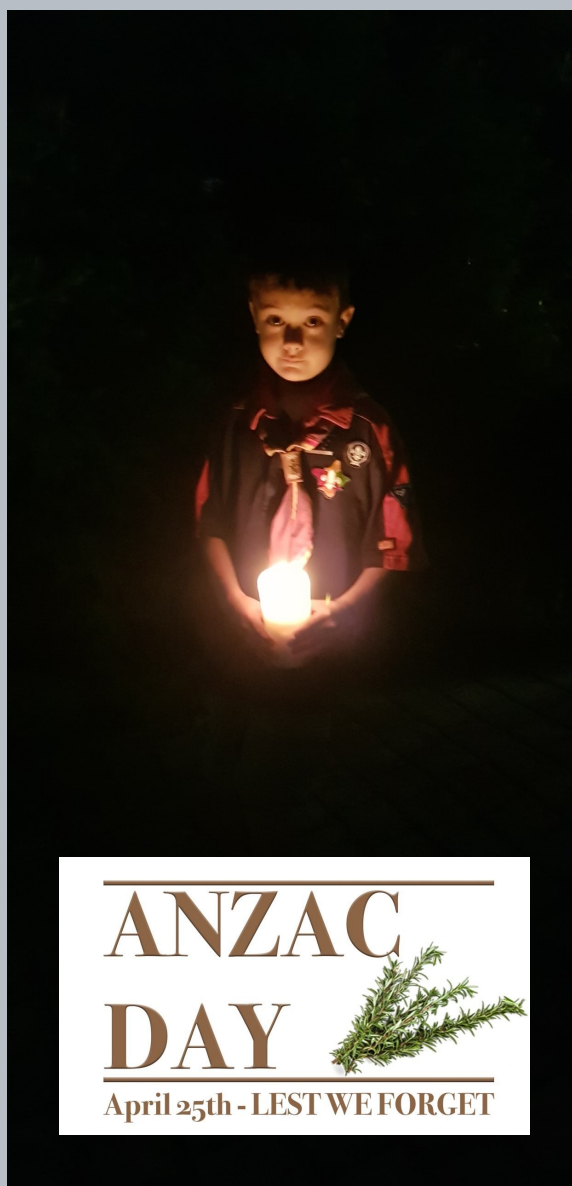




# The Bulletin

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*A Joey Scout from 1st Carlingford commemorates ANZAC Day. Following the morning service in his street with his dad, the family made Anzac biscuits and distributed them to elderly residents in their street.*

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## **FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER**

We all know we are in struggling times. The world is a different place – Scouting is a different place. This last weekend proved to me how strong our members are. I have received many photos and clips of people commemorating ANZAC Day from their yards, lounge rooms, backyards and streets.

Our GWS Leaders and Supporters page almost crashed when inundated with people's posts. Congratulations to you all. I would like to give a special mention to RC Communications, Matt Thompson, for his excellent clip promoting our ANZAC Day traditions. This was done with a 2 or 3 day turn around.

I have also seen many photos of people camping out in their backyard, holding campfires and Scouting activities. We hope it won't be too long before we can recommence putting the OUT back into Scouting.

I would also like to congratulate all the leaders who have taken Scouting to a new level. Some of us, myself included, struggle with technology, so what these leaders are producing is amazing. They haven't been able to do it by themselves. The youth were the driving force and took up all opportunities that have been provided. It's been great to see so many involved. BRAVO-O-O-O!

On a more serious note, most groups would be holding their ARPs. Some are doing them online or over the phone. There is no right or wrong way to hold them. We just need have the paperwork in ASAP. The Region Office has sent out emails with all the forms for the ARPs. If you have not received the email, please email the office and they will resend.

Some groups are having difficulty in getting their financials audited. I understand. For this year ONLY, I will accept unaudited completed financials – we will have our Region Treasurer go over them for you.

Good news (as you will find out from the section RCs), is that the Peak Awards have been changed to accommodate COVID-19. These changes will be in force until we are notified otherwise by State. ***Please note there are NO local rules!***

**David Stopps**

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## **SCOUTS NSW EMAIL ADDRESS ACTIVATION**

**Are you one of the 51% in our Region that has not yet activated their Scouts NSW email address?**

Volunteers who hold any of the following appointments below should have received their Activation email with username and password details.

If you have not received it, and believe you should have, please contact **[ITSupport@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ITSupport@nsw.scouts.com.au)**

If you have received your activation email for your new account and NOT activated as yet – please do so as soon as possible.

