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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi everyone and welcome back to Scouting for 2021.

We all need to be positive that 2021 is going to be a better year and we can all do the things that we enjoy.

I would like to remind all the groups of a couple of things:

➤ It is almost **ARP** time this means your financials should be at your designated auditor almost ready to be pick up as they need to be at the Region Office by the 1st of March.

➤ Next is **invoice payments**. There are a number of groups falling behind again. District Commissioners have been given a list to chase up and the Region Treasurer has been asked to contact these groups to find out why they have not paid their invoice.

Everyone would now have received detail of the change in invoicing as from the 1st of April. We all need to support this, not fight it. The Board of Directors have decided this is happening. If you feel you cannot handle this change and would like some help please contact myself by email David.stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au

Some exciting news that you will see when you read the Scout Section report from Tracey is that **Jamborette** is going ahead. Tracey and her team are working hard in the background; please support this event, as it has been, for some, a long time since they have been able to camp.

The Region Activity Team will soon commence running **Archery workshops** at Bundilla. Spaces will be limited. Keep your eye out for more info on this soon.

We are also very excited that the **flying fox** will be relaunched at the rebooted Summer Fun Days weekend in April.

Thanks to Neville Henderson OAM again for all his help on the awards. Well done Neville, but it still amazes us that when we give a deadline some people still think they can put an award in after the deadline. The deadline is set because there is a lot more work to be done after you have submitted the citations - by leaving them to the last moment or even later it only affects the person you wanted to nominate as they do not get processed.

We lost a great Scout early this year. Peter Nickl OAM. Peter gave so much to Scouting and he will be sadly missed. I personally will miss his strong hand shake and his quick smile. I have it on good authority that the International Base will still be running at Jamborette which will include all Peter's usual memorabilia.

That is all from me have a great year in Scouting.

David Stopps
Region Commissioner

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PROJECT MANAGERS WANTED

We are looking for a range of people with Project Management Skills in IT, Property, Business, Event Management and other areas who have a keen interest in either leading or assisting with one or more projects at a Region or District level.

A contact list of successful applicants will be maintained by Region for the use of members of the Region Team in delivering Scouting to a high standard in GWS Region.

This is a voluntary role to be held in conjunction with any existing leadership or supporter role in Scouting.

If you are interested, please send your **Expression of Interest** with your name and experience to steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au



TECH HEADS WANTED

We are looking for people who have strong skills in using Online Systems and Microsoft 365. If this is you and you are keen to help other leaders in GWS Region understand these platforms then we want you!

You will be helping by working with the Region Champions in Operoo and ScoutLink as well as the Region Team to help leaders that are struggling to understand Scouts IT Systems through both face to face and online workshops as well as one on one.

This is a voluntary role to be held in conjunction with any existing leadership or supporter role in Scouting.

If you are interested, please send your **Expression of Interest** with your name and experience to steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au

DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY TEAM

Hi Everyone!

Welcome back to another year of Scouting!

COVID-19 remains a strong focus for everyone and will be for some time to come. It is important that you are continuing to operate in a COVID Safe manner and are adhering to the current advice and guidance from Scouts NSW. Please check out the Spotlight on COVID-19 in this edition of the Bulletin for more info. It is always great to see so many leaders taking the challenge of "How can we do this safely?" head on. Remember if you need help, we are always here!

One area that our team focuses on is that of Youth Safety Compliance. This is making sure that every person over the age of 18 in GWS has completed all the requirements to understand what we expect in Youth Protection. This includes having a Valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) for all Adults and Young Adults (including Venturers over 18) and that all uniformed members over the age of 18 have completed their WHS and Child Safe e-Learning Modules over the last 3 years.

To assist this, we are now sending out monthly reminders that your WWCC or e-learning either has expired or will expire within the next 3 months. If you get a reminder from us, it is crucial that you take the required action. Scouts NSW Child Protection Policies automatically suspend any leader without a valid WWCC or who has not completed e-learning within a set amount of time and we really don't want to lose any of our quality leaders.

Finally, as we head into ARP Season (The month of April), a gentle reminder that all ARP dates now overdue to Region Office and all Audited Books are due by the 1st March. We really need to make sure we have this information on time to meet our reporting requirements. I thank everyone for helping make this happen.

