



The Bulletin

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2021 GWS Region Awards Presentation



All recipients, their guests
and other members of Scouting
are invited to attend.

When

Sunday 13th March 2022
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Where

Bundilla Scout Camp



For further information and to register visit
www.events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/459

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1st Hazelbrook Scout Group Turns 100!

Unfortunately our Centenary Celebration scheduled for **March 20, 2022** has been postponed, due to Covid restrictions. Our apologies to anyone who may be inconvenienced by this.

**The new date is set for
October 16, 2022
10:00am to 2:00pm**

**1st Hazelbrook Scout Hall
Railway Parade, Hazelbrook**

If you have any memorabilia, or would like to be involved, please email

1sthazelbrookscouts@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing many of you help us celebrate this very special milestone!

GWS REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST 17/01/2022 - 7/02/2022

APPOINTMENTS

PEBERDY, David

From SL-P 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
To ASL 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop

WOOD, Robert

From ASL 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
To SL 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop

PAN, Wen

Trainee Ldr (S)
Western Sydney (BLIA) Scout Troop *Chatswood*

TOH, Hwee May

Trainee Ldr (CS)
Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack *Chatswood*

RESIGNATIONS

ODEA, Raymond Trainee Leader (S)
2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop



Congratulations to Patricia Shaw, who has been appointed as a Life Councillor, Scouts NSW.

Patricia was presented with a glass plaque and certificate to commemorate her appointment at the Gala Dinner on December 11, 2021.

L to R: Andrew Lock OAM, Peter Stieme, Patricia Shaw, Gabie Thompson, Neville Henderson OAM and Neville Tomkins OAM

REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to what is going to be another great year of Scouting! I hope that this year allows you many opportunities to get outdoors, deliver great programs and enjoy the most of your Scouting experience. There are plenty of great experiences coming up and I encourage you to take advantage of every one of them.

Annual Report Presentation (ARP) season is coming up and now is the time to start planning your event. Think about how you want to sell your Group and don't forget to invite local politicians, community leaders and other people influential to your Group – your ARP is the chance to showcase Scouting and all that we do (even when we can't do much). Your paperwork and dates must be at the Region Office before the 1st March 2022 and this year, there are no exceptions.

I would like to give a big thanks to the Region Rover Council who have recently arranged a working bee at Bundilla. We have been steadily working over the last few years to improve the campsite and facilities, and at their service weekend, the Rovers carried out many tasks that needed doing, to ensure Bundilla remains clean and tidy.

We have been advised that the next round of the Community Building Partnership Grants will be opening soon. This grant is for infrastructure projects between \$5,000 and \$150,000 with an average grant of around \$20,000. Scouts NSW has been successful in the past with this grant and I urge all groups to consider what they could apply for.

Our Region Awards Day for 2021 will be held on the 13th March 2022. This day is a great day to catch up with everyone and share in the achievements of our adult members. Like the 2020 ceremony, we will be holding this event outdoors on the parade ground at Bundilla. Applications are now open on Scout Event.

Enjoy your Scouting, take lots of photos and have fun.

Till Next Time

Dave

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Shirley Robinson

3rd June 1930 - 3rd February 2022

Shirley Robinson started her Scouting journey at 1st Greystanes in 1974, where she ran an active Cub Pack for many years. In 1991, Shirley transferred to District Cub Scout Leader for Holroyd District where she supported many leaders and led them in many fun activities.

In 1996 Shirley became a Region Advisor to the Cub Scout section in GWS Region. Many Leaders and Cubs have enjoyed Shirley's home baked treats; her fun way of playing a game or doing a handcraft or taking part in an hilarious activity Shirley had devised. She was always coming up with new ideas to run with at Palavers; Palanees; Cub Fun Days; Cub Scout Leadership Courses and numerous other Scouting events.

Shirley was a member of the inaugural NSW Cuboree team in 2003 when six leaders met to decide how they could make a State event happen. Shirley also attended the 2005, 2007, 2011 & 2014 NSW Cuborees where she was in the thick of the fun activities. She was also part of the 1st NSW State Palaver team in 2012, and again in 2015.

