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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

First of all, I would like to thank my two deputies, Geoff Henderson and Tony Dent, for doing a great job and looking after the region while I was on holidays.

As you will know the Region held its ARP just after I returned. Some more thanks go to Gumnut Patisserie in Bowral for supplying afternoon tea, Pinnaroo for their service on the day and our Executive Committee. A special thanks to Debbie Howlett for all she does for the region as Chair in the Region.

The Alan Overton Award for Outstanding Service this year went to **Peter Nickl**. When Susan Cornell read out his name, I was watching Peter and his face was priceless. Peter is most well deserving of this award. When you see Peter around the Region please congratulate him.

Last weekend was another busy weekend in the region with Jamborette and the **Gang Show 50th celebration Gala Dinner**. Let's start with the Dinner. If it is anything to go by - the show this year will definitely have the wow factor so if you have not bought your tickets yet, I suggest you get on line and secure them before they sell out. I must congratulate Meagan Thompson and the 50th Anniversary Team for the night. Also I cannot forget to congratulate Geoff Henderson and his side kick Adam Wardell for making the night memorable.

I only got down to **Jamborette** on Monday for a short time and did not get to see as many people as I normally like to because of an accident I had! Numbers this year were a little down but never the less Tracey and her team put a great weekend together. I am not sure which one of her team was in charge of the weather but there was some great organisation there!

As some of you might have read on Facebook or the state website, we have been advertising for a Region Development Officer (RDO) for the last month. Applications are now closed and we have received 9 applications. We are currently going over these and organising interviews. Our RDO will be out there very soon helping all groups in GWS get more members.

Gang Show, as I said earlier, this year is shaping up to be the best year they have ever had, so please get online and buy your tickets today before they are gone.

Now the hard things: **Mandatory Training**, as we all know when we sign up to become leaders and for our Rovers it was explained to us, that we must do some training. If you get an email from the region that your training is due please don't ignore it. This is a requirement to be a leader or a Rover and must be done ASAP, even I have had to redo my online training. I would hate to have to call people and tell them they are being resigned from something they committed to do.

I was also disappointed in some groups not having the **ARP** done in the correct manner and not having their financial reports ready before their ARP. This year I will be working with the DC in districts who will be talking to the Groups that failed this. A member of my team or I myself will be visiting the District Councils to make sure everything is in order.

I have also mentioned before that groups need to keep the area around their **halls neat and tidy**. It is getting harder to get leases from Councils. I have received a number of letters from councils ordering me to have grounds cleaned up. I have then forwarded these letters to groups in the region so please have a look around your hall and see if there is something you can improve.

It is almost Grant time again. **The Community Building Grant** opens on the 1st of September. You have time to get your quotes together and talk to your local member for support. Keep close to your local member as they have a lot of say as to where the money goes. There will be some help coming for grant writing. As soon as I have it, I will be sharing it with all groups, so please have a look around your hall and see what you can improve.

David Stopps

Region Commissioner

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ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE

**9:00am Saturday 10th August to
2:30pm Sunday 11th August 2019**

**@ Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills
Cost: \$170**

Open to ALL adult Scouting members and youth members over 15.

The Conference will include the **Special Needs Awareness elective (Saturday 9:30am - 12:30pm)** and the **Positive Behaviour Support elective (Sunday 9:30am - 12:30pm)** and **either or both** of these electives can be attended as **"stand alone"** training for those who are not attending the whole Conference.

Each elective costs \$25 which includes morning tea. Lunch is optional at extra cost. The E1 Form is available on-line at the Scout website or can be sent on request.
The deadline for applications is Wednesday 10th July

For all enquiries, please contact:

Mark Burfield

State Commissioner, Special Needs

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GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST

APPOINTMENTS

BATTIWALLA , Phirooza	ACSL	1st Dural Cub Pack
COX , Kelly	Fellowship member	CGS Scout Fellowship
HENRY , Anthony	ASL	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
SAUERBIER , Narelle	Fellowship member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
WARDELL , Adam	RL	GWSR

