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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,

Where has the year gone? It feels like it was only yesterday that we were in January and starting out on a very uncertain year. I have to say that I couldn't be prouder of each member of our Region who has embraced the opportunities available, knuckled down and made sure that we are delivering great Scouting to our Youth Members.

Over the last month, I have been astounded by the **amazing activities** going on in the region. We have seen another district tackle Monopoly Run; had a great many leaders register for Momentum and over 200 people register to attend the Joey Fun Day at Bundilla; not to mention all the adventurous activities being carried out through Mark and his team of bushwalkers, abseilers, cavers, boaters and climbers. We are extremely lucky to have such talented and committed people in the region and my thanks go out to all our Leaders.

Coming up we have the **2021 Cumberland Gang Show** – Rise Up! I have snuck into a couple of rehearsals and can I say that the cast and crew have put their heart and soul into delivering a great performance for you. Shows are in the July School Holidays and tickets are now on sale from both the Gang Show website (<https://tickets.gangshow.asn.au>). You can even record the name of your unit's cast member(/members to help them reach their ticket target and use your NSW Government Discover Vouchers to help purchase tickets!

June long weekend will see the long-awaited return of the **GWS Region Jamborette**. I will admit it was touch and go for a while with numbers, but in the end we have over 1,000 people coming this year to explore the Kingdoms and Empires of the Universe. I will be at the event this year and am looking forward to speaking with as many people as possible (and maybe even going down the flying fox)! Tracey and her team are doing an amazing job in making sure this event is going to be one of our biggest and best yet.

We have been lucky over the last few months to have volunteers from **2nd Kings Langley Scout Group** adopt the campfire circle and chapel at Bundilla. The group has been doing a fabulous job cleaning, weeding and restoring this area of the camp and it is looking amazing. A huge thank you from myself and the Region Executive to the Group for their efforts. We will be having a dedication of the chapel and circle to a much-loved and respected member of our Region at the ARP on the 6th June.

They say that teamwork makes the dream work and looking back over what I have reported this month, you

can clearly see that teamwork is alive and well in GWS! Whether it be through the Region Activities Team, Gang Show Cast, Wandarrahs, Seonees, Mindaris, Groups or Units, it is by working together that we are continuing to be, in my opinion, the best region in NSW.

Please keep it up and keep getting involved at all levels of Scouting. It is only by supporting each other and working as a team that we will continue to grow, both in our number of members and in the opportunities we offer.

Until next Month,

Dave

David Stopps JP
Region Commissioner

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GWSR Bushwalking

Blue Mountains Winter Bushwalking Trips 2021

Redledge Pass

1 day Katoomba

Sat 19th Jun 2021 (8am to 5.30pm)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/417>

Kedumba River bushwalking

3 days Leura/Wentworth Falls

Sat 26th Jun 2021 (9am) to Mon 28th Jun 2021 (4pm)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/342>

Lawsons Long Alley overnight bushwalk

2 days Mount Victoria

Fri 9th Jul 2021 (9am) to Sat 10th Jul 2021 (3pm)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/371>

Mermaids Cave

½ day Blackheath

Sat 24th Jul 2021 (9am to 1pm)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/416>

Contact Person: Tristan Flores RL Bushwalking

Only available Saturday mornings, please email or leave a phone message and I will get back to you on Saturday morning.

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DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

The Region has completed the Transition to the New Program with the exception of a few individuals, the Upskill to the Program was the first step.

For those that did the last Upskill, you are getting close to the 3 months at which you should have completed the Mapping of Old System to New, and have given that information to Your Group Leader to send in the Badge Order.

Group Leaders will need to know that you have given the youth members no disadvantage in transition; that those who have decided they will complete the Peak Award before Christmas this year can choose to complete it in the old system.

There is no more old system badges after December 2021; the Scout Shop at Port Kembla should be your first point of contact when ordering Badges, and they will be able to assist you with the transition and availability.

There are 2 badge placement pages available; one is at pr.scouts.com.au and the other is in the **Section Program Handbooks**, they may differ but they are both correct, your Unit should choose which they will use.

The Program is what your Unit Council has chosen, with the support of the Leaders. If you need advice or want someone to help your unit understand. Contact Tony Dent DRC Program and Activities.

Leads and Assist Guides are available on pr.scouts.com.au for all sections and should be referred to when doing planning of program activities with Youth Members of the Unit.

Shortly you will be getting information about **Field Days Training for Leaders** who want to understand more elements of the Program, so keep an eye and an ear out for that information.

