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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Congratulations once again to all who received their awards at Bundilla. It was so good to see so many at the Adult Recognition Award presentation. It was a bit different from the usual program but I quite enjoyed being in the great outdoors – as Scouts should be. It was a lovely day and the weather was perfect.

We hope to have the same number of awardees or even more next year! So get those citations into the Region Office or to Neville Henderson as soon as possible.

It was my honour to present Peter Nickl OAM with a Region Certificate of Appreciation for the many years of service and hard work he has given the Region. Peter has now been appointed as an Honorary Region Commissioner, GWSR. I know that every one that knows Peter would join me in thanking him and congratulating him.

I would also like to thank Neville Tomkins OAM our Chief Commissioner and Mark Taylor MP the local member for Seven Hills for attending our awards ceremony and for their kind words.

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes for the Scout Summer Fun Days to be held on January 15-17, both here at Bundilla and at Lake Parramatta. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this fantastic event. My thanks to the Region Team for doing this to try to get the youth back outdoors. Thank you to all the leaders that have offered to help out, Bravo-o-o to you all.

On closing the year, the Region ARP has been set down for the 6th June 2021 at Bundilla. I extend an invitation to you all. Please put this date in your calendar.

Speaking of ARPs - please send the Region Office the dates for your ARP next year. I know that most groups have finalised their calendars for 2021. Just a reminder to make sure we have a Region Representative in attendance.

From all of the Stopps Family to all of you and your families, have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Stay safe always.

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FROM DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

Can I first say ***congratulations*** to the 89 members, recognised at the Adult Recognition Awards earlier this month. It was great that we were able to hold a ceremony to thank these fantastic people for their service to the youth of western Sydney. I would particularly like to congratulate Matt Thompson from the Group Support & Development Team on his Silver Koala. Thanks for your many years of service and dedication.

The Group Support and Development team have been busy this month, bringing together the ***GWS Summer Scout Fun Days for January 2021***. We've got some great activities planned. With registrations already flowing through, we know it will be a keenly supported event. Running at two sites (Bundilla and Lake Parramatta), this event running over three days (15-17 January 2021) our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts will get the opportunity to get out and Scouting this summer. You can find further details in this Bulletin.

The team have also been working hard to support the opening of the ***1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Group*** in Hills District; with 17 Leaders currently undergoing their training, it won't be long before they are up and running and open for youth members in the Cub, Scout and Venturer sections. Good luck as you start your Scouting journey.

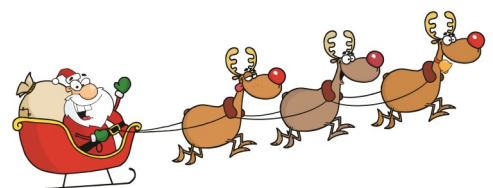
We all know 2020 has been tough for Scouting, but like a tree that has been pruned, new shoots will grow in their place. 2021 brings all the promise of a great year for Greater Western Sydney as we emerge from Covid-19.

Have a great holiday and thanks to everyone for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you soon (hopefully at the GWS Summer Scout Funs Days).

Yours in Scouting,

Geoff (Beate) Henderson
Deputy Region Commissioner – Group Support and Development

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**Region Office will be closed from
Thursday 24th December, 2020 to Monday 11th January, 2021**

Wendy Dimmock - GWS Region Office Manager

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2021

It is that time of the year when I start to terrorise leaders and members about the Adult Recognition Awards. In 2020 we succeeded in having 89 members from Greater Western Sydney Region recognised for their service to Scouting and it would be great to have another 80 plus recognised in 2021.

A list of eligible leaders and supporters has been sent to your Group Leader and District Commissioner and you should ask these people for a copy of the list if you feel you would like to nominate someone.

How do I nominate someone for an award?

- For Special Service, Meritorious Service, Outstanding Service and Silver Wattle I need a citation of no more than 1500 characters (including spaces). I will complete the nomination form as the complete document is not required.
- For Silver Koala, Distinguished Service, Silver Emu and Silver Kangaroo I need a citation of no more than 1500 characters (including spaces) and a completed nomination form.

When do nominations close?

Nominations close with me on 26th January 2021 at 5.00pm as we need time to collate, edit and forward to State Office by 14th February 2021. Please don't phone me at 5.01pm on close off and ask to send more nominations as refusal often offends!

Where do I send the nominations?