I am working to get out to the District Councils and will be talking with Group Leaders around some of the operational areas. I am looking forward to meeting some new faces and catching up with others.

I hope you have a great year and I look forward to seeing you out and about.

Steve (Turtle) Wallace
Deputy Region Commissioner –
Operations & Youth Safety.
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RICHARD CHARLES MASON 20th December 2020

Richard commenced his Scouting career as a Scout Leader with 1st Dharruk/Hebersham and then later at 1st Blaxland. He gained the Scout Wood Badge in 1993. After two years as District Leader (Development), Richard returned to 1st Blaxland as the Assistant Scout Leader. From 1997 to 2002, Richard was the Group Leader.

Resigning from Group life and after a few years absence, Richard joined the Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship and was Chairman for seven years.

For his dedication to Scouting, Richard was awarded the Outstanding Service Award in 2015.

*Sincere sympathy to Richard's family
and friends.*



TERRANCE (TERRY) KENNEDY 4th February 2021 aged 86

Terry began his many roles in Scouting to support his family who got involved in Cubs back in the 70's

1st Telopea - Group Committee and Group Leader
Thalera District - District Leader
Sydney Gang Show - Cast, Catering & Administration
Cumberland Gang Show - Scouter, First Aider &
Administration
Cataract Scout Park - Ranger

He completed three Wood Badges as a Group Leader Venturer and Rovers and received the Medal of Merit in 1987. He attended three Australian Jamborees and the 16th World Jamboree in 1987. Whatever he got involved in, he committed himself to it, 100%.

Terry passed peacefully surrounded by his family and is survived by Stuart and Ian Kennedy and extended family.

*Sincere sympathy to Terry's family
and friends.*



APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

WILLIAMS, Tiffany	From ACSL To ACSL	3rd Merrylands Cub Pack 1st Greystanes Cub Pack
BRAGG, Stuart	From ACSL To Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Ermington Cub Pack <i>Blaxland</i> 1st Ermington Scout Troop
SEARLE, Timothy	From ASL To AVSL	1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Venturer Unit
BOULTON, Cynthia	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob 1st Cambridge Park Joey Mob
KNOX, Sandra	From JSL To AGL	1st Ermington Joey Mob 1st Ermington Scout Group
CHUNG, Wai Tak	From ACSL To ACSL	Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack <i>Chatswood</i> 1st Lindfield Cub Pack
ASTLEY, Jodie	VSL-P	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
CRISPIN, Peter	From ASL To ASL	1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i> 1st Bargo Scout Troop
KASSIM, Soraya	From ASL To ASL	1st Winston Hills Scout Troop 1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Troop (TBR)
SMITH, Bradley	From AVSL To CSL-P	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit 1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
WALLACE, Kelly	ADC-DA	Penrith City District
YENDLE, Charles	From ACSL To Hon Leader	3rd Merrylands Cub Pack Holroyd District

RESIGNATIONS

SUN, Ping	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
BOLLAND, Grainne	JSL-P	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
CHAFFEY, Simone	AJSL	1st Blackheath joey Mob
FOWLER, Trevor	CSL-P	1st Greystanes Cub Pack
HARMEILING, Juliana	SL-P	2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
JOEL, Tallia	ASL	1st Ermington Scout Troop
BYRNE, Samuel	ACSL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i>
CHUNG, Mi Young	AJSL	1st Murray Farm joey Mob
DALY, Raymond	Trainee Ldr	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
SARRAMI, Pooria	ACSL	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>
WATT, Alexander	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Blaxland joey Mob <i>Python</i>
ASTLEY, Jodie	VSL-DA	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
AZZOPARDI, Naomi	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
BUERCKNER, Scott	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Nurragingy Scout Troop
ELLIS, Melissa	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Toongabbie Cub Pack
Jl, Feifei	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Mob
UIDAM, Tim	CSL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack

REGISTRATIONS

1ST TOONGABBIE VENTURER UNIT
1ST BALCOMBE HEIGHTS VENTURER UNIT



PETER JOSEPH NICKL OAM

“KIM”

20TH APRIL 1943 - 13TH JANUARY 2021

Peter had nearly 70 years' association with Scouting, including 57 years as a warranted Leader.

