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Nathan Duffy flying high at the Jamborette.

Nathan's comments:

"Awesome! Great Team!

Great Mates!"

Photos: Patricia Duffy

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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.

**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-2022>

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please send an email to the Program Support team: yposupport@nsw.scouts.com.au

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NEXT LEVEL

2022

6th - 10th JULY 2022
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PERFORMANCES

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

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GREY WOLF AWARD



**Hannah Smith
1st Cambridge Park**

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REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

What a busy month it has been! I continue to be surprised and delighted by the amount of meaningful, high-quality activities that occur in our Region and the last month has been no exception.

The first major activity this month was our **75th Annual Reporting Presentation**. The afternoon, held at Bundilla was a true showcase of what it means to be a Greater Western Sydney Scout. Attending the meeting, we had 2 current and one previous mayor who have all been positively affected by the Scouting Program; as well as several current leaders who give of their all.

It was my great pleasure to award the **2021 Alan Overton AM OAM Award to Brian Roberts** from Hills District Scouts. Brian has been a mainstay with the Groups in Hills for over 50 years, and is still active in attending units, teaching bushwalking and campcraft skills and supporting the Groups in his District. BRAVOOO to Brian.

We also had the pleasure at the ARP, of hearing from **Australian Paralympian Joany Badenhorst** who gave the keynote speech on resilience and overcoming adversity. Joany had an amazing story to tell, and it was our privilege to have her speak. Of course, the ARP also included the election of the 2022/2023 Region Executive and our thanks must also go to **Gumnut Patisserie and the Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship** for the amazing afternoon tea.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention the **Region Jamborette** last weekend. How great was it to see just over 1,000 people from almost every Region in NSW come together and enjoy a long weekend camping. This year was one of our biggest ever with 36 Activity Bases, covering off a wide range of skills and stunts, as well as some new inclusions such as Inclusion and Diversity and the Minotaur Base.

I would also like to thank most of the leaders and parents who worked with us to manage the on-site vehicle movements across the park in difficult circumstances. It should be noted that at the closing ceremony, Tracey (Wiangi) officially passed the baton to Brett (Doc) as part of his new role as RC (Scouts). A huge congratulations to Tracey and Brett for running yet another exciting event.

Not to be left out, the Region Joeys ran their first Region event this year with a Campfire at Bundilla. I didn't get a chance to go down to the fire circle, but from the loud and excited cheering and singing I heard from the house, I believe they had a great time as well.

As we head into the July School Holidays, it is a great time to take some time out and recharge the batteries, as there is even more planned for the second half of the year.

I have already heard of State Rally, Monopoly Run, Joey Scout Fun Day, Cub Courses and much more. Of course, there is also the chance to see the Cumberland Gang Show take it to the Next Level at Riverside Theatre – there are only a few tickets left!

I would like to close out this report by letting you know about a project that the Region team, particularly Geoff and myself have been working on over the past few weeks. The State Government earlier this year announced a new grants program called **WestInvest** that will see a significant amount of money made available to community groups across the Sydney basin for infrastructure projects.

We have been working hard to develop detailed submissions for a number of projects in the Region, including significant upgrades to Bundilla that would see it continue to be a significant local asset for Scouting for a long time to come. There is a long way to go on this journey, and we are working closely with the Board, Asset & Finance Committees and the State Scout Support Centre to give us the best shot possible. If you would like to know more about what we are doing, please drop me a line.

Until next time.

Dave

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APPOINTMENTS LIST 6/5/22 - 30/5/22

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

MAGEE, Brian

From Trainee Ldr (CS) 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack *Nackara*
To ACSL 2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack *Nackara*

RESIGNATIONS

DRINKWATER, Chloe

T/L (S) 1st North Rocks Scout Troop

LOTIA, Hiral

T/L (JS) 1st North Rocks Joey Mob

DOYLE, Joseph

CSL 1st North Rocks Cub Pack *Barloo*

McGHIE, Kylie

T/L (JS) 1st Dural Joey Mob

DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - OPERATIONS AND YOUTH SAFETY

Hello Everyone,

Are you ready to run? Think you have what it takes to beat the rest of the Region in the Property game? Then get ready... because Monopoly Run is back!