Please forward to:

neville@greaterwestscouts.com.au as I am having trouble printing from my State email.

If you have any problems or enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile number.

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Office 365 for Scouts

I hope you are all starting to actively use your Scouts NSW email address in your regular group/team communications. If you see someone not using their Scouts NSW email to communicate with you, please help us by giving them a gentle reminder to start using it.

Remember, our goal is to have all GWS members actively using their Scouts NSW email address by 1st December 2020. If you are one of the **264 members** that have not activated and started using it, please do so ASAP. The welcome/activation emails were resent a couple of weeks ago.

If you didn't receive your activation email; if you are having issues setting up your email or the initial password is not working, please raise a ticket with Scouts NSW IT Helpdesk:

https://scoutsaustraliansw.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=360000146091

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**

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Active Kids Rebate: Reminder to Parents



Time is running out to redeem the
Active Kids Rebate Voucher 2.

It must be submitted by 18th December so that it can be processed by the end of 2020



For more information, go to:
<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids/>

Hi All,

Wasn't it great to see everyone and recognise the work that our leaders and supporters put into Scouting at the Adult Recognition Awards earlier this month? This was one of the first big activities that the Operations and Youth Safety team were involved in and my thanks go to everyone involved. If you missed it, please check out the article elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The next big task for Operations involves our Group Leaders, Crew Leaders and Group Support Committee. As the year draws to a close, we need to make sure that we close off our books on the 31st December this year and get them audited as soon as we can afterwards.

- For Groups, your 2020 financial reports must be at the Region Office before the 1st March 2021.
- For Rover Crews who hold their ARP before the 1st March, your financial reports must be at the office at least one week before your ARP.

If you need help with getting your books completed and audited, please reach out – our job is to help you manage the red tape!

Our property team have been starting to go around and visit halls. These visits are so that we can get a feel of what the problems in each of our properties are and develop a base-line condition for all halls in the Region. Once we know the condition of our halls, we can start developing strategies to help. If the property team visits, please don't be alarmed, but say hi and let us know where you are struggling.

COVID-19 continues to be a challenge to Scouting and the Region team would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who has been working to deliver amazing Scout programs under COVID conditions.

The latest news I have is that restrictions have eased considerably.

- You are now allowed to have up to 100 people at an outdoor activity.
- If you are conducting an Archery, Bushwalking, Hiking, Boating, Challenge Rope, Cycling, Fishing, Orienteering, Rock, Scavenger Hunt or Swimming activity, then you can have up to 3,000 people including spectators. If this is part of a camp or overnight activity, anything outside of these explicit activities is not included and is a maximum of 100 people.
- You are now allowed 50 performers inside and there is no limit on performers outside. This is for creative arts activities such as Gang Shows, Choirs and Campfires.

- You are now allowed up to 5,000 people at outdoor ticketed events that are fenced and seated. This covers activities such as Peak Award Presentations.
- The physical distancing measures inside Scout Halls has been lowered from 1 person per 4 square metres to 1 person per 2 square metres, doubling the number of people you can have in your hall. You are also no longer limited to a maximum of 20 youth.
- There is no longer a need to submit the Provisional Approval form if you are travelling more than 20km from your Scout Hall.
- If you are staying at a Scout Campsite or Activity Centre that has a COVID-Safe plan, you no longer need to submit the Provisional Approval form for Overnight Activities (Note this does not include Scout Halls; it is only those properties that are designated Campsites or Activity Centres such as Cataract Scout Park, Bundilla Scout Activity Centre and Glenfield Scout Camp).

All of these activities still require members to physically distance from each other for activities, including during photographs.

If you have already registered a **COVID-Safe Plan** with Scouts NSW, then all you need to do is change the signage on your hall to reflect the new maximum amount of people allowed. (Please calculate this as (length x width)/2).

Otherwise, if you are now looking to return to face to face activities, then you need to submit your COVID-Safe plan before resuming. Please refer to <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus/covid-19-safety-plans/#covidSafeScoutHalls> for more information.

If you need a hand, please check the [Scouts NSW Guide to Coronavirus](https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus) at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus> or reach out. We are only too happy to help.

We are currently looking for people with experience in Project Management (of any type) who would like to assist with the management or role out of new initiatives within the Region, as well as people who have experience in mentoring in IT Systems, to work with our current trainers in supporting IT Systems. If this is you or you would like to know more, please e-mail me and we can have a chat.