Shirley was recognised for her support and dedication to Scouts; achieving a Certificate of Good Service in 1982; the Medal of Merit in 1989; Bar to the Medal of Merit in 1995; the Silver Koala in 2000; Silver Emu in 2005 and Silver Kangaroo in 2011. In 2014, Shirley was awarded her 40 years Long Service Award!

Shirley was always fun to be around; ready to share her ideas with all; ready with a smile and a hug and to offer her support whenever needed. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.



*Our deepest sympathy is extended to
Vicki and Tim
and their Families.*

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you had a great Christmas and time away with your loved ones.

Unfortunately, despite it being a new year, we are still dealing with COVID. There has been a fundamental shift in the community perception that we now need to live as normally as possible while dealing with COVID and this is the approach that Scouting is taking. There is very little that we cannot do without a bit of forethought and preparation; if you are not sure, please reach out and we can help. A summary of the current rules is published in this month's Bulletin.

ARP Season is upon us, and it is very important that we ensure we complete all requirements we are required to. An email was sent to all Group Leaders, Rover Unit Leaders & Fellowship Chairs with the details. If you did not get this, please let me know. The biggest thing is that if you need help meeting the requirements, please reach out and we will do our best to assist you.

Last Bulletin, we started advertising an event called **Kickstart 2022**. We are still keen to run this event (possibly under a different name) later this year and will provide some more information on this once we have finalised details. I have also been talking with the State Mental Health First Aid Committee and we will be looking to run some training courses this year.

The Region Property Team is gearing up to recommence property assessments. If you are contacted by the Property Team, please be aware that it is not an inspection on how well you manage your property. What we are looking for are any major issues that need addressing (that we can help you with), as well as suggestions for improvements or areas of concern across the whole Region.

It has been great to hear about the number of people who have been working on completing their **Youth Safe Advocates (YSA) Modules**. This extra training helps us to provide assistance across the Region in ensuring we remain a premium safe place institution for our youth.

Finally, a reminder, that we all abide by a **code of conduct in Scouting**. As a regular reminder, I have started putting this text in the welcome for each of my meetings, and I ask that all meetings in the Region do the same. "We would also like to acknowledge that Scouts NSW is a safe environment where all members are supported and protected. Our members abide by our Code of Conduct and the Scout Promise and Law. Our members Know It. Live It and Log it."

Thanks Everyone and have a Great Year!

Steve

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TECH STUFF – ONLINE FORMS

Scouts NSW has been slowly moving to online forms to assist with processing and retention of data.

What forms are online?

At the time of writing this article, online forms are available for Youth Member; Adult Member and Adult Helper Applications as well as Rover Scout Applications for Crews that are on Operoo. Our WHS Form; Scout Hall Inspection Checklist and Group Asset Checklist are also available as online forms.

How do I access online forms?

The forms themselves are available from the Forms Page of the Scouts NSW Website
<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/state-forms/>

What do I need to access these forms?

All you need to access these forms is a web browser. The forms work in most modern browsers including on Computers, Laptops, Tablets and Phones.

How do I access these forms once submitted?

Once submitted, Membership forms are processed into ScoutLink and can be accessed by the Group Leader or LIC. A copy of the information submitted for the WHS and Property Forms will be sent via email to the person who submitted the forms or you can email Region Office for a copy of the information submitted.



TRAINING REPORT

Training had a transformation back 12 months ago, to align with the changes in the Youth Program.

It was published at the time that Trainees either had to change over to the New Curriculum or, if they were close to completion, finish the final parts to completion, and be appointed by the end of 2021.

We are now completely in the New System and that means the completion of Training has to be in the New System.

The Training Pathways Overview shows the steps to become a fully Trained Leader, and at which point you are a Basic Trained Leader and appointed, and then when you become a Wood Badged Leader.

If you have any questions, send an email to training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REPORT

With Covid lockdowns and Scouting going online, plus all the difficulties of normal being thrown at us all, there has been a good number of Leaders and Youth that have gone the extra effort to keep Scouting as a focus on those who need support, and with that I would like to Thank a special Leader who has done so much in the Area of Diversity and Inclusion for many years.

