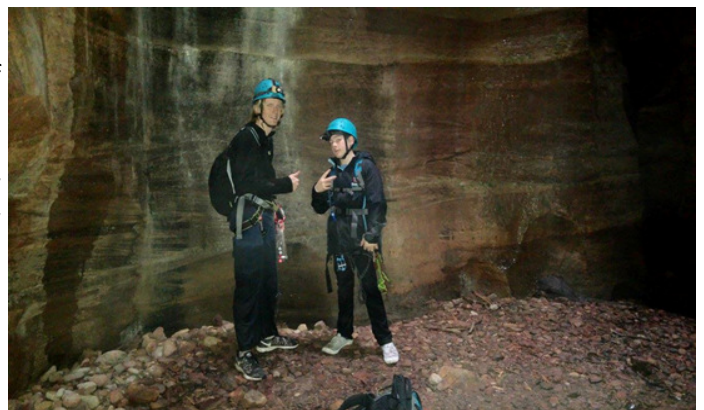


We don't generally encourage our youth to play on the train tracks!

Our Region Bush walking team, led by Tristan Flores, has been busy with a fascinating overnight hike in the Garrawarra State Conservation Area. Known as the Ghost Train Hike, this trip kicks off from Helensburgh Station, and in parts follows the old southern railway, which includes some old railway tunnels. The Scouts camped overnight at Camp Coutts before continuing on to Waterfall Station on the Sunday. Certainly a great time was had by all.

Our canyoning team have also been out and about. While Ross Smith, our Canyoning Guru, has been out of action after an argument with his motor bike, David (Macca) McKinley took up the challenge, leading a number of participants into Penrose Gully and Tiger Snake Canyon, up near the Newnes Plateau. A terrific day was had by all.

Not sure if this was a game of Rock/paper/Scissors while deep in Tiger Snake Canyon!



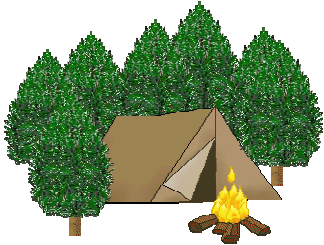
I know in preparing and doing adventurous activities, everyone in my team carefully consider the risks involved, and put measures in place reduce those risks as much as possible. Had a bit of a unique incident occur on a recent hike. It wasn't a sprained ankle, grazed elbow or even sunburn. It was actually a dog bite!

Just shows that sometimes the unexpected can happen. As Scouts we learn to deal with whatever situation we find ourselves in. The person involved was given medical attention, and while a bit shaken, has made a full recovery.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Stage Manager CGS

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GWS Region Bushwalking Team

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>

Please note: Upper Grose and The Engineers Track will be replaced by Entry level Bushwalks around Mount Victoria.

Activity	Dates	National Park	Description	Grade
Wollangambe Crater Bushwalk	27 & 28 August	Blue Mts	Bell Station, Sandham Road to Wollangambe Crater	Medium
Entry Level Bushwalks around Mount Victoria	5, 6, 7 & 8 October	Blue Mts	Mount Victoria Station to various locations. Partial attendance can be arranged	Entry Level
NEW DATE Great North Walk Mooney Mooney	21, 22, 23 October	Brisbane Water	Somersby Store to Kariong Shops via Mooney Mooney Creek	Medium
Christmas Hike North Era Beach	19 & 20 November	Royal	Otford Station to North Era via Garrawarra Farm	Entry Level
PROPOSED Smugglers of Broken Bay	11 & 12 March 2017	Brisbane Water	Brooklyn Ferry then Wobby Beach to Woy Woy via Rocky Ponds	Entry Level Medium

Some photos from our recent Ghost Trains Hike at Helensburgh in the July School Holidays . . .





Time Travellers Agoonoree

Friday 23rd to Monday 26th September 2016

Glenrock Scout Centre, near Newcastle

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

Email: markburfield@gmail.com Mobile: 0425 236 617



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA EXCLUSIVE OFFER

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



Call 9677 7759

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

GWS Communication Skills Day

10 September 2016 10:00am to 4:00pm



@ 1st Winston Hills Scout Hall Edison Parade, Winston Hills

The Radio skills day provides the opportunity for scouts to complete **80%** of their **Communication badge**. If the participant completes a project on a communications system (which they will choose on the day) and show it to their Unit they can be awarded the communication badge after attending this event.

