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**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
NSW BRANCH
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**



MR ROSS GROVE
Region President

MRS DEBBIE HOWLETT
Region Chair

MR DAVID STOPPS
Region Commissioner

Invite you to be present at the

**74th GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION
ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION**

Sunday 6th June 2021
commencing at 2:30 pm

BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP
6 Baden Powell Place, WINSTON HILLS

Afternoon Tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Please RSVP by Friday, 28th May 2021 to

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

I am writing this report just after the Scout Summer Fun Days and what an event that was. Everyone I spoke to on the weekend was simply amazed at the Swimming, Canoeing, Bushwalking, Science, Archery, Environment, Games, Construction, Abseiling, Bungee, Rock Climbing and Flying Fox activities on offer.

It was great to see so many kids, both members and potential new members having fun and enjoying all that was offered. A huge thank you to all the Leaders that volunteered time over the last 3 days to make this event happen and a special thank you to Geoff Henderson and his team for all the work they put in to make this event a reality.

Please look out for the survey that will be sent to all registered attendees in the next two weeks, as we want to know what you thought of the event, as well as your ideas for similar future events.

There are a number of other great events closing in the next couple of weeks including Monopoly Run, Momentum, Jamborette and Joey Fun Day. Please make sure you regularly check EMS for all the amazing opportunities on offer and remember, we need to be promoting all opportunities to our members – it is up to our parents and youth members to decide on attendance – not us!

We are now half way through the ARP season. Congratulations to those Groups that have held their ARPs already. The remainder of Groups need to hold their ARP by the end of this month.

My thanks go to all Groups who have done the right thing and worked with Steve to meet the rather tight requirements for ARPs. Those that haven't, you knew this was coming and what was required through several communications. We will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to determine the next steps to resolve any issues.

The Region ARP will be held at the start of June and I invite every leader and supporter in the Region to attend. See the front cover for full details and RSVP.

I had the pleasure of attending the Region Rover Council ARP last week and offer my congratulations to the Rovers on what they have achieved over the past 12 months and the strong working relationship between RRC and the Region. I wish the new executive the best and look forward to this relationship continuing.

Finally, as was announced last week, Gabbie Thompson, our Region Commissioner for Joeys and Cubs has accepted a new role with the State Team as State Commissioner for Program Support. I would like to thank Gabbie for everything she has done for GWS Region and wish her the very best in this new role.

Applications for the Region Commissioner Joey and Cub Scouts position are open now and close soon. For more information please contact Tony Dent.

Please keep on with all the great work you are doing and I look forward to seeing you at Momentum (rumour has it I'm cooking the BBQ)!

David Stopps JP
Region Commissioner
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Playing giant Jenga at Summer Fun Day

DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY TEAM

ARPs

A huge thanks to most groups who have been working hard with me to meet the ARP reporting requirements. We are required to have all our ARPs completed by the end of this month and are well on track to do so. I can understand this is a frustrating time for everyone but as I have said before, we are mandated to ensure everything is done in a timely manner. ***I can safely say that for 2022, these dates will not change:***

- Your financial year will end on the 31st December 2021.
- Your financial and property records will be due at Region Office by the 1st March 2022.
- All outstanding payments will be due to Region Office by the 1st March 2022.
- Your ARP will need to be held in April 2022.
- Any remaining paperwork will need to be at Region Office by the 30th April 2022.

Mark these dates into your yearly plan! (Yes I will be regularly reminding you from October onwards).

Those few Groups that have not yet completed these steps for 2021, are now running the very real risk of being declared unfinancial and unable to continue Scouting – If your Group is in this boat, please reach out to us now with a plan, before we are forced to take action!