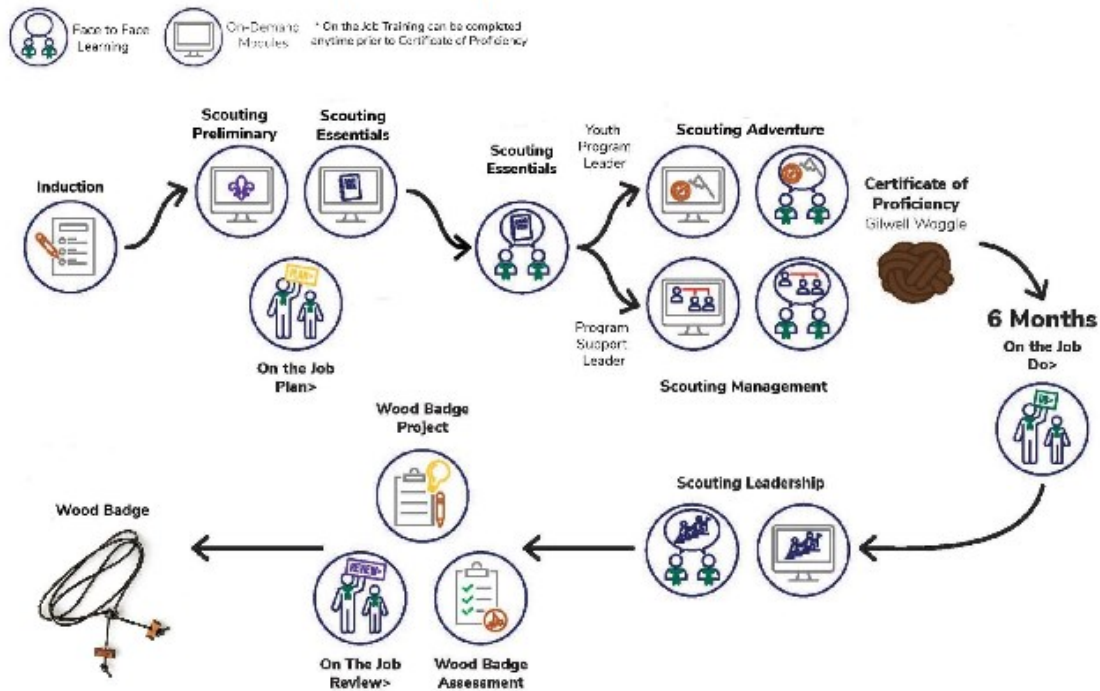
Cassie Rec, has now stood down from her Region responsibilities and decided to support her home Group, as the Assistant Group Leader.

Cassie has been such an outstanding support in this part of Scouting, that she will be sadly missed from the role; but we also are happy she has decided to take on another challenge and by no means is it any less of a challenge to what she has done for the Region.



Good Luck and Well Done, Cassie. I know we will still see you from time to time, and we'll be able to have a good chat when we do.

Overview of Your Training Pathway



Cumberland Gang Show



Let me share with you a bit of a story....

When I first took on the RC Activities role, I was very pleased to discover that Gang Show came under the 'Activities' Portfolio; at the time, and having already been involved with Gang Show for a number of years, it did reinforce the fact to me, that *Activities* really does cover a myriad of opportunities and experiences. What I want to do is open up some new opportunities to each of you!

COVID has not been kind to us, with the show being cancelled the last 2 years.

While this has had a huge effect on everyone involved, there is a bit of a philosophy in Gang Show,
"That you do not give up on something you truly believe in!".

This year we are all systems go, for a more condensed show over 6 performances at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Over the next few months, you will see information coming out about ticket sales etc. and I certainly encourage you all to keep an eye out for that.

However, my focus is going to be more on the **behind-the-scenes action**. Each month I will provide you with an update on where we are up to. *Activities* is not just abseiling, canoeing and hiking!

Would you believe there are more 'activity' opportunities within Gang Show than any of the other Region Activities combined?

Let's start with **Production** which covers things like Music, Orchestra, Choreography, Creativity; Then there is the **Technical** side of the show. This includes, Stage, Audio, Cueing, Handprops, Videoing, Lighting, Loft & Fly Tower, set construction, (*where I started out*), set painting, special effects, makeup, wardrobe and transport. **Admin & Welfare** which includes First Aid, Catering, Personnel, Human Resources etc. and finally **Promotions & Marketing** for all you budding sales gurus; which includes Ticket Sales, Workshops and of course *Gangway*, an information newsletter, which comes out weekly during rehearsals. **Two questions to consider!**

Do I have a particular skill which I could share?

