



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**JOIN US ON STAGE IN 2020!**

**10TH - 18TH JULY 2020**

**RISE UP**

Open to all active members of Scouts Australia or Girl Guides Australia, 7 years or older by 1st July 2020.  
Comet cast - a modified program gives an exciting taste of theatre for 7-9 year olds.

**Cumberland Gang Show**

#cumberlandgangshow  
#cgsriseup #cgs2020

CAST AUDITIONS will be held on **Saturday 7th December 2019** at Baden Powell Scout Training Centre, Pennant Hills between 9am and 5pm.  
Applications close **Sunday 24th November 2019**.  
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**

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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

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First, I would like to congratulate once again, all the Award recipients from last week's presentation dinner, another great night for our region. A big thank you to Neville Henderson for all he did in organising the awards and the dinner; to Kim and Wendy from the Region Office and to all the readers and presenters on the night, well done.

Further to my announcement on the night about vacant positions in the Region: The Region Executive **Treasurer's position** has become vacant due to our former Treasurer, Greg Brown getting more involved as a Leader at Toongabbie Scouts. I would like to thank Greg for his time he has given in this role. The second position on the executive is a **Property Executive** to help manage all the halls in our region.

I also have two Positions in my Region team. The first is a new position as the **Region Commissioner Fellowship**. This is a new position in the region with our growth, to help develop our fellowships.

The second position is also a new position - I am combining our Joey and Cubs Commissioners' Role into one. The position is **Joey/Cubs Commissioner**.

If you are interested in any of these positions,  
please email me at

[david.stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:david.stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au)

and I will then send you a Position description.

As so many of you would now know, State has started to roll out the **new online forms**. The first one is the Y1 and as far as I have been told it is going well. Your Group Leader has been getting updates on how this is happening. The next form to roll out is the A1 and the YA1 later this week.

The process is very similar - just all online no paper. Again, all the Group Leaders have been receiving updates on this and how it is happening. If anyone has not had these updates, please contact me by email.

Next month State will be rolling out **Scouts 365**. What is this? It is basically Office 365. All the Region Team, Group Leaders, Group Secretaries and Group Treasurers will be sent a link to join 365. You will be given an email similar to mine but of course with your name

(joe.blog@nsw.scouts.com.au), this is just an example.

You will have 6 months to register your 365, if you don't you will miss out - as this will be the only email that Region and State will use for correspondence. More information on this to come. What do you need to do? Your Group needs to make sure all details on the above positions are correct in Scout Link.

I will also be emailing the Group Leaders directly for the names and emails of the people in your group that hold any of these Positions.

**David Stopps**

**Region Commissioner**

**Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

**Mobile: 0472 688 766 (04SCOUTS66)**



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## APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

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**JEWELL, Brian**

From ACSL 1st Kandos Cub Pack

To ACSL 1st Blackheath Cub Pack

**WATERSON, Bernard**

From TL (CS) 1st Dural Cub Pack

To ACSL 1st Dural Cub Pack

**REDWIN, James**

From CSL-P 1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack *Panthers*

To ACSL 1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack *Panthers*

**RIGBY, Robert**

From TL (CS) 1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack *Panthers*

To CSL - P 1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack *Panthers*

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## RESIGNATIONS

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**GOH, James RL (Act) GWSR**

## 2019 Good Service Awards Presentation Dinner



**Mr Lyall Wood RFD AM**  
**Appointed Life Councillor**  
**Scouts Australia NSW**



**Mr Charles Yendle (Baggy)**  
**ACSL 3rd Merrylands**  
**Recognised for 60 years of Service!**



**Mr Frank Barr OAM**  
**Silver Kangaroo**



**Mrs Carol Cope**  
**Silver Kangaroo**

***Congratulations to all the Awardees.***

Please click on the following link to view and download all the photos from this very special night.

