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APPOINTMENTS LIST – GWS REGION

16/08/2021 to 30/08/2021

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

CHUNG, Wai Tak	SL-DA	Western Sydney (BLIA) Scout Troop <i>Chatswood</i>
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RESIGNATIONS

KHOR, Yong Chen	AVSL	1st Carlingford Venturer Unit
ALABASTER, Jocasta	Trainee Ldr	1st Hazelbrook Cub Pack <i>Cumbora</i>
LYTWYN, Deirdre	GL	1st Granville Scout Group
STATHAKIS, Anthony	AJSL	1st Hazelbrook Joey Mob

Hi Everyone

I hope that you and your families are staying well during these times. It continues to astound me that we have such positive, down to earth leaders who are continuing to provide amazing programs week in and week out to engage our youth members and continue Scouting.

Now is the time to think about **Term 4 and beyond**. We don't know exactly what Term 4 will look like, but we need to be prepared for anything from the current settings to an almost back to normal atmosphere.

Units will need to **plan** online and in-person activities side by side until we know for sure what is happening. Group Support Committees should start thinking about what needs to happen over the next few months to finalise 2021 and come back in 2022 with a bang! Groups and Sections should also think about larger activities for the coming year and what they will look like. I recommend that groups try and keep activities close to home until at least mid-next year.

While we are closed, have a think about you, and what you can do to **keep yourself engaged**? Maybe you want to start work on your e-learning for Advanced Training; maybe you want to learn a new skill or activity that you can bring to the table when we are back to face to face; perhaps this is a good time to get in and play with Terrain or to revisit the key elements of the Program from your transition? You could even do a backyard campout yourself or start researching locations for that next overnight hike or camp...

One thing that we are reasonably sure of is that **Bundilla** will be able to open for camping in small groups (patrols or units). Bundilla is a great, close to home option that parents will be more comfortable sending their children to and allow us to start getting back to real Scouting.

A reminder that **Alan Overton Award nominations** close on the **1st October**. If you have a nomination, please send it through to me for consideration.

Please stay well, look after each other and if you need to speak to someone, reach out to those close to you. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours in Scouting

Dave

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Region Commissioner

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I'd like to start this month's report by asking "Do you know a **Youth Safe Advocate**?". Youth Safe Advocates (YSAs) provide support for our young people and create an environment where they are aware of their rights to feel safe and can speak openly about any issues or concerns that they may have. YSAs attend activities and events across the state to promote our Child Safe Messaging, to listen to concerns and to provide support for those concerned about their own safety or that of another member.

In GWS, our goal is to have a strong YSA presence across the region. We have a small, committed group of people who we have already completed the training and are a part of the program. If you would like to join this group, please have a look at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/youthprotection/youth-safe-advocates/>

Many people have been asking me about how the NSW Government **COVID-19** Roadmap to Freedom will affect our ability to re-open Scout Groups. As a region, at the time of writing this report, we are still in a wait and see pattern. We know that there are changes coming and that there may be ties to the Public Health Orders, but we need to allow the NSW Government to provide the appropriate information and for Scouts NSW to digest it and issue advice. As soon as we know more, we will let everyone know. In the meantime, all areas of the Region are working as hard as possible to ensure we can provide a Scouting program.

Direct Billing continues with the next invoices due out on the 1st October. One thing we have learnt as a region is that groups need to make sure that the e-mail address for Parent 1 is correct in ScoutLink. This is not updated from Operoo and needs to be correct to ensure all members get the correct invoice. Thank you to everyone who has been working hard to assist with getting this project right.

As 2021 comes to an end, the Operations Team is starting to focus on what 2022 will look like. How can we grow? How can we deliver a great environment for Scouting? We would love to hear your ideas.

One thing we are working on for all Groups is a co-ordinated **Region Calendar**. The Operations Team, District Teams, Program Team, Youth Safety Team and Activities Teams have been spending the last few months putting this together for release later this year. If you have a date you would like to include that would be of interest to the Region, please let your DC or Team Leader know.

Please stay safe and I can't wait to see you soon.

Steve (Turtle) Wallace

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TRAINING UPDATE

FORMS

The end of **L10 forms!** We have been advised that as of the January 1, 2022 the L10 form will be no longer accepted for Training In Service and will be decommissioned.