Is there a skill set I would love to learn more about?

**Two quite different approaches to consider, but with a common goal at the end.
The satisfaction of being part of a something quite special.**

So, whether as an individual, a unit or group; if there is something here that has sparked some interest, give me a ring, or flick me an email. Happy to talk further and I can also point you in the right direction, to the best person to speak with, for more information.

For me, I was just a Dad (and a Scout Leader), with a few trade skills. **Yes, I could offer something, but it is nothing in comparison to what I have learned and experienced since joining Cumberland Gang Show.**

This could be the start of your next **real** adventure!

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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



Welcome back for 2022. Yes, it certainly has been an interesting start to the year, however I should not complain. Already this month I have spent a couple of days on the Climbing Wall; helped out on what I reckon is the best Scout Flying Fox in the State and also did an overnight Canoe Trip. Not bad for the first week of 2022!

It was an absolute pleasure to be part the Time Warp Camp, run by Golden West Region, out at Lake Canobolas (Orange) for 5 days. This camp involved about 300 Youth members, from as far afield as Broken Hill; and with most youth members not having experienced a camp for close on 2 years. There were certainly some nervous leaders in the weeks leading up to the event. "...was this going to become just another COVID-19 cancellation statistic!"

Golden West Region covers a big area of NSW, and being so spread out, they do not have the activity skill set resources, which we all enjoy within GWS. It was a pleasure to be able send out a team from GWS, to offer our support.

Big thank you to Quentin Napier our resident Foxer who, as always, was in his absolute element running the onsite Fox.

To Ben Gross and Bryan Hall who spent much of the time on the water at Lake Canobolas, as well as taking a group on an overnight Canoe Trip down the Lachlan River, which I was also able to participate in. Of course, no Camp would be the same without our Science Team, with both John Leahy and Andy Jenkinson playing around with water rockets and other fascinating scientific implements.



The mighty Lachlan River certainly gave us a few challenges! Photos: Mark Fell

Hopefully now, as we start to realise that COVID-19 is going to be something we will all just need to live with, the gates will open up, as far as Adventurous Activities go. Already, I am seeing numerous notifications coming through for an array of great activities happening within the Region.

Unfortunately, one activity we will not see a lot of now is the Mobile Climbing Wall. I have been advised by Scouts NSW that the State Climbing Wall is going to reside up in Northern NSW, on a more permanent basis. While the Climbing Wall has always been a great draw card for many Scouting events, the maintenance and compliance costs far exceed any income the wall has generated, making it a significant financial liability. One of the local Groups is going to take over the running and maintenance of the wall, which will mean its availability for ourselves here in Sydney, will be very much limited.

Let's now just focus on what we can do! The last two years have been pretty tough for all. Look at what we can do. What we can achieve! Time to get out and have some real fun!

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

Welcome to 2022!

Hopefully by now, you are well back into Scouting; having had the opportunity to rest, relax and recuperate in December/January.

I would love to have said I followed my own advice, but I did not! My last two months have been filled with Scouting, and I had the pleasure of learning how major events can run in the context of COVID-19 and with changing restrictions. I spent 15 days with 4,500 fellow Scouts camped at Elmore Field Days site in northern Victoria as part of VicJam, the Victorian replacement event for the Australian Jamboree. At maximum numbers, we had approximately 4,500 camped, and saw another 3,000 visitors across the 10-day event duration. If anything, it has inspired many to consider that we can do anything and everything, with the right measures in place. Enough about me!

REGION CUBORETTE

Speaking of major events, preparations are gearing up for Region Cuborette – March 25-27.

➤ Badge submissions

Late last year I called for badge ideas and submissions, but technology did not aid me in that. The theme is **'Welcome to the Jungle'** and if you know someone who would be keen to design the badge, then please get them to email me their proposal! We need to get the badges ordered; so any received prior to February 28 will be considered, but no guarantees thereafter.

