



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**20th March 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook Scout Group is turning 100!**

1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook Scout Hall  
Railway Parade, Hazelbrook



**We'd like your help to:**

- Share your photographs, memorabilia and stories about 1<sup>st</sup> Hazelbrook.
- Spread the word to previous Scout members.
- Join our Planning Committee.
- Help locate the time capsule from the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration in the 1970s – do you know where it is? Do you know what is in it?



**If you'd like to be involved, please email [1sthazelbrookscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1sthazelbrookscouts@gmail.com)**

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## REGION COMMISSIONER

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Hi Everyone

What a difference a month can make! This time last month, we were coming off the back of a successful Jamborette and now, we are in a position where once again we need to be resilient and think outside the square on how we can once again deliver an alternative Scouting program to our youth members. I thank each and everyone of you in advance for the effort that I know you will put in to keep Scouting in GWS happening and I have absolute faith that just like last year, GWS Region will once again come out of this latest challenge stronger than ever.

As foreshadowed at the Region ARP, I have made some changes to the Region Team to help us continue to better develop and support the Region.

**Tony Dent** will be moving sideways to become the new Deputy Region **Commissioner for Training, Inclusion and Diversity** while **Mel Dimmock** will now be appointed as the new **Deputy Region Commissioner for Program Support** and will work with all the Region Section Commissioners. **Matt Thompson** will be coming on board as the **Deputy Region Commissioner for Administration and Communications**.

**Steve and Geoff** will continue in their current roles, with the District Commissioners now working with Steve. **Mark Fell** and the Activities Portfolio will now report directly to me. There may be further changes in the future as we continue to bed down the best structure for our Region, but I congratulate Matt, Mel and Tony on their new appointments.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that **Bill Barnes** has moved on from the paid role of Region Development Officer. Bill is still with Scouting and has taken a position with State Office as a Youth Protection and Issues Management Assistant. Bill did amazing work for us while he was here, and we wish him all the best in his new role. Bill will still be working with us in a volunteer capacity on several projects.

As always, there are a number of **grants** currently out in the community and I strongly urge groups to have a look at what is available to them to help support their program delivery, halls, grounds etc. If you need help, please reach out and we can assist you in writing your application.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Cumberland Gang Show on what would have been an amazing season. The production team, cast and crew had put together an amazing show and I am deeply disappointed that the season could not originally run as planned.

At the moment, the team are looking at options and will let everyone know what is happening in the near future.

*Dave*

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## DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY TEAM

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Hi Everyone,

Thanks for your perseverance with the ever changing restrictions on **COVID-19**. I know it is really frustrating and challenging, and we do appreciate the support and stoicism that everyone has displayed.

On a happier note, the **2021 Adult Recognition Awards** will be announced on the 1<sup>st</sup> August of this year. Scouts NSW and GWS will usually publish the list early in the morning on the day. As a save the date, we will be holding the presentation of these awards on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021** from 1:30pm at Bundilla. This will be a similar format to last year's presentation and will have some form of catering as well. More info on this will be available on EMS shortly.

A friendly reminder to all Leaders that we need to ensure we **Know It. Live It. Log It**. This means that we know our Scout Promise, Law and Code of Conduct; make sure that we are following it at all times and log anything that we see that does not follow this (including, but not limited to WHS, First Aid and Child Protection issues). We need to make sure we do this straight away, in all situations.

We are trying to collate a full **Region calendar for 2022** that will include all major District, Region and State dates. When we have all the dates (**by November this year**), we will then circulate this calendar to all Leaders so they can see what is happening in Scouting. If you have a date to include in this calendar, please pass it on.

Please stay safe and hopefully we will see each other soon.

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### TRAINING

So we are still getting some Training activities sent to us as part of Leaders' Updates.

**Mandatory Units** should be done while we have this downtime; If you are due, get in and complete them; if you are overdue, then definitely get them done - expired units trigger suspensions until they are completed, and as mentioned in the last issue of The Bulletin, it is up to you to keep up to date.

You will also see that the **online Training** should have changed; all the old material has been Archived.

The new material that is in line with the **New Program** is all you can choose. **As a Leader you are Training in one of two types:**

1. **Leader of Youth – this is a Section Leader**
2. **Program Support – this is a Leader of Adults or an Activity Leader**

To complete the Training to Appointment you need to follow the following units...

