



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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Launch of 1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Group and Group Investiture at Bundilla on February 21, 2021
Congratulations and welcome to the GWSR Scouting family.



15 Leaders and over 40 Cubs, Scouts and Venturers made their commitment to contribute to the community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Where has the time gone, it seems that it was only yesterday that this year began. The team and I have been happy with the variety of activities that we have seen so far this year.

The Joey and Cub team ran an amazing combined Palanee/Konara around the Mad Hatters Tea Party. From all accounts this was a great activity where the leaders learnt a lot, got to socialise in a safe environment and have some fun as well.

- The Penrith City district ran an extraordinarily successful multi-section activity with their Monopoly Run. From the weekend, I saw hundreds of photos of kids out in the community, in uniform, having a great time. I have asked the team that ran this event to showcase this event with a region version in May.
- The Parramatta District ran their athletics carnival under Covid restrictions. Goes to show Bundilla can hold a variety of events when needed.
- The investiture of over 40 youth members and leaders at Bundilla for 1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Group. There were about 100 people present including: CC Neville Tomkins OAM JP, DCC Belinda Francis, Mayor (Hills Shire) Dr Michelle Byrne.

I am also excited to see that our major events are starting to return. The Scouts are putting together an amazing Jamborette; Cubs are planning another exciting Cuborette; Joeys have plans for a Fun Day; Rovers are talking about their upcoming Moot, as well as working with Venturers on Roventure. Venturers themselves are delivering at least 2 events this year with Skinmoot and Waratah. Preparation is also well advanced on our re-scheduled Summer Fun Days. Please keep an eye on the Bulletin, Facebook and EMS to find out more about these activities.

In talking about these activities, I need to address the comment around some groups not embracing every opportunity to engage in these events due to “the ongoing threat of COVID-19”. Our job is to present these events, opportunities and activities to our participants and let families decide on attendance based on their own individual circumstances.

If you have questions or concerns on how we are delivering these activities in a safe manner, please reach out to the event organisers. I do not support and will not tolerate groups making carte blanche decisions to not attend an event. Recruitment and retention numbers have shown that we require these larger events to be a key part of our program so that we can keep our membership healthy and growing.

On a different note, I would like to thank those groups that have worked with us to get their financials and dates for ARPs to Region Office on time. There are still several groups and crews that have not done this, and it needs to be completed ASAP.

Finally, I would like to extend an invite to all leaders in the region to attend our Momentum event. This is an informal social networking event and is a chance to come and meet the region team, including our new members and find out our plans to increase the momentum in moving the region forward. Registrations are open on EMS.

That is all from me for this month, please keep on with your great work.

David Stopps JP
Region Commissioner

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APPOINTMENTS LIST – GWS REGION 15/2/2021 TO 8/3/2021

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

APTHORPE, Michael

From GL 3rd Merrylands Scout Group
To GL 1st Greystanes Scout Group

BELLINGHAM, Rowena

From Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st South Penrith Cub Pack
Glenmore
To ACSL 1st South Penrith Cub Pack
Glenmore

FANG, Wan Jing

From SL-P Western Sydney (BLIA)
Scout Troop *Kogarah*
To SL-P BLIA Sydney -
Kogarah Scout Troop

UIDAM, Tim

RL-DA GWSR

JEFFERIES, Paul

RA (Not Rsp)-DA
2nd Baulkham Hills Outdoor
Rover Crew

RESIGNATIONS

ZHANG, Ping ACSL 1st Carlingford
Cub Pack *Alleena*

JOSEPH, Jenine TL (CS) 1st Castle Hill Cub
Pack *Kookaburra*

LOCKMAN, Valerie DJSL Blacktown District

McAULAY, Melissa Prov Ldr Parramatta District

RUSSELL, Kelvin SL-P 1st Murray Farm

DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY TEAM

Hi Everyone!

It has been a busy month for O&YS as we move into the ARP Period. A huge thanks to everyone who has done the right thing and either submitted their date and books and made sure all monies have been paid or let me know of an issue. Unfortunately, many groups are still to do this, and we need it done ASAP!

