



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

Issue 505 – March 2022



## 2022 SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

### SECTION WINNERS

*Congratulations to*

**Thomas (TJ) Furness**

**Venturer Scout**

**1st/2nd Merrylands**

**&**

**Kaysanne Lockman**

**Joey Scout**

**1st/2nd Merrylands**

*Photos courtesy of Brendan Richards  
and Adele Lockman*



**GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE**

**6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills 2153**

**BUSINESS HOURS: MONDAY to FRIDAY 9AM to 4.30PM**

**Phone: 9639 2488 Email: [gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au)**

**Website: [www.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

## IN THIS ISSUE

Page 3	Region Commissioner Emergency Relief Fund
Page 4	DRC Operations and Youth Safety
Page 5	DRC AT&D, Diversity & Inclusion
Page 6	Cumberland Gang Show
Page 7	Region Activities Team
Page 8	Changes NSW Adventurous Activities
Page 9	Scout Report Tech Stuff
Page 10	Venturer Report
Page 11	Spotlight On - Safe Storage and Carriage of Gas Canisters & Liquid Fuels

## 1st Hazelbrook Scout Group Turns 100!

As reported in the last Bulletin, unfortunately our Centenary Celebration scheduled for **March 20, 2022** has been postponed. Our sincere 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 with the celebration, please email**

[1sthazelbrookscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1sthazelbrookscouts@gmail.com)

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

Please put this date in your diaries.



*Please join us for a Memorial Service to celebrate the  
life and achievements of*

**Peter Joseph Andrew Nickl OAM**

**April 20, 1943 - January 13, 2021**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



**Camp Coutts Scout Camp  
Camp Road, off Princess Motorway  
Waterfall**

**12:30pm for a 1:00pm start**

Light refreshments will proceed the service  
Scout members are encouraged to wear full uniform and awards, thank you.

*Nerissa Nickl and Family*

## REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to start this month's article with a huge thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the GWS Region Award Presentation earlier this month. I apologise for not being at the ceremony, as Tracey and I have been in isolation due to COVID-19 in the family. However, I have heard from several attendees and awardees that it was a great day and I congratulate all our Awardees including those who received Adult Recognition Awards, Queen's Scout Award Certificates and Region Commissioner's Citations. I would also like to congratulate the Youth that stood up on the day as readers and presenters to demonstrate our Region's commitment to Youth-Led, Adult-Supported.

While a successful day, the Awards Ceremony is a great example of the current times and how we need to be flexible, adaptive, and resilient. When I was not able to participate in the planning and execution of this event, my team stood up and made sure that we delivered a successful activity. Another example of this is the recent flooding experienced in the west of the Region. Once again, the team in these districts stood up by offering shelter for displaced people and livestock. Many units throughout the Region, initiated alternative activities to ensure that our members could access Scouting in a safe, friendly format. It is this down-to-earth nature and resilience that continues to shine right across the Region.

ARP season is almost among us, with ARPs for groups being held from the 1st April. Before any ARP can be held, all paperwork must be at the Region Office and confirmed as received. If we do not have your dates or paperwork by the 1st April, we will not be able to validate your ARP and your Group will be limited in what it can and can not do.

There is so much coming up in the next few months – Cuborette is upon us with Joey Scout Fun Day and Jamborette just around the corner. The Cumberland Gang Show is in full rehearsal and is getting set for a bumper season. Please make sure you regularly check the Region EMS for upcoming events and activities.

Finally, I would like to finish up by acknowledging the resignation of two members of our Region Team over the last couple of months. Cassie Rec has made the decision to return to a group as a leader, after advocating for several years as our Region Commissioner – Inclusion and Diversity; while Tracey Stopps has taken up an exciting new role in Scouting that will be announced in the coming weeks and has

required her to finish up as the Region Commissioner (Scouts). I would like to thank both Cassie and Tracey for their dedication and commitment to the Region Team and look forward to seeing their next Scouting Adventures.