You will also get information about a **Leaders' camp** called **Kaleidoscope**, this is also an opportunity to get more information and ideas about the Youth Program, EOI will be out for this soon.

Our Activities team have been very busy. COVID hasn't stopped them from putting together opportunities for our members to get into many of our activities.

At our recent **Summer Fun Days** activity, the Flying Fox team were upskilled and Yes they are back! We have added Archery to the stable of activities and the other teams have been busy planning more for those Units who want to get out there and do it.

If your unit or patrol is interested in the many activities our team cover from Bushwalking; Water Activities to

Vertical activities; Science; Archery etc. contact Mark Fell or check the Region Calendar.

We have to say **Thank You to Gabie Thompson** who has taken up a Program Support Role at State; we will see you in that role, helping all of us to improve our Programs and Activities and look forward to those times.

And lastly to all of you, **PLAN – DO – REVIEW** is a nonstop cycle to great programming - use it in the Unit Council, Group Council and also in the District Meetings. We are already imbedding it at the Region Level and at State, this is a positive program tool.

Tony Dent

Deputy Region Commissioner – Program and Activities

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TRAINING REPORT - TONY DENT

Training has had a few changes; one of which is that **Cassie Rec** has moved out of the AT&D role. We have to say Thank You for a great job and wish you success in your new role.

We have a lot of Leaders and Trainees completing online training modules, for that we thank you but we have to move to the New online modules, except for the two mandatory modules of E child Safe and E WHS and Scout Safe.

Everyone should now be completing the modules in the Essentials, and Scout Adventures if you are a Leader of Youth and the Essentials and Scout Management if you are a Program Support Leader (Leader of Adults). These need to be completed prior to going on your Face to Face course Scout Essentials.

We have a number of courses planned for this year at Bundilla, so keep an eye out for when they are on and check the closing dates - you must have your application in 4 weeks before the closing date.

**Tony Dent – DRC Program and Activities
Acting RC AT&D**

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My First ANZAC Day as a Joey Scout By Kaysanne Lockman, 1st/2nd Merrylands Joey Scouts

I have been to ANZAC Dawn Services with my Mummy and Daddy since I was born; but this year was my first year wearing my Joey Scout uniform and participating in the ANZAC ceremony. We had breakfast with our group that Club Merrylands Bowling gave us. It was SO yummy! Then we had the ANZAC ceremony remembering the people who have fought in war for Australia and New Zealand. I liked the part where they blew the trumpet. We were silent after this to show respect and be kind to the soldiers. We had to be careful to listen to what they had to say. No making noise, we need to care about all the people there. I got to lay a wreath with my group and it was so special. It was nice to be there with my leaders and one of the other Joey Scouts. We had a great time together remembering all the soldiers. ANZAC day is great! The end.



DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER – OPERATIONS & YOUTH SAFETY

Hi All,

A huge thank you to everyone who has completed their ARPs. We are going through the final steps now with the financials and reaching out to those Groups that still have an issue or two. The next stage is to get your Property and Office Bearer forms into Region Office if you are yet to do so. We need these ASAP, so the earlier it can be done, the better.

The Region ARP is on Sunday the 6th of June at Bundilla and everyone is welcome to attend. Please make sure that you RSVP to ensure that we not only adhere to our maximum room capacity, but more importantly, that we have enough afternoon tea for everyone!

The next round of reminders for Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Mandatory Training is due out in the next 2 to 3 days. We try to do this monthly to ensure that we give people plenty of opportunity to complete their training or renew their WWCC. This round will also include supporters who need to complete Mandatory Training.

The difference between a Supporter and Adult Helper is that a Supporter is usually an office bearer on your Group Committee and is eligible for Adult Recognition Awards. Please keep an eye out for any emails about this from me and action them. People who allow these qualifications to expire may be placed on an administrative suspension until it can be fixed.

I also need to say a huge thanks to everyone for their assistance with complying with the snap restrictions that the NSW Government placed on Greater Sydney this month. The support we had in getting the message out there was enormous and the fact it was done without any problems is very much appreciated.

While we are adopting a “common sense” approach to running COVID-Safe activities, it is important to remember there are still restrictions in place and requirements we must meet. If you are unsure of the current requirements, please have a look at the list published in the Bulletin this month and reach out if you need any assistance.

That is it from me, I look forward to seeing you at the Jamborette!