We have also been spending a lot of time on working though our members over 17.75yrs and ensuring that all members have completed the mandatory requirements:

- **Complete the e-learning module Child Safety & Scouting once every three years.**
- **Complete the e-learning module WHS & Scouting once every three years.**
- **Have a valid Working with Children Check once every three years.**

We have now completed two cycles of this check and are about to do the third one at the end of this month. The numbers are slowly going down and we would like to thank everyone for their help.

On the property assessment front, the team have been working hard to get around all Scout halls and have now completed Blue Mountains, Penrith City and Blacktown. They will be looking next at the Hills, Holroyd and Parramatta districts before moving to Hawkesbury.

Generally the standard of our halls is quite good and groups should be encouraged to keep working on their property issues.

There is a lot more to Operations and Youth Safety than this, and I am looking forward to introducing you to some more of our team next month.

Steve (Turtle) Wallace
Deputy Region Commissioner –
Operations & Youth Safety.
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

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

New Appointment

**It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of
Elena Lombardi
as District Commissioner, Blacktown.**

Elena brings a wealth of experience to the role, having held a number of appointments in her time as an adult member of Scouts NSW. In particular, in her previous role as a Group Leader, Elena understands the demands on Groups and some of the support they require.

Congratulations Elena

Geoff Henderson
Deputy Region Commissioner:
Group Support & Development (GWSR)





**We know that you are more than ready to get out of the hall
and back to the bush for a major Scouting weekend.
Well, So are we...**

Jamborette is back!

**Get ready to lose control and explore the kingdoms and
empires of the universe. You could be rocking it with Bill &
Ted, rubbing shoulders with Indiana Jones, visiting Mount
Olympus or Mars... who knows what is waiting!**

**11th - 14th June 2021
Cataract Scout Park**

Visit

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

For all the information and to apply.

Scouts, Venturers, Rovers Welcome

Applications & Base Applications Close 30th April 7pm

SCOUT REPORT

Congratulations to all the scout units getting out there and doing things. Hiking, camping, volunteering, scuba diving and so much more.

Our next huge activity is the 43rd GWSR Jamborette! It is open for registrations. Please get your registrations in now. I also need the base applications in soon. The applications and registrations can be found at <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/361> The theme is **'Kingdoms and Empires of the Universe'**. So I hope you've all been thinking about the themes for your districts.

We will be camping in a Covid safe way and utilising the whole Cataract site and all preparations for Jamborette will follow the scout Covid guidelines. Until the rules change we will be camping in groups of less than 50 but in districts. Districts will have their own site so there will be plenty of room for everyone.

I'd like to remind the scout and cub leaders that the email to the 10 year old cubs has been sent out again this year so please be aware you may be asked to help with their registration. We are encouraging all 10 year old cubs to attend. So, scout leaders please welcome them into your troop/unit. Registration for cubs need to come through us. We will then add each cub individually to the registration system if they are interested in coming. This is a great **'Try Scouting'** event.

I visited the Region Rover Council last month - what a tremendous turn out. You guys rock!! I went to invite all Rovers to Jamborette and State Rally. We really do rely on your help to run these events. If there is a way to help make it more attractive to attend please send me your ideas as to what you think might help get more Rovers in attendance.

State Rally is coming up in August. Registrations will be open soon for this event. I would love to see more Rovers and more Venturers participate. They did an amazing job on their base. It was phenomenal!!! All Venturers and Rovers are welcome. We are RAC 1 again this year and I am hoping the theme will have the same enthusiasm as 2019.

Tracey Stopps
Region Commissioner Scouts
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Beverley Kay (Bev) Louat February 24, 2021

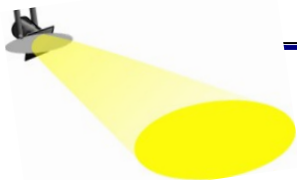
Bev was a Cub Scout Leader with 1st South Penrith 'Panther' Cubs from 2001 to 2016 and received the Medal of Merit in 2011.

Bev was one of those rare people who generally made the world a better place and she will be sadly missed.

*Our sincere sympathy is extended
to Bev's family and friends.*



Newly invested youth members proudly wear the beautiful, brilliant blue & white scarves of 1st Rahilah Muslim Scout Group



SPOTLIGHT ON... Communication Channels

This month, we throw the spotlight on communication channels used within GWS Region.

Why do we have communication channels?

