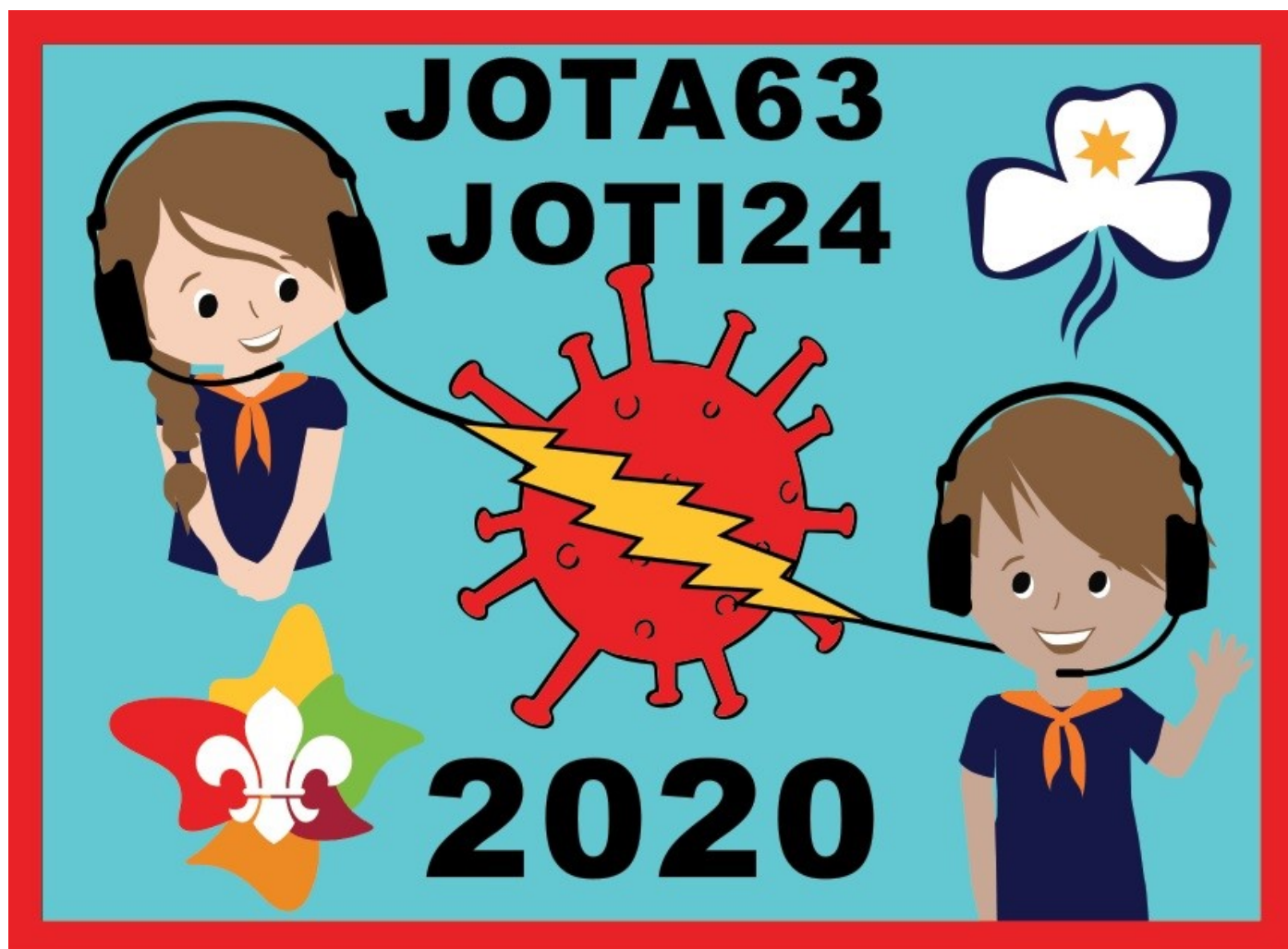




# The Bulletin

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Over the past several months, the GWS Region Council and Executive have been reviewing the organisation structure of the Region. Out of this work, the decision has been made to introduce three Deputy Region Commissioners to support David in his role.

After a open recruitment process, we are excited to announce that all 3 positions have been filled by the following people.

