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PEAK AWARDS



PROMISE CHALLENGE

LOGAN CAR

1st Toongabbie



GREY WOLF AWARD

AIDAN MCGOVERN

2nd Baulkham Hills

TYLER BISSON

1st Winston Hills

ALEXANDER GRAY

2nd Castle Hill



AUSTRALIAN SCOUT AWARD

KHYATI LINGERKER

1st North Rocks

ZACHARY McKEON

1st Kellyville

MATTHEW SCHILLER

1st Castle Hill

VALERIE JIANG

1st Castle Hill



QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD

CASSANDRA FRY

2nd Baulkham Hills



BADEN POWELL AWARD

CAMERON LETTA

Nepean Rover Crew

Congratulations! Bravo!



Attention all Scouts and Venturer Scouts

If you were born between 13/08/2005 and 01/08/2009
you are eligible to participate in the
25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea.

Venturer Scouts born prior to 13/08/2005, Rover Scouts
and Adult Leaders can join the contingent as part of
the service team; either as a member of the
International Service Team or as a
Leader in the Jamboree Units.

**Applications to join the Australian Contingent are now
open. For more details please visit:**

<https://scouts.com.au/ws2023>

REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

The year is almost over, and what a year it has been. It has been great to hear about all the activities Groups are doing as we return to a somewhat normal situation for the end of the year. Keep making sure that you are getting outdoors, doing amazing things and above all – having fun!

The NSW State Government Building Community Partnership grants are due to be released and I am once again assured that GWS will be the benefit of several thousand dollars in funding to help maintain our halls and campsites. Congratulations to all the recipients of grants. It does surprise me that when Region reached out to Groups to ask if they could spend money on their halls (their wish lists), that only 3 groups responded – that must mean we have a lot of great halls that meet every requirement out there!

Gang Show Auditions are taking place at the start of next month, and I would like to wish everyone auditioning for a role this year good luck! Cumberland Gang Show continues to be the largest and one of the most successful Gang Shows in the country (the most successful in my opinion) and is one of the many great opportunities Scouting offers – I know that the selected cast for the 2022 Show (the first one in 3 years) will take it to the Next Level.

Don't forget about the **2022 Adult Recognition Awards**. The list has been sent out and is made available. I would like to see us make sure as many of our Leaders are rewarded as possible for the great work they do! Neville needs all citations by the 24th January at the latest (but loves getting them earlier as well).

As our teams start to wind down for the year, it is time to start thinking about next year! What does your Group Support Committee look like? Have you arranged for someone to keep the hall and grounds fresh and tidy during the summer break? Have you planned a thank you for your team? Some early planning never goes astray and from everything I can see, it will be a bumper year in 2022!

Dave

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ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2022

Hi Everyone,

It is that time of the year when we should start thinking about nominating someone for a 2022 World Scout Day Adult Recognition Award.

David will send out a list of eligible people in a short time, to Group Leaders and I would ask that you have a look at the list and select someone who deserves an award.

Some Conditions;

- A leader or supporter must have been active for at least 3 years to be nominated for an award.
- A leader or supporter who has received a previous award must have completed a minimum of at least 3 years since that award.
- Nominations for Special Service, Meritorious, Outstanding Service and Silver Wattle Awards, need only a citation in word format, of no more than 1500 characters.
- Nominations for Silver Koala, Silver Emu Distinguished Service, National President's and Silver Kangaroo Awards must have a citation (as in 3 above) plus the National Nomination Form (which will be supplied when received from National).
- All nominations are to be sent to me at neville@greaterwestscouts.com.au as a word document in case changes need to be made. If sent as a PDF, I will return it, as I am not going to retype any documents.

If anyone is interested in a citation writing workshop please advise me via email and I will arrange for it to happen.

The nominations are due with me by close of business on Monday 24th January 2022.

Yours in Scouting

Neville

Neville Henderson OAM JP
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Hey All,

Another month gone and it feels like it hasn't stopped! It's great to see everyone out and about and getting on with Scouting.

I have heard some Groups are making up their own rules when it comes to COVID-19 and Scouting. The only rules that are acceptable are the ones published on the Scouts NSW Website at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus/>

These are based on the NSW Government Public Health Orders and must be followed. If any group has concerns, then please let's have a discussion.