#### **Everyone covers these:**

1. E Learning – Scouting Preliminary
2. E-Learning – Scouting Essentials
3. Face to Face – Scouting Essentials Course

#### **Section Leaders from Joeys to Rovers:**

1. E-Learning – Scouting Adventures
2. Face to Face – Scouting Adventures

#### **Program Support Leaders:**

1. E-Learning – Management
2. Face to Face – Scouting Management Course

#### **All Leaders have to do this when completed:**

On The Job or L10 to complete and an A3 to transfer to your appointment.

#### **Tony Dent**

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### PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Hi All

This comes to you during Lockdown! It is during this time that those leaders who did the last **Upskill weekend** should be getting the **Transition Badges** just about sorted for your order. If you are still working through it and need help, please don't be afraid to ask; just remember it is about what is on the sleeve now.

I have to **congratulate Tracey Stopps and her team** for a great **Jamborette**; from what I could see everyone had a great time, even though we had to shut down those events that relied on harnesses and rock climbing gear. There were however enough activities as alternatives and it was great to see smiles on faces.

I have been hearing good things from all our sections, planning and designing activities for our Youth and challenging them in ways we have never done before. I look forward to being out there with the teams providing these activities and hoping we can "bring it on", as they say.

In September, I hope we can run our first **Field Day**. We are thinking and programming the subjects for that day and asking if you the Leaders have any sections of the Program you need some help with. Please tell your District people and your Section Commissioners - this will help us move on to what you need.

Unfortunately **Cumberland Gang Show** was put on hold when the lockdown started! The Gang Show team are working on organising performances and they will hopefully have news for us soon.

The last thing I would like to mention, is that we should all be thanking our frontline and Activity Leaders, who have taken on the challenges of our current situation and kept up with providing an active Program for our Youth Members to take part in.

#### **Tony Dent**

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## SEEKING YOUR KIND DONATIONS

In January 2015 Nathan was an active member of Greater Western Sydney Region and a Venturer Scout Leader with 1st Springwood Unit.

His world changed on the 30th January when he suffered a massive brain aneurysm. In hospital for 14 months and his rehabilitation progress continues today defying all expectations!

Nathan's strong will and determination to recover has never wavered. His passion for Scouting continues; he has since joined the Blue Mountains Fellowship and has recently attended the 43rd GWS Jamborette.

His latest personal challenge is to take part in the Blackmores Sydney Family Fun Run on Sunday the 19th September 2021 - a distance of 3.5km from Milsons Point to the Conservatorium of Music.

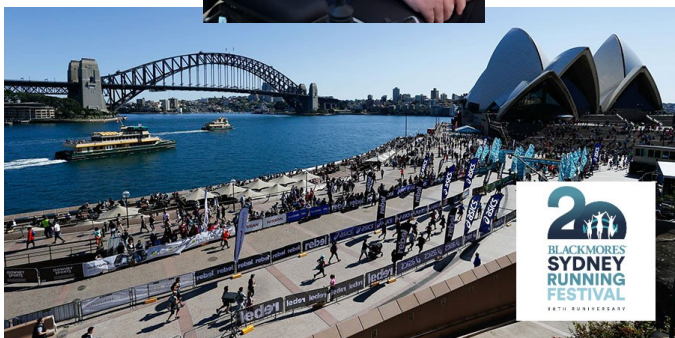
Nathan will endeavour to push himself in his wheelchair and walk short distances across the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the help of his Exercise Physiologist and family!

Nathan would like to take this opportunity to raise funds for a ramp for the 1st Springwood Scout Hall. This will make the back yard wheelchair accessible so that he and all Scouting personnel can continue to enjoy Scouting activities in the mountains.

**Please support Nathan in his endeavour.**

Donations can be made through the website <https://www.mycase.com.au/p/253834/nathan-crosses-the-bridge-to-build-a-ramp>

*Thank you*



## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Hi Everyone!

For those who have not met me, my name is Kelly Wallace and I am the new Region Commissioner for Joey Scouts. It has been great to meet some of you at Region Wandarrah and at some activities, and I hope to visit more districts very soon. If you have a great night planned that I could attend, please drop me an email.

### Campfires

Both Hawkesbury and Penrith City districts held campfires at the end of last term. It was great to see all the Joeys getting together and having some fun.

### Leader Survey

So that I can get a better feel of what is important to you and how Joeys in GWS are going; I have put together a short survey at <https://forms.office.com/r/5v3gDB6RP4> for all adults in the Joey Scout section to fill out. Thank you to those leaders who have done so already. The survey will close at the end of July.

### My Contact Details

Please feel free to get in touch with me at any time - My contact details are:

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You can also contact your District Joey Scout Leader for any assistance.

I look forward to working with everyone to continue to deliver great Joeys in GWS!

