



The Bulletin

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Happy Founder's Day

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Welcome to 2019. We have a very exciting year ahead but first I would like to reflect on the last couple of months.

We have had the **AJ2019** and all the reports I have had that it was a great camp with a lot of 'interesting' experiences had by our youth and leaders.

Also, the **NZ Venture** was on at the same time I think some of the experiences had in NZ has changed a lot of our venturers as well.

Someone nominated me to have lunch with our Premier on **Australia Day** for local community leaders. It was a great honour and I'd like to thank that anonymous person. I met up with a few other 'scouty' people who were also nominated to attend. A very hot day but a great networking opportunity and a great privilege.

The launch of our **new Scout branding** - well personally I am excited. I think it is a move forward and we needed a change. You can log onto Scout Central and get all the info you will need to update your logo. Region Office will also have the new uniform badges for sale very soon.

We held our '**Vision 2021**' weekend; 150 Leaders and Committee members registered for the weekend. I believe it was a very beneficial weekend for all those who attended. Geoff Henderson, Deputy Region Commissioner (Strategies) put together a great weekend. BRAVO Geoff! I would also like to thank Blacktown Rovers and Pinnaroo for the catering over the weekend. Everyone was commenting on how great the food was. Thank you so much for your time and effort.

I have also started my **visits** to groups in the region. I want to get to see all groups over the next 3 months. If there are any special events that your group is holding please send me an invite. Just a reminder my email is rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au or text me on 0472 688 766. (04SCOUTS66)

We ended up with 102 nominations for our **Adult Recognition Awards**. A great effort. Neville Henderson has done a great job again, but please remember when the awards are announced in August that seats will be limited so get in quickly to book a table.

Now some serious items. We have all been on a break so some of our halls have not been mowed or maintained. Have a look around your hall and see what you can do to improve it. A **well-maintained hall** means a well-maintained group. Get fresh eyes to look over your hall. Fix what they see as unappealing!

There are still some groups that have forgotten to pay their **fees for 2018**. If you are one of them please finalise this before I give you a call.

Groups' ARPs should be booked and Region Office notified so we can allocate a region representative to attend the meeting. Please remember, if your group has not done their finance report and it has not been audited by 31st March 2019 your group will not be allowed to hold their ARP.

VACANCY

I am looking for a person with property back ground to help with the Region Property Portfolio. This **does not** have to be a uniformed position. This person will report to myself and deliver a report every month to our Region Executive. If you are interested please email me.

2019 is going to be an exciting year. It's going to be full of growth in every district. Please get on board for this exciting time ahead. We can help and give so much knowledge to our youth because GWS has the most knowledgeable leaders NSW has to offer.

David Stopps
Region Commissioner

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DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - YOUTH PROGRAM

The New Youth Program was launched at the Jamboree. All the Scouts who attended, achieved the level 4 Outdoors Skills in Camping; for those in the Pioneer Groups it is part of their Journey so far in the new program. For those others it is worn on the right sleeve, where the special badges are worn.

The New Youth Program is not just for the Scouts, it is for every section. So this week a Link to the information was put up on the State Website and has the information on how to get your group ready for inclusion into the program.

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/new-youth-program>

This will give you the information about the **Adventure Begins** and where your Group should be at this time. There is also the **expression of interest** to start the Group on the New Program and the **timetable** for the transition over the next three years.

If you need more information please contact me.

Tony Dent
Deputy Region Commissioner - Youth Program
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Vision 2021 kicks off with a BANG!

Not even fallen trees and a total power outage at Bundilla Scout Camp could stop our Group, District and Region Leadership at the kick off of the Vision 2021 program on the 9th and 10th February.

On the first day, sixty of the Region's leadership met to address two of the key opportunities that Greater Western Sydney Region will be taking advantage of over the next three years, Retention of Youth and Adult members and Recruitment of Youth and Adult members.

Addressed by our Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins, the group were reminded that *"GWS is sitting on a goldmine of opportunity as 100,000 new households are being built between now and 2021 in the Greater Western Sydney Region"*.