Until next time,

*Dave*

**David Stopps JP**

**Region Commissioner**

[David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au)

**Mobile: 0472 688 766 (04SCOUTS66)**



### NSW CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

Scouts up and down the east coast have been impacted, by the recent flooding, most severely in the northern parts. We know that many Members have been affected personally, and Scout halls have suffered damage. The stories from Members are heart-breaking but I know many have also stepped up to help in their community. They truly represent the Scouting spirit.

From past experience, we know that financial assistance is one of the most effective forms of support we can offer, immediately following a disaster. We want to ensure that our affected youth and Leaders can continue with Scouts, no matter their circumstances, over the coming months.

If you, your Group or Formation are able to do so, please make a donation to the Emergency Relief Fund for our flood victims.

<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/chief-commissioners-emergency-relief-campaign>

Donations of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

As we did after the bushfires, I would encourage Groups/Formations, again if you are able to do so, to hold a fundraising event (e.g. trivia night, sausage sizzle) for our flood-impacted Scout families. If we raise substantial funds, and have been able to support our families to the extent required, we will look to support Scout Groups which have incurred substantial losses.

I urge everyone to support our Scout families following this disaster and I'm so proud of the generosity and community spirit I have seen across Scouts NSW.

*Yours in Scouting*

**Neville Tomkins OAM, JP**

**Chief Commissioner**

**Scouts Australia (NSW Branch)**

---

## DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY

---

Hi Everyone

There has been so much on in the last month that I don't know where to start.

We ran the Region Awards Ceremony and congratulations to all the awardees – it was also great to hear so many people comment on the activities our Youth get up to!

We have started the ramp up to ARP Season – paperwork is now severely overdue! We have also ramped up the work on Cuborette which is, at the time of writing this report, just 8 days away!

What is important to not just me and my area, but the whole Region team, is that our groups feel supported and receive assistance where possible; like groups - we do not have a spare supply of leaders, but we are happy to help wherever we can, with information, advice and action. It was really great to see a number of groups reach out for help with their financials this year, hopefully we made the process a bit easier.

One thing we are working on is getting some Mental Health First Aid courses up and running through the Scouts NSW Mental Health First Aid team. These courses will be for Venturers up and will help equip members with how to approach and address someone who may be experiencing mental health issues. More information on this will be available shortly.

Please don't forget that any adult participating in an overnight activity must have completed an A2 Adult Helper form to ensure that they, and we, comply with NSW Legislation on Child Protection. If you are not sure about these requirements, please let me know.

A number of people are commenting on the amount of 'paperwork' and 'red tape' that leaders now have to complete to do Scouting. If you have this concern, please reach out to your District Commissioner, a member of the Region Team or myself and we can provide advice and assistance.

Thanks

*Steve*

**Steve (Turtle) Wallace**  
Deputy Region Commissioner –  
Operations & Youth Safety  
[steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au)



---

## DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER ATD, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

---

Last Bulletin I wrote about the New Training and the overview of the steps involved, and when the 'on the Job' process comes into place. Those steps replace the old L10 'Inservice Form'.

Today they announced the changes to the A10 and A10a, Adult Development Plan and Review Paperwork. National have taken the next step and replaced those NSW forms and Processes, to a Nation Wide process and paperwork to the same standard.

### IVAP = Individual Adult Volunteer Plan

There are 3 stages of this process during the Leaders training and appointment, and to Wood Badge.

- **Phase 1** - Filled in when the New Leader fills in the paperwork to be a member and start their Training
- **Phase 2** – Completed when finished Basic Training and Certificate of Proficiency is issued.
- **Phase 3** – Completed at the Completion of the Wood Badge and annually after that.

Then from time to time Reviews are required, so as a part of the National Based Change and Phase 4 of the Process is the AVPP.

- **Phase 4** – Adult Volunteer Performance Plan completed when doing a formal review.

