



The Bulletin

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AGOONOREE ON THE FARM

Friday 28th September 2018 - Monday 1st October 2018

Glenrock Scout Centre (near Newcastle)

Cost \$120 youth participants \$100 adult & older youth helpers

This camp is open to **ALL Scouts in ALL Sections**, especially Scouts with special/additional support needs and helpers (Leaders, Scout Fellowship members, Rovers, Venturers, parents and carers).

Cubs may attend if accompanied by a leader or parent/guardian, and Joeys if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please apply by Friday 7th September 2018

People unable to attend the whole camp, especially Joeys and Cubs are encouraged to attend the **On-Site Visitors' Day (Saturday 29 September)** or **Off-Site Day to Oakvale Wildlife Park (Sunday 30 September)** or attend both (and if required camp overnight on Saturday).

Separate E1 forms for the Visitors' Day or Off-Site Day only are available on request.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

This is probably my last report as your Region Commissioner, as I step down at midnight on 31st July 2018 and David Stopps will take on the role from 1st August 2018.

Thank you for your support over the past 9 years and I hope you will give David the same support as he settles into his new role.

David and myself attended a **Queen's Scout Presentation at 1st Carlingford Group** on 23rd June 2018 where four young ladies were presented with their badges in front of their families and friends. **Congratulations to Emma Katen, Anusha Pillai, Caitlin Wilby and Isabella Blow** on achieving this award.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the **Queen's Scout Presentation for Alex Toms of 1st Castle Hill** and thanks to Tony Dent for filling in for me on this occasion. Congratulations Alex.

I had the pleasure of attending performances of **Cumberland Gang Show** and what a great advertisement for Scouting and Guiding in Western Sydney. The young people were having such fun on stage and gave a truly professional performance. Well done to Dr Rob Lang and the Production Team who put in such a tremendous effort to train cast members.

On Saturday 15th July I attended a dinner held as part of the Chief Commissioner's Conference where I was one of a number of special guests honoured for their service to Scouting. Steve Fernie (Region Commissioner Hunter and Coastal) and Colin Nicholas (Honorary Commissioner GWS) gave testimonials about my Scouting life. Also a number of my Scouting friends attended to make it a memorable night.



The **Adult Recognition Awards** will be announced on 1st August and the recipients from GWS will be on our web site on or soon after that date. Please congratulate any people you may know as this is a recognition of service to Scouting.

Our annual **Presentation Dinner** will be held on Thursday 18th October at 6.30pm at Wentworthville Leagues Club. The cost for a three course meal will be \$45.00 per head and we will advise when the event is up on the EMS registration system.

Finally, a special thanks to my Region and District teams and the Region Executive who have served during my time as your Region Commissioner, and in particular to David Stopps and Tony Dent (my Deputies) and our brilliant office staff who have always been there when needed.

I am not going far as I will be transferring to an Honorary Commissioner position so I will still be in touch.

Until next time.... Keep on Scouting

Neville Henderson OAM
Region Commissioner
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BLACKTOWN DISTRICT **CUB AND JOEY SCOUTS** **BILLY CART AND KITE DAY**

August 26, 2018

9.00am to 3.00pm

Morreau Reserve, Rooty Hill

\$15 registration includes
lunch pack, drink and a badge
Sausage sizzle and drinks available

Badges \$3 each

Bring your billy cart or kite along
and have a fun day!

Enquiries to Michelle McLean CSL

Email: alcm@bigpond.net.au

Murum Week-Long

Intensive Scouting Camp

CANOBOLAS SCOUT CAMP, ORANGE

Supported by

The ACT Branch and The Golden West & North West Regions

Sunday the 30th of September to Sunday 7th of October, 2018

The camp is open to all members of the Scouting Movement. We must warn everyone that numbers are strictly limited and will be accepted on a first registered first accepted basis. This rule of acceptance will be moderated where Leaders, Rovers and Adults are coming to support their Group. Applications close on the 1st of September, 2018.

Can you imagine what you could achieve in a week?

We can, so let us help you achieve your goals.

Cubs

Cub Scouts will concentrate on lots of badge work and fun while working on their different Boomerang Awards.

Scouts

Scouts will be working on Pioneer, Explorer & Adventurer Award Activities, Outdoor Activities, & Construction

Venturers

Venturers are offered the opportunity to complete the Initiative, Unit Management, Environment & Youth Helper Courses, plus opportunities exist to work on Service, Ideals, Vocations, Pursuits and Expressions.

Please note: Venturers must bring along their VI indicating they have discussed this with their Unit Council, and will need to report on their Camp Activities upon returning to their Unit.