The leadership team workshopped ideas and developed their individual Group, District & Region plans for the next three years. These plans are now ready to support Groups and give clarity to the things we all need to focus on.

Susan Templeman MP, Member for Macquarie, addressed the audience, sharing her insights on where Scouting can be more effective in community engagement. Her clear message was that we should get closer to our local members and don't assume they know what Scouting is. They can't help our Groups if they don't know where we are, what we do or what support we need. We even managed to get a group selfie with Susan to help promote Scouting.



The end of the day's formal program was facilitated by Belinda Francis, who shared with us a new initiative called **LeaderBuild** that will support our ability to attract and recruit high calibre leaders to support youth growth in Greater Western Sydney.

We eagerly await the rollout of this program early this year. Keep your eyes open for announcement of these engagement sessions.

Over dinner, we were fortunate to hear from Australian Paralympian Bel Houlison, who shared his journey from workplace injury in an underground coalmine to then representing Australia in rowing and now as a cattle farmer in regional NSW. His inspiring story is not only a good reminder of the importance of safety, but also a lesson in resilience.

Day two began where day one left off, with the Group Chairpersons and Treasurers joining us to discuss challenges and opportunities in the effective running of a Parent Support Committee. Overwhelmingly the message is that we need to communicate more effectively across the Region. Not more communication, but better communication.

To end our weekend, we heard from Mel Dimmock (Region Leader Development) and Jane Siebum (Acting CEO, Scouts NSW) about technology in our Groups. Optimus Prime (including development in Care Monkey and Scoutlink) will be an important part in us becoming more efficient across the Region and it was great to see the progress we've made, with more to come in the next 18 months.

At the end of the session, we heard from Suzanne Campbell who shared with us a new platform called **Vennu**, which will give us opportunities to more easily rent out our halls. We will roll this out to interested Groups during 2019.

Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins shared his reflections at the end of weekend, offering his support. *"There is a significant opportunity in Greater Western Sydney to deliver on the new strategic plan of Scouts NSW. You will receive the support you need to assist you in realising our aspirations in Greater Western Sydney"*.

Vision 2021 is a program of work that we will be doing over the next three years. Expect to hear more in the near future about new Vision 2021 projects and information sessions becoming available.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me

Geoff Henderson

Deputy Commissioner - Strategy & Development

Email: strategy@greaterwestscouts.com.au

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

G'day everybody, hope you had a great new year break. Hope some of you had a great adventure at AJ2019, I did!

Welcome 2019 and it's already off to great start. Scouts has a new Logo and Joeys now has a Section Logo. It was all launched at AJ2019 with the New Youth Program. I know many of you are eager to introduce the new logo. It can be downloaded from the National Website. Google **Scouts Brand Centre** it will take you straight to it. Please take the time to read the Brand Book. It's important that we are consistent in the way we use the new logos.

The new youth program had a great display at Jamboree with some interesting displays, which included.....Joey Scouts.



Here you can see Clair Udy holding up the Joey Scouts Record Book.

This book is part of the new Youth Program, so it's not relevant to Joey mobs still on the old program.

VISIT TO 1ST NORTH ROCKS

I was there to see Indiya, Declan and Katrina share their Promise Challenge projects to the mob. I have to say that I was blown away with the presentation. All three Joeys holding a microphone addressing the mob and taking them on a journey through each of their projects!

The next thing I witnessed was also very special. Indiya and Declan then ran an activity for the mob. Indiya showed us a dance routine and then invited the mob to join in with a gummy bear routine on YouTube. Awesome. Declan then had the Joeys making alien spaceships out of paper plates. Unfortunately we ran out of time for Katrina's activity.

The important thing here, is leadership! It was awesome to see our Joeys given leadership opportunities and stepping up to the challenge.

Hop Hop Hop to the Joeys, Leaders and parents at 1st North Rocks.



5 YEAR OLD JOEYS

How is your Mob going with 5 year old Joeys. We would love to hear about your experiences; also would like to know what works well and not so well. Please send your feed back via your District Wandarrahs.

PROMISE CHALLENGE PROCESSING

Step 1 - Complete F9 form from State Website.

Step 2 - Scan/Photo completed forms and Project.