### **GROUP SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT - GEOFF HENDERSON**

**Supported by the Assistant Deputy Region Commissioner - Group Support and Development, Mel Dimmock**

***Responsible for: Groups, Districts, Training, Communications, Marketing and Strategy***

Many people will know Geoff from his role as Deputy Region Commissioner Strategy & Development, walking the planks at Gang Show or hosting the annual Adult Recognition Awards Presentation.

Geoff is also the chairperson of the 1st Grose Vale Scout Group and has firsthand knowledge and a wealth of experience in how we can best support our groups to not only deliver Scouting to our members, but how we can grow to be the best youth organisation out there.

Geoff will be supported by Mel Dimmock. Recently a Rover with 1st/2nd Merrylands and then filling the role of Region Leader (Development); Mel is a well-respected person within the region. She has been responsible over the past 18 months for managing any enquiries for new Scouting Members through State or Region and has a well-balanced understanding of what support is out there for our groups.

### **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES - TONY DENT**

***Responsible for: Activities, International, Program and Sections.***

A long standing and well-respected member of the region team, Tony has built up an encyclopaedic knowledge of Scouting over many years and roles. Tony's most recent work has been guiding GWS through the program transition to the "new" youth program. Tony has had a leading role in many major scouting events and has been a leader in almost every section. Tony is really looking forward to helping our section leaders deliver the best framework for our members to get the most out of Scouting.

### **OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SUPPORT - STEVE WALLACE**

***Responsible for: Diverse & Inclusive Scouting (Formerly Special Needs), Member Support, Finance, Property, WHS and Risk.***

Steve is sort of a jack of all trades, having experience across many of the "back room" areas of Scouting, including IT Systems, Organisation and Policies, Governance and Administration. Steve has served a stint on the NSW Board of Directors and most recently has been working as the District Commissioner in Penrith City and Blue Mountains Districts. Steve's goal is ensuring that all aspects of Scouting can be delivered in a safe, stable and friendly Scouting Environment.

If you need any assistance, in the first instance, please continue to reach out to your current contacts (Group Leaders, District Section Leaders etc.) If they cannot help or need assistance, then please feel free to drop the appropriate DRC a note and they will be more than happy to help. David Stopps RC, also remains happy to receive e-mails and calls and will provide or arrange for one of the DRCs to provide assistance.

**Steve Wallace (Turtle)**  
**Deputy Region Commissioner (Operations & Youth Safety)**  
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As much as we could all complain about how things are at present, at the least the weather has been good.

Still no real change on the Activities front, however we are pushing to get a couple of Canoe Workshops happening, now things are warming up. Likewise, with some rock activities, but it is still quite difficult.

I had the pleasure of attending an actual face to face Mindari, with Parramatta District, to talk about activities. It was held outside (to maintain Social Distancing), under a clear starry night; coupled with the glowing warmth of a campfire. I must say a very nice way to spend a weekday evening!

I helped out on another 4WD Course, which State is now offering. These are applicable more for Leaders and Rovers. Held down at Belanglo State Forest, we covered entry level skills including driving on Low Range, hill climbs and descents, along with some basic recovery methods using a Snatch Strap. Generally speaking, most of the participants are already quite skilled, so it is a great opportunity to share ideas.

As much as it would be good to run a Region based 4WD Workshop, it is still very much in the embryo stage. I know there are already quite a few leaders (and Rovers) within our Region, who are well experienced in off road driving.

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**

**RC Activities**

**Assist. Technical Director - Cumberland Gang Show**

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## **APPOINTMENTS LIST— GWS REGION**

