



# The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW PRESENTS

# NEXT LEVEL

2022

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022  
RIVERSIDE THEATRES, PARRAMATTA



A spectacular new stage show by the  
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## PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm

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**POSTPONED**  
**Until September 25th, 2022**

**JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY**

**Sunday 15th May 2022**

**Bundilla Scout Camp**



**JOEY SCOUT  
CHALLENGE AWARD**

**Henry Hill**  
1st Kellyville

**Esme Miller-Holmes**

1st Hawkesbury

**HOP, HOP, HOP**



**The Scout Association of Australia  
NSW Branch  
Greater Western Sydney Region**



**Mr Ross Grove**

*Region President*

**Mrs Debbie Howlett**

*Region Chair*

**Mr David Stopps**

*Region Commissioner*

Invite you to attend the

**75<sup>th</sup> Greater Western Sydney Region  
Annual Report Presentation**

**Sunday 5th June 2022**

**Commencing 2:30pm at Bundilla**

**Dress:** Full Scout Uniform (Members) or Smart Casual (Non Members)

Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Please RSVP by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**[rsvp@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rsvp@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

Hi Everyone,

Where is the year going? Another month has already gone and we are almost halfway through the year! I hope that you and your units/groups/crews/fellowships are having a great time getting out and doing Scouting activities.

For me and my team, the focus has been on the **Annual Reporting Presentations**. All Groups should have now completed their ARP and returned all the appropriate documentation to Region. It really is essential that we get this paperwork through and processed as soon as possible. If you are having trouble – speak out! We are here to help you and we can only do so if you speak up.

Speaking of ARPs, **The Region ARP** will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30pm at Bundilla. This is a special ARP for us as it is the 75<sup>th</sup> ARP since the Cumberland Area/Greater Western Sydney Region was formed. Of course we will be celebrating this milestone.

We will also be presenting the **2021 Alan Overton Award** to the worthy recipient. This award is for the adult member (Uniformed or Layside) that goes above and beyond for Scouting in Greater Western Sydney. The award is decided by a panel of judges and is kept quiet until the presentation is made. Applications for the 2022 award are now open and should be sent with a short citation to myself for consideration.

There are 2 massive upcoming activities – the **Region Jamborette** has had just over 1000 people registered and Brett and Tracey assure me it is going to be a great (and dry) weekend. We also have **Cumberland Gang Show** getting ready to perform their “Next Level” show in the July School Holidays. I look forward to both activities.

I am always in awe of how well our youth do, particularly around their achievements - be it in their actions; in Scout of the Year; at activities or achieving their peak awards. This year, already we have had 2 Joey Scout Challenge Awards, 4 Grey Wolf Awards, 3 Australian Scout Awards and 4 Queen's Scouts. Congratulations to all the Awardees and I look forward to hearing more about what our youth are up to.

Until next time.

*Dave*

**David Stopps JP**  
Region Commissioner  
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Hi All,

Thank you to everyone who has completed their ARP work for 2022. If you are still to do this, it is now truly overdue and needs to be completed ASAP. If you need help – please reach out and I will do the best I can to get someone to assist you.

**The Community Building Partnership Grants for 2022** are now open and close very shortly. When applying for these grants, we need to make sure that we are abiding by the Scouts NSW Grants Policy available from the State website. The policy states that you need to get permission from Region to apply before submitting your application.

***In GWS, the best way to do this is to email David, Debbie or myself and include:***

- A brief description of what you are aiming to achieve
- Confirmation that you are using the Scouts NSW ABN Number and have put the grant in the name of “The Scout Association of Australia, NSW Branch, <<Your Group>> Scout Group”.
- An indication of how much you are applying for and how much your group is contributing.
- Confirmation that you have included a portion of money for administering the grant as per the policy.

When we have this, we will reply as soon as possible with our approval. We do not want to stop Groups applying for grants and will do all we can to assist.

I have been advised that there have been some errors in the **WWCC expiry list** we have been using to check off members with expired WWCC. We apologise for this and will be checking the list moving forward.

There is an onus on all members to make sure they continue to meet the minimum youth protection requirements for membership including:

- mandatory training
- a current WWCC
- replying to the requirements for a police check when notified.

That is all from me for this month, I look forward to seeing people at our 75th ARP being held on Sunday the 5th June at 2:30pm.