This Camp will have an Air Activities Theme with an option to express your interest in having the NSW Air Activities Wing attend on the 6th of October, 2018.

Costs: Cubs, Scouts, Venturers	\$275.00 for the week,
Rovers, Fellowship, Parents, Leaders	\$150.00 for the week
Venturer Courses requiring Branch Course numbers	\$ 15.00 per course

An invoice will be issued upon receipt of application. This invoice will have the bank account details clearly displayed to allow for direct deposit. Please ensure you use the invoice number as the reference for your payment to ensure it can be identified easily. No applications will be accepted after the 1st of September, 2018.

Applications now open and available at

<http://scoutsnorthwest.org/about/> or <https://nswlones.net.au>

CUB SCOUT REPORT

State Campfire Month

During the months of June and July, Cub Packs from across the State were encouraged to hold a campfire. All Cubs that participated, earned the State Campfire blanket badge.

The Hills District, kindly invited me along to attend their campfire, held at Bundilla. The night was pouring with rain, however this did not dampen their spirits or put a stop to the evening. The campfire was moved indoors instead. A very clever Cub Leader improvised and created a realistic indoor 'fire'. A great night was had by all, with over 100 in attendance.



Scouts NSW State AGM

Congratulations to Valerie Jiang, a Cub Scout from 2nd Castle Hill, who was chosen to speak at the Scouts NSW State AGM on Saturday 14th July 2018. Valerie was also featured in the Scouts NSW Annual Review. Well done Valerie, One..Two..Three..WOOF!



Out and About

The next Cub Scout State wide challenge will be for Cubs to complete the 'Out and About' blanket badge. Cubs are encouraged to get 'Out and About' by completing a journey on public transport. It could be by bus, train, ferry or even plane. So start planning your journey for term four during the months of October and November and place your order for Out and About badges with your District Cub Leader by August 1, 2018.

Changes to Age Ranges

A reminder that the changes to the Age Ranges will take effect this term. That means that linking Joeys can only do so after they have had their 8th birthday and new

Cubs that are joining can only do so after their 8th birthday. Cubs that are linking to Scouts can only do so after their 11th birthday. Linking to Scouts must happen before their 12th birthday. The criteria to obtain the Grey Wolf Award has not changed. A Cub must complete all requirements for the Grey Wolf Award prior to their 11th birthday, as stated in the GWA commencement form.

The Adventure Begins

Earlier in the year, all Group Leaders were sent an information pack, together with resource tools such as the Plan>Do>Review ball and S.P.I.C.E cards, as well as coloured scarf rings. But what is 'The Adventure Begins'?

The Adventure Begins is an exciting challenge being run during 2018, designed to help the Group (and each Section) refresh and revisit the fundamentals of Scouting. It is based on the current program, not the New Youth Program, which is to come in 2019.

For the remainder of 2018, all Sections (including Cub Scouts) are challenged to embed the below key elements into their regular program. It's time to rejuvenate the way we deliver Scouting, and bring these elements to the forefront of our minds. The Adventure Begins is a way to reengage and ensure your programs are true to Scouting's core values.

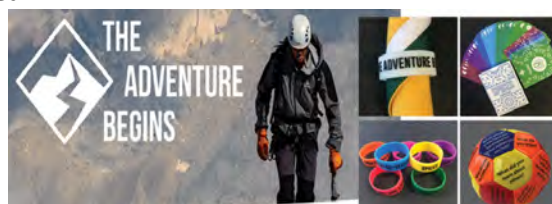
The Adventure Begins will focus on the following essential elements of the Scout youth program, for all sections, both youth and adults:

- The Principles, Purpose and Mission of Scouting
- The SPICES and their Educational Objectives
- The Scout Method (with emphasis on Youth Leading, Adults Supporting; Community Involvement; and Promise and Law)
- Section Councils
- Plan > Do > Review >

If you are looking for support for the Adventure, there are heaps of resources, support tools and guides on the Scouts Australia Website which are downloadable.

<http://ypr.scouts.com.au/theadventurebegins/>

Download the Adventure Begins checklist for the Cub section, as you check off all the items for one of the above areas, you have earned another coloured scarf ring. All Cub packs should already be working towards achieving all coloured scarf rings before the end of the year.



Gabie Thompson (Darzee) RC Cub Scouts

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FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Welcome to the colder months – I hope everyone is keeping warm and have been enjoying the holidays!

I had the pleasure of seeing our scouts in this year's Gang Show. Congratulations for all the effort you have put in to achieve this amazing performance.