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## CUB SCOUT REPORT

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How quickly the world changes!

When I first took on this role, I thought this article was going to be largely focused on our Cub Scouts who are part of Cumberland Gang Show. After all, with a few weeks of school holidays thrown in the midst, there were not many things on the horizon to report about.

Turns out, COVID-19 thought it was time to announce its presence again, and now half of Australia has been, or is currently in, some form of heavy restrictions or a lockdown. It is now, more than ever, that the community needs Scouting!

Whilst Greater Sydney has been enduring extended restrictions, other parts of the country have had the opportunity for greater freedoms. I may not be a familiar face to many of the Cumberland Gang but having just spent 12 of the last 13 days wearing a red scarf in a theatre in a different State, may I say that the thoughts of all of the other Scout and Guide performing arts shows from across the country are with you.

We hope that you do get the opportunity to share your 2021 show with an audience - in whatever form that takes! Being part of the "gang" is something special - the opportunities and experiences enable and provide confidence building, resilience, the ability to deal with adversity, a sense of purpose and the opportunity to learn performance skills that will help wherever the world takes you. They are a family. For many, the 2021 shows have been two years in the making, and whilst we may feel like we are far from the crest of the wave at present, remember "some days are filled with rainbows, some days are filled with rain, sometimes the sunshine warms our waking hours, but we have known some precious days that time cannot erase, the stories and the memories that are ours". To the cast and crew of CGS 2020 and 2021, well done on what you have rehearsed and accomplished! I know that Gang Show is not for everyone though!

Scouting provides us with a sense of community, a sense of belonging - for some it is their second family. As we proceed through winter and resume from school holiday breaks that we often take, don't forget to reach out to your Scouting family. Check in with them. Think about how you can make a difference or do something special for someone in your Scouting family.

I know not all of us are huge fans of online Scouting, so now is the time to think differently, try something new, and work out how you will keep yourself and others engaged in Scouting until we can meet face-to-face.

In thinking about this with my own Unit, we looked at the ideas and proposed schedule from our last Unit Council meeting. Some of the activities we were going

to complete as Patrols or as a Unit, could be done individually and then shared online.

### **What does a cooking night or activity look like for you?**

- Do we each cook the same recipe at the same time whilst online?
- Do we all cook something we like and take photos to share?
- Do some of us teach others via video how to cook a specific item?

### **With World Scout Day (August 1st) almost upon us, how are we going to celebrate?**

- Were you preparing for a campfire?
- What about an online one instead, with skits and songs?
- Maybe some of these could be pre-recorded?
- How might you share some of the history of Scouting?

### **What adventures can each individual have that they can share with others?**

- Go on a walk, cycle, paddle, jog in your local area with your family. Identify five different plants you went past. You might like to take a photo of them to help remind you what they were.
- Were they native, indigenous or introduced species?
- Are they considered endangered or a pest?
- Would you recommend this area for others from your Group to explore?
- What did you see that might help you create an urban scavenger hunt for your Unit to complete? This might even be something that everyone can do whilst we cannot meet face-to-face, almost like a Bingo card!

If you are looking for **Scouting at Home ideas**, there are a range of resources available from 2020 on the Scouts Australia, Scouts NSW and Scouts Victoria **websites**.

Our upcoming **Cub Scout Leadership course** will be postponed - whilst we may be able to facilitate it online, we are looking at alternate face-to-face dates once restrictions ease, given the otherwise heavy reliance on technology at the moment.

It is also unlikely that **Cuborette** will proceed in October, and we will be looking at feasibility and alternatives given the current climate.

May you all stay safe, and I look forward to hearing and seeing what you do to stay Scouting whilst we cannot gather in person.

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## CURRENT COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

As you will be well aware, the NSW Government has issued Public Health Orders that include a lock down of the Greater Sydney Region (including the Blue Mountains) until **at least 11:59pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July**.

**Scouts NSW have advised that based on this, until further notice, Scouting activities may only take place by Video Conferencing (Teams/Zoom).**

***For GWS Region, this means:***

- Face to Face scouting is suspended. This includes weekly meetings, activities both in and outside of the hall, camping, hiking, courses, Group Councils, Group Support Committee Meetings.
- Groups should work towards online meetings and programs in a manner that works for each unit. Unfortunate, unlike last year, it is not possible to deliver packages to unit members houses unless it is by e-mail or Australia post.
- Hall Hirers should consider their own situation and seek independent advice. Hall Hirers will be liable for any breach of the NSW Government Public Health Orders.

