



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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Scouts Australia – New South Wales Branch

Greater Western Sydney Region



Mr Ross Grove

Region President

and

Mr David Stopps JP

Region Commissioner

Cordially invite you to be present at the

Greater Western Sydney Region Awards Presentation

Toongabbie Public School

Corner of Fitzwilliam Rd and Binalong Rd, Toongabbie.

Saturday 24th September 2022 at 2:30pm

Afternoon Tea provided.

Dress: Smart Casual/ Full Uniform including Award Decorations

Cost: \$10.00 per head for Non - Recipients, free for Recipients.

(Payable by cash, credit card or EFT to Region Office)

[Please register yourself and your guests online.](#)

Registrations now open on the Region EMS System.

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/690>

Registrations will close at 11:59pm 16th September 2022

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GWS Joey Scout Fun Day September 25, 2022 10am to 3pm

1st South Penrith Scout Hall Glenbrook St, Jamisontown

We have been able to reschedule the Joey Scout Fun Day!!
The event will look a little different than we originally planned, but we will still have some great activities.

We now need you to do one of the following actions to let us know if you can still make it!

- If you did not register for the original event back in May, you are more than welcome to attend - just go to <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/710> to register.
- If you were coming back in May and you still would like to attend, let me know by email and I will set up your registration for you - you will still need to complete a new e-permission form and this will be sent to your email. We are working on the difference in price for youth members and will let you know soon how the difference will be made up.
- If you were coming back in May but can no longer make it (and have not applied for a refund), please let me know by email, including your BSB and Bank Details and we will arrange a refund. Please note that no refunds will be processed until after the event. **All Information MUST be received before the 25th September 2022.**
- If you were coming back in May and had your money refunded but would like to now attend, you will need to go to <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/710> and re-register.

Registrations are now open and will close (with no exceptions) on the 18th September 2022.

All Youth Members, Leaders and Parents must have registered and paid by this date to attend the event.

Payments on the day will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact me. It can take me a couple of days to respond to emails so please be patient with me.

Hope to see you there!

Kelly Wallace (Kanga)
Region Commissioner Joey Scouts
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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 COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

I would like to start this month by congratulating the recipients of **Adult Recognition Awards** announced on the 1st of August this year. GWS Region had 30 recipients from a total of just over 60 nominations. Each recipient has done us proud and gives of them all for Scouting. We will honour each of the recipients as well as the awardee of the **2022 Alan Overton OAM AM Award** at our Region Awards Ceremony on the **24th of September 2022 at Toongabbie Public School**. Registrations are now open on EMS.

Speaking of recognition, I would like to recognise the youth members who were part of the **2022 Scouts NSW AGM** held recently at Pennant Hills. Each of the Youth Members from a variety of groups across the Region, as well as different Age Sections did our region proud as they carried out their functions during the day and at the Gala Dinner in the evening.

Scout of the Year nominations are now open for 2022. If you have a Youth Member – from any section who has done some amazing work, why not think about nominating them. The finalists will be announced in the coming weeks and then the winner of each section later this year. More information is available from the State Rally.

Everywhere we look, it seems that our youth members are achieving – and that is great to see! I also need to congratulate the **Patrol from 2nd Northmead Scout Unit who came 1st in the Region and 3rd in the State Overall at the recent State Rally held at Cataract Scout Park**. It is truly a remarkable effort, and they should be proud. Of course, I also need to recognise the Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Fellowship Members and Supporters of our region who did an outstanding job running the RAC and activity bases.

Our Rovers have also been very active – and have just run the first moot since Pre-Covid in the State. Congratulations to **Nepean Rover Unit** for the hard work and effort they put in to make this a reality and from the early accounts, it seemed to be another great event.

Coming up in the Region, we have a number of activities – The Joey Scout and Venturer Scout Sections are both planning single day events in September, as well as the Region-wide Monopoly Run being run at the end of this month. Doc and Batman are deep in planning a JOTA activity for the Scout Section and the activities team is as always getting several activities ready in all of the many different disciplines.

I would like to call your attention to the State run **Kaleidoscope** happening in mid-September. This is fast shaping up to be a great chance for leaders across the state to network, learn new skills and share their experiences. Information on this great activity is available on EMS.

