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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Welcome back to 2017 and I hope you had a good break and have come back refreshed and ready to take on another eleven months before this year's Christmas break!

My year never seems to end; I started back the first week in January by visiting the Cuboree at Cataract Scout Park. From all reports I have received it was a great experience for not only the youth members who attended but also the leaders. Two of my grandchildren said they had an awesome time. Well done Anne Thompson on getting all the applications for our Region in on time.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't congratulate our Region Commissioner International, Peter Nickl, on receiving the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List. Well deserved Peter.

On February 4 and 5 the Scouts NSW Board held their Planning Weekend at Bundilla and the Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins, hosted twenty five of our Commissioners and Region Leaders at a bar-b-que dinner on the Saturday night. This gave our people a chance to mix and mingle with the Board Members and get to know them better. Thanks to Lisa Dent and her helpers from 1st Toongabbie who did the catering on the evening.

I have spent many hours recently reading nominations for the Adult Recognition Awards and at the time of writing they are with Kim at Region Office to be entered into the Scoutlink Awards System. We had 91 nominations which is a great response but I was disappointed to get 50 of them on the last two days. Put Thursday 12th October in your diary for the Awards Presentation Dinner at Wentworthville Leagues Club.

The Alan Overton AM Award has been mentioned since our June ARP and in this edition are the details of the award. Please have your nominations in by 2nd May 2017 to myself at rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au All nominations will be confidential and the Award will be presented at our ARP.

As mentioned in a previous report, Robin Garrett has stepped aside as Region Commissioner Scouts - and I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tracey Stopps as RC Scouts. Congratulations Tracey and best wishes in the role.

It is with sadness that I have to report the Kathy Cuneo has indicated that she and her husband will be moving to Perth permanently; we will miss her greatly as part of the Region Team. Congratulations to Cassie Rec who has been appointed as the new RC ALT&D and best wishes for your new role.

I have a couple of presentations coming up shortly and will report these in the next Bulletin.

As always.....Carry on Scouting!

Neville Henderson OAM JP
Region Commissioner

For your diary....

**The dates for this year's First Aid courses to be held at
2nd Baulkham Hills hall are as follows**



4th March <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/22>

6th May <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/23>

5th August <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/24>

Remote First Aid if we get the numbers:

13th & 14th October <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/25>

ALAN OVERTON AM AWARD

Alan Overton AM was the Greater Western Sydney Region President from June 1994 until his retirement due to ill health on the 19th February 2016 a period of almost 22 years!

He was also the New South Wales Branch Vice President from July 1999 until 19th February 2016.

The Region Executive Committee has decided to honour Alan by setting up an award in his name and the following conditions will apply:

- This is a Region Award, not connected with the Adult Recognition Awards.
- Leaders, Group Support Committee Members and Supporters can be nominated by their peers.
- This is not a youth award and the person nominated should be over 18 years.
- The committee would expect that the person nominated would be someone who has given service to Scouting over and above what would normally be expected.
- Nominations should be with the Region Commissioner by 1st May each year.
- The committee will consist of the Region Commissioner, an Honorary Commissioner and a person invited by the Region Commissioner.
- The Awardee will be announced at the Region's Annual Report Presentation each year and will have their name on a perpetual trophy and a replica given to them.

If you have any enquiries please contact me on rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Neville Henderson OAM JP
Region Commissioner

Joey/Cub Scout Water Fun Day 25th March 2017 - Lake Parramatta

The children will participate in a number of timed bases throughout the day, which will ensure that everyone gets to have a go in a canoe and learn some strokes, have a swim and learn a bit about canoeing and boating in the funnest possible way!

Leaders are required to assist on the day, please let me know if you can help out. It would also be helpful if groups can bring their own canoes. We have 14 Region canoes, but with the potential large number of participants, more canoes will be essential. If you can bring boats, life jackets and paddles, please let me know. Scout and Venturer Helpers with a Scout Level 2 qualification (or working towards Level 2 SIS in the case of Venturers) are very welcome to attend.