Monopoly Run is a event that is put on by the Operations Team and by Penrith City District. This year the event is taking place in Holroyd and Parramatta and will see a number of locations become squares on a Monopoly board as you fight with other teams to become the 2022 Monopoly Champions. It is a great, high profile, visible Scouting activity where kids have a lot of fun and can walk away with prizes!!! More info will be uploaded onto EMS on Monday June 27 (we are just finalising some changes for 2022 to make it a bit more Joey/Cub friendly and a bit more challenging for the older sections!

We have also been finally able to lock in a date for a **Mental Health First Aid course**. These courses are designed to introduce Rovers and Adults to the skills required to respond to a Mental Health Problem or Crisis Situation. It is not about becoming councillors, but about developing skills to be a first responder in these situations. It is not a cheap course (we will deliver it as cheap as possible); however it is important and the more people we have qualified in this area, the stronger support we can provide to our members. **Numbers are limited, so please reach out to me if you are interested.**

It was great to catch up with a number of faces at the **Jamborette** the other weekend and to see the amazing job that the Scout, Venturer and Rover sections did in running an amazing event in a very cold climate (I still haven't thawed out!!!). A key part of the operations team's job is to support these major events that run each year. This year, registrations have been a real challenge with many people not looking to pay or complete e-permissions until the activity was almost here!

A friendly reminder that the **e-permissions and payments** are also due by the closing date for any event. For most (if not all) of our large events; if you have submitted your application as of the closing date, you are required to pay, regardless of whether you attend or not. If you don't, it just makes it that much harder on the guy on myside of the keyboard to chase you up, spam you and get everything sorted!

For our groups, now that **ARP** season is over (except for those groups who still owe me ARPs or paperwork), its time to have a bit of a review – what went well, what didn't, what can we do better next year... Remember

that ARP is not about getting everything done so Steve gets off your case; it is about how you can showcase your Group to your local community, including politicians, significant community leaders and of course your Scouting Community. The best ARPs I have seen have been those where the actual ARP takes about 10 minutes and the rest is about celebrating the Group and its achievements.

Also have a think about what support you need. Do you have a new group Treasurer who could do with someone to explain the Cash Book to them? What about a new Chair that might need some ideas to run the meeting? Or a Trustee that has no idea what a Trustee is (no its not a brand of dog food)! **If you need help – please reach out – the whole Region Team is only happy to help out.**

Not a great note to end on, but one which I want to draw to your attention to none the less. The **2022 Annual State Fee** is now **overdue** and if your youth members have not paid this fee within the next twoish weeks (you will have received a reminder with the exact date), then their membership to Scouting will have expired and they will no longer be able to attend Scouting activities.

The **State Support Centre** will be preparing and sending a list of people still to pay for your Group (or you can run it from ScoutLink); and while yes, we are not debt collectors, I encourage you to have a conversation with those families to see if there is a problem or if the Group can help out – the healthier we keep all our Groups, the more we as a Group, District, Region and State benefit.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Monopoly Run

MONOPOLY JUST GOT REAL!

Saturday 27th August 2022 from 8:30am

Cost: \$20 participant / \$10 adult

Registrations Close 12th August 2022

**This is a Region Challenge for
all Sections and all Groups!**

PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS OF

Each Game

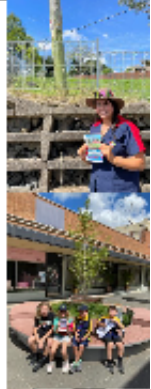
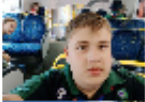
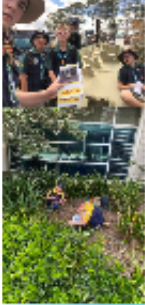
**Each Division
(Joeys/Cubs/Scouts/Venturers/Rovers)**

The Overall Competition (Group)

**Imagine if we took your average game of Monopoly,
placed it over an area of Parramatta and set you
loose to find properties, charge rent and play
Monopoly in a real live location!**

Imagine it no more!