O365 Roll Out

The Roll Out of Office 365 is still an issue across the region. As of today, we have 184 people across the region who have not activated their O365 account. More and more, we are sending to these accounts as we are directed to no longer use personal accounts. If you have not activated your account, please do so today! Support is available from <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/o365/>

I hear many people say they are missing out on information because they are not checking their Scouts E-Mail regularly. Everyone works differently, and that is OK, but it is recommended that you check your Scouts E-mail at least once a week as a minimum (more often if you can) to make sure you are on top of things. Personally, I use the Outlook Application on my mobile as a way to track incoming e-mail and see if anything needs my urgent attention and then log on to <https://portal.office.com.au> every couple of days to deal with my inbox.

Fees Reminder

A gentle reminder that every Group, Fellowship and Rover Unit would have received invoices earlier this month for:

½ of the 2021 Asset Management Fee and
Quarter 1 2021 Membership Fee.

These amounts are due at the end of this month, and Groups should make every effort to pay this by the due date. If you cannot pay the amount required – do not ignore it – reach out to myself or to our Region Treasurer Ross Howlett to see what we can do!

Finally

It was great to see the hundreds of smiling faces at the Summer Fun Days on the weekend. The event was a huge success and a true reminder of why we do what we do. I know Geoff and David will have already said this, but also my thanks to all the leaders that made this amazing weekend happen!

See you at Jamborette! (If not sooner)

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

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COLONEL ALEXANDER WILLIAM (ALLAN) BEWLEY 12th April 2021 aged 95

Allan's 49 years of service to Scouting was in the non-uniform ranks commencing in 1966 as Vice President, then Secretary, then President of 1st Warrimoo Scout Group.

Allan was also District Vice President (Lower Blue Mountains) 1973 to 1991. He then became District Delegate for 5 years and Supporter (GWS) from 1991 until his resignation in 2015. Allan's dedicated service was recognised with the Silver Wattle in 1999.

Allan will be privately interred.
Friends are invited to join a Memorial Service and wake at the Mountain Heritage Hotel, corner of Apex and Lovel Streets, Katoomba on Friday 7th May at 1pm.

We extend our sincere sympathy
to Allan's family and friends.



Positions Vacant

Region Commissioner (International)

The Region Commissioner (International) is a program support role that is a member of the Program & Activities team within Greater Western Sydney Region.

This role is responsible for:

- Promotion of International Events within the region.
- Promotion of WOSM initiatives in the program. For example: Messengers of Peace
- Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI)
- Scout International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)
- Assistance to members travelling overseas as part of an international Scouting event or visit.
- Advise on award elements such as Scouts of the World and the Tribe.

This position reports to the Deputy Region Commissioner (Program and Activities).

Ideally this position will suit a Leader or Rover who has a passion for international Scouting and the role it plays in a youth members personal progression within the Scout Program.

This role does not require previous involvement in international Scouting, however a keen interest in developing youth members is required.

**If you are interested in this role, please e-mail Tony Dent: tony.dent@nsw.scouts.com.au
Applications close on 28th April 2021**

Region Commissioner (Joey & Cub Scouts)

A dynamic and inspiring leader is needed for the voluntary role of Region Commissioner Joey & Cub Scouts within the Greater Western Sydney Region.

Success in this role will be dependant on the Region Commissioner Joey & Cub Scouts working closely with the Region Commissioner, Deputy Region Commissioners and other members of the Region team in the delivery of the Scout program, the provision of a safe environment for all members and the continued growth of the organisation across the region.

If you are a self-starter who can lead a team of like-minded individuals, has excellent organisational skills and a strong passion to help deliver the program, then we want to hear from you!
Applicants from all age ranges, backgrounds and experience are encouraged to apply.

Applications must include:

- A current resume, including details of professional and relevant Scouting experience.
- A statement addressing the Key Selection criteria and Skills & Personal Attributes (max 1000 words).