We will be starting early to ensure that we have sufficient time to run the event! Please encourage parents to be there by 7:30am for check in. Base activities will start at 8:00 am sharp. Cost \$5 per person - money and E1s to Region Office by closing date please. Register early - don't miss out on this fun day!

The E1 and further details are available on the GWS website.

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/48>

On-line applications close Friday March 10.
Please contact Tracey with any offers of help.

Tracey Hansford DC Parramatta District
Email: tracey.hansford@nsw.scouts.com.au

CUB SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to a new year, which is already shaping up to be a busy one for Scouting families!

Cuboree is over for another three years and despite the rain and humidity, I think everyone enjoyed themselves; probably the cubs more so than the adults, who worked hard to ensure the cubs had a wonderful time and did not have a lot of spare time to socialise themselves. Congratulations to David Boulton and Melissa McAulay who received their Wood Badges during Cuboree - it was nice to be invited to attend the presentations. Thank you also to the packs and The Kingdom of Camelot, who invited me to share a meal or a cuppa and have a chat; I would have loved to have visited all the packs, but there was just not enough time. Congratulations to the Pack Coordinators who did a brilliant job of pulling everything and everyone together for a safe and happy camp. Thank you to the DLCS and Seonee Leaders who also did a splendid job of advising and assisting the Pack Coordinators or who took on the role themselves - Bravo! A huge thank you and congratulations to the Pack line leaders, cooks and carers who worked hard to look after the cubs in their charge and to give them an unforgettable experience.

The GWS activity base, **Avalon**, ran smoothly thanks to my assistant Melissa Harding and our amazing team. We received some very nice feedback from not just our own leaders, but from other Regions as well. Thank you to those leaders who took the time to email their thanks, it was greatly appreciated. I think the overall positive comments were that the leaders enjoyed the timed base, so everyone got to do all the activities and the leaders' rest area was a great hit!

Melissa and I would like to say a very special thank you to:

- Greg Freeman and his Team from the Hawkesbury District who set up the fun and challenging King Arthur's Training Camp - all praise to the cubs who completed the course!
- Peter Nickl and his Team who ran the International base
- Mitchell Hodgson, Tracey Stopps and the GWS Circus Team who kept the crowds entertained - not just on our base but in the sub camp during their lunch break!
- Nerida Ewings who was our JSL's monitor, our time keeper, and all round great help.
- The Junior Service leaders who were amazing; they followed instructions without complaint, ran their activities efficiently and enjoyed themselves. Can't thank or praise them enough - we could not have done it without them.
- Ian Lutz who did such a wonderful job of constructing our gateway and all the packs who did a great job of decorating all the shields for the castle wall - the entrance looked terrific.
- Mark Fell who frequently stopped by to ensure that all was going well and we were doing ok.

Our first **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla Scout Camp on **Saturday March 18**. The **closing date for all applications is Wednesday March 8**. CSLs are responsible for collecting the E1s and payment and ensuring they reach Region Office before the closing date. Please see your DLCS or Seonee Leaders for full details or if you would like to help out on the day - attendance is by invitation only, thank you.

Grey Wolf Awards: Please try to have your applications for Grey Wolf Awards in well before the cub's 11th Birthday - it takes a little time to obtain the award and arrange presentation. This year all Grey Wolf awards must be presented as soon as possible after they are earned. They will not be held over until end of term presentation nights. This is a very special cub award and the cub achieving the award deserves to wear the badge and woggle proudly on their uniform for as long as possible while still in the Pack. Please make sure you arrange a suitable date and time for the presentation as soon as your DLCS or Seonee Leader notifies you that they have the award.

Don't forget to check out the **GWS website** for all upcoming activities and events and please let everyone know that **The Bulletin** is online for all to read. I am amazed by the number of people who tell me that they are not aware of our website or The Bulletin - how do they keep informed? Perhaps this is why some packs miss out on events?! Contributions of articles and photos are always appreciated. It's good to know what everyone is up to.