This is also a great time to talk about **Know It. Live It. Log It.** I know I talk about this regularly; however, we need to always keep enforcing the concept. I have recently gotten into the practice of, and have asked the District Commissioners to do the same; that at every meeting, at the same time as Acknowledgement of Country, state the following: Acknowledgement (or similar) *"A reminder that Scouts NSW is committed to safeguarding youth in our care and creating an environment where all our members feel safe, supported and protected. All team members are asked to know it, live it and log it."* Any leader who asks for more information should be directed in the first instance to the State Website, and then to myself for further questions.

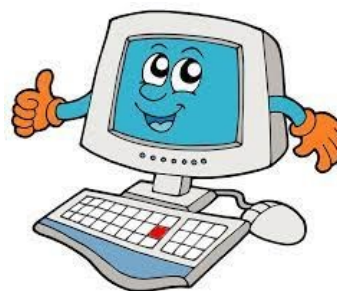
We will be starting back up **Scouts IT Training** in the new year. This will consist of ScoutLink, Operoo, Microsoft 365 and EMS training. We are still looking for more people to support us in this role (thanks to those that responded last month – I haven't forgotten you) – If you think you are able to help, please yell out! Same if you think you are a wiz at Terrain and would love to help increase adoption in the new year.

The Region Calendar is almost done and will be out in the next two weeks. We are trying something new this year and putting everything we have been told about in a booklet you can download and use. It is just taking a little time to collate.

Keep having fun and until next time!

Steve

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SKILLED VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you think you know key Scouting Systems?

- **ScoutLink**
- **Operoo**
- **M365**
- **Terrain**

Are you able to lead a session 3-4 times a year to help teach new leaders about these systems and how to use them?

Then we want you!

GWS is looking for talented and tech savvy people with excellent communication skills to help compliment our existing Operoo and ScoutLink champions.

If you are interested, please send an email to steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au with your name and experience.

Reminder – Fundraising Certificates

A friendly reminder that any fundraising activity requires a fundraising certificate. These certificates are available from the GWS Region Office. When requesting your certificate, please include the date, type of event and coordinator.

Once your event is finished you must return a copy of the certificate to the office ASAP with the total amount raised as well as an income/loss statement for the event. A second copy should be kept with your books for audit.

Any Group which does not return their certificate will be unable to request further certificates at the direction of Branch.



PHILIP DAVID TRISTRAM MATTHEWS

7th November 2021

Aged 84 years

Philip had a long and varied career in life and in his 50 years in Scouting. His job with the Bank of NSW saw him posted around NSW and he continued Scouting in all those locations. His pastime away from banking was Scouting. His list of transfers is testament to his dedication to Scouting!

1st Gordon Group Treasurer 1957 - 58
1st Gordon Assistant Scout Leader 1958 - 59
1st Walgett Scout Leader 1959 - 61
1st Charlestown Scout Leader 1961 - 63
1st Narrabri Senior Scout Leader (Venturers) 1963 - 64
Namoi District District Scout Leader 1964 - 65
1st Taralga Group Leader 1965 - 67
2nd Ainslie (All Saints) Scout Leader 1967 - 68
Central Ku-ring-gai District District Senior Scout Leader 1968 - 72
Central Ku-ring-gai District District Rover Adviser 1972
Central Kur-ring-gai District District Commissioner 1972 - 73
Service Auxiliary and AAC General Duties with Country Area 1973 - 77
Assistant Training Commissioner 1976 - 77
District Leader, Far South Coast 1977 - 79
Penrith District District Treasurer 1981 - 87
Cumberland Area various roles (General Duties, Administration, Treasurer, Special Projects and Honorary Commissioner) 1987 - 1994
Greater Western Sydney Region Regional Treasurer 1996 - 2000
GWS Region Honorary Commissioner 1996 - 2010 at which time he resigned from Scouting.

Philip gained three Wood Badges – Scout 1968, Rover 1971 and LOA 1974.
He attended the 6th, 9th and 10th Australian Jamborees and the 1987 World Jamboree at Cataract.
He was recognised with the Silver Acorn in 1996.

Phillip had no living relatives, his only younger brother having died a few years ago. He passed away after a heavy fall at home and several months in hospital.

Philip will be remembered for his love of, and commitment to Scouting across NSW.





2021

I think we can just about say, we are back to some sort of normality - or at least the new “Post Covid Norm!”

