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GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION



MR. ROSS GROVE
Region President

and

MR. NEVILLE HENDERSON OAM
Region Commissioner

Cordially invite you to attend the annual

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER

Thursday, 12th October 2017
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

It was great to have over 60 people attend our recent Development Seminar and it was great to hear from our special guest speakers on the day. Peter Lee (Chair of the State Asset Committee) spoke on the development of new land releases in our region and Bruce Mills (Group Leader 1st Cherrybrook) spoke on how his group grew to 160 youth members. Thanks to 1st Toongabbie for catering on the day.

I had the opportunity to call in at Bundilla to visit the Cub Scout Leader's Palaver and whilst it was good to talk to the leaders - it was disappointing to see the small numbers of leaders who attended. Anne Thompson and her team do a fantastic job setting an interesting program and deserve a better response from the leaders.

Congratulations to the 83 leaders and supporters who were recognised in the World Scout Day Adult Recognition Awards. Please recognise the recipients and congratulate them. A full list is on our website greaterwestscouts.com.au and in this issue of The Bulletin. The presentation night is on October 12 and details are in this bulletin on how to register, times and venue.

I had the privilege to attend the Australian Scout Medallion presentation for Hayden Davis (1st North Rocks Scouts) and also a joint Queen's Scout Presentation to Bryn Catlin and Damon Love (1st Erskine Park Venturers). It was great to see the number of youth members present on both these occasions.

Please remember that the theme for this year is **GROWTH** and I look forward to seeing our numbers increase through recruitment and retention during the next four months to allow us to reach our target by 31st December 2017. This growth belongs to all groups and all section leaders as well as District and Region leaders.

I have appointed Peter Oliver as Leader in Charge of 2nd Castle Hill, David Stopps as Leader in Charge of 1st Riverstone, Tony Dent will be looking into the viability of a some groups with small numbers. I will be working with Holroyd District to build up the numbers in that district.

Until next time.... Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson OAM

Region Commissioner

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ROVER REPORT

Yes you read that correctly! A **Rover** Scout Report - I know it's been a while since you have heard from us in the Region Bulletin but we are back! New! United! And raring to go! Get excited for monthly Roving news, one on one interviews with Rovers completing their BP Awards, poems and funny & fantastic photos of our adventures!

Here is a snap shot of this year's highlights in the GWS Rover section so far, to get everyone up to speed: First off, congrats to Jenny Wardell, Rover Adviser at Kings Langley Rover Crew on receiving the Silver Koala and to Simon Abbotts - Adult Helper and Angus Boxall - Nepean Rover Crew, on receiving the Special Service Award. You all do so much for us in the Rover Section, thank you and well deserved!

From our Region, 17 Rovers and 3 Rover Advisers have attended the Rover Basic Practical Supplement Courses this year to learn how they can incorporate the areas of Personal Growth into their programs and be better leaders in their Section and the wider world. A few of our Rovers even organised some of the workshops and our very own Ayla Jones, was a Course manager at the Legendary #Maysic course. However, all work and no play is certainly not the Rover way. We have been going to many joyous Moot camps with weird and wonderful themes including: Olympics, Sesame Street and Cards Against Humanity. Just recently 22 GWS Rovers went along to the World Scout Moot in Iceland and there are many still in Europe on the Post Tour! You can be sure to hear their amazing WSM tales for years to come.

There was also keen participation in the Sydney Mardi Gras parade, Dragon Skin (VOC4 - *The People's VOC*), KL Formal Maccas Regressive Dinner, Jamborette and Cumberland Gang Show. A number of our Rover crews have held self-awareness and mindfulness nights, which are proving to be incredibly positive for our emotional wellbeing and brilliant for bonding with each other.

This month the Crews will be facing their fears together at Skypeak Adventures and Blaxland 'Kalangadoo' Rovers will be hosting **Straya Moot** at Bielany Campground on August 25-27. Get ready for countless pics of Bunnings BBQs, Crocodile Dundee and Emu costumes that you could ever set your eyes on!

We can't wait to share the extraordinary happenings that we have planned for the upcoming months. Stay tuned!

Clare Berkeley

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Neeve Provins (Kings Langley Rovers) dabbing it out to all the fun she has had in Iceland.