### **At a Group level:**

- Group Leaders/Leaders in Charge
- Group Treasurer
- Group Chairperson
- Group Secretary
- Rover Crew Leaders
- Group Section Leaders

### **At a Region or District level:**

- All official Region and District appointments that don't currently have Scouts NSW email addresses such as DRCs, DCs, etc.
- District Commissioners (Sections)
- Region Commissioners (Sections)

### **In addition, the following members:**

- Fellowship Members

**For further information, please go to:**

**<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/office-365-update-jan-2020>**

If you need any assistance in setting up your Scouts NSW email address, feel free to contact me.

**Matt Thompson**

**RC Communications & PR**

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## APPOINTMENTS LIST— GWSR

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### APPOINTMENTS

<b>HIGGINS, Dianne</b>	From SL To SL	1st Ermington Scout Troop 1st Rydalmere Scout Troop
<b>LITTLEJOHN, Katie</b>	From Trainee Ldr To JSL-P	1st Oakville Joey Mob 1st Oakville Joey Mob
<b>LOMAS, Kerri</b>	From ACSL To CSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
<b>CHAN, Marco</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
<b>DUFFIELD, David</b>	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob 1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob
<b>MCAULAY, Melissa</b>	From District Advisor To Trainee Ldr (D)	Parramatta District Parramatta District
<b>WOODWARD, Paul</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i> 1st Sth Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i>
<b>APTHORPE, Michael</b>	From Trainee Ldr (G) To GL	3rd Merrylands Scout Group 3rd Merrylands Scout Group
<b>GROSS, Benjamin</b>	From Trainee Ldr (Reg) To RL (Act)	Greater Western Sydney Region Greater Western Sydney Region

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>EDWARDS, Kieran</b>	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
<b>MCGRATH, Mark</b>	Trainee Ldr (G)	1st Blackheath Scout Group
<b>RICKARDS, Benjamin</b>	ACSL	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
<b>THOMPSON, Gabrielle</b>	CSL-DA	1st Rouse Hill Cub Pack <i>Aberdoon</i>
<b>WADE, Donnalee</b>	CSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
<b>HARDY, Jody</b>	Trainee Ldr (JS)	2nd Kings Langley Joey Mob
<b>O'BRIEN, Jennifer</b>	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop
<b>SAUERBIER, Narelle</b>	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
<b>MORT, David</b>	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
<b>MORT, Teresa</b>	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship

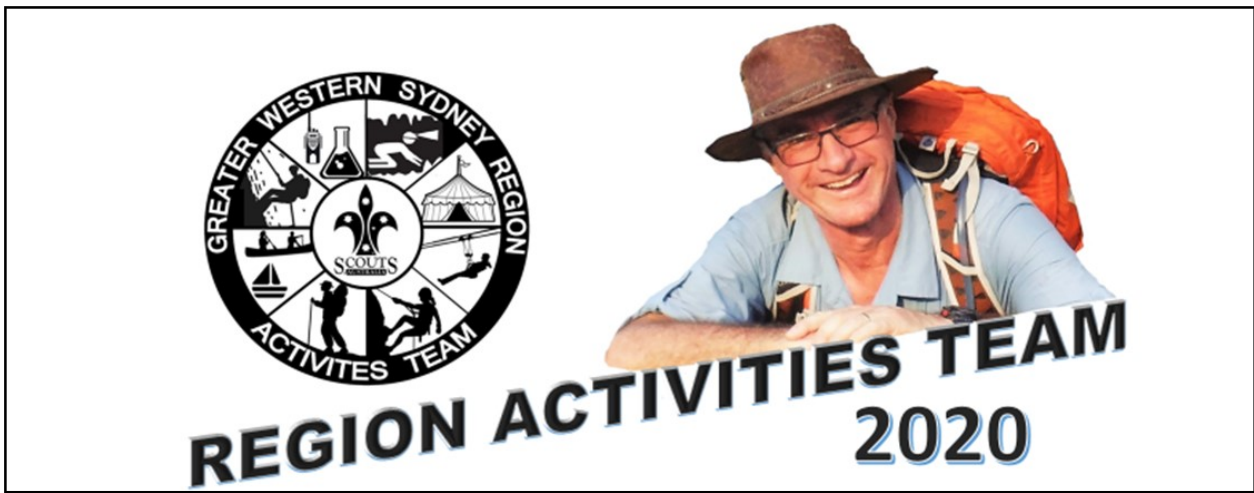
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## APPOINTMENTS LIST—THE GOLDEN WEST REGION

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### APPOINTMENT

<b>LEWIN, Glen</b>	From Trainee Ldr (S) To SL-P	3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Scout Troop 3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral) Scout Troop
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There are lots of “buzz” words around, which often apply to adventurous activities.