***There are a number of great resources online that can help you build an online program:***

- Scouts NSW Scouting@Home - <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/things-to-do/scoutinghome/>
- Various Scout Facebook Groups such as 1<sup>st</sup> Facebook Scout Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Scout Group and Scouts Australia Facebook Group.
- There is a great guide to Online Scouting written by a Scout from 1<sup>st</sup> Glossodia for his ASM Project that gives an excellent overview of Scouting Online. I have made it available in the GWS Adult Leaders & Supporters Facebook Group or email me to get a copy. Many thanks to Henriette de Koning for passing this on.

***If you have a great idea or activity, please share it in the GWS Adult Leaders and Supporters Group.***

We are encouraging all Leaders to continue to have their District/Region training sessions online. As well as a great place to share ideas and information, it is a good time to have a check in with everyone and see how they are going. If you do not know when your meeting is, please reach out to your District Leader or Region Commissioner.

***Scouts NSW has a great general resource on Mental Health*** for Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and Supporters at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/managing-mental-health/>. Please reach out to a loved one, friend, or GP if you need to talk. This is a frustrating time for everyone and sometimes it helps to talk it out.

The Region Team is closely monitoring the situation and as soon as Scouts NSW/NSW Health provide a relevant update, we will inform everyone via the Group Leaders and Facebook Group.

On behalf of the Region Team, please take care of yourselves and each other.

If you have any questions or concerns, or you need to chat, please reach out.

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## BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP FROM THE AIR!

During a recent Scout camp at Bundilla, one of the Scout's father was a PolAir Pilot. He flew over the camp and captured these great photos!



### DAVID KIRKMAN ASPINALL 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021

David passed away on the Gold Coast, aged 92.

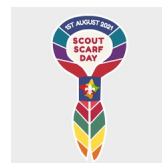
David's service to Scouts NSW began in 1969 as an Assistant Scout Leader and Assistant Venturer Leader with 1<sup>st</sup> North Epping, becoming the Scout Leader from 1975 to 1978. He returned in 1986 to take up the Area Commissioner role with Cumberland Area until 1994. Thereafter, he was an Honorary Commissioner with Cumberland Area, then Greater Western Sydney Region, a position he held until his passing.

David worked at 4 Australian Jamborees, the 2<sup>nd</sup> NSW Aagoonoree and the World Jamboree at Cataract in 1987. He was awarded his Venturer Wood Badge in 1972 and Leader of Adults Wood Badge in 1993. The Bar to the Medal of Merit was awarded in 1995.

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



## WORLD SCOUT DAY AUGUST 1, 2021



World Scout Day is an opportunity for past and present members and supporters of Scouting to wear their Scout scarf in celebration and recognition of their involvement in the largest youth organisation in the world.

This day is aligned with the first day of the first Scout camp in 1907 on Brownsea Island, England.

Of course, the scarf is only a symbol but a strong symbol for the Scout Promise and for our mission to leave the world a better a place than we found it.





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....*Maybe I spoke too soon!*

Last month, I could finally gloat about some great stuff the Activities Team had been up to! Things were really starting to look up! *Now, it has all gone a bit pear shaped again!*

The **current ban** on abseiling, following a serious accident involving Scouts in the Blue Mountains, has prevented us from doing a range of rope related activities. This includes the Mobile Climbing Wall, and of course as most of you are aware after the Jamborette, the Flying Fox. This is a directive from SafeWork to Scouts NSW, while appropriate investigations are being carried out.

At least at the **Region Jamborette** we were able to run Challenge Valley, and can I pass on my sincere thanks to the Venturers & Rovers who helped out over the weekend. We were also able to quickly arrange some activities down at the Australiana Village, and again I thank all those who stepped up to the plate to offer their help.

While I was disappointed that we could not run a lot of stuff, it was a Jamborette I did really enjoy! I do not often get the opportunity to get around to all the assorted bases to see what actually goes on. It was so good to see so many various types of bases, testing our skills.

It was also a pleasure to invest **Andrew MacCormick onto the Activities Team**. Andrew has a high level of Activity Skills, and best of all, has age on his side! I see this as the start of the next generation of Leaders on the Region Activities Team.

July normally sees me step a bit back from Activities, and spend a few weeks playing Gang Show! **No abseiling accident was going to stop that, but a thing called COVID certainly did!** Very disappointing for so many people, who have put many hours into this year's show. However, one of the really positive aspects that has been seen, is the

determination of so many involved, in looking at a range of options of what can be done. Of course, this does not change our number one goal at this time, **"To ensure the absolute safety of everyone involved!"** when it comes to COVID.