2nd Baulkham Hills (Outdoor) Rover Crew's wicked base set up at Dragon Skin.





SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW 2017 ADULT RECOGNITION 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.

LANG, Robert David	Region Leader Activities	Greater Western Sydney Region
WOOD, Jeanette Kathryn	Group Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Group

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

CORNELL, Suzanne Jai	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Toongabbie Cub Pack
PLUMMER, Leonie Briar	Joey Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Joey Mob

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

ALLAN, Mary -Jane	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
WILSON, Evelyn Joyce	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship

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

BARNES, Kenneth Glenn	District Adviser	Penrith City District
RIGG, James Bryan	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Venturer Unit
WARDELL, Jennifer Ruth	Rover Adviser Responsible	Kings Langley Rover Crew (Group)

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

GARRETT, Mary	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st St Marys Cub Pack
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OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD Presented to Associates for at least 12 years of outstanding service to the Scout Association.

MUNRO, James Cooper	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
TAMSETT, Lesley Anne	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
TAMSETT, Peter Lawrence	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

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

ALLAN, Rick	Fellowship Member	Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
ANDERSON, Helen Lorraine	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Oakville Venturer Unit
ASTLEY, Jodie	Venturer Scout Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit
BATH, Andrew Roderick	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Venturer Unit
BOWDEN, Dharma Asima	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Venturer Unit
BURROWS, Noriko	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>
CHIN, Richard Kenneth	Scout Leader	1st Blaxland Scout Troop <i>Erskine</i>
CONNOR, Elena	Group Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group
CRICHTON, Stephen John	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Blackheath Cub Pack
DUNCAN, Glenn Robert	Adult Helper	1st St Marys Scout Group
EDWARDS, Janice Petrina	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
EDWARDS, Jason Ross	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
FRY, Michael John	Venturer Scout Leader	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
HILLYARD, Jo-Ann	Cub Scout Leader	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
HORNSTRA, Tristan Andrew	Venturer Scout Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit
HUTHNANCE, Jennifer Lynne	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st Springwood Venturer Unit
KENNEDY, Craig Michael	Region Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region
LOCKMAN, Valerie	District Joey Scout Leader	Blacktown District
MACCORMICK, Jane Mary	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Glossodia Venturer Unit
NELSON, Brian James	Region Commissioner Venturers	Greater Western Sydney Region
PAGE, Taylor Mackenzie	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack <i>Rumbriah</i>
PRIEST, Tracey Marie	Group Leader	1st Cambridge Park Scout Group

QUAN, Dianne Mary	Joey Scout Leader	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
ROCHE, David Allan	Region Adviser	Greater Western Sydney Region
ROYNON, Margaret	Group Secretary	1st Kellyville Scout Group
WADE, William Stephen	Assistant Scout Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop
WALLACE, Kelly Ann	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit
ZARTH, Brian	Region Commissioner Joey Scouts	Greater Western Sydney Region