The replacement is the **'On the Job PLAN'**. This form will be created at the Introductory Interview with the Trainee as part of the joining process and then completed while doing each of the stages in the PLAN.

These are submitted before a Trainee can be issued with a **Certificate of Proficiency**. This replaces the **'COAL' (Certificate of Adult Leadership)**. Then when doing the Advanced Training they will complete another form called **'On the Job DO'** - this will be a part of the checklist for Advanced Training.

Then if a Leader is completing their Wood Badge, they will need the **'On the Job REVIEW'**.

All can be found as part of the **E Learning portal** part of **Milestones**.

INTERVIEW

There is a New Process for interviewing an Adult candidate who wants to become a LEADER.

- Identify the new candidate, and this comes in many ways that you find new Leaders.
- Make sure the candidate has a completed WWCC
- Candidate goes online and submits an application to become a Adult Member.
- GL/LIC has to then log in to SCOUTLINK and complete the Accept while doing the Interview with the Candidate.
- With the Candidate, go into the Training Portal and complete the 'On the Job PLAN'
- Submit everything; once the Police Clearance has been done the Candidate now called a Trainee can complete all the Training to become a Leader.

During all of this, the GL/LIC is the main person to whom the trainee will report to, as to where they are at with their training.

PLAs will be Leaders who hold a Wood Badge and are a part of the Trainee's Journey.

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ALAN OVERTON AM OAM AWARD

The Alan Overton AM OAM Award is presented each year to the Adult Member (Leader, Supporter or Fellowship Member) who continues to go above and beyond delivering Scouting within GWS Region.

The Award is named after Alan Overton AM OAM who is a long-standing member of Scouts NSW and was both the President of Greater Western Sydney Region from June 1994 and the New South Wales Branch Vice President from July 1999 until his retirement in 2016.

Nominations are now being sought for Candidates for the 2021 Alan Overton AM OAM Award. Nominations should be in the form of a one page citation showing how the candidate has provided service to the Region and abide by the following rules:

1. This is a Region Award, not connected with the Adult Recognition Awards.
2. Leaders, Group Support Committee members and Supporters can be nominated by their peers.
3. The person nominated should be over 18 and have held an Adult or Supporter appointment within Scouts NSW.
4. It is expected that the person nominated would be someone who has given service to Scouting over and above what would normally be expected.
5. **Nominations should be with the Region Commissioner by the 1st of October 2021.**

A committee consisting of the Region Commissioner, an Honorary Commissioner and a person invited by the Region Commissioner will assess all nominations.

The Awardee will be announced at the Region Award Presentation on the 31st of October 2021. The Awardee will have their name recorded on the perpetual trophy and will also receive a replica trophy.

All nominations and enquiries should be sent to
David.stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au



2021

Finally, I have some good news. Well sort of good news. We can “nearly” go abseiling again! Just a few things still getting in the way.

As most of you are probably aware, there was a serious abseiling accident in the Blue Mountains involving Scouts from another Region. As a result of this, both Scouts NSW and SafeWork NSW have been working very hard to investigate this incident and to ensure that something like this cannot happen ever again.

With the investigation now basically complete and as part of the procedure to get us all back on ropes, all members delivering “**Vertical Activities**” will need to complete some additional mandatory training. The purpose of this training is to cover undertakings and changes following this investigation. The additional mandatory training includes **Risk Assessment, Youth Competencies and Releasable Anchor systems**.

These sessions are virtual, and will run through Teams.

To book training please go to:

[https://doodle.com/poll/3657zekmhwspr28?
utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/3657zekmhwspr28?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

Of course, the other thing that is still getting in the way is this COVID Virus. All we can do, is to continue to abide by Govt and Health NSW requirements. It is tough, but as I have said previously, we will look back on this time, remembering the challenges we all faced and how we adapted to suit. Remember as Scouts, it is part of our ethos to face challenges that come our way. *It's just that this one is a bit bigger than most!*

On the State Activities front there has been a lot happening. We have a new **State Commissioner for Adventurous Activities, Kenton Jurgs** who has been welcomed into the role.

Both myself and my fellow counterparts from around the State, have been regularly meeting up with Kenton via zoom, and looking at the whole Adventurous Activity structure.