There will be a Guide to the Process, along with the forms. If you need to ask question please refer them to [Training@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:Training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)

To understand this New Form and Process, I encourage you as Leaders to fill in the Phase you are at, so ...

- Trainees fill in Phase 1 and give it to Your GL/LIC.
- Basic Trained Leaders with No Wood Badge fill in Phase 2 and give it to Your GL/LIC.
- Wood Badge Leaders fill in Phase 3 and give it to your GL/LIC.

These will help you and your team leader know where you are at in your training journey, and what needs to be completed.

**Tony Dent**  
DRC Adult Training & Development and  
Diversity and Inclusion  
[tony.dent@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:tony.dent@nsw.scouts.com.au)



---

**APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS 14/2/2022 - 14/03/2022**

---

<b>BROGDEN, Veronica</b>	From ASL To SL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
<b>BROWN, Greg</b>	From ASL To VSL-P	1st Toongabbie Scout Troop 1st Toongabbie Venturer Unit
<b>HARRIS, Eric</b>	From SL To ASL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop
<b>JENKINSON, Andrew</b>	Fellowship Member RL (Act)	Hawkesbury Black Horse Scout Fellowship GWSR
<b>LOMBARDI, Elena</b>	From RL To DC-DA From DC To RL-DA	GWSR Blacktown District Blacktown District GWSR
<b>LU, Lu</b>	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To AJSL	2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob 2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob
<b>MATTHEWS, Robert</b>	Hon. Leader (G)	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
<b>VANDERJAGT, Elizabeth</b>	From VSL To SAL	1st South Penrith Venturer Unit Water Activities Centre

**RESIGNATIONS**

<b>CANAVERO, Christian</b>	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Nurragingy Cub Pack
<b>DHILLON, Alpana</b>	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>FREEMAN, Vicki</b>	VSL-P	1st Toongabbie Venturer Unit
<b>LEARY, Caleb</b>	Appt TL (S)	1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
<b>LEARY, William</b>	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
<b>LILLY, Jonathan</b>	Fellowship Member	Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship
<b>LOCKMAN, Katherine</b>	AJSL	1st Toongabbie Joey Mob
<b>MALLA, Imran Bashir</b>	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>
<b>MCKEON, Steven</b>	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>
<b>McWILLIAM, Bradley</b>	Trainee Leader (CS)	1st Springwood Cub Pack <i>Tibrogargan</i>
<b>PEBERDY, David</b>	ASL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
<b>PRANTS, Matthew</b>	CSL-P	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
<b>STEPHEN, Andrew</b>	ACSL	1st Carlingford Scout Group
<b>STOPPS, David</b>	GL-DA	1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group
<b>WILLIAMS, Stephanie</b>	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Ermington Joey Mob

# Cumberland Gang Show



Last month, I introduced you to a myriad of activities which all come together to create this amazing show we call Gang Show. Some of these activities are already happening now, while others will not start until much closer to the show. By the time you read this we will have had our first few rehearsals down at the Southern Cross Catholic College in Burwood. (Now this amazing place is a story in itself!)

Our wardrobe team have already kicked off making an incredible array of costumes for this year's show. Each Thursday and Saturday, our wardrobe team led by Glennys Gillard, measure, cut, sew, and stitch all sorts of gear for the show; from an Erik the Viking costume, to a Green Alien (Trick) costume....you have to see the show to see how that works! Not every costume needs to be made from scratch, with a huge array of costumes from previous years, all at their disposal. Did you know Gang Show actually hires our costumes to other shows as well!

All the action happens up at the Crestwood Scout Hall, Louise Ave in Baulkham Hills.  
It is also the place the cast all go to for a "measure up".

*Like I said last month.....*

***Do I have a particular skill which I could share?***

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

So, if you can make a "Singer" sing (very bad pun!) or wished you could, you can email Glennys at [wardrobe@gangshow.asn.au](mailto:wardrobe@gangshow.asn.au) she would love to hear from you!