Wishing you all a great year of Scouting - keep up the fantastic work you do in your Packs and Districts and thank you for your continued support of Region and State events.

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts

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Avalon - Cuboree 2017





Cuboree photos courtesy of: John Aquilina, Charles Yendle and Melissa McAulay



VENTURER REPORT

The summer holidays have been rather busy for the Venturer Scout section!

I would like to congratulate **Benedict Cutts and Jonathan Roche from 1st Westmead** on recently completing their **Queen's Scout Awards**.

Several members of the Region attended the **Everything is Possible Jamboree in Thailand** in December.

Venturer Scouts from 1st Westmead completed a challenging expedition in the Snowy Mountains in December reaching the summit of Mount Kosciuszko. The journey is part of their preparations to complete the **Everest Base Camp Trek in Nepal in November**.

32 Venturer Scouts from the Region volunteered at the **NSW Cuboree** held at Cataract Scout Park in January.

Four members of the Region were preparing for the **10th VCP German National Jamboree** in the middle of this year with a pre-Jamboree camp in Sydney that included an overnight expedition in the Royal National Park during the summer heatwave!

Units also completed activities in the Budawangs, at Camp Coutts, Hellgate Gorge and at other venues around NSW. The holidays were also a good time for many Units to build and test their rafts for the **Region Rafting Competition** being held this month on the Nepean River.

Dragon Skin applications are now open. This year's event will be held in the Newnes State Forest. The fee for Venturer Scouts is \$98.50 per person and must be paid online when registering. Applications should be completed by March 24, to be eligible for extra bonus points.



Applications for the next **Australian Venture** are also open. The Venture is being held in Brisbane at Camp Warrawee around 40 mins north of the Brisbane CBD at the end of this year.

Total Cost = Base Fee + Expedition Fee + Contingent Fee + Optional Pre-Tour Fee

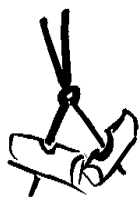
- The Base Fee is \$1,125 for Venturer Scouts and \$795 for Leaders and Rover Scouts.
- There are 26 Expeditions available and range from \$145 to \$1,195.
- The NSW Contingent Fee is \$685.
- The optional NSW Pre-Tour Fee will be published soon.

All members should visit <https://av2018.scouts.com.au> to start their application as soon as possible before their preferred Expedition fills up!

Aaron Wardle RC Venturer Scouts

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Congratulations and best wishes to

Mick Fry VSL

2nd Baulkham Hills

who has recently earned his Wood Badge

Bravo - Well done





Everything is Possible Jamboree
Thailand, December 2016



1st Westmead
Venturers reach the
summit of Mt Kosciuszko
in preparation for their
Nepal Trek in November



Aaron and some of the
Venturers at the
pre-Jamboree camp for
the 10th VCP German
National Jamboree

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BADEN POWELL SCOUT ACTIVITY CENTRE

Are you looking for an activity day in which you learn interpersonal skills and develop positive peer relationships that you will find useful for your Groups? Then look no further!

The Baden-Powell Scout Centre can offer a tailored activity day to suit your required outcomes. Qualified Activity Instructors will ensure that the program is offered in a supportive and challenging way that will really test personal skills as well as fostering positive Team partnerships - in a challenge by choice setting.

The Centre itself is located in Pennant Hills which is conveniently located by road or public transport. We would love to see you onsite soon!

NIGHT ACTIVITY SESSION

How does climbing through the trees via torch light sound or flying down the 100m fox with a glow stick lighting your way? Sounds pretty exciting!

Why not consider booking in for a session of a night time activity which can be run during the same hours as your normal meeting time! Sounds good? All you have to bring is your head lamp and yourselves!

