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Congratulations to Jenny Wardell, the very worthy Winner of the 2019 Rodney Award
Jenny is Welfare Director for Cumberland Gang Show and is photographed here with
Dr Robert Lang, the Show's Producer.

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GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST

APPOINTMENTS

GLACKEN, Kieran	From Trainee Ldr (S) To Trainee Ldr (V)	2nd Northmead Scout Troop 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
MUELLER, Mark	From JSL-P To Trainee Ldr (S)	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Scout Troop
NICHOLAS, Colin	From Hon Comm (R) To RC (SD)	GWSR GWSR
SEARLE, Timothy	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i> 1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
SHAW, David	From Trainee Ldr (Region) To RL	GWSR GWSR
TENG, Lai Fong	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob
WHITE, Jessica	From AJSL To ASL	1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
WICKS, John	From AVSL To VSL-P	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
WOOD, Robert	From AVSL To ASL	1st/2nd Blacktown Venturer Unit 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop
XUE, Kai	From AJSL To JSL	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

DRING, Mark	JSL-P	1st Greystanes Joey Mob
EDWARDS, Janice	AVSL	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
GRAHAM, Jakki	ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
GREAVES, John	ACSL	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack
HARDING, Melissa	DLCS	Blue Mountains District
HUYNH, Martina	Trainee Ldr (JS)	Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob
LEE, Matthew	Appt TL (Region)	GWSR
M^cELREA, Dean	ASL	1st Blaxland Scout Troop <i>Erskine</i>
M^cKINLEY, Daniel	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
O'KEEFE, Warwick	AVSL	1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit
PONNAMPALAM, Gillian	Appt TL (G)	1st Westmead Scout Group
SPROWLES, Alan	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
SULLIVAN, Jenny	ASL	1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
TOVKACH, Leanne	ASL	1st Greystanes Scout Troop
VELLA, Luke	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Kings Langley Scout Troop
WHITE, Alan	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Greystanes Scout Troop
WOODCOCK, Michael	Trainee Ldr (CS)	West Pennant Hills Valley Cub Pack

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MCINROY, David From Trainee Ldr (R) 3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Rover Crew
To RA (Responsible) 3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Rover Crew

RESIGNATIONS

LINDE, Tracy ACSL 3rd Orange Cub Pack
GILES, Raiechell CSL 3rd Parkes Cub Pack



We regret to advise the passing of Janice (Jan) Carter in Queensland.

Jan Carter began her journey in Scouting in 1977 with her much loved 1st Kellyville Cub Pack "A". The Group had been closed for some time and Jan and her husband Robert, joined as the Cub Leaders. Jan retired as the CSL in 1987, when she moved on for a short stint to be a District Leader in Special Projects then Training until 1991. Jan transferred into the role of Assistant Area Commissioner – Communications and PR and continued in this appointment until she started working as the Region Office Manager at Bundilla in 1993.

For 17 years Jan kept everything and everyone, including a number of the Region Commissioners, "on track" at Bundilla until her retirement in 2010. She helped organize "the Bundy Club", a group dedicated to keeping Bundilla in a neat and tidy condition all year round. Jan also held appointments as Region Commissioner Cubs and Region Leader Youth Program until retiring from active Scouting in 1996. Jan transferred to a Supporter role and acted as a PLA until her retirement in 2010.

When 1st Kellyville closed in 2000, Jan was determined to reopen the Group. With a considerable amount of effort from 2003-2007, this finally occurred with the Scout Troop followed closely by the Cub Pack re-opening in 2007. This group remains strong today, with currently 107 youth members, because of the determination of Jan Carter in seeking quality leaders to "kick start" 1st Kellyville.

Jan will always be remembered as "Possum", the Cub Leader and stalwart supporter of 1st Kellyville and the formidable Region Office Manager from GWS Region. Like a good Cub Scout, Jan always *did her best* with her duties in the Cub Pack and her duties in the office at Bundilla. Many Leaders were the recipient of a good tongue lashing from Jan about the standard of their paperwork if they were late, used an expired form or were sloppy.

***Jan will be sadly missed by her family and many Scouting friends
and acquaintances.***



**NSW Cuboree 'What on Earth?'
5th to 9th January 2020!**



Cuboree registrations had a soft close on **1 July**. I am pleased to say that after a great deal of promotion, GWS has hit a recording breaking 11 Cuboree Units, which is an increase on the 9 Packs we had at the last Cuboree. Well done to all Cub Leaders and Cuboree Ambassadors out there that promoted the event to their youth members.

It is not too late to register, Cuboree will continue to take late registrations through to the end of September; however late registrations will not be guaranteed to be placed with their home Unit (although we will do our best to accommodate them where possible).

We have now selected the 11 Unit Coordinators, who will be attending a Unit Coordinators' meeting at the end of the month to find out all the plans so far for Cuboree 2020.

We want you!

We are still looking for Scouts and Venturers (Junior Service Leaders) to assist us with running the activities.