.....and did I mention that the hall is air conditioned?!

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**  
RC Activities  
Stage Manager, Assist. Tech. Director  
Deputy Chair – CGS Management Committee  
M. 0419 264 031  
[Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au)



# REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



I am sure we all have, at some stage, stood on a beach gazing out into the ocean and hearing that familiar roar of the surf. With all this rain, I had the opportunity to stand on the banks of the Hawkesbury River at Windsor, looking out over the new flood free bridge, with about 1.5m of water racing across the top of it, and the thing that struck me was that roar of the water. It was just like the surf at a beach! While spectacular to see and hear, we certainly share out thoughts and prayers to those who have been directly affected by the recent flooding.

Of course, this flooding is not helping our Activities cause.

A planned day trip paddle from Yarramundi through to Windsor had to be cancelled. I was also going to help out with 1<sup>st</sup> Dural on an overnight canoe trip from Berowra up to Marra Marra Creek, and that too had to be cancelled.

When you look at the number of trees and debris coming down the rivers at present, it may be some time before we can safely return to our rivers. Even our old favourite, Lake Parramatta with its cool placid waters, had over 300mm of water cascading over the dam wall.

And they are just activities I have been involved with. Many of you have been in the same predicament, having to cancel out on activities due to adverse weather conditions. While I share your frustration, I am also very pleased that as a Region, we are putting people's safety before anything. It is a great reflection on the training mechanisms, we instil into Adventurous Activities.

While on safety, **Scouts NSW** are now requesting **Risk Assessments to be provided on all Activities**. To help with this, a series of **Standard Risk Assessments** are being prepared, covering all the main adventurous activities. All you will need to do, is add any items which are relevant to your actual activity and/or location. While still a work in progress, hopefully we will be able to access them soon on the State website.

Our abseiling team was, however, able to get out before the rain, for a bit more hanging around, which they are very good at. Much of activities focus now, is following on with the various stages of the new **Outdoor Adventurous Skills (OAS)** as part of the new programming structure.

Another big difference on this activity, was that it was basically run by Rovers, and some of our newer, much younger members of the Activities Team, all with high levels of skill in abseiling.

I see this as a very positive move forward, for the viability of the Region Activities Team into the future. Like it or not, my team, including myself, all grew up listening to Cassette Tapes, and using a phone with a dial, not to mention those STD beeps!

.....if you get my drift!

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**  
**RC Activities**  
**Stage Manager, Assist. Tech. Director**  
**Deputy Chair – CGS Management Committee**  
**M. 0419 264 031**  
[Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au)



<b>Subject</b>	Important changes to Adventurous Activities in NSW
<b>Date</b>	Between 27 Feb and 4 March
<b>From</b>	Region Commissioner
<b>To</b>	Leaders and Rovers

Dear all,

One of the unique benefits we offer at Scouts NSW is access to the country's widest range of Adventurous Activities. From youth and adult feedback, we know that outdoors adventures are always a highlight for our members.

This year, Scouts NSW has launched some essential changes to Adventurous Activities in NSW.

**These changes include:**

- A single repository of information (a new website) about Adventurous Activities
- A system to request approval of an Adventurous Activity and to electronically notify emergency contacts and Region leaders
- A pathway for securing Adventurous Activities qualifications
- Access to resources and materials to help you plan and enjoy Adventurous Activities

Creating the change has been a significant exercise conducted to ensure we maintain the highest standards of safety for everyone at Scouts.

From now on, whenever you are undertaking an Adventurous Activity, you must use the system and process you will find on the website.

You may question the need for the change and the amount of administration required before departing for an activity. You will be aware of at least one significant incident last year, which meant that Scouts could not continue to offer this activity until it had demonstrated to the authorities that this would never happen again.

We have to take safety seriously. There is nothing more important than keeping everyone safe.

We have made changes to eliminate the old paper forms and allow for a fully online process.

Please go to the website and spend some time getting to know the new system.