Step 3 - Email to: nushkastatejoey@gmail.com and

CC: gws@joeyscouts.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019

March 9 Joey/Cub Fun day on the Water @ Lake Parramatta.

Registrations are now OPEN and Volunteers are urgently needed.

June 1-2 State Joey Conference @ Glenrock Scout Camp

Sep 8 Joey Fun Day – **All Aboard** Luddenham Model Park

BASIC & ADVANCED TRAINING DATES

- 9th - 10th March @ Pennant Hills
- 27th - 28th July @ Pennant Hills
- 26th - 27th September @ Pennant Hills
- 19th - 20th November @ Pennant Hills

Brian Zarth
Region Commissioner Joey Scouts
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See Things in a New Light

White (Sun light) is fine for every day observation, but to get an insects eye view, Ultraviolet light makes things stand out. I picked up a 51 LED UV torch for \$15 at a local pop-up shop before Christmas. If I was willing to wait 3 weeks, it is available from China for \$5 post free. The beam peaks just outside our visible range at 395nm, appears dark blue, and is bright enough to walk around in the dark.

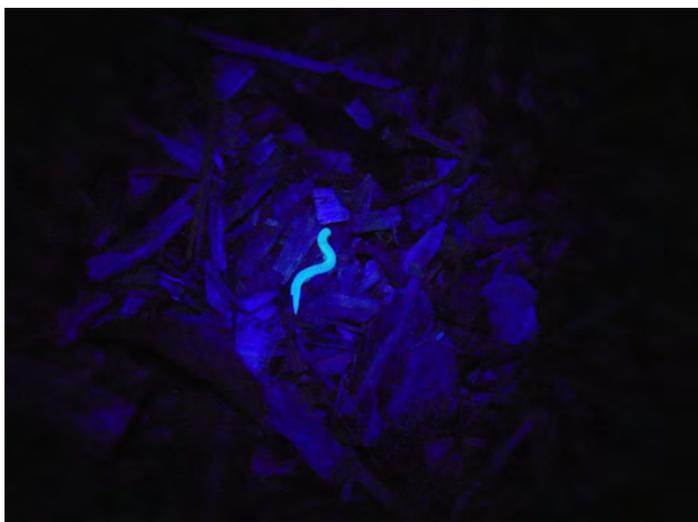
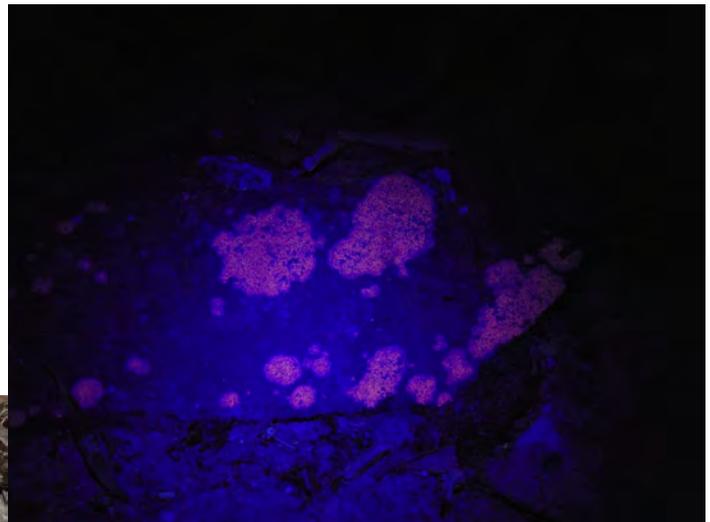
Common white objects like paper and clothing fluoresce a brilliant white, high-lighters glow in their respective colours, and clear painted surfaces show up mauve where the paint is thin or worn. It's when you step outside that the unexpected happens, like the brown grub that glows white, or the grey rock growth that glows bright orange. I'm sure there are lots of fungus, frogs and flowers awaiting illumination with a different light.

A great gift for your inquisitive person!

John Leahy

GWS Activity Leader

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to Cub Scouts for 2019! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break and that you are ready and raring to go for an exciting year of Cub Scouts ahead.

