



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION



MR ROSS GROVE

Region President

and

MR DAVID STOPPS

Region Commissioner

Invite you to be present at the
**GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTATION**

to be held at Wentworthville Leagues Club
50 Smith Street, Wentworthville

On Thursday 18th October 2018 - 6.30 PM for 7.00PM

Please register for you and your guests on line
Registrations opened on 15th August 2018 on the Region EMS System.

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/160>

Registrations will close at 4.30pm September 28, 2018
No late applications can be accepted as we need to advise numbers
to the club on that date.

Dress: Smart Casual/ Full Uniform including Award Decorations

Cost \$45.00 per head for Non Recipients (Payable by cash, credit card or EFT
to Region Office) for three course meal. Free for Recipients.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes in my new role as Region Commissioner GWS. I would also like to thank Neville Henderson for his nine years as Region Commissioner and wish him and Joy all the best in their travels.

Congratulations to all the awardees of the Adult Recognition Awards for 2018. I would like to make special mention of the Silver Kangaroo recipients:

Allan Staples, Phyllis McAlpine, Anne Thompson and Peter Lee; these leaders are well deserving of this award for the many years of service not just to GWS but to Scouting in general. BRAVO!

Remember to register for the Awards dinner on EMS. Registrations close on the 2th8 September. Cost is \$45 for non-awardees. Please come along to show your support and congratulate the awardees for their achievements and devotion to Scouting.

I haven't had a chance to visit a lot of places as yet but I did get to State Rally and visited almost all the bases. A special mention has to be made of Mick Fry and his team of Venturers for their efforts on the Aerial Quidditch. In my eyes I felt this was one of the best bases I've seen.

I also attended the Queen's Scout presentation at Government House. GWS was well represented with seven new Queen's Scouts added to the honours list. Congratulations to you all on an amazing effort!

I am currently working my way around the region attending district councils and different groups. If I turn up unannounced please don't be afraid, I'm just driving past. Please include me in the night's activities or better still invite me to your hall if you need help. Please send me an email to work out times and dates to attend.

Over half the region has registered for CareMonkey. Soon all members of the region will be registered. If your group is still not registered then please contact the Region Office for more information.

David Stopps

Region Commissioner

Email: rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au

APPOINTMENTS LIST - GWSR



APPOINTMENTS

SATHARASINGHE, Kaushalya

From ACSL 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
To T/L (S) 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop

HENDERSON, Neville

From RC (R) Greater Western Sydney Region
To Hon Comm Greater Western Sydney Region

STOPPS, David

From Deputy RC Greater Western Sydney Region
To RC Greater Western Sydney Region

RESIGNATIONS

ATTWOOD-MUELLER, Miranda

Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*

DAINES, Keiran

Trainee Ldr (R) Hawkesbury River Rover Crew

FURST, Stephen

ACSL 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*

O'DEA, Raymond

Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*

RZASA, Corli-Anne

Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*

SMITH, Lachlan

Trainee Ldr (JS) 2nd Baulkham Hills Joey Mob

VALENTINE, Karl

Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*

WAKELY, Melanie

Trainee Ldr (JS) 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob

WOODLEY, Mathew

ASL 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

RAMSAY, Vicky

JSL-P 2nd Northmead Joey Mob

APPOINTMENTS LIST - TGW



APPOINTMENT

SLINDE, Tracy Trainee Ldr (CS) 2nd Orange Cub

Sixty two Adult Members of **Greater Western Sydney Region** were honoured by the Chief Scout of Australia, His Excellency, Governor-General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) in the 2018 Adult Recognition Awards for good service; part of The Scout Association's observance of the founding of Scouting at the first Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island in the UK on August 1, 1907.

Congratulations to all the recipients for 2018 and thank you for your continuing commitment to Scouting!