From a region perspective, everything continues to run smoothly. The Region Team is always out and about, and we love to see what the groups, units and youth members are getting up to. If you have a story to share, please let us know, as we would love to hear it.

Keep it up, and everyone is doing amazing.

Till next month,

Dave

David Stopps JP

Region Commissioner

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ELIZABETH (LIZ) SOBOLEWSKI **March 1934 – July 2022, 88 years**

Liz started with 1st Parramatta Scout Group as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader in April 1981 moving onto Cub Scout Leader in October 1986 until retiring as a Leader in 1995.

She continued to support the Group as Treasurer until 2007. Liz also supported the Group as the Hall Booking Officer from 2007 until her passing.

Liz came back into uniform in 2007 as Group Leader until Jul 2011 when she was appointed Honorary Leader (Group) of 1st Parramatta Scout Group. Liz dedicated over 41 years of service to Scouting and was awarded a Silver Wattle for her Outstanding Service in 2010.

Liz was farewelled at a requiem mass, on Wednesday 10th August at St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta.





WORLD SCOUT DAY AWARDS

30 Adult Members of Greater Western Sydney Region have been honoured in the annual Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service; part of The Scout Association's observance of the founding of Scouting at the first Scout Camp held at Brownsea Island in the UK on August 1, 1907.

Congratulations to all our recipients for 2022 and thank you for your continued commitment to Scouting!



SILVER EMU

Awarded for sustained and exceptional service to Scouts Australia.

M^cLEAN, Michelle: District Cub Scout Leader, Blacktown District



SILVER KOALA

Awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia.

COFFILL, Linda: Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale Scout Troop



SILVER WATTLE

Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia

ANDERSON, Helen: Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Venturer Unit

BURR, Richard: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop

GIBBS, Michael: Scout Leader, 1st Mt Druitt Scout Troop

HEINRICH, Phil: Group Leader, 1st Hawkesbury Scout Group

HENDERSON, Geoff: Deputy Region Commissioner, GWSR



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia.

HOWLETT, Ross: Honorary Commissioner (Region), Greater Western Sydney Region



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Awarded for excellent service to Scouts Australia

COBCROFT, Grant: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Cub Pack

DAVIS, Paul: Scout Leader-P, 1st Glossodia Scout Troop

DILWORTH, Erica: District Venturer Scout Leader, Hills District

LOCKMAN, Adele: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader-DA, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Venturer Unit

MASON, Kristine: Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills

MILLER, Gillian: Cub Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Cub Pack

PRIEST, Matt: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop



SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Awarded for good service to Scouts Australia

CASSIN, Vanessa: Group Trustee, 2nd Baulkham Hills Scout Group

CLEAVER, James: Adult Helper, 1st Grose Vale Scout Group

DILWORTH, Janice: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

DORNE, Kelly-Anne: Scout Leader-P, 1st Oakville Scout Troop

EADIE, Fiona: Supporter, Cumberland Gang Show Scout Group

GARDNER, Lucinda: Group Public Relations Officer, 2nd Castle Hill Scout Group

HAWKEN, Peter: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ermington Cub Pack

LETTA, Cameron: Provisional Leader (Joey Scouts), 1st South Penrith Joey Mob

LITTLEJOHN, Katie: Joey Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Joey Mob

LOVE, Damon: Provisional Leader, Greater Western Sydney Region

M^cLELLAN, Fiona: Venturer Scout Leader-P, 1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Troop

PAUSEY, David: Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Oakville Cub Pack

ROWE, Juliet: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Westmead Scout Troop

SCHILLER, Joachim: Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill Scout Troop

ZHANG, Jenny: Group Chairman, 1st Castle Hill Scout Group



APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

CLAPHAM, John	From SL To Honorary Leader (G)	1st Springwood Scout Troop 1st Springwood Scout Group
COUNDRRELIS, Richelle	From AVSL To VSL	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit 1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
LAWRENSON, Anthony	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Scout Troop
MARSDEN, Andrew	From Trainee Ldr (S) To SL-P	2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop 2nd Castle Hill Scout Troop
PRANTS, Matthew	CSL-P	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
SEOW, David	From Trainee Ldr (JS) To JSL-P	Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob
SKOTSCH, Jonathon	From Trainee Ldr (G) To SL-P	1st Springwood Scout Group 1st Springwood Scout Troop
WIJESINGHE, Udaya	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i> 1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