For those that attended the Jamboree in South Australia, I hope that you have now cleaned off all the dust, and have had a chance to sit in the shade under a tree on the grass, bare footed!

2019 brings with it a new Scout logo, the official launch of the New Youth Program and in January 2020, the *NSW Cuboree – Where on Earth?*

Cub Scout Commissioner's Challenge - 2018

The Commissioner's Challenge is open to all leaders in the Cub section, assessed and awarded by the State Commissioner Cubs 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. Further details and information can be found on the Region website at <https://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/cubs/resources/580-leader-challenge-application-2012>



Congratulations to the 14 Cub Scout Leaders from GWS on being awarded the Commissioner's Challenge for 2018. Well done and congratulations on your achievement!

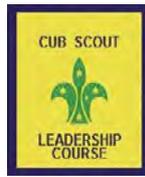
2019 Cub Scout Calendar

We have some exciting and engaging activities for Cubs and Cub Leaders planned for 2019. All Region Cub activities can be found in the calendar on the Region website. Please check the website for further information and updates. I encourage all Cub Packs to promote and participate in these events and activities.

Below is a summary of the Region Cub events:

March 2	Cub Scout Leadership Course
March 9	Joey/Cub Fun day on the water
April 5-7	GWS Region Cuborette 'Around the World' Region Cub Youth Council (at Cuborette)
May 18	Youth Helper Course
June 1	Region Palaver
Aug 10	Cub Scout Leadership Course
Oct 25-27	Cuboree Shakedown Camp (1) and Region Cub Youth Council @ Shakedown

Nov 1-3	Cuboree Shakedown Camp (2) and Region Cub Youth Council @ Shakedown
Nov 23	Cubs Scout Leadership Course



Cub Scout Leadership Course

This year, the Region will host three Cub Scout Leadership Courses, with the first one being held at Bundilla Scout Camp on **Saturday 2nd March**.

The closing date for all applications is Wednesday 20th February.

Registrations are to be made through the EMS at

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/196>

District Cub Leaders and Seonee Leaders have been sent the pre-course activity sheets.

Please remember the Cub Scout Leadership Course is not suitable for all Cubs and as such is an **invitation only event**. Cubs must be aged at least 9 years & 9 months to attend and show leadership potential. Assistance from Cub leaders and Youth helpers on the day is welcome; you will need to register through the same link. Get in quickly, places are limited.

Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water

The Region Water Activities team will be holding a Joey/Cub Fun day on the water at Lake Parramatta on **Saturday 9th March**. This is a great event for all Joey and Cub Scouts where everyone gets wet. Full details and registrations can be found on the GWS website <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/208>

Applications close on Friday 22nd February.

GWS Region Cuborette 'Around the World'

In 2018, the Region Cub Youth Council met in June at the Region Jamborette. They decided at that meeting that they want to have a Region Cub Camp. When they met again in October, they decided to call it Cuborette and they also decided on the theme (Around the World), location and camping arrangements.

They have been planning an exciting two night camp for Cub Scouts, camping in tents in District mega Packs (just like Cuboree), with fun and adventurous activities including the Rock Climbing Wall, Circus, Science Team plus much more.

This is an ideal camping experience for Cubs (and Leaders) in preparation for the NSW Cuboree being held in January 2020.

Registrations are open through the EMS <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/202> and will **close on Friday 15th March**.



7th NSW Cuboree - What on Earth?
January 5 - 9, 2020
Cataract Scout Park

The NSW Cuboree is a 5 day (4 nights) camp for Cub Scouts. It is an amazing event which brings together Cub Scouts from all across NSW (and possibly from interstate)! Cubs will have a really fun time and get to make lots of new friends.

Registrations are now open!

<https://nswscouts.eventsair.com/nsw-cuboree-2020/familyregistration/Site/Register>

More information can be found on the
<https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

Call for Expressions of Interest
Region Cub Scout Leader - New Role

With such a busy year planned, I am looking to appoint an assistant, a Region Cub Scout Leader, who is enthusiastic, full of energy and ideas, able to communicate on all levels with a passion for the Cub Scout section.