**[www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/gallery](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au/gallery)**



### NSW Cuboree 2020

Cuboree 2020 has a record number of participants registered to attend. I am very pleased to say that GWS has increased their attendees from 9 Cuboree Packs in 2017 to a huge 12 Cuboree Units for 2020.

With an increase in application numbers, combined with a late final cut off date of 1 October, we have experienced challenges in making up the final Cuboree Units at a later than expected date and very close to the Shakedown camps.

I understand that many Cuboree Units have already met and started planning and that many are disappointed with the changes which were unavoidable yet necessary. I thank you all for your patience and understanding during this process.

Shakedown camps are not far away with the first one being held from 25th - 27th October followed by the second one on 1st - 3rd November. Each Cuboree Unit Coordinator will register the Unit as a whole, so please wait until they send you a link. Junior Service Leaders will be receiving an invitation soon.

### Age Ranges – Cub Scouts

In 2017, Scouts Australia made changes to the age ranges for all Sections. These changes were adopted by Scouts NSW in 2018. These changes are published in the Policies and Rules of the Association.

I would like to remind all Cub Leaders that the approved age range for the Cub Scout Section are as below:

### R6.3 MEMBERSHIP

1. Boys and girls become Cub Scouts by an investiture ceremony during which the Cub Scout Promise is made.
2. Before their investiture as Cub Scouts, children must know and understand the meaning of the Promise and Law for Cub Scouts, in keeping with their age.
3. A Joey Scout who has earned the Link Badge may be invested without further training.
4. The young person **must have had their eighth birthday prior to commencing in this Section.**
5. Youth are able to commence their progression to the Scout Section at any time **after their eleventh birthday** and will have completed their progression by their twelfth birthday.
6. It is recognised some young people with special or cultural needs may require additional considerations regarding age and their developmental levels. As these cases will be highly individual, each Branch should establish mechanisms to enable such accommodations to be considered. This should occur in consultation with the youth member's parents/guardians, the Group Council, and the youth member where possible.

I have been advised by the State Commissioner for Cubs that there are a number of Cubs within GWS that are underage and have not turned 8 as yet. If your Cub Unit has Cubs under age, I will be contacting you soon to find out why so that I can report back on the matter.

### Out and About - 2019

Don't forget that October/November is 'Out and About' time. This is a time to take your Cubs out using public transport; many Cub Packs are taking this opportunity to arrange an exciting outing within the Community. Badges for this activity are available through your District Leader Cub Scouts.

## Cub Commissioner Challenge - 2019

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)

## Cub Scout Leadership Course

The next Cub Scout Leadership course will be held on 23rd November at Bundilla Scout camp. Applications are now open in the GWS EMS system.

Cubs that are accepted on the course will need to be aged 10 years and older. There are two worksheets that participants are required to complete and bring to the course with them. Please ensure this pre-work is completed by the Cub and brought along.

I ask that all Cub Scout leaders support the Cubs in the lead up to the course in completion of the worksheets.

## Planning for 2020

Many Cub Packs, Groups and Districts will soon be planning their program for 2020. The Region Cub calendar has now been completed and is available through your District Cub Scout Leader and will be put on the GWS Region website soon.

2020 is shaping up to be a wonderful year with fantastic opportunities, so please ensure that you plan for your Cubs to join in the many activities available.

*Yours in Scouting*

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



## LAUNCH OF BUSHWALKING 2020 Information Sessions

**Friday 22 November 7:00pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Sunday 24 November 9:00am - 10:30 am**

With many exciting trips and opportunities coming soon, GWSR Bushwalking is running two information sessions at Bundilla.

Returning, new and future participants are invited on either Friday evening or Sunday morning. 1 hour overview of upcoming trips followed by light refreshments.

Come down and talk to our bushwalking guides about how you can get involved today. We are currently recruiting younger Scouts to join as regulars in the bushwalking team.

RSVP to

[bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au)  
by 21st November 2019.



## CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF GWSR BUSHWALKING

ROYAL COAST TRACK  
7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

Royal National Park | Bundeena to Otford  
via North Era Campground

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/219>

The Coast track in Sydney's Royal National Park, is an epic multi-day walk between Bundeena and Otford. Enjoy incredible coastal lookouts, swimming spots, seasonal wildflowers and whale watching along this challenging 26km track.

*For enquires please contact:  
Bushwalking Coordinators*

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[bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:bushwalking@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Connor Kennedy  
[connor.kennedy012@gmail.com](mailto:connor.kennedy012@gmail.com)

## SCOUTS

Welcome to September!! Already.....

The Australian Scout medallion presentation is coming up this month. I would like to remind all scout leaders that the citation for the ASM is to be written by the Troop Council with the help of the scout leader. This citation should be sent along with the photos to [ASM.Awards@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ASM.Awards@nsw.scouts.com.au)

One week out and I still have some outstanding!

**Cuboree2020** is open for Service Leader and Junior Service leader registrations. It runs from 5th - 9th January 2020. Cost is \$190. This is a great opportunity to work on achieving your qualifications in many adventurous activities. Register at [www.nswscouts.eventsair.com](http://www.nswscouts.eventsair.com)

The **badge competition** for next year's Jamborette is open. The theme is 'Kingdoms & Empires of the Universe'. Please have your troops/units forward their designs by 30 November 2019.

Our Region Scout Youth Council was held on the 21st October. Thank you to those representatives who attended. If you need help running your District Scout Youth Council please contact me or Ayla Sloan at [gwssycmentor@gmail.com](mailto:gwssycmentor@gmail.com) Ayla will help oversee the District Scout Youth Council in your place.

Remember to keep checking the **GWS Events website** for upcoming events. Leaders and scouts need to remember they can register independently for most things. Scouts do NOT need a local leader to attend most events - they can go on their own.

Further to that, Patrol camps do not need a local leader to attend – as long as the paperwork is in place. If the patrol chooses Bundilla there are always leaders onsite (just in case) although that's probably more for the parents and leaders than the scouts.

**Reminder:** All patrols going out on 3 day hikes need to notify:

1. [activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au)
2. the Group Leader of the Troop/Unit
3. the Region Activity Leader of the area to be visited
4. [rcscoutsgws1@gmail.com](mailto:rcscoutsgws1@gmail.com) as a minimum.

**Please make sure your scouts have notified at least these four people of their intention to hike.**

**Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)**  
**Region Commissioner Scouts**

**Email:** [scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:scouts@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



### **S4R funds to help refugee families enjoy a Scouting life**

*Imagine leaving everything you know and travelling to a new country. Your home, your school, your friends, all left behind. How do you start again? How do you connect to your new community and make new friends?*

Scouts can offer financial assistance to young refugees and their families through the Scouts for Refugees Support Fund (S4R).

This financial assistance is available to help young people from a refugee background who are living in NSW to join Scouts. Funds are available now to cover membership fees, the cost of uniforms and of some activities.

If you know someone with a refugee background who would like to join Scouts and could benefit from help with their cost of Scouting, tell them about S4R.

**For more information, contact the Region Office on 9639 2488 or visit the Scouts NSW website.**

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/about/scoutsforrefugees>

## The Hills & Parramatta District Scouts Sleep Out



# SUPER SCOUT SLEEPOUT Homelessness Awareness



Teaming up with the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Scouts of the Hills & Parramatta Districts experienced a wet spring night of homelessness.

Coming on site with the clothes they are wearing, a sleeping bag, a tarpaulin and a cardboard box the scouts experienced a night of sleeping rough. Entry fee was a donation of non-perishable food for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to where it is needed in the local community.

Activities organised during the night focussed on raising awareness in the SDGs of No Poverty and Zero Hunger. Thanks to all involved.

*Veronica Brogden ASL - 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Unit*

# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



Even with school holidays, it has certainly been a very busy month across the Region. I am in a fortunate position, where I do get to see much of the paperwork which comes through, for the many and varied activities which, as a Region we get up to!