➤ Adult Guide

As we prepare for Cuborette, more information will become available. To get us started, click on [this link](#) to view the Handbook we are pulling together. This will be progressively updated as we get closer to the event, so please treat it as a live document that is continuously being worked on; and therefore don't assume that everything is there yet!

➤ Registrations

Don't forget that registrations close February 26: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/524>

CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSES

We have planned a number of courses to run throughout 2022. The first was scheduled for February 26, however we held off advertising until we had confirmation that we could run this safely. At the time

of writing, this course is likely to proceed with capped numbers, so please keep an eye out for the event registration.

I hope you all enjoy getting back out doing Scouting activities and I hope to see you at an event or activity in the not-to-distant future.

Happy Scouting!

Emma

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SCIENCE REPORT

GWS Science Team Does the Time Warp

During the first week of January, John and Andy attended the Golden West Region Summer **Time Warp Camp** at Orange. This was an all-section camp that was attended by 280 youth members and a gaggle of leaders who made Camp Canobolas home between the 2nd and 8th of January 2022.

Armed with a carload of science related activities, a home was soon located in the Cub Hut. The camp was different in structure to many typical events and had staggered attendance by Scouts, Venturers, Cubs and Joeys throughout the week.

Water Rockets were a favourite and launched most days. These are not just any water rockets but a highly evolved ballistic system. Unfortunately, someone had erected a tent city in our drop zone. Scouts had a lot of fun launching the rockets in their direction and occasionally one landed in a campsite or on a tent even though we took care to only launch at low power. A couple of rockets disappeared forever into trees and long grass when wind gusts misdirected them!



Inside the hut we had different themed activities each day. We had the pleasure of help from Christine, a Scout Leader from 1st Narrabri West Scout Group and a fellow science enthusiast; and on most days, we shared the presentation duties around.

Monday saw Scouts investigating **Antigravity** exploring a range of devices that seemed to defy gravity right before their eyes. They were also challenged by the popular **Laser Reflector Bats** team game. One Scout holds a tall pole with table tennis bat that has been fitted with a laser emitter and other members of their patrol have similar tall poles with bats that have a reflector in the middle of them.



We rounded the week off with a revisit of the Anti-Gravity activities indoors as the weather had become a bit wet.

This didn't deter a strong contingent of Venturers who made **Candy Rockets** on Friday evening. This activity was after closing parade which was brought forward due to an impending storm. Although the dark and menacing sky should have been enough warning for any sensible individuals but no... we found a place to pack the rockets, attach their sticks and fuses and off to the parade area to launch them - storm almost upon us... but we had a dual lighter malfunction and while we were waiting for a replacement, the storm hit! We ran for cover, all the while holding small rockets and regrouped under a gazebo tent that had been the craft base during the week.

What a bizarre end to a week's camp; trying to fire rockets in pouring rain from under a tent. We did make the not so scientific conclusion that water and candy rockets don't go well together, with only a single successful firing: Yeah – Marcus he's the real Rocket Man!

If you would like the science team to visit your group you can contact us here john.scoutleahy@gmail.com or andy.jenkinson@nsw.scouts.com.au

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The challenge is to direct the laser beam onto a target mounted on the wall using three reflections. This is great at fostering teamwork as well as making the properties of lasers fairly apparent.

Tuesday was filled with Scouts launching more rockets in the direction of their campsites and **making D Cells** from scratch. This rather messy activity involves packing a cell casing with "mix" but it is mostly soot. It is insidious stuff and got everywhere, despite a small amount of care in handling.

The camp was besieged by Cubs from **Wednesday** and our rockets had to dodge cars as well as tents. As this turned out to be a bit risky, we retreated to indoors where Cubs were able to investigate **Arcs and Sparks** with a static electricity themed base.

On **Thursday** new Joey arrivals made *slime*; investigated simple chemistry and the rockets continued to fly for Cubs and Joeys!

SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to another fun filled, action packed year. We all hope this year will go off without a hitch! I know a few groups went out over the holidays; planning family camps; Kellereer; scuba diving; snorkelling and lots more.