Maybe I could start a Knitting Group within the Region. I guess we would be pretty safe there, and with this current lockdown, we can do it all at home.

Yes, there is still some room to laugh! We have to! Otherwise, we would all go crazy. Surely things can only get better! By the way does anyone know where I can buy some cheap wool....?

Please stay safe!

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## SCIENCE TEAM

May'21 saw us at Ermington Scout hall for a **'Bug Off'** night with Parramatta Joeys then Ermington Cubs. Here we see Andy leading them in hand rubbing practice to the time of 'Happy Birthday to Me' (twice) mantra.



Also at the end of the evening completing the **Flu snapchat**.



The following Sunday we were at Bundilla for the **Joey Fun Day**. We had a couple of tables of things to explore and a cardboard box (dark room) with a film camera attached, so the Joeys could see the inverted image. Quite a lot of staggering around and bobbing down to look up. Parents were generally helpful in helping with the camera box and blow up Frisbees.

The first week of June we went to Erskine Park for a mixed section **Light Night**, followed by the long weekend at Cataract Park.

Our Bases at the **Jamborette** included a **Laser Reflection game** involving four Ping Pong bats with attached LASER pointer and mirrors on the other three bats.



Each bat was at the end of a 3 meter rod to keep the laser beam high and also to reduce the difficulty by eliminating the vertical movement. The aim was to reflect the beam into a 6cm diameter target on the wall and hold it there for 3 seconds. Easy with one mirror, more difficult with two, and really hard with three reflections.

Another base demonstrated **Defying Gravity** by showing washers falling up a rod and a pendulum that preferred to hang up. I also had models which showed light objects floating on ultrasonic waves, and a self balancing Segway type two wheeled robot.

Other Bases demonstrated **vibration patterns** in a metal plate at various audio frequencies, Filament and UV liquid 3D printers, Laser engraving, and **Karl's fantastic (and award winning) cosplay costumes**.



The evenings were cold so I walked from campfire to campfire to warm up and talk to GWS Leaders.



I had bought packets of 'Colour Change Flames' chemicals from Aldi in May, and brightened up several fires with red, green and blue flames. (You can also get them at BCF anytime for three times the price!)



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## SCOUT REPORT

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Not sure how to start this one, as we are back in lockdown! **State Rally** has been postponed to November. You should have all received an email from the State Rally team stating that if you want to go in November you don't need to do anything; If you can't make it in November then you need to respond back to the email sent and your registration will be cancelled. Fingers crossed it won't be moved again or cancelled.

I hope you are all managing with online Scouting again. There are so many resources out there now which will make it easier. Go to [Scouting@Home - Scouts NSW](#).

I have also forwarded a resource pack compiled by Cameron Luck to your district leaders. Please let me know if you have not received the pack and I will forward it to you.

At this stage we are still planning for the **Region Mindari Camp** to be run in October at Bundilla. Please register at [Region Mindari Camp | Scout Event \(greaterwestscouts.com.au\)](#)

This camp is for all SLs, ASLs and Trainee SLs.

**Training sessions we hope to include:**

- Youth Program
- EMS and how to use it
- New Leader Induction
- Budgeting
- Cooking
- Behaviour (Conflict Resolution)
- Behaviour (Special Needs)
- Mental Health
- Linking between sections
- Camp planning
- Campfires

Please make sure all your leaders know about the camp. Covid allowing we hope it will be a great success.

We should also still be planning for **JOTA/JOTI** on October 15-17. I believe there will be three stations at the moment: Glenbrook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Langley and 1<sup>st</sup> Westmead. Then again if we are still in lockdown it will be in every home!

I think that's all for now.

Keep on Scouting.

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## VENTURER REPORT

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I would like to congratulate Brendan Love from 1st Erskine Park, Georgia Hinton from 1st Castle Hill and Ashleigh Southam from 1st/2nd Merrylands on achieving their Queen's Scout Awards.

The first half of the year has been one of ups and downs. We weren't able to proceed with two camps, but it was great to get out and camping at the Initiative Course in March. Fifty Venturers, Rovers and Leaders attending the first Region Venturer Council in over a year at Bundilla. I am pleased to report we elected two Venturer representatives on our leadership team. They are Iluka Jelly from 1st Kellyville and Evan La Fontaine from 1st Castle Hill. We will be working with them in planning the rest of the year.

The highlight for the last few months was without doubt Jamborette at Cataract, conducted in perfect conditions. All up, 172 Venturers from 24 units (including four from Sydney North Region) attended the camp and provided a full range of activity bases for the Scouts. Congratulations to 1st Glossodia for being voted best activity base by the Scouts.