**For more information, contacts, and to register go to
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DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER AT&D AND DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Who is the Team Leader?

I get this question all the time from Leaders in Training and Leaders who are not sure, so I will try to explain.

At Group Level; the Group Leader or Leader in Charge is the Team Leader of the Group. Some forms need the Team Leader's signature - this is a time for the Team Leader to ask questions about the Training Completed. If the Team Leader doesn't hold a Wood Badge, they can still ask the questions and then have a Wood Badge holder counter sign the form.

At District Level; the District Commissioner is the Team Leader and his team consists of Group Leaders, Leaders in Charge, District Leaders and Advisors.

At Region Level; the Region Commissioner or his Delegate is the Team Leader for the purpose of signing paperwork for Training and reviews. His team consists of all those with Region Appointments.

The new **IAMP forms** need the Team Leader to sign, and they should have a Wood Badge or a Wood Badge holder countersign.

We have a many Leaders in Training - just remember that you need to complete all the online modules of the Course you are applying for.

- Scouting Essentials – eLearning Modules before Scouting Essential face to face Course
- Scouting Adventure – eLearning Modules before Scouting Adventure face to face Course

Once completed, ask what forms you need, it will only be Paperwork left to be appointed.

During the Jamborette I was impressed by the **Diversity and Inclusion Base**. The tasks that Scouts had to conquer to achieve, were amazing and gave everyone an equal playing field for tasks that others deal with every day. I thank **Nathan Duffy and his very supportive team** in coming up with these challenges, and I know Nathan is already working on next Jamborette! BRAVOOO!

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

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



Finally, I can actually talk about some real activities!

Spent a very enjoyable day paddling down the Hawkesbury River from Yarramundi Bridge to Macquarie Park at Windsor, a leisurely 18.8km according to my GPS. I have done this trip on a number of occasions, but not since the recent floods. It is amazing how much the river has changed, particularly up the Yarramundi end. Sandy beaches, I once knew, are no longer. It really does give you an appreciation of the sheer force of the water that came down during the floods.



Some of you may have heard that there was a recent accident involving the Flying Fox at Cataract. While it is always a concern when incidents do happen, you never want to waste the opportunity, and it is only right that a thorough investigation of the incident is carried out. Sometimes the result of that investigation may mean a change in procedures, or even some additional training. Whatever the outcome, it is all to our benefit, to ensure while we do participate in some more high-risk type activities, it is good to know that we have mitigated any associated risks down to an absolute minimum.

I remember many years ago, on the Friday night of a Scout Hike; a young Scout had just arrived, stepped off the bus, only to trip over a drain and subsequently broke her ankle. With over 1500 Scouts spending a weekend running around a State Forest, that incident on the Friday night was the most serious injury of the weekend.

You can never be too careful!

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Cumberland Gang Show

...it is all about numbers!

...28 GO! 30 GO! 32 GO! Stand by 34 - 40, when stage ready...!

You may have never really thought about it, but everything that happens on stage, and even before the curtain goes up, happens by numbers. It is what we call "Cueing!"

It takes a great deal of concentration for those reading out the cues. Each cue number is normally tied to a particular word in the script, whether spoken or even sung, and as the relevant number comes up, this number will instigate something to happen. A spotlight; a puff of smoke; a set to move, or even something unseen like an audio mic being turned off or on.

You quickly understand why it is critically important that performers do not adlib during the performance. The teams working side stage and behind the scenes don't always have a clear view as to exactly what is happening on stage, but know that when their particular cue comes up, they must 'act' on whatever that number represents. Some cues could have over half a dozen items happening all at once. Generally, cues are only even numbers, and most of our Shows will go up as high as 1,000.

As Stage Manager, I also need to keep the cueing people informed on when stage is SET and ready to go for the next scene. Taking nothing away from the amazing cast on stage, let me say there are many people working behind the scenes, just as hard! *For the duration of the show, it really is full on!*

For me personally, this is where I get a great deal of satisfaction. To be part of a larger team of people, all totally focused on the task at hand. It is where you really see and experience, that "NEXT LEVEL" in "Team Spirit!"