Topics covered include UHF CB radio, Personal locator beacons, on air message handling, communications planning for activities youth members may be engage in, basic care and maintenance of communication equipment as well as equipment set up.

This event is focused to Scout age members; it is recommended that participants bring a pen and paper, awards book, lunch and a open mind and a can-do attitude. This event is good for any youth members who would like to find out more about communications technology and is a starting point into the area of communication technology.

Cost \$20 E1 and full details available on the GWS Website

E1s and payment to Region Office by COB Friday 2nd September 2016

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



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
2016 ADULT RECONGNITION AWARDS FOR GOOD SERVICE



SILVER KANGAROO - Presented to adult members for eminent achievement and exceptional service over a long period or for a unique and highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting.

DENT, Tony John Deputy Region Commissioner Greater Western Sydney Region

SILVER EMU - Presented to adult Members for at least 20 years of sustained and exceptional service to the Association

HALL, Gavan Roger District Commissioner Hills South District

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Presented to Supporters for at least 18 years of distinguished service to the Scout Association.

APTHORPE, Michael Fellowship Member Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
POUNDER, Ann Cheryl Honorary Commissioner Greater Western Sydney Region

SILVER KOALA - Presented to adult Members for at least 14 years of distinguished service to the Scout Association

BARR, Judith Ann District Venturer Scout Leader Blue Mountains District
M^CLEAN, Michelle Cub Scout Leader 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
STIEME, Peter James Assistant Cub Scout Leader 1st Pendle Hill Cub Pack

SILVER WATTLE - Presented to adult Members for at least 10 years of outstanding service to the Scout Association

ANDERSON, Andrew Leader In Charge 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
COFFILL, Linda Gillian Scout Leader 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
HAYES, Elizabeth Ann Assistant Cub Scout Leader 1st Parramatta Cub Pack
HOWLETT, Ross William District Commissioner Blacktown District
M^CLEAN, Andrew Scout Leader 1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
STOPPS, David John Deputy Region Commissioner Greater Western Sydney Region
THOMPSON, Matthew RC (Communications & PR) Greater Western Sydney Region

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD - Presented to Associates for at least 12 years of outstanding service to the Scout Association

PAYNE, Warren Allan Formation Administration Officer 1st Dural Scout Group

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD - Presented to adult Members and Associates for at least six years of meritorious or praiseworthy service to the Scout Association

BATES, Raymond Group Chairman 1st Westmead Scout Group
BROWN, Greg Group Treasurer 1st Toongabbie Scout Group
CHAMBERLAIN, Joanne Joey Scout Leader 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob
DENT, Lisa Anne Group Leader 1st Toongabbie Scout Group
DEWHURST, Bradley Scout Leader West Pennant Hills Valley Scout Troop
EWINGS, Nerida Elaine Assistant Venturer Scout Leader 1st Kellyville Venturer Unit
FAIRALL, Karen Ann Joey Scout Leader 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
FISHER, Joshua Duncan Assistant Cub Scout Leader 1st North Mt Druitt Cub Pack
GRAY, Faye Bernadette Assistant Scout Leader 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
GREEN, Kylie Maree Assistant Joey Scout Leader 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob
HARRIS, Kim Elizabeth Region Office Assistant Greater Western Sydney Region
HENRY, Christopher John Assistant Scout Leader 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

HOWARD, Clifford John	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Granville Scout Troop
LESSLIE, Shaun Victor	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Venturer Unit
LUTZ, Ian Barry	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>
M ^C KINLEY, David John	Scout Leader	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
PRESTON, Margaret Anne	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
SARA, Helen Lynne	Joey Scout Leader	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
SHAW, Mitchell Blake	Trainee Leader (Rover)	Blacktown Rover Crew
SHEPPARD, Wendy Anne	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
STOPPS, Tracey Kim	District Scout Leader	Hills South District
WATTS, Caroline Ann	Joey Scout Leader	1st Oakville Joey Mob
WEST, Timothy Gordon	Scout Leader	1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
WOOD, Robert Clifford	Assistant Scout Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - *Presented to adult Members and Associates for the successful support, development or management of a section or formation, or for an intense contribution over a period of at least 12 months to the success of a major event or major activity.*