Despite the obvious difficulties, membership has held up well this year with more than 250 youth.

The success of Jamborette has given us the confidence to proceed with planning for Waratah in November. We will be working with leaders, Rovers and the Waratah Fellowship on a Dragnet-style event in the Vulcan State Forest near Oberon. This will be an intense 36-hour chase through the forest starting late on a Friday night, finishing early Sunday afternoon. The winning team will be the one that has lost the least number of "lives" and arrives on time. Look out for more information over the next few months.

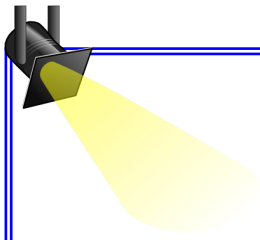
Applications are still open for the leadership course in August. Based on feedback from last year, we are going to run another course using a mix of e-Learning and a face-to-face day at Bundilla. This course is suitable for both the old and new programs.

Our team of Iluka, Evan, Region Leader Damon Love and District Leaders Matt Vella, Erica Dilworth and Andrew Cross are working to help deliver the Units deliver a great program. Don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions about what is being planned.

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## Spotlight On...

### Social Media Expectations

Social Media is both a blessing and a curse for Scouting. It provides a great platform for sharing communications and photos, but is also another area where we need to be conscious of our behaviours and actions, as well as those of our youth members.

#### GUIDELINES

In Scouts, how we use Social Media is governed by 2 documents:

1. The Scouts Australia Digital Guidelines available at [https://soz-central.s3.amazonaws.com/products/234/download\\_file/Digital\\_guidelines\\_-\\_hi-res.pdf](https://soz-central.s3.amazonaws.com/products/234/download_file/Digital_guidelines_-_hi-res.pdf)
2. The Scouts NSW Social Media Guidelines available at [https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Social\\_Media\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Social_Media_Guidelines.pdf)

These documents provide clear and concise information on how we operate on social platforms.

#### Be-friending Youth Members

It is strongly recommended that Adults in Scouting do not befriend Youth Members. There are obvious exceptions to this, such as pre-existing relationships or friendships that go outside of the Scouting organisation. The best suggestion is to not befriend youth members when Scouting is your only connection and use common sense in all other occasions.

#### 2 Adults at All Times / 2 Deep Leadership

As with all aspects of Scouting, we should never communicate with youth members online in a one on one situation (including Social Media DMs, chats, e-mails or SMS). Always make sure that you have at least 2 adults in the conversation at all times, and where possible avoid chat or messaging. The best way to communicate is in a permanent closed group with other members of your Unit/Group/Section.

#### Setting Up a Social Media Page / Group

If you are looking to set up a Social Media Page or Group for your Unit/Activity/Group/Section etc, then it is worth having a read of the information contained in the two documents above first. They give good guidance on what you should and should not do.

#### Social Media Health Check

While it is not policy or outlined in the above documents, we recommend that once a year, you carry out a Health Check on your Social Media platforms. Prune any members who are no longer involved; check that you are still following the guidelines and that you have appropriate controls and measures in place to keep everyone safe.

#### If you see something...

If you see something that is not quite right, then please raise it with your Group Leader, District Leader or Region Commissioner. If what you see is against our code of conduct, Scout Promise or Scouting Policy, please do the right thing in this situation and Log It on the state website.

*If you have an idea on a topic for a spotlight on... article, please email : [steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au)*

# GWS ROVERS

As June came marching in, the opportunity to attend **Jamboree** again did so also.

Lead by Region Chair Cameron, a fair number of Units gathered to run a base; help on other bases and man the gates, amongst other things.

**There was a gate - a King to save and plenty to do.  
Many Venturers were welcomed to Camelot by  
Sir Spence, Sir Prise and Sir Cumference.**