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

Lee, Peter: State Commissioner (Special Projects), NSW Branch

McAlpine, Phyllis Ella: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack

Staples, Allan Kevin: Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

Thompson, Anne Marie: Honorary Commissioner, Greater Western Sydney Region



SILVER EMU

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

Brown, Ronald Stanley: District Commissioner, Holroyd District

Reibelt, Elizabeth Ann: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Erskine Park Cub Pack



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Supporters for at least 18 years of distinguished service to the Scout Association.

Apthorpe, Linda Anne: Fellowship Member, Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship



SILVER KOALA

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

Fell, John Mark: Region Commissioner (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

Horton, Desmond Robin: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop

Page, Jennifer Anne: Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack *Rumbriah*



SILVER WATTLE

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

Hansford, Tracey Michele: District Commissioner, Parramatta District
Knox, Sandra Lee: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Joey Mob
Rec, Cassie Bernadette: Region Commissioner (Adult Training & Development), GWSR
Stewart, Meredith Christine: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Presented to Associates for at least 12 years of outstanding service to the Scout Association

Gane, Philip John: Fellowship Chairman, Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
Majoor, Michael Peter: Group Treasurer, 1st Ermington Scout Group
Simpson, Douglas William: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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

Botto, Josie: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Scout Troop
Doyle, Joseph Bradley: Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*
Flores, Tristan James: Region Leader (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region
Fowler, Trevor: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes Cub Pack
Gibbs, Michael: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Mt Druitt Scout Troop
Gross, Benjamin James: Scout Leader, 1st Rydalmere Scout Troop
Grove, Ross Michael: Region President, Greater Western Sydney Region
Grundy, Jane Pauline: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Venturer Unit
Heinrich, Philip Bruce: Group Leader, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group
Higgins, Diane Catherine: Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Scout Troop
Holloway, James Chay: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit
Hourd, Tracey: Group Secretary, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group
Hrast, Joanne Maree: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Scout Troop
Hudson, Garry Donald: District Adviser, Hawkesbury District
Lee, Lyndall: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show
McLean, Alasdair Iain: Joey Scout Leader, 1st North Mt Druitt Joey Mob
Myers, David Keith: Scout Leader, 1st Parramatta Scout Troop
Napier, Quentin Robert: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*
Shaw, Jodie Michelle: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
Sollom, Grant Reginald: Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop
Thompson, Meagan Elizabeth: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show
Vella, Linda Maree: Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley Joey Mob
Willard, Rex Howard: Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop



SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

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

- Anderson, Neal Robert:** Group Leader, 2nd Northmead Scout Group
Arrowsmith, John Thomas: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
Brackley, Shelley Naomi: Group Chairman, 1st Kellyville Scout Group
Carter, Stephen John: Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
Colvin, Anthony Lionel: Group Trustee, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group
Davis, Andrew Ian: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath Cub Pack
Gross, Jacqueline Corin: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
Horman, Richard Ian: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack *Kookaburra*
Hughes, Stephen Charles: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Scout Troop
Kahn, Steven: Scout Leader, 1st Riverstone Scout Troop
Lees, Robert Johannes: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Westmead Scout Troop
Liles, Jenny: Group Leader, 1st Murray Farm Scout Group
Molle, Sara Ann: Group Secretary, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group
Munro, Kylie Jane: Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
Munro, Marilyn Daphne: Fellowship Member, Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship
Nicholas, Brett Colin: Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes Scout Troop
Ruxton, James William: Fellowship Member, Scout Heritage Scout Fellowship
Selmes, Andrew Denis: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Northmead Cub Pack
Shepherd, Jean Margaret: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show
Wicks, John Walter: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
Williams, Tiffany Louise: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 3rd Merrylands Cub Pack

STAN BALES ROVER SERVICE AWARD

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award is an award that is made by the Rover Section to recognise a person who has given exceptional and sustained service to the Rover Section

- Boxall, Angus:** Rover, Nepean Rover Crew
Jones, Ayla: Rover, 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew



GWSR - POSITION VACANT

REGION COMMISSIONER JOEY SCOUTS

Basic Function: To oversee the delivery of the Youth Programme to the Joey Scout section in GWS Region.