**Steve (Turtle) Wallace**  
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## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

When you become a Leader, you have a responsibility to keep up to date with your Training. You sign an agreement that you will do ALL the requirements of being a Leader and remain current.

### **Some of the things you must do to stay current are:**

1. WWCC updates – these are a legal requirement not just a Scouting requirement.
2. Mandatory E Learning modules – Child Safe Scouting and WHS and Scouting, this is a requirement of Scouts Australia.
3. Regular Training updates; these could be First Aid or Adventurous Activity Qualifications, could also be Self Development Training e.g. Wood Badge or higher; Mental Health First Aid etc.
4. Attend District Training Meetings (Wandarahs, Seeonees, Mindaris, Venturer Councils, etc.) regularly. Sometimes these meetings might only be a meeting, but they are a time and place to learn from others new ideas, activities and skills. Especially when they invite Subject Matter Experts to those meetings to learn or refresh Knowledge required.

When you are required to fill in your IAVP forms there are questions that can only be answered if you have been completing those important parts of being a Leader.

While a Formal Review can be required every 3 years, you are required to do a IAVP every 12 months and hand it to your Team Leader (Group Leader or Leader in Charge) for your role. They will complete the form and lodge it with Region.

If there is any shortfall, this is a good time to reflect and correct the shortfall.

So much of this part of Training and the Mutual Agreement is all about the: PLAN – DO – REVIEW

We as Leaders need to use this process every day, and ensure that we understand it, to be able to pass on that knowledge of process to our Youth Members.

I encourage ALL Leaders to Do Your Best and Lead by Example; how can we expect our Youth to attend meetings and do what they have to do, If we can't do it ourselves.

**Tony Dent**

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**2022**

## ALAN OVERTON AWARD

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

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

**Nominations** are now being sought for Candidates for the 2022 Alan Overton AM OAM Award. Nominations should be in the form of a one page citation showing how the candidate has provided service to the Region and abide by the following rules:

1. This is a Region Award, not connected with the Adult Recognition Awards.
2. Leaders, Group Support Committee members and Supporters can be nominated by their peers.
3. The person nominated should be over 18 and have held an Adult or Supporter appointment within Scouts NSW.
4. It is expected that the person nominated would be someone who has given service to Scouting over and above what would normally be expected.
5. Nominations should be with the Region Commissioner by September 1, 2022.

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

The Awardee will be announced at the Region Award Presentation in September 2022. The Awardee will have their name recorded on the perpetual trophy and will also receive a replica trophy.

All nominations and enquiries should be sent to  
[David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## VENTURER REPORT

With school holidays and the late Easter, there has really only been one major activity to mention this month - Dragon Skin! Our new youth council representatives - Breanna and Myles - put together an online Venturer Information Night.

**Dragon Skin** made a welcome return over Easter, with nearly 700 Venturers and almost as many leaders descending on Belanglo State Forest. While the roads were in generally poor condition, we had the longest break in the weather all year. With temperatures in the high 20s and sunny days all around, we had a great weekend. GWS had just on 100 Venturers attend.

Congratulations to everyone who attended, but especially to teams from **1st Ermington, 2nd Baulkham Hills, 1st Castle Hill, 1st Winston Hills, 1st North Rocks and 1st Blaxland** for completing the event. In particular, **in 6th place overall was 1st Ermington team "u so hot like a sunrise"**.

We have a few things planned for May in the lead up to Jamborette. A re-imagined **Initiative/Survival Activity** is being planned in late July, along with a Venturer's information evening on the use of **Terrain on 30 May**.

The NSW Branch is putting together a trip to the **Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland** as part of **KISC's 100 year Anniversary in 2023**. The tour will leave on **26 December 2023**, returning on January 10th or the 18th (if you choose the post tour option). **Toby Luck**, a Rover from Sydney North Region is the tour leader and will be attempting to visit District meetings in the lead up to **applications closing in July**.

Interested? Email the team at

[kisc2023@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:kisc2023@nsw.scouts.com.au) or see the post on the

**GWSR Venturers Facebook page.**

Finally, Damon Love, our Region Leader on the Venturer Leadership Team has taken some leave to do some touring on the other side of the world. We'll be a little lost without him, but bear with us! Enjoy your trip Damon!