After commencing as a 'Wolf Cub' in 1952 with 1st Leichardt Scout Group, Peter was presented with his Queen's Scout Award in 1960. He received his first warrant as a Leader in 1963, became a Group Leader in 1972, and was appointed District Commissioner in 1980.

In 2003, Peter accepted the role of Region Commissioner (International) in the Greater Western Sydney Region a position he held until last year. Amongst his many other roles, Peter was a Member of the Scout Heritage Fellowship and served on the GWS Executive for over 15 years.

During his Scouting career, Peter attended 12 Australian Jamborees, 2 World Jamborees, 5 NSW Cuborees 8 World Scout Conferences, 2 Asian Conferences as well as 40 Area/Region Jamborettes. He ran the International Base at GWS Region Jamborettes for 23 years!

For his eminent achievement and meritorious service, Peter was recognised in 2003 with the Silver Kangaroo.

In 2015, Peter was appointed Life Councillor for Scouts NSW, and in 2017, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) "for service to youth through Scouting".

Vale Peter Nickl OAM.

**A true Scout who lived every aspect of his life according to the Scout Promise and Law.
Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Peter's family and friends.**





Happy New Year to you all. We have survived! We can now tick off 2020 as done, gone, finished, kaput! Welcome to 2021!

So as a Scouting community, what will 2021 entail? On the Activities Front, we may need to do things a little differently, in relation to activity numbers and social distancing protocols. On the other hand, some things will not change. Fall out of a canoe and you will still get wet; gravity still has a big say in how quickly you descend an abseil rope and hiking up that mountain, will still get the old heartbeat racing.

When we were all first invested into Scouts, whether as a leader or youth member, we all made a Promise! Part of that promise was to “Do Our Best!” As we kick off into a new year, let that be our focus. There is going to be some fairly significant mountains to climb this year, but if we can strive to simply “Do our Best,” rather than be mountain climbers, maybe we’ll become Mountain Movers!

I had the privilege to say goodbye to someone who really did do their very best. Peter Nickl was a true Scout in everything he did. I have known Peter for many years, and it was an absolute honour to be able to attend his funeral at Bundilla. A day to celebrate Peter’s life, and to send him off on to his final Jamboree!

I was also privileged to be part of the investiture of ten new Leaders for the new 1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Group. Prior to the meeting I had the opportunity to sit down with them and talk about the opportunities we can offer with the Region Activities Team.

At last, I can now again start to share with you some of what the Region Activities Team has been up to. Spent a very enjoyable day at Macquarie Park (Windsor) helping on a Canoe Workshop. Included all the normal paddle strokes and rescue techniques, before heading up into South Creek for a bit of a journey. So good to just get out again and do stuff!

Those of you who are familiar with anything to do with boating, are probably aware of the new rules regarding life jackets which came into effect 1 Jan 2021.

The following is an extract from the Transport for NSW – Maritime Safety

LIFEJACKET STANDARDS

Your lifejacket must comply with:

- The Australian Standard for lifejackets (AS 4758); or
- The International Standard (ISO 12402); or
- One of the approved standards for the lifejacket types listed below.

Lifejacket level 100+ (formerly known as Type 1)

One of the following recognised standards for lifejackets (or lifejacket type) that has been approved by a recognised appraiser:

- European Standard EN ISO 12402-2,3,4
- New Zealand Standard NZS 5823:2005

Any standard or specification approved by Transport for NSW (including any standard or specification previously approved by Roads and Maritime Services).

Lifejacket level 50 (formerly known as Type 2)

- European Standard EN ISO 12402-5
- Any standard or specification approved by Transport for NSW (including any standard or specification previously approved by Roads and Maritime Services).

Lifejacket level 50S (formerly known as Type 3)

- European Standard EN ISO 12402-5
- Any standard or specification approved by Transport for NSW (including any standard or specification previously approved by Roads and Maritime Services).

The following lifejacket standards have been superseded. Lifejackets carrying these standards will continue to be recognised as acceptable where the lifejacket is in good working order, existed and was in use prior to the commencement of the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 (7 October 2016).