Steve

Steve (Turtle) Wallace
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2nd Castle Hill ANZAC Day Celebrations

On April 25th 2nd Castle Hill Scout Group hosted a special ANZAC Day event at their hall. 1st Castle Hill also joined us to honour the memory of all those who have served our country.

Jareth Lim and Jackson Marsden played their trumpets for The Last Post, Rouse and the National Anthem. Members of both groups conducted the ceremony.

A representation of Scouts then placed our wreaths at the Remembrance Gun outside Castle Hill RSL.

This ceremony followed a previous talk from one of our Vietnam War Veterans and also visits to Castle Hill RSL leading up to the day.

Carol Cope LIC & Assistant Joey Scout Leader-DA



JOEY AND CUB NEWS

Youth Helpers Course

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 out 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>

Applications close on Monday 17 May 2021

JOEY NEWS

GWS Region Joey Fun Day

The GWS Region Joey Fun Day, will be held at Bundilla Scout Camp on Sunday 16 May 2021. The theme is 30 Years of Joey Celebrations.



The event is shaping up to be a great day with over 165 Joeys registered for the event and activities on the day including the climbing wall, horizontal bungee, STEM mini golf, 'big' games, Gang Show, birthday games and much, much more!

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

CUB NEWS

Cub Scout Leadership Course

The next Cub Scout Leadership Course will be held on Sunday 30th May from 9am to 5pm at Bundilla Scout Camp.

This course is designed for Cub Scouts who show leadership potential and who are currently a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader, or may be considered for these roles in the future.

Cubs should be at least 10 years old and endorsed by their Cub Leader as being a suitable participant.

Applications close on Monday 17 May 2021

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>

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (*Darzee*)

Joey and Cub Scout Region Commissioner

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Congratulations to Joey Scout

JEFFERY CHAN
1st North Rocks

on being awarded the Promise Challenge Badge

Well done and Hop, Hop, Hop!



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

PUMINDU DIAS -
1st Carlingford

ELIJAH DAWSON
1st Dural

BRIAN YEE
Western Sydney BLIA

TY HASKINS
1st South Penrith

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!



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The smile says it all!

Sometimes Government cost cutting can catch you out! Had a recent incident where one of my Activity Leaders was towing a Region trailer and got pulled over for having an unregistered trailer. In fact, this particular trailer was about 6 months out of rego. This required us having to arrange for a **Blue Slip** and then re-register the trailer, which is all a bit involved.

It is more difficult now, with Rego labels not being displayed, to know if a trailer is registered or not. Good idea to just check before towing any Scout owned trailer. *Fortunately, the Boys in Blue took pity on my Leader, and let him off with a warning!*

Our Abseiling team have been out hanging around as per usual, with an **Advanced Rigging & Rescue Workshop** weekend, held at both Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock. While the skills learnt are hopefully never required, it is part of the more advanced level training that participants do have these skills.

The biggest event for the month was certainly the **Scout Summer Fun Days** event held at both Bundilla and Lake Parramatta. There has already being lots said about the event, but there are a few people I do wish to particularly acknowledge on the Adventurous Activity side of things.

Firstly, a huge thank you to **Quentin Napier** who took the Thursday prior off the ensure the Flying Fox was ready to go for the morning session on Friday. Quentin was a significant figure in the rewriting of the New Scout Flying Fox Policy, and this event was the first Fox Event in the State, run under the new policy!

I would also like to acknowledge **Ian Petty RC Riverina**, who was also a big part of the Fox Policy rewrite. Coming up to Bundilla for the 3 days, Ian also brought up with him up the very impressive **Riverina Climbing Wall**. I had heard about this wall but had not seen it in action. Four climbing belays, a leap of faith, and even abseiling off the back. It has it all! With a few modifications, it could even be used as a Flying Fox Tower, but that is more down the track!

Down at Lake Parramatta, I would like to acknowledge the effort of **Ben Gross**, and his team, for his huge effort over the three days, keeping every one safe on the water.

Of course, it was not just these people. There were many who contributed to making this time the success it was.



So, who is having more fun: the adults or the youth...?

Do we finish by saying **WELCOME BACK TO SCOUTING!** after that year that was.

Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
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Over the last month our **Australian Scout Medallion** recipients received their medallions. That the following Scouts have persevered and achieved their ASM in such extraordinary times absolutely astounds me! Congratulations and **BRAVO-O-O** to all of them and their Leaders.