SOBOLEWSKI, Elizabeth	Honorary Leader (G)	1st Parramatta Scout Group
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RESIGNATIONS

EDWARDS, Kellee	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st Castle Cub Pack <i>Kookaburra</i>
FAVOTTO, Lucio	ASL	1st Oakville Scout Troop
GLACKEN, Kieran	VSL-P	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
KINGDOM, Hugh	Trainee Ldr (JS)	1st Oakville Joey Mob
PRENDERGAST, Jack	Trainee Ldr (S)	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop



PARRAMATTA WANDARRAH JOEY RESOURCES

Over the last few years Parramatta District Joey Leaders have added a wealth of resources to this page.

We have reorganised it in line with the Program;
added new resources and have included some at home programs from 2020 & 2021.

We have over 100 programs added to the page, as well as associated resources.
Some resources were previously part of the GWSR Joeyes website, that does not currently exist.

<http://www.ermingtonscouts.asn.au/Joey%20Resources.html>

Sandy Knox - Ermington Joeyes/Parramatta Wandarrah Joeyes Coordinator

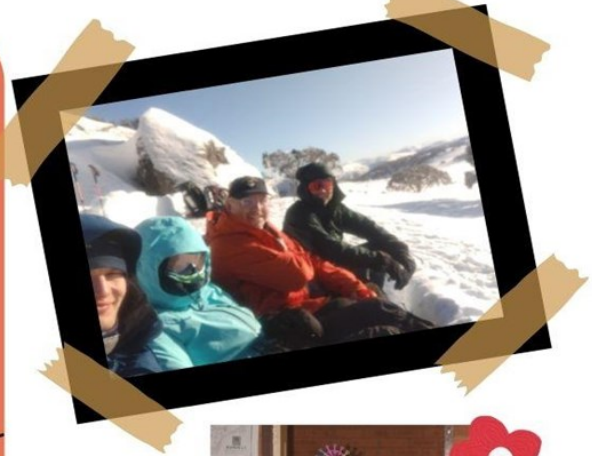
ROVERS



This past month has seen GWS Rovers eager and keen to get out and about!

This past month has seen 2nd Castle Hill Rovers busy with their unit by going mini-golfing as well as gathering together to do some t-shirt screen printing of their logo on some t-shirts they had designed!

Two of Hawkesbury Rovers were also seen attending National Alpine School!



This past month was also the first time Blacktown Rovers had run an event known as Queer Formal. This event was created to celebrate and embrace the queer community within Rovers and Scouting. The event was a great success with many people hoping the event runs again next year. Fundraising was also held on the night for Twenty10 to which saw the event raise \$100 for the cause!

VENTURER REPORT

Our Endurance: Leadership & Survival weekend turned out to be everything we hoped for. A terrific group of Venturers; a solid turnout of Leaders and Rovers to help us run the weekend and some pretty miserable weather! The feedback was the weekend was draining - a genuine challenge that brought out the best in everyone. Our team couldn't be happier with the outcome and we all had a great weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend such a success.

Our youth representatives have organised a day activity in the city in late September called **Look Wide**. This will be a scavenger hunt game based in the Sydney CBD, starting at Belmore Park next to Central Railway Station. The event is up on the Event Management System and it would be great to see a good turnout for this. **Registrations close on Sunday 11th September 2022.**

Planning is underway for **Waratah**. This year we are heading west to visit The Golden West Region at Orange. TGW have always been supporters of Waratah, so it's nice to go out and visit them for a change. We'll be saying something more detailed at a Region Venturer Council meeting on Monday 22nd August at Lethbridge Street.

Thanks also to the 10 or so Venturers from Cambridge Park, Oatlands, Winston Hills, Kings Langley and Quakers Hill-Doonside (hope I haven't forgotten anyone) who went to **State Rally** and helped with bases and the organisation of the event. The Scouts have always been very keen to have our Venturers attend and it looks like we've delivered again.

As mentioned, we are holding an RVC at Penrith this month. I look forward to seeing you out there.
Yours in Scouting

Brian Nelson
Region Commissioner Venturer Scouts
Dragon Skin BOOTS Coordinator
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State Rally photo courtesy of Scouts NSW website.