- AS 1512-1996, Personal flotation devices - Type 1 (and any previous version of that standard)
- AS 2260-1996, Personal flotation devices – Type 3 (and any previous version of that standard)
- AS 1499-1996, Personal flotation devices - Type 2 (and any previous version of that standard)

You can go to the below web address for further information <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/lifejackets-equipment/approved.html>

As we kick off into a New Year, certainly a good change to check your own groups Life Jackets, and indeed all your activity equipment. The last thing we want to see happen is a group using old gear that then fails out in the field!



That 20+ year old abseil rope, may look fine, but....! to use the old saying, **“IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!”**

Let’s get this Year kicking off!

Mark Fell (Dingo)

Region Commissioner Activities

Assist. Tech. Director - Cumberland Gang Show

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1st/2nd Merrylands Fun Weekend

On the 14th & 15th of November, the Venturers of 1st/2nd Merrylands organised the Group’s annual group water weekend. This was to encourage the unit to be more youth lead/adult supported by allowing the Venturers to organise the entire weekend from activities, transport, and paperwork.

Due to COVID restrictions, we couldn't have our usual camp, instead we had a water activities weekend involving canoeing at Lake Narrabeen. On the first day, we had Joeys, Cubs and Scouts join us for the day; the Venturers guided them on how to properly use a canoe and how to paddle, with extra water safety tips. All the sections had a fun time on the weekend with water fights, swimming, canoeing and many other activities. Many canoes were also capsized during the day and we noticed that the Venturers had a more difficult time during rescues and getting back into the canoe.

On Sunday, many more Venturers joined us for the day. As we had two Scouts linking to Venturers, we decided to canoe to the island at Narrabeen and invest them there. This investiture was one to remember, as we had the Scouts swim to the shore of the island to represent their journey of moving up from Scouts to Venturers. We then headed back to the hall, dropped off the flags, and decided to practice our rescues. The Venturers are now confident that we know how to successfully perform a canoe rescue.

The weekend was filled with great memories, from the water fights, to the capsizings and of course the special investitures. Not only was the weekend filled with laughter and fun, it was also very educational to all the youth members, as they developed their water skills. It was great to see the Venturers take the initiative to organise this terrific weekend during the pandemic. It was very memorable and educational to all, benefiting all involved.

Dineshe Mohanarajah, Venturer Scout
1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne’s)



JOEY AND CUB NEWS

Welcome to a new and exciting year of Scouting! It has been great to hear of all the exciting and wonderful activities many Joey and Cub units have been doing throughout the holidays.

We have a number of activities planned for Joeys, Cubs and Leaders this term. Please visit the GWS Region Event system to check them all out at <https://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/>

GWS REGION KONARA/PALANEE 'MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

On **Friday 5th March**, we will be holding the GWS Region Konara/Palanees 'The Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. A Konara is a fun interactive, hands-on training session for Joey Leaders, as is a Palanee for Cub Leaders. The 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party Konara/Palanees will be held at Bundilla Scout Camp from 7.15pm to 9.30pm. Leaders are encouraged to come dressed in theme; please be sure to wear your group scarf. Don't miss out, complete your registration now:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/368>
Registrations close 1st March 2021



**“You're mad,
bonkers,
completely
off your head.
But I'll tell
you a secret.
All the best
people are.”**

JOEY/CUB FUN DAY ON THE WATER

The Annual Region Joey/Cub Fun Day on the water will be held at Lake Parramatta on **Saturday 13th March**. This is a great event for all Joey and Cub Scouts to get a chance to go canoeing learn about water and weather and where everyone gets wet! Full details and registrations can be found on the GWS Scout Event system at <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/>



The Region team is looking for assistance from Joey and Cub Leaders on the day as well as any Youth Helpers, Venturers or older Scouts. If you are available to help out, please register through the same link above and send an email to: gabrielle.thompson@nsw.scouts.com.au

JOEY NEWS

JOEY SCOUT POSTCARD EXCHANGE



The Joey Scout Postcard Exchange program that started late last year, goes through until 31st March 2021. Joey Units can 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. If you haven't sent your postcards yet, there is still time!



Congratulations to Joey Scout

Mitchell Gardner
2nd Castle Hill

on being awarded the Promise Challenge Badge

Well done and Hop, Hop, Hop!