Night time activities include:

*High Ropes

*Crate Stacking

*Leap of Faith

*Flying Fox

*Rogaining

EXAMPLE NIGHT TIME PROGRAM*

6:45pm: Arrive, Welcome and Site Orientation

7:00pm - 8:45pm: Adventurous activity

9:00pm: Debrief and depart

*Program can be tailored to suit your needs

For more information and to book your activity session contact:

Baden-Powell Scout Centre

Pomona Street, Pennant Hills NSW

Phone: 9484 2278

Email: bpsc@nsw.scouts.com.au

Website: www.nsw.scouts.com.au/bpsc



AIR ACTIVITY CENTRE - FLYING DAYS

The first half of the year is well under way with bookings having been received from a number of Groups. At the time of writing (15th January), the following days are still available:

- **February: 11, 12, 26**
- **March: 5, 11, 18, 19, 25, 26**
- **April: 1, 2, 29, 30**
- **May: 6, 7, 21, 27, 28**
- **June: Fully booked.**
- **Bookings are also open for Semester 2, 2017**

Get in early before these days are booked out!

And, just when you thought the year couldn't get any more exciting ... we have two Country trips scheduled!

June 10 and 11 in Young with approximately 200 to fly

June 24 and 25 in Casino with approximately 80 - 120 to fly

Remember ... if you are in an area where you cannot get to us - we will come to you!

Interested in looking for something different? Why not get involved with the Air Activity Centre.

Assistance would be most welcome from the wider Scouting community especially on air activity camps.

For more information please email: marketing@flyscouts.com.au

REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT



Happy New Year for 2017! While I would like to say I do hope you all had a restful break, someone forgot to tell the Activities Team; many of whom have been very busy right through January.

Big thank you to Quentin Napier, David (Macca) McKinley, Meredith Stewart and Tallia Joel, who all gave up the first week in January to help run Flying Foxes, Climbing Walls, and also Caving, at the Cuboree. Also a big thank you to Brian (Sparkie) Nelson and Anthony (Jumbuck) Macarthur, who also spent the week helping us on site.

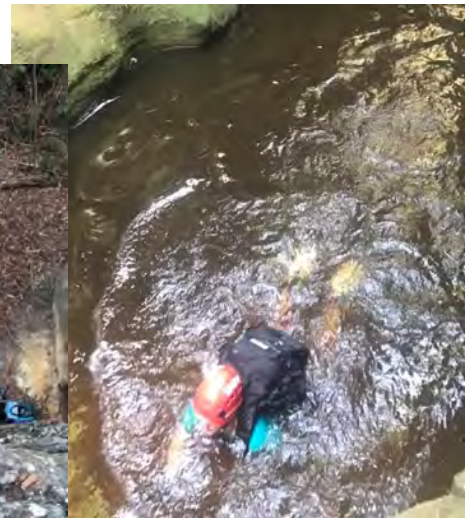
Tracey Hansford along with Mitchell Hodgson, were also onsite all week helping Anne Thompson and Melissa Harding on the Avalon Base, with some great circus skills. It really is great to see so many dedicated people from GWS, all of whom are busy during the year, yet able to commit even more time to the Cuboree!

Photo: Mark Fell

Our Abseiling Team are already back into it with a very enjoyable Abseil Instruction Day held up at Lindfield Rocks. Great to see a good representation from the new 2nd Baulkham Hills Rover Activity Crew there as well.

Not to be out done our *Yabbies* have already held two Canyoning trips over January. The first was in Serendipity Canyon, which also involved some abseiling, and the second trip to Bell Creek, which involved liloing, in some rather cool water!

Photos: Eric Harris



Our water activities team has also been busy. A big thank you to Keith Travers and his team who ran a successful five day sailing course over the January School holidays out at Lake Chipping Norton.



**Photos:
Keith Travers and
Qing Song**



I also spent a great weekend out on the water at Windsor with some Venturers from 1st/2nd Blacktown and 2nd Merrylands for a two day Canoe Workshop. Thank you to Tracey Hansford who ran the course. This followed up the next weekend with another Canoeing/Kayaking training day at Windsor; then a trip the following day, on the Parramatta River, up Homebush Bay and into the mangroves of Haslam Creek. It is really amazing to find locations like this, basically smack bang in the middle of Sydney!