The focus of this position will be on youth programme and youth engagement. You should be willing to attend Region events, some District or Pack events and Region meetings. To apply for this role, you should be aged between 18 and 30 and willing to complete the necessary training.

This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for the right person. Please send your expression of interest to me by email at cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au

On a final note, I would love to get out and about to visit your Cub meeting, Pack Council, District Seonee, Cub Pack Holiday or present a Grey Wolf Award; please email me. I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Yours in Scouting

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts
Email: cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au



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

Will Touhill
1st Blackheath

Harryson Dragomirovic
1st Cambridge Park

Raven O'Bryan
1st Toongabbie

1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

I wish to thank the members who took the time to nominate deserving people for the 2019 Good Service Awards.

We have now submitted the 102 nominations to State Office and this is by far the largest number we have submitted in my 12 years with Region. A breakdown is set out hereunder;

Silver Kangaroo	4 nominations
Silver Emu	2 nominations
Distinguished Service	2 nominations
Silver Koala	6 nominations
Silver Wattle	14 nominations
Meritorious Service	20 nominations
Special Service	54 nominations

There is a good spread of Districts and Groups where the nominations came from. Once again thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Please note the Presentation Night this year is at Wentworthville Leagues Club on Thursday 17th October 2019

Regards
Neville Henderson OAM JP
Honorary Commissioner

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

Welcome back to a fun filled action packed year. I hope everyone has recovered from AJ2019 and the dust has been brushed off and washed out – I doubt it very much!! I'm still getting it out of my socks – I think I'm going to have to give up...!

Our **Advanced Leadership Course** is coming up next month. Closing date is February 22, so get your applications in now. There will be no extensions. Please register at: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/158>



The **42nd Jamboree** is open for registrations. Please get your registrations in early. I also need the base applications in soon. The theme is **'A Day in the Life of...Your True Self'** - so I hope you've all been thinking about the themes for your districts.

The applications and registrations can be found at: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/179>

I'd like to remind all cub leaders that the letter to the 10.5 year old cubs will be coming out again this year so, please be aware you may be asked to help with their registration. Registration for cubs needs to come through us. We will add each cub individually to the registration system if they are interested in coming. This is a great **'Try Scouting'** event.

I would like to remind all scout leaders of the procedures for Adventurer Journeys and AMS leadership activities. Remember both these activities must be passed by the troop council. The troop council are the only ones who can approve an activity to commence and approve the awarding of the badge.

If you need help in training your troop council in how this works, please contact me ASAP to arrange this training. If leaders need help in understanding the correct procedures, please contact me to arrange an information session, or arrange a visit to your Mindari.

Registrations for **Cuboree 2020** are open! Scouts are encouraged to apply. They can choose to work on different activity bases and will have special activities at night to entertain them for the duration of Cuboree.

I have it on good authority that you will really enjoy the items that are programmed. This would be a great chance to catch up with those friends you met at Jamboree. Encourage them to join in too. Register at <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

We have several **Basic Scout Leadership courses** coming up in various districts. I would encourage any district who can't run a whole course to approach another district and offer to assist if you need scouts to attend. Even if you don't have scouts that need to attend, join in and learn how to run one for next time.

Let's work together to deliver the best program a region has ever seen. Invite other troops to attend your activities, ask other troops if you can join in. Ask Venturers or Rovers to come and run a night. Gang Show! Science team! Environmental team! Ask the Activities team to run an information session on hiking and what to pack!

These teams are out there to assist your scouts. Use them! If the scouts want to know or do something you aren't sure about ask the region team for the contacts. If you don't have enough leaders for the night or an activity, ask us - we may be able to find you one so the activity can go ahead. Both male and female leaders can be found. It's what we are here for. We are here to support you support the youth.

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)
Region Commissioner Scouts
Email: scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au



First Aid Course (HLTAID003 Provide First Aid)

This course is suitable for Work Cover, Venturer First Aid, Scout Blue & Green First Aid and pre-requisite for Remote First Aid.