“Intrepid,” “Fearless,” “Undaunted,” “Teamwork,” “Adrenalin Rush,” “I can do this!” “You want me to what...?!”

It keeps everything relevant in what we do. However, there are new buzz words now, which just don’t seem to fit our ethos! “Self-Isolation” and “Social Distancing!” It just about goes against everything we have ever done!

Whereas Groups can join together online with “Virtual Meetings” thanks to modern technology and some very computer savvy Scouters, it is a bit more difficult with Adventurous Activities.



As much as I would love to get out with a few people and do what we do, I am also reminded of the Scout Promise and Law.

As part of the Scouting family, and as leaders in our community, we need to show full respect and obedience to the measures that the Government is putting into place, to beat this pandemic. It is tough!

No hiking, no camping, no abseiling, no caving, no canoeing no Dragon Skin, no Jamborette and even no Cumberland Gang Show!



However, the team did manage to get out for few adventures before everything went on “hold”. Our caving team spent another very enjoyable weekend in the dark, down at Wee Jasper. I also had the pleasure of just hanging around at a Stage 3 Basic Abseiling Day, which was held up at West Pennant Hills.

And that was our month!

*I guess back now into “Social Hibernation” and get into some of those projects on the home front!  
Mrs Dingo will be happy!*

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**  
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# ROVERS

## Introducing Our New Region Executive Team!

Last week, we had our online ARP and voted in some fresh faces for our  
**2020 Region Rovers Executive Team!**

**Chairperson:** Damon from 1st Blaxland 'Kalangadoo'

**Secretary:** Ingrid from Blacktown

**Venturer Liaison Officer:** Jack from Blacktown

**Activities Officer:** Connor from Nepean

**State Rover Council Delegates:** Lucy from Dural, Maria from Blacktown & Gabby & Rhys from Westmead

**Vice Chairperson:** Bryn from 2nd Castle Hill

**Treasurer:** Alex from Kings Langley

**Training Officer:** Cameron from Nepean

**PR & Internet Officer:** Emma from Blacktown



Follow us on our new Instagram page to keep up-to-date with all our activities! And don't forget to use the hashtag **#gwsrovers** so we can see what you've been up to!

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING REGION CHAIRPERSON

My name is Damon Love and I am the newly elected Rover Chairman for the 2020/21 term and I look forward to working with the Region in promoting Scouting and Roving throughout all the sections!

Despite current circumstances, the Scouting spirit is still strong amongst the Rovers. The crews and units throughout the Region are updating their programs to adapt to a predominantly online interface.

The latest activities we've seen include Blacktown watching Shrek 2 on a Netflix Party, 2nd Castle Hill using Discord to play Werewolf and Kings Langley having a virtual Dragon Skin catch up over Zoom. It's inspiring to see the Rovers within the region band together and continue running awesome nights for their fellow members to enjoy. On top of regular weekly meetings, NSW Lones Rover Crew is hosting V-Moot over the Easter Weekend, allowing Rovers to get involved with a plethora of interesting activities in the comfort of their own homes!

Finally, I would like to also thank all the essential workers around the Region, both in and out of Rovers; we appreciate all the work you're doing during this time!

**Damon Love**



### Scouting at Home!

What has your Crew or Unit been up to during isolation? Some ideas for how you can stay connected during this tough time:

- Netflix watch party!
- Online riddle games!
- Online Pictionary & card games!
- Cooking tutorials over video chat!

We hope you are all safe and well during this scary and confusing time and hope to see us return to face-to-face Scouting soon!

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### PIE NIGHT!



**Wednesday 6th May, 2020**

The Region's first ever online social night!

Jump onto Zoom at 7:30pm for a fun night eating and learning about all things pies!

Follow our Facebook page for all updates or contact Tim Gray for more information!

**Would you like to have your Crew featured in The Bulletin? Send us an email!**

[pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au](mailto:pr.internet@gwsrovers.com.au)

## SCOUTS

I hope everyone has been keeping safe but also been enjoying the rest of a slower world. I hope you have enjoyed spending time with your families - I know I have. We have been playing card games, monopoly and camping and having lots of fun while we can.

We don't know how long this will last so as Scouts do – we just have to make the most of it.

I know some people have been holding meetings online through Zoom, Skype or other platforms. I'm happy to see a lot of people training themselves in this way. Please remember to be safe online.

Please send me through any photos, ideas, inspirations that you've had so I can share them with all the scout leaders across the Region. Some people are struggling with how to program for these times. It would be good for them to see what others are doing and how they are doing it.