Scouts honing their T rescue skills (Photo: Mark Fell)

Of course with all these activities happening, equipment does need to be maintained. Managed to squeeze in a bit of spare time to rebuild the second canoe trailer. The old racks were a bit “how ya going”, so with a bit of *technical expertise*, new LED lights, and a coat of paint (Region Blue of course), it came up good as new. It just needs some “SCOUT” stickers now!



Tristan Flores has also been busy with a four day hike from Jenolan Caves to Katoomba via the Jenolan River. This was a great learning curve for the participants after some communication breakdowns, meaning the hike needed to be cut short. At the end of the day everyone came out safe and well which is always the outcome we want; ...and all those in attendance will be far more vigilant, in planning and communication. Great lesson learnt by all!

Gang Show is also already getting into the swing for another fabulous season. This season we have one of the largest casts we have ever seen. Lots of work to do, and certainly has the making of another incredible show.

Certainly a big start to what is going to be a huge year of activities within GWS Region.

LET THE FUN BEGIN, CONTINUE!

Mark Fell (DINGO) - or Mr Fuller, to those in the know! RC Activities

Stage Manager CGS

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Bushwalking calendar for 2017 - please check the GWS website for more information.

Activity	Dates	National Park	Description	Grade
Smugglers of Broken Bay	Mar 11 & 12	Brisbane Water	Wobby Beach to Woy Woy	EL/M
Six Foot Track	Apr 8, 9 & 10	Blue Mountains	Katoomba to Jenolan Caves	M
Woronora River	May 27 & 28	Heathcote	Waterfall to Heathcote	EL
Kariong Hieroglyphs	Jul 1 & 2	Brisbane Water	Point Clare to Woy Woy	EL
Ancient Forests	Aug 26 & 27	Illawarra Escarpment	Stanwell Park to Austinmer	M
Wollangambe Crater	Sep 23 & 24	Blue Mountains	Bell to Wollangambe Crater	EL/M
Gooches Crater	Oct 28 & 29	Blue Mountains	Bell to Gooches Crater	EL/M

Canyoning Capers 2017

The canyoning program has kicked off 2017 with a real bang, with two canyon trips completed in January and three trips planned over the coming 2 months.

The Yabbies spent time early in January in Serendipity Canyon to sharpen their skills, procedures and rescue techniques. Although Meredith chickened out as our rescue victim, Eric Harris stepped in and helped provide an extra dimension to the rescue scenarios. These days allow us to exchange ideas, standardise safety practices and above all improve the competence of the team so that we can improve the experience and safety for all youth participants.

Bell Creek Canyon (Mt Wilson)

In late January, Venturers from 1st Oakville and 2nd Baulkham Hills joined with the Yabbies and the Baulkham Hills Activity Rover Crew, to explore the fabulous Bell Creek canyon system.

With a reputation of being one of the best examples of a slot canyon in the Blue Mountains, it certainly lived up to its promise, with long dark sections of spectacular constrictions, deep dark pools, huge cliff lines and loads of liloing.

It was a challenging day, with a long (4hr) walk in and some very tricky navigation just to get to the start. We also had very hot conditions that certainly tested everyone's resolve.

With some relief we entered the canyon where the temperature immediately dropped about 15 degrees. That is when the real fun and challenges began, with numerous jump-ins, log slides, tough down-climbs, and rock scrambling combined with very long sections of paddling on lilos. Fortunately the water was not too cold which made the long swims really enjoyable and relaxing.

Half of our group used an alternative 'new' entrance to the canyon, and instead of having to negotiate one abseil, managed to find four - the last of which was a spectacular drop straight into Bell Creek!

It was fabulous to see the quality of the water in the canyon, it was crystal clear and teeming with yabbies, fish and even a baby snake.

After completing Bell Creek, we reversed part of Clatterteeth Canyon that included a few longer lilo sections until we found our exit point and made the climb back out to the cars.

