



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**Scaling the heights on the recent  
Top Ropes Course for Venturers!**

**Photo: David McKinley**

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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

I would like to congratulate Mikayla Ozols on being presented her Queen's Scout. I was not able to attend for work reasons, but Tony Dent DRC represented me in attendance. Also, Chris Richard from 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington on receiving his Queen's Scout. I have been advised there are a couple of more from the region over the next month.

A wonderful night was held at Wentworthville Leagues for our annual ARA awards. Congratulations again to all that received an award. I would like to thank to Neville Henderson for his hard work on this.

The new adult recognition list came out today. Please ask your DC or any RC if you want to know if someone is eligible for an award. We are running a work shop on the 11th November at 1pm at Bundilla for any one that wants help to write a citation for someone.

We also had a great weekend with the GWS Rovers. Around 40 Rovers attended Bundilla for Bundy Moot for service. They cleaned, they painted (walls, doors, themselves), they made some shelves, they archived and they generally tidied up around the camp. It was great to have them here. Most crews were represented. We could not have done it without you. I believe we are organising another for early next year as they had so much fun.

On a different note: new leader applications. If you get an application please process it as quickly as possible and follow the check list on the form. Make sure you do the reference checks! We have had to send a lot of forms back to groups because they have not been completed correctly!

A group came together and built the Neville Henderson Recognition Garden. Please have a look next time you are at Bundilla. It is at the top of the drive way under the Bundilla Map.

Thanks all - have a great month in Scouting.

**David Stopps**

**Region Commissioner**

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# CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW

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1970-2019

# 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

## Our Trip around Western NSW and Queensland

As I write this - I am sitting in my caravan in Lightning Ridge having been on the road for 5 weeks visiting Mudgee, Nyngan, Bourke, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Roma, Moree and Tamworth before heading back to Sydney for the Presentation Dinner.

Joy and myself have been absolutely shocked by the conditions in most of the towns and the disaster which is the drought. The land is bare, with no grass for the few animals we saw as we travelled around. Even the Kangaroos and Emus are not able to get feed or water. Lots of road kill on the roads!

Think of the poor farmers who have had to walk away from their land because they have not got the will nor the money to continue to battle the elements.

In Bourke we went for a tour and found out that their cotton growing industry is non-existent this season due to no rain. The fruit growers have left town and the packing house stands idle. The cattle sales have been cancelled as there is no stock to sell and the sheep farming is almost non-existent because of the drought and the only growth industry is the feral or wild dogs. The only hope for this town is a new abattoir which is opening next year to slaughter goats for export to the USA, if indeed there are enough workers left to staff it.

This is the story all around the outback and unless there is heavy rain soon the conditions will only worsen. We have 10 caravans who have been supporting the local businesses in order to keep them from closing and to give their staff some continued employment.

Please - if you are able to support our country cousins by either small donations to one of the charities or if you can dig deep to help buy fodder for the few remaining animals, please do so asap, thank you.

***Neville and Joy Henderson***

## 2018 Drought Relief Badge

Kathryn Robinson CSL and Rover from Taringa-Milton-Toowong Scout Group in Brisbane wondered how she could make a difference for our drought ridden farmers and came up with the idea of a fundraising supporter's cloth badge. Scouts Australia & Scout Shop loved the idea and they are in production. \$3 from the sale of every badge will go directly to 'Buy A Bale' and will be closely monitored by Kathryn as the concept founder. Thanks Kathryn for a great idea and we are very happy to throw our support behind you and our Aussie farmers!



**This badge is available from Scout Shop for just \$5 each. All badges ordered will be shipped out from the 1st of November. Order yours now and help our farmers.**

### Citation Writing Workshop

**1pm Sunday November 11, 2018 at Bundilla**

Neville Henderson will be conducting a Citation writing workshop for anyone interested in learning how to nominate someone for a World Scout Day Award and the correct way of writing a citation.

This workshop is aimed at improving the number and quality of the citations received and should save a great deal of time having to rewrite many of them.

Anyone can nominate someone they feel deserves recognition for their service, but often they don't know how to go about it. This workshop is for you - please put this date in your calendar!

# 2018 Awards Presentation Dinner





## **CUB SCOUT REPORT**

### **Adult Recognition Awards**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Adult Recognition Award recipients this year, especially all of you who work within the Cub section. Your wonderful dedication and contribution to Scouting is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank GWS and Neville Henderson for arranging a fantastic Awards dinner. It was a wonderful night out with Scouting friends.