**For a position description, including Key Selection Criteria, please contact the Deputy Region Commissioner – Program and Activities, Tony Dent: tony.dent@nsw.scouts.com.au
*Applications close 28th April 2021 and interviews will take place in the following month.***

UPCOMING GWSR EVENTS

Blacktown Monopoly Run 2021 Saturday 1st May 2021 8.30am - 5.30pm



Blacktown District 2021

Will you pass go? Will you collect \$200? Will you go directly to Jail? A fun filled photo scavenger hunt in the Blacktown Area. This event is open to all sections in all districts across GWS Region and is being run by GWS Operations Team. **Closing date 28th April 2021**

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

Momentum 2021 Saturday 15th May 2021 2pm - 5pm



To share our thanks for the work that everyone has put in to make scouting in GWS great 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.

Open to Leaders from all sections. **Closing date 8th May 2021**

EMS: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/374>

Joey Fun Day 2021 Sunday 16th May 2021 9am - 3pm



Calling all Joey Scouts in GWS Region to join us for a great day packed full of fun, adventure and activity as we celebrate 30 years of Joey Scouts at the GWS Joey Fun Day,

Open to: Joeyes **Closing date 1st May 2021**

EMS: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/379>

GWS Region Jamborette 2021 – Kingdoms & Empires of the Universe

Friday 11th June (5pm) to Monday 14th June (3pm) 2021



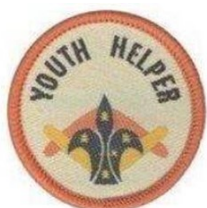
Throughout time and space, mighty empires have grown, and kingdoms have thrived in peace for many thousands of years. Come and join us for a weekend of fun and adventure at the 43rd Region Jamborette as we explore the Kingdoms and Empires of the Universe!

There will be so many great activities including Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Flying Fox, Caving and much more to enjoy!

Open to Cubs over 10, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Fellowship **Closing date 30th April**

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

Youth Helpers Course Saturday 29th May 2021 9am - 4pm



The Youth Helpers Course is designed for Scouts, Venturers and other young people (non Scouts) aged 14 – 18 years of age who are helping Leaders in the Joey, Cub or Scout sections on a regular basis.

Close date 14th May

EMS: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/405>



I would like to start by thanking everyone who has passed on their congratulations and well wishes to me since the announcement of my new appointment as State Commissioner – Program Support, effective as at the beginning of April.

I would like to thank all who have supported me over the past 3½ years that I have been Region Commissioner (Cub Scouts) and for the past 15 months as Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts). I would particularly like to thank the two immediate previous GWS Region Commissioners (Cub Scouts), Anne Thompson & Tricia Shaw who have always been there to provide me with guidance and support along the way. I would also like to thank David Stopps and Tony Dent for having the confidence in me and for supporting me in the time I have been a member of the Region Team.

A great big thank you to the wonderful team from the Districts that have worked so hard to ensure the Joey and Cub sections are well supported, including; Emma Watson, Belinda Garden, Caroline Watts, Jeff Hook, Michelle McLean, Jodie Shaw, Carol Cope, Krysta Jarvis and Leonie Plummer, as well as a number of people that have been part of the team over time that have now moved on. There are many more people to thank, the list is extensive. You know who you are, and I thank you too!

I will continue to support the Region as much as I can, particularly through the transition period and with my replacement. I have not gone far and hope to be invited along to many Region events to come.

SCOUTS NSW JOEY AND CUB CHALLENGE 2021

The Scouts NSW Joey and Cub Challenges for 2021, are designed to encourage all Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts in NSW to challenge themselves by participating, assisting and leading in nine different activities (2 x Outdoor, 2 x Personal Growth, 2 x Creative, 2 x Community and 1 x Additional Challenge) up until 1 October 2021. The activities should be Adventurous, Fun, Inclusive and Challenging. **Hurry, registrations close on 30 April!**

To register for the Joey Unit Challenge click [here](#)
To register for the Cub Scout Challenge click [here](#)

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

Further information including a record card is available through your District and Region Joey/Cub team.