Responsible: To the Region Commissioner and reporting to the State Commissioner Joey Scouts

Training Requirements: Hold a Wood Badge in the Joey Scout section. Hold a Wood Badge in Leader of Adults or be prepared to gain the qualification within a year.

Essential Criteria:

- Good organisational and management skills.
- Ability to communicate with both adults and youth members.
- Ability to work in a team.
- Chair Region Wandarrah on a regular basis and provide ongoing training for the members.
- Support and encourage the DLJS/Wandarrah Leaders in their role.
- Maintain good working relationships with the SCJS, RC, DCs, DLsJS and JSLs in the Region.
- Be prepared to take an active role in State Joey Council and Region Council.
- Plan and run Region activities for Joey Scouts with the help of the Region Wandarrah team.
- Help introduce changes for the benefit of the Joey Scout section and oversee the maintenance of an acceptable standard for the Joey Mobs in GWS Region.
- Maintain personal ongoing training and development.

Applications are being taken until September 7, 2018.

Please email applications to David Stopps at email rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

CUB SCOUT REPORT

Adult Recognition Awards

Congratulations to all Leaders in GWS Region who received an award in the Adult Recognition Awards announced on 1 August 2018, particularly all the Cub Scout Leaders. It is very pleasing and rewarding to know that so many of you have been recognised for all the hard work you continually dedicate to Scouting. I would particularly like to congratulate Anne Thompson, former Region Commissioner Cub Scouts GWS Region and Phyllis McAlpine, Assistant Cub Scout Leader 1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack for being awarded the highest award of the Silver Kangaroo. Well done ladies, 1 – 2 – 3 WOOF!

State Palaver – Running with the Pack

The 3rd NSW State Palaver will be held from 17 – 19 August 2018 at Camp Cottermouth in ACT, with the theme of the event being 'Running with the Pack'. There are 180 Cub Leaders from across the State and from ACT registered to attend. I am very pleased to say that GWS Region have 26 Leaders attending, which is a great achievement. Looking forward to a great weekend away!

Cub Scout Leadership Course

The next Cub Scout Leadership Course will be held at Bundilla on Saturday **1st September 2018**, from 9am to 7pm. Please remember the Cub Scout Leadership Course is not suitable for all Cubs. The Course is designed for Cub Scouts who show leadership potential and who are currently Sixers or Seconds or may be in the future. Cubs will need to be at least 9 years and 6 months to attend and be invited by their Cub Leader as being a suitable participant. Application and Registration can be made at <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/124>

Assistance from leaders on the day is welcome, however places are limited. If you are available to help out, you will also need to complete an on-line application. Applications and payment must be received by **15th August 2018**.

Scouts in Action Month - Scientific

Scouts in Action takes place every year during the month of August. The Scouts in Action theme for 2018 is 'Scientific' as it coincides with National Science week. This is a great opportunity to include science and investigation into the Cub program, including cool and messy experiments! Further information, registrations, blanket badge orders and program ideas can be found at <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com>



Changes to Grey Wolf Application form

The application form for the Grey Wolf Award has been reviewed at a National level and some minor changes have been approved. The application form will be a fillable form and it is preferred that the forms are typed and emailed rather than being printed and hand written. In line with Youth Lead and Adult supported, there will also be a requirement for the Cub Pack Council to approve the Award. A new application form is currently being developed to incorporate these changes and will be made available on the Scouts NSW website very soon. Please note, the content and requirements to complete the Award has not changed. All requirements must still be achieved before the Cub Scouts 11th birthday.