On behalf of the whole Operations and Youth Safety Team (WHS, Property, Diversity & Inclusion, Member Support), I would like to thank you for your support over the past couple of months.

I hope you have a great Christmas break and here is to an amazing 2021. I hope to catch up with you at the Summer Fun Days in January.

Steve (Turtle) Wallace
Deputy Region Commissioner –
Operations & Youth Safety.
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GWS Region Adult Recognition Awards Presentation

It was a bright, warm, sunny day on the 6th December, when Adult members from all over NSW were able to (finally) gather together in the grounds of Bundilla Scout Camp for the presentation of this years Adult Recognition Awards and Long Service Awards.

Our Region Commissioner kicked things off for the day, welcoming everyone to the event and commenting on the amazing effort everyone has made to deliver Scouting this year, before honouring our Region Commissioner (International) Peter Nickl with the Region Commissioner's Citation for his work with Scouting over 57 years! Peter is transferring to Honorary Commissioner (Region) and it was great to see Peter's extended family join us in recognising the contribution of one of the stalwarts of GWSR.

We then had the absolute pleasure of presenting 59 of this year's awardees with their Adult Recognition Award for distinguished service to Scouting.

Of particular note, we presented four leaders with their Silver Emu for sustained and exceptional service over a lengthy period as well as presenting John "Warrigal" Clapham from 1st Springwood with his Silver Kangaroo for Eminent Achievement & Exceptional Service over a long period and a highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting.

We also presented seven leaders with long service awards for over 25 years' service to Scouting.

The Alan Overton OAM AM Award is a prestigious award for our Region, going to one Adult Member each year who has delivered exceptional service to Scouting and has set an example above and beyond what is expected in any leader. This year, the award was presented to Joshua Fisher in recognition of his work as Group Leader of 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group.

A huge B-R-A-V-O-O-O to all our award recipients this year.

The day was finished off with speeches from local member for Seven Hills Mr Mark Taylor, Region President Mr Ross Grove and the Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins. If there was one recurring theme between all three gentlemen, it was that Scouting is resilient and despite a tough year, we are already bouncing back and will be stronger than ever in 2021.



An event such as this does not come together on its own and we need to thank Wendy Dimmock, David & Tracey Stopps, Jye Stopps, Matthew Thompson, Geoff Henderson, Damon Love, Jon Connor and GWSR Rovers for all the work that they put in behind the scenes to make the event an amazing success and a memorable occasion for everyone. Thanks also go to all of our Readers and Presenters on the day.

Steve Wallace, Deputy RC



Adult Recognition Awards Presentation Sunday 6th December 2020



Peter Nickl OAM
Surrounded by his family and friends following the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation and his appointment as an Honorary Region Commissioner



L to R: Geoff Henderson Deputy RC, Master of Ceremonies; **Bec Falvey** 1st Dural Venturer Unit sang the National Anthem; **Ross Grove** Region President and **Mark Taylor**, Member for Seven Hills addressed the gathering.



John Clapham SL 1st Springwood received his Silver Kangaroo from Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins OAM and David Stopps RC GWSR

Joshua Fisher GL 2nd Kings Langley was the proud recipient of the Alan Overton AM OAM Award. The award was presented by Mark Taylor, member for Seven Hills and David Stopps RC



Dr Rob Lang, Producer and Director of Cumberland Gang Show was recognised for his 45 years of dedicated service to Scouts Australia. Pictured here with Mark Taylor and David Stopps

JOEY AND CUB NEWS

I can't believe that the 2020 Scouting year is almost at an end, as is this exceptionally unusual year. Every one of us deserves a great big B-R-A-V-O for persevering to ensure that Scouting continued on regardless in 'Scouting from Home'.

Now that we are back in the great outdoors and our Scout halls, the weather is better, the numbers permitted to take part in activities have increased, the number of activities have also increased, as has the number of youth being awarded their Peak Awards. Well done to everyone!

2021 Joey and Cub Region Calendar

The 2021 Region Joey and Cub calendar has been finalised and can be found below. We have an exciting year planned for our youth including some activities for our Leaders. Please note, dates may change due to changes in restriction relating to Covid-19. A list of State events for the Joey and Cub sections will be added to the below calendar when finalised.