It is important that we use official communications channels to ensure that the information delivered to groups is:

- verifiable
- from a trustworthy source
- factual
- objective

What are the key channels in GWS?

◆ Region & District Council / Wandarrah / Seeonee / Mindari / Venturer Scout Council

These face-to-face meetings allow leaders to network, discuss local matters, Plan>Do>Review> and get the latest information from a reliable source. Each district will usually have each of these or will share a meeting with a neighbouring district. If you are unsure of your meeting time or location, please reach out to your district section leader or commissioner.

◆ The Bulletin

The Bulletin is the official newsletter of GWS Region. It contains key information from the region & section teams, event information, changes to policy, helpful articles (such as this) and much more. The Bulletin welcomes articles and photos from groups and individuals on Scouting activities. Articles are due to the editor by the 10th of each month and the newsletter comes out about a week later. You can access The Bulletin from the region website, where you can also join the e-mail distribution list.

◆ GWS Adults & Supporters Facebook Group

The GWS Adults & Supporters Facebook Group is open to all adult members of GWS Region. It is a safe place where leaders can come together, share ideas, resources, promote activities and seek help in what is required in their roles. The group is a private group and adults will need to request to join. You can join the group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gwsleaders>

◆ Greater West Scouts Facebook Page

The Greater West Scouts Facebook Page is the regions public Facebook persona. The region will quite often place information for general distribution on the Facebook page. You can find the page at <https://www.facebook.com/gws.scouts> and contributions are always welcome.

◆ GWS Region Website

The GWS Region Website is a key piece of the communications puzzle in Region. It is a central jumping off point for all our other communications channels and includes the region calendar, region contact information, information on the various services and support that region offers and resources to help groups achieve their core aims. The GWS Region Website can be found at <https://greaterwestscouts.com.au/>

◆ E-mail & distribution lists

The region uses the group to provide communications directly to groups. This e-mail lists are managed from the appointments made in ScoutLink and go to Group Leaders/Leaders in Charge. When an e-mail needs to go to a group that is not managed by a list, it will always come from a NSW Scouts e-mail address and will be sent from a person in an identifiable role (e.g. Region Leader or District Commissioner).

If you have an idea on a topic for a spotlight on... article, please email :
steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au

GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION PRESENTS

SUMMER

SCOUT

FUNDAYS



Scouts
NSW

FUN
ACTIVITY
PROGRAMS

BRING A
FRIEND

JOEYS,
CUBS &
SCOUTS!

HALF DAY SESSION #A
BUNDILLA
SCOUT CAMP

HALF DAY SESSION #B
LAKE
PARRAMATTA

REGISTER FOR
ONE SESSION
OR BOTH!
\$15 PER SESSION INCL. BADGE



SESSIONS HELD TWICE DAILY FROM FRI 16TH TO SUN 18TH APRIL 2021
OUTDOOR GAMES, ROCK CLIMBING, HIKING, CANOEING, SWIMMING + MORE!

REGISTER @ WWW.EVENTS.GREATERWESTSCOUTS.COM.AU/EVENT/344

JOEY AND CUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joey and Cub Challenge

Want to have some fun with your Joey and Cub Units? We have a challenge for you! Register for the Scouts NSW Joey and Cub Challenges to have some fun and put your great programming ideas into achieving a special Challenge Badge! Joeys, Cubs and Leaders who complete the challenge are eligible to wear the special Challenge badge on their uniform.

The Scouts NSW Joey and Cub Challenges for 2021, are designed to encourage all Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Leaders in NSW to challenge themselves by participating, assisting and leading in nine (9) different activities - 2 x Outdoor, 2 x Personal Growth, 2 x Creative, 2 x Community and 1 x Additional Challenge – over the next 6-8 months. The activities should be Adventurous, Challenging, Fun, Inclusive and Challenging. The challenge runs between 1st February 2021 and 1st October 2021.

To complete the Challenges, each Joey or Cub can complete any of the 9 Challenges as a Unit, a Patrol or individually. Each activity completed can only count towards one of the 9 Challenges (e.g. If you go on a camp and complete many different activities, the camp can only be counted towards 1 challenge).

Cub Units should follow the Plan>Do>Review process, by first 'planning' the activity, then 'doing' the activity and finally 'reviewing' the activity. Allowances should be made for Covid-safe activities (e.g. have a camp out in your back yard and get together online to share the experience). In true Youth Leading, Adult Supporting - Leaders are eligible to earn this badge also by supporting the unit council in great programming.