SCOUT REPORT

State Rally 2022 has been run and won. GWSR did well with **The Delorians - 2nd Northmead** taking out **3rd place overall**. **The Delorians** also took out **first place in GWS** followed in second place by **The Itts - 1st Westmead** and in **third place The Night Owls - 1st Balcombe Heights**.



The Delorians - 2nd Northmead

Congratulations to all the patrols and activities that achieved awards and well done to all Scouts who competed in the 2022 State Rally **'Don't Look Back'**. A big thank you to all the Rovers, Venturers and Leaders who assisted over the weekend and made the event possible.

JOTA/JOTI is rapidly approaching on the 15th & 16th October. This year we are holding a **region camp at Bundilla** focused on the **Scout section**. There will be lots of activities over the weekend to participate in - including traditional radio and electronics projects as well as international Scouting content. Camping will be lightweight along the same lines as State Rally. Venturers and Rovers are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Check out Scout Event for further details.

Do you think you have what it takes to be recognised as Scout of the Year or know a youth member who has contributed exceptionally to Scouting and the wider community? The **Scout of the Year Award** celebrates youth members in Scouting who have contributed exceptionally to Scouting and made a difference in their wider community. **Nominations close 5th September 2022**. Check out the URL below for further information and get those nominations in.
<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/scout-of-the-year-award/>



Brett (Doc) Nicholas
Region Commissioner Scouts
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REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



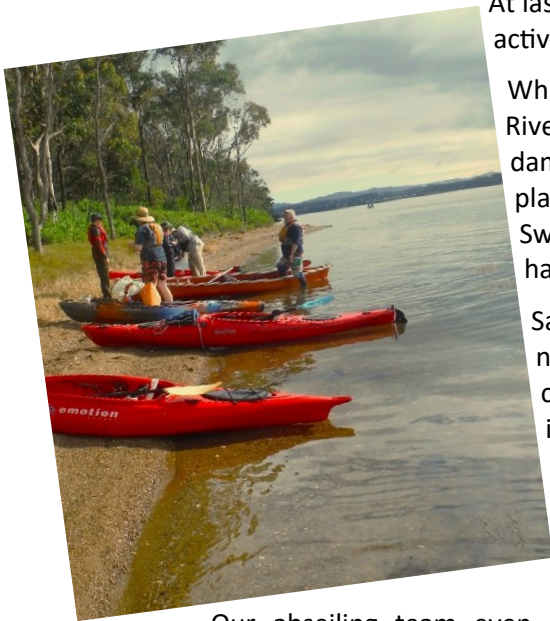
I do not know about you, but I am getting a bit sick of winter!

It's not so much about the cold frosty mornings, or those grey overcast days! It's the lack of daylight! Can't wait for Daylight savings to kick in again!

At last, we have actually been able to get out and do some real outdoor adventurous activities again.

While it initially looked like a planned overnight canoe trip down the Kangaroo River was going to be cancelled, due to Nat. Parks closing off the area, with flood damage. We were not going to be beaten again! With some quick rebooking and planning, we were able to head off north to Lake Macquarie, staying at the Swansea Scout Hall. In Real Estate they talk about location, location, location! This hall is literally 15m from the water's edge, and what a gem of a place.

Saturday, we explored the northern part of the Lake up past Mark's Point (great name!) and into Belmont, where we supported the local economy, in a very nice coffee shop. Sunday, we headed more south down around Pulbah Island, which is a nature reserve in the middle of the lake. (No Coffee Shop there!) It was so good just to get out again on the water. With no significant rivers flowing into Lake Macquarie, the water has remained very clear, even after all the rain.



Our abseiling team even managed to get out on a weekend Abseiling Workshop covering Safe Participant/OAS 5. Again, another great weekend of just hanging out.

Keep your eye out on the EMS, on the GWS Website, for more great activities coming up!

Mark Fell (Dingo)

RC Activities

Stage Manager – Cumberland Gang Show

Deputy Chair – CGS Management Committee

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BLACKTOWN DISTRICT BILLY CART DAY SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 8.30AM TO 3.30PM THE MORROW RESERVE, ROOTY HILL

Free entry! A BBQ is available on the day

Lunch pack also available for \$12.00: consists of a bread roll sausage, popper, small pkt chips and bag of lollies

A badge for Billy Cart day will be available for sale, just \$4.00 each

Lunch pack and badges are payable on the day at the registration desk.