GWS Region - 2021 Calendar - Joey Scouts & Cub Scouts		
2021	Joey Scouts	Cub Scouts
January	Fri 15 - Sun 17: Summer Scouting Fun Days	Fri 15 - Sun 17: Summer Scouting Fun Days
February	Friday 19 Feb: Konara, 7.30pm Bundilla	Friday 12 Feb: Palanee, 7.30pm Bundilla Saturday 27 Feb: CSLC, 9-5pm, Bundilla
March	Sunday 14 Mar: Joey/Cub Fun day on the water (TBC)	Saturday 13 Mar: Joey/Cub Fun day on the water (TBC) Sunday 28 Mar: Youth Helpers Course 10-4pm, Bundilla
April		Saturday 24 April: Region Cub Youth Council, Bundilla
May	Sunday 16 May: Joey Fun Day, 9-3pm, Bundilla	Sunday 30 May: CSLC, 9-5pm, Bundilla
June		
July		
August		Sunday 1 Aug: CSLC, 9-5pm, Bundilla
September		
October	16/17 October: Jota/Joti	Friday 1 to Monday 4 Oct: Region Cuborette - Cataract Sat 2 Oct: 7.30 Region Cub Youth Council - Cataract 16/17 October: Jota/Joti
November		Saturday 6 Nov: CSLC, 9-5pm, Bundilla
December		

We are kick starting 2021 in January with a whole Region activity 'Summer Scouting Fun Days'. Pass the details on to your youth members. We are also looking for leader and helper support. Make sure you register now so you don't miss out. This will be an event not to miss!

Head over to Scout Event (EMS) <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/> to register for this and other events throughout 2021.



JOEY NEWS

Joey Scout Postcard Exchange

It is great to see so many Joey Units taking part in the Joey Scout Postcard Exchange program. The 30 Year Joey Scout Postcard Exchange will see Joey Units create and swap 30 postcards with 30 different Joey Units from across the State. This program aims to assist Joey Units with promoting their local area, Unit adventures and much more. The postcard exchange will continue through to the 31st March 2021, so this is something Joeys can work on during the summer break.





CUB NEWS

Big Cub Day Out – ‘Parramatta Ramble’

Emails have been sent out to all GWS Cub Leaders with the details of the Big Cub Day Out – ‘Parramatta Ramble’ activity. Have a great day out exploring Parramatta and the local history, whilst Cub Scouts answer questions about the local history along the way. Each Cub Unit can select their own date and time to complete the activity and must arrange for their own E1 form (either on Operoo or paper based). This activity is designed so that it can be done as a Unit or as a Patrol and can be completed through to the 31st March 2021, so this is another activity that can be completed during the summer break.

Select your starting point (Town Hall Square, Phillip Street Ferry Terminal, Prince Alfred Park or the Bath House in Parramatta Park), follow the instructions and answer the questions along the way. The entire circuit is approx. 6 km. You should allow at least 2.5 to 3 hours to complete the whole circuit.

If you need a copy of the questions and the map, please send me an email. Below is a link to the online questions:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S7vnQHd2UEyZs2vwJ_MecdRsKOf2rZ5MnnMd3DTzmeZURVRESks3MkdOOEdKNE9LUFdBNTJJOTdYUS4u



Every Unit that participates will receive an Out & About Certificate, so send me an email when your Cub Unit has completed this activity.

Thank you

I would like to finish by saying a great big thank you to the District Joey and Cub Leaders for their assistance over 2020. The year started off with horrific bushfires leading to the cancellation of the Cuboree which then led onto Covid-19 restrictions. Without your support

throughout the year we would not have been able to provide online ANZAC memorials; online and then modified and restricted Cub Scout Leadership Courses and virtual Region Cub Youth Councils. Let’s hope that 2021 is a year of growth and retention for our youth, who benefit and grow through Scouting.
Yours in Scouting,

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



*Congratulations to the following
Cub Scouts on being awarded the
Grey Wolf Award*

- Aidan O'Brien**
1st Blaxland
- Clara Matthews**
1st Carlingford
- Sabrina Kayani**
1st South Penrith
- Raymond Li**
2nd Castle Hill
- Jamie Liles**
1st Murray Farm
- Amelia Manley**
1st Toongabbie
- Elijah Hayes-Pintaudi**
1st Hawkesbury
- Christian Shahho**
2nd Baulkham Hills
- Catherine Miller**
1st Oakville
- Charlotte Miller**
1st Oakville
- Lucas Ashton**
1st Oakville

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!

