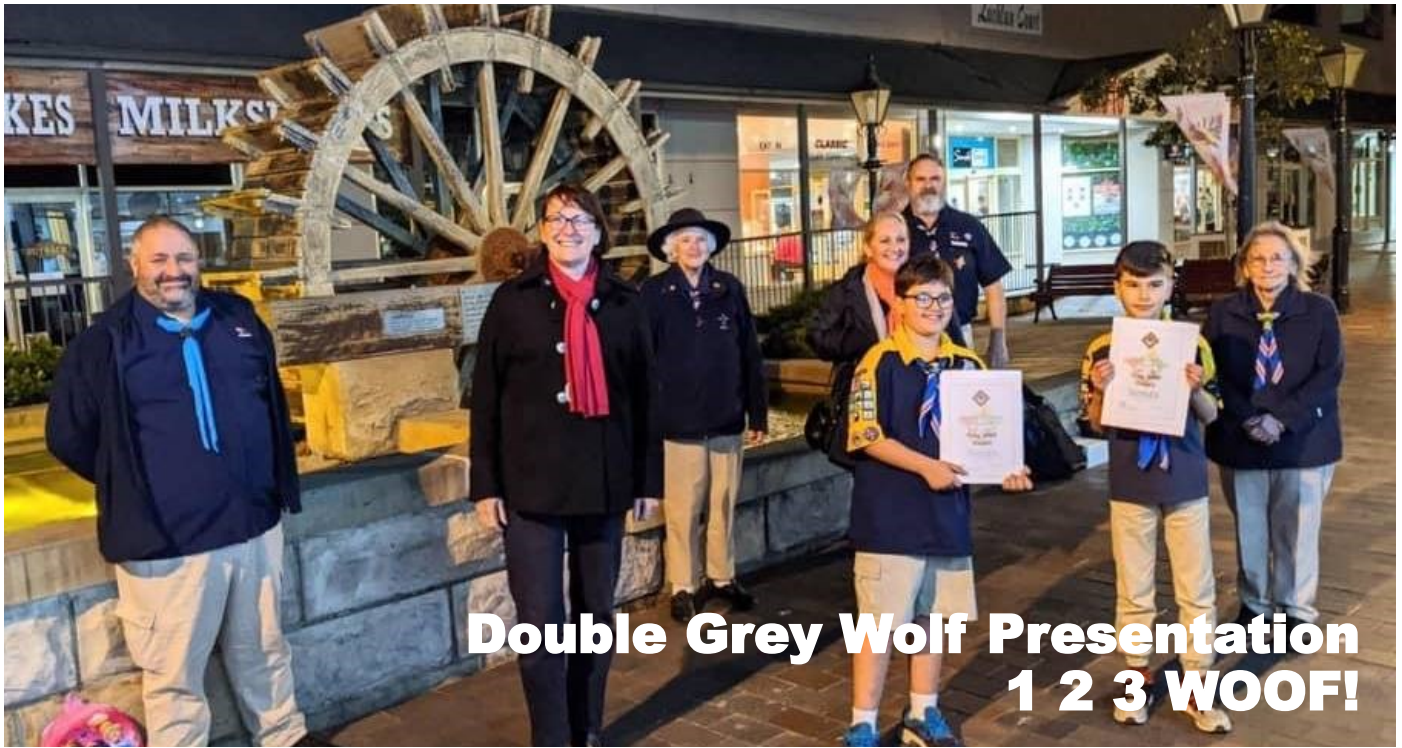




The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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1st Hawkesbury Cubs, Hamish McAlpine and Isaac Krebs were both presented with their Grey Wolf Award on Wednesday 19 August.

The presentation was held at the Historic Water Wheel in Windsor Mall and was attended by special guests, Susan Templeman (Federal Member for Macquarie) and Mary Lyons-Bucket (Deputy Mayor - Hawkesbury City Council).

Hamish and Isaac are great mates and are looking forward to going-up to Scouts together.

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DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT

I hope you are all safe and well as we emerge from winter 2020.

I'd like to start by congratulating everyone who received an Adult Recognition award on 1st August. These awards recognise great service to the youth of Greater Western Sydney, and I'd like to add my thanks for your service in making our movement great.