### **APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS**

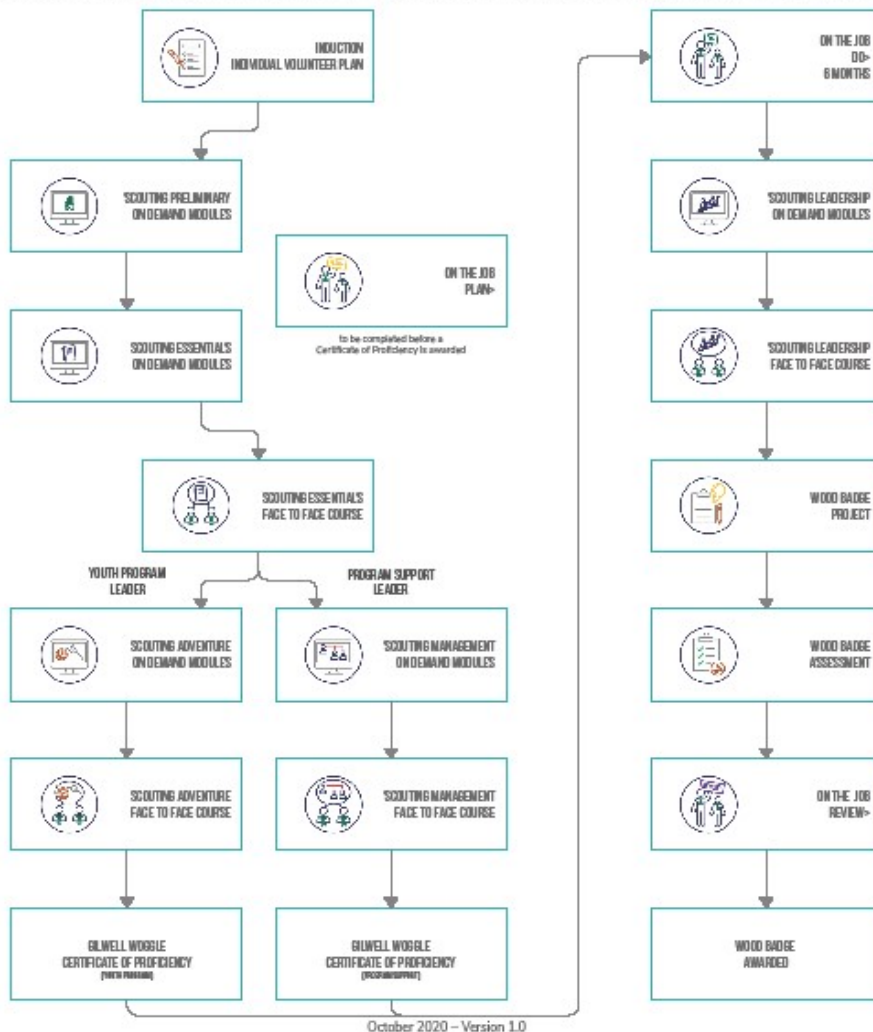
<b>HOWE, Richard</b>	<b>From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL</b>	<b>1st Winston Hills Scout Troop 1st Winston Hills Scout Troop</b>
<b>THOMPSON, Wendy</b>	<b>From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL</b>	<b>1st Rouse Hill Cub Pack <i>Aberdoon</i> 1st Rouse Hill Cub Pack <i>Aberdoon</i></b>
<b>TUCKER, Nicole</b>	<b>From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL</b>	<b>1st Erskine Park Joey Mob 1st Erskine Park Joey Mob</b>



**Meet your new training pathway!**

Scouting provides so many opportunities for our youth members to achieve their goals and become active members of their local, national and international communities. As an adult leader, you play an integral role in supporting the development of our Scouts as they reach their full potential, whether you are directly supporting our young people or supporting your fellow adults. Scouting is often noted as having some of the best leadership training in the world – and our adult leader training just got even better!

We wanted to ensure that our adult leaders have an exceptional foundation to support youth members of any age and the refined skills to make a real difference to the development of the Scouts within their chosen age section. This saw us challenging every component of our previous curriculum and rebuilding it from the ground up, taking ideas from adult leaders and Rover Scouts at all levels. We are excited to share your new adult training curriculum!



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**Some key points to take from this new Adult Training Curriculum**

- Leaders who are currently completing basic training should aim to complete by March 2021. Currently GWS Leaders are required to attend a GWS training course.
- New Leaders as of the 1st of November will train in the new the curriculum.
- In the new curriculum training weekends will no longer be section specific, although there will be opportunities to discuss sectional programming needs.

Send your training questions to me and I will do my best to answer them! Thank you

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## One Program, One Journey, One Curriculum

Every adult and Rover Scout will embark on a five-step journey to become a fully-trained leader. A lot of our new curriculum will be consistent for all leaders, as we prepare to support our Scouts on their continuous journey through the Youth Program. At appropriate points in your training pathway, you will have the opportunity to focus on what you have learned in the context of your role in Scouting, whether that is in specific sections for our Youth Program leaders (Leaders of Youth) or supporting other adult members for our Program Support leaders (Leaders of Adults).