ABNETT, Charlotte Kathleen	Cub Scout Leader	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i>
ABNETT, David John	Group Treasurer	2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
ALAMANGO, Kerrin Elizabeth	Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region
ANDERSON, Gregory Luke	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
BARNETT, Matthew George	Group Treasurer	1st Castle Hill Scout Group
BEARMAN, Jennifer Susan	Group Treasurer	1st Greystanes Scout Group
BONITZ, Tara Janine	Cub Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Zazu</i>
BROOKS, Maryanne Irene	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
CARDONA, Christopher Gary	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
CARDONA, Karen Lee	Joey Scout Leader	1st Erskine Park Joey Mob
CHEAH, Margaret Anne	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
CRUMP, Laura Kathleen	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
DAVIS, Elizabeth Clare	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack
DAVIS, Paul Philip	Scout Leader	1st Glossodia Scout Troop
DE KONING, Henriette	Group Leader	1st Glossodia Scout Group
FOYE, Cameron	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
FREEMAN, Debra May	Fellowship Member	Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
GALE, Angie	Group President	1st Toongabbie Scout Group
GRAVINA, Alice	Joey Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Joey Mob
GREENAWAY, Sarah-Jane	Group Secretary	1st Springwood Scout Group
HENDERSON, Geoffrey	Region Leader (Strategy)	Greater Western Sydney Region
HODGE, Helen Louise	Cub Scout Leader	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
HOWLETT, Deborah	Region Chair	Greater Western Sydney Region
KINLOCH, Andrew Bruce	Group Chairman	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Group
LAURENDET, James	Cub Scout Leader	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack
LLOYD, Leanne	Formation Administration Officer	1st Kings Langley Scout Group
LOCKMAN, David	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
LYTWYN, Deirdre	Group Leader	1st Granville Scout Group
M ^C DONALD, Ian Douglas	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Blaxland Venturer Unit
M ^C DONELL, Alison	Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region

NORTON, Gayle	Group Secretary	1st Kings Langley Scout Group
ONG, Alexander Barong	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Cub Pack
OWEN, Carla	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Cub Pack
OWENS, Julie	Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region
PATTINSON, Ashley	Group Chairman	1st Dural Scout Group
PRINGLE, Rodney	Cub Scout Leader	1st Cambridge Park Cub Pack
RICHARDS, Brendan	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack
SHAW, David Andrew	Region Leader (Communications)	Greater Western Sydney Region
STEPHENS, Zoe Ann	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
TRUSCOTT, Naomi Marie	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Westmead Scout Troop
WALTERS, Ryan Andre	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Scout Troop
WARD, Kristine Fay	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
WELTON, Vicki Anne	Adult Helper	1st Winston Hills Scout Group
WHITE, Rodney Kelvin	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Venturer Unit
WILLETTS, Carolyn	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Hazelbrook Venturer Unit
WILLIAMS, Raymond	Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region
WOODLEY, Mathew	Assistant Scout Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop

Congratulations!

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.

THE RESOURCE BOOKSHELF

Contribution by Katherine Mahns

COMPASS AND MAPPING

How are your compass skills? How about planning a hike for your patrol? Or perhaps are you planning a Grey Wolf Walk? Remember to BE PREPARED. Learn about your equipment and how it works by planning that hike now for when it gets a bit warmer.

YOUR COMPASS LOOKS LIKE THIS.....

Compass game

Mark on the floor the 4 points of the compass. Leader stands in the middle and calls out directions, N,S,E,W and youth member run to the correct direction. When COMPASS is called out then everyone runs around the circle until a new direction is called.

Variations:

- Indicate only where North is, youth members have to work out where the other directions are.
- Call out the in-between directions like NE, SW, or more complicate NNW, SSE WNW etc.
- Call out the degrees instead of the words, N=0, E=90, S=180 etc also with the degrees for NE etc.
- You can play this in an exclusive way where the last person to reach the destination is out or in an inclusive way where the last person gets to call out the next direction.

Why? I hear you ask, because this teaches the relation of the compass points to each other in relation to North. This is a good example of learning through doing in a game.