As I reflect on the year so far, I am reminded of the appropriateness of the Scouting motto of 'Be Prepared' in our everyday life. In this world of uncertainty, now more than ever, Scouting needs to Be Prepared. To Be Prepared for change, patience and uncertainty.

Be Prepared for Change

It was inevitable that Scouting would be changed by COVID-19. Shifting from physical meetings to virtual (online) meetings has been an amazing achievement, and whilst our program will always be strongly directed at outdoors activities, we have found that the delivery of our programs, and the engagement of our members can be maintained over the internet utilising available technology. The challenge for us will be how we balance physical meetings and the use of technology in the delivery of the Scouting program.

Be Prepared for Patience

Times of pressure and stress bring out the best (and unfortunately the worst) in people. In responding to this, I have been a huge fan of the Respect and Resilience program being run by the Reject Shop and KFC over the past couple of months. This program aims to remind us that the people serving us in their stores are doing their best in a difficult situation. By training their staff on how to deal with situations, and reminding customers of appropriate behaviour, they are having great success in reducing abuse of retail staff. You can find more information on this initiative at: <https://insideretail.com.au/news/the-reject-shop-and-kfc-call-time-on-customer-abuse-202001>. Similarly, for Scouting, this is the time for patience across our movement. Our volunteers are doing their best to keep the Scouting program going for our youth, often whilst facing their own personal challenges. Now is the time for patience and respect for each other to help us get through together.

Be Prepared for Uncertainty

Humans don't like uncertainty, and it's natural to feel unsettled and anxious about the uncertain world as we currently experience it. To help us through this period, we need to find a way to reduce stress to help us cope.

This disruption is likely to go on for a prolonged period, and we may relax or tighten the rules under which we operate, as COVID-19 changes our community.

If you or anyone you know needs some support through this time, organisations like Beyond Blue can provide valuable resources in getting through <https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/managing-my-daily-life/staying-connected/taking-control-in-uncertain-times.html>.

Using the tools available to us, we can be flexible in how we deliver Scouting for our kids in these uncertain times. By role modelling our Law and Promise, with a little patience thrown in, we will get through this together.

Geoff (Beatie) Henderson
Deputy Region Commissioner
- Strategy and Development



Be strong now
because things
will get better.
It might be
stormy now, but
it can't rain
forever.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

KERLE, Rob

From Trainee Ldr (JS) 1st Carlingford Joey Mob

To AJSL 1st Carlingford Joey Mob

OAKLEY, John

From SL 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Dunphy*

To SL 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Erksine*

RESIGNATIONS

BARRAH, Michael

ASL, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Erksine*

CHIN, Richard

SL-P, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop *Erksine*

KNOX, Rebecca

AJSL, 1st Ermington Joey Mob

MACKAY, Marama

Trainee Ldr (JS), 1st St Marys Joey Mob

McDONALD, Ian

AVSL, 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit

MERCIECA, Joseph

VSL-P, 1st Blaxland Venturer Unit

PRIEST, Tracey

FAO, 1st St Marys Scout Group

ROSE, Gregory

ASL, 1st St Marys Scout Group

TRUONG, Torivian

Trainee Ldr (S), Western Sydney (BLIA) Scout Troop

WACIEGA, Karlina

ACSL, 2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack *Rumbriah*

YOUNG, Bobbie Joe

Trainee Ldr (S), 1st St Marys Scout Group



2020 ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Eighty nine Adult Members of Greater Western Sydney Region were honoured in the annual Adult Recognition Awards for good service, part of The Scout Association's observance of the founding of Scouting at the first Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island in the UK on 1 August 1907.

Congratulations to all the recipients for 2020 and thank you for your continuing commitment to Scouting!