**Brian Nelson**  
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GWSR Venturers are now on  
Instagram!

## Region Joey Camp Fire



**When:**

**Friday 17th June 2022  
(6pm to 8pm)**

**Where:**

**Bundilla Scout Camp  
6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills**

**Cost - \$5.00**

**E-Permission and more information at**

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/606>

## Casual Work Available Scout Activity Centres

We are on the lookout for activity officers who may be interested in doing some casual work at our activity centres.

We would love for anyone who is qualified on any 'roping' activities to join our team for some casual work either midweek or on weekends, as we need to increase our pool of people, to cope with the increase in demand for activities at the centres.

If you have the necessary qualifications or would like to learn and get paid to have some fun with the kids, please reply to [david.miller@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:david.miller@nsw.scouts.com.au) and we will get you started on becoming paid activity staff!

If you have any questions, please email me.

**David Miller**  
Engagement Manager  
Cataract and Baden Powell Activity Centres  
Scouts NSW



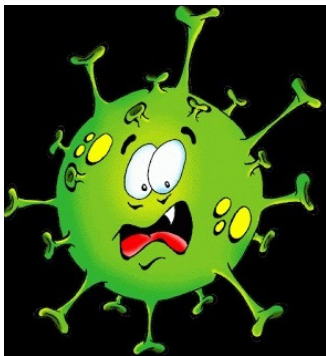
## RADIO, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Science Team is available to visit your Scouts, in their hall, most nights this year.

We can fit in with your theme, or just pick one of our tried and tested (over 17 years) and guaranteed to impress, Programs at:

<https://greaterwestscouts.com.au/activities/radio-science-technology>

If you haven't tried it before, **'Bug OFF'** is a good starting point. We use fluorescent Glow Gems to demonstrate effective hand washing. Good for Joeys and Cubs - about an hour. Possibly followed by making and discovering **'Slime'**, another short, fun activity.



Follow that with an **'Arcs & Sparks'** night (Electrostatics) or better still in winter a **'Light'** night based on properties of white light colour mixing, and shadow catching. A night held in the dark.



**'Hover'** night involves an interesting ride at the end, and explains friction in a practical and entertaining way.

All our activities are held inside, except **'Chemistry'** which is outside, as it involves smoke, flames and bad smells!

Each Program is tailored for the age group; so we prefer to see Joeys followed by Cubs or Scouts, on the same night. The cost is \$50 per night or \$2 each over 25 youth.

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# REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



Having been on away on holidays for a good part of the month, and then finally booked in for a Region run Canoe Trip down the Hawkesbury River, which got rained out - it has been a quieter time on the activities front.

*Good time for me to catch up on a bit of "housekeeping!"*



Still receiving a few requests for the **Climbing Wall**. The climbing wall now has a new home up the coast where North Coast Region have taken over the responsibility of looking after it. It was offered to GWS and while a terrific drawcard, I did decline the offer, due to the fact that its running/maintenance/compliance costs far exceed any income the wall generates!

I also often get enquiries for the **Region Flying Fox**. To do a full set up on the Region Flying Fox, it takes around 4 people a good part of a day to set up, and then around half a day to dismantle. It is a lot to do for a single or part day event.

The other issue which I am still working with State on, is the amount of **paperwork** and **compliance** which needs to be done, to set up and run the fox. As it currently stands, we are unable to comply with the requirements, despite having some of the most skilled "Foxers" in the State. While I have always endorsed absolute safety in all the activities we run, sometimes it does go a bit far, and unfortunately it is our youth who ultimately miss out. *Even running*

*permanent structures like the Fox at Cataract, is generating much paperwork!*

There are lots of very generous and caring people within our Region. Often, I will receive an email from an individual, or group, **offering to donate** a canoe, or maybe some abseiling rope or climbing gear to the Activities Team. Usually comes after a hall "clean-up!"

As for **canoes**, I have a very restricted space for storage; so unless it is a particularly good canoe, where it will physically replace one of our older ones, I really can't accept it. I have slowly been replacing all the older Region fibreglass canoes with the poly (plastic) units.

While much heavier than their fibreglass counterparts, these canoes are basically bomb proof - making them ideal for Scouts!



**There are other uses for old canoes!**



Unfortunately, I cannot accept any **abseiling/climbing ropes**, and we are even quite restricted with climbing hardware, including descenders and carabineers. We need a complete history on all the gear we use including its age, usage, storage method etc.