For full details and to register, please go to

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/649> **Registrations close on Friday 2nd September (12am)**



2022 Calendar

Learn by doing in relaxed settings. Practice bushwalking skills, develop confidence, meet people and see the national parks around Sydney". Available to members of Scouts NSW.

Current 7th August 2022(SH – School Holidays)

Activity	Date
Perrys Lookdown/ Blue Gum Bushwalk	Saturday August 20
Ropes Creek Line	Sunday September 18
Anna Bay/Nelson Bay	September 24 to 27 (SH)
Burralow Creek Beginner Hike	Tues Oct 4 & Wed Oct 5 (SH)
Bundeena Maianbar Heritage Walk	December 2, 3 & 4
Botany Bay Coast Walk	December 17
South & Illawarra Helensburgh to Wollongong	January 10 & 11, 13 & 14, 16 & 17, 19 & 20 (SH)

Registrations events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/region/gws

Facebook www.facebook.com/westernsydneyscoutsbushwalking

Contact Tristan Flores Tristan.Flores@nsw.scouts.com.au

GREY WOLF AWARDS



CALLUM HAWKIN	1ST ERMINGTON
EMMA KINTOMINAS	1ST HAWKESBURY
CARA TURCO	1ST MURRAY FARM
LEO WHITE	1ST WINSTON HILLS

1, 2, 3 WOOF!



Korimul Gangshow



We need the support of all Scout Coast & tablelands
Illawarra Performing arts centre

9th & 10th Sept 2022

Book with your Scout Group or Just come along with your family & friends.

A FUN night for the Whole Family



BOOK NOW!
*click link
Membrane Theatre Company*

Korimul Gang Show is produced by Scouts and Guides from the Illawarra region. It is variety theatre with song and dance routines, comedy sketches and other performance pieces, all done by your fellow Scouts & Guides. With Music from The Greatest showman, Bowie, Jagger & Sketchers by Ralph Reader and Others.

Book NOW Illawarra Performing Arts Centre (IPAC Website)

For more information and to book tickets visit
<http://korimulgangshow.com/>

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14 - 16 OCTOBER / OCTOBRE 2022

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Leadership Through Adventure Fund Grants Now Open

Are you looking to fund your next grand adventure?

Are you thinking of challenging yourself to lead an adventurous journey; scale a mountain, or lead a Patrol to explore the unknown in an epic experience?

Do you need funding to support these goals?

The new **Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund**

has been created, following their incredibly generous donation of

\$1m to Scouts Australia. Over the next five years, this exciting fund will support adventurous activities that develop leadership skills and demonstrate responsible risk-taking, including:

- Outdoor Adventurous journeys
- Training courses for Outdoor Adventure Skills
- International expeditions

This significant support is open to individuals and Patrols of youth members at all Scouting levels and Branches, including metropolitan, regional, and remote communities. Successful applicants will need to co-contribute to the cost of their adventure, and document a personal reflection to share with the Scouting movement.

The first round of applications open on **Thursday 1 September 2022** and close **9 October 2022**. For more

information go to the Scouts Australia website

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/07/26/leadership-through-adventure-fund-grants-now-open/>

Scouts in Action Month

The Great Australian Scout Cook Off

August 2022

Cooking is one of the most enjoyable programme and weekend activities there is - so this year Scouts in Action Month is all about 'The Great Australian Scout Cook Off'

Programs and activities are already on the Scouts in Action Month website and are added to regularly

www.scoutsinactionmonth.com

If you have any awesome cooking programs and activity ideas or suggestions send them to scoutsinactionmonth@gmail.com and I will post them onto the site to share.

Don't forget to **Register your Group or Unit** and spread the word amongst your Scouting colleagues: almost 242,000 have participated in Scouts in Action Month since 2010 - amazing, and this year we want to break through the quarter of a million participants.



THE FRY PAN BADGE

This years badge is a fry pan, an item commonly used in camp or at home. Our 'Chef Scout' is practising cooking skills at home before heading out into the open.

Badges are \$4.50 each, which includes postage so order yours today! [2022 Badge Order Form](#)

Now let's get out there, get cooking and have heaps of fun!

John Parr, Scouts in Action Month 2022

KALEIDOSCOPE 2022



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>

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