I can now finally talk about some activities we have actually been up to. With all our Abseiling Guides now requalified and keen to get back on the cliffs, our Region Abseiling Team spent a great weekend running an Abseiling Workshop up the mountains, at our normal haunt. Bowen Mountain on the Saturday, and then the slightly more adventurous cliffs at Yellow Rock on the Sunday. Everyone agreed it was good to just “hang” out again, not to mention the great weather also had.

**A Scout conquering a “Ledge” at Yellow Rock.
Photo Stuart Cowen**



On the Saturday of that same weekend, we also ran an Abseiling Upskills Day, with a big thank you to Mick Fry. To maintain competency, and to also upgrade our skills set, all Abseil Guides need to demonstrate skills in vertical rescues. This includes both lowering, and hauling systems, along with demonstrating self-rescue techniques. Much of the focus was also on the setup and use of releasable anchors, which has very much been the focus, following on from the incident, earlier in the year. These are skills we do hope we never have to use, but always great skills to be competent in, when things do not go quite right.



I also had the pleasure of being able to finally meet up, with about 20 other scouts, to update our First Aid Skills. Thank you to Tony Dent and the team from 1st Toongabbie who opened up the Scout Hall for us. I must say some of the training is getting fairly realistic now from mannequins squirting blood to assimilated major trauma. Might be a bit much for those with weak tummies, but it does give you a good appreciate of the real thing! From an activities point of view, First Aid Training is a prerequisite to holding any adventurous activity qualifications.

I do personally believe every Leader should have current First Aid Qualifications.

Our water team was final able to get out again, for at least one day. Spent a great day up at Macquarie Park (Windsor) teaching about 20 participants how to paddle in sort of a straight line. Like Abseiling, we also spent a lot of the day on rescue techniques. This included Self Rescues, ‘T’ Rescues and even covered a bit on Aquatic Rescues. We finished off the day with a short paddle downstream towards South Creek and back. Unfortunately, the weather forecast for the Sunday included storm warnings, meaning we had to cancel the day. This was going to be a 16km paddle from Cattai NP up to Windsor.

Perfecting that 'T' Rescue
Photo Mark Fell



This last month I accepted the resignation of **David (Macca) McKinley**, not just from the Activities Team, but also from Scouts. Macca started his Scout Leader journey back in 1985 with 1st Dural; but with a young family, had to take a step back from Scouting for a number of years, before joining up again in 2004 with 1st Kings Langley.



With a real passion for abseiling, caving, rock climbing and canyoning, Macca started helping on the Region Activities Team for a number of years, before transferring across to become an Activities Leader in 2016. Immensely popular with the youth and his peers alike, there are many young people (and leaders too) who can attribute their rock skills to one of Macca's training workshops.

I know you will all join me in thanking Macca for his incredible dedication and service, not just to the Region Activities Team, but to Scouting itself. He will certainly be missed!

In Macca's own words, "the most important thing in Scouting is the youth!" and we must never forget that!

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Audition for Cumberland Gang Show!

Our 2022 show is shaping up to be Next Level!

Cumberland Gang Show is an incredible opportunity for Scouts and Guides of Western Sydney to learn and refine skills in the performing arts while growing in confidence and having fun.

Our show combines locally and commercially written songs and sketches with amazing choreography, brilliant costumes and technical effects.

We are looking for people aged 8 years or older on 1st Jan 2022 to join in. No experience needed!

Head to our website for more information and to register to audition.

www.gangshow.asn.au

GWS ROVERS

Many Rover Units within GWS have recently jumped at the opportunity to start meeting up in person again - giving everyone more to be excited about than Halloween alone!

In saying that, **Baulkham Hills Rovers** got to celebrate Halloween in person, making biscuits and carving some Jack-o-lanterns.

Earlier in October, **Castle Hill Rovers** had fun tinkering with Lego creations online, with the prompt of "just make something weird" (quoted from Castle Hill's page on facebook).



Kings Langley Rovers tested their Collective geographical knowledge with GeoGuessr; shared information about various hobbies and baked cakes as well as cookies.



VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate **Cassie Fry**, 2nd Baulkham Hills, on achieving her Queen's Scout Award.

Last month we foreshadowed an **Outdoor Adventure Skills Cycling/Mountain Biking Course** and I am pleased to advise it opened for registrations during the week. The course is on **Saturday 27th November** and **registrations close on 25th November**. So if you're interested head to the Events Management System and look for OAS Cycling/Mountain Biking. The course is to be held in the Castlereagh Nature Reserve and is designed to enable Venturers to achieve up to Stage 4 OAS Mountain Biking.