### **Out and About – November 2018**

Don't forget that November is 'Out and About' month. Many Cub Packs are taking this opportunity to arrange an exciting outing within the Community for their Cubs. Badges for this activity are still available through your District Leader Cub Scouts at a cost of \$2 each.

### **Cub Scout Commissioner Challenge - 2018**

A reminder that applications for the Cub Scout Commissioner Challenge are due at the end of the month. Please complete your application form found on the Region website at:

<https://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/cubs/resources/580-leader-challenge-application-2012>

Once your application is complete, please email it to me at [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

### **Join-in-Jamboree**

In January 2019, close to 10,000 scouts will be descending on The Bend Motorsports Park, Tailem Bend, South Australia for what is set to be an awesome Jamboree.

If you can't make it to the Future Scout Day yourself, your Cubs can still be a part of AJ2019 by completing the Join-in-Jamboree program for Cub packs. There is a 4 night program and a cut down 2 night program.

All you need to do is download the program from here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3z4uhsf2d4rho0d/AACUPrtqIDcSmNGgcMDPQLKa?dl=0>

Run it with your cubs and then order your Join-in-Jamboree badges! (Badges are \$2.50 each and that includes postage.) Badges are available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/cvUXetxpd6GKNsnl2>

**The aim of the program is to give your cubs an understanding of the Jamboree experience so they leave your hall saying "When I go to Scouts, I am going to a Jamboree!"**

### **Planning for 2019**

Many Groups and Cub Packs will soon be planning their program for 2018. The Region Cub calendar has now been completed and is available on the GWS Region website. Please ensure that you plan for your Cub Pack to join in the many activities available to Cubs.

The next Cuboree will be held in January 2020 and preparations have already begun! With applications opening early in the year, more information will be available in the New Year. There will also be a number of activities throughout the year to help prepare for the event.

**Gabie Thompson (Darzee) RC Cub Scouts**

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*Congratulations to the following  
Cub Scouts who have achieved their  
Grey Wolf Award*

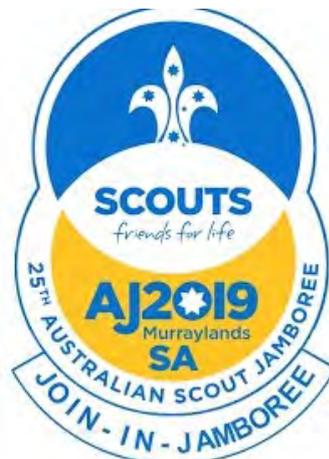
**Nelson McKinley - 1<sup>st</sup> Hawkesbury**

**Alexander Smith - 1<sup>st</sup> South Penrith**

**Michael Hughes - 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington**

**Domenic Gallagher - 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley**

**1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!**



# JOIN US ON STAGE IN 2019!



CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW



# TOGETHER

12TH - 20TH JULY 2019

Open to all active members of Scouts Australia or Girl Guides Australia, 7 years or older by 1st July 2019.  
Comet cast - a modified program gives an exciting taste of theatre for 7-9 year olds.

Cumberland  
★ **Gang Show**

#cumberlandgangshow

#together50years



**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](mailto:personnel@gangshow.asn.au) or phone 0414 086 645

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW @ [GANGSHOW.ASN.AU](http://GANGSHOW.ASN.AU)**

## FROM THE SCOUT DEN

I was lucky enough to present **Isabella Coundrelis 2<sup>nd</sup> Northmead, Pheobe Henricks and Cassandra Fry 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills** their **Australian Scout Medallion Badge**. It was great to see the turn out for all three of these Scouts and the proud look on their parents' and leaders' faces. BRAVO O O to you all!!

I visited a few **shakedown camps**. Blacktown held theirs at Bundilla where I presented Iluka Jelley her Australian Scout Medallion and Badge at closing parade. This was the last Medallion I will get to present so it was a special moment for me as well as Iluka. BRAVO O O Iluka!

There was another shakedown held in Nowra by the Mountains district. As I arrived the rain was pouring down but that didn't seem to dampen the spirit of the scouts who were doing so much badge work my head was spinning. They were all enthusiastic and unaffected by the rain. The scouts were a credit to their leaders. Congratulations Mountains!