We ran our very first **Region Unit Council Camp** at the beginning of the month. It was a great weekend, although we only had 5 units represented out of the whole Region. It was a disappointing effort on behalf of the Scouts. For those that did attend, they had a great time canoeing; stand up paddle boarding; archery and planning for the terms ahead. The rain did stop us from having a campfire but did not dampen our spirits. I would like to thank the Leaders who attended - I believe it was helpful for all involved to hold the weekend. We hope to run the course again next year with more in attendance.



Our **Mindari camp** is coming up on **4-6 March**. This camp is for Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Trainee Leaders.

Training sessions we hope to include are:

- 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

Dinner will be provided on the Saturday night for those camping.

Register at:

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/458>

We also have our **Basic Scout Leadership course** running on **April 1-3**. Register your Scouts at: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/473>

The BSLC teaches Scouts leadership skills in a hands on environment. This course is designed for 12 and 13 year old Scouts who are looking at becoming or who are already a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. There will be many sessions on the weekend.

This course is also designed for new leaders and leaders in training. These leaders can be a participant, present sessions that interest them or just help out and listen in on the sessions. Either way it is a great opportunity to learn the ways of Scouting.

The Cuborette team have asked us to provide an activity for them over the weekend of **March 25-27**.

If you would like to help out with an activity or indeed have your unit run a base, please register at: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/524>

Jamborette is open!!!

Welcome to the **'The Might of Mythology!'**

Register you unit now at:

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/558>

The camp runs from Friday evening until 2:00pm Monday afternoon and will be held at Cataract Scout Park near Appin. This year, participants will explore the might of the myths that make up the cultures around our world and beyond! Think the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, King Arthur, Atlantis, The Great Dragons and much more - who knows what is around the corner...

Who can attend?

The event is open to all Cubs Scouts aged 10.5 by June 11, 2022; Scout Aged participants (11 to 15) who are registered with or transitioning into a Scout Unit at the time of the event. Venturers, Rovers, Leaders & Fellowship members are welcome to attend and asked to put together some amazing activities for the weekend.

We strongly encourage groups outside of Greater Western Sydney Region to apply to attend the event and we would love to have you join us subject to COVID requirements and overall numbers of the event.

Activity Bases

Each district/group/unit who wishes to run an activity base should download the attached Activity Plan and Risk Assessment forms from the documents section above. These documents must be filled out and e-mailed back to Jamborette by the closing date. Make sure that your Risk Assessment includes items that cover how your base will run under COVID-19 restrictions.

Think about things like physical distancing; wiping down equipment and surfaces between users; avoiding eating challenges etc.

Remember if you get stuck, that is OK, just reach out and ask!

Each Scout section District is asked to provide 2 bases per district if leader numbers allow.

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VENTURERS REPORT

I would like to congratulate Mitchell Vanderjagt and Khushi Gudipati from 1st Westmead; Mei-Lin Meyers of 1st Dural Rover Crew; Connor Williams from 1st North Rocks and Natasha Ball and Jade Evans from 1st Ermington on achieving their Queen's Scout Award.

Venturers got off to an early start this year with attendances at two bushwalking activities and a mountain bike training workshop conducted by Matthew Vella and Andrew Cross in January. We had about 10 youth from Scouts and Venturers attend the MTB workshop. The workshop was designed to cover off a number of the "I can" statements for level 4 and 5 OAS. Thanks to Matthew and Andrew for putting this activity together.

Planning is underway for the year with the Region Team meeting already to prepare for our Youth Council meeting on 24th February.

Registrations are already open for Dragon Skin and the Waratah debrief meeting was held during January.

A lot of activities are starting to get going now. Rock, bushwalking and water activities are being planned. Scouts Water Activities Sydney Harbour (SWASH) are conducting training in canoes; sailing & power boats and attendees are invited to assist with activities run by SWASH. The same applies to GWS adventurous activities. We have also been invited to attend the GWS Cuborette in late March at Camp Ku-Ring-Gai (see Scout Event for information on GWS run events).

With the move to the new youth program, we will not be running Unit Management this year but plan to run an Initiative-style event as well as the Leadership course in May and August.

The GWS Region Awards Presentation on 13 March is our next event and I look forward to seeing our Queen's Scout Awardees from 2020 and 2021 there.