SILVER KANGAROO

Clapham, John
Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Scout Troop

SILVER EMU

Futcher-Hall, Aafke
District Leader (Training), Blue Mountains District
Garrett, Robin
Honorary Commissioner, GWS Region
Leahy, John
Region Leader (Activities), GWS Region
McEwan, Lindsay
Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop

SILVER KOALA

Stopps JP, David
Region Commissioner, GWS Region
Thompson, Matt
Region Commissioner (Comms. & PR), GWS Region
Twist, David
Honorary Commissioner, GWS Region
Wallace, Steve
District Commissioner, Penrith City District & Blue Mountains District

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Douglass OAM, Annette: Honorary Leader, 1st Parramatta Scout Group
Freeman, Greg
Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
Thompson, Paul
Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

SILVER WATTLE

Edwards, Simon
Rover Adviser (Responsible), 1st Dural Rover Crew
Fisher, Joshua
Group Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
Fitzsimmons, Guy
Cub Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Cub Pack 'Kookaburra'
Lutz, Ian
Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Riverstone Cub Pack

McLean, Julie
Asst. Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Westmead
Rogers JP, Anne
Cub Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
Thompson, Gabie
Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts & Cub Scouts)
GWS Region

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Bennett, Terry
Fellowship Member, Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
Gillard, Glennys
Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
Lowe, Carol
Group Secretary, 1st Dundas Scout Group
McMaster, Robert
Deputy Chairman, Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
Wardle, Jenny
Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group
Welton, Denis
Honorary Leader, Parramatta District

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Abnett, Charlotte
Asst. CSL, 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Waminda'
Andrews, Mark
Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Cub Pack 'Blaxland'
Boxall, Greg
Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
de Koning, Henriette
Group Leader, 1st Glossodia Scout Group
Edwards, Heather
Group Leader, 1st Nurragingy Scout Group
Flavell, Mark
Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
Freeman, Debbie
Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
Jewell, Brian
Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath Cub Pack
Lang, David
Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group
Lomas, Kerri
Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
Parsons, Jess
Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Dural Joey Mob
Sauerbier, Narelle
Adult Helper, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group
Wardell, Adam
Region Leader, Greater Western Sydney Region

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Brogden, Veronica

Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop

Brown, Khylie

Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop

Cross, Andrew

Asst. Venturer Scout Leader, 1st South Penrith

Davis, Donna

Supporter, 1st North Rocks Scout Group

Dent, Roslyn

Group Chairman, 1st Greystanes Scout Group

Dimmock, Wendy

Adult Helper, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

Dodds, Nicole

Group Treasurer, 1st Kellyville Scout Group

Favotto, Lucio

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Scout Troop

Fisher, Ellen

Venturer Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Venturer Unit

Fornari, Richard

Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop

Gale, Louise

Group Leader, 2nd Northmead Scout Group

Garden, Belinda

CSL, 1st South Penrith Cub Pack 'Glenmore'

Garden, Daniel

Asst. CSL, 1st South Penrith Cub Pack 'Glenmore'

Graham, Jason

Crew Leader, Nepean Rover Crew

Haber, Paul

Group Chairman, 1st Blackheath Scout Group

Ishii, Mika

Asst. Joey Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Joey Mob

Jelley, Cris

Asst. CSL, 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Impeesa'

Kelleher, Mallory

CSL, 1st Springwood Cub Pack 'Tibrogargan'

Kemble, Don

Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

Khor, Wycee

Adult Helper, 1st Carlingford Scout Group

Lansley, Bennett

Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

Laurent, Laurel

Group Treasurer, 1st Blackheath Scout Group

Leary, Nerilee

Joey Scout Leader, 1st Erskine Park Joey Mob

Lee, Mark

Group Treasurer, 1st Kings Langley Scout Group

Leong, Alex

Asst. Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford Scout Troop 'Bartoo'

Lewis, Christopher

Asst. CSL, 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Waminda'

Moore, Helen

Cub Scout Leader, 1st Murray Farm Cub Pack 'Possum'

Murdoch, Kym

Supporter, 1st Greystanes Scout Group

Newsome, Sue

Group Treasurer, 1st Nurragingy Scout Group

Oakey, Mathew

Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop 'Dunphy'

Peberdy, Dave

Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop

Peberdy, Maureen

Group Treasurer, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group

Ponnampalam, Gillian

Group Chairman, 1st Westmead Scout Group

Roper, John

Group Chairman, 1st Kings Langley Scout Group

Ross, Matthew

CSL, 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack 'Waminda'

Rowe, Naomi

Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Westmead Scout Troop

Satharasinghe, Kay

Trainee Leader (Scout), 1st Balcombe Heights

Schwalbe, Beth

Group Treasurer, 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group

Schwalbe, George

Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack

Sims, Michael

Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack 'Pukeena'