### *The five steps in your training pathway are:*

- **Scouting Preliminary** – prepares you for your important role in making a contribution to the development of young people through the Scouting program. You will learn about your crucial place in this global movement, your duties as an adult leader and the Fundamentals of Scouting. From here, you will also begin working on your On the Job Plan> checklist which you will need to complete before a Certificate of Proficiency is awarded.
- **Scouting Essentials** – provides your “survival skills” in supporting the personal progression of our young people. You will learn about the Achievement Pathways, your role in a youth-led program operating under the patrol system and how to empower your youth members to reach their potential.
- **Scouting Adventure (for Youth Program leaders)** – gets you ready to support your youth members putting the “out” in Scouting! You will learn about our Outdoor Adventure Skills, develop your knowledge and understanding in the three core Skills and find out more about training available to you to support our specialist Skills. After this, you will be able to wear a Gilwell Woggle and will be seen as proficient in your leadership role – but your training journey is still going! From here, you will begin working on your On the Job Do> checklist which you will need to complete before attending a Scouting Leadership course.
- **Scouting Management (for Program Support leaders)** – skills you in bringing out the best in other adult leaders. You will learn adult empowerment, managerial communication and conflict resolution. After this, you will be able to wear a Gilwell Woggle and will be seen as proficient in your leadership role – but your training journey is still going! From here, you will begin working on your On the Job Do> checklist which you will need to complete before attending a Scouting Leadership course.
- **Scouting Leadership and the Wood Badge** – moves away from the practical Scouting skills to further develop you into a great leader. You will learn key industry-leading leadership skills and practices which will help you both in Scouting and your life outside the movement. From here, you will begin working on your Wood Badge project and assessment, as well as your On the Job Review> checklist. After this, you will be awarded your Wood Badge and will be a fully-trained leader!

### When do I begin using the new curriculum?

#### **I am a brand-new leader**

Congratulations on beginning your adult leader journey! If you have just joined the movement, you will begin on our new curriculum – start by checking out the Scouting Preliminary On Demand modules.

#### **I have started my eLearning, but have not yet attended a Basic Practical Supplement course**

The last Basic Practical Supplement course will run in March 2021. If you have completed the appropriate eLearning but have not attend a course before then, you will move over to the new curriculum to continue your adult leader training and start by attending a Scouting Essentials Face to Face Course. Our old eLearning will be archived in January 2021, if you have not completed the appropriate eLearning to attend a Basic Practical Supplement by then, you will also move over to the new curriculum. If you have started working on your L10 In- Service form, you will need to submit that before March 2021.

#### **I am working through my eLearning, but have not yet attended an Advanced Practical Supplement course**

The last Advanced Practical Supplement course will run later in 2021. If you have completed the appropriate eLearning but do not attend a course before then, you will move over to the new curriculum to continue your adult leader training and start by attending a Scouting Leadership Face to Face Course. Our old eLearning will be archived in 2021, if you have not completed the appropriate eLearning to attend an Advanced Practical Supplement by then, you will also move over to the new curriculum.

The Scouting Preliminary On Demand modules are available now on [training.scouts.com.au](https://training.scouts.com.au). The other new modules will become available during late 2020 and 2021. The Scouting Essentials Face to Face Course will begin in March 2021, with the other face to face course becoming available throughout 2021.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley JOTA/JOTI 2020

Andy Jenkinson and I arrived at the hall early on Sunday morning. The Scouts were there already, lashing together a stand to support the long pole to hoist an inverted V antennae for Batman's radio. A couple of tables outside were devoted to Morse Code practice and Electronic kits. Inside the hall were two laptops for Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) and a projector to watch a replay of the opening address.

### *Silent, Secret Code Base*

A really unique activity for me, involved a deaf parent (Nicolas) and a skilled Sign Scout (also called Nicolas). Nicolas, lead the scouts in an interesting silent game to learn Auslan - an Australian version of sign language. A rare occasion to keep your mouth shut and your eyes focused to "hear" what is being 'said'. Here is a photo of Nicolas the Scout, and you can see on his pocket flap the red bordered 'I CAN SIGN' badge.



Andy and I also provided a couple of bases for the Scouts. I bought the **Treasure base** with Metal Detector and Andy assisted the Scouts to make **D cells** (*not battery*)

**Scout Leader Khylie (Rosella)**... We had 40 people come through during the day. The kids got to talk to Panania, Bankstown and 'Doc' up in the Blue Mountains. Zaran was the Scout with the radio licence and call sign 'VK2fzar.

Thank you to Batman and Doc for all the work behind the scenes getting us ready. I suppose the main thing I would say is we 'gave it a go', and with the support of district members and 1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Scout Leaders we had a successful day. Hopefully this article will encourage other new Scout Leaders to participate in JOTA. We are all keen to do this again next year, but better next time.