Waratah planning is going full steam ahead, at the later date of **December 10 - 12**, to accommodate the HSC exams and avoid the Bathurst Race.

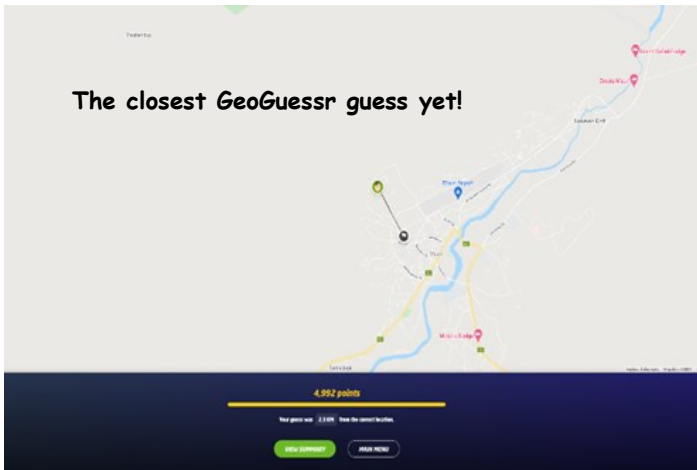
The event this year follows the UK's Dragnet-style chase, covering about 30 km over 36 hours. This event is a proper old-fashioned, no-frills Venturer challenge - the sort that will push you to your physical and emotional limits and the event most of our Rovers reminisce most over!

As I write this, we have 99 Venturers who have put their names down. That's a huge turnout and is very exciting, especially as we have a massive turnout from the Rovers to support the event as well.

Finally, on behalf of the Region Venturer Team I would like to wish all our Venturers doing their HSC all the best for the exams. Hope it all goes well - Waratah couldn't be better timed to see the year out in style.

Yours in Scouting

Brian Nelson
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Be prepared for more on Facebook, Instagram and the Bulletin from the Rovers of GWS, as Region moves back into in-person meetings.

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GWS REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST 18/10/2021 TO 25/10/2021

RESIGNATIONS

BARTER, Ian Trainee Ldr (CS)
1st Kings Langley Cub Pack *Impeesa*

CLASIE, Hannah ASL
2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop

SMITH, Ross RL (Act) GWSR
ASL-DA 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop

JOTA/JOTI 2021 GWSR

This year with the impact of Covid-19 we decided to go with a virtual JOTA/JOTI. Normally we like to have face to face, hands on activities for Scouts such as using an amateur radio to talk to other Scouts/Guides in other locations, even overseas; or building an electronic kit; chatting over the Internet or finding a hidden electronic beacon. Much of this was not going to be possible and we wondered what or how we could do it.

Chatting with Scouts and Guides was still possible, as a Scout could easily do it from a computer at home. One of the leaders, James Goh "Sonar" (amateur radio call sign VK2GOH), ACSL 2nd Panania Scout Group, came up with some ideas that we could use. Some of these included a virtual Battleship game; Scouting @ Home activities; listening to the opening address by the Governor General and listening to the amateur radio weekly broadcast. We also had opportunities for Scouts to join in with activities run by the JOTA/JOTI team in the World Scout Organisation Movement (WOSM).

This became an event involving Scouts and Leaders from GWS, Hume, South Metropolitan Regions and a patrol of Scouts from 1st Tamborine Bay Sea Scouts. From our Region we had Scouts, Cubs and Joeys from Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Hills, Holroyd Parramatta (including the Western Sydney BLIA group), and Penrith Districts. We also had leader assistance from the Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship in managing patrols in the Battleship games.

The team of leaders involved with organising was James Goh (South Met), Brett Nicholas (GWS leader and National JOTA/JOTI Co-ordinator), Pete Cherry (Hume Region), Robin Garrett (GWS Region). Input and assistance from Scouts Alec Cherry, Beth and Tim Nicholas was also appreciated.

One of the Scouting @ Home activities was an Escape Room activity run by two of our Rovers, Hugh Crawford and Natasha Lette both from Blacktown Rovers. Another was a presentation by Chris Ward, Activities Leader in South Met Region, on his experiences working in Antarctica which was very interesting and ran over time due to the high interest.