Spagnolo, Steven

Group Chairman, 1st Ermington Scout Group

Stephen, Andy

Asst. CSL, 1st Carlingford Cub Pack 'Alleena'

Suthers, Jade

Asst. Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Cub Pack 'Pukeena'

Tomkins, Joanne

Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Springwood Joey Mob

Vanderjagt, Elizabeth

Venturer Scout Leader, 1st South Penrith Venturer Unit

Waciega, Stan

Group Trustee, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group

Watkins, Melissa

Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

Webb, Glenda

Asst. Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Scout Troop 'Dunphy'

Webber, Jude

Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

Wilson, Matthew

Group Chairman, 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group

Winderbanks, Tracey

Joey Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland Joey Mob 'Python'

Wooldridge, Michael

Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath Cub Pack

AJ2022

Applications open later this year. Yes, we are still planning for it to happen. You need to start planning and organising. Please start booking your Shakedown camps. If you want Bundilla book it now – don't forget Bundilla has a 30 day cancellation policy (like all Scouting premises should).

Here is some important info from the latest contingent eNews:

... the cost of the event will not rise from AJ2019, and it may even fall. And we know that with a changing world around us, some of the things we've taken for granted at previous Jamborees, will be re-considered for 2022.

What hasn't changed is our ambition to hold another extraordinary adventure that all participants will never forget!

And we already have a brand new logo, which has been specially designed to reflect our unique launch plans for NSW.

So here is an update for you, to help guide your own plans to encourage your Scouts to attend this extraordinary opportunity.

When: Mon 3rd January - Thursday 13th January 2022

Where: Elmore Field Day site, Campaspe Shire in Northern Victoria

Theme: Take it to the Next Level

Family Day: Saturday 8th January

The NSW Contingent is working through its proposal for AJ2022 fees to be reviewed by the State Finance Committee and NSW Scouts Board of Directors.

Once we have our required sign-offs, we will officially launch AJ2022 to parents and youth with a range of communications, including a newsletter, website update and social media posts.

Jamborette

Planning should also be taking place for Jamborette 2021 as well as State Rally 2021. You all need to start organising your bases and campsites. Jamborette applications will be open shortly as will the base applications.

I'd love to see this Jamborette be the best ever with more effort put into the theme and activities than we have done in the past.



We haven't done a lot of Scouting this year so let's make it up next year. Let's make 2021 the biggest year ever!!

Journeys

With the return to 'normal' Scouting things are ramping up a little this term. We still need to be COVID-19 safe and keep to the rules set by Scouts Australia. Please remember to social distance, wash your hands and sanitise.

Our Peak Award Journeys guidelines have changed:

- **There is no overnight camping.** 2 or 3 individual day hikes are allowed. All planning must be accounted for.
- There is to be no sharing of food.
- They must carry adequate sanitizing and washing items.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Any participant who has been unwell within 14 days of the hike/s must not attend.

Leadership activities should adhere to 4sqm per person at all gatherings and members from any current 'HOT SPOTS' will remain under the "COVID" Modifications Documents.

Please always check back to the COVID page on the Scouts NSW website.

These rules are in place until at least the September/October school holidays.

Quite a few groups are still running Virtual Scouting for meeting nights but planning outdoor activities for the weekends. This is mainly due to the fact their halls are not big enough for them to meet indoors. There is nothing wrong with this method. You all have to do what works best for your group.

You are all doing a great job at keeping the IN and OUT in Scouting! Keep up the great work!!

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)

Region Commissioner Scouts

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JOEY AND CUB NEWS

Thank you to all groups and Districts that have invited me out recently to take part in ceremonies, presentations and meetings – some in person and others online. It has been very encouraging to see the enthusiasm of youth and leaders alike, and to see Scouting continuing through these trying times. It is also encouraging to see that the number of youth members has not dramatically declined over the past 3-4 months, with some groups experiencing a growth. Well done to all, keep the work up!

I recently visited 1st Greystanes Scout Group to be part of Timothy Nicholas Grey Wolf presentation, as well as a farewell to the Cub Scout leader, Trevor Fowler, who after 12 ½ years as Cub Leader, is stepping back to take on a role with the committee. Thanks Trevor for giving so much of your time to Cubs!