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.*

ABBOTT, James Morgan	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
ABBOTTS, Simon David	Adult Helper	Nepean Rover Crew (Group)
BENNETT, Emily Jane	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>
BOULTON, David Mitchell	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Erskine Park Cub Pack
BOXALL, Angus Gregory	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
BUERCKNER, Scott Lindsay	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Whalan Cub Pack
BUTLER, Jennifer	Group Chairman	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group
CALAFATE, Anthony Cosme	Cub Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Cub Pack <i>Darzee</i>
COBCROFT, Grant Leslie	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st St Marys Cub Pack
CORBETT, Rita	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
DAVIS, Sharon Lee	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Blackheath Scout Troop
DILWORTH, Erica Katherine	Venturer Scout Leader	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
DRAKE, Peta	Cub Scout Leader	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
ELLCOTT, Brian James	Trainee Leader (Cub Scouts)	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
ELLCOTT, Sharon	Joey Scout Leader	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob
ELLIS, Alan James	Group Treasurer	1st Kellyville Scout Group
FURST, Stephen George	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
GABRIEL, Emma Lucy	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
GOODE, Jonathon Patrick	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Kellyville Scout Troop
HARTMANN, Kurt Geoffrey	Scout Leader	1st Blackheath Scout Troop
HENDERSON, Brett Kevin	Group Leader	1st Blaxland Scout Group
HENRIKSSON, Nils Erik	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>
HUGHES, Bernard Joseph	Assistant Cub Scout Leader	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
JEFFRIES, Paul John	Assistant Scout Leader	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
JONES, Jullie	Group Leader	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group
KIRKBY, Aline Louise	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
LEGUIER, Jason Robert	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
LEHRER, Jeffrey Robert	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Dural Venturer Unit
LOCKMAN, Adele Joy	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit
MASSIE, Lauren Patricia	Joey Scout Leader	1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob
MCAULAY, Melissa Stafford	Cub Scout Leader	1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
MCCREDDEN, Ann Margaret	Venturer Scout Leader	1st Ermington Venturer Unit
MITCHELL, Paula Margaret	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st North Rocks Joey Mob
MORDEN, Cathryn Jane	Assistant Scout Leader	1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
MOXEY, Paul Richard	Assistant Scout Leader	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
PRIEST, Matthew	Scout Leader	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
RIGBY, Robert John	Assistant Scout Leader	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
SHAROFF, Jonathan Peter	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
SHAROFF, Katherine Amy	Region Supporter	Greater Western Sydney Region
SHERLOCK, Melissa Anne	Group Treasurer	1st Winston Hills Scout Group
STAPLES, Kasey Lee	Assistant Joey Scout Leader	1st North Mount Druiitt
WILSON, Laurence John	Assistant Scout Leader	1st North Rocks Scout Troop



1ST RYDALMERE SCOUTS - 2017

1st Rydalmere Scout Hall desperately needed some TLC! We received grants from the City of Parramatta Council and Community Building Partnership to renovate the dilapidated bathroom; to remove the asbestos and water damaged areas in the main and kitchen and to refurbish these areas.

But as fate would have it, we actually saved the old girl from collapse. When the walls and ceilings were stripped, massive termite damage in the structural timber framework was uncovered!

More of the hall had to be taken apart to get to another wall that needed bracing up and most of the grant funds were gratefully redirected to replacing the framework.

That left our group to complete what the grant was meant to fund and much more with a meagre amount of money.....walls, ceilings, flooring, shelving, rewiring, electrical fittings, kitchen, all the things to make it safe, functional and usable.

We have had a year of scraping together donated labour and materials with so many generous, community minded benefactors stepping up including of course our great Scouting Community, Bunnings Rydalmere and North Parramatta and our Mums and Dads who have shared their expertise as electricians, or joined in to paint. The rest of the work we have had to fundraise for or wait for volunteer availability. Hence the year long renovation. Our Scouts, Cubs and Leaders were relocated to hold their meetings.

The last of the major works were completed by a group of volunteer tradies from Hire A Hubby. The team that came did so much more than we expected to help to get us over the line, skilfully and professionally. And so now....

1st Rydalmere Hall is back in business!

A massive thank you to everyone who helped & contributed!!!





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FRENCH DOORS
SECURITY
SLIDING DOORS
ANIMAL DOORS
WHOLE WINDOW REPLACEMENT
GLASS REPLACEMENT
OUTDOOR BLINDS
GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF GARAGE DOORS
WINDOW CLEANING

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DOMESTIC CLEANING
BRICK & PAVER CLEANING
GRAFFITI REMOVAL
INSULATION INSTALLATION
INDUSTRIAL HIGH PRESSURE CLEANING

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FLY SCREENS
LOCKS

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FLOOR & WALL TILES
RESEAL SHOWERS
FLOOR SANDING
FLOATING TIMBER & VINYL
TIMBER FLOOR REPAIRS
TILE & GROUT CLEANING
DRIVEWAY CLEAN & RESEAL

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Survivor Bundilla Palaver was held at Bundilla on **July 29**. The weather was perfect for outdoor Scouting skills and I hope everyone enjoyed the day and got something out of it that they can use back in their Packs. Yes the numbers were disappointing, but we can but keep trying. Many new leaders bemoan the fact that e-learning deprives them of networking with other leaders and that's why it is so important to attend Seonees and region events like Palaver and Palanee. Sincere thanks to those Group Leaders/Scouters in Charge who encouraged and paid for their leaders to attend - very much appreciated. Huge thank you to my Team for all their help once again.