**2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Hall
25 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills**

**Cost \$55.00 for members - \$75 non-members
Maximum 38 per class - book early!**

13 April 2019
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/193>

22 June 2019
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/194>

24 August 2019
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/195>

**Visit the website for full details
and booking dates.**



AJ2019



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



Welcome back for 2019 and what will be another exciting year of Adventurous Activities within our Region.

I was reading about our Joint Australians of the Year, announced on Australia Day. One of the recipients, Dr Richard Harris is quoted; "My fear for kids today who, living in a risk-adverse society will not learn to challenge themselves, and will not learn that grazed knees and stubbed toes are really necessary to build resilience and confidence. The need for adventure resides in all of us." OK this guy goes cave diving, probably one of the most extreme adventurous activities one could ever do (apart from teaching your kids to drive); but what a great philosophy to live by, and one that I also share.

One of the first activities for 2019 for the team, looking for a bit of adventure, was a Canyon trip to Starlight Canyon, (Newnes Canyon) up in the Wolgan Valley. Led by Dave (Macca) McKinley, Starlight has it all; with a few abseils and a cave you can go through and if you are lucky, you may even see some glow worms.

Couple of big events to put into your diaries. End of April we have a Caving Proficiency Weekend at Wee Jasper. This is always a popular weekend, with 60+ participants in attendance.

July School Holidays is the 50th Season of Cumberland Gang Show. To say this will be huge, is an understatement. Keep your eyes and ears posted, because tickets will be snapped up really quickly, once they become available.

Of course, the June Long Weekend sees us all back at Cataract, for the Region Jamborette. The Activities Teams has been given basically AAA clearance. (Access All Areas) as far as activities go. Except the water slide. (Bit chilly).

It's a new year, with a new Scouting logo and we are all primed up and ready to go. Let's get out and have some real fun!

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
Email: activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au

CAVING PROFICIENCY BADGE COURSE

(open to members of the Scout section)

Maximum 66 participants

7:45am Saturday April 27, 2019 to
3:00pm Sunday April 28, 2019

@ Billy Grace Reserve, Wee Jasper

Scouts: \$38 Early Bird Scouts: \$30

Leaders and Caving Team: Free

Registrations open now!

Early Bird closes Sunday March 10, 2019
Registrations close Wednesday April 10, 2019

See the EMS for full details and E1 template

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/175>



Starlight Canyon

Photo: David McKinley

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate Oliva from 1st Kellyville, Ashleigh Allan from 1st Oakville and Amy Mutton from 1st Dural on achieving their Queen's Scout Awards.

January was a very busy month for GWSR Venturers and Leaders, with Australian Jamboree in South Australia, New Zealand Venture at Kaiwaka north of Auckland, the Vertigo State Venturer Camp at Glenfield, and the 60km region hike from Yerranderie to Mittagong. And that's just the things I know about!



Magnificent Nattai River reflections



Region Hike selfie!

Last year I advertised for a Region Leader to assist me with running the Venturers. I am pleased to announce Damon Love was successful in his application. Damon is a Queen's Scout recipient from 1st Erskine Park and has just returned from a year volunteering in Switzerland, Germany and with Scout Adventures in the UK. He brings to the region team a wealth of experience as a recent youth member and will be an excellent contributor to the region team. Damon will also be a member of the State Venturer Council. We invested Damon at the Region Venturer Council meeting in February.

We also selected two new youth members of the State Venturer Council. Congratulations to Jack Hartley from 1st North Rocks and Jesse Garafano from 1st Castle Hill on their election. I would also like to thank Lauren Barnett and Connor Kennedy who were our representatives last year.



Our newly appointed Region Leader and Youth representatives.

As I write this, we are at Camp Ku-Ring-Gai for GWSR Roverenture which is being hosted by the GWS Region Rover Council. More on that next month.

This year promises to be another bumper year as we move towards a new youth program. I am running a full schedule of courses this year which can contribute to both the old and new awards. I am on the lookout for people to assist with the courses - the first is only a few weeks away in March. Places are filling fast, so get your applications in quickly.