Region Wandarrah and Seonee meetings

Every District currently holds a District Wandarrah for Joey Leaders and a District Seonee for Cub Leaders, usually on a month basis. I encourage all Joey and Cub leaders to attend these monthly meetings. If you have not been invited to one, please reach out to your District Joey Leader, District Cub leader or District Commissioner for the details. The meetings are informative and are a way of sharing ideas and networking. All trainee leaders are required to attend a Wandarrah or Seonee to complete their training.

The Region Wandarrah and Region Seonee, is currently held as a joint meeting for District Joey and Cub Leaders from across the Region, held on the first Friday of every month on Teams. All Joey and Cub leaders are welcome to join the Region meeting at any time they wish. Click [HERE](#) for the link to join.

Region Konara and Palavar 2020

Last month, I announced that GWS Region would be holding a combined Region Konara and Palaver in September 2020, however with the current meeting restrictions in place for Covid-19, it has become clear that it will not be possible to hold the event at this time, in the format we had envisaged.

The Team would still like to hold a Konara & Palaver later this year in term 4. We will be working on how this could be done in the safest way possible and will provide an update as discussions progress.

CUB NEWS

Cub Scout Leadership Course

On Saturday 22 August, a Cub Scout Leadership Course was held at Bundilla Scout Camp. We had 18 Cub Scouts participants, and 5 Leaders that assisted in preparations and presenting the course on the day. The course was able to go ahead, with measures in place to ensure Covid-19 rules were followed. Although it was a very cold and windy, a great day was had by all.

Thank you to Cassie (RC Cub Scouts, Sydney North), Michelle (Blacktown District), Ian (Riverstone) and Phirooza (Dural) who all helped out on the day.



From left: Gabie Thompson (RC Joey & Cub Scouts), Timothy Nicholas (Grey Wolf Awardee), Trevor Fowler (Cub Scout Leader)



Farewell to Trevor Fowler (Cub Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes)



Next Cub Scout Leadership Course

Applications are open now! The next face-2-face Cub Scout Leadership Course has been scheduled for Sunday November. In line with Covid-19 regulations and restrictions, numbers will be limited so register now:

www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/272

Bushwalking

There are a number of great bushwalks scheduled by the Region Bushwalking team that are suitable for Cubs.

A number of walks are scheduled for September through to the end of the year. To keep up to date, check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/gwsrbushwalking or get onto the GWS Event Management System (EMS) to check them all out.

Thank you to Tristan and the Bushwalking team for supporting the Cubs with these walks.

GWS Region Cub Youth Council

The next Region Cub Youth Council will be held on Wednesday 26 August at 7pm. District Leaders should have provided Cub Leaders with the link to the registration in ems.

Looking forward to engaging with and listening to what the Cubs would like to have included in the program for the remainder of this year and into next year.

Region Cub Activities 2020 – 2021

The District Cub Leaders and I will soon be working towards programming some Region Cub events over the next 12 months. This will begin with a consultation with the Cubs from across the Region at the online Region Cub Youth Council on 26 August. Once developed, details will be made available to Leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (*Darzee*)
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts
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*Congratulations to the following Cub Scout
on being awarded the Grey Wolf Award*

Isla Selwood – 1st Winston Hills

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!

JOEY NEWS

Region Joey Fun Day – Celebrating 30 Years Joey Scouts

As mentioned in last month's Bulletin, the Region Joey Fun Day has been rescheduled for Sunday 8th November. As with all large events this year, we will continue to monitor the restrictions for gatherings for Covid-19 and will keep people informed of further developments. We will be looking at alternative ways we could celebrate as well as alternative dates, perhaps in 2021.

Don't forget to order your 30 Year Joey Scout Badges. This is a uniform badge that can be worn on your uniform. To order badges for your Joey Mob, click here: [ORDER NOW](#)

GWS Region Badge design competition

We are holding our own GWS Region 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 and distributed at the Region Joey Fun Day. This competition will close at midnight on the last day of term – Friday 27 September 2020.

Entries can be submitted here: <https://form.jotform.com/GWSCubScouts/Joey-Badge-Competition>

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (*Darzee*)
Region Commissioner Joey Scouts
Gabrielle.Thompson@nsw.scouts.com.au



Hamish McAlpine & Isaac Krebs from 1st Hawkesbury presented with their Grey Wolf Award at the waterwheel at Windsor after a historical walk around Windsor.