Matilda Glanville -2nd Northmead

Liam Dorne - 1st Oakville

Thomas Dorne -1st Oakville

Evie Dean -2nd Northmead

Martin Hendricks -2nd Baulkham Hills

Madison-Lee Staples -1st Toongabbie

Jillian Harmeling -2nd Castle Hill

Thomas Hinchcliffe -2nd Northmead

Olympia Holman -1st North Rocks

Well hopefully people are being smart around NSW and remain Covid safe. Our long awaited **Region Jamborette** is set to take place with a record number of applicants. We have 1,042 applicants in total. I am amazed at the number. Thank you for getting them in on time.

We have registrations from ACT, Hume, Riverina and Sydney North so you will get to meet people from all over the State.

We just need all the Base applications in now and we will be right to run the biggest Jamborette ever held.

State Rally registrations should open within the week. This camp is open to Scouts, Venturers, Rovers Fellowships and Leaders. Of course Venturers, Rovers, Fellowships and Leaders will be required to run the bases but it's not all work – everyone has fun!! Catering will be available for all but Scouts.

Remember it is a competition camp but there is a non-competitive section so young Scouts can feel at ease and just have fun doing the activities. State Rally is a light-weight standing camp and is great practice for new PLs and APLs to practice their leadership skills.

It's great to have Scouting to look forward to again. I can't wait for the year ahead.

Tracey Stopps

Region Commissioner Scouts

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Girls participating in our recent sailing workshop at Lake Chipping Norton



This Cherub sailing boat was restored by my son for his Queen's Scout project. I need the space in my garage so I am offering the boat free of charge, to the Scout Association or a Scouting member/group. I would like to see the boat to go to a good home, someone who will enjoy sailing her!

Keith Travers JP

Region Leader - Activities

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GWS ROVERS

Recently, GWS Rovers have been returning to more and more activities as restrictions have gradually lifted.

Region held an annual meeting to elect new faces (and a number of familiar ones) into roles to support the Units of the region, as well as the region in general.

So while everything settles, let's get to know a bit more about one of the region Units: **Kings Langley Rovers!**

Kings Langley Rovers are, interestingly enough, based in Wentworthville, a stone's throw away from Merrylands Rovers, Westmead Rovers and Bundilla.

Most years without a global pandemic, you may find a number of Kings Langley's members attending dawn services across various sites, including Martin Place in Sydney's CBD.

In April this year, KL adapted to current conditions and held a dawn service in a sleepy suburban street, lighting candles and playing the audio from the CBD Dawn Service for all who joined in to hear. You may have even seen a picture on Channel Nine news from it!

If humour; a random variety of nights and getting elaborately dressed for a formal dinner at McDonalds sounds interesting to you, then why not check out their facebook page or Instagram from time to time.

(Disclaimer: Other fine crews with various interests are also available!)

Stay tuned for next month's report on Rovers of GWS, as more crews have already started planning a vast variety of activities.



Kings Langley Rovers and KL's Rover Advisor Jenny Wardell, attending a slightly different kind of Dawn Service.



**Geoffrey Rickard - KL Rover Crew
PR & Internet Officer - GWS Rovers**



Another year, another great ARP for KL!



**Photos Courtesy of Brendan Richards
Assistant Cub Scout Leader
1st Kings Langley Cub Scout Unit *Impeesa* Pack**

Current COVID-19 Restrictions

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing assistance with regards to how we manage COVID-19 and still provide an as normal as possible programming for our youth members:

Below is a summary of the current restrictions that GWS Region is operating under.

General

- High standards of Hygiene including Hand Sanitizers and disinfecting equipment must be maintained at all times.
- Masks are compulsory for all members over 12 when using Public Transport and in all public indoor venues such as theatres, hospitals, and aged care facilities. (Until 17th May)
- Physical distancing of 1.5m from other people applies to all adults and is recommended for all youth members.
- Up to 25 people can gather indoors. Once there are 25 people, the 1 person per 2 square metre rule applies.
- Up to 200 people can gather in an outdoor public place such as a park, reserve, beach, garden or public space.

Scout Properties

- QR Codes are required for every Scout Hall, Camp and Activity Centre. Check in is mandatory for all people attending the location.
- Hall Hires are allowed but please refer to the Guidelines for Hall Hires information available at https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210107_Guidelines_for_Hall_Hires_FNL.pdf
- Properties must still be cleaned before and after every meeting.

Activities

- Before attending any overnight activities, please review the Guidance for Overnight Activities document available at https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Guidance-for-Overnight-Activities-during-COVID-19_February2021.pdf
- Sleeping accommodation has a maximum of 1 person per 2 sqm and spaced 1.5m apart. This applies to all accommodation including halls and tents. For bunks, only the bottom bunk may be used.