**The Region that eats together, stays together!**



**The warmth of the fire after another day at Jamboree was fantastic, with plenty of stories to share.**



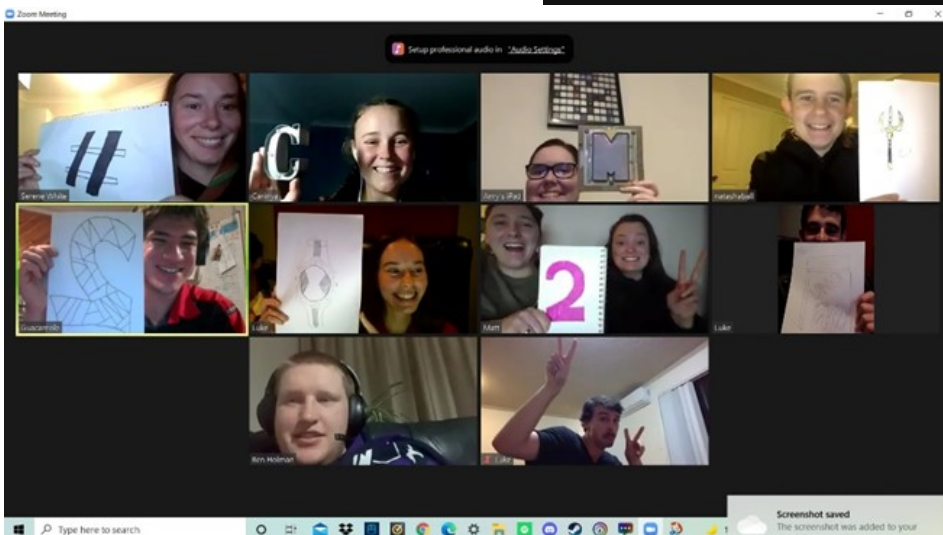
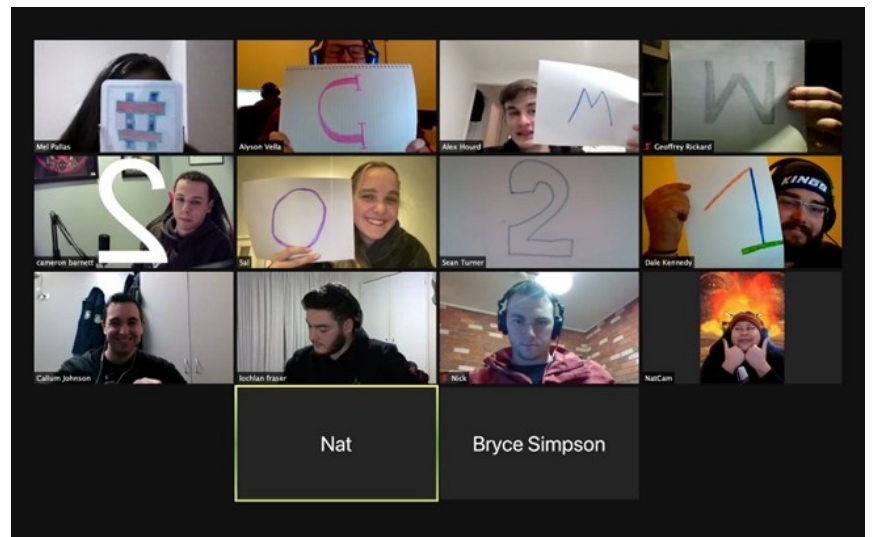
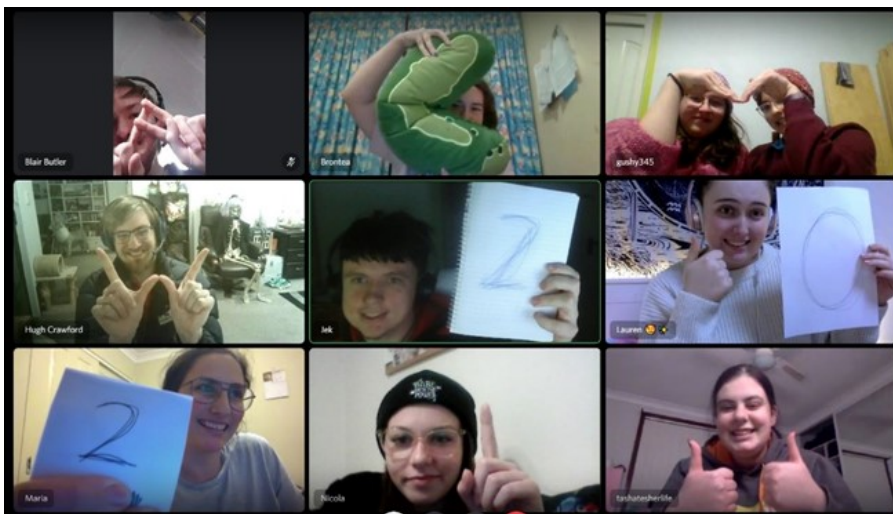
Towards the end of June, restrictions loomed again! This did not stop GWS however, as Units switched back into **meeting online**, with experience to get things going quickly.

Kings Langley also sent out a few **Cartoon Mootwork** challenges for units to do at home, with the plan to give people something to do and something to look forward to.