Yes, there are a few changes in the wind; and yes, those who know me, know I have often made comment about the constant changes that seem to be always taking place. However, I can see some real positives with this, and how Adventurous Activities will all fit into the new Programme. Yes, there is still a lot of work to do, but things are really happening.

In the meantime, I keep walking around my neighbourhood, all within my 5km radius of course! Please keep safe and take care.

Mark Fell (Dingo)

Region Commissioner Activities

Assist. Tech. Director - Cumberland Gang Show

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Congratulations to Timothy Hodge

on winning a Silver Medal in the Swimming for the Men's 200m Individual Medley SM9 at the 2020 Paralympics in Japan.

Tim was a Cub and Scout in the 1st Kings Langley Scout Group; has competed in the 2016 Rio Games and was also a medal winner at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

***Congratulations to Tim from everyone
in GWS Region Scouts.***

BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES

Bushwalking Update - September

North Era scheduled for December 11 & 12 will not run as planned. If the situation allows, we may be able to run a small outdoor gathering in the Blue Mountains.

A replacement monthly online meeting will continue through to December. The youth attending the online meetings will be involved in preparing trips for 2022.

Our trips in 2022 will be based in the Blue Mountains and Penrith.

Link to our draft calendar **Best of the Blue Mountains 2022**.

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Day and overnight trips are available to Cub Scouts who have turned 9. Induction walks are scheduled for January, March and April 2022.

Take care and stay in touch.

Tristan Flores Bushwalking Guide

Photos from the 26th & 27th June, Leura Falls Creek and Jamison Creek on the Sublime Point Trail



COVID UPDATE—STEVE WALLACE

Hi Everyone,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. Please find below an update on where we are currently at with Scouting. Both Scouts NSW and GWS Region are following the advice of the NSW Government closely and will provide an update as soon as any relevant changes are announced.

RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE SCOUTING

Scouting will remain as a virtual activity for the remainder of Term 3. It is too early to tell what Term 4 will look like as the NSW Government Lockdown will continue until at least the end of September. It appears that some restrictions will remain in place into October and possibly November.

While it is our intention to return to face-to-face Scouting, as soon as it is safe to do so, Scouts NSW will continue to follow the NSW Government Public Health Orders and will update our operational plans as the NSW Government makes further announcements. Until this time, Groups and Units need to make plans for Term 4 based on both face-to-face and virtual Scouting.

Groups planning camps and other large activities in Term 4 should consider back up plans and alternative arrangements in case Public Health Orders will restrict a Group's ability to deliver the planned event.

VACCINATIONS

Some people have started asking questions around vaccinations such as "Will I need to be vaccinated to go to Scouts?" and "Are all your leaders/members vaccinated?". Scouts NSW respects an individual's privacy and is politically neutral. Any response to this should be along the lines of "Scouts NSW will follow the Public Health Orders of the NSW Government. Unless mandated by Public Health Order, if our members are vaccinated or not is a private matter for each individual person or family."

DISTRICT & REGION ACTIVITIES

District and Region Activities such as the Region Mindari Camp, Joey/Cub Fun Day on the Water, the 2021 Adult Recognition Awards Presentation and Waratah, as well as Region Activity Courses such as Abseil, Canoeing, and Bushwalking will all be subject to the Public Health Orders at the time.

We are encouraging all event organisers to continue planning their activities. The Region Team (through the Deputy Region Commissioner (Operations & Youth Safety)) should be included as part of the organisation team.

A final decision on each event will be made at least two weeks before the event start date and will be communicated to all individuals.

Activities such as the Cub Scout Leadership Course and JOTA/JOTI may be held online if they cannot be held in a face-to-face capacity.

All events will have maximum numbers of youth and leaders involved and a comprehensive COVID-Safe plan.

The NSW State Rally in November is managed by the State Team, and they will advise of any changes to arrangements in due course.

HALL MAINTENANCE

The ability to undertake hall maintenance is dictated by where you are living and the location of your hall.

➤ ***For groups that are in the Hawkesbury, Hills, Blue Mountains, and the Northern & Southern Zones of the Penrith Local Government Areas.***

You can attend your hall for the purposes of prescribed work, which includes renovation, repair, maintenance, or cleaning work including gardening and pest control services.

People carrying out the work must not be from a local government area of concern, follow the rules surrounding face masks and have no more than 2 people inside and 5 people outside at any one time.