Transport

- Leaders, Rovers and other adults should travel in their own vehicles in preference to sharing. Ideally, youth members should be driven by their parents to and from all activities unless there is no other reasonable option.

Food Service

- When preparing food, please refer to the Food Preparation section of the Guidance for Overnight Activities document, even when indoors.

Other

- Singing by audiences at indoor shows or by congregants at indoor places of worship is not allowed. (Until 17th May)
- Dancing is not allowed at indoor hospitality venues. (Until 17th May)
- Visitors to aged care facilities are limited to 2 people. (Until 17th May)

Major Events & Activities

Major Events and Activities such as Gang Show, Jamborette, Joey Fun day etc operate under specially prepared COVID plans. Questions regarding the management of COVID-19 restrictions and requirements should be directed to the activity leader.

For more information, please visit <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus> and <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>



Clean Up Australia Day Swap badge \$2.50 each

50c from every badge goes directly to Clean Up Australia and 25c goes back to Scouting (1/2 to your Branch, 1/2 to Scouts Australia)

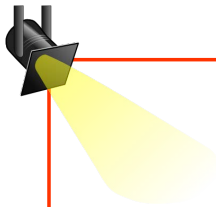
Available online from Scout Shop - scoutshop.com.au

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

COUNDRRELIS, Richelle	From Prov Ldr (VS) To AVSL	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
GLACKEN, Kieran	From Trainee Ldr (V) To VSL-P	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
LI, Yi-chi	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob 1st Carlingford Joey Mob
XUE, Kai	From AJSL To ACSL	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
BURAKOWSKI, Michelle	From ASL To SL-P	1st Kellyville Scout Troop <i>Screaming Bush Turkey</i> 1st Kellyville Scout Troop
CALAFATE, Anthony	From SL To ASL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop 1st Kellyville Scout Troop <i>Screaming Bush Turkey</i>
CASTAGNA, Felicity	From Trainee Ldr (G) To JSL-P	1st Parramatta Scout Group 1st Parramatta Joey Mob
CHEN, Yiwen	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Joey Mob
DIMMOCK, Matthew	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop
MacCORMICK, Andrew	From CrL (App)-P To Prov Ldr (Region)	Hawkesbury River Rover Crew (Group) Greater Western Sydney Region
RZASA, Artur	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i> 1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
XING, Dan	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	1st North Rocks Joey Mob 1st North Rocks Joey Mob
YAU, Brendan	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i> 1st Murray Farm Cub Pack <i>Possum</i>

RESIGNATIONS

GREGORY, Andrew	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
LOCKMAN, Valerie	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
MILLER, Graham	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
MUELLER, Mark	Prov Ldr	1st North Rocks Scout Troop
TAN, Jie	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
FERGUSON, Michael	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>
HUDSON, Garry	Fellowship Member	Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship
MANLEY, Sara	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Toongabbie Cub Pack
SHAW, Jodie	DJSL-DA	Penrith City District
SLOAN, Tanaya	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
STEWART, Meredith	RL (Act)	Greater Western Sydney Region
SUTTON, Craig	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>



Spotlight On...

Know It. Live It. Log It.

Know It. Live It. Log It. is the education program developed by Scouts NSW to encompass how we provide protection for our youth members. It is based in the fact that Scouts NSW has a zero-tolerance policy towards abuse.

Scouts NSW is committed to safeguarding youth in our care.
Scouts NSW is committed to creating an environment where all our members feel safe, supported & protected.

The Know It. Live It. Log It. program encompasses our Scout Promise & Law, our Code of Conduct and Ethics Policies including Social Media, Working with Children Checks, Youth Protection and Major Events as well as programs such as the Youth Safe Advocates (YSA).

Under Know It. Live It. Log It.:



There are a range of resources available from the Scouts NSW Website at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/youthprotection/knowit-liveit-logit/> and information packs were sent to groups late last year. If you missed this pack, you can download the information from the site above.

All groups are asked to make sure that a copy of the Know It. Live It. Log It. poster is up in your hall for Youth, Leaders and Parents to refer to. District Commissioners & Property Assessment Teams will be on the lookout for these posters as they visit halls and buildings.

If you have any questions or queries about Know It. Live it. Log It. please contact steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au or carol.cope@nsw.scouts.com.au



Alternatively, you can reach out to one of our Youth Safe Advocates (YSA). Youth Safe Advocates are the champions of Youth Safety within the organisation and can be identified by a Blue Badge and Woggle on their uniform. They have completed additional training though the Office of the Children’s Guardian and can provide advice and support.