Although a camp such as **Cartoon Mootwork** may have to wait, pictures from the challenges started popping up, even from units out of Region!

**#CMW2021, from Blacktown Rovers, Kings Langley Rovers and Gosford Rovers, to grab a few.**



*Until next time, stay safe and have fun online with your Groups!*

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**APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS**

<b>ABNETT, Charlotte</b>	From ACSL To JSL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i> 2nd Kings Langley Joey Mob
<b>DHILLON, Alpana</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i> 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>DIMMOCK, Melanie</b>	From RL (Dev) To DRC	Greater Western Sydney Region Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>SLOAN, Ayla-Shannon</b>	From Prov Ldr (S) To RL (Act)	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>WALLACE, Stephen</b>	From DC To DRC	Penrith City District Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>GALE, John</b>	From RA (Not Rsp) To GL	2nd Baulkham Hills Rover Crew (Group) 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group
<b>MILLS, Peter</b>	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i> 1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>
<b>PERCEVAL, Justin</b>	Fellowship Member	Waratah Activity Scout Fellowship
<b>VANE, Kathryn</b>	From ACSL To ASL	1st Blaxland Cub Pack <i>Keego</i> 1st Blaxland Scout Troop <i>Dunphy</i>
<b>JIANG, Hong</b>	From ACSL To ASL	1st Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Kookaburra</i> 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop
<b>SHAW, Jodie</b>	From AJSL To DJSL	1st Winston Hills Joey Mob Penrith City District
<b>SMITH, Bradley</b>	VSL-P	1st Erskine Park Venturer Unit
<b>STEPHENS, Zoe</b>	From AJSL To ACSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>PAUL, Ryan</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i> 2nd Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Waminda</i>
<b>MILLER, Geraldine</b>	From AGL To ACSL	1st Carlingford Scout Group 1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>GROSS, Jacqueline</b>	CSL	1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
<b>KREBS, Jason</b>	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop 1st Hawkesbury Scout Troop
<b>CHAN, Chor</b>	From ACSL To ASL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop
<b>KWOK, Ka Lai</b>	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Balcombe Heights Joey Mob 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
<b>ALLAN, Amanda</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack 1st Balcombe Heights Cub Pack
<b>LUI, Siu</b>	From Trainee Ldr (V) To AVSL	1st Balcombe Heights Venturer Unit 1st Balcombe Heights Venturer Unit
<b>ROMANIS, Evan</b>	From DCSL To ASL	Benowie District 1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop

## RESIGNATIONS

EWINGS, Nerida	AVSL	1st Kellyville Venturer Unit
THOMPSON, Gabrielle	RC (CS)	Greater Western Sydney Region
BURR, Caroline	Trainee Ldr (V)	1st Quakers Hill - Doonside Venturer Unit
HENNINGS, Tessa	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Nurragingy Joey Mob
JENKINSON, Stacy	Fellowship Member ASL	Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop
MACCORMICK, Benjamin	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Grose Vale Cub Pack
WEISS, Maximilian	ASL	1st Nurragingy Scout Troop
McKINLEY, Rachael	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Glossodia Scout Troop
JOSEPH, Treneau	Trainee Ldr (G)	1st Castle Hill Scout Group
MORIN, Jacques	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Murray Farm Scout Troop
LIPSCOMBE, Rachel	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Troop
LOMAS, Kerri	CSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Cub Pack
KAM, Giyoung	AJSL	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
LEWIN, Hank	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
ZHANG, Ting	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Carlingford Joey Mob
AHMED, Mohsina	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Winston Hills Cub Pack <i>Boronia</i>
DAWSON, Mikaylee	AJSL	1st South Penrith Joey Mob <i>Jamison</i>
GARDEN, Belinda	CSL	1st South Penrith Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
GARDEN, Daniel	ACSL	1st South Penrith Pack <i>Glenmore</i>
JEWELL, Brian	ACSL	1st Blackheath Cub Pack



## SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH

Scouts in Action Month this year is going to extend beyond just August so we can continue supporting the SDGs (Scouts for Sustainable Development Goals) through the SDG Challenge.

The SDGs give us key focus areas that we can explore and address to improve environmental social and economic sustainability for people around the world.

For more specific information about the SDGs and to register your Group or Unit go to the **Scouts in Action Website** <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/about-the-sdg-s>



### 2021 Scouts in Action Month Badge

The 2021 SiAm Badge is a simple representation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. You can order your badges by clicking on this link [2021 SiAM Badge Order Form](#)

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