The Battleship game was very popular, where Scouts would be in a Zoom meeting with other Scouts, Leaders and amateur radio operators. Scouts would play a game of Battleship against each other by passing attack co-ordinates and hit/miss results via the amateur radio operator network. This gave Scouts the opportunity to hear the radio message passing protocol used by amateur radio operators. Besides it was cool to have

sunk the other Patrols ships! Over the weekend we hosted five Battleship games. Leaders from various groups assisted including the BLIA groups in our region and South Met Region. Blue Mountains Fellowship, who usually organise the Joey and Cub JOTA with the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club, also provided leaders. (Thanks Mary-Jane Allen).

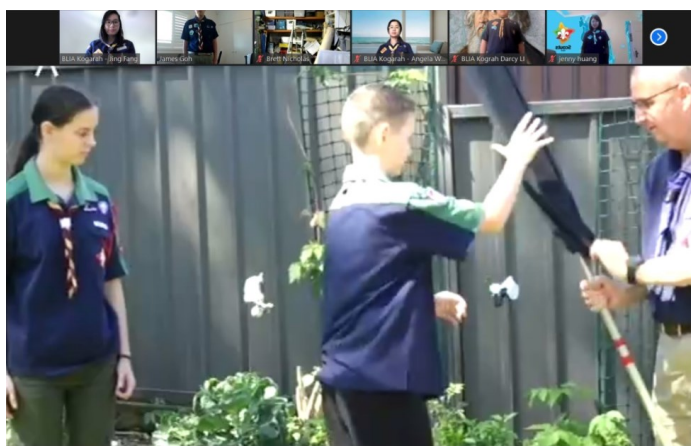
Radio operators for this activity came from various radio clubs across Sydney, most of whom are members of the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club (BMARC). The secretary of the club, Irene van Ekris (VK2VAN) ran the Zoom meetings for the Battleship games. Another radio operator was Tim Cupitt (VK2FACF) a Venturer with 1st Kellyville Venturers.

**Robin Garrett "Batman"
Honorary Commissioner (Scouts)**



Example of a radio operator and leader, Robin "Batman" Garrett (VK2HRG), running a Battleship game. Venturer Tim Cupitt (VK2FACF) can be seen in the background Zoom session.

Photo by John Leahy



Flag Ceremony via Zoom with Tim (VK2TBN) and Beth (VK2BJN) Nicholas with leader Brett "Doc" Nicholas (VK2BNN), DSL Holroyd District and National JOTA/JOTI Coordinator. Tim and Beth are both licensed operators.

SCIENCE REPORT

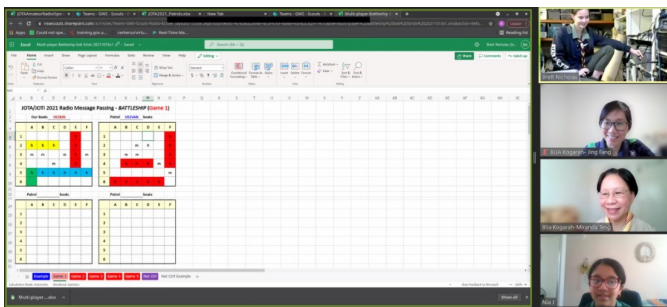
This year's JOTA was mainly 'On The Internet' (but also 'Over The Air') due to Covid, and was organised by James Goh (South Met), Brett Nicholas (GWS Leader and National JOTA/JOTI Coordinator), Pete Cherry (Hume Region), and Robin Garrett "Batman" (GWSR). They programmed talks and games for the weekend, and it turned out really well.

I joined Robin in his garage 'shack' for a few hours on Saturday afternoon and heard the Antarctica talk by Chris Ward, Activities Leader in South Met Region. I learnt about Black Ice and how it is formed, how to recover your tracked vehicle from a snow covered crevice or when it breaks through the sea ice, and what you do for recreation in a snow covered environment. Lots of photos of stunning sunsets and aurora displays.

The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club (BMARC) was involved in the Battle Ship game and other broadcasts which you can read about in Batman's comprehensive report.



Zoom Battleship Game with Cubs, Joeys Scouts, leaders and radio operators.



Another Battleship game with on screen results of almost sinking a Patrol's entire fleet!

Karl Humphreys monitored the JOTA frequencies over the weekend and didn't hear any better organised programs, only a few brief transmissions, so I think our Sydney Leaders and James Goh in particular, are due a round of applause....er...**BRAVO** (sorry Meredith).

Bravo!