Youth Safe Advocates in GWS Region are:

Adele Lockman	Duncan Watts	Kathryn Vane	Mark Burfield	Stephen Wallace
Alice Gravina	Gillian Miller	Leonie Plummer	Melanie Dimmock	Tim Uidam
Allan Staples	Helen Moore	Lisa Dent	Michelle McLean	Tony Dent
Benjamin Staples	Jennifer Wardell	Lochlan Fraser	Nathan Jones	Tracey Hansford
Carol Cope	Jenny Liles	Louise Gale	Neville Henderson	Veronica Brogden

Remember

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on 131 444. A follow up report must be logged to Scouts NSW and the Group/Event Leader must be informed.

All breaches of the Scout Law / Code of Conduct or inappropriate behaviour must be logged via the Scouts NSW Website on the link above or reported to the Child Protection team on (02) 9735 9000 or childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au

Blacktown District Monopoly Run

Steve Wallace DRC

On the 1st May, it was a wary yet excited group of Joeys Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Parents who gathered together at Blacktown Showground to compete in the 2021 Blacktown District Monopoly Run.

If you have yet to hear of this unusual event, Monopoly Run takes the rules of Monopoly and the local area (In this case Doonside, Blacktown, Seven Hills, Quakers Hill, Marayong and Lalor Park) and puts them together in a real world version of the popular board game. Patrols of 4-7 youth members (supported by parents and leaders for the Joeys/Cubs) travel by public transport and foot to search out landmarks, take a photo and then try and gather as much money as possible.

This time, Groups from Parramatta, Blacktown and Penrith City districts competed in one of the most challenging boards yet. There was a lot of fun run-ins (including finding Elmo and Cookie Monster), surprise photos (horses outside the showground) and bonus activities (who knew that a Yellow Punch Buggy gave you double the cash?).

The event finished off with an ice-cream and drink back at the showground while the results were tallied and presented.

Congratulations go to the **Patrol from 1st Westmead** who took out the Scouts/Venturer/Rover division and the Patrol from **1st Murray Farm Joeys and Cubs** who not only took out the Joey/Cub division but also won the entire competition! The winners of each division received medals and the overall winner took home a trophy to remember the event.

A huge thank you to the leaders who manned Monopoly HQ and our Support Vehicles for the day. Monopoly Run is continuing to grow in interest after being introduced in Penrith City district 18 months ago. Stay tuned for a leaders only edition to possibly run later this year and a new region-wide board and competition to be organised in 2022.

The full collection of Monopoly Run photos are available from the GWS Leaders and Adult Supporters group on Facebook.



BLIA Parramatta Celebrates Vesak Day (Buddah's Birthday) May 8 & Scout Open Day at Jubilee Park May 9

The BLIA Parramatta set up a Scout stall as part of our Vesak Day celebrations. We organised activities and fun things to keep everyone busy. The Cubs did an excellent job of "manning" the stall and ran activities such as a Scout logo puzzle station; sorting garbage into the correct bins (recycling game) and knotting. As part of Buddah's Birthday celebrations, the tradition is to bathe Buddha, which means to not only cleanse your body but also your mind.

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The **SDG2 (Sustainable Development Goals) Zero Hunger Drawing Competition** encourages children to appreciate the benefit of fruits and vegetables, and to express in colours and pictures their hope and gratitude for food, the environment and the world. The competition (open to 5 - 12 year olds) drew nearly around 1100 participants from Australia and overseas. Congratulations to two BLIA Cubs who won in the category Class C (age 11-12) **Wilfred Loh (Excellence Award)** and **Brian Yee (Encouragement Award)**



Following a very busy Saturday, BLIA Parramatta organised a Scout Open Day in Jubilee Park the following day. Once again we set up stalls and organised games and activities. Activities included making bubbles, slime and ice-cream; tying knots and solving puzzles; creating a paper mini Suez recycling truck; sorting garbage; playing ping-pong and a hula hoop game.



We would like to thank Scouts Australia and extend a very special thanks to Gabie Thompson (GWS Region Commissioner Joey's and Cubs) for all the support and resources provided to help us make this event so successful.

Thank you also to Jing (BLIA Scouts, Kogarah) and Yvonne (BLIA Scouts, Chatswood) for helping with BLIA Scouts Parramatta open day.

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