Brian Nelson
Region Commissioner Venturer Scouts
Email: venturers@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Calling all **Scouts, Venturers, Rovers** and Leaders

SCOUT SNOW TRIP

Come along and join us on
5-7 July 2019
For an **AWESOME** weekend in the snow
Included

- 2 nights at the Alpine activities centre
- 2 Breakfasts and 1 Dinner
- All transport from Sydney/Canberra including mountain transfers
- National park entry fees

ONLY

\$200*

*Plus Gear hire and lift tickets!

Places are limited so book your seat **NOW!**
For more information or to apply go to
www.scoutsnowtrip.com
facebook.com/scoutsnowtrip

Or contact
GRUG
0411 326 021
gwsnowtrip@gmail.com



ROVERS @ AJ2019

To kick off the New Year, GWS Rovers were well represented at AJ2019 with a fantastic turn out, along with many Rovers from across the country. Some of our Rovers who attended included Erin Walker, Elise Mackie, Courtney Elliott, Jason Graham, Marlee Catterson, Trevor Zarth & Angus Boxall from Nepean Rover Crew along with Rachel Ewings & Alex from 2nd Baulkham Hills, Jarrod and Jake from 2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor and Rose from Blaxland.

Nepean Rovers were helping on the Sturt Sub Camp, who teamed up with the Cataract & Events State Scout Fellowship. Some of them arrived as early as 27th December to help with set up! They also helped with things like running the sub camp frat tent; running the sub camp admin and just general sub camp team needs. Angus attended as part of the National contingent. All of the Rovers came home dusty and exhausted but had a lot of fun. It was an awesome experience and some of them have already scheduled AJ2022 into their diaries!



Merrylands Rover Crew teamed up with **Kings Langley Rover Crew** to go on a super fun trip to the Gold Coast and beyond called '**Rotiki 2019**'.

They visited Dreamworld, White Water World and Surfers Paradise. They then caught buses to each new location including Byron Bay, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. Visiting places like the Butterfly House, Koala Hospital, Byron Bay Beach and Mutton Bird Island. They had such an amazing time that they are even planning their next trip!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Scouts and Guides Sydney Mardi Gras 2019 March (By Application)

Saturday 2nd March 2pm - 11pm

Gamer Moot (\$40)

Friday 15th March 5pm - Sunday 17th March 2pm, Glenfield Scout Camp

GWS RRC

Wednesday 3rd April 7:30pm, Bundilla

NSWRC Conference 2019 (TBA)

Saturday 13th April 9am - Sunday 14th April 5pm, Glenrock Scout Camp

Dragonskin 2019 - Kingdoms & Empires (TBA)

Thursday 18th April 5pm - Monday 22nd April 12pm, Penrose State Forest

GWS Jamborette - A day in the life of your true self (TBA)

Friday 7th June 5pm - Monday 10th June 3pm, Cataract Scout Park



PR & Internet Officer - GWS Rovers

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2019 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Congratulations to Annette Douglass

(former CSL at 1st Parramatta)

who was announced as

Senior Citizen of the Year by

the **City of Parramatta**

BRAVO ANNETTE!



**19-22 APRIL
PENROSE
STATE
FOREST**

DRAGON SKIN 2019 Kingdoms and Empires

Registrations for Dragon Skin 2019 are now open.

Dragon Skin is the premier event for Venturers in NSW, giving Venturers the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that allow them to test their initiative, leadership, teamwork and technical skills against members of other Units. To apply log in to: <https://eventregistration.patroltent.com/Login.asp>

Applications close April 7, 2019

It's on again in 2019....

The 69th Sirius Cup Regatta



What is it?

- a chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities
- the Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon
- Scouts come from all around including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra and Lake Tuggeranong from the ACT, from the north (Belmont North, Woy Woy), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerringong).

More Details...

- the Sirius Cup Regatta is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and it is held annually
- there are 5 divisions of sailing races
- canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders
- rowing events
- iron man events for all-comers
- activities for the land lubbers
- evening entertainment

The when and where...

15th to 17th March 2019

Balmoral Oval/Balmoral Beach, Sydney

For more details, please visit

<http://siriuscup.webs.com/> or email siriuscup@yahoo.com.au

Mark it in your diary now!

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