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*Don't forget
to do
something
very special for
Founder's Day.*

*If it wasn't for
BP's vision
there would be
no Scouting!
22/02/2022*

LORD ROBERT
BADEN-POWELL

February 22, 1857 -
January 8, 1941

Chief Scout
of the World



PEAK AWARDS



GREY WOLF AWARD

BENJAMIN DAVIS

1st Blaxland

LUCAS McKEON

1st Kellyville



AUSTRALIAN SCOUT AWARD

LUCAS BURNS

1st North Rocks

AAMIR MOONIM

1st Westmead

ZARAN MORTIMER

2nd Kings Langley



QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD

CONNOR WILLIAMS

1st North Rocks

NATASHA BALL

1st Ermington

JADE EVANS

1st Ermington

KHUSHI GUDIPATI

1st Westmead

MITCHELL VANDERJAGT

1st Westmead

MEI-LIN MEYERS

1st Dural Rover Crew

BR.AVO!

GWS ROVERS

December of 2021, was a memorable month to cap off the year for Rovers; with hope growing for 2022 and the possibilities it may bring.

Many Units made the most of the opportunities in December.



Merrylands Rovers grabbed the opportunity to meet up and hold a fire awareness night; refreshing what they knew, while also seeing familiar faces again!



Castle Hill Rovers also jumped at the opportunities available; holding a barbeque at Bunnings and attending Waratah.



January has been somewhat quiet on social media, but there are plenty of plans in the works behind the scenes.

Dragonskin is ramping up for what should be a great Easter, with plenty of activities being prepared, themes being planned out and registrations rolling in from Rovers to run them.

So, if you want to be a part of this year's Dragonskin (and haven't already signed up), check out the Dragonskin facebook page, or the website itself here: <https://bit.ly/DSSite>



Special mention here to the mixed team of Castle Hill and Kalangadoo members that attended.

2nd Baulkham Hills Rovers Capped off December with a Group photo; celebrations and well-wishes to the wider community for Christmas.



On a local level, Kings Langley Rovers recently visited Pablo & Rusty's Coffee Roasters (a coffee mixer, supplier and brewer).

More to come from GWS soon, as nearly every unit is due for an AGM soon. Best of luck for now!

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Spotlight on...

FINANCIAL RECORDS

Scouts NSW enjoys certain benefits under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. These benefits require us to be stringent and consistent in how we record our finances at all levels of Scouting.

How do I record my Finances?

All Scout Financial Records are maintained via the Microsoft Excel based Cash Book for Treasurers. This is available for download each year from <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/state-forms/>. It is recommended that members download a new version of the book each year to make sure they have the most recent version.

Why use the Cash Book?

The Cash Book, when filled in properly will ensure that you meet both the monthly and annual reporting requirements for the organisation. The Cash Book is well documented and contains information on what needs to be filled in each month.

Do I have to use the Cash Book?

Scouts NSW O&I states that all Groups, Rover Units, Fellowships, and other formations of the Association will use the Cash Book to maintain their financial records. Many groups use an electronic software to manage their finances and then replicate the information into the Cash Book.

Monthly Reporting?

Each month, the Treasurer needs to present to the Group Support Committee the

- Statements of Payments and Receipts
- Summary of Income and Expenditure
- Fundraising Income & Expenditure
- Bank Reconciliation
- Up-to-date printouts of all accounts and
- Current Bank Statement

This can be done by presenting the current Bank Statement, and the CB3, CB4 and TR Page of the Cashbook for each month at the Group Support Committee meeting. At this meeting, the Treasurer and Chairperson sign the monthly TR page of the books.

Auditing

At the end of the year, the Treasurer fills in the additional information and then the Treasurer and Chairperson sign the AR1 and deliver the books for auditing. An auditor can be anyone who has financial experience and is not directly related to any member of the Group Support Committee or Unit Council. Your cash book can also be requested by Scouts and Audited at any time during the year.

Fundraising Certificates

Fundraising Certificates are a requirement for each fundraiser and must be requested in advance from the Region Office. At the conclusion of the fundraiser, the balance sheet must be prepared and presented to the Group Support Committee. The Fund Raising Certificate must also be returned to Region Office. An additional copy is kept at the Group and returned with the audited books at the end of the year. Further fundraising certificates will not be issued until the certificate has been returned.