Cub Scout Commissioner Challenge - 2018

A reminder for all Cub Leaders about the Cub Scout Commissioner Challenge and, if you haven't already done so, to have a look at the requirements located in the application form. Details and information can be found on the Region website at <https://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/cubs/resources/580-leader-challenge-application-2012>

The Cub Scout Commissioner Challenge is open to all leaders in the Cub section and is assessed and awarded by the State Commissioner Cub Scouts in November each year. To be eligible, leaders must be able to demonstrate that they incorporate and run at least 15 key elements into their Cub Scout programme over a 12 month period. Successful applicants will receive a badge that can be worn on their uniform for 12 months. I would like to encourage Cub Leaders to look at the requirements and start completing the form now, in readiness for November.

Yours in Scouting

Gabie Thompson (Darzee) RC Cub Scouts

Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



Congratulations to Cub Scout

Emily Snookes - 1st Cambridge Park

who has achieved her Grey Wolf Award

1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF!

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

This month has been full of Australian Scout Medallion presentations Dylan Evan and Jack Prendergast from 1st South Penrith have both been presented their badges and are now ready, with the other recipients to be presented their Certificates on Sunday 12th August at Luna Park. BRAVO!!!!



Belinda Francis, Jack Prendergast, Dylan Evans, Tracey Stopps and Fiona Sherwin (L to R)

State Rally has been run and the winners of GWSR are:

1st Place: 2nd Baulkham Hills (706 Wizard of Oz)

2nd Place: 1st Ermington (351 Panthers)

3rd Place: 1st Erskine Park (171 Mystery)

2nd Baulkham Hills (706 Wizard of Oz) also came 3rd in the State!!! The first time in a long time that GWS has ranked in the top 3 of the state for Rally! BRAVO!!

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 all a credit to yourselves and your leaders. BRAVOOO!



THANK YOU!

I would like to give a special **THANK YOU** to all the Venturers, Rovers 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. I would also like to give a huge THANK YOU to Robin Garrett and Steve Wallace for their support and dedication in the lead up and throughout the event. Again the whole team are amazing.

I still believe our bases were award winning!! Most of the scouts I spoke to thought so as well. I will endeavour to get a 'Scouts Choice' award for next year! That is my project. We are up to the Review stage of the process so please forward to me any feedback you have. Both good and bad. I can't promise that it will be all fixed but we can work towards it.

I was thanked by State for the smooth running and organisation of our **RAC**, the variety of our bases and our inclusion and championing of our Venturers and Rovers. Please forward my heart felt appreciation to your teams as we could not have delivered such a successful RAC without them.

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

Region is running an **Advanced Scout Leadership Course on 14th September 2018**. Please register on the EMS. Remember the ASLC is aimed at 14 year old scouts. Spaces are limited so get in early!! **Registrations close on 30th August 2018**.

Jamboree is coming up fast! Troops will have been organising Shakedown camps which are extremely important as this is where the patrols are made and equipment is sorted. Information has been very slow in coming out this year - but it is coming.

2nd payment was due 31st July

Badge designs are due 14th Aug

Packing day 10th Nov

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi) RC Scouts

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STATE RALLY 2018

RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY- JOHN LEAHY

Science Base at State Rally 2018

I organised nine tables, which were mainly 10 minute snippets of standard science nights. They were:

- **Electrostatics** with the Van de Graaff and Wimshurst generators driving the PET bottle Motor, charging the Electrophorous to light the neon;
- **Light** demonstrating Polarising Filters and the effects on clear plastics;
- **Electric** involving the Connection Detective with shorts and diodes, and an electrical Kim's game where the Scouts had to wire the circuit to light two bulbs.
- **Induction Cooker** boiling water in a plastic ice-cream bucket;
- **Things not to do in your mother's Microwave oven** - CDs, Steel wool, create a plasma under a Pyrex bowl, print you name on thermal fax paper with graphite pencil and have it sparkle into blue, soft soap expands into mush (but smells nice).
- **Liquid Nitrogen experiments** - blow the lid off a metal can, ping pong ball spins very fast, crunchy marshmallows.