CUB NEWS

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP (PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT) COURSE

Applications are open now! The next face-2-face Cub Scout Leadership (Personal Development) Course has been scheduled to be held on **Saturday 27th February** from 9am to 5pm at Bundilla Scout Camp.

In line with Covid-19 regulations and restrictions, numbers will be limited so register now at <https://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/354>

The team is also looking for Cub Leaders and Youth Helpers or Venturers to assist on the day. If you are able to help, please register now.

BIG CUB DAY OUT – ‘PARRAMATTA RAMBLE’

Emails were sent out in term 4 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**.

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.



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



Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award

Hannah Suthers

1st Blaxland

Flynn Engelhard

1st Blaxland

Emily Oakey

1st Blaxland

Bonnie Norton

1st Blaxland

Abigail Abouchrouche

2nd Northmead

Lucas Soper

1st Oakville

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!



Congratulations to



Laura Kahn, Cub Scout Leader
1st Riverstone

on being awarded her Wood Beads

Well done Laura - One, Two, Three Woof

1st Rouse Hill Open Day

Thank you to 1st Rouse Hill Scout Group who invited me to join them for their open day on 31st January at their new Scout hall. It was a wonderful day!

Gabie Thompson
Region Commissioner Joey and Cub Scouts





Spotlight on... COVID 19 in 2021

Welcome to Spotlight On... A new series where we look at a different aspect of Scouting in GWS every month. This month we are looking at the current rules surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

Unfortunately, as much as we all wish it to, the COVID-19 pandemic is not disappearing anytime soon. Scouts NSW are continuing to adopt a responsible risk-taking approach and are following the Public Health Orders from the NSW Government.

At the time of going to press:

- Indoor activities continue to be restricted to 1 person per 2 square metres. Up to a maximum of 30
- Regular outdoor activities are limited to 1 person per 2 square metres up to a total of 50 people.
- Some specific outdoor activities are limited to 1 person per 2 square meters up to a total of 3,000 people. These activities are: Archery, Bushwalking, Hiking, Boating, Challenge Rope, Cycling, Fishing, Orienteering, Rock, Scavenger Hunt and Swimming. If your activity is part of an overnight activity, the overnight component is not classified as community sporting and the regular outdoor activities conditions apply whilst camping, eating etc.
- Adults must maintain 1.5m distance from other people except in an emergency. If this is not possible, it is recommended to wear a mask.
- Youth are encouraged to maintain a 1.5m distance from other people
- Singing indoors, including choirs is limited to 5 people.
- Every venue must have a QR code system in place. We recommend using the Service NSW QR code system.
- Face Masks must be worn on Public Transport.

These conditions are likely to change at any time, so it is important to make sure you keep checking [https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus and](https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus-and) <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19> for all the latest information.

The start of the year is also a great time to remind all families that if a Scout or Leader is sick with or showing signs/symptoms of COVID-19, then they must not attend Scouts; they should get tested and follow the advice of Healthcare professionals.

If you need any advice or support, you can reach out directly to the Scouts NSW COVID-19 Task Force via the site above.



If you have an idea for a Spotlight On... Article, please email
steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au

SCOUT REPORT

Well last year we were glad of the fires ending and we could finally get back to hiking and camping. I said 'Please use the usual risk assessments when hiking through the mountains but go forth and have fun!' Now I'm saying, 'remember to check the NSW Scouts website for the Covid restrictions.'

It seems to be a very challenging time again.

Unfortunately, AJ2021 has been cancelled due to the high risk involved with Covid. We've had a rough couple of years with Cuboree, Moot, Venture, Dragonskin, Scouthike, Jamborette, State Rally, Waratah and a thousand other activities being cancelled last year and now Dragonskin and Scouthike this year so far.....!

So.... It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the 43rd GWS Region Jamborette will be held from **11th - 14th June 2021**. It will be different due to Covid restrictions but until the Scouts NSW Covid taskforce tell us we can't run it, we will be!!

Registrations are open! Please register as a group - it makes it easier.

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/361>

Venturers: you will only be able to attend as Venturers and will sleep on Venturer lines.

Rovers: when you register please nominate where you will be camping -on lines as a leader or in rover lines as a rover.