VENTURER NEWS

I would like to congratulate Amelia Khor, Ben Favotto, Chris Fias-Ayon, Sharni Frank, Teale Simmons, Finn Kennedy, Abhinay Subramaniam, Alex Fry and Brianna Greely on achieving their Queen's Scout Awards.

Since my last report in March we have experienced challenges beyond our imaginations and congratulations to all units and leaders for keeping the units and program running as much as possible. I have been in touch with a number of units and even attended a few online meetings. I have also been invited to some Venturers reflections as they complete their Queen's Scout Awards.

The NSW Branch released modifications to the program to allow parts of the program to be complete while not able to undertake overnight activities. I have been working with about half a dozen Venturers that are making use of those modifications.

For a while it looked like overnight activities could resume but this has been put on hold for another 4 weeks. In the meantime, COVID restrictions remain in place. This includes a limit of 20 attendees at indoor and outdoor activities.

During lockdown, a team comprising the District Leaders Matt Vella, Erica Dilwoth, Chris Lummis, Andrew Cross, our Region Leader Damon Love and our SRC representatives Sharni Frank and Finn Kennedy

have been preparing a COVID edition of the Venturer Scout Leadership Course. Online course material has already been sent out and we will be meeting on Saturday 29 August for the interactive component of the course.

Venturing in GWS continues and, despite lower turnouts, remains relatively healthy with numbers stable. Andrew Cross and I visited the new Blackheath Venturers to assist them with forming a Unit Council and running cut-down Unit Management training for them.

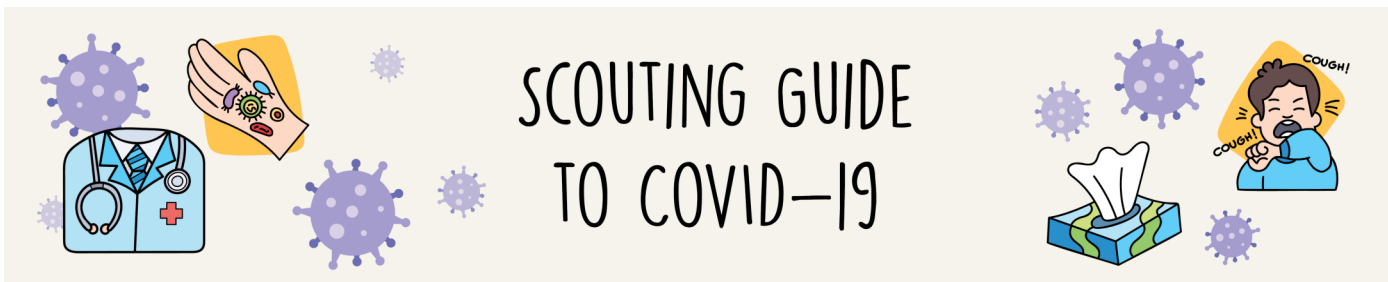
Planning continues for activities. Our major activity, Waratah, is no exception and the organising committee has been working hard on this event. Due to COVID, the event is going to have to be adjusted considerably this year. More details on that to come, but it will not be able to be an overnight activity this year. We still hope to run an enjoyable activity but on a smaller scale that doesn't involve lots of close contact transport. I have also attended the first meeting of the 2021 Dragon Skin Committee, which we hope will be able to return to the normal format with minimal changes possible.

Once again, thank you to everyone for their hard work keeping a great program for our youth members.

Brian Nelson (Sparky)

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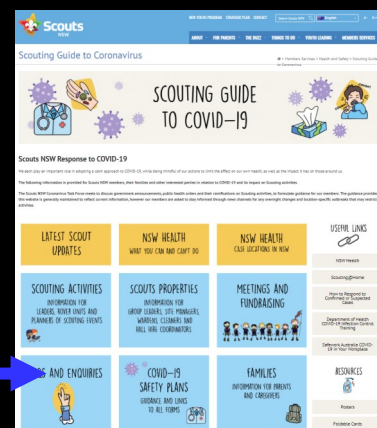


From Tuesday 18 August, Scouts NSW have temporarily ceased all overnight Scouting activities and camps, indoors and outdoors - for four weeks.