And two new ones made for this event:

- **Illusions- you & me composite** – a split mirror shows me half my face with half your face, and **rub out your mate's face** – a mind boggling exercise that leaves just his eyes and mouth on a white background.
- **Sugar volcano..snake..monster** - a mixture of sugar and bicarb is engulfed in flames and forms a tower of black fairy floss!

I was ably assisted on the weekend by Brett (JOTA Coordinator for Australia), a parent I met at a campfire on Friday night and five Ventures from Erskine Park. Scouts were required to do 3 or 4 of the activities. Some Patrols stayed for 15 minutes, others for an hour.





How can we support our Country Scouts?

I was fortunate enough to attend State Rally this year in early August and had the opportunity to meet Scout Leaders from across the State. One conversation that really stuck with me has been one I had with some Country Region Leaders. Inevitably the conversation quickly turned to the worst drought in 100 years.

As a girl, I grew up in the country and very well remember the drought in the early 80's and how that affected my home town; but as an adult in the City it is very easy to forget how tough it can be. I posed the question of "How can City Scouts help out the Country Scouts?" My first thought was to support Charity organisations with fund raising to provide feed and water. However the amazing Leaders I spoke to said that this actually takes business away from the town. They would prefer to be paying their local produce supplier to transport and purchase feed and essentials as his livelihood is also being affected.

So how can we help? The suggestion made by those living in the drought effected areas, was to get the City out to the Country - to experience first-hand what it truly like to live through a drought.

So if you are needing a location for a Group or Unit Camp look North, South or West to our Country Districts. With 90% of the State affected (the red areas on the map) you don't need to travel far! Get in touch and get out there. Support the towns and Groups by setting up a fellowship between Metro Regions and Country Regions through education and awareness.

Quite a number of Metro Scout Leaders grew up in the Country. One suggestion would be to get in touch with your home town Scout Group and talk to them. Set up a road trip or camp where Country and City Scouts truly mix and get to know each other. Even a Pen Pal arrangement.... so many possibilities!

So let's look beyond the Mountains and support our fellow Scouts! And don't forget to BYO water!



Written by
Veronica Brogden
ASL
2nd Baulkham Hills



CUMBERLAND
GANG SHOW



Trivia

NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WHEN

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2018
FROM 6PM

WHERE

1ST/2ND MERRYLANDS SCOUT HALL
STREET PARKING & ENTRANCE FROM WINDSOR RD, MERRYLANDS

COST

\$12PP OR \$100 PER TABLE (10)
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES (MODERATE ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

REGISTER AT

EVENTS.GREATERWESTSCOUTS.COM.AU

COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT OF FUN,

GREAT PRIZES, AND SUPPORT
OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

PRIZE FOR BEST 'THEMED' TABLE

CGS 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

Get your Entertainment Membership NOW
to help raise funds for
Cumberland Gang Show's
50th Anniversary celebrations in 2019!

You can help us by buying an Entertainment Book or a Digital Membership. Both contain hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, but the Digital Membership gives you the convenience of the traditional Entertainment Book on your Apple or Android device so you can redeem on the go.

Not only will you receive 25 to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, hotels and attractions in your area but you'll be supporting us to raise funds for Cumberland's 50th Anniversary - 20% of each membership comes back to CGS to support our fundraising. You will still get great value out of your membership even if you don't eat out a lot.

Order online now

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/9a51564>

If you are a prior Entertainment book member, ensure you use the above link to support CGS - don't follow any 'renewal' links you may receive.

Please spread the word among your family, friends and colleagues – thank you.



GWS Leaders & Adult Supporters Facebook Group

A place for leaders and adult supporters in Greater Western Sydney Region to share ideas, photos, ask questions and help one another to deliver excellent Scouting to our youth members.