Area of Personal Growth:

The Internal Compass

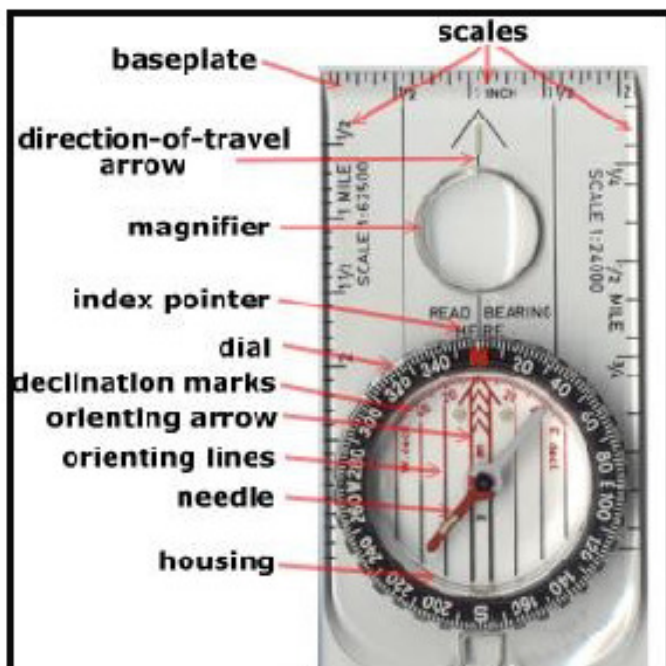
This is a simple check list for youth to reflect on what they are doing.

NORTH-Navigate with resolve, am I acting with resolve, staying true to my path checking my compass to make sure I haven't strayed?

EAST- Express Kindness, am I showing kindness in my actions?

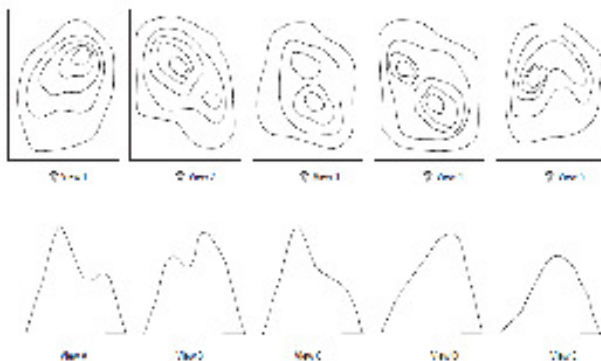
SOUTH- Self Dignity, am I acting with self dignity and respecting the dignity of others?

WEST- Wisdom of Others, am I listening to the wisdom of others around me, my peers, leaders, parents, teachers?



ACTIVITIES:

- Make a compass using a needle, thread and magnet.
- Demonstrate contour lines by using a cut up potato, pen and paper. Then challenge others to determine the shape of your potato.



-Draw a map of your hall and surrounds and plan a treasure hunt using degree clues in and around your hall.

Now go plan that hike or walk.....

GWSR APPOINTMENTS LIST

25/7/2016 - 9/8/16

APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

HUGHES, Stephen	From SL-P To ASL	Eastwood/Marsfield Scout Troop 1st Ermington Scout Troop
BRAGG, Stuart	From ACSL To CSL-P	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i> 1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i>
McCREDDEN, Ann	From ACSL To VSL-P	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i> 1st Ermington Venturer Unit
KAHN, Steven	From Appt TL (S) To SL-P	1st Riverstone Scout Troop 1st Riverstone Scout Troop
KAY, Peter	From SL-P To ASL	1st Riverstone Scout Troop 1st Riverstone Scout Troop
GRIFFITHS, Colin	JSL	1st Greystanes Joey Mob
NICHOLAS, Brett	From Appt TL (S) To ASL	1st Greystanes Scout Troop 1st Greystanes Scout Troop
PRANTS, Matthew	From T/L (CS) To ACSL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

LOCKMAN, David	Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
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RESIGNATIONS

COLMAM, Shannon	T/L (S)	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
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THE GOLDEN WEST APPOINTMENTS LIST

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APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

CRAIG, Graeme	From ARC (AT&D) To RC (AT&D)	The Golden West Region The Golden West Region
JEWEL, Brian	From CSL-P To RC (Act)	1st Kandos Cub Pack the Golden West Region
PEREZ-MORA, Luis	RC(S) -DA	The Golden West Region

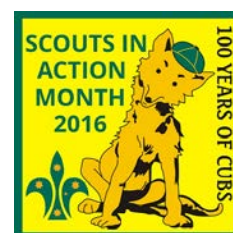
RESIGNATIONS

SMITH, Shane	Appt TL (G)	1st Dubbo Scout Group
BLOOMFIELD, Steven	TL (CS)	3rd Parkes Cub Pack
REYNOLDS, Hayley	Appt TL (S)	1st Dubbo Scout Troop
SWEENEY, Patrick	Appt TL (S)	1st Dubbo 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 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](#)

Don't forget to register your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew

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Just too many other things happening!*