1st Kings Langley Cubs

We marked break-out day, 1st November, by launching Water Rockets with KL Cubs. Andy and I were kept busy all evening attending to leaks and missing fins, and Brendan's Leaders helped out with the Pop Rocket, Big Frisbee, and refilling the rocket fuel bucket - even their GL stayed to join in the fun.

We had time to reconnoitre the oval in the daylight and found a water tap on the outside of the amenities block at the oval. We discovered that one of the Leaders had a security tap opener, so that reduced the effort to refuel. (Normally that would not be a problem as Karl has one of everything we need to get the job done)!

An enthusiastic group of young Cubs and lots of girls, (so it seemed to me; or have I been away too long)? Anyway they assured Brendan they had enjoyed the evening and that's what counts. Last time we were here it was just before the second lockdown, for the Glow Germs activity, another fun night.

John Leahy
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SCOUT REPORT

Almost Christmastime!

Congratulations to **Zach McKeon (1st Kellyville)** on achieving his ASM! Thank you so much for the invitation. Unfortunately I was unable to attend at the last minute!

Congratulations to the **JOTA/JOTI Team**. You did an amazing job over the weekend. Thank you especially to Brett Nicholas and Robin Garrett for organising so much over the weekend. Kudos also goes out to Natasha Lette and Hugh Crawford who successfully ran the escape room. Thank you for stepping up. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the Scouts did.

Don't forget:

We have booked Berrima Scout camp for our **Region Unit Council Camp**. The event is open on our EMS: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/472>

This Camp is open to all PLs and APLs and of course Leaders of GWS. This camp is to kick start the new year with planning and socialising for Unit Councils within Units, Districts and the Region.

We are all in planning mode for 2023.

- **Region Mindari Camp March 4 - 6**
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/458>
- **BSLC April 1 - 3**
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/473>
- **Jamborette June 9 - 12**
'The Might of Mythology!'
- **State Rally August 5 - 7** at Cataract Scout Park
- **Advanced Scout Leadership Course September 17 - 19**
- **BSLC October 28 - 30**
<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/474>

With only 4 or 5 weeks of the Scouting season left, I know everyone is busy trying to fit everything in. Remember to take a breath and enjoy the moment. Everyone has had such a stressful year we don't need to make it more so for ourselves. Sit in nature for half an hour. Listen to your surrounds. Be still. Be calm and heal.

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Another month has flown by, and we are beginning to see each other out and about at activities. I would like to congratulate you all for the magnificent effort that you sustained as we continued Scouting through this changing times.

I hope those of you who joined in with **JOTA JOTI and The Great SCOUTdoors** enjoyed these activities and I look forward to hearing and seeing more engagement in some of the initiatives on offer in 2022.

As we look to 2022, there will be plenty of great adventures - we have multiple **Cub Scout Leadership Courses** planned, as well as our **Region Cuborette**. We hope to have some alpine adventures and experiences later in the year, as we support **The Last Great First** in their citizen science, climate research, extreme adventure across Antarctica.

More details about **Cuborette**, including registration links, will be shared in the coming weeks with Cub Scout Leaders. Speaking of Cuborette, would you like to design our badge?

Design a Badge: Our Region Cuborette is planned to run March 25 - 27, 2022, but we need a badge design! Our theme is "Welcome to the Jungle", so that can be used as inspiration for the badge. We look forward to seeing your designs. Please email submissions to emma.watson@nsw.scouts.com.au

Submissions close Friday 10th December 2021.

Congratulations to our recent Grey Wolf recipients Aiden, Alexander and Tyler - what a fantastic effort and a highlight for 2021 for you all.

As we head towards the conclusion of 2021, I hope you each are planning some great activities to end the year with, and have started to think about what adventures 2022 might bring for you.

Emma

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JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are having fun with your units and are discovering adventure wherever you are!

Congratulations to **Logan from 1st Toongabbie** who earned his Joey Scout Promise Award. Logan had a great celebration with his Group where he also got to continue his adventure up to Cubs! **HOP HOP HOP Logan**

A reminder that **Badge Designs** (Both Youth and Leader) for the **2022 Joey Scout Fun Day close on the 5th December 2021**. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of great badges as we get set to join the Eco tribe.

Everything else has been quiet this month, but rest assured the Joey Scout team are working together to ensure we have a great 2022!

Kelly

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Joey Scout Fun Day Join the EarthTribe! Badge Design Competition

Joey Scout Fun Day is back in 2022 and we want you to design the blanket badge!