I have sent out to the District Scout Leaders the new guides for the Australian Scout Medallion which accommodates COVID-19. These changes will only be in place until we get notified from State when we can go back to the old way. **Please note there are NO Local rules allowed.**

Here is an idea; when you are out on your walks why not leave something Scouting around. It would advertise Scouts and get people thinking about what we do. Maybe a scavenger hunt, or a picture hunt with the email of your group, put it on your community Facebook page - but remember to care for the environment.

Keep the ideas coming. You are all doing a great job at keeping the IN in Scouting! Keep up the great work!!

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Scouts



**2nd Kings Langley Venturers' amazing artwork!**



**Annette Douglass OAM lays a wreath on behalf of 1st Parramatta Scout Group**



### Scouting@Home

I would like to congratulate all Joey and Cub Leaders that have taken on the challenge of offering Joeys and Cubs an online program during these difficult times of social distancing. So many of you have pulled together at this time. I am very proud to be a member of such an inspiring movement.

With the cancellation of face-to-face Scouting activities, support has been implemented by Scouts NSW with program ideas through Scouting@Home; with 'Weekly Challenge'; 'Activity Pack'; 'Program Ideas' and much more.

The Camp@Home ANZAC program was extremely popular with over 2000 people from not only NSW but from all other States joining in the fun. It was fantastic to see all the Joeys and Cubs participate in an ANZAC ceremony, either at the end of their driveway or in their back yards, with many of them making poppies, candles and ANZAC biscuits and then sharing them through the Region or State facebook pages. Well done!

For those that registered for the Scouts NSW event, don't forget to submit your completed tasks this week!

If you are struggling to write programs and offer online meetings, I encourage you to reach out to other Leaders and your District Leader for assistance. I encourage Leaders to share ideas, programs and even hold joint meetings.

### Peak Awards

For those Cubs and Joeys that are currently undertaking their final steps towards achieving their Grey Wolf & Promise Challenge Awards, Scouts have recognised that COVID-19 poses some significant challenges. We know how much time, energy and dedication our youth members have committed to the completion of their Peak Award.

Earlier this month, I emailed all Joey and Cub Leaders in the Region, a copy of the modifications to be made during these restrictions to ensure no Youth Member is disadvantaged in completing their Peak Award, whilst we adhering to social distancing policies.

**Please click on this link for a copy:**

[Grey Wolf Awards - Joey Promise Challenge Awards](#)

### Cub Scout Leadership and Youth Helpers Course

The State and National Cub teams are currently looking at the content of the Cub Scout Leadership Course with the aim of putting together a course that can be delivered virtually online. It is likely the Cubs will need to perform some pre-course work to be presented in their online session and will need the support of the Unit Council, Leaders and Parents to complete the required elements. This is also the case with the Youth Helpers Course.

The Cub Scout Leadership Courses scheduled for May 17 and August 22 have been suspended for now until they can be rescheduled as either online or face-2-face courses at a later date. The Youth Helpers Course scheduled for May 2 has also been suspended and will be reschedule at a later date.

Yours in Scouting,

**Gabie Thompson (Darzee)**  
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts

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## JOEY NEWS

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### 30 Years Joey Scouts

Joey Scouts began in Australia in 1990 which means that they will be celebrating 30 years of Joey Scouts in 2020. To celebrate, Scouts Australia have created a uniform badge that all Joeys and Joey Leaders can wear on their uniform! **To order badges for your Joey Mob, click here: [ORDER NOW](#)**

### GWS Region Badge Design Competition

GWS Region will be holding its own Badge Design Competition! All Joey Scouts are encouraged to design their own badge. The badge should capture the '30th Birthday' theme and include the Joey Scout logo. The Badge design can be any shape, colour or design. Joeys should be creative!

Entries are open to all Joey Scouts (sorry Leaders, this is a Youth Led, Adult Supported activity). Entries will be judged by Joey Scouts and the winner will receive a prize and have their design made into a collector's badge for all GWS Scouting members to purchase. This competition will close at midnight on 1 July 2020.

**Entries can be submitted here:**

<https://form.jotform.com/GWSCubScouts/Joey-Badge-Competition>

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## 30 Years of Joey Scouts

Joey Scouts will be turning 30 in 2020 and to celebrate, there is a uniform badge that all Joeys and Joey Leaders can wear on their uniform!



**Badges cost \$2.20 each**

***Orders can be placed for your Group by clicking on the below***

**[ORDER NOW](#)**

***Badges will be distributed once payment is received.***



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