Next year we will hold a one night (2 hour) **Palanee at Bundilla and a State Palaver in Canberra** from August 10 to 12, 2018. If we generate enough interest amongst our CSLs for State Palaver, perhaps we may be able to hire a coach! We are just in the early stages of planning this event, so further details are not yet available.

The next **Cub Scout Leadership Course** will be held at Bundilla on **August 26**. Applications close on **August 16**. If any CSL would like to help on the day - please talk to your DLCS/Seonee Leader.

Our **Parramatta Ramble** will be held on **Sunday 17th September** commencing at **10am** from three different locations (just choose the one which one suits you best). The starting points will be:

- 1) Outside the Parramatta Town Hall
- 2) The Bath House in Parramatta Park
- 3) The Band Rotunda in Prince Alfred Park.

Members of the Region Seonee Team will be waiting at these locations between 9:30am and 10:30am to present you with your instructions and a map for the ramble - which you should allow approximately 3 hours to complete. The rest is entirely up to you!

There will be no online registrations and no costs involved (except transport if applicable). Each Pack Leader is to create their own E1 and organise how they will get their Cubs to Parramatta. Everyone will need to supply their own lunch and snacks. A hat and a water bottle will be essential. Don't forget a raincoat if rain is predicted. Full neat uniform is essential, as we will be very much in the public eye! We are not producing a badge for this event as many Leaders have indicated they will be using this for their **Out and About** badge - public transport mandatory if that is your plan. Please circulate your E1 asap and let your DLCS/Seonee Leaders know if you are planning to participate.

Cub Baanya will be conducted at Bundilla on **October 28 and 29**. This camp is focused on skills for the older Cub Scout. The Cubs will be placed in patrols under the guide of a PL and APL. You will need to chat with your SLs to arrange suitable senior Scouts to come and help at this camp and who in turn will receive certificates for their hours of service. This can be classed as a **Try Scouting** event and badges presented accordingly. Your DLCS/Seonee Leaders will help organise your district campsite - so make sure you attend your District Seonee meetings for further information. Registrations will be on the EMS by the end of August.

Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts

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PALAVAR 2017



Cirque du Scout Wants YOU!



Did you know that juggling improves focus and concentration for study? It is true! Although they admit to a lack of scientific data supporting their observations; several teachers and administrators recently told Education World that they have seen students' schoolwork improve after the kids learned to juggle. Improvements in concentration, eye-hand coordination, fine motor skills, reading, and behaviour are just some of the benefits of juggling cited by educators.

Cirque du Scout is sending an **open invitation** to all Scouts over fourteen, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to attend one of our regular meetings and pick up a trick or two! Cirque du Scout is an Activity Team that specialises in teaching Scouts responsible risk taking through everybody's favourite fun time activity - Circus Skills! The Cirque du Scout members have a wide range of skill sets; from those aspiring to become professional performers to those who are learning to juggle for the first time! All you need is a can-do attitude!

Cirque du Scout training sessions are held regularly; every **second Tuesday** throughout the year in the Brownsea Hut at **Bundilla Scout Camp** located at the intersection of Reillys Road and Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills. Sessions run from **7:00pm to 9:30pm** and cost **\$5** to attend - however your first session is on us! Each session has a number of workshops including **poi spinning, diabolo, juggling, whip cracking, staff, performance, clowning, acro-balance and tumbling**. Attending Cirque du Scout sessions is not only fun, but also a great way for members of all sections to work towards personal goals and section specific badgework.

If you are interested in coming along please contact us via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CirqueDuScout/> to make sure that we are meeting in the hall that night and not sneaking away on an interesting field trip! Circus Dates can be found pinned at the top of the Cirque du Scout Facebook Page.

We hope to see many new faces in the coming months!

The Cirque du Scout Team



SCOUT REPORT

This month has been full of **Australian Scout Medallion** presentations. Hayden Davis from 1st North Rocks, Sanjay Yuvaraj of 1st Westmead and Lindsay Bath from 1st Kellyville have all been presented their medallions and are now ready, with the other recipients to be presented their Certificates on Sunday 13th August at Hornsby RSL. BRAVO!!!!