TRANSFERS

BAKER , Rita	From Trainee Ldr (S) To AJSL	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob 2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
BROWN , Greg	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
KHO , Heryanti	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack <i>Parramatta</i> Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack <i>Parramatta</i>
MUSCAT , Vanessa	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
NAPIER , Quentin	From ACSL To Regional Ldr (Act)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i> GWSR
POLLOCK , Grant	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop 1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
REID , Renee	From ASL To SL	2nd Sutherland (ARMCO) Scout Troop 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
RUDD , Gary	From RA (Not Rsp) To RA (Rsp)	1st Westmead Rover Crew 1st Westmead Rover Crew

RESIGNATIONS

BOLTON , Amber	AJSL	1 st /2 nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Joey Mob
COLES , Peter	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1 st Hawkesbury Cub Pack
KALTENBACHER , Warren	Appt TL (Re)	GWSR
KENT , Anthony	ASL	1 st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
KRUIJER , Matthew	SL-P	1 st Hawkesbury Joey Mob
MORRIS , Heather	ACSL	1st Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Kookaburra</i>

THE GOLDEN WEST REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST

APPOINTMENTS

HINCHCLIFFE , Michelle	RL (Adm)	The Golden West Region
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TRANSFERS

WILLIAMSON , Benjamin	From RC To RC (SD)	The Golden West Region The Golden West Region
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RESIGNATIONS

WORTHINGTON , Christopher	AVSL	3 rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Venturer Unit
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CUB SCOUT REPORT

The past month has been a very busy one for me and my team indeed. During my travels throughout the Region, I have attended three District Seonees, in Parramatta, Hawkesbury and the Hills. I also attended a great Cub Youth Council for the Hills District. I was pleased to be invited to attend and speak at the 1st Rouse Hill Group ARP. I also attended the GWS Region ARP.

REGION PALAVER

The Region Palaver 'Cub Scouts Outdoor Adventure' was held at Bundilla on June 1. Palaver is an informal, fun, information and training day open to all Leaders working in the Cub section. This year we had 30 participants who joined in the program on the day. Thank you to Jeff Hook and Carol Cope who assisted with the training program on the day; providing the opportunity for people to learn new skills and to polish up on old ones.

We also had guest speakers during the day; David Spear (Cuboree), Tony Dent (New Youth Program), Cassie Rec (AT&D), Mark Fell (Adventurous Activities), Matt Thompson (GWSR EMS) and Mel Dimmock (CareMonkey), all of whom provided great presentations – a great big thank you to our presenters and everyone for attending!



NSW CUBOREE 'WHAT ON EARTH?' 5TH TO 9TH JANUARY 2020 Applications close soon!



Registrations for Cuboree close at the end of this term on **July 1**, so now is the last chance to speak to parents and to encourage them to secure their place in the Pack by registering now.

Over the past month I have presented four Cuboree Information Promotional nights at various locations across the Region; the next one scheduled to be held at 1st Winston Hills Scout Hall on Tuesday 18 June. Thank you to Cuboree Ambassadors: Helen Hodge, Michelle McLean, Laura Kahn and Ian Lutz for assisting me.

I must say, that the enthusiasm and excitement of the Cubs that I have spoken to about Cuboree is very encouraging!



I would also ask that Cub Leaders **promote Cuboree** to Scouts (must be over 13 at the start of Cuboree), Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and Parent Helpers in their Scout Group, to encourage them to sign up as Junior Service Leaders, Service Leaders and Parent Helpers at Cuboree. Their help is needed!

To apply for Cuboree, visit:

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



There will be a **Unit (Pack) Coordinators Information Weekend on 27 & 28 July 2019**. This weekend is for Cub Leaders who will be performing the Unit Co-ordinators role whilst at Cuboree.

GWS Region has a target to fill ten Cuboree Units for the event (350 Cubs) - we currently only have 195 Cubs registered, so we still have a fair way to go. We will be looking for experienced Cuboree leaders to appoint as Unit Coordinators over the next month. Unit Coordinators will need to attend the information weekend.