If we used a "donated" rope which then failed, we would be leaving ourselves wide open to some serious legal litigation. Deterioration with an abseil rope generally starts on the inside, so often what appears to be a good rope, may not necessarily be the case!

The same goes with **harnesses**. There have been a number of occasions where I have simply cut up what appears to be perfectly good harnesses. The reason being they have reached their *use by date*.

It is simply the world we now live in!

**Mark Fell (Dingo)**

**RC Activities**

**Assistant Technical Director - Cumberland Gang Show**

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## SCOUT REPORT

I would like to kick off this month by congratulating Patrol 3150 'The Traffic Cones' from **1st Castle Hill** who won **Sydney North Region Scout Hike**. This is a huge achievement. Scout Hike is Sydney North's premier annual Scout section event. **BRAVO The Traffic Cones!**

The **Jamborette** is just around the corner. We have just over 1,000 registrations which is a fantastic response. Everyone should have completed their E1s and payment by now. We will be holding a **Region SYC** on Saturday evening at the Jamborette. Each District will need to have selected two representatives to join the Region SYC.

It was great to see many Scouts out participating in **ANZAC services** again. This year I attended the dawn service held at Splendour Rock. This is a special place where a war memorial was established in 1947 to honour the bushwalkers who did not return from WWII. It was a moving service with the dawn breaking over the Wild Dog Mountains. Of the estimated 80 participants, approximately a third were Scouts, which was fantastic to see.

Finally, to wrap up, do not forget **State Rally** is coming up in August. **The early bird registrations will close on the 10th July**. Encourage your patrols to get their entries in.

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## CUB REPORT

Thanks to school holidays and our late Easter, there has not been a lot of activity this past month, especially at a Region level.

We had a good **Konara/Palanee** on the first Friday in May, where some of our adult leaders put their bushcraft and navigation skills to the test in a pirate-themed Program. I believe there might be a Cub Scout Unit or two, that puts the Program from the night to test at an upcoming camp! Thank you to Jeff Hook, Carol Cope and Helen Hodge for putting together the activities for the night. We look forward to another Konara/Palanee in a few months time!

You may have seen that planning for **Cuboree 2023** has commenced, with the appointment of a Chief Director, and a number of other positions being advertised recently. GWS once again has the **Polar Activity Base**, which Tracey Hansford and Sandy Knox have largely designed. I am looking for someone to take over from Tracey as the Base Leader - please send me an email if you are interested in this role!

It is my hope that we will run a **Cub Scout Personal Development/Leadership Course** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - venue to be confirmed. Expressions of Interest/Registration are open here:

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/613>

The Cub Scout Leadership Course offers interested Cub Scouts an opportunity to meet new people and develop their own communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Any interested Scouts, Venturer Scouts or Rover Scouts who would like to assist, please register and we will be in contact.

**Emma Watson**  
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts  
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# Cumberland Gang Show

NEXT  
LEVEL

They are on stage many times during the show, but they don't really sing; certainly they can't dance; and they are always dressed in black! They are actually quite shy, but on occasions you may see a fleeting glimpse of one, before it disappears off to side stage. And no, the stage at Parramatta Riverside is not haunted. ...well at least I do not think it is!

Welcome to the Stage Crew. Apart from the cast, this is where the real stage action happens! We can change a whole stage from a spectacular landscape vista with rabbits everywhere; to an undersea view with corals and all kinds of fish; to an intergalactic space scene with stars and planets and rockets. And just to make it a bit more challenging we usually have to change it all in around 10 seconds, and did I mention it has to be all done in the "dark!"

As we often say in Gang Show 'Welcome to the Darkside!'



The Stage Crew are responsible for moving what we call sets on and off stage at various times. Some sets are 3D, like a telephone box (ask your parents what that is!); while others are "flats" including trees, and even cars. With the advent of the large video screens - the number of sets we now need to move around, has certainly been reduced. However, our creative team are able to design sets, which just seem to flow into whatever is on the back screen, giving the stage that real look of depth!

The stage crew is a great option to consider for people who perhaps would like to be involved, but cannot commit to a longer period of time. Generally, it requires attendance to a number of dress rehearsals, and then the actual shows themselves.