I also had the pleasure to attend the **Australian Scout Medallion Badge presentation** for **Corbin Ellis of 1st Kellyville**. A great night with lots of laughter. Congratulations on achieving this award and I look forward to seeing you receive your medallion in August along with **Emilia Macarthur from 1st North Rocks**.

The State Rally is looming upon us and all preparations are go! It promises to be bigger and better than last year. If you haven't registered yet you haven't missed out completely. Go to:

<https://eventregistration.patroltent.com/Login.asp> or Scan the Q-Code below:



There is more information to be found at <http://www.patroltent.com/staterally2018/>. I look forward to seeing as many Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and Helpers there as possible. Hopefully GWSR will REPRESENT! Let's show the rest of the state we are a force to be reckoned with!

GWSR Scouts next big thing is our **Advanced Scout Leadership Course** which will be held on the **14th-16th September 2018**. This event is open now!!!

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/158>

This event is open to the whole state. Please be aware this course is different to the Basic Scout Leadership Course. Scouts need to meet the eligibility requirements of:

Scout Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a registered member of Scouts Australia NSW at the time of application and through until 31st September 2018
- Have consent from their parents/guardian
- Have attained their Explorer Level in the Award Scheme (or close to it)
- Display an attitude that they are doing their best to keep the Scout Promise and Law

- Is willing to participate fully in the course program
- Is 'fit' for the course. (There is a substantial amount of walking to cover over the weekend)

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi) RC Scouts

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APPOINTMENTS LIST GWSR

APPOINTMENTS

BOULTON, David

From ACSL 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack

To ASL 1st Erskine Park Scout Troop

RESIGNATIONS

JOHAM, Helmut SL

2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop

BURR, Sharon ASL

1st Quakers Hill/Doonside Scout Troop

APPOINTMENTS LIST THE GOLDEN WEST

RESIGNATIONS

COTTEE, Zachary Trainee Leader

1st Mudgee Scout Troop

CHRISTIE, Thomas ACSL

3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Cub Pack

MULHOLLAND, Geordie Trainee Leader

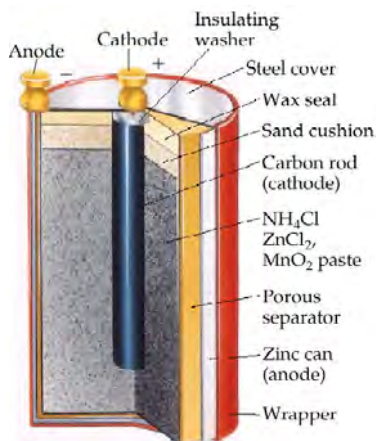
3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Scout Troop

Scouts: Make a Battery Night

I have been given some **Zinc / Carbon D cell kits** by Energizer Australia. What better way to learn about the source of chemical energy, than by actually making one. The night will include connecting the cell to an electrical circuit of the Scout's choice. The Scout will get to keep a pair of safety goggles, 3ml pipette, a light globe to test it, as well as the cell and circuit they made.

Other activities during the night will include dissecting a 9 volt and Lead Acid battery to discover the difference between a cell and a battery and what determines the cell voltage, as well as examples of the Fuel Cell, and Daniell cell that powered the early Telegraph.

Because of the limited number of the cell kits and the circuit the Scout takes home, I will be asking \$5 each youth member for the nights activity. So get in quickly; suitable for Scout Troops and Ventures Units.



JOTA 2018

You may be going to the local Jamboree in January 2019. Expensive I hear! You could go to a WORLD JAMBOREE for FREE on 20th and 21st October this year.

JOTA-JOTI is the largest Scouting event in the world with over 1.3 million Scouts participating across 150+ countries. Scouts and Guides across the world connect with each other during JOTA-JOTI using the airwaves and the internet.

If you are planning a JOTA/JOTI base in your district, or you want to know where the nearest Base will be in the GWS Region, call me or send me an email. Plan **now** to be there, or you and your Scouts may miss out.

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Are You Ready for Scouts in Action month 2018?

August is almost upon us and I hope your term program includes at least one week of being Scientific and being part of Scouts in Action Month 2018.

There are heaps of ideas, activities and programs for you to grab hold of and include next month. You don't have to run programs each week next month; just one week's program dedicated to being Scientific will do - but if you want to be very scientific by running programs all August that is pretty cool too!

To find ideas, activities and programs go to www.scoutsinactionmonth.com

2018 Scouts in Action Badge

This years badge incorporates all the colours of the Sections and our 'Scout Scientist' is wondering what will happen if he mixes the yellow mixture with the green mixture?