State Rally has been run and the winners for Greater Western Sydney are:

1st Place: 2nd Baulkham Hills (comprised of 2nd Baulkham Hills, 2nd Castle Hill and 1st Thirroul)

2nd Place: 1st Castle Hill

3rd Place: 1st North Rocks



Congratulations to these patrols! Thank you to all the patrols from GWS, as you all put in an enormous amount of effort and you were a credit to yourselves and your leaders. BRAV O O O!

I would like to give a special THANK YOU to all the Venturers and Leaders who designed, built and ran the bases – without you it would not have been such a success. Our bases were extremely popular with all the patrols.



JOTA/JOTI is coming..... watch this space for more information.....

Region is running a Basic Scout Leadership Course on 27-29th October 2017. Please register on the EMS. Remember the BSLC is aimed at 12 to 13 year old Scouts. There are limited spaces so get in early!!

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Tracey Stopps (Wiangi) RC Scouts

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State Rally 2017



GWSR APPOINTMENTS LIST

8/5/2017 - 17/7/2017



APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

JOHANSEN, Michael	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
	SL-P	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
ROMANIS, Evan	ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
	ACSL	2nd/3rd Pennant Hills Cub Pack <i>Ngoora</i>
ISHII, Mika	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
	AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
JENKINSON, Stacy	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st St Marys Scout Troop
	ASL	1st St Marys Scout Troop
JIANG, Hong	Trainee Ldr (CS)	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
	ACSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
KHOR, Yong Chen	Trainee Ldr (G)	1st Carlingford Scout Group
	GL-P	1st Carlingford Scout Group
LESSLIE, Shaun	DVSL-DA	Hills South District
	DVSL	Hills South District
MARCHANT, Vicki	ACSL	1st Blackheath Cub Pack
LI, Lina	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob
	AJSL	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob
LOFTHOUSE, Lisa	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st/2nd Blacktown Joey Mob
	JSL-P	1st/2nd Blacktown Joey Mob



Time to Be Creative



Scouts in Action Month 2017

Scouts in Action Month aims at supporting you, the Leader by providing a number of programs and activities you can grab 24/7/365. No usernames, no log ins just google 'Scouts in Action Month' and you are there and you can choose from a range of Programs including First Aid, Disability Awareness, International Scouting, Getting out in the Community, Breaking the Cycle-Bullying is not a part of Scouting, Environmental Scouts, 100 Years of Cub Scouts and of course this year 'Time to be Creative.'

Tell all your Scouting colleagues at your next District/Region Training Meeting, Mindari, Seonee - SiAM relies on your continued support. This year is about being as crazy and as creative as you and your Scouts can be. Just let go and see what happens, you never know, you might uncover some amazingly talented Scouts in your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew.

Visit <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com>
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REGION ACTIVITIES REPORT

With the coolness of winter, and its habit of getting dark before the day has finished, a lot of my team go into hibernation, particularly the Water Activities Team, in readiness for when spring comes around again. Always a great opportunity to take stock of our gear, repair/replace as required, and to ensure it is all up to scratch and in readiness for the new season.



Part of my Rock Team took the advantage of a warm winter's day, heading up to Dragan's Cliffs for a bit of Top Rope Action. This time, aimed at the Scouts, allowing them to complete their Scout Proficiency Badge in Top Ropes. This is basically like the climbing wall but on real rock surfaces. Run by David (Macca) McKinley, it is always a great day for all those involved. Special thank you as well to Jason Edwards, and some Venturers from Erskine Park, who helped Macca out on the day.

Photo: David McKinley

In mentioning the Climbing Wall, we are literally just a few finishing touches and permits away from GWS Region being the proud owners of our own climbing wall, all freshly painted in "Region Blue"! While there have been a few people who have helped to basically rebuild it, a huge thank must go to David Stopps who really did put the hard yards in to get it up and running again.



We are yet to work out the booking process for the Region Climbing Wall, and like the State owned wall there will be a cost involved, both with the hire of the wall and towing if required. The wall will reside at Bundilla.

I am also very pleased to say that State are running a Climbing Wall Course in early October up at Pennant Hills, which I will be involved with. Keep an eye on the Region Website as information comes to hand.