Cattai was another venue for a shakedown – this time one of the Hills troops was out getting ready for Jamboree. They also showed me a great stretcher they had, which is **available for sale through 1<sup>st</sup> Balcombe Heights - \$49.95 for a lightweight strong stretcher**. If you'd like to purchase one please contact the group or order online at <https://trybooking.com/XLLD>

**Jamboree** is only a few weeks away. I hope you are all ready and geared up. Don't forget that your gas appliances must be stamped or stickered with the **Australian Safety Standards tag**. Especially if they are more than 12 months old. You need to get them pressure tested by a certified company such as BOC or ELGAS or google: gas compliance fair trading NSW. Gas appliances will be inspected rejected at Cataract on packing day if not compliant.

We still don't have times of departure or departure points for the Jamboree but I believe these will come out soon.

The Name for **Jamborette 2019** has been decided; **"A Day in the Life of....Your true self"** and the badge design competition is open. So please get the scouts to send their ideas through as soon as possible. **Entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. Two districts have already decided their theme. The other districts should be thinking hard.

We will be holding an **Advanced Scout Leadership Course** in first term **8 - 10th March 2019**. Find the event on EMS. **Register now!**

**Tracey Stopps (Wiangi) RC Scouts**

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## PARRAMATTA DISTRICT COMPETITION CAMP

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September, At Cattai National Park, thirteen patrols from Parramatta District participated and celebrated in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual competition camp. This camp is an opportunity to learn and practice cooking construction and camp layout skills; interact with other scouts in the district and have a lot of fun!

The scouts are marked on a variety of categories including construction, camp fire cooking, camp layout and tent construction. The food overall was amazing and a credit to their leaders who encouraged and educated their scouts.

The competition camp is a patrol based activity and provides the opportunity to display scout's camping and cooking skills! They are assessed on their ability to be creative, traditional, demonstrate their knot work and ability to design and create!

***This years winners were:***

**Ermington Lyrebirds – Overall**

**North Rocks Albatross – Morning Tea Award (scones cooked in a Dutch oven)**

**Ermington Panthers – Campfire Award**

Unfortunately, once again, the 100% Hygiene Award was not presented! All scouts and leaders attending received a commemorative blanket badge specially made for the event.

**Ben Gross SL  
1<sup>st</sup> Rydalmere  
M: 0422 275 543**



# GWSR ACTIVITIES



The month kicked off out on the water, with a Canoe Workshop held up at Windsor.

Day One saw all the participants learning some great new skills - then put into practice with a game of Tag using a soccer ball on the water. A great fun way to enhance your canoe control skills. With everyone showing a high level of competency, Day Two saw them head off downstream for a bit of a journey to Cattai National Park.

Big thank you to Ben Gross who ran the weekend, ably supported by John Van den Burg, Tim West and Josie Botto.



*I don't know whether it's just me, but something tells me that water still has a bit of a "nip" to it!*

*Photo: Ben Gross*

There is really not a month that goes by without the climbing wall operating somewhere. This month we had a double header. The Dundas Community Fair at Telopea saw the wall up and running with a big thank you to Quentin Napier hauling the ropes, so to speak.

The following day it was my turn, running it at the Orange Blossom Festival for 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills, at Bella Vista Farm. Both great days.

I had never been to Bella Vista Farm before, and what a great place, with some equally great local history. And best of all, it is basically in our backyard! Certainly, worth checking out!

David McKinley ran a very successful Top Rope Course up at Dargans Creek, up near the old Zig Zag Railway Station. Top Ropes is like the climbing wall, but on natural surfaces, and a great way in helping youth members working towards their Outdoor Badge.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

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## VENTURER REPORT

In September, I attended the **Queen's Scout Award Ceremonies** for **Connor Kennedy, 1st South Penrith, Jon Connor 1st/2nd Blacktown and Chris Richard from 1st Ermington Venturer Units**. All three attended a ceremony at Government House in August. These local ceremonies allows Groups and the local communities to celebrate their achievements. While we have no new recipients this month, there are a number that are complete and have been approved by their District Commissioners. I am looking forward to news on that front soon.

As the cold weather leaves us, we are starting to see more hikes and activities going on, but that didn't stop 1st Glossodia who held a presentation of their Sweden trip and then joined up with another region to do a **snow hike**. David "Macca" McKinley ran a **Venturer Top Rope** course and Tristan Flores ran an **Endurance Walk** along Lockley's Track in the Blue Mountains. The water activities team ran two **canoe workshops** during the month. We had a contingent attend **Rat Skin** at Camp Canobolas at Orange. Great to see this is back after a year off. And that's just September - information on upcoming activities are available on the GWSR Venturers Facebook page and the GWSR Event Management System. Check them out, there are quite a few gems out there. A number of Venturers have been undertaking award scheme hikes as well.