To order your Scouts in Action Month 2018

Badge go to:

<http://scoutsinactionmonth.com/2018-Badge.html>



National Science Week

Don't forget to check out all the cool stuff that you can do during National Science Week in your city. <https://www.scienceweek.net.au>



VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to Alexander Toms from 1st Castle Hill, Mikayla Ozols from 1st/2nd Merrylands and Jonathon Connor from 1st/2nd Blacktown on achieving their Queen's Scout Awards. During June, 1st Carlingford held their award ceremony for Emma Katen, Caitlin Wilby, Anusha Pillai and Isabella Blow.

Around 160 Venturers attended the 41st GWS Scout Jamboree at Cataract on the June long weekend. This year we had Venturers from every unit attending. Much better weather than last time with only small periods of rain, made for a much more enjoyable weekend. Venturers are a key part of Jamboree, providing activity bases and assistance on the activities. Special thanks to the Venturers from 1st Oakville who stepped in at the last minute to run the disco for the Scouts.

One of the many highlights of the weekend was the presentation of Region scarves by Region Commissioner Neville Henderson to our elected youth representatives on the State Venturer Council (SVC), Lauren Barnett (1st Ermington) and Connor Kennedy (1st South Penrith). Part of their role is to represent GWS Venturers opinions at State meetings, participate in decisions made by the SVC and assist the Region Commissioner (Venturer Scouts) in matters relating to the region.

The following weekend, Lauren, Connor and I attended the Commissioner's Conference at Pennant Hills. Some of the major outcomes of this meeting were:

- Proposed new Queen's Scout Award approval process, including review of award applications by District or Region Youth Councils. This process hasn't been adopted yet, more information will be provided when it becomes available.
- Establish a team to work through guidelines for technical review of Queen's Scout Award applications.

The remainder of June was given over to preparations for upcoming events such as overseas trips, major hikes and the Gang Show season. More on those next month.

Brian Nelson RC Venturer Scouts

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Queen's Scout Awardees
1st Carlingford



Venturers hard at work at the Caving Base!



Late night Investiture Kings Langley style!



Lauren and Connor receiving their Region scarves.



ROVERS 100 SERVICE 100

JAMBORETTE

The 41st Jamborette 'Time To Fast Forward' ran over the Queen's Birthday weekend. This annual camp is held at Cataract Scout Park with many Cubs, Scouts Venturers, Rovers and Leaders attending over the course of the weekend. Nepean Rovers helped at the working bee with the Cataract & Major Events Fellowship team one week before the event. A massive BRAVO to Nepean Rover Crew who worked many hours to set up this great event.

Over the weekend there were 2 activity bases run with a mixture of Rovers from many groups across GWS Region. There was also many Rovers who attended over the weekend leading the younger sections from their Groups. The Rovers also ran night activities for the Venturers with a Minute to Win It challenge night and Capture the Flag.



BRAVO to all Rovers who attended the event and who supported their fellow sections.

BRANCH BALL

Branch Ball was a fantastic event, which was held on Saturday 2nd June at Northmead Bowling Club. There was a Three-course meal, with heaps of dancing and a best dressed competition.

Branch Ball celebrated Rovers 100 year Anniversary with style, capturing the theme of **Rovers Through the Decades** with fantastic table decorations and dancing through the ages.

Great work to all GWS Rovers on the organising committee led by one of our own.



DIVING EXPEDITION

2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor Rovers have 4 qualified divers thanks to Queen's Scout Pursuits. After they returned from doing 5 dives in Vanuatu they wanted to keep that momentum going. One of the Scouts from their group, Phoebe, was gearing up to do a marine clean up as part of her Scout medallion.

Phoebe had enlisted the help of URG (Underwater Research Group part of UNSW) to assist in the citizen science component of the project. This opened the clean up to Rovers looking to help with a project AWARE clean up dive; involving selecting an area of Clifton Gardens and assessing what kind of rubbish there was and in what concentration. The dive also included checking the shark net for damage - the amount of marine life rubbish that was attached to the net was amazing!

The results of the clean-up, over two separate days was over 20kgs of rubbish recovered from the divers and beachside clean up. The biggest problem was tangled fish line which was caught in the coral and marine life as well as plastic bags and bottles. The recreational side of this work for project AWARE was sighting local marine life including cuttlefish, stingrays, seahorses, octopus and flounder. Many of the team were greatly impressed by the amazing marine life that Sydney diving has to offer.