As most of you probably know, most of July for myself is taken up with Gang Show; certainly another great season with audiences enjoying two and a half hours of real quality entertainment. Many people commented it was probably the best show we have done for about 5 - 6 years! For those you who are a bit backstage savvy, there was actually 28 scene changes, and 999 cues, except when there was a double encore (*and we had two of those*), which increased the cue count to 1011.

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities

Stage Manager CGS

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Gang Show from a very different angle to what the audience can see!

Photo: Mark Fell

BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES

Well done to Kai and Thomas for taking us hiking around Mount Victoria, Mount York, Hartley Vale and Lawsons Long Alley on July 14 & 15. It was very enjoyable to explore some historic roads and walking tracks. Your planning and leadership was amazing. You are two very grown up boys, very capable bushwalking leaders. It was a pleasure to be included in your hike. I am yet to download the GPS data however I am estimating 22 km.

Weather was lovely, not sure what happened to the cold weather which was forecast. The days were sunny and mild temp overnight. We arrived at Mount York towards the end of the day and waited for a brief shower to pass before descending Coxs Road. Bravo to the Scouts who were on their first overnight hike, you put in a grand effort and should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you to the leaders and parent helpers Noriko, Neil, Awin, Poppy, Barry and Gerry who supported the Scouts. In particular to Barry and Gerry who stayed at the campsite during the day and provided firewood and water. Thank you for the support of Scouts from 2nd Northmead 1st Carlingford, 1st North Rocks and 2nd Castle Hill.

As you can see from the photos we were all rugged up and prepared for the snow which was forecast.

Come and see the bush in spring on a region hike...

Ruined Castle 9th and 10th September

Wollangambe Crater 23rd and 24th September

Jenolan River 1st to 5th October

Gooches Crater 28th and 29th October

Tristan Flores - GWSR Leader Bushwalking

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VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate Adam Beale from 1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit on completing his Queen's Scout Award.

Neville Henderson RC GWS, Stephen Wallace DC Penrith city and I joined Councillor Todd Carney from Penrith City Council at the Queen's Scout Award ceremony for Damon Love and Bryn Catlin at 1st Erskine Park Scout Hall. It was a great night with a huge turnout of Venturers from all over the Region and other Regions as well.

Cumberland Gang Show completed its 48th season with this year's show Live Laugh Smile. Congratulations to all those who participated, including a large contingent of Venturers from GWS.

Venturers from Gang Show and 1st Westmead featured heavily when Sunrise visited Bundilla during the holidays. The Venturers put on a great theatrical performance as well as on the climbing wall. Excellent promotion for Scouts and the region on a very chilly morning.

Two GWS Venturers, along with Shaun Lesslie DLVS Hills South and I participated in the State Venturer Environment Course at Ingleside. Shaun and I picked up a lot of pointers and ideas for our own course in September.

This time of the year is always a busy time for overseas activities. A contingent of Venturers are in Europe for the German Jamboree and one leader attended the World Scout Moot in Iceland. Overseas activities are becoming increasingly popular - 1st Westmead's trip to Everest Base Camp is rapidly approaching and 1st Glossodia is working hard towards their trip to Switzerland next year. This involves not just fundraising, but a huge effort to prepare everyone for the challenges they will face.

Course applications for Leadership have now closed. The September Environment Activity and Unit Management Course are still open but filling up fast, so get your applications in.

Applications for local events have also opened. GWS Waratah in November is open and The Golden West's Rat Skin in September has also just opened. Finally, applications for Australian Venture in Queensland are still open although the late fee has now started. It's also good to see a team from GWS will be running an activity at Scout Hike in early August - well done!

Brian Nelson (Sparky) RC Venturer Scouts
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Damon Love and Bryn Catlin with Venturers and special guests at their Queen's Scout Award ceremony.



Drumming Activity at the State Venturer Environment Camp

1st North Rocks going for the Trifecta !

1st North Rocks Scout Group, Baden Powell Place, North Rocks



Highest Awards for North Rocks Scouts

June and July have been busy months for the Scouts at 1st North Rocks Scout Group. The Joey Scout Promise and the Australian Scout Medallion have been awarded in the last month. We are also hoping to see a Grey Wolf Award this month to complete a trifecta of top awards.

Emma Xue was awarded the Joey Scout Promise by Leonie Plummer (DC Joeys). Thanks to our leaders Mark (Tomarogin) and Kai (Water Dragon) for their efforts in getting Emma to the highest award for the section.