SUMMER SCOUT FUN DAYS

What a great event the **Summer Scout Fun Days** was! It was great to see so many Joeys, Cubs and their friends join in the very exciting activities held at Bundilla Scout Camp and at Lake Parramatta. I would like to particularly thank all the Leaders who helped plan and work on the Games and Recycling activity bases: Ian Lutz, Jodie Shaw, Laura Crump, Michelle McLean, Krysta Jarvis, Elaine Unwin, Jeff Hook, Denis Welton, Belinda Garden, Ron Brown, Suzanne Cornell and Venturers Jaden & Jasmine. I would also like to thank Robert Rigby for his assistance in looking after the collection, set-up and pack-up of the Horizontal Bungee. From all accounts, the three day event was extremely successful. Congratulations and well done to Geoff Henderson and his team for their organisation of this event.



JOEY/CUB FUN DAY ON THE WATER



The postponed Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water that was planned for Saturday 13th March at Lake Parramatta will now take place on Saturday 23rd October 2021.

If you have already registered and are able to attend the event on 23 October 2021, all you need to do is to ensure your registration is complete, that your online E1 permission form is completed and signed and that your payment has been made.

If you had already registered and are now **not** able to attend the rescheduled event on 23 October 2021, please notify us so that your registration can be cancelled. If you have already paid for the event, a refund will be arranged.

If you have not registered, registrations are now open on the GWS Region Event Management System: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/369>

YOUTH HELPERS COURSE

Applications are open now! The Youth Helpers Course will be held on **Saturday 29th May** from **9am to 4pm** at **Bundilla Scout Camp**.



The Youth Helpers Course is designed for Scouts, Venturers and other young people (non Scouts) aged 14 – 17 years of age who are helping Leaders in the Joey, Cub or Scout sections on a regular basis.

If you know a young person that would benefit from completing the Youth Helpers Course, please ask them to register now at

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/405>

JOEY NEWS

GWS REGION JOEY FUN DAY



Plans are well advanced 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.

Activities arranged for the day include the climbing wall, horizontal bungee, STEM, mini golf, 'big' games, Gang show, birthday games and much, much more!

Registrations close on 1 May 2021.

Don't delay, register now through the Region EMS registration system:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/379>

CUB NEWS

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE

Applications are open now! The next Cub Scout Leadership Course will be held on **Sunday 30th May** from **9am to 5pm** at **Bundilla Scout Camp**. In line with Covid-19 regulations and restrictions, numbers will be limited so register now.

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 at <https://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/355>



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

JAMES WATERSON
1st Dural

BRANDON ELLIOTT
1st Glossodia

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!

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



SCOUT REPORT

Jamborette closing date is looming ahead of us - April 30 will be here before you know it! At this point in time we have 344 registrations whereas, this time in 2019 we had 873. We need to pick up our game if we want Jamborette to run! Get your unit's registrations in quickly!

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

More and more Covid restrictions are lifting so there is no reason at all why units could not attend. This is the only activity to be run in the Region on this weekend. So every troop/unit should be represented.

We have people registered from Hume, ACT and the Riverina but we need more people from our own Region to join the fun.

Base applications need to be in asap as well. All districts are required to run at least one base hopefully two. Venturers and Rovers are required to help out with running bases or working on adventurous activities. So please get you applications in now!!

We will be running Flying Fox, Abseil, Climbing Wall Caves and many other activities. We will not be running Challenge Valley or the water slide, Cataract rules sorry.

Summer Fun Days was a success as you have already read. Our Scout construction base was also a success. By the end of the weekend the patrols had built a sturdy platform/treehouse with ladder and balcony. The last patrol through wanted to sleep on it overnight but alas we had to dismantle it as it was a Sunday and return to school was approaching too fast.

We had 8 patrols over the eight sessions and they all contributed to the construction. I think they had fun and came away with some new skills and insights to running an Ewok camp.

I would like to thank all the Leaders who helped out across the weekend but especially Jumbuck from 1st North Rocks who organised the equipment and risk assessment for the base.