Come and join the conversation @

www.facebook.com/groups/gwsleaders

VENTURER REPORT

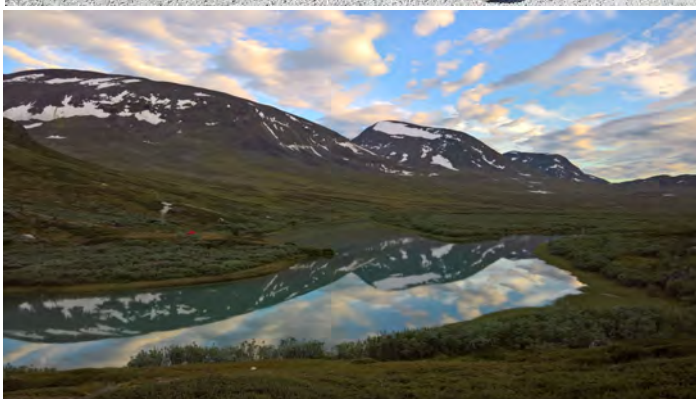
Congratulations to **Michael Burrows** from **1st Carlingford** Venturer Unit on achieving his Queen's Scout Award.

July is usually a busy period and this year was exceptionally busy. Gang Show season is now over with a large contingent of our Venturers participating in Cumberland Gang Show and at least one I know of in Hornsby Gang Show. Cumberland Gang Show will be in its 50th year next year, so it's going to be a cracker.

1st Glossodia Venturers completed their Sweden hike. It was a roaring success, so congratulations and well done. This has been a big focus for the group over the last nearly two years of barbecues, laser tags and fine dining. Not to mention a rigorous program of challenging hikes. Bravo!!!



1st Sth Penrith visiting Loch Ness and Urquhart Castle in Scotland



1st Glossodia Venturers in beautiful Sweden

1st South Penrith were also overseas for Jambori 2018 in Ireland. Another long term project that has seen the group work on fund raising and fitness to prepare for their time away. Congratulations on another impressive effort. BRAVO!!!

We had a number of hikes programmed during the period, including a gruelling 80km hike on the Great North Walk north of Sydney. This involved Venturers and future Venturers from a number of Units in the region, led by GWS bushwalking coordinator Tristan Flores. I especially enjoyed seeing Chloe Harris from 1st Oakville in a video that clearly shows everything inside the tent frozen solid! Well it was mid-winter...!

Registrations for the GWS Venturer Scout Leadership Course closed early this year because it is fully subscribed. Our remaining award scheme activities in **September - Unit Management Course and Environment Activity** - a still accepting registrations but are filling fast.

We bid a fond farewell to Neville Henderson as Region Commissioner and welcome David Stopps into the role. I'm sure we all look forward to supporting David as we move to a new program and continued growth of Scouting in our Region.

Finally, I attended a part of the State Special Needs Conference at Baden Powell Scout Centre Pennant Hills, where I presented **Lochlan Fraser from 1st Erskine Park** with a Region scarf. Lochlan is the first youth member to be part of the **NSW Special Needs Team** and it was a real privilege to recognise the passion he brings to supporting youth with disabilities in Scouting.



Brian Nelson RC Venturer Scouts
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GWS REGION ACTIVITIES

Just finished up another great season of Cumberland Gang Show. As I mentioned last month, I take a bit of break from the outside stuff and get involved with working on the “Dark Side”. No, it’s nothing sinister. It is just the best way to describe working Back Stage at Gang Show.

*And in our
49th season, it was
simply awesome!
“WE FELT THE BEAT!”*



We have some truly great talent within our region, and I am not just talking about singing and dancing. It is the skills we have in lighting, audio, cueing, set construction, loft, painting, the musical arrangements and scores; the orchestra, choreography, hand props, marketing, special effects, the list just goes on and on ...!

It is simply a huge effort, by an equally huge number of people; and that’s just behind the scenes.

It is the opportunity for youth to achieve something beyond their wildest dreams, as part of cast.