➤ ***For groups that are in the Parramatta, Cumberland, Blacktown, and the Eastern Zone of the Penrith Local Government Areas.***

Only prescribed work that is necessary can be undertaken. This includes work that is urgent to ensure the health, safety, or security of the hall, for fire protection and safety or for a genuine emergency. Outdoor work such as gardening, ground maintenance, external painting and pest control can also be undertaken.

No more than 5 people can be carrying out outdoor work and no more than 2 people can be carrying out work inside the hall.

The work can only be carried out by people who live in the same local government area as the hall.

FOR ALL GROUPS

While we need to make sure our halls remain secure and maintained, we understand that many people may not be comfortable undertaking this work. The physical and mental health remains the paramount concern for all our members, and we encourage all groups to take this into account.

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Groups need to ensure that they only attend the hall for the prescribed work as listed and not for any other reason including maintaining camping equipment or completing paperwork. Once the work is completed, all workers should leave the property.

Annual Fire Safety Statements (Fire Safety Certificates) are coming due for many halls, and we do have a legal obligation to ensure these are met. All groups are encouraged to either complete this task on time or obtain a documented extension from your local council to manage this process.

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Your physical and mental well-being remains our number one concern, as does the well-being of all our members.

We encourage everyone to reach out and talk to someone about how you are travelling; be it a partner, friend, colleague, GP or a professional service.

The NSW Government maintains a list of services around employment, mental health, finances and more at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

There is a great well-being seminar for Venturers, Rovers, Adult Members and Supporters at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/managing-mental-health/> on how you can manage your mental health.

PLEASE GET IN CONTACT

If you haven't yet done so, we would love to hear how you are going! Please let us know by our survey link at <https://forms.office.com/r/8paVUDh8wY>

We are notified as soon as a submission is made and if there are any actions to be taken, we try to do so as quickly as possible. You can reply to this survey as many times as you like or as you need to. We also remain available by phone or email if it suits you better.

As always, please continue to seek information from

the NSW Government site at

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

and the Scouts NSW Guide to Coronavirus site at

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus/>

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Hi Everyone,

I hope that you are keeping well and that you are having a lot of fun with your Units online.

We will be having a **Region-wide Wandarrah** on Microsoft Teams on **Friday 24th September at 7:30pm**. At this meeting we will be discussing items such as Joey Scout Fun Day 2022; Achievement Pathways; Training Opportunities, Communications and more. An e-mail invitation has been sent to all Registered Joey Scout Leaders, Assistant Joey Scout Leaders and Trainee Joey Scout Leaders. If you did not receive it or you would like to attend please let me know. I strongly encourage all Joey Leaders to join in on the discussion!

The Region Joey Scout Team have met and discussed the initial plans for **Joey Scout Fun Day 2022**. This is a great day and will be held on the **15th May 2022** at Bundilla Scout Activity Centre. We will be trying something a little different this time and are taking our theme from the Youth Program. The day will be centred around the Earth Tribe badges and has the theme of **“Join the Earth Tribe!”** More information on the day will come out early in the new year.

As an online activity, and to help start promoting the event, we are launching a **badge/logo design competition for Joey Scouts** (We are going to have a leader's category as well – so design away!). There are no requirements for the logo/badge other than it be inline with the theme and does not mention the location or year. Please send your designs to me no later than the **5th December 2022**. The winning design in each category will get a prize and will be announced in February next year.

I'd like to thank everyone who has welcomed me to the role over the last few months and please, if you need any help or assistance, please let me know.

Thanks

Kelly

Kelly Wallace (Kanga)
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SCOUT REPORT

We will be postponing our **Region Mindari Camp** once again! The Region Mindari Team have not set the date for it as yet as I'm sure there will be many camps and outings booked within the unit lines, but hopefully it will be in March.

State Rally unfortunately has been cancelled again this year due to the Covid-19 health restrictions - I am sure you all expected this to happen. We are planning full steam ahead for 2022.

We are looking at booking a **Region PL and APL camp** for **January 29 - 30, 2022** hopefully at Crosslands Reserve in Hornsby.

We are all in planning mode for 2023.