This applies to everyone in Scouting across NSW.

A review of this situation will be taken in the week commencing 7 September.

For the latest Scouting Guide to COVID-19, visit:
<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus>



ROVERS

Crew of the Month

Introducing 1st Dural Rover Crew!

Dural might be the youngest unit in the Region but don't count them out just yet. The past few months the crew has been very active in Scouting @



Home, through experimenting with yoga together over Zoom, building a replica of their hall on the Scouts Wired Minecraft Server, a Drink and Cheese social night or learning something new through a niche PowerPoint night. The crew has worked hard to stay in touch! With the lifting restrictions they are moving outdoors with more bushwalking, hikes and camps either taking place or being planned. The Crew is also beginning to prepare for their first official birthday since the revival of the Rover Unit at Dural.

Here are some of the reasons why their members love being a part of Dural Rover Crew:

"I like having a place to relax, be myself, and hang out with friends without feeling the pressure of everything that's happening around us." - Jesse

"I like Rovers because I get to hang out with friends and do things I wouldn't normally do." - Harrison

"I love that we feel like a family. Everyone is so nice and always ready for fun." - Chloe

Dural Rovers meet on Sunday nights at 7pm at 414 Galston Road, Galston.

Congratulations!

On 1st August, the 2020 Adult Recognition Awards and Rover Recognition Awards were announced. Congratulations to the following members for their achievement and thank you for your continued service to Rovering in the GWS Region.

Silver Koala

David Stopps, GWS Region Commissioner
David Twist, Honorary Commissioner and former GWS RC (Rovers)

Silver Wattle

Simon Edwards, Rover Advisor 1st Dural Rover Unit

Special Service Award

Jason Graham, Nepean Rover Crew
Naomi Rowe, 1st Blaxland "Kalangadoo" Rover Crew & 1st Westmead Scout Troop

Rover Recognition Awards

Angus Boxall, Nepean Rover Crew
Kuzma, State Commissioner (Rovers), 1st Blaxland "Kalangadoo" Rover Crew

Training

Congratulations to the many Rovers and Leaders in our Region who completed the Basic and Advanced Practical Supplement Courses at Bundilla on the 8th & 9th of August. Another massive thankyou is in order for the many members of our Region who helped deliver the content of these courses and mentor the training. It will be great to see the skills developed on these courses put towards improving ourselves and our Units to become stronger and better moving towards the end of the year and beyond!

Battery Drive. August 2020. Your Crew Makes The Difference.



Get involved.
For the entire month of August collect used batteries. Westmead Rovers will then retrieve and recycle them. The Crew who donates the most batteries will receive a prize.

"Leave this world a little better than you found it" - Robert Baden Powell

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM 2020

“Yes we can, no we can’t, yes we can...!” It is certainly very difficult to know at present just what we can and cannot do, in relation to outdoor activities. What I say now could be quite different in a week.

I will say however, I am starting to see more E1’s coming through, with groups eager to get back out into the great outdoors. Providing we all abide by the COVID-19 requirements, on the particular day/time of the activity, I say **“Let’s go for it!”**

Like every activity we do, whether we do a formal Risk Assessment, or a quick discussion on possible risks, COVID -19 is a risk we certainly must consider. **“Can we maintain social distancing; do we need to wear masks; regular use of hand sanitizer; ensuring any person who is unwell does not attend; appropriate eating arrangements;”** the list goes on. Please ensure on all E1 forms whether Part 1 or Part 3, that you do mention you have a **COVID-19 Plan** in place, appropriate to the activity at hand.

Just some general housekeeping updates. As most of you are aware, the Region Office has two PLB (Personal Location Beacons) which can be hired out, on your more significant hikes and trips, particularly into more remote areas. These units are registered with the Australian 406MHz Distress Beacon Register, and like many things these days, they do have an expiry date. Unfortunately, one unit has now reached that date, with the second unit expiring at the end of 2020. We will be updating the units once things get back to some sort of normality, but in the interim please be mindful we only have the one unit available.