CUBOREE INFORMATION & PROMOTION BASE AT JAMBORETTE

I took the opportunity to set up a Cuboree information base at Jamborette over the long weekend to recruit Scouts, Venturers and Service Leaders. The weekend was fantastic with a lot of interest from the Scouts to sign up and attend Cuboree, to assist with running the Region base – Polar. A great big thank you to Ian Lutz for his assistance over the weekend and for bringing along the mini golf, which proved very popular.



Cub Scout
Cindy Wu
and ACSL
Peilei Wu
2nd Castle Hill
Cub Pack



CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE

The next Cub Scout Leadership Course will be held at Bundilla on **Saturday 10th August from 9am – 7pm**. The course is designed for Cub Scouts who show leadership potential and who are currently a Sixer (PL) or Second (APL) or may be considered for these roles in the near future. Participating Cubs need to be aged over 10 and up to 11 years of age and must be invited to attend by their Cub Scout Leader.

Applications are open now:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/197>



Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who were recently awarded the Grey Wolf Award

Abigail Sinclair – 1st Oakville

James Boxsell – 1st Kellyville

Zoe Suthers – 1st Blaxland

Joshua Burton – 1st Hawkesbury

Thomas Ellicott – 1st Hazelbrook

Lachlan Edwards – 1st Dural

Damien Yap – 1st Carlingford

Indunil Mendis – 1st Carlingford

1-2-3-WOOF!

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)

Region Commissioner Cub Scouts

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FROM THE SCOUT DEN

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Col Nicholas, Robin Garrett and Steve Wallis for filling in for me while I was away and doing an exceptional job on the Jamborette organisation.

Speaking of **Jamborette**....what an awesome Jamborette!!

I would like to thank the Leaders and Rovers from the bottom of my heart. You have helped deliver another successful Jamborette. B-R-A-V-O-O-O to you all!

I would like to also congratulate GWS Venturers for the bases they ran and for working on the adventurous activities. The scouts could not experience these if it wasn't for you. BRAVO-O-O!

Special shout out to Chris from Westmead Venturers for running the disco. It is hard to run a disco for the scouts but he volunteered and delivered. I appreciate it wholeheartedly. Thank you so much!

Thank you to the Bringelly Rural Fire Brigade and St Johns 1st Aid for not only being there but running a base for us.

The Activity Team was awesome as usual! Thank you for supplying your expertise.

Congratulations to the Construction Base run by Paul (Trekker) from Hawkesbury for building structures that even I could climb!

My biggest thanks go to my team; without you I would have to try to do this on my own. This event wouldn't happen without you.

Two people I really need to thank are Kim and Wendy for all their hard work leading up to the event and packing the packs for the groups.

Congratulations to **'Get Shreked'** for winning **Best Base**. Sorry to 'The Stig' I misunderstood my notes.

Congratulations to **1st Balcombe Heights** for winning **Best Traditional Gateway** for the 4th year running!

Congratulations to **Penrith City District** for winning **Best Themed Gateway**.

Congratulations also to **1st Glossodia** as **'Scouts' Choice' Gateway**.

Our new **Region Scout Youth Council** has been voted on. Please welcome:

Region Chair: Melissa (1st Rouse Hill)

Deputy Region Chair: Luke (1st Greystanes)

Region Secretary: Victoria (1st South Penrith)

Next year's theme as voted by the Region Scout Youth Council is.....**Empires & Kingdoms of the Universe**.

Put your thinking caps on and let's make next year's Jamborette the best one ever. Districts and Venturers start thinking about your bases!!! This could be the start of some amazing ideas!

Congratulations to **Aaron Harmeling** on achieving his **Australian Scout Medallion**. I presented Aaron with his woggle and badge at Scouts Own at Jamborette. I look forward to seeing Aaron at the State Presentation. BRAVO-O-O!!!!

We have a **Communication Proficiency Badge Course** running on **June 29 & 30**, please go to our EMS to register.

State Rally is our next big event. The theme is **Think Outside the Box**. I would like to invite ALLLLLLLLLLL Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to State Rally. If you can't send a leader, that's fine, just send your scouts!