Jordan Longmuir, Crew leader for 2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor, has joined URG in an effort to promote diving within Rovers and in the wider GWS Outdoor Activities Group. He aims to provide opportunities for Rovers/Venturers to learn how to dive as well as gain access to exclusive Australian and overseas dive sites. The Outdoor Rovers are keen to continue to do regular dives as well and have already booked in a diving camp in Jervis Bay. If anyone is interested in diving please contact Jordan Longmuir, Crew Leader of 2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor Rovers; Longmuirjordan@gmail.com



MUDBASH

On the evening of June 7, 12 members of Castle Hill Rover Crew drove down to Mafeking Rover Park for the annual celebration of all things motorised, muddy, and loud – AKA Mudbash. The crew arrived in the rain, but it did not dampen the attitudes of any of the Crew who engaged in many activities such as Tug of War (which the Castle Hill team won), watching cars compete in the obstacle courses, playing golf, attending the Shannon Noll concert, eating our weight in jam doughnuts and faces painting. Whilst the weekend was full of activities and bonding as a Crew; some of the most memorable moments were on the long drives there and back where we stopped to bark at sheep, cram ourselves into submarine holes and sing Disney songs at the top of our lungs!



UPCOMING EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL MOOTICAL

NSW Rovers Snow Camp *Snowlympics*

Friday 20th July 2pm - Sunday 22nd July 5pm - Bungarra Alpine Centre

NSW State Rally *Choose Your Own Adventure*

Friday 3rd August - Sunday 5th August - Cataract Scout Park

GWS Moot *High School Mootical*

Friday 17th August 7pm - Sunday 19th August 5pm - Camp Couatts

NSW Rovers Challenge Moot *Dirt and Dust*

Friday 28th September 5pm - Monday 1st October 1pm - Colo Heights



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The NSW Youth Environment Team Invites
Cubs, Scouts and Venturers to join us at

SEAC 2018

STATE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY CAMP

12th – 14th October @ Camp Couatts Waterfall

Join with Scouts from across NSW for a weekend of hands on activities



Helping build a Habitat Trail
Water Monitoring
Meeting our Native Wildlife up Close
Exploration Wide Games
Recycled Art
Spotlighting
Guest Presenters and much more



Cubs and Scouts complete part of the World Scout Environment Badge.
Venturers can earn their Venturer Level Environment Tape.

Registrations at: eventregistration.patroltent.com

Registrations Close 31st August 2018

Early Bird Registrations Close 3rd August 2018

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Parramatta District Joey Scouts Trek About

125 Joey Scouts, Leaders and parents braved cold, windy weather to travel via train, bus and ferry to meet at Manly Wharf and walk to North Head.

Each Mob chose the best transport from their location to meet at Manly. Leaders and parents herded the excited Joeys on and off public transport using their Opal cards. (All up the cost per person was \$2.60 so a cheap full day out for the family).

Connections on public transport were a little tricky with some missing the ferry link across the harbour and needing to wait until the next one. However, we all met up at Shelly Beach for a cold, windy picnic lunch.

With the New Program coming all Joeys will be very involved in such activities as they work on the new badge scheme.

Everyone agreed it was a great day out and everyone had FUN!

Leonie Plummer (DJSL)





GWS REGION ACTIVITIES

The Region Jamboree is always the **"Big One"** for the Activities Team in June.

Apart from a bit of a damp start on the Friday evening, it certainly turned out to be a great weekend.

Quentin Napier was in his element, as usual, running the onsite Fox. Our Wombats, headed up by Meredith Stewart and David (Macca) McKinley, were in action all weekend with the caving. Over on Site 6 we had the natural Abseiling, headed up by Stuart Cowen and Paul Davies.

Not to be out done - our Science and Radio team with John Leahey and Karl Humphreys continued to enthrall all involved.



Is that who I think it is...? Photos: Mark Fell

Of course, I must mention the onsite climbing wall, while under my watchful eye, was very efficiently run by the Venturers. A great effort by all involved over the whole weekend.



Despite the cooler weather of Winter our water activities team under the watchful eye of Ben Gross, headed off on an overnight canoe trip; paddling downstream from Macquarie Park to Cattai, where they camped the night. Awakening to a rather brisk -2°C and a heavy fog, our intrepid paddlers then headed back upstream to Windsor. A great time was had by all, with no capsizes, ... *which is never a good idea, especially in winter!*

Photo Ben Gross

Each year around this time I take a bit of a break from the outdoor activities, and hibernate to a dark place, better known as Back Stage with Gang Show. By the time you are reading this it will be all over. Always a lot of fun, and again it amazes me with the incredible talent we have within GWS. Must go and call the cast up. The curtain is about to rise on our 49th Cumberland Gang Show Season.

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Putting the finishing touches to our 49th Season!
Photo Mark Fell

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