Summer Fun Camping also happened over the weekend. We had 17 scouts and 5 leaders stay at 2nd Northmead hall to get some nights under canvas and camping practice. For some it was their first time camping; for others it was just a chance to get out again. The weather was quite warm so it was a great first time experience for those that hadn't camped before.

Basic Scout Leadership Course is coming up on the 14th - 16th May at Bundilla. There are only 30 places and at least 12 have been taken. This course is aimed at 12-13 year old Scouts and is a requirement for the Peak award in Scouts. **Closing date is 30 April.**
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/386>

State Rally Is coming up in August. Stay tuned for more info.....

Tracey Stopps

Region Commissioner Scouts

Tracey.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au



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Now available online from the Scout Shop - \$2.50 each 10% of all sales of this badge goes to *Soldier On* to support wounded service men & women.





2021

It is a bit of a new thing! I think we are all slowly getting used to it. It is all a bit strange, but like riding a bike, you do not forget how to do it. We were ever so good at it once upon a time!

I am talking about face-to-face meetings. Meetings with fellow leaders; planning; interacting; sharing ideas and even a few jokes! It is so good to see and talk with real scout people again across a table. Yes, a lot can be said about “zooming,” and I do believe there will always be a place for it, but there is something special about face to face, “real person catch-up”

Much of this last month was not kind to outdoor activities, dominated by record rainfalls, with major flooding in the Hawkesbury/Nepean catchment. *Our thoughts and prayers certainly go out to a number of Scouting families affected by the flooding.* The challenge for us now is to determine when we can again, safely run water activities in the flood affected areas.

Lake Parramatta has not been too badly affected by the rain; however Parramatta Council have stipulated new rules requiring us to have a Qualified Open Water Lifeguard in attendance on water activity events, held on site. How this will affect canoe workshops, is yet to be determined.

The State Climbing Wall has just passed it’s annual accreditation, and with COVID restrictions now easing, it is again available for hire. For Region bookings, you can contact me direct.

Another great plus is that the new **Scout Flying Fox Policy** has finally been released. This means we can run our Region Flying Fox again. Our own Quentin Napier is an active part of the State Fox Team and was an integral member involved with this Policy rewrite.

We do thank him for his expertise in helping to making this all happen.



Enough of COVID, enough of rain, time to really get out again and do what we do!

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
Assist. Tech. Director - Cumberland Gang Show
Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au



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!



SPOTLIGHT ON... Regular Property Hires

Regular Property Hires are a great source of income for Scout Groups. They allow for a steady income and greater usage of our properties as community facilities.

When someone asks to make a regular hire of your property, consider the impact it will have on your group.

- Will the use of your property impact the ability of your age sections to use the hall?
- Will the noise from the hirer affect the reputation of the group in the community?
- Do you have the required amenities to facilitate such a group?

A regular hire needs to be approved by the Region Executive so there is a 4 to 6-week lead time when setting up a hire agreement (you can always have a casual hire in place while you are waiting). ***To streamline approval from Region Executive and meet the organisational requirements for a hire, it is recommended that:***

- A hire be for a minimum of 2 hours each week.
- The minimum cost be set at \$25 per hour.
- The region property team must have carried out an assessment of the property within the last 6 months. (If not, please let us know and we can arrange one for you.)
- The hirer must have a public liability policy for \$20 million. The interested parties must list both "Scouts Australia NSW Branch" and the owner of the property (e.g. "Penrith City Council") on the policy.
- A hirer completes a 12-week period before submitting the regular hire form as a casual hire to ensure that it is a good fit for both the group and Scouting.