Hayden Davis was awarded his Australian Scout Medallion on July 27, by his parents Donna and Michael, and his badge by Tracey Stopps (RC Scouts). Thank you to Neville Henderson RC for his kind words and to David Stopps Deputy RC, Brian Nelson RC Venturers, Cassie Rec RC AT&D and all the other leaders present that have been part of Hayden's journey. Thanks also to Anthony (Jumbuck), Laurence (Kiwi), Joanne (Sunny) and Julie (Care Bear) for their work in the last year to get Hayden to the finishing line.

Good luck to Sabrina in the Cub Scout section who is nearing the completion of her Grey Wolf Award. It has been great to see her efforts over the last year that has led to her Gold Boomerang. It is only a few more steps now before Sabrina can join Emma and Hayden on achieving the highest award possible for their respective sections.

Thanks to the Cub team for their help with Sabrina's badge sign offs and preparation for her Grey Wolf Walk.

Bernie Hughes (Chil)
Group Leader 1st North Rocks



ADULT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Having trouble getting through the e-learning? Try a new approach “**Little and Often**”

A little bit here, a little bit there can go a long way to finishing your training. The e-learning will remember where you are up to, half way through a module or only 2 pages in. Every little bit counts.

Congratulations to Erica Dilworth VSL 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit, who recently was awarded her Wood Badge.



New Appointments

Congratulations to Sharon Zarth who has been appointed to District Leader Trainer for the Penrith District. She will be a great asset to the GWS Training Team!

New Leaders

Please note that the new **A1 – Application for Adult Membership** must be used for all New Leaders.

- The New Leader should complete the form on the computer where ever possible; sometimes Region Office receives forms that are illegible which leads to communication issues. They should print, sign, and hand the form to the GL or LIC
- Check the new leader has supplied a Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- Check the form's 6 pages are complete
- Discuss the Mutual Agreement and Code of Conduct. Note that the GL / LIC and the New Leader are required to sign.
- The GL / LIC is required to contact referees and must attach relevant documentation
- Note: The A1 states under obligations that Basic Training should be completed within 12 months and Advanced Training within 3 years.
- Scan the completed form to Region Office. If you deliver a hard copy it is recommended that you keep a copy for Group records.

Introductory Interviews

- After the A1 is processed by State and the Police Check and WWCC are verified - the Region Office receives a clearance for the New leader. Then we can start Training!
- An Introductory Interview will continue to be facilitated by the Group's PLA or allocated Wood Badge holder. It is also possible to request an Introductory Interview with the Region Commissioner Adult Training Development if required. Please email training@greaterwestscouts.com.au
- GL or LIC's are responsible for purchasing the Introductory kit – not the PLA
- The GL or LIC should attend the Introductory Interview or send a suitable representative

Please note that the Introductory Interview meetings previously held on the 1st Thursday of each month at Bundilla have now been cancelled.

Recurring Issues with Forms

- Forms submitted before the Leader has actually finished training e.g. attempting to submit an A3 transfer without submitting the L10 In-service. If you are unsure if the Leader has done everything required to transfer into a new appointment please contact the RCAT&D
- Make sure you have the correct form e.g. the L10 for the correct section, and the most up to date version
- When a L1 Training Course Application is submitted to State the Leader must complete the prerequisite e-learning before the closing date
- Check all forms have been signed
- Forms are illegible – please make sure the form is filled in neatly and any scanned copies are very clear
- If you need to follow up on a form please call Region Office or contact me, thank you.

Cassie Rec RC AT&D

training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

AGOONOREE “ON THE MOVE”

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th September 2017

Mt Keira Scout Camp

Open to all Scout and Guide members especially those with special/additional support needs and their family and friends.

Joey's can attend if with a parent or guardian; Cubs can attend if with a parent, guardian or leader

INCLUDES

Saturday 23rd September Visitors' Day

Sunday 24th September Off - Site Day

(to Illawarra Live Steamers and Wollongong Science Museum & Planetarium)

These can be attended as stand-alone events.

Full time cost: \$120 Youth \$100 Adult helpers Pricing for part-timers on application

E1 forms available on the GWS and Scouts NSW websites.

Please direct all enquiries to...

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