While I know how much we all love paperwork, here is a good reminder as to what paperwork I like to see.



**In essence, for any activity where a Part 3 of the E1 Form is required:**

**Part 3** is required for any activities which are overnight, involve rock (abseiling, caving, etc); Water; which includes canoeing and sailing and any activity which does carry an element of "risk". This could include a day hike in the Blue Mountains, particular if you are heading a bit off track.

The Part 3 is what I call the "**Insurance Policy**". If all goes well, not a problem. However, if things do go a bit pear shaped, that piece of paper becomes

a very important document. It certainly shows an air of care and responsibility when talking with the Police, SES or any other Emergency Service, having that critical information all on hand. You may remember last month, I did mention, with anticipated severe Fire Season this year, any walk in a bush area should be regarded as high risk, so please fill out a Part 3. Of course, common sense should also prevail in regard to hiking on any High Fire Danger Day.

I often see the **Person Location Beacon** (PLB) ticked on the Part 3 form. The requirement to take one on an activity is at the discretion of the activity

organiser to determine whether the activity warrants taking a PLB or not. I know some groups who have their own, while others use SPOT or similar systems/apps. The Region Office has two PLB units which are available for hire. If you are using one of the Region Units, please let me know. Being one of the 24/7 emergency contacts, it is always good to know when one is out in the "field".

Big thank you to Keith Travers & John van den Burg, who spent an enjoyable 5 days running another successful Sailing Workshop at Lake Chipping Norton over the school holidays. With 8 eager participants, all keen to learn the basic fundamentals of how to make a sailing boat actually sail! Keep your eye out on the Region EMS site with more Sailing Workshops planned in the coming months.



In Scouting we provide the opportunity for all sorts of people, to have a go at all sorts of activities. For some, that activity could be relatively easy; yet for others, that same activity could be extremely difficult.

The Region Activities Team were privileged to be able to run the Climbing Wall at the recent **Agoonoree** at Bundilla. Agoonoree is a special camp designed for people with special needs.



With Quentin Napier at the helm for the day, nothing was going to stop him from ensuring every person who wanted to have a go, got the opportunity.



***It was a very special day!  
Doesn't say you "can't do that" in the  
instruction manual...!***



With a bit of ingenuity, it is amazing who or what you can haul up that wall. But the best thing is the absolute joy you see on those young people's faces, in actually doing something they could previously only dream of.

A huge BRAVOOO to everyone involved.

*\*Where I reference "Scouts", I mean everyone from Joeys up!*

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**  
**Region Commissioner Activities**  
**Stage Manager Cumberland Gang Show**  
**Email: [activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