And of course, next year is our 50th year of Cumberland Gang Show. Watch out over the next few months as you start to see some huge opportunity to join in the celebration of what Gang show has been to thousands of people over the last 50 years.

CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW
TOGETHER 

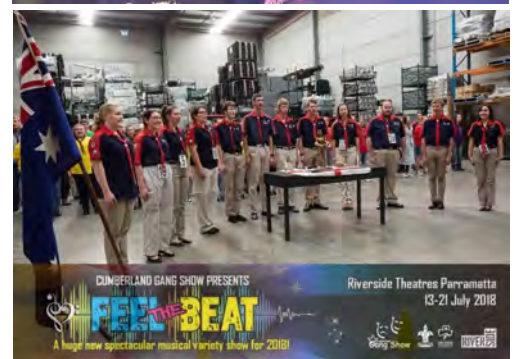
*Who’s say ropes are restricted to
Rock Activities!*

Photos Mark Fell

Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities
Stage Manager CGS
Email: activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au



CUMBERLAND GANGSHOW PRESENTS 'FEEL THE BEAT' 2018



Cumberland Gangshow is a fun variety theatre and performing arts show for Scouts and Guides aged 7 and above. Cast members gain a variety of skills while also developing friendships over the 4 months of rehearsals. These rehearsals lead up to the performances which take place over the July school holidays to over 5,000 people. There were many Rovers appearing in the show this year and it was great to see a special tribute to Rovers 100.

'If you've got a creative side just bursting to shine, come and join the cast of the 50th Cumberland Gang Show in 2019!'

2019 CAST AUDITIONS will be held on Saturday 8th December 2018 at Baden Powell Scout Training Centre, Pennant Hills between 9am and 5pm. Applications close Sunday 25th November 2018. For more information or late applications, please contact Wendy Dimmock at personnel@gangshow.asn.au

SNOWLYMPICS MOOT



Celebrating
National Scout
Scarf Day 2018
at
Scouts NSW
State Office
on August 1st

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

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STATE RALLY



State Rally 2018 **Choose Your Own Adventure** was run in the first weekend in August and is one of the largest annual state-wide Scout events on the NSW Scout calendar, held at Cataract Scout Park. The theme this year included Witches & Wizards, Solve the Mystery and Catch the Villain. 1st Blaxland Rover Crew 'Kalangadoo' and Blacktown Rover Crew attended over the weekend helping out on the bases. While Nepean Rover Crew was also in attendance as part of the Cataract & Events State Scout Fellowship. Great to see crews getting involved. Rovers100 #Service100

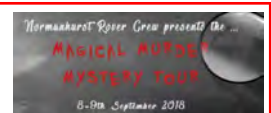
ESCAPE ROOMS

July was the month of Escape Rooms! 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew attempted the PANiQ Room in the Rocks Sydney; while 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew attempted SCRAM Escape rooms and Labyrinth Escape rooms. I hope everyone made it out in time!



HIGH SCHOOL MOOTICAL

UPCOMING EVENTS



'High School Mootical' GWS Moot 2018
7pm Friday 17th August - 5pm Sunday 19th August - Camp Coutts

Magical Murder Mystery Tour 2018
8am Saturday 8th September - 11am Sunday 9th September - Thornleigh Overflow Carpark

Rovers 100 Birthday Bash
10am Sunday September 16th @Newington Armoury Scout Museum

GWS Scavenger Hunt
7pm - 11pm Friday 21st September - Sydney Opera House

NSW Rovers Dirt and Dust Challenge Moot 2018
5pm Friday 28th September - 1pm Monday 1st October - Colo Heights

Quarter Life Crisis "The Best Of Harbour Cruise"
7.30pm Friday October 5th - Commissioner's Steps Circular Quay

Bundy Service Camp
5pm Friday October 12th - 2pm Sunday October 14th @Bundilla Scout Camp



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