Congratulations to all the Venturers who came along, as many were pushed to their limits and overcame lots of personal challenges during the day.

Here are a couple of quotes:

"I think I have done my cardio program for the year in just one day!"

"In all seriousness, thank you for such an amazing day. I have to say it is one of the best things I have done in Scouting over the last 10 years."

"Man, that was a BIG day!!"

So why not give Canyoning a try?

Here are the upcoming trips for the next few months:

26th February - Dargan Creek

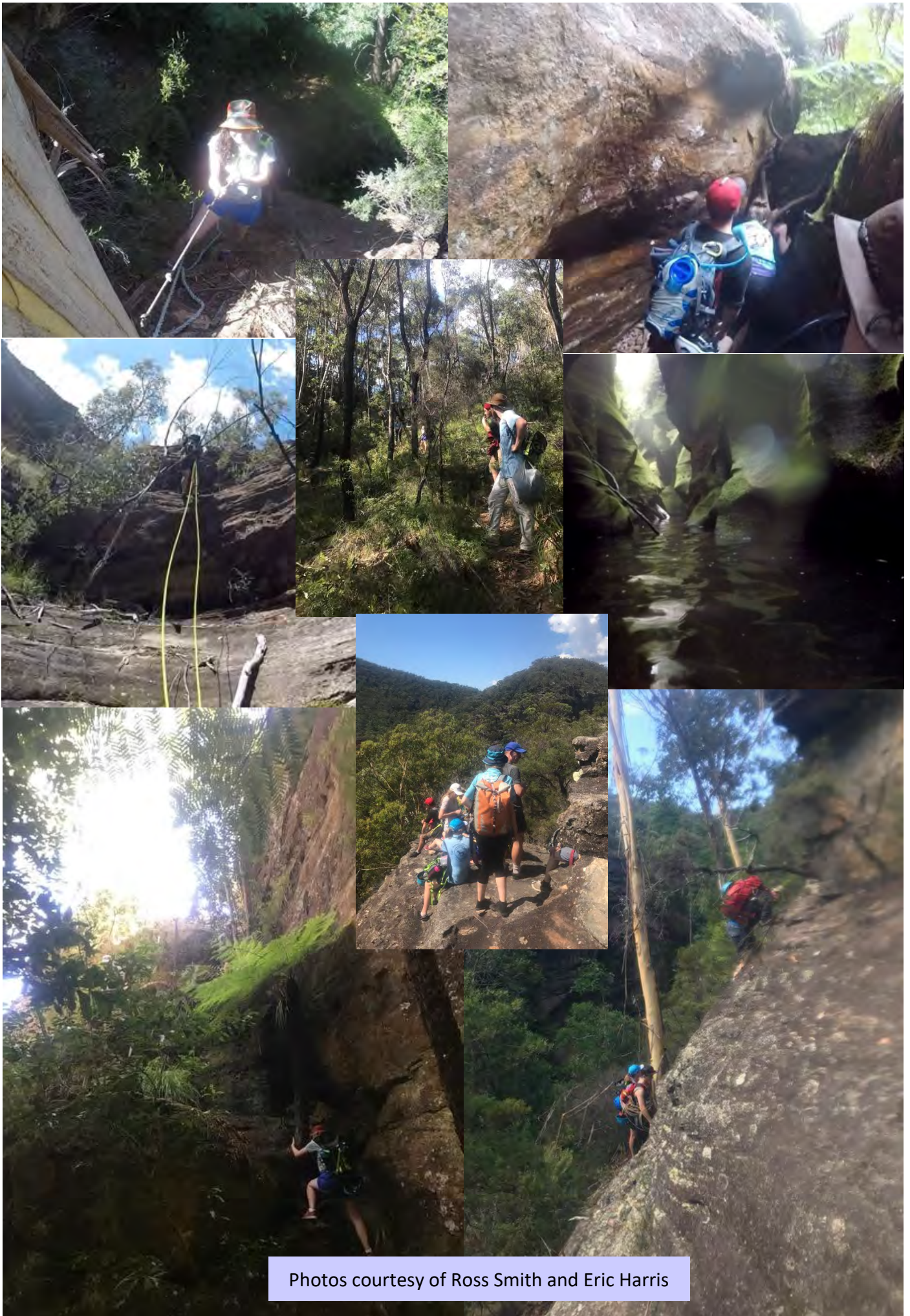
4th March - Macquarie Pass

18th & 19th March - Wollangambe Canyoning weekend

Ross Smith (Elmer)