Over the last few months, I have hopefully introduced you to quite an array of various skills, which we utilize and require, to put a Show together - but it is not all skill set based!

If you are a current Leader within the Scouting movement, we also have some important roles to be filled. As you can probably well appreciate with 100+ cast; as well as the stage crew; and large sets moving in and out; things can get quite hectic backstage. This is where we need leaders to help and guide the cast and ensure the absolute safety of everyone concerned.

The two big attractions to this welfare role is firstly, you do not have to be there for every show, so there is not a big-time commitment required. The second plus is it does give you great insight to how the show actually runs. *I remember the first time I walked onto the backstage area at the Riverside, it is really an amazing area, even without all the cast and sets in place!*

If this is something you would like to be part of, you can contact our Welfare Director, Jenny Wardell on 0413 589 243 (after 3.00pm) or email jenny.wardell@nsw.scouts.com.au for more information. She would love to hear from you.

I do hope that over the last few months, I have been able to provide each of you with a bit of an insight to the "other side" of Gang Show. It really is a huge team of many people, coming together to achieve something that is very special. You don't have to sing or dance, but a sense of fun is an absolute must!

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TONY BROWN

It is with sadness that Cumberland Gang Show has advised the recent passing of Tony Brown a long time member of the Gang.

Tony Brown was a man of many talents and a strong supporter of Scouting through the Cumberland Gang Show. I first met Tony over forty years ago when he started helping in our set construction team. He went on to make an outstanding contribution to the show as stage manager and technical director from 1984, a role he held until 2001, coordinating all the technical backstage elements of the show. All in all he was with the show for twenty remarkable years.

During that time there were many memorable moments, as Tony reached for and exceeded new goals and new challenges, and in the process redefined what was technically possible in a Gang Show. In particular there were huge challenges to be overcome as we moved into Riverside Theatre in 1988 and every aspect of the show changed overnight. Tony forged ahead and pioneered new ways to work backstage as we introduced new stage boxes, new staging techniques, learnt how to use a fly tower and paint 15m wide backdrops, just to name a few. We owe Tony an enormous debt of gratitude as a leader during this period when the Gang Show audiences and sets were both enormous, expectations were being exceeded every year and, with his unflinching support, nothing was too hard.

But Tony's contribution was more than just the annual Gang Show at Parramatta. During the late 80s and early 90s Gang Show did four show tours to Tamworth and Orange, involving local kids in performing a Gang Show. Tony was there, leading the charge, transporting the sets and recreating the show technically in just one weekend for each tour. It was a logistics nightmare, but nothing stopped Tony delivering, for which I can't thank him enough.

Tony Brown was a stalwart of Gang Show backstage and on the Board of Management. He was more than just a supporter; he was a man whose opinion was valued, whose skills were appreciated and whose friendship I will value for a lifetime. He certainly was not afraid to tell you when something was not quite right, and nothing is more valuable than that.

But every performance has a finale, every show has a final curtain and one should not mourn the closing, but celebrate and applaud the artist who has made it such a great show. In Tony's case, he has made an enormous impact to many young people's lives and for that remarkable run he deserves every accolade.

*Rest in Peace
Tony Brown*



**Dr Robert Lang
Producer/Director
Cumberland Gang Show**



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Hi Everyone

This month we had a great campfire night with almost 90 people in attendance. We sang songs, had a story and performed skits. I would like to thank all who attended, as this was the first event for Joeys we have been able to hold in over a year!

The support and caring of everyone attending was great to see. A feedback form will be circulated shortly so that we can do our Review for this Activity. Also we will be creating a campfire song book and it would be great if you have any suggestions for songs to be included - Just email me with your suggestions.

Also Joey Scout Fun Day will be held on the 25th of September. Meetings for the planning for this event will be open to all and an email with more details will be sent shortly.

Kelly Wallace
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JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY

Sunday 25th September 2022

Bundilla Scout Camp

Come join us for a day of fun and adventure as we explore our environment and the world around us!