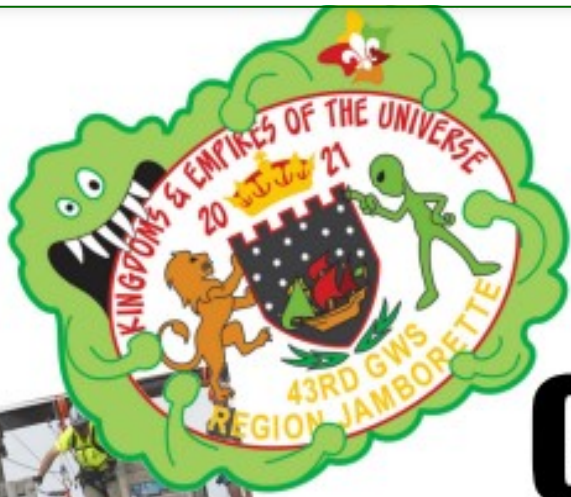
Submit your P3 form to gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au who will then seek the approval for you and help you through the licence process

When you submit your P3 form, you also must submit:

- Your latest P10 form (either paper or online version) so we can assess what needs to be done and the works completed.
- Evidence of insurance of the hirer.
- Copy of Photo Identification of the Hirer (Drivers Licence or Passport)
- Payment of \$90 payable to Scouts NSW by the hirer.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the Property Team who are more than happy to assist you.

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



THE FUN CONTINUES!

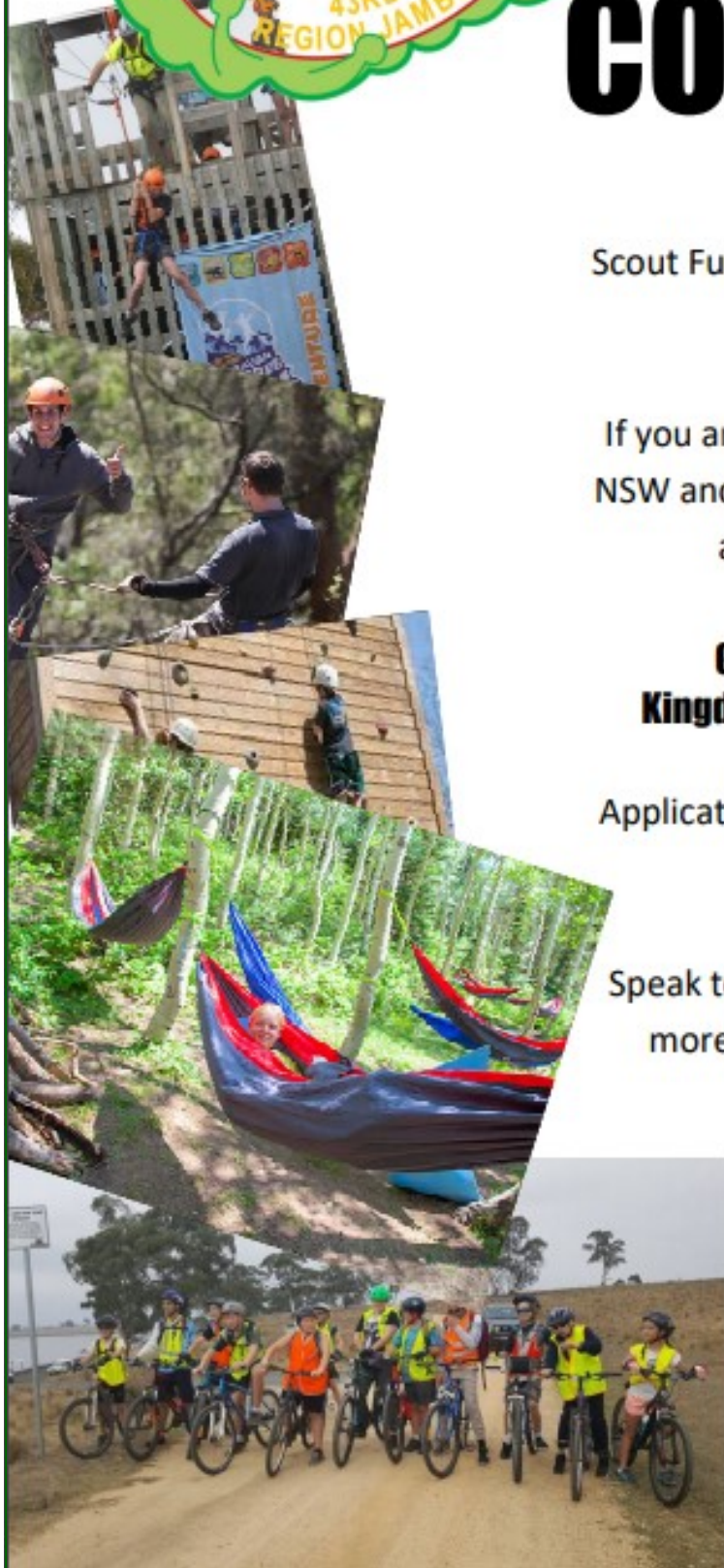
Scout Fun Days may be over, but the exciting activities never end!