GWS Region Canyoning Guide





Photos courtesy of Ross Smith and Eric Harris

TRAINING REPORT

There are a number of changes happening to leader training at this moment. The system has been upgraded.

Most leaders will have noticed that the Scouts Central page has changed in design. It should be more user friendly.

A number of modules have been added, particularly in the activity area. This will impact on scout leaders, venturer leaders and rovers. The bushwalking course is now a basic outdoor skills course.

As well - some of the modules have been modified. The ones that affect all leaders are the BCORE WHS and the BCORE CHILD. These have been added to so I am asking all leaders to go in and review them.

Thank you to the leaders from all the various sections who helped at the Cuboree. This was a practical application of your skills. I hope everyone enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

Congratulations to Melissa McAulay and David Boulton who were able to have their Wood Badges presented at Cuboree. Both presentations were very special and well attended.

Congratulations also to Michael (Mick) Fry from 2nd Baulkham Hills and John Aquilina from 1st Glossodia on being awarded their Wood Badges. Their presentations will take place shortly.

Kathy Cuneo

RC Adult Training and Development

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The Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program

In 2016 Liz Reibelt CSL, 1st Erskine Park received the Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program nomination. This Program recognises exceptional volunteer service. Liz has been a volunteer in Scouting for over 30 years!

Liz along with Rachel Antala (ASCL 1st Erskine Park) attended a celebratory morning tea at NSW Parliament House on Wednesday 30th November 2016.

Liz was presented with the Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program Certificate by the Minister with responsibility for volunteering, the Hon. John Ajaka MLC.

David Boulton

ASCL 1st Erskine Park



It's on again in 2017...

The 67th Sirius Cup Regatta

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
- 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

The when and where...

17th to 19th March 2017

**Balmoral Oval
Balmoral Beach, Sydney**

For more details, please visit <http://siriuscup.webs.com/>

or email siriuscup@yahoo.com.au

Mark it in your diary now!



GWSR APPOINTMENTS LIST

14/11/2016 - 12/12/2016



APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

ANG, Grace	JSL-P	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob
	CSL-P	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>
BARBER, Peter	AJSL	1st Ermington Joey Scout Mob
	ASL	1st Ermington Scout Troop
BRIDGE, Julie	TL (CS)	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
	JSL-P	West Pennant Hills Valley Joey Scout Mob
COPE, Carol	RC (MS)	GWSR
FOYE, Cameron	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
HYATT, Roger	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
JAMES, Matthew	TL (CS)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
	ACSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
KLEIN, Kathryn	Appt TL (CS)	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
	ACSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
LEARY, Nerilee	TL (JS)	1st Erskine Park Joey Scout Mob
	JSL-P	1st Erskine Park Joey Scout Mob
LUCK, Ian	Appt TL (CS)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
	ACSL	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
M^C AULAY, Melissa	CSL-P	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
	CSL	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
M^C GARRY, Stephen	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
M^C KINLEY, David	SL	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
	RL (Act)	GWSR
MASON, Kristine	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
MITCHELL, Paula	JSL	1st North Rocks Joey Scout Mob
	AJSL	1st North Rocks Joey Scout Mob
OGILVIE, Ross	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
STAPLES, Ben	ACSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
	ACSL	1st Nth Mt Druitt Cub Pack
WELTON, Denis	Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
WOOD, Robert	Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship

RESIGNATIONS

O'HARA, Toby	JSL-P	1st Ermington Joey Mob
SALTER, Fiona	Appt TL (S)	1st Rydalmere Scout Troop

