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FROM OUR REGION COMMISSIONER

Bundilla has received a grant from the Parramatta Leagues Club to purchase two **Automated External Defibrillators** for the region. These have now been received and while one will remain at the campsite (Just outside the doors to the Peter Waite room), the other is available to be booked for use on activities and events via the Region Office at no charge.

We have received some information over the last week that not everyone is completing an **Operoo, E1 or e-permission form** (depending on the event) when attending an activity. It is the policy of Scouts NSW that **EVERY** person who is attending an activity away from the hall, must complete the appropriate paperwork to attend. If this does not happen, and the person gets injured then they are not covered by insurance, and just as importantly, all leaders running the activity are at risk of not being covered by our policies for not abiding by the Organisation's directives.

As part of a renewed push to grow GWSR, the Region Team is working on a program, to **reopen** some of the Groups that have had to shut down over the last few years. More information will be released on this in due course, however we are looking to start with the Groups at **1st/2nd Blacktown** and **1st Riverstone** in the Joey Scout section - if you have any ideas or wish to be a part of this initiative, please keep an eye out for more information.

We have once again been notified of **unlicensed** work being carried out in our halls. This is a major problem! In line with the policy we instituted earlier this year for **approvals** being **required from the Region Team** before capital works to a hall can be carried out, we are now extending this to any work that requires the services of a **skilled trades-person**, including Builders, Plumbers, Electricians, Gas Fitters and Air Conditioning Technicians. If you need to carry out work on your hall, please refer to the details elsewhere in The Bulletin.

We will shortly receive the list for the **2023 Adult Recognition Awards**. As always, I have asked Neville Henderson to manage this process, and I ask that everyone assist Neville in the development and application for anyone on that list who is worthy. Neville will advise the date that everything will need to be sent to him, before he submits all the applications to State.

It seems like that even as the year draws to a close, there is (as always) so much going on. Thank you to everyone for your continued hard work, as we all head towards a time to rest and recharge!

Until next time,

Dave

David Stopps JP
Region Commissioner

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APPOINTMENTS LIST 17/10/2022 - 24/10/2022

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

BURAKOWSKI, Michelle	From SL-P To SL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop 1st Kellyville Scout Troop <i>Screaming Bush Turkey</i>
KASSUIKE, Nicholas	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop 2nd Kings Langley Scout Troop
POLIS, Jonathan	From SL-P To ASL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop <i>Screaming Bush Turkey</i> 1st Kellyville Scout Troop <i>Screaming Bush Turkey</i>
SHAHHO, Atakan	From AVSL To VSL-P	2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit 2nd Baulkham Hills Venturer Unit
WIJESINGHE, Nirosha	From Trainee Ldr (S) To ASL	1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i> 1st Carlingford Scout Troop <i>Bartoo</i>

RESIGNATIONS

FORMARI, Richard	SL-P	1st Balcombe Heights Scout Troop
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The Training Calendar for 2023, has been released.
Before you apply for any course, make sure you have completed the course prerequisites.

For all 2023 Courses, please visit: <https://nsw.scouts.com.au/events-calendar/>

or download the Training Calendar from

<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2023-Training-Calendar-at-10-11-2022.pdf>

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Your choice of course formats

Our Leaders have different life pressures, and they learn in different ways. That's why we've got more options for how you'd like to complete the training course components of your training pathway. Make sure you know the format when you sign up!

- Refer to the [Training Plan](#) for your role for the latest course pre-requisites.
- For assistance or question please contact you Group Leader or Training Specialist in your District/Region.