All you need to do is register for the challenge and then you can start.

Register – Scouts NSW 2021 Joey Unit Challenge - [here](#)
Register – Scouts NSW 2021 Cub Scout Challenge - [here](#)
Further information including a record card is available through your District and Region Joey/Cub team.

For full details of the Challenge and to download the special Challenge Record Cards, click on these links:

http://greaterwestscouts.com.au/files/NSW_Joey_Scout_Unit_Challenge_1.pdf

http://greaterwestscouts.com.au/files/NSW_Joey_Scout_Unit_Challenge_-_Record_Card.pdf

http://greaterwestscouts.com.au/files/NSW_Cub_Scout_Challenge_2021.pdf

http://greaterwestscouts.com.au/files/NSW_Cub_Scout_Challenge_2021_-_Record_Card.pdf

Summer Scout Fun Days

Don't forget to register for the **Summer Scout Fun Days**. Registration is open to all **Joeys, Cubs, Scouts** and their **friends** to Scouts in 2021; with fun-filled sessions of Scouting activities held twice daily between **Friday 16th and Sunday 18th April 2021** across two sites, Bundilla Scout Camp (6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills) and Lake Parramatta (Lackey Street via Bourke Street, North Parramatta).

Registrations are open now via the GWS Event Management System (EMS)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/344>
and **close Wednesday 31st March 2021**.

PAST EVENTS

GWS Region Konara/Palabee – 'Mad Hatters Tea Party'

On Friday 5th March, 30 Joey and Cub Scout Leaders gathered at Bundilla Scout Camp for the GWS Region Konara/Palabee. The theme for the event was 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' with all participants asked to wear a 'mad' hat.

Participants had a fantastic night with a great deal of fun and adventure had by all. After all the fun and games, the night finished off with the 'Mad Hatters Tea Party', which was a great opportunity for Leaders to catch up and network.

Thanks to the wonderful Region/District Joey & Cub team that picked up and ran the event in my absence, especially Carol and Jeff. And thanks to John and Andy from the Region Science Team for their assistance on the night.



POSTPONED EVENTS

Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water

Unfortunately, the annual Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water that was planned for Saturday 13th March at Lake Parramatta had to be postponed due to circumstances beyond our control.

It was a hard decision to make given that there were over 100 youth members registered, however the team is looking to reschedule the event to a date later in the year, with it most likely occurring in Spring 2021. Further information will be sent out as soon as the details are known.

Youth Helpers Course

The next Youth Helpers Course was to be held on Sunday 28th March, however due to family commitments, this will need to be rescheduled for another weekend. Please check the GWS Region EMS registration system for the new date.

JOEY NEWS

GWS Region Joey Fun Day

Plans have begun for the GWS Region Joey Fun Day, to be held at Bundilla Scout Camp on Sunday 16 May 2021. The theme is 30 Years of Joey Celebrations.

Registrations can be made through the Region EMS registration system, and will be opening soon!



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

ALEXANDER VALDEZ
1st Carlingford

JOEL PAUSEY
1st Oakville

THOMAS WILKINSON
1st Oakville

EVA WANG
1st North Rocks

Well done and Hop, Hop, Hop!

CUB NEWS

Cub Scout Leadership Course

The Cub Scout Leadership Course was held at Bundilla Scout Camp on Saturday 27th February, with 27 Cubs participating and was supported by 6 Leaders. Thank you so much to the Region/District Cub team that took on the running of the event in my absence, particularly Emma Watson. A great day was had by all.

The next Leadership Course for Cub Scouts will be held on Sunday 30th May 2021. Register here <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/355>



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

VIOLET MCGUIRE
2nd Northmead

VISHISHTH KUCHHAL
1st Westmead

RYAN PAUSEY
1st Oakville

JACKSON MARSDEN
2nd Castle Hill

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!

Gabie Thompson (*Darzee*)
Joey and Cub Scout Region Commissioner
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2021



Sometimes tyres need a bit more than a puncture repair kit to fix!