*Congratulations to the following
Joey Scouts on being awarded the
Promise Challenge Badge*



- Joseph Chan**
1st Carlingford
- Eric Kerle**
1st Carlingford

Well done and Hop, Hop, Hop!

SCOUT REPORT

Well 2020 has been a massive year for everyone. Finally, after what seems like 300 weeks we are at the end. Hopefully 2021 will prove to be a much smoother year.

Over **January 15 - 17 2021** we have our **Summer Scouting Fun Days** event. You will find the flyer here in the Bulletin for the information.



For the **Scout section** we are also holding a separate **overnight camping** event in conjunction with the event. Only Scouts who have registered for the Summer Scouting Fun Days Event will be able to register for the overnight camping. This will be a great opportunity for scouts to get some

extra nights under 'canvas' in readiness for AJ2022.

Register at:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/346>

Scouts will need to:

- Have their own tent (no sharing allowed)
- Supply and prepare their own food
- Supply their own cooking equipment
- Have their name on their gear
- Have their gear dropped at 1st Winston Hills Scout Hall

AJ2022 – EOIs are still open so please register if you haven't already. Applications should open early next year. So, register now to be sent the link for the application.

Congratulations to Matilda Glanville for achieving her **Australian Scout Medallion**. This is such a wonderful achievement especially this year. BRAVO-O-O!

I would like to thank my Team for the wonderful work they have done this year. I can't do this without all of you. All the zoom meetings and phone calls help keep me sane!

I would also like to say to all the Scout Leaders that you have done an amazing job this year and you all deserve a medal for supplying a program which has helped retain our Scouts in year that should have broken us. You are the backbone of the movement and that should be celebrated because you not only listened to the youth you guided them. This year, more than any, they needed guiding and you have excelled.

One positive thing from this year is that we can do this in many different ways. The 'traditional' way has not been possible this year and we've had to find new ways. It just proves that Scouts are resilient and progressive.

On that note... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

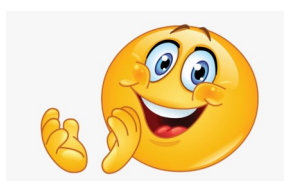
P.S. The Christmas lights are on at Bundilla so if you are in the area please visit!!



Tracey Stopps
Region Commissioner Scouts
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Grey Wolf Presentation for Grace Kokay @ 1st Winston Hills Cub Pack





“To say 2020 has been a year like no other, would be a statement I think few people would disagree with!”

As an Activities Team, I would guess you could describe us all a bit like “Firemen” - always there and ready to respond, but until there is an actual fire, you really do not see us!

With all the cancellations and restrictions we have had to endure throughout this year, like firemen, we have all been sitting and waiting. Waiting for that call up! Waiting to respond to what we do best!

While many groups were able to adapt to running “virtual” meetings online, it is a bit more difficult to paddle a canoe or abseil down a cliff face - online!

In my time with Activities, I would have to say this year has certainly been the toughest! But then as the saying goes, ***“When the going gets tough, the tough get going!”***

In 2021, there will be things that will become the new “norm,” that 12 months ago we would have never dreamed of; but as a Scouting community we need to show true and gutsy leadership and ***be prepared*** to face the challenges! ***“... now is that not what we teach our youth already!”***

Let us not dwell on what has been, but let us all focus on what we can do; as individuals and collectively; as a team of like-minded people. Let us all strive to make a difference!

With many restrictions currently being lifted, I can now really say that on behalf of the whole Region Activities Team, I do hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that we will face 2021 with a renewed sense of vigour, knowing that if we can survive what we have had to do this last 12 months, we can survive just about anything!

Hope to catch up with many of you at the **SUMMER SCOUT FUN DAYS**.

Mark Fell (Dingo)
RC Activities
Assist. Technical Director - Cumberland Gang Show
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APPOINTMENTS LIST – GWS REGION

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS



PAUSEY, Jeremy	
From Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Oakville Cub Pack
To ACSL	1st Oakville Cub Pack
SCOTT, Colin	
From Trainee Ldr (V)	2nd Kings Langley Venturer Unit
To AVSL	2nd Kings Langley Venturer Unit
SMITH, Bradley	
From Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop
To AVSL	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
BISSON, Simone	
From Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
To AJSL	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
SEARLE, Timothy	
From ASL	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop
To ASL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop
PRANTS, Matthew	
From ACSL	1st/2nd Merrylands Cub Pack
To CSL-P	1st/2nd Merrylands Cub Pack
THOMPSON, Wayne	
From Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Carlingford Scout Troop
To SL-P	1st Carlingford Scout Troop