So please, Cub Leaders promote Cuboree to your Scouts (must be over 13 at the start of Cuboree) and Venturers.

Rovers and Leaders are also required. Do you have a special talent or skill that can help Cuboree?

I encourage you all to sign up. More hands make light work! To apply for Cuboree, visit:

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



Cuboree Shakedown Camp dates

The pre - Cuboree shakedown camps have been booked in to be held at Bundilla. The shakedown camps for this Cuboree will be a two-night camp starting on the Friday and finishing at lunch time on the Sunday. Exact times, costs and registrations will be available next month.

The dates are as follows:

25th - 27th October: Blue Mountains, Penrith, Hawkesbury & Blacktown Districts.

1st - 3rd November: Hills, Parramatta and Holroyd Districts.

Investiture of the Chief Scout of NSW

On the 11th July, Her Excellency the Honorable Margaret Beazley AO, QC was invested as the new Chief Scout of NSW. I was very pleased to see that a Cub Scout from GWS Region played an important part in the investiture ceremony. Well done Gerald. One, Two, Three, WOOF!



Gerald with the Chief Scout of NSW.



Gerald with the Chief Commissioner of NSW.



***The newly invested Chief Scout
Margaret Beazley AO, QC with all Scout
Youth section representatives***

Cumberland Gang Show

I was lucky enough to attend a performance of the Cumberland Gang show last week, and may I say what a wonderful production it was. I would like to congratulate all the Cubs that were in cast (along with ALL involved). Your performance was fantastic!

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 years and up to 11 years of age** to attend and must be invited to attend by their Cub Leader. Applications close soon: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/197>

This year, there will be a third Cub Scout Leadership course, to be held in November. Applications will open after the August course.

Changes to the Grey Wolf Award

As of 1st July 2019, the National Youth Program Team made the following decision regarding awarding peak awards:

“To achieve the peak award in any section, the member is eligible if they meet the eligibility requirements of that section in which they are achieving the award.”

The National Youth Program Team – Cub Section

agreed that effective immediately, a Cub Scout can achieve the Grey Wolf Award between the ages of 8 and 12, as long as they are a current Cub section member and have met the application requirements of the award. This brings the award in line with the current age range for Cub Scouts.

ALL references to youth achieving their award by age 11 will be removed from the State website and the process notes for leaders and application form will be updated.

The Grey Wolf commencement form is no longer required and will be removed from the State website.

Please remember that the Grey Wolf Award application form (F6), which is available on the Scouts NSW website is electronic and **MUST** be approved by Pack (Unit) council AFTER all requirements are completed.

These applications go directly to me, RC Cubs and should NOT under any circumstances be presented to Districts for approval first.

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts
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*Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts
who were recently awarded the
Grey Wolf Award*

**Leo Sirisisavath – 1st Blackheath
James Dodds – 1st Kellyville
Dylan Skinner – 1st Carlingford
Addison Hughes – 1st Sth Penrith**

1-2-3 - WOOF!

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



A Scout's Tale

Here is a rather fanciful email to Mum and Dad from an anonymous 1st Dural Scout...

Dear Mum and Dad

I can't believe it. We're at Jamboreette and it is not raining!!! It's not even cold!

We're camping next to some of the scouts we went to Jamboree with! It's so nice to see them again. The leaders were a bit rowdy last night so I'm a bit tired.

We lit the fire last night and it's still going this morning. We had bacon and eggs for breakfast and they say we're having butter chicken for dinner tonight. I can't wait.

We set up the gateway to our camp this morning. It's an electric fence! Not one to keep out horses and stuff, just a gentle one; but if you hold it and hold hands with a whole bunch of other people, the jolt is quite hilarious. It's great watching scouts from other troops come to test it. Ha ha!

After lunch we started doing some of the activities like the Rover base. I think it was called Under the Sea. We all got to drive around in a cardboard box and pretend it was a submarine, throwing beanbag bombs at targets. It was pretty cool. We are going on the flying fox later and they even have a climbing wall and a go-kart base.

Anyway, I'd better go. There are about 30 bases to do and I want to do them all, especially the go-kart one.

Lots of love

Anonymous Scout

Sent in by Warren Payne - 1st Dural



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



Every year, at this time, I sort of take a bit of a break from the normal run of adventurous activities, and spend basically a month focusing on just one activity.

This activity involves some rather long nights (and days); it involves lots of people, with a broad range of ages; people with a huge range of incredible skills; there are bright flashing lights; loud music and lots of colourful dress wear ...except they make me wear black! (...I think it has something to do with me not being supposed to be seen!)

Of course I am talking about Cumberland Gang Show, and the **2019 Season** is certainly a massive milestone as we celebrated our **50th Year**. What an incredible show, what an incredible cast, and what an incredible gang of back stage and behind the scenes people, who make it all happen.