Help!

If you need assistance, please reach out to your District Commissioner or a Deputy Region Commissioner or the Region Treasurer and we will arrange assistance.

COVID UPDATE - Steve Wallace

With COVID-19 around us, and our members heading back to School and out in the community; it is a great time to remind everyone of the requirements for COVID within Scouting.

Remember that if in doubt, please always check the Scouts NSW Guide to Coronavirus at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/members-services/health-and-safety/scouting-guide-to-coronavirus/>

Unwell Members: Scouts, Leaders, and parents should not attend the Unit meeting or activity if they feel unwell. We know this can be upsetting, but if an individual is unwell, they should stay home and get better, to ensure when they return to the Unit Meetings they can participate fully. If a participant becomes unwell whilst at the Unit Meeting, Leaders should contact the parent or caregiver and organise to have the individual picked up.

Close Contacts: If one of your members is considered a Close Contact by NSW Health, they will need to follow the guidance and advice of NSW Health. They should not attend the Unit meeting until they have been cleared by NSW Health.

Members who contact COVID-19: If one of your members has been diagnosed with COVID they must not attend the Unit meeting. NSW Health will issue directives to the individual and perform contact tracing. Members who have COVID-19 will be able to return to Scouts, once they have received a Medical Clearance Notice from NSW Health.

You will need to contact your Region Commissioner and Region Office to make them aware of the positive member within 12 hours of being notified. They will be able to assist you with support as needed. It is also required for this positive case to be logged in the Scouts NSW WHS Platform as an 'incident', not to be investigated but to be noted formally.

Vaccinations: There is no-longer a requirement under the Public Health Orders for Adults and Youth Helpers aged 16 and above to have received two or three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. In support of the Scouts Australia Vaccination Policy, and in the interests of public health, Scouts NSW promotes vaccination for members inline with the medical led advocacy of vaccination.

Density Limits: There is currently no requirement for density limits on Scouts NSW Scout Halls. Scouts NSW does encourage meeting in outdoor areas wherever possible and always practicing physical distancing. Parents are requested not to enter the hall when dropping off or picking up their child. They should gather outside and wait for Leaders to escort youth members outside for collection.

Face Masks: People over the age of 12 will need to wear a face mask whilst indoors (anywhere not their place of residence); whilst on public transport and whilst carpooling with members not from their immediate household. Scouts NSW also requires a face mask to be worn when preparing or serving food and beverages whilst at a hall, activity or campsite.

Checking In: Scouts NSW venues and halls are required to display and use the NSW Government QR code so members and visitors can check in using the Service NSW app. All adults MUST check-in using the Service NSW QR Code. Where possible, users of smart devices should use this process to check-in and check-out of the venue.

If it is not possible for a person to check in using a device (e.g. a Joey Scout), there must be an alternate sign in method. The alternate sign-in method must record the contact details of the person and be retained for at least 28 days. Scouts NSW must provide this to NSW Health, if requested within 24 hours in a digital format. Scouts NSW recommends and prefers the use of the Service NSW Business Online Web Check-in form (over manual processes) to check in Youth Members on behalf of their parents.

Leaders MUST not check-in youth members as dependants at Scout Halls or other venues (unless they are that Leader's own children). Leaders can use the manual sign-in process for unaccompanied Joey Scouts. Parents who are remaining for the meeting can sign-in themselves and add their dependant youth member.

COVIDSafe Plan: When conducting an event lasting 3 hours or more, an Event COVIDsafe plan needs to be completed. The plan is available at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Scouts-NSW-Event-COVIDSafe-Plan-Template.docx> and should be e-mailed to covid19@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Cleaning: The area in which you meet should be kept clean and tidy. Washing hands with soap under running water and using disposable hand towels can help keep our members healthy and safe. Hand sanitiser should be made available and used frequently. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and regularly disinfected by hand. Use detergent solution and disinfection (follow instructions) or scrub by hand using detergent/disinfectant wipes.

Singing & Dancing: Singing and Dancing is NOT permitted in the general ops of Scouts NSW. Gang Show rehearsals and performances have an exemption, as they are considered performance students and instructors.

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