If you are over the age of 10, part of Scouts NSW and are looking to get out on your next adventure why not join us at

GWS Region Jamboreette 2021 Kingdoms and Empires of the Universe

Applications are now open and strictly close on the 30th April 2021.

Speak to your Scout Unit leader to find out more about this exciting opportunity!



Summer Scout Fun Days are a hit...

Over the weekend of 16 - 18 April, GWS Region ran the Summer Scout Fun Days at Bundilla Scout Camp and Lake Parramatta. Designed to give our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts the opportunity to get out and about, the fun days were all about some great outdoor activities and getting kids out of the house.



This long-awaited event was postponed from January 2021, due to the increasing Covid restrictions at the time. Whilst disappointing, it was the right decision to keep our members safe.

We were fortunate to have fantastic weather on our side, with over 530 youth members in attendance at both sites, enjoying a range of activities. We also had over 100 Leaders, Rovers and Venturers attend over the three days running these activities, and I am extremely grateful for their support. The smiles on the kids faces told us of the difference you made to their experience.

The water program was a great success, with canoeing on the lake, supervised swimming and paddleboarding, as well as bushwalking around Lake Parramatta. This was a pleasant way to spend the morning or afternoon and pick up some watercraft skills whilst having fun.

Over at Bundilla Scout Camp, five activity bases were run for our youth members covering land based skills;

Base one: saw Joeys, Cubs and Scouts rock climbing using a choice of two climbing walls and testing their skill and strength on the horizontal bungee. The event was also used to officially relaunch the Fly Fox activity for Scouting, which was very popular and was even tested by the Region Commissioner and a Deputy Region Commissioner (for safety of course...).

Base two: had participants playing putt putt golf, giant Jenga, giant kerplunk and making bubble machines from cups and chux wipes.

Base three: allowed attendees to delve into the dark arts in the science & technology area of our program, where they turned morse code into text on computers, made stencils with the use of lasers and searched Bundilla for hidden treasure.

Base four: Using professional archery gear and instructed in the safe handling of the equipment and techniques to hitting their targets, many budding archers were uncovered through this base.

Base five: Environmental and construction. The Joeys and Cubs enjoyed learning about recycling and even got the chance to play with worms, in a working worm farm. The Scouts worked on the construction base, building a platform from poles and ropes, even managing to create a sturdy enough structure to sleep on.

We had visits from Scouts NSW with Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins, CEO Bob Mulcahy and Deputy Chief Commissioner, Phil Crutchley checking out the activities and meeting the leaders and youth.

A special acknowledgement to the Administration, First Aid and Catering teams. Your support ensured the smooth running of the event and without it, events like this can't happen.

We will be sending out a survey in soon to capture feedback from attendees and make next year's event bigger and better.

Geoff Henderson

Deputy Region Commissioner: Group Support & Development

Summer Fun Days



Photos courtesy of Gabbie Thompson and Keith Travers.

THE BULLETIN

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