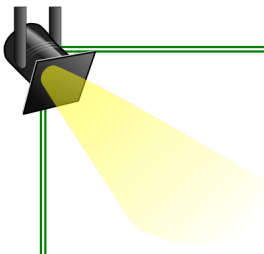
The theme for the next Joey Scout Fun Day is Join the earthtribe and is built around the World Scout Earthtribe Initiative.

(Check out <https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/international/earthtribe/>)

Your badge must:

- Be inline with the theme!
- Not mention a location or year.
- Be sent to Kanga (kelly.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au)
- Be received by the 5th December 2021





Spotlight On.... RISK ASSESSMENTS

Scouts have always needed to do risk assessments, however the ****ahem**** spotlight has never been more on our processes than this year.

When do I need to do a Risk Assessment?

Every activity needs a risk assessment. For activities at our hall; we tend to do a mental assessment in our heads to make sure we have covered off any potential issues that may do harm to a participant or spectator. We also have a standard risk assessment that should be on display in every hall. For activities away from the hall, especially those that include adventurous or overnight activities, we need to complete a more formal risk assessment.

How can I get a Risk Assessment Form?

The Scouts NSW Risk Assessment template is available from the forms page at Scouts NSW <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/state-forms/> The forms are numbered:

HS18.2 – This is the form for section activities. It uses a smaller (3x3) grid for determining the risk.

HS18.1 – This is a form for group activities and larger. It uses a standard (5x5) grid for determining the risk.

How do I determine the Risk?

To determine a risk, we look at the:

- Task or Activity being assessed – what are we doing – include each step on a new line? E.g. Setting up a tent.
- Hazards – what could go wrong (trips, falls, injuries)? E.g. Trip over materials, hit hand with hammer. There could be multiple hazards per task or activity.
- What is the Risk Level– What is the impact to the person or organisation? There is a table at the top of the form that lists the risk levels. For our example, hitting our hand with a hammer is going to hurt, and there may be some damage, so we are going to say moderate. I am quite clumsy, so it is a likely chance that I will hit my hand. This gives us a risk level of High (H) when using the 3x3 grid.
- We then look at how we can make the risk safer. (Mitigate the risk). In this case we can make it safer through supervision and using a rubber mallet instead of a hammer.
- Taking into account our mitigation, we re-assess the risk. Since we are supervising the youth and using a more friendly tool, this will make it less dangerous and so it is only a minor consequence which drops our risk level to Medium (M). We may not always reduce a risk, and that is OK, provided we have taken all reasonable steps.
- In the last person, we allocate the person who will be responsible for putting our mitigations in place. This should be the person who will make sure the risk is managed.

What do I do with the Risk Assessment?

You should submit a copy of your Risk Assessment with your E1 form to activities@greaterwestscouts.com.au You should also have a copy with you on display at your camp or activity.

Where Can I Reach Out for Help?

Your Group Leader or District Commissioner should be able to provide assistance.

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

Contact Lists and Signatures

To Change Your Signature

1. From within your e-mail account (I am using a browser window), click on the COG icon in the top right of the screen.
2. At the bottom of the menu on the right of the Screen, Click on View All Outlook Settings. A window will open up.
3. Under the mail option, click on Compose and Reply.
4. You will see the section where you can edit your signature.
5. Click on Save to save your changes.

You can also set up multiple signatures. This is handy if you have multiple roles in Scouting and want to use different signatures for each role.

To Create a Contact List in Outlook

1. From within your e-mail account (I am using a browser window), click on Groups at the bottom left of the screen.
2. Click on Manage Groups and a new Window will open.
3. At the top, you will see a button called New Contact with a Down Arrow next to it. Click on the Down Arrow and then click New Contact List from the dropdown.
4. A new window will open up, give your list a name and then start entering the people you want on your list. If you use Scouts NSW addresses, they will automatically add below the text box. Non Scouting Addresses: you will need to click add after entering the email address.
5. Click create to create your list.
6. When creating an email, enter your list name in the to or cc box and it will send to them.

**Remember that all members of Scouts NSW over the age of 18 MUST use their Scouts NSW Email address for correspondence.
We cannot send to personal addresses for members over the age of 18.**

A Note from the Editor

There will be a December edition of The Bulletin.

Please ensure all your articles and requests for publishing are with the Editor by December 10, 2020, thank you.



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