We are **RAC 1** for when you register as a Venturer Rover or Leader. You can choose what base you wish to work on - just contact me. **Early bird prices until 30th June:** Scouts \$32.50 and Leaders/Rovers/Venturers \$23.50 (+ catering). **After 30th June** \$40 (Leaders/Rovers/Venturers + Catering) Register at:

<https://nswscouts.eventsair.com/state-rally-2019/registration/Site/Register>

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)
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Aaron receiving his ASM from Tracey Stopps RC Scouts



Best Traditional Gateway - 1st Balcombe Heights

GWSR JAMBORETTE 2019 CATARACT SCOUT PARK



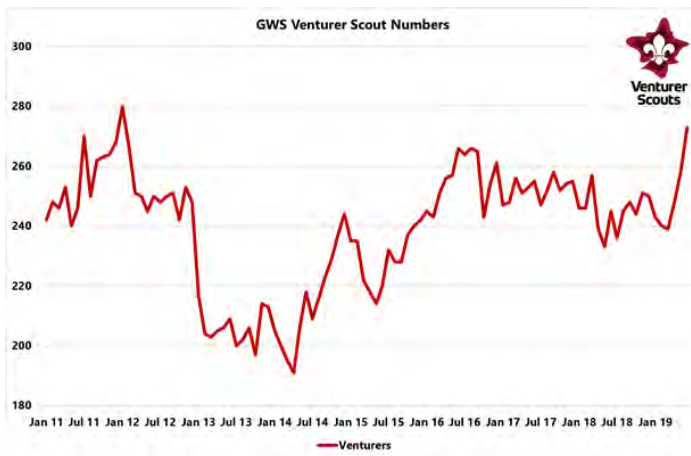
VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate **Lauren Barnett** from 1st Ermington on achieving her **Queen's Scout Award**.

We had a great turnout for the **Region Venturer Council** meeting at Penrith in May. We heard from a number of Venturers planning hikes, upcoming international events, an update from Rovers, next year's Cuboree and courses.

Speaking of courses, the **August Leadership Course** is now full but I am considering opening it up to another table of 6. Stay tuned through your units to see where that ends up. We are still planning to run the **Environment Activity** in September. At this stage, no Unit Management Course is planned but I am open to running one if demand is sufficient.

We've had something of a **surge of membership** in the last couple of months, from 239 in March to over 270 now - an 11% increase since June last year and our largest membership since January 2012. Some of this is from Scouts who stayed back to attend Jamboree, but there has been a big boost in members from outside the organisation. At Jamboree, I was staggered at the numbers in some units that have been quite low recently. The graph over the last 8 years says it all. Well done everyone!



The big event to report of course is Jamboree. Numbers of Venturers this year was particularly strong with over 180 Venturers attending. Congratulations to **1st Ermington** on taking out the **Scouts' Choice Award** for **Best Base**, and to the Venturers from several units that helped on the activities team bases; abseil, rock wall, flying fox and caving. I'm sure the Scouts will have something to say, but I've added a few photos of my own.

Brian Nelson
Region Commissioner Venturer Scouts
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1st KL Venturers' Base



Hard at work at the caves!



Telling stories in a dark cave



Rovers & Venturers play Minute to Win It

ARE YOU TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL IN JANUARY 2020?



GWS base is seeking Scouts, Venturers and Rovers who are interested in learning various skills to assist with running the **COOLEST** Base in 2020.

GWS base will be a fabulous fun environment run by youth, for youth and doing some really crazy coool stuff. We have it all and some.

If you want to be a part of the Coolest Cuboree ever and do some nerdy stuff, wet stuff, pointy stuff, slippery stuff, yummy stuff, sparkly stuff, powerful stuff and super coool stuff, don't waste time. Jump onto the Cuboree website and sign up now as an activity leader on the **POLAR** base. <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>



SANTA CLAUS NEEDS YOU

Santa's Elves are seeking Expressions of Interest from Scouts, Venturers and Rovers who would like to learn Circus Skills and assist at the 2020 Cuboree running Santa's Workshop.