BSLC - April 1-3

Jamborette June 9-12

State Rally August 5-7 at Cataract Scout Park

Advanced Scout Leadership Course September 17-19

BSLC - October 28-30

There is also a new initiative called **The Great SCOUTdoors** that has just opened on the EMS. This initiative is open to all members and supporters and is a Patrol based event. There are many activities for Patrols to participate in. For more information and registration details visit <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/463>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders in GWS. Thank you for all you have been doing to keep our youth excited and interested in Scouts. I know it's not easy and I know some of you have been struggling with online Scouting but you are doing an amazing job. You all need medals for what you have achieved. BRAVO-O-O!! Remember to take time for yourselves and recharge your batteries.

Hopefully we will be back to face to face Scouting soon. In the meantime keep on Scouting as best you can.

Tracey Stopps

Region Commissioner Scouts

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The Great SCOUTdoors is a Scouts NSW State-wide online Patrol based event full of challenges for Scouts of all ages including Leaders and Supporters.

To be held on the weekend of Friday 29th October through to Sunday 31st October 2021

Participants are encouraged to form an Event Patrol of between 4 – 8 members.

Patrols can fit into any of the following 8 categories:

- Youth Patrol - Mixed All Sections (Inc. Rover Scouts)
- Youth Patrol - Joey Scouts
- Youth Patrol - Cub Scouts
- Youth Patrol - Scouts
- Youth Patrol - Venturer Scouts
- Youth Patrol - Rover Scouts
- Adult Patrol - Mixed (Rover Scouts, Leaders & Supporters)
- Adult Patrol - Leaders & Supporters

Adults (Leaders, Fellowship members and Supporters) can also join the fun with their own Patrols. Mixed Patrols are also encouraged in Youth sections and for Rover Scouts and Adults. Patrols can be made up of members from different Scout Groups. Patrols from Interstate and Overseas are also welcome to join in the event.

The cost is \$10 per person in the Patrol.

Every participant will receive an event badge.

Prizes will be awarded to winning Patrols from each Region, as well as the winning Youth Patrol and winning Adult Patrol.

Registrations close Mon 25th Oct 2021 (5pm)

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/463>

CUB SCOUT REPORT

The past month has been a whirlwind of online activities as we embrace this extended lockdown. I count myself lucky to have had the privilege to be involved in some fantastic opportunities through virtual Scouting, but this is not about me!

Congratulations to all Units that have remained engaged in activities - whether that be through sharing photos or activities or meeting online. Thank you to **1st Blaxland** for sharing your **microwave mini pizza recipe** with us - take a look and perhaps try it for yourself!

Tuesday 24th August saw some of us gather to learn about **The Last Great First**. Two former Scouts, and medical doctors, are planning on completing the first unsupported traverse (crossing) of Antarctica. This trip had initially been planned to commence in the coming weeks, but the pandemic threw a curveball, and they have honoured their commitment to their profession by delaying the expedition by 12 months to further support their peers in the treatment of COVID-19. Gareth and Richard were both Scouts growing up, and Scouts Australia is privileged to be a community partner for their expedition. Look out for more information over the coming months, and in the meantime, check out the Scout Quest video https://youtu.be/mTqG_2yOdk and their website <https://thelastgreatfirst.net/>

Hopefully, some of you were able to embrace some Sustainable Development Goal activities through **Scouts in Action** month. If you missed it, the resources are still available on their website: <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/>
It is also worth looking at <https://sdgs.scout.org/>

Coming up in the next month is JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree of the Air/Jamboree of the Internet). This is an opportunity for you to connect with other members of Scouting from across the globe. More information can be found here: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

We are looking at running two **Cub Scout Leadership Courses in November** - at present we are planning for these to be online or face-to-face, as we do not know what parameters may be in place once we resume face-to-face Scouting, nor when we will be able to do that. More communications will go firstly to those previously registered, and then through the program support network as we finalise these details.

Looking further into the future, we have started planning for 2022. We hope to have a **Region Cub Scout Camp on the weekend of March 25 - 27**. We are in the planning phase for this at the moment, although I can tell you that the theme has been selected by our May

Cub Scout Leadership Course participants and there will be a focus on actions towards the Sustainable Development Goals and activities to contribute to achievements in the Outdoor Adventure Skills. Watch out for more information, and in the meantime, add the dates in your diary. Joey Scouts, keep an eye out for more information about how you can join us for part of the camp as well!