Slowly, ever so slowly, we are starting to get back into the swing of things on the Activities front. However, on a brighter note, the number of E1 forms I am seeing at present certainly indicate there is much happening! Unfortunately, we had to cancel a Region Abseiling workshop due to inclement weather being forecast. (Although the weather in the end did not turn out too badly!)

Keith Travers & John Van Den Burg, ran a couple of **Sailing weekends** out at Lake Chipping Norton. Always enjoyable weekends where participants go through the basics of sailing, and also learn what to do when things go a little upside down.



I believe there are easier ways to wash the sails!

I helped out on one of the new **4WD training courses**, now being offered by Scouts NSW. This is targeted at Rovers & Leaders, where we instruct on various off-road situations including, hill climbs, hill descents, water crossings, vehicle recovery techniques, and basic repairs, including punctures. So far most of the participants are already fairly skilled, in off road driving, so it is very much an opportunity to share ideas.

There are more **Workshops** coming up, so keep an eye on the **State Website**. To participate you do need a high clearance 4WD, with high and low range, rather than an All-Wheel Drive SUV style of vehicle.

It was with sadness that after nearly 10 years of being on the Activities Team, Meredith Stewart has finally decided to hang up her Scarf, helmet, and harness, so to speak. For much of that time Meredith headed up the Region Caving Team, and was one of the driving forces to establishing the very popular annual caving pilgrimage, to Wee Jasper. I know you will all join me in thanking Meredith for sharing her passion, over so many years. We do wish her the very best in anything that is outdoors, or underground...!



Ross Smith has also stepped down from the Activities Team but will continue on as an Assistant Scout Leader with 2nd Baulkham Hills. Ross has a high level of skill in a number of outdoor pursuits, particularly canyoning, where he introduced many Scouts and Leaders to some fascinating vistas, not often seen by the general public. We thank Ross for his time and dedication to the Activities Team.

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
Assist. Tech. Director - Cumberland Gang Show
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GWSR SAILING WORKSHOP

5th April 2021 to 9th April 2021 - 9am to 3pm every day

Join the GWS Master Sailors for five days of fun packed adventure at Lake Chipping Norton learning how to sail a small boat - all this for just \$125

At the conclusion of this workshop you should have the skills to rig and sail a small boat, self rescue, assist with a rescue, learn and understand navigational aids on waterways and develop a skill that you can share with family and friends.

This is a basic sailing course suitable for youth members over the age of 10 years and adults.

You will need to bring your food each day, dry clothes to change into, sunscreen, hand sanitiser a water bottle, swimmers and rashie, your towel, a spray jacket or jumper to wear if the weather is bad suitable water shoes that are not Crocs (old volleys or joggers will do at a pinch) and arrive wearing your uniform. Your Workshop Leader is Keith Travers and Assistant Leader is John Van den Berg.

Don't miss out! Register on the EMS now - closing date March 28, 2021

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/375>



ROVERS

Roventure!

Roventure is coming up very soon on the 7th - 9th May 2021 at Glenfield Scout Camp.

After a long two years since the last event, the Roventure team is so excited to get this event up and running as one of the first post-Covid overnight events!

There are a variety of Rovers from many crews represented on the Roventure committee: Cameron Letta & Jarrod Matthews from Nepean, Emma Katen & Jon Connor from Blacktown, and Alex Hourd from Kings Langley.

Rovers and Venturers alike will compete together in teams in a variety of challenges revolving around the central theme **Survivor**. Does your unit have what it takes?

Registrations are now open, so head to EMS or Roventure's facebook page, and get signed up! Early registrations guarantee extra points for your team - so what are you waiting for?



Gang Show

After the 2020 show had to unfortunately be cancelled due to Covid-19, Cumberland Gang Show is back stronger than ever with their 2021 show, 'Rise Up', to be performed over the July school holidays at Riverside Theatres. As always there is a large number of Rovers representing our section in the show this year; a massive congratulations and good luck to all involved - we can't wait to cheer you on in the theatre in July!

A Word from the Chairman

ARP season has well and truly started within the Rover section.

I would like to extend a thank you to all the outgoing Unit Executives across the Region; they have done a fantastic job at keeping their Rover Units functioning throughout 2020, with all its ups and downs.

I would also like to welcome and wish good luck to the incoming Unit Executives. I am sure they will do great jobs during the rest of 2021.