Mark this date in your diary - more details available closer to the event.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

THE REGION EXECUTIVE

Like any Scout Group, the Region also has a 'Group Support Committee' that is charged with managing the business of the Region and ensuring that we also meet our obligations under the Associations policies and the law. This group, known as the Region Executive Committee (REC), meets once a month.

The members of the REC are made up of a mixture of Uniformed and Layside members including the...

- Region President
- Region Chairperson
- Region Treasurer
- Region Commissioner

Requirements for membership are outlined in the NSW Constitution and we make sure that we cover as much of the Region as possible in the makeup of the REC, with most Districts represented.

So what does the REC actually do?

They:

- Monitor the Region's finances and ensure that we are living within our means.
- Look at Property and WHS issues that have occurred in the Region.
- Monitor the Region Property Portfolio and Hall Hires.
- Ensure that the relevant policies such as Conflict of Interest, Grants, Property and Finance are adhered to across the Region.
- Provide a sounding board for the Region Commissioner and his team, particularly around those areas that are not directly related to but provide support for the delivery of the program.

Over the next few months, we will be introducing the members of the Region Executive so that you can find out a bit more about these people and come and say hi!

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SCOUT REPORT

Jamborette is over for another year. Judging by the smiles I am sure everyone had a great time. It was great to see that everyone planned for a wet weekend and hence the rain stayed away. It was a little cool and windy but I am sure you will agree, given the large volume of rain this year, it was an improvement.

We had just under 1000 participants this year. Unfortunately there were a number that due to illness were not able to attend. I hope those affected are feeling better and look forward to seeing you next year.

There is a huge number of people that make this event possible. I would like to thank everyone who helped deliver another great GWS Jamborette. I would like to specifically thank the Rovers, Venturers and Fellowships for their continuing support. I am sure you will all agree the fantastic GWS Activities Team once again ran the adventurous activities to the usual gold standard. And finally, all the leaders that ran activities and campsites over the weekend.

The gateway competition was very tight this year. It was great to see a lot of effort went into the gateways.
Congratulations to the winners.

TRADITIONAL GATEWAY

- 1st - 1st Kellyville (123 points)
- 2nd - Blue Mountains District (113 points)
- 3rd - 1st Balcombe Heights (110 points)

THEMED GATEWAY

- 1st - 1st Cambridge Park (110 points)
- 2nd - 1st Quakers Hill Doonside (109 points)
- Equal 3rd - 1st Cooma & 1st Toongabbie (102 points)

The Scouts' Choice Award was voted on by each Patrol. It was also a very tight contest and only being decided by the last few votes:

SCOUTS' CHOICE

- 1st - 1st Kellyville
- 2nd - 1st Cambridge Park
- 3rd - 1st Hawksbury

BEST BASE AWARD

- 1st - Troy Story (2nd Baulkham Hills Venturers)
- 2nd - School of Titans (1st Glossodia Venturers)
- Equal 3rd - Hercules Quest (1st/2nd Merrylands Venturers) and Science

State Rally is the next big event on the calendar. It is the largest annual State-wide Scout event and is open to all Scouts in NSW. **State Rally early bird registrations close Friday 8th July** don't miss out. Full details on the EMS.

Don't forget to mark the **15th & 16th October for JOTA/JOTI** in your calendars. This year we are working on running a Region camp. We are in the process of finalising the location and will put up the details as soon as this is confirmed. Keep an eye on the EMS.

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TECH STUFF.... INVOICING

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

- Log In to ScoutLink
- Navigate to the information for your Group/Formation
- Select Invoices Report from the TABs at the top of the Screen
- Enter the dates for the period that you wish to view invoices for. Invoices for 2021 were roughly generated around:
 - 1st July for Q2 2021
 - 1st October for Q3 & Q4 2021
- 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

- Log in to ScoutLink
- Navigate to the member's record.
- Click on the Invoices Tab at the top of the screen
- Click on the PDF button next to the invoice to download it and send it to the family.
- 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 and we are only happy to assist.