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Microwave Mini-Pizza

Ingredients

- 2 heaped tablespoons self-raising flour (gluten-free OK)
- Pinch of salt
- 1 Teaspoon olive oil (or whatever you have)
- 1 Tablespoon milk (can use water)
- 2 Teaspoons pizza sauce/passata/tomato puree
- 1 Tablespoon grated pizza cheese
- Pizza toppings of choice (e.g.: sliced mushroom; ham; pineapple; cabanossi; etc.) OR have plain

Equipment

- Microwave-safe mug or ramekin – 1 cup capacity
- Tablespoon
- 2 x Teaspoons (one to measure and one to mix)

Method

- Use a teaspoon to carefully mix the flour, salt, olive oil and milk together in the mug or ramekin. It should be firm yet all the flour used. Add a LITTLE more flour or milk if necessary.
- Smooth out top of dough mixture.
- Spread pizza sauce/passata/tomato puree on top of dough.
- Add pizza toppings of choice, including cheese.
- Microwave 1½ minutes on high.
- Allow to cool before eating straight out of the mug!

Adaptations

Gluten free: Use gluten free self-raising flour and make dough a little wetter

Lactose free: Use water instead of milk and use lactose free cheese. If using no cheese at all, add a little extra pizza sauce/passata/tomato puree

No microwave? No problem! Use an oven-proof mug or ramekin and bake for 10-15 minutes in a medium oven.

VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate the following Venturer on achieving his Queen's Scout Award.



LEADERSHIP COURSE

I am pleased to report that 15 Venturers completed our first fully online Venturer Scout Leadership Course in late August. The course, while not ideal, was successful and comprised a mix of pre-work done online and a Teams meeting on the Saturday, where we all got together and worked through the remainder of the material in a workshop.

One aspect of the leadership course is a group exercise to plan out a project. This year, the project was to run a Waratah-style activity overseas. The course did really well on this making great use of the internet to prepare several thoroughly researched proposals.

Thanks to my team of Iluka Jelly & Evan La Fontaine Damon Love, Matthew Vella, Erika Dilworth and Andrew Cross who worked to put the course together. I want to call out Damon in particular who put an entire online environment in Teams together so we could run the course smoothly. Congratulations to all involved.

WARATAH

As Scouts, we all love a good plan and GWS Venturers are no different. We recently met with Venturer Leaders and Rovers to start detailed planning for Waratah 2021. This will be a Dagnet-style chase event over 36 hours in a State forest in either November or December - COVID-19 permitting of course!

The planning meeting had an objective to establish a Waratah committee to do the hard work over the next couple of months.

Our **Waratah Committee** this year comprises Rovers :

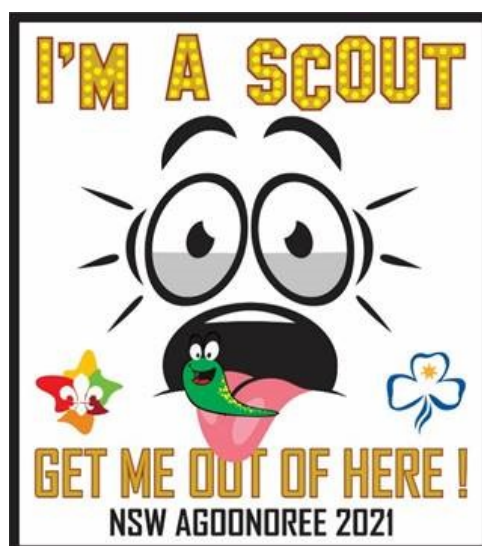
- Ben MacCormick (Camp Chief)**
- Rosie Rodgers (Activity Chief)**
- Ryan Kemp (Administration & Finance)**
- Jayden Thompson (Finance)**
- Tash Lette (Marketing and Communications)**
- Jack Findlater (Sites and Services)**
- Violet Manansala (Catering)**
- Damon Love (Transport)**

They are supported by Leaders:

- Aaron Wardle (Deputy Chief)**
- Matthew Vella (Deputy Activities)**
- Steve Wallace (Administration)**
- Kieran Glacken (Sites)**
- Alyson Vella & Natalie Castellanos (Support and Marketing)**

I'm sure you're all amazed by the response from the Rovers this year. We have already met once since to put some more detail into the event. B-R-A-V-O-O-O! We are all really hopeful to run Waratah this year. Let's keep our fingers crossed that all being well we should be right to run it as planned.