Just remember that the Venturer and Queen's Scout level Award **Expedition and Outdoor tapes require an examiner**. We do have a pool of examiners who can help - contact me or your District Leader if you are unsure.

I visited **1st Blackheath** during the month. Under the leadership of Steve "Sparky" Crichton (#therealsparky?), a group of Scouts are putting a brand new unit together (after 17 years in recess)! They have been meeting together for a few months and are getting involved with Scout troops as far afield as Lithgow looking to get involved and give Scouts on the western edge of GWS an opportunity to connect.



We ran our **Environment Activity** at Bundilla and Mulgoa, where a group of about ten Venturers worked towards learning about the environment and achieving their Environment tape. This is the first year we have linked up with the **Cumberland Land Conservancy at Wallaroo near Mulgoa**. The Venturers participated in a range of practical and discussion based activities. We look forward to a continuing relationship with the CLC. Thanks to Jane MacCormick and her team including Pien Roebers, John Aquilina, Elizabeth Vanderjagt and Noriko Burrows who ran the activity.

We also ran our second **Unit Management Course** for the year. After several years of 20plus at these courses, we could only muster eight youth participants; so next year we will offer Unit Management in March and Environment in September. Those who attended had a great time, and it was also good to see 1st Blackheath represented as well. Thanks to Steve Crichton from 1st Blackheath who helped with the catering for the day.



I attended a briefing session for leaders attending the **Australian Jamboree** in South Australia next January. I have emailed this information to the VSLs. If you haven't received this info, ask your leaders or me. Not everything has been decided yet (such as leader allocations and transport arrangements), but we'll try to help as much as we can.

And finally the early bird registrations for **Waratah** have closed and we are in the home stretch leading up to our major region activity for Venturers and older Scouts. As always, we are still in need of help from leaders and Rovers of any type. So far we have 139 youth including 22 Scouts - great work team. It would be great to see a few more coming in.

**Brian Nelson (Sparkie) RC Venturer Scouts**  
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# Venturers' Top Rope Course



Waratah 2018 - November 9 - 11

Ingleside Scout Camp

Register at [events.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

# #ROVERS100 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy 100th Birthday to the Rover section.

Rovers across NSW celebrated the Centenary of Rovers in September with a special morning tea hosted by His Excellency General The Honorable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and Mrs Hurley at Government House.

Rovers also attended the Newington Armory for a celebratory picnic. This location is special to the Scouting movement as it houses the Scouting Museum.

Did you know...

The first booklet of "Rules for Rover Scouts" was issued in the UK on 6th September 1918. This date is generally regarded as the official start of the Rover section.



# #ROVERS100 DIRT AND DUST MOOT



GWS Rovers teamed up with a number of other crews to attend NSW Dirt and Dust Challenge Moot for a fantastic long weekend away. They completed a number of challenging activities across the weekend to take out Best Activities Team and spectated at the exciting afternoon and evening racing events. The "Not Sydney North & Co" team managed to come away winning the event for out of region.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Rover Wood Badge APS Advanced Training Course (\$245)**  
Saturday 27th October 8am - Sunday 28th October 4pm, Baden-Powell Scout Centre

**50<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night Fundraiser Cumberland Gangshow (\$12)**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6pm – 9pm, 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Hall

**Casper's House of Monster and Ghouls: Gymea Rover Halloween Party (\$10 - \$30)**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7:30pm – 12am, Taren Point Scout Hall

**Waratah 2018: Harry Pottah and the League of Shadows (\$40)**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3pm, Ingleside Scout Camp

**Mad Scientist Moot – ACT Branch Moot 2018 (\$30 - \$35)**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5pm - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 12pm, Kooranowa Camp Yass

**Comedy Night Fundraiser - 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew (\$35)**  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7pm - 11:30pm, Toongabbie Sports & Bowling Club

**Shmoot: What the Farquaad Are We Doing? (\$35 - \$40)**  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6pm – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2pm, Windeyer Scout Camp Galston

**GWS RRC Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7pm - 9:15pm, Bundilla Scout Camp**

**Santa Clause for a Cause Pub Crawl (\$10) Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm - 12am, Commissioners Steps, the Orient, Mercantile, Australian and Paragon**

**PR & Internet Officer - GWS Rovers email: [pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au](mailto:pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au)**



**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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gwsleaders)

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