Another big role the stage crew plays is what we call Bump In and Bump Out. This is a stage term referring to when we move into the theatre itself, and at the end of

the show, move back out. There are lots of people who will just help out with Bump In and Bump out! Always a big day with lots to do.

**Everyone at Bump In last year will certainly never forget that day. It was 3.00pm in the afternoon and the then Premier announced NSW was to go into lockdown at 5.00pm due to COVID-19. That effectively put a stop to the 2021 Season!**

If being part of the Stage Crew is something you would like to consider or would like some more information on, you can contact myself. Male or female, you must be over 16 years of age, and with a reasonably good fitness, level, as there can be some heavy lifting involved.

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**Deputy Chair – CGS Management Committee**  
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## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Badge

I would like to introduce to you the final badge design (version 10) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee for 2022. This design has been a partnership with Girl Guides Australia and the Jubilee Task Force (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet) and as such meets all branding and imagery requirements.

The central logo is as developed/approved by the Australian Government to celebrate this significant milestone. The octagon shape is of our making, to represent the eight States and Territories that make up Scouting and Guiding; while the reef knotted rope celebrates the close relationship between the two youth organisations and the ongoing partnership we are forming with the Federal Government.

It is expected that a manufacturing order will be placed by Snowgum tomorrow and it will take around 6 weeks for production and arrival for sale (by Snowgum) – so keep an eye out for updates. The cost is expected to be \$2.50 per badge and may be worn as a special event badge (i.e., on the front of the uniform in line with the pocket on the right hand side). As a special event badge it will be worn for a limited time – until 31/12/22.

**Elston Hind**  
**Deputy Chief Commissioner**  
**Scouts Australia**



## APPOINTMENTS LIST 21/03/2022 - 11/04/2022

### APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

<b>DILWORTH, Erica</b>	RL (DI) - DA	Greater Western Sydney Region
<b>MILLS, Peter</b>	From ASL To SL-P	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i> 1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>
<b>MURRIHY, Glenn</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To ACSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack <i>Rumbriah</i> 2nd Baulkham Hills Cub Pack <i>Rumbriah</i>
<b>SHAHHO, Atakan</b>	From Appt TL (S) To AVSL	2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Troop 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
<b>SOUTHAM, Ashleigh</b>	From Trainee Ldr (CS) To CSL-P	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>BENNETT, Emily</b>	ACSL	1st Kings Langley Cub Pack <i>Impeesa</i>
<b>CHEAH, Margaret</b>	Fellowship Member	Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship
<b>CRICHTON, Stephen</b>	ACSL	1st Blackheath Cub Pack
<b>HARRIS, Mathew</b>	ASL	1st Oakville Scout Troop
<b>HORMAN, Richard</b>	ACSL	1st Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Kookaburra</i>
<b>KU, PEI-I</b>	Trainee Leader (S)	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>
<b>LYNN, Amy</b>	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Rouse Hill Cub Pack <i>Aberdoon</i>
<b>MERCIECA, Rose</b>	SL-P	1st Blaxland Scout Troop <i>Dunphy</i>
<b>MERRYFULL, Jodi</b>	ACSL	1st Oakville Cub Pack
<b>THOMPSON, Wayne</b>	SL-P	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>



### LEW SMITH 28th April, 2022 aged 84

Lew Smith's 31 years of service to Scouting commenced in 1983 as an Assistant Venturer Leader with 1<sup>st</sup> West Willoughby. In 1983 he moved to be Cub Leader at 5<sup>th</sup> Chatswood, then Assistant Cub Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Seaforth. In 1985 he was a Scout Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Manly 1<sup>st</sup> Greenwich and 1st Longueville, before resigning in 1987.

Lew and his beloved wife, Lynette joined the Hume Region Scout Fellowship in 1998 and then the Cumberland Gang Show Fellowship in 2007 until 2017. Lew was also a backstage member of Cumberland Gang Show, involved in First Aid and Customer Service & Souvenirs teams between 2002 and 2012. During this time, he was also a proud member of the Heritage Fellowship.

Lew was a First Aid officer at the 2<sup>nd</sup> NSW Cuboree; attended the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> NSW Agoonorees and the 1<sup>st</sup> NSW/25<sup>th</sup> SC&T Jamborette in 2005. Lew resigned from Scouting in 2019 due to poor health.