Whilst those with Circus Skills will be welcomed with open arms, no previous Circus experience is necessary. CIRQUE DU SCOUT are offering FREE circus training nights starting from the 4th Tuesday in June 2019, to any Scout, Venturer or Rover, who agrees to assist in Santa's Workshop. A second date each month will be arranged once numbers are known.

Please register your expression of interest by contacting parramatta@greaterwestscouts.com.au If you are under 18, please copy your parent/guardian in on the email. Scout, Venturer and Rover cost for Cuboree is \$190.00



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



Certainly lots happening on the Region Activities front at present.



The month kicked off with running the Climbing Wall for 1st Winston Hills, at the Relay for Life at the Castle Hill Show Ground. Always a big day, and certainly a great way to promote Scouting in the local community.

However even with Scout uniforms on, many people still see the wall as being provided by the local amusement company. *(I had a number of requests asking how much I charge to do a birthday party...!)*

Stuart Cowen was back out on the cliff face again with another successful Abseiling Workshop at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock. Always popular weekends.

Cubs & Scouts conquering the Climbing Wall

Our rock team went underground again with a Caving Skills weekend down at Bungonia National Park. A Big Thank You to Meredith Stewart and the team for another great weekend. These caving skills weekends are in 'vertical caves' requiring a higher level of expertise - with all participants needing to have abseiling quals to attend; but it does provide the opportunity to explore some pretty amazing cave systems.

We managed to squeeze in our last water activities skills workshop before winter really kicks in with an overnighter down in Kangaroo Valley.

Saturday it was paddle strokes and those 'self' and 'T' rescues, which had us all in the water. A bit brisk, but it was a beautiful day to quickly dry off!

With a number of participants already quite skilled in canoeing, we included a night paddle covering about 8 km, with just the starlight to guide us.



This is one of those really special moments in Scouting, that both the youth and leaders will always remember. Sunday saw us paddle down to the historic Hampden Bridge, where we did a car shuffle back to camp. Big thank you to Ben Gross and Bryan Hall for their organization of the weekend.

There are some beautiful spots on the river.

Photo: Mark Fell



There is something very special about a night paddle!

Photo: Mark Fell

The big event for the Activities Team this month, and indeed for the whole Region was the annual **Jamborette**, held at Cataract.

The **Activities Team** were certainly in full swing over the weekend. A Big Thank You to
 Quentin Napier (Onsite Flying Fox)
 David Macca McKinley (Caving)
 Stuart Cowen (Natural Abseiling)
 Paul Jefferies (Natural Abseiling)
 John Leahy (Science Base)
 Karl Humphries (Movie Night)



It's amazing where you can set up a climbing wall!

Photo: Mark Fell



I would particularly like to acknowledge the Venturers, who under the watchful eye of our RC Venturers, Brian Nelson (Sparkie), basically did all the hard work running the activities, with my team providing the “technical support” as required. Thank you and BRAVO O O to all of you.

Don't forget that the July School holidays is the 50th Season of **Cumberland Gang Show** at Parramatta Riverside Theatres. Ticket sales are roaring ahead with Finale Night and Red Scarf Night being extra popular; followed closely by the Wednesday Matinee show.

If you have never been to a Gang Show, reward yourself with a night out. The talent in our youth, and the not so young will blow you away!

Mark Fell (Dingo)
 Region Commissioner Activities
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FLYING FOX COURSE - NOWRA, 9-11 AUGUST 2019 @ Bengalee Scout Camp, Cambewarra
 To register for this course please click on the following:
<https://events.sctscouts.org.au/event/31> Closing date Friday July 26 (\$130 all participants)
 Any enquiries please email info@sctscouts.org.au with flying fox in the Subject Field.

1st DURAL SCOUT GROUP

1st Dural Scout Group recently held their Annual Reporting night where the Committee reported the events of the past year. Several Regional Scout Leaders and local politicians spoke, praising the Group for their on-going success.