Mark Fell (Dingo)

Region Commissioner - Activities

Assistant Technical Director - Cumberland Gang Show

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JOIN US ON STAGE IN 2021!
AUDITIONS 12TH DECEMBER 2020 | APPLY ONLINE @ GANGSHOW.ASN.AU

Cumberland Gang Show
RISE UP
2nd - 10th JULY 2021

If you’ve got a creative side just bursting to shine, come and join the cast of the **52nd Cumberland Gang Show** in 2021!

Cumberland Gang Show is a fun and rewarding training ground for theatre and performing arts in the Scout and Guide Associations. Cast members gain confidence, pride, teamwork and performance skills over the four months of rehearsals and through performing to 5,000 people across 8 shows in the July school holidays.

Our Comet Cast is a modified program for our youngest cast members (7-8 year olds) that gives an exciting taste of theatre with a reduced rehearsal and performance schedule.

Cumberland Gang Show is open to all active members of Scouts Australia or Girl Guides Australia, 7 years or older by 1st July 2021. If you are not an active member, we can help you join!



register online now @ www.gangshow.asn.au

CAST AUDITIONS will be held on **Saturday 12th December 2020** at Bundilla Scout Camp, Winston Hills between 9am and 5pm.

The audition process takes around 40 minutes for 7-8 year olds (Comet Cast) and around 2 hours for 9+ year olds (Main Cast) - as at 1st July 2021.

Applications close Sunday 6th December 2020. For more information or late applications, please contact Wendy Dimmock at personnel@gangshow.asn.au or phone **0414 086 645**

#cumberlandgangshow #cgsriseup #cgs2021    

Cumberland Gang Show



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BUG OFF PROGRAM TRIALLED - JOHN LEAHY

Murray Farm first booked us for April'20. It wasn't until recently that we eventually meet their Joeys and Cubs to put the Bug Off program to the test.

Before we started with the hand washing, it was helpful to go through how we would clean our hands efficiently and for how long. The present recommendation is six combinations of hand rubbing over 20 seconds, metered out by singing happy birthday twice. We had a dry run (without water) until everyone appeared to get the correct action and rhythm.

It was time to dust the Bug with phosphorescent powder and pass it around. The virus was a little hard to get stuck on initially, but with a splash of baby oil, my flashing pet bug soon had everyone 'infected'. (The oil also assisted in making it more difficult to remove the infection with plain water). A flash with the UV light revealed the green glow of the virus on all hands.

Now we can see the problem, it was time to put the hand washing theory into practice, first with water, (not all removed), then with soap or detergent and water (much more effective). After each wash, a flash with UV light revealed were the germs remained.

But why was the detergent more effective in washing the bugs away? For this age group it is easier to say 'because the detergent makes the water more slippery'. The reduction of surface tension can be demonstrated by floating black pepper on water, and placing one drop of detergent into the centre of the bowl. The pepper is instantly pushed to the side of



the bowl by the expanding detergent film, and some pepper falls to the bottom.

The last activity of the night was folding a finger 'flip chat' to take home, which offered 8 facts/comments to do with the 'Flu, and ways to minimise catching it.

This month we also ran the program with a smaller group of **Hawkesbury** Joeys and Cubs with good results.

The hand washing process probably needs to be reinforced for the following couple of weeks so the scouts realise this should be a continuing habit, not just when the Science Team visit. So replace 'Hand Sanitiser' with 'Hand Washing', because it's fun to get your hands into warm water at the start of a cold night.

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30 Years of Joey Scouts



Joey Scouts are celebrating their 30th Birthday this year and there is a special badge that all Joeys and Joey Leaders can wear on their uniform!

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Nominations now open for 2020 Scout of the Year!

Do you know a youth member who has contributed exceptionally to Scouting and the wider community? Nominations are now open for the Scouts NSW 2020 Scout of the Year Award

The Award recognises our Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who have created positive change in their community, celebrating those who work to redevelop local bushland, welcome new members of the community, support disadvantaged kids, advocate for youth issues and so much more.



To nominate a youth member, learn about the 2019 finalists and winners and for more information, click [here](#).

Hurry, nominations close on 1 September!



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Anne Thompson (our Region Bulletin Editor) is currently recuperating in hospital after a recent fall. On behalf of the Region, I would like wish Anne a speedy recovery and a well earned ~~break~~ rest.

Get well soon!

*Matt
- Relieving Editor*