If you see areas for improvement, contact [adventurousactivity@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:adventurousactivity@nsw.scouts.com.au). The team will continue to improve the website, systems and processes to stay up-to-date with relevant regulations and updates.

Contact your Region Commissioner for Activities if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to understand Adventurous Activities better. We look forward to offering exciting opportunities for our members around our Region and across the State.

David Stopps

Region Commissioner GWSR

**Click on the link below to access the new Adventurous Activities hub**  
<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/adventurous-activities>

## **SCOUT REPORT**

Well this will be my last Bulletin.....

As you may have read or been told, I have resigned from the position of Region Commissioner Scouts for GWS to take on another role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support during my time as RC. I would like to offer my support and good wishes to the new Region Commissioner Scouts.

I may not be the RC but I will still be around to help out few activities, such as the Basic Scout Leadership Course coming up on 1st April, Jamborette and State Rally.

Jamborette is open!!! Welcome to the 'The Might of Mythology!' Let's make this year bigger and better than last year. Register your 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?

Jamborette is open to all Cubs Scouts aged 10.5 by 11th June 2022 and 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.

Don't forget to get your base applications and risk assessments in by April 30 so we can have everything sorted for the event.

I would like to thank everyone again and I hope you will all support the new Region Commissioner Scouts as you have supported me.

Yours in Scouting

**Tracey Stopps**

**Region Commissioner Scouts**

[Tracey.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:Tracey.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## **TECH STUFF.... INVOICING**

**Running an invoice report to see who in your Group has not paid is simple:**

1. Log In to ScoutLink
2. Navigate to the information for your Group/Formation
3. Select Invoices Report from the TABs at the top of the Screen
4. Enter the dates for the period that you wish to view invoices for. Invoices for 2021 were roughly generated around:
  - a. 1st July for Q2 2021
  - b. 1st October for Q3 & Q4 2021
5. Click on the Generate Button to create your report.

Reports can take a few minutes to run and will include all information for invoices generated during the time you selected. If a person has transferred or moved on, their invoice will still show.

**If a family has not received an Invoice:**

1. Log in to ScoutLink
2. Navigate to the member's record.
3. Click on the Invoices Tab at the top of the screen
4. Click on the PDF button next to the invoice to download it and send it to the family.
5. You can also click on Resend Invoice to resend the invoice to the address provided at the time the invoice was generated.

If you have any issues with getting this information, please reach out, as we are only too happy to assist.

**Steve Wallace**

**Deputy Region Commissioner –  
Operations & Youth Safety**

[steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au)

2021 GWSR AWARD PRESENTATION - MARCH 13, 2022



[Click here to visit our Region Photo Gallery for more photos](#)



Photos courtesy of Matthew Thompson Deputy RC and Brendan Richards ACSL

## VENTURER REPORT

I would like to congratulate **Nathan Leung** from **1st Balcombe Heights** and **Chloe Tyrrell** from **1st Glossodia** on achieving their **Queen's Scout Award**.

The year is off to a cracking start with the **Region Venturer Council** meeting at Bundilla. The meeting got off to a routine start as we started talking about the upcoming activities. And then we asked for a show of hands of people who had been to Dragon Skin - 3 out of about 30 Venturers had been before. So a quick change of focus resulted in a bit of a discussion about what the Venturer program is all about. **Don't forget registrations for Dragon Skin close soon.**

We then turned to electing **2022 youth representatives** on the **Region Venturer leadership team**. The youth representatives work with the Region Commissioner and the Region and District Leaders to support the program with courses and other activities that help our Units. We had four nominations and got each Unit to elect their preferred representatives. **Congratulations to Breanna Fisher-Dietsch from 2nd Kings Langley and Myles Waciega from 2nd Baulkham Hills** who will be our representatives this year.

Thank you to **Iluka Jelly from 1st Kellyville** and **Evan LaFontaine from 1st Castle Hill** who were our representatives for 2021.