And it's that behind the scene gang I would really like to acknowledge. The Mums and Dads; the Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer Leaders; Guide Leaders; Venturers, Rovers, Fellowship Members, Region Leaders, Commissioners, previous Cast members and an array of all sorts of very special and dedicated people; all whom work tirelessly behind the scenes, to make Cumberland Gang Show what it is.



You will see lots of wonderful photos of the glitz and glamour on the stage, but behind all that, is an even larger gang of people, working together, to make it all happen.

Photo: Mark Fell

It was a very proud moment for a number of us, who received 10, 20, 30 and 40 year scarves in recognition of years of service, for their involvement with Cumberland Gang Show.

There is one person who must certainly be acknowledged;
Lindsay McEwan, who was presented with his 50 Year Scarf!
You would be hard pressed to know anyone, anywhere, who has given that amount of time to a volunteer organization. **BRAVO Lindsay**
Part of the Legend Team, and truly a Legend to Gang Show.

Left to Right

**Steve Kennedy 10 Years, Mark Fell 20 Years,
Anthony McKellar 30 Years, Peter Lee 40 Years and
Lindsay McEwan 50 Years**

That's 150 years collectively! Photo: Troy Strickland

Mark Fell (Dingo)

Region Commissioner Activities

Stage Manager Cumberland Gang Show

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JOTA/JOTI 2019

Where will JOTA take you this year?

New Zealand, Germany, England, Africa, Alaska or
Space via the International Space Station.

For the most International fun you can have without leaving home, join a million Scouts around the world on Amateur Radio (JOTA) or via the Internet (JOTI) on **19th & 20th October**.

If your Group is organising a JOTA base (with a local Radio operator at the Scout Hall) or a JOTI base at home, let me know so we can involve more Scouts.

JOTA is suitable for all sections, when appropriate activities are programmed.

If you would like to know where your Scouts could be involved, also contact me and I will pass on base locations that I have been told about.

For more information: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

John Leahy

GWS JOTA Activity Leader

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1ST MT DRUITT SCOUTS SWAP SCARF FOR SHIELD



The annual Red Shield Appeal was held on Sunday 26/05/2019 and 1st Mount Druitt Scouts were out and about, knocking on doors around the Minchinbury area collecting important funds for the Salvation Army.

Lorelle Vince from the Salvation Army said; "Red Shield Appeal began in 1965 and is promoted under our most recognisable symbol – the Red Shield. Each year, The Salvation Army appeals to the Australian community for donations to ensure we can give hope where it is needed most through our social welfare and community service programs. It is great to see the Scouts out helping us with this vitally important task."

Michael Gibbs, the Scout Leader of 1st Mount Druitt Scouts said, "Scouting is a very important part of the local community and we like to give back to that community as well. Our Scouts do so many activities such as camping and hiking, but one of the core practices is to do one good deed a day, so that's why we do community based activities like the Red Shield Appeal.

Donations can still be made to the Salvation Army via the Salvation Army website.

Michael Gibbs (Uckillya)

Scout Leader / Leader in Charge

1st Mt Druitt Scout Troop

Rovers At Jamborette 2019



Let's Meet Some Rovers

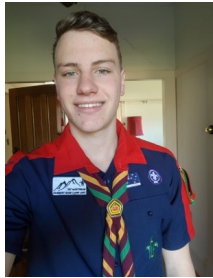


Jarrod Mathews
Nepean Rover Crew

I have been involved in Scouting for 7 years
If you had the worlds attention for 30 seconds, what would you say?
 Don't be silly, think before you act

Benedict Cutts
1st Westmead Rover Crew

If you had intro music, what song would it be and why?
 Glorious by Macklemore, because I'm always trying to have good days and influence positivity. It's an upbeat and feel good song



Jordan Longmuir
2nd Baulkham Hills (Outdoor) Rover Crew

I've been Scouting for 10 Years
You've Been Given An Elephant. You Can't Get Rid Of It. What Would You Do With It?
 I would befriend the elephant and we would re-enact the jungle book together.



Jayden William
1st Kings Langley Rover Crew

I joined Scouts when I was 11
What futuristic thing do you wish your clothing or accessories could do ?
 Clothes that could shape shift into different clothing that you require. For example, it could go from a normal shirt to a big thick woolly jumper to keep you warm.



ROVERS OUT & ABOUT



Blacktown Rovers



Hawkesbury Rovers



Blaxland Rovers



Westmead Rovers



Nepean Rovers

UPCOMING EVENTS



State Rally 2019 - Think Outside The Box
 Friday August 2nd - Sunday August 4th, Cataract Scout Park

Groovin' the Moot (Merrylands Rover Crew)
 Friday August 16th - Sunday 18th August, Camp Ku-Ring-Gai

Harbour Cruise
 Friday 11th October - Sydney Harbour

Greater Western Sydney Rovers' - Relay for Life
 Friday October 18th - Sunday October 20th, Blacktown

PR & Internet Officer - GWS Rovers email: pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au

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