Course format	The pitch	How it works	Formats available in 2023 by course type				Don't pick this if:	
			Applications close	Scouting Essentials (LOY & LOA)	Scouting Adventure (LOY)	Scouting Management (LOA)		Scouting Leadership (LOY & LOA)
 Residential	The original and the best. This is an immersive experience where you gain the skills needed to succeed in your role, some Scouting spirit, and life-long friendships and a support network.	Staying at a Scouting facility for a weekend in bunkrooms (and camping for Scouting Adventure).	Four weeks before the weekend.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Distance, work responsibilities or caring responsibilities make it hard to get the full experience.
 Non Residential	Lots of the same benefits of our residential courses, but in more locations closer to you.	Non residential comes in many formats. It may be a whole weekend without the overnight stay, two full days over separate weekends or a combination of weeknights and weekend sessions	Four weeks before the first session.	✓		✓	✓	You're traveling a long way to train and require accommodation.
 Online	We learnt over lockdown that some Leaders get some real advantages from an online option. This is great for those who struggle to make it to a training facility for reasons of distance or commitments.	'Be prepared' for a bit of extra homework and some online networking prior to the weekend online sessions to get the full practical experience. If courses fill up, we'll preference people who really need the online option.	Four weeks before the weekend.	✓		✓		You're uncomfortable with some online training or some self-directed learning.
 Recognition of Proficiency (ROP) pathway for Scouting Adventure	A lot of people who get involved in Scouting are already interested and experienced in outdoor activities. We can recognise that proficiency so that you may not have to attend a course.	You need to gather some evidence of your existing experience and complete the Scouting Adventure Recognition of Proficiency checklist. To apply for this checklist, fill out the form here: ROP FORM	N/A			✓		You don't have previous experience in outdoor activities.

Refer to the [Training Plan](#) for your role for the latest course pre-requisites.
Click on the course number to apply.

Current as at 10 November 2022





Spotlight on....

HALL MAINTENANCE

**Hall Maintenance is challenging.
Gone are the days where we can come in and make changes to our hall and not worry about anything.**

We have a duty of care to all who use our hall, to ensure that our halls remain safe, well maintained venues, that are able to be used by all members of the community.

To ensure this is the case, any modifications to a hall (either repairs or improvements) need to be monitored and central records kept of the details.

IF YOU NEED TO ENGAGE A CONTRACTOR OR TRADESPERSON YOU MUST:

1. Obtain a copy of the tradesperson's licence.
2. Obtain a copy of the tradesperson's insurance.
3. Write a brief statement of the work to be completed (bullet points are fine).
4. Send a copy to Region Office, who will seek approval for you and record the work in a central repository.
5. Do not start work, until you receive approval from a member of the Region Team (usually the Region Commissioner or Deputy Region Commissioner (Operations))

A contractor or tradesperson is classed as any trade found at <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/trades-and-businesses/licensing-and-qualifications>

In the interest of keeping it simple, this rule applies to any work being carried out on a property, regardless of cost.

Improvements will also need additional information, such as Plans etc.



JOTA'22 - JOEYS AND CUBS

The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club put on excellent Radio and Activity bases at their Radio Shack (Glenbrook hall) on Sunday 16th October, 2022. Erick Houseman operated a radio outside, while James Goh operated one of three radios in the hall. Contacts were infrequent, but I did hear other amateurs calling "CQ JOTA" during the day.

Activities included:

Four Radios; Phonetic Alphabet; practice Morse Code keys; Making a LED light and creating your own base card, to be stamped at each base. I bought my Connection Detective folder because I knew that Cubs enjoyed buzzing for the shorted buttons, and it was doable by the Joeys too. I also helped the Cubs make a Code Wheel and practice encoding their name.

A well organised JOTA base due to good planning with the **Amateur Radio Club** and Scouters **James Goh and Robin Garrett**, both members of the BMARC. **Nicole Smith** (AJSL- 1st Cambridge Park) booked the youth onto the base and collected money for food and badges.

John Leahy

GWS JOTA Co-ordinator



SIX FABULOUS DAYS OF SAILING FUN IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 7TH JANUARY TO 12TH JANUARY INCLUSIVE



Suitable for Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders!

From these workshops you will learn to identify the parts of a small sail boat, rig the boat, capsize the boat and recover the boat, and sail on Chipping Norton Lake (weather permitting).
You can earn an appropriate Scouting qualification for youth and leaders.

Participants must make their own way to and from the venue each day and bring their own food and drink (including a water bottle) for the day. There are no shops in close proximity.