We are living the motto of 'Youth-led, Adult supported' with Breanna & Myles requesting **GWSR Venturers** to be on **Instagram** to allow better communications with members (I'm more of a Facebook person myself, which is of course part of the problem), and hosting online discussions on Dragon Skin and Terrain. **The Dragon Skin session** will be held on the first weekend of **April** and we will get Venturers, Rovers, Leaders and the VOC4 team to explain what to expect and answer questions. We've set up structures to ensure Instagram is properly governed according to NSW Scout Policies and childsafe practices.

With COVID hopefully behind us (or at least under control), we look forward to an exciting and adventurous year!



**GWSR Venturers are now on Instagram!**

**Brian Nelson**  
Region Commissioner (Venturer Scouts)  
[brian.nelson@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:brian.nelson@nsw.scouts.com.au)



**QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD**

**Nathan Leung**

1st Balcombe Heights

**Chloe Tyrrell**

1st Glossodia

**BRAVO**



**NSW SCOUTS**

**DRAGON SKIN**

**BELANGLO STATE FOREST**

**15TH - 18TH APRIL, 2022**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE APRIL 3, 2022**

<https://registrations.dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au/>



## Spotlight on...

### SAFE STORAGE AND CARRIAGE OF GAS CANISTERS & LIQUID FUELS

The storage and carriage of LPG and Liquid Fuels is governed by the “Safe storage, transport and use of Gas Cylinders, Liquid Fuels, Naked Flames and Associated Equipment” Policy which is available on the Scouts NSW Website

<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Scouts%20NSW%20Naked%20Flame%20Policy.pdf>

#### ***Essentially this policy covers:***

#### **EQUIPMENT**

- All fuel containers must be appropriate to the type of fuel being carried.
- LPG Cylinders must be re-tested and stamped every 10 years. It is preferable that they are less than 10 years old.
- Cylinders should be stored upright in a well-ventilated area, preferably outside.
- Valves should be professionally made, correctly used, and allowed to “burn out” before the cylinder is disconnected.
- When transporting cylinders, secure in an upright position, preferably in the boot or trailer. No more than 2 cylinders should be transported in a car and the total weight should not exceed 9KG.
- Appropriate Fire Safety (Fire Blankets and appropriate Fire Extinguishers) should be available when using fuel.

#### **LIGHTING**

- Naked Flame (including Gas) is not permitted inside tents
- Naked flame lighting inside dining/cooking shelters is only permitted if the lantern is secured on a bracket/frame/stand that is designed to keep the lantern upright and at least 1 metre away from any wall and 2 metres away from the roof. The lantern must be on a flat surface and not in a position that will create a trip hazard.
- Under no circumstances should naked flame lanterns be attached to any ridge pole or rope.
- It is the preference of Scouts NSW that naked flame lighting is not used. Readily available alternatives include battery operated LEDs and Solar Powered Lighting.

#### **COOKING EQUIPMENT**

- The use of naked flame cooking is not permitted inside tents.
- Naked flame cooking inside dining/cooking shelters is only permitted if the equipment is at least 1 metre away from any wall and two metres away from the roof.
- This equipment includes, but is not restricted to BBQs, Hot-Water systems, ring boilers, fuel stoves etc.

In all circumstances, you should consider the use of fuel stoves on any activity as part of your risk assessment and include such controls to render their use safe – this can include supervision, location, fire safety equipment etc.

# THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is edited and published for the general information of members in the Greater Western Sydney Region.

The opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the GWSR or Scouts Australia.

**Submissions are to be made by the 10th of each month and may be edited for clarity or to fit available print space. Anything received after the 10th will not be published until the following month.**

Articles and illustrations from The Bulletin (except for copyright items) may be re-used unaltered by other Scouting publications and credits shown.

**Please send all articles and photos direct to the Editor, Anne Thompson**

**Email : [Anne.Thompson@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:Anne.Thompson@nsw.scouts.com.au)**