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Lynette and Family.*





## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### GWS ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS

As everyone knows, GWS Region runs a very ambitious and well-respected adventurous activities Program spanning several disciplines including Bushwalking, Vertical, Boating and Paddling. While some of these activities are suitable for youth members of any ability, some require our youth members to have achieved a certain stage in the Outdoor Adventure Skills to attend.

To make the expectations clear for everyone, and to cut down on administration, GWS will now be making sure that all adventurous activities advertised on EMS will have a clear indication of the minimum pre-requisite skill and stage to attend. You will see a note like "This activity requires all youth members to have reached Stage 3 in Vertical to attend this activity," in the description of each activity on EMS.

Group Leaders receive an email from EMS each Sunday evening that shows which group members have registered for an activity on EMS. Group Leaders are encouraged to review this email and question any youth member who may not have the required skill level. This may include reviewing the information yourself or passing the information on to the section leader to address.

The Region Activities team will also be fine-tuning their processes to ensure that all youth members attending an activity meet the minimum qualifications.

Youth members attending an activity will need to ensure that they take a copy of the Outdoor Adventure Skills checklist for any stage they are looking to achieve through a Region activity. They can print this out of Terrain or photocopy the Outdoor Adventure Skills Book.

The Region Activities Team member running the activity will arrange for any checklist items that have been met, to be ticked off and any checklist items not met will be blacked out with permanent marker or similar. This will allow the youth member to present their work to Unit Council and have it signed off in the Unit's Records.

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## TECH TALK...

### SETTING UP AN ONLINE TEAM MEETING

With the introduction of Microsoft 365 into the organisation, it has never been easier to set up an online meeting. In GWS Region, while we encourage Face to Face meetings for all District and Region meetings, it is also worthwhile to have a team link available on a laptop for people who may not be able to make it to your meeting location to dial in.

#### To setup a team meeting:

1. Log on to Microsoft Teams.
2. Click on the Calendar Icon on the left of the screen.
3. Click on new meeting in the top right.
4. Fill in the details on the form, making sure you add the required attendees and the correct date and time.
5. You can set up a recurring meeting using the repeat option that is represented by two arrows in an oval formation.
6. You can leave the channel blank unless you are an advanced teams user and have channels setup.
7. Click on save in the top right and the meeting will automatically be sent to all attendees.

Once you have created a meeting, it will be added to your calendar. You can click on the meeting and see who has accepted in the tracking pane on the far right.

For more information on the Scouts NSW Microsoft 365 Environment, please visit the Scouts NSW Website and click on O365.

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## KALEIDOSCOPE 2022

### This Is It, the Greatest Show!

Kaleidoscope is a fun packed, networking and informative weekend for all adults in Scouting (Leaders, Rover Scouts & Fellowship members) supporting the Youth program.

You'll spend the weekend sharing and learning new ideas, concepts and talking about experiences, that will enhance your ability to deliver and support an adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive program experience for our Youth.

Have you ever been to a Konara, Palaver, Pow-Wow or Summit? Then Kaleidoscope is for you.

**7pm Friday 16th September to 1pm Sunday 18th September 2022**

**@ Glenfield Scout Camp, 2 Cambridge Avenue, Glenfield NSW 2167**

Registrations open now: <https://nsw.scouts.com.au/kaleidoscope>

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please send an email to the Program Support team: [ypsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ypsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## SCOUTS NSW AIR ACTIVITY CENTRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

**Sunday 5th June, 2022 10:00am to 3:00pm @ Camden Airport, 721 Aerodrome Rd, Camden**

**Tickets: Free** Available at [www.trybooking.com/BYTOQ](http://www.trybooking.com/BYTOQ) until 29th May, 2022

**Enquiries:** [airactivities.marketing@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:airactivities.marketing@nsw.scouts.com.au)

**Dress:** Scout members - full Scout uniform, Guests - Smart casual

- Normal Air Activity Day with 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon attending
- Official ceremony from 11am to 12noon including speeches and plaque unveiling
- Hopefully 2-3 visiting aircraft including 1-2 aircraft from the Temora Aviation Museum and a helicopter from the NSW Police Air Wing
- A BBQ lunch and/or light refreshments
- AAC history display including memorabilia



Holroyd District and Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship members were well represented at Club Merrylands ANZAC Day Service 2022

Photos courtesy of Brendan Richards ACSL 1st Kings Langley; Activities Coordinator CGS Fellowship



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