### **ANYONE FOR SAILING?**



**Location:** Chipping Norton Lake  
Angle Park, Homestead Drive,  
Chipping Norton

***Sunday 17th November***  
Beginners sail day

***Saturday 21st December***  
One day sailing workshop

***Saturday 4th - 8th January 2020***  
5 day workshop for scouts, venturers, rovers and leaders

***Please see the Region EMS for full details.***

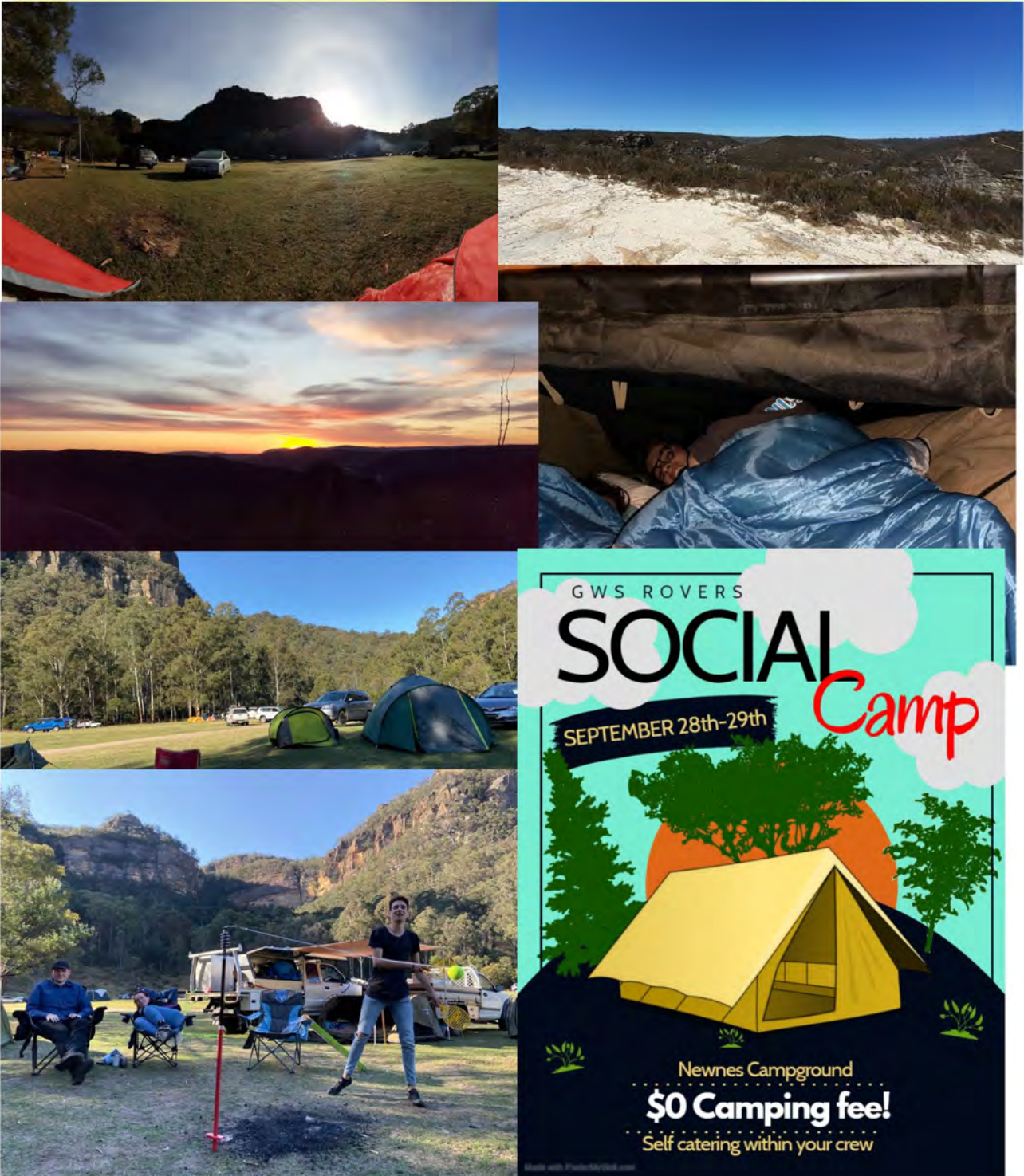
#### ***Expressions of Interest***

We are looking for a female leader with her own car who would like to participate in sailing. We would provide all training. If interested please contact Keith Travers.

**Keith Travers**  
**Email: [keith.travers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:keith.travers@optusnet.com.au)**

# GWS Rover's Social Camp

On September 28th/29th the GWS Rover's headed down to Newnes Campground to spend the weekend away catching up as a region.



# The People's Moot



## Nepean Rover Crew



Over the October long weekend, Nepean Rover Crew had their annual crew camp!

And also..

Who would of thought, attending a moot in matching shirts from Loves would get Nepean Rover Crew on the Loves Official Facebook Page!

With 175 LIKES!

Well Done Team !

# What's Coming up?



18/19/20th October 2019  
Blacktown International Sports Park



30 Dec - 10 Jan  
Canberra, ACT



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