At the conclusion of the ARP, it was announced that 1st Dural had three new Queen's Scouts. The Queen's Scout Award aims to widen the interests and knowledge of Venturer Scouts and encourage them to 'look wide'. To achieve this prestigious award a Venturer Scout must be able to set a goal; plan progress towards that goal; organise their self and others; and maintain the determination to overcome difficulties and complete the task.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award in the Venturer Scout section and carries an outstanding reputation within Scouting and the Community world-wide.

Lucy, Amy and Chloe were announced as recipients of the Queen's Scout Award by the Region Commissioner for Venturer Scouts, Brian Nelson. Each year only a few Venturer Scouts achieve this prestigious award, which is presented by the Governor and Chief Scout of New South Wales, as a representative of the Queen, at Government House. Lucy, Amy and Chloe will join the list of 37 Queen's Scout recipients at 1st Dural since 1963.

After the announcement, the Mayor of Hornsby, the Hon. Philip Ruddock, addressed the Group and presented Queen's Scouts plaques to the awardees.

Warren Payne

1st Dural Scout Group



Left to right: Amy Mutton, Lucy Falvey and Chloe Lawler

We've been busy GWSR ROVERS !

Well done to Kings Langley Rover Crew for putting on yet another amazing **Macca's Dinner event**

Be sure to visit their Facebook page and check out where Dale and Brendan have stored your photos from the night! **#MaccasDinner2019**



HOLEY MOLEY!

2nd Castle Hill Rovers with Kings Langley Rovers and 2nd Baulkham Hills



Merrylands Rovers getting ready for Groovin' the Moot

1st/2nd Merrylands Rovers with 2nd Baulkham Hills *Outdoor Rovers*

What have we been up to?



#MaccasDinner2019

Westmead Rovers

But first - let me take a selfie!

Nepean Rover Crew



Nepean took part in a **Snap Chat Scavenger hunt** around Penrith. Teams split up into separate cars and were given a list of 40 items they needed to snap chat. One being a photo of a male wearing heels!! Doesn't Cameron look amazing !



Blaxland Rover Crew



Beach in winter?

Blacktown Rovers and Hawkesbury Rovers



Yes, you read that right!
Both Blacktown Rovers and
Hawkesbury Rovers held a
beach weekend!



Welcome Dural Rovers!



UPCOMING EVENTS



NSW ROVER BALL 2019 – 24K MAGIC

Saturday 6th July - City Beach Function Centre, Wollongong

CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW

12th-20th July - Parramatta Riverside Theatres

GROOVIN' THE MOOT (MERRYLANDS ROVER CREW)

Friday August 16th - Sunday 18th August, Camp Ku-Ring-Gai

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LOST PROPERTY FROM REGION JAMBORETTE



Stainless steel cup – **Lachlan Watts**
Grey quick dry towel with green edging – **Harry** labelled on it
Red smash drink bottle – **Manuja** labelled on it
Drink bottle – **Thomas Kougellis**
Cumberland Gang Show hoodie – **Lochie Watts**
AJ2019 bucket hat – **Lauren McKenzie**
Puma cap – labelled **Mitch**
Blue polar fleece – **Oliver Larsen**
Sea to Summit spoon and knife – **Stanhope** on the back
Black drink bottle – **Taylor** on the side
Blue plastic cup
Navy blue Barmah Canvas drover hat with scout pin on it
Bucket hat (embroidered **Little Lucifers Bryon Bay 2000**)
Black cap with **Navy, Army, Air Force** on the front
Purple and pink swimming costume

Grey Supre woollen beanie
Cool gear clear drink bottle
Aalec grey torch
AJ2019 bucket hat
Black G shock watch
Bone bucket hat
Bone sun protection hat
Bright blue bucket hat
Black hair brush
Shimano grey hat
Blue travel pillow
2005 GWS Jamborette woggle
Black UV wrap sunglasses
Black tracksuit pants

*All these items will be kept for 2 weeks and are available for collection from the Region Office .
After 2 weeks , all items will be donated to charity.*

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