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VENTURER REPORT

Congratulations to **Lachlan Chen** from **1st Castle Hill** who was elected to the **State Youth Council**. Good to see GWS Venturers back on the council. I'm sure you'll be an excellent member of the council.

Congratulations also to the nearly **200 Venturers** who attended **Jamborette** as **service leaders** on the June long weekend. While the whole weekend was thankfully dry, the very windy conditions did make things a bit challenging. Congratulations also to **2nd Baulkham Hills** who were selected by the Scouts as **Best Base**. I had to leave on Monday morning for work reasons, so I couldn't make it around the Units to say thank you, but well done everyone. Thank you also to the **Rovers** for running **Capture the Flag** on Sunday night. We had some time together with the leaders to talk about upcoming events.



1st Dural & 1st Balcombe Hts at Jamborette



1st Castle Hill at Jamborette

During the month, we held an online **Terrain information evening**, put together by our youth representatives Breanna and Myles, with help from Andrew and Matthew. The evening was well attended and we had some really good questions from leaders and youth. Attendees saw a demonstration of the core aspects of Terrain and discussed practical aspects of the application.



Melanie Dimmock, Erica Dilworth and I attended **1st Balcombe Heights first ever Queen's Scout Award Presentation for Nathaniel Leung**.

Erica and I also attended **1st Castle Hills presentation** of three further awards.

Josh, Brian, Georgia and James at 1st Castle Hill



Congratulations to those Units; good to see people working through the program despite the recent challenges.

With the Jamborette complete for the year, we can now look forward to our next activities.

The first is our **Endurance Leadership** weekend to be held at the end of July. This is principally a leadership course but also covers off some aspects of the survival outdoor activity skill. Registrations are now open on the Region EMS.

The other focus will be **Waratah**; with the leaders we discussed the possibility of going out to Camp Canobalas at Orange. This was received enthusiastically, so we are now working on that as our Plan A.

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GWSR Venturers are now on Instagram!

Investitures at 1st Blaxland



In July 2014 we embarked on a journey to support Scouts throughout the Region preparing for their green cord hikes. We were joined by Scouts, Venturers and Rovers **of all ages** on many adventures in the National Parks around Sydney. We are appreciative of your support and loyalty over the years and invite you to **join our family** on a new exciting journey.



In July 2022 we are proud to launch our **new identity**. We look forward to defining our purpose over time, designing **minimal impact and innovative** bushwalking experiences in partnership with the next generation of Scouts.

Welcome to Western Sydney Scouts Bushwalking “Innovative Designs”

“The story of 3 Scouting families and their passion for hiking in the Australian bush. With origins to the first bushwalking policy introduced by Scouts NSW in 2000. We are here to support members of GWSR Scouts experience bushwalking in the National Parks around Sydney”.

Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders can register individually or with other members of their Scout Group. Join our small personalised groups on day and multi day trips. Members from other regions are most welcome. We encourage you to contact us and register early.

**Participants require a current Scouts NSW membership number and suitable health and fitness for the activity type.*

REGISTRATION SUPPORT

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/westernsydneyscoutsbushwalking/>

Google <https://goo.gl/maps/ywba6pZzz6JSgMk57>

UPCOMING DATES

Lawsons Long Alley overnight hike, 2nd & 3rd July, Mount Victoria - Capacity 14
<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/540>

Megalong 3 day hike, 8th to 10th July, Blackheath/Megalong Valley - Capacity 14
<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/542>

North Head bushwalks, 26th to 28th August, Sydney Harbour - Capacity 14
<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/615>

Nelson Bay bushwalks, 24th to 27th September, Anna Bay/Nelson Bay - Capacity 12
<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/568>



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SAVE THE DATE.

GWS Region has locked in a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course for the 30th & 31st July 2022 at Bundilla.

This non-residential course is aimed at Rovers and Adults who work with Children and Young People. The course will introduce the skills needed to recognise and respond to a mental health problem or crisis situation.

Cost is being finalised but is expected to be between \$100 and \$150. The course is delivered by qualified trainers.

Spots are limited.

E-mail steve.wallace@Nsw.scouts.com.au with your EOI today.

More information will be emailed out as soon as its available.

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