There are plenty of upcoming activities that GWS Rovers are looking forward to getting involved with, such as Skinmoot and Roventure. This will allow us to get out there and show all the other sections what we are all about!

Planning for Kings Langley's Cartoon Mootwork is also well underway, after its postponement last year, and it's looking to be one of the first NSW Rover Moots in over a year!

This will unfortunately be the last Bulletin from the current RRC Executive, with the RRCs ARP being held on April 7. A big congratulations to Emma Katen, our PR & Internet Officer, who despite the challenges faced, has successfully endeavoured to put together the Rover Section of the Bulletin throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank all the members both within Rovers and the Region who assisted myself and the other 2020/21 RRC Executive Members in fulfilling our obligations to the best of our ability considering the circumstances. This has been a big learning experience for me, and I am sure whoever my successor is, they will continue to promote and build GWS Rovers to their fullest potential.

Damon Love
RRC Chairman.



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

**EPPING ROVERS IS CELEBRATING THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL 2022**

**IT WAS FIRST FOUNDED IN 1922 AND HAVE
SINCE BEEN COINED 'OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY
RUNNING ROVER CREW IN THE WORLD**

**EPPING ROVERS IS LOOKING TO GET IN TOUCH
WITH EX-MEMBERS AND ANYONE WHO WAS
AFFILIATED WITH THE CREW
OVER ITS LONG HISTORY**

Please get in touch with Wun Zee via
centenary2022@eppingrovers.com
for more information



**EPPING ROVERS
100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

April 2022





MOMENTUM

GATHERING SPEED AND MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The last 18 months has been a roller coaster for everyone. We have been doing the hard slog to get to the top of the hill and now it is time to ride the momentum as we move forwards and continue to deliver great scouting!

To share our thanks for the work that everyone has put in to make scouting in GWS continue in these tough times and to share with you our plans to gather forward momentum, we invite you to come and share an afternoon with us.

You will have a chance to meet the new members of the region team, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones as you gather your own momentum.

Saturday 15th May 2021

From 2pm to 5pm

Bundilla Scout Camp

Register via EMS (events.greaterwestscouts.com.au)

Sausage Sizzle Provided

Let's move forward together!

GWS Region will be holding a **Monopoly Run** in Blacktown District on the **1st May 2021** and we would love for your Group to join us!



Blacktown District
Monopoly Run
2021

MONOPOLY JUST GOT REAL!

Saturday 1st May 2021 from 8:30am
Cost: \$15 participant / \$10 adult
Registrations Close 24th April 2021 11:59pm
Teams from all districts in GWS encouraged!

Prizes for the winner of
Each Game
Each Division (Joeys/Cubs & Scouts/Venturers/Rovers)
The Overall Competition (Group)

Imagine we took your average game of Monopoly, placed it over an area of Blacktown and set you loose to find properties, charge rent and play Monopoly in a real live location.

Imagine it no more!

Contacts, More Info & Register at
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/372>

If you have never heard of the concept of a Monopoly Run before, it is where we take a standard game of Monopoly and overlay it on a geographical area.

Teams of 4 - 7 run around the area, being the first to find the locations, take a photo and send it back to HQ.

All of your favourite Monopoly features are included: Rent, Hotels, Free Parking, Jail.... the lot!

Each event has two divisions:

- Joeys/Cubs who operate on a smaller board and are accompanied by 2 - 3 Adults (At least one of whom is a Leader). The Joeys and Cubs also start later in the day.
- Scouts/Venturers/Rovers who operate on a larger board and work independently.

Each division is made up of a game of up to 6 teams, so everyone has a fair chance of playing. It is a great day and it is finished off with a sausage sizzle and ice cream.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to me or visit our EMS Site at

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/372>

Registrations are essential and close 24th April 2021 at 11:59pm

Hoping to see you there!

Steve (Turtle) Wallace - Deputy Region Commissioner – Operations & Youth Safety

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RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Slime, Silly Putty, and Oobleck are all variations of non-Newtonian fluids, those interesting plastic states that are solid when moved, but change to liquid when left still.