Essentials: Towels, swimming costume, rash vest, board shorts, hat (preferable one that can't blow off), sunscreen, a copy of a weather report for each day of sailing and water shoes. Participants who feel the cold after being in water should bring dry clothes (and maybe a light jumper if you really feel the cold) to wear home. Participants must wear shoes to participate. Old joggers will suffice if you do not have water shoes. Life Jackets will be supplied.

Cost \$120.00 for the 6 day workshop (Mum - what a bargain for 6 days of entertainment and healthy outdoor fun!)

Registration closes 19th December 2022. Maximum of 10 participants, so get in quickly.

Follow link to register <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/802>



FIRST AID COURSES FOR 2023

(Dates for your diary)

First Aid Course (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid)

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/744>

Sat 25th Mar 2023 (8.30am to 11.30am)

2nd Baulkham Hills Hall

Wilderness First Aid skill set

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/773>

Fri 31st Mar 2023 (5pm) to Sat 1st Apr 2023 (5pm)

Bundilla Camp Site

First Aid Course (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid)

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/745>

Sat 27th May 2023 (8.30am to 11.30am)

2nd Baulkham Hills Hall

First Aid Course (HLTAID011 Provide First Aid)

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/746>

Sat 26th Aug 2023 (8.30am to 11.30am)

2nd Baulkham Hills Hall

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Life's Short, Eat Dessert First!

1ST BLACKHEATH SCOUT GROUP

1st Blackheath Scout Group would like to thank **Katoomba & Upper Blue Mountains Community Bendigo Bank** for their generous \$3,245 sponsorship of a reverse cycle air-conditioning system in their Scout Hall.

Scouts who have spent any time in the Upper Blue Mountains in winter, will know how appreciative the youth members and leaders are, for heating on demand. But never fear, the wood combustion heater remains in place, for visiting Scout Groups seeking the authentic mountains experience for their next overnight camp!

Toby Griffin (Bagheera)
Group Leader Trainee - 1st Blackheath Scout Group



PARRAMATTA DISTRICT JOEYS - SURVIVOR SATURDAY

On Saturday 29th October, Parramatta District Joeys held their first District event since COVID. The weather was perfect, and over 40 Joeys, plus Leaders and parents met at Ermington Scout hall and we ran activity bases on a Survivor theme, and worked on some Outdoor Adventure Skills.

On arrival, Joeys participated in a Survivor Scavenger Hunt and after opening we split the Joeys into 4 groups and rotated through 4 activities.

- Base 1 - Games with a Survivor theme
- Base 2 - Compass Skills and a Survivor themed Compass Course
- Base 3 - Knots and Shelters
- Base 4 - Elements of Fire, Lighting a Match and Mini Smores



It was wonderful to get together and meet other Joeys and Leaders from the District.

My thanks to the Leaders and parents that made the day such a success and to Carlingford for providing a yummy afternoon tea. We have more District activities planned for 2023, and are looking forward to working together to provide the Joeys with some great experiences, as well as encouraging them to work towards parts of the Achievement Pathways.

Sandy Knox - Ermington Joeys
Parramatta District Wandarrah Coordinator



1ST CARLINGFORD'S SUPER WEEKEND — PUTTING THE OUT IN SCOUTING

The weekend, 19th to 20th November became a Super Weekend for the Group when all sections, planned and executed major outdoor events.

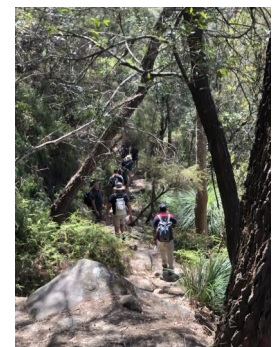
It was the first weekend for the **Cub Unit** with freshly trained Leaders running an overnight camp for the Cubs. Saturday afternoon, all the Cub Leaders and 17 Cubs arrived at Bundilla to erect tents, set up their kitchen and engage with activities to complete aspects of the Outdoor Skills components, including fire lighting and shelter building. Dinner, a campfire and Smores followed, before heading off to sleep in their tents. Sunday morning after breakfast they engaged in a Cub Scouts' Own before heading off on a hike. After lunch, parents returned to assist with the pack up and back to the Hall to offload all the