RESIGNATIONS

GRAY, Timothy	ASL
1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne’s) Scout Troop	
HOLLOWAY, James	AVSL
1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit	
HOURD, Nicholas	AVSL
1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit	
LY, Brendon	T/L (JS)
Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob	
OZOLS, Mikayla	T/L (JS)
1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne’s) Joey Mob	
BARNETT, Danielle	T/L (V)
1st Castle Hill Venturer Unit	
HENRY, Anthony	ASL
1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>	
DAWSON, Donna	JSL
1st Parramatta Joey Mob	

Community Building Partnerships (CBP) 2021

Opens – May 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed)

Closes – June 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed)

What are CBP grants?

The NSW Government uses the CBP grants to invest in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes, while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. Every Scout Group/property is eligible to apply.

How much can I apply for?

Applications can range from \$2,500 to \$150,000, though the average amount is between \$10,000 to \$30,000. Each state electorate has \$330,000 to allocate. State MPs decide projects in 90% of cases, so fostering good relations with your MPs will help your case and partial contributions are looked upon favourably.

What does the CBP fund?

The CBP funds a diverse range of activities each year in the following categories:

- construction of new community infrastructure – e.g. a new hall or shed
- the refurbishment, repair and maintenance of existing community infrastructure – e.g. a new hall roof
- the purchase of capital equipment with a minimum values of \$2,500 – e.g. a trailer

What doesn't the CBP fund?

Events, workshops, operating costs, DAs etc.

How long do I have to complete the project?

Projects must be completed within approximately 18 months. Failure to complete the project within this timeframe will make Scouts NSW ineligible for future funding.

What documentation do I need to provide?

- **Quotes:** 1 quote for applications under \$5,000; 3 quotes for anything above \$5,000. Exceptions will be made for applications from rural or regional areas
- **Optional extras:** Photographs, Letters of support (e.g. from hall hirers, local council)

Anything else I should know?

- Some projects require Developmental Approval (DA). This must be approved and provided to the CBP department BEFORE funds are released. The costs associated with a DA must be covered by your group. Every DA must go through the Scouts NSW Asset Committee and requires the signature of the CEO prior to submission
- Consent from property owners (e.g. Crown Land, local Council or the Department of Education) are required for halls not owned by Scouts NSW and funds will not be released until this approval has been received by the CBP department. It is the responsibility of groups to seek this approval.
- Each application should include 5% on top of project costs to cover Scouts NSW administration fees. These fees will help to cover the salaries of the Scouts NSW employees who administer these grants and process invoices.

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) 2021

Opens – June 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed)

Closes – July 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed)

What is the CRIF?

The CRIF provides financial support for the development, maintenance and improvement of Crown reserves. Any Scout Hall that is on Crown Land reserve or a Crown Land lease is eligible to apply.

How much can I apply for?

There is no set limit. Applications have ranged from \$5,000 to \$2 million. There is approximately \$16 million in the fund each year.

What does the CRIF fund?

The CRIF funds a diverse range of activities each year in the following categories:

- General development, maintenance and protection activities on any eligible reserve.
- Pest and weed projects on Crown land.

How long do I have to complete the project?

Projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding. Failure to complete the project within this timeframe will make Scouts NSW ineligible for future funding.

What documentation do I need to provide?

- **Quotes**, the amount of quotes needed depends on the amount of funding sought:
 - Up to \$30,000 – at least one written quote
 - \$30,001 - \$150,000 – at least three written quotes
 - \$150,001 or more – acceptable cost estimate and a commitment for procurement via a competitive public tender
- **Supporting financial information:**
 - Scouts NSW profit and loss statement
 - Scouts NSW balance sheet
 - Scouts NSW recent bank statement
- **Optional extras:**
 - Photographs
 - Letters of support (e.g. from the community, hall hirers, local politicians)
 - Business plans
 - Site maps

Anything else I should know?

- Acknowledgement of NSW Government funding is a condition of the funding.
- Only one application per reserve

More information can be found here – <https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif>

THE BULLETIN

The next issue of this newsletter will be in February.

Please ensure all your articles and requests for publishing are
with the Editor by February 10, 2021

Many thanks - Anne Thompson

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Thank you for all the great articles and photos you have sent
in throughout the year.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**