REGISTRATIONS

2ND BAULKHAM HILLS ROVER CREW 'OUTDOOR'

WEST PENNANT HILLS VALLEY JOEY SCOUT MOB

1ST/2ND BLACKTOWN JOEY SCOUT MOB

THE GOLDEN WEST APPOINTMENTS LIST

14/11/2016 - 12/12/2016



APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

KERSTEN, Sophia	TL (VS)	3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Venturer Unit
	TL (JS)	3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Joey Scout Mob
MIDSON, Beverley	RC (CS)	The Golden West Region
PARISH, William	ACSL	3rd Orange Cub Pack
POOL, Rebekah	Appt TL(CS)	1st Wellington Cub Pack
	ACSL	1st Wellington Cub Pack
POULTON, Craig	Appt TL (CS)	1st Wellington Cub Pack
	ACSL	1st Wellington Cub Pack
PROBERTS, Adam	ASL	1st Dubbo Scout Troop
	SL-P	1st Dubbo Scout Troop
SIMMONS, Vaughn	TL (JS)	1st Dubbo Joey Scout Mob
	JSL-P	1st Dubbo Joey Scout Mob
STANDISH, Peter	VSL-P	1st Dubbo Venturer Unit
	AVSL	1st Dubbo Venturer Unit
WATSON-STANDISH, Anne	SL	1st Dubbo Scout Troop
	ASL	1st Dubbo Scout Troop
WILLIAMSON, Leigh	VSL	3rd Orange Venturer Unit
	GL	3rd Orange Scout Group

RESIGNATIONS

KENNEDY, Kathryn	Appt TL (S)	1st Wellington Scout Troop
MCINROY, David	GL-P	3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Scout Group

SAILING WORKSHOPS - Keith Travers

We ran a two day workshop in October and a five day workshop in January on Lake Chipping Norton.

Some Scouts attended both workshops. Venturers from South Penrith and Carlingford took part in the five day workshop. The Scouts were from Murray Farm and the Cub Scouts were from 1st North Rocks and Castle Hill.

All sections worked together and sailed well. The winds were not strong during the day but picked up a bit in the afternoon.

The Instructors were Keith Travers, John Van den Burg and Joseph Doyle.



New NSW State Form : E5 - Joey Scouts Overnight Activity Application Form

All Joey Leaders and Group Leaders should be aware that any Overnight activity that involves Joey Scouts MUST be approved. The Application for Approval form has recently been re-designed to line up with the State's policy on Joey Scout Overnight Activities which can be found in the O&I.

Now when you complete each of the six items on the form, you will have confirmed that your overnight activity meets the requirements of the NSW Guidelines for Joey Scout Overnight Activities. A copy of that is included as a second page to the form.

The form also includes provision for Group family camps to be approved by your District Commissioner.

Our aim is to try and make this approval as easy as possible while ensuring compliance with the state policy.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with organising an overnight activity involving Joey Scouts, please speak to your District Leader Joeys Scouts straight away, or even myself. We are here to help.

A copy of the new form is available on the State Website just below the E1 Activity Forms.

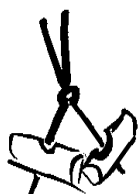
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NEPEAN ROVER CREW - Erin Walker

It's been a great start to the year for Nepean Rovers with a few of our Rovers attending **Cuboree**, working with the **Sites & Services Team** – a burst pipe on the first night had some of us literally covered in mud!

We've kicked off the 2017 Moot season with a win under our belt at the **SCAT Region Olympics Moot**. Looking forward to seeing Rovers at **Bushdance** on the 11th Feb at Cataract Scout Park!



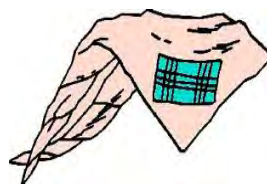
Congratulations and best wishes to

John Aquilina CSL

1st Glossodia

who has recently earned his Cub Scout Wood Badge

Bravo - Well done



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