Fellowship: please let me know if you require a room and catering.

We will stay with the theme from last year: '**Kingdoms and Empires of the Universe**'. Some districts have chosen their theme already; if any district would like to change their theme please let me know at Mindari, but here are some more suggestions:

- ◆ Plant Kingdoms
- ◆ Animal Kingdoms
- ◆ Microscopic Universe
- ◆ Coral Kingdoms
- ◆ Empires of Ice
- ◆ Golden Kingdoms
- ◆ Egypt's golden Empire
- ◆ African Kingdoms

- ◆ The Seven Kingdoms
- ◆ Roman Empire
- ◆ Khmer Empire
- ◆ Hittite Empire
- ◆ Kingdom of Camelot
- ◆ Kuba Kingdom
- ◆ Parallel Universes
- ◆ Online Universes

Just to name a few!!

Registrations are open. So be prepared! Don't leave things to the last minute! And be prepared for a few changes! It will be the biggest camp to date.

If any troops/units need extra help to run nights, please don't be shy in asking for help. We love to help out.

If you need someone at short notice, please call me – if I can't make, I'm pretty sure I can find someone who could. We all know what it's like to be short-handed and we understand how things just happen.

Tracey Stopps

Region Commissioner Scouts

Tracey.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au



Scout Shop

Now available Adult Helper Polo Shirt

The adult helper polo is for non-uniform adult supporters or a casual activity shirt for Leaders.

Durable polymesh knit in Cooldry® polyester with cotton back, making this shirt comfortable to wear.



Available in sizes

X Small to 5Xlarge

\$49.95

Free postage

<https://scoutshop.com.au/>

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate Emma Bonwick and Piper McElrea from 1st Blaxland, Brianna Greely from 1st Oakville, Tegan Davis from 1st Glossodia, Bernadette Roche from 1st Westmead and Dineshe Mohanarajah from 1st/2nd Merrylands who have achieved their Queen's Scout Award.

Late last year, there was also a change at the Region with three new Deputy Region Commissioners appointed. I now report to Tony Dent who is DRC - Program and Activities. I have been meeting with the Region and District Venturer Leaders (Damon, Matt, Erica, Andrew & Chris) to plan and Tony has already attended two of those meetings.

The second half of last year saw only a minimal number of activities, although Venturers did manage to hold a Venturer Leadership Course and a one day Waratah event at various locations between Parramatta and Penrith.

Congratulations to **Waratah winners 1st Blaxland** taking out first place - for the third time running - with **1st Westmead and 1st Kellyville taking out second and third place**. COVID has made everything a challenge but it was great to see a good turnout from Venturers, Leaders and Rovers who made the event work. Thanks to Rose Mercieca and her team and the Waratah Fellowship for helping pull this event together.

Unfortunately, 2021 has not got off to a great start with Aus Venture, Dragon Skin and Australian Jamboree 2022 already cancelled. There is just too much uncertainty around to allow major national and international events to go ahead.

The Region team have planned to fill in the void. Venturer Courses are still proceeding. These courses are tailored to the old scheme but Venturers on the new program are welcome to attend as they can still be used toward their peak award:

- **Unit Management 7 March**
- **Initiative 1-2 May**
- **Leadership 14-15 August**

We are planning to run four activities for Venturers to either fill in the gap from the cancelled events or to take advantage of activities already planned. This year we are developing four badges for the events that can make up a single badge, and we are working to get approval to wear these on the uniform. Stay tuned.

The four events are:

- **Skimoot** (a mash up of Skin and Moot) on Good Friday and Easter Saturday - planned to be at Bundilla
- **Roventure** 7-9 May
- **GWS Scout Jamborette** June long weekend
- **GWS Waratah** 12-14 November

It has been too long since my last Bulletin, for which I apologise. I hope to do better in 2021.

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Congratulations to

Emma Bonwick
1st Blaxland

Piper McElrea
from 1st Blaxland

Brianna Greely
1st Oakville

Tegan Davis
1st Glossodia

Bernadette Roche
1st Westmead

Dineshe Mohanarajah
1st/2nd Merrylands

*who have achieved their
Queen's Scout Award*

Bravo

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