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AGOONOREE @ HOME 2021

Since we can't have our camp this month we are hosting a disability awareness activity that Scouts can do at home.

Take some great pictures and then order your badge.

For full details and resources, please go to <https://agoonoree.2ndmortedalescouts.com.au/>

Let me know if you need any support with any diversity and inclusion issues.

Thank you

Cassie Rec
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GWS ROVERS

August has just passed - which feels insane because it seems like only last week that it was July!

This month is a mixed collection of nights, starting with a Region Rover Council that looked at how Units were doing and what is to come.



Kings Langley explored their curious and creative sides early on in August with a science night, followed closely by a Minecraft building competition.



DIY lava lamp, part of many experiments done from home by KL



Blaxland Rovers held a social night for Region early on in August as well, which gave a lot of Rovers the chance to chat and socialise with plenty of people that we hope to see again soon.

Speaking of talking to others; GWS Rovers recently shared links and numbers for organisations such as Lifeline, Beyond Blue and Headspace for R U OK? Day.

A fair collection of units have either checked in on their members with mental health nights or plan to do so very soon as well.

It's important to check in with others from time to time, especially in times of uncertainty like this year, so consider checking in with your friends and family to see how they are going.

Until next time, stay safe and get creative with whatever you do.

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SCOUTS IN ACTION MONTH

Scouts in Action Month is going to extend beyond just August this year 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>

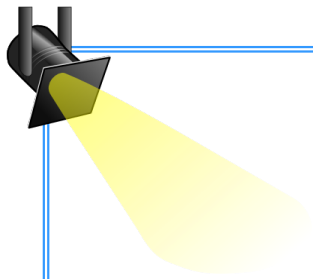
2021 Scouts in Action Month Badge

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](#)





Spotlight On....

Fundraising Certificates

Scouts NSW is issued with an Authority to Fundraise under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. This authority grants Scout Groups (under the supervision of State as the peak body) to self-manage our fundraising activities rather than needing to apply to the Government for each Fundraiser.

What is Fundraising?

Any activity where we receive money, property, or any other benefit from the public, whether we ask for it or not is considered to be a Fundraising activity. Examples include Scout Job Weeks, Donations, Competitions Sponsorships, Cake Stalls, Entertainment, Drink Fridges in Halls etc. To make accountability easier, Scouts NSW has decided that all income that is not membership fees or activity fees will be treated as Fundraising.

What is a Fundraising Certificate?

A Fundraising Certificate is a document issued by Scouts NSW that provides authorisation for a Group, Unit, Crew etc. to carry out a specific activity. The certificate is issued for the period of the activity only and can not last longer than one year.

How do I get a Fundraising Certificate?

To get a Fundraising Certificate, please email Region Office gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au with a request for the certificate. This needs to include the dates of the activity, a title for the activity and a brief description of what you are doing. Region Office will return a Fundraising Certificate for use at the event. This needs to be done well in advance of the activity.

What do I do after the event?

Immediately after the event, the Event Coordinator needs to return a copy of the Fundraising Certificate along with the total income and expenditure to the Region Office to acquit the certificate.

A statement of income and expenditure should be prepared straight after the event and submitted to the Group Support Committee. A copy of the Fundraising Certificate should be kept with the Group Financial Books and the income and expenditure recorded in the books as appropriate.

Why is Compliance Important?

If we do not follow the rules required of us, Scouts NSW can lose the right to self-manage our Fundraising activities. This means we would not be able to Fundraise and would need to increase local fees to cover costs. To protect this right, Scouts NSW will de-register any formation that continually fails to comply with the requirements.

More Information?

For the full Fundraising Rules and Requirements, please refer to the Scouts NSW Organisation and Information Handbook, available online from the NSW Scouts Website https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020.10.29_ScoutsNSW_OrganisationAndInformationHandbook_29102020v5-4.pdf

This information is correct at the time of publishing this Bulletin and you should check the above document before carrying out any Fundraising activities for additions or alterations to this policy.

***If you have an idea on a topic for a spotlight on... article, please email :
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