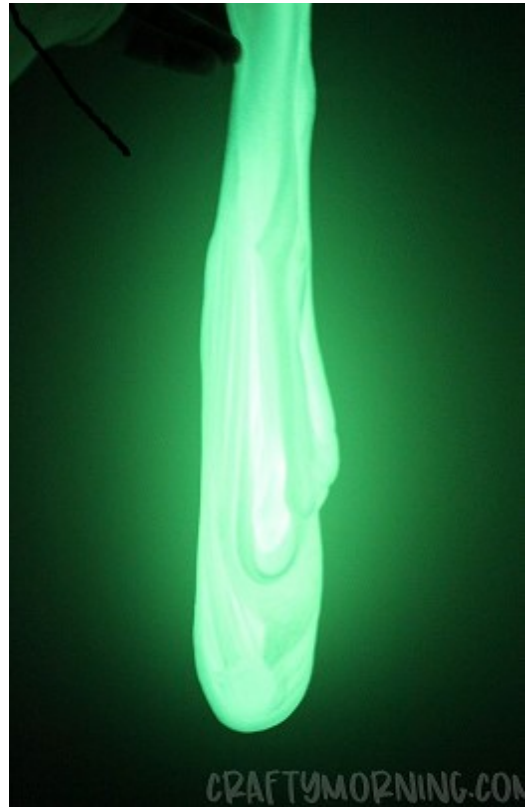
I found a new book at the Hawkesbury library titled **"101 Kids Activities that are the ooey, gooey-est ever"** by Page Street Publishing 2018. I thought 'boring title, but I'll have a quick look'. A month later and I am still intrigued with it!

I have made silly putty with Cubs using White PVA glue and Borax as a JOTA activity before, but that was lame compared with the concoctions in this book! Titles like **Frogs Vomit**, **Unicorn Snot** and **Cheetah Slime** with ingredients like shaving cream, hand lotion, marshmallows, yoghurt, chocolate pudding mix and fizzy drink were new to me.

The book is divided into three sections: Slime, Play-dough and other Moldables; some are edible, but I'm still experimenting with Clear Slimes because they can be made with clear or coloured 'school glue'. I didn't know that! With clear slime you can include small decorative pressings like black plastic flies or spider shapes for the Frogs Vomit recipe. I've been trying different brands of clear coloured glues from the cheap shops. Aldi last month had 'school glue' in transparent red, yellow, blue and green.



I have now moved on to more interesting (for me) Glow in the Dark, Colour Change and Magnetic slimes.



Book the Science Team for your Group.

Our **'Bug Off'** night (hand washing) program was popular last year, and still relevant, even from a hygiene perspective. The Scouts are fascinated by the phosphorescent glow 'germs' that are not washed off successfully. Suitable for Joeys & Cubs, \$2 per youth or \$50 for the night total.

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Penrith City District **Monopoly Run** 2021



On the 21st of February Penrith City District held its annual Founder's Day activity, The Monopoly Run!

Over 70 Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers used strategy, fitness and creativity to compete in teams and with their maps and game boards, they travelled to Monopoly board squares in key locations in the greater Penrith area. Teams could race by foot, bus and train to get to the pre-determined squares. The game was supported by over 30 leaders and adult helpers in various roles.

Once teams arrived at the Monopoly square, they had to take a photo of the team at the location and send it via phone to Monopoly HQ. The first team who arrived at each square had the option to buy the location and earn money in rent. Any team that landed on an owned square had to pay rent, which went up with each house or hotel on the property (just like the board game)!

There was also chance Squares and Community Chest Squares that saw the teams do different tasks to earn money and increase their bank balance. Bonus money was available at Free Parking.

Congratulations to each of our game winners who had the most money at the end of the game.

Joeys/Cubs Game 1 – 1st South Penrith Joey Unit 'Jamison'

Scouts/Venturers/Rovers Game 1 – 1st Cambridge Park Scout Unit Team B

Scouts/Venturers/Rovers Game 2 – Nepean Rover Unit.

1st South Penrith Joey Unit 'Jamison' and 1st Cambridge Park Scout Unit Team B also took out their respective divisions.

A huge congratulations to Nepean Rover Unit who won overall and were the Monopoly Run Champions for 2021.

Most importantly, everyone had a great time and enjoyed catching up over a sausage sandwich and a much needed Ice cream at the end of the race. Monopoly Run is a district event open to all units within GWS.

See details for Blacktown District's Monopoly Run in this Bulletin.



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