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The young Scout Zaran Mortimer, obtained his Foundation License VK2FZAR, in September last year. Zaran responded to a JOTA CQ from cubs in Panania on the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club 2m repeater. They had quite a lot of Cubs to go through, more than we had on our end, so a number of our Scouts and Cubs came back to keep talking.

Zaran was using a Yaesu FT857 radio and a Flower Pot antenna which he had made at one of our antennae building days earlier this year.

I worked the HF 40m and 80m bands using my ICOM 7300 radio and two Inverted "V" antennae but was not having much success. Eventually I made a Summit On The Air (SOTA) contact with some Scouts from 1st Greystanes who had hiked up Mt Banks. The Scouts had carried their radio, battery and antenna up Mt Banks, set it up and made a few contacts with other radio operators. These same Scouts were featured on the [JOTAJOTI.INFO](http://JOTAJOTI.INFO) Live program as well via a Zoom meeting.

**Robin Garrett "Batman" VK2HRG**





**BT Leaders**



**Joeys at Jota**



**Venturers trying kits**



**Making D cell**



**Raising the antenna**

# ROVERS

## Crew of the Month

### Introducing 2nd Baulkham Hills 'Outdoor' Rover Crew!

More affectionately known as 'Baulko Outdoor', these guys have been up to heaps of adventurous activities.

Earlier in the year, Baulko Outdoor had a huge crew camp introducing new members to the crew. They also did some service activities including helping fix a shed at their favourite scout camp.

Other activities Baulko have been up to lately include working on their 4WD's together, as well as frequent hiking and canyoning trips. Despite the challenges of the coronavirus, the crew has managed to stay in relatively good contact with most members and stay active in their Roving.

Rather than quotes about why they love Rovers and their crew Baulko Outdoor provided us with their "Parables of 2nd Baulko Outdoor"

1. "When Ruben speaks, thou shalt listen" - Jordan
2. "If there's a body of water, it shall be swam in." - Jarrod

**2nd Baulkham Hills 'Outdoor' Rover Crew meet on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm at 25 Jasper Road, Baulkham Hills.**



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**CATALINA GONZALEZ**

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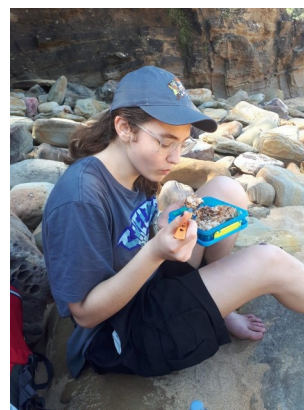
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## Congratulations Catalina!

In September, Catalina Gonzalez from 1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew participated in the Act For Peace Ration Challenge.

For one week, Catalina ate the same rations that a Syrian refugee living in a camp in Jordan would receive. These rations can include about 420g of rice, 400g of flour and 170g of Lentils, along with some other ingredients. Across the challenge Catalina raised over \$1,100 in donations for Act for Peace. The money raised goes towards food, medicine and education of Refugees.

**Well done Catalina!**



## Scout of the Year Finalists

GWS Rovers are proud to announce that 3 out of the 4 finalists for the Rover Scout of the Year award are from our region!

Congratulations to all of the nominated finalists across all sections, and especially to **Jason Graham & Connor Kennedy** from **Nepean Rover Crew** and **Hugh Crawford** from **Blacktown Rover Crew!**

# Office 365 for Scouts



From 1st January 2021, all members allocated a Scouts NSW email address (e.g. [firstname.lastname@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@nsw.scouts.com.au)) must have activated their email account to continue receiving communications from Scouts NSW. Communications to these members' personal / [non@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:non@nsw.scouts.com.au) email addresses will cease.

To ensure key communications are able to be sent to all Adult members that hold leadership appointments in GWS, our goal is to have these members actively using their Scouts NSW email address by 1st December 2020.

Email addresses are only allocated to eligible appointments listed here (<http://bit.ly/scouts-nsw-O365-who-gets-it>) + Rovers.

If you have activated and started using it

If you have not activated and started using it, please do so ASAP. The welcome/activation emails are being resent in the next couple of days. Keep an eye out and follow the instructions.

The rollout of Scouts NSW email addresses and Office 365 (O365) to Adult members holding key leadership appointments is to fulfil compliance obligations around information and data security, child protection and centralised communications. For more info, visit [www.nsw.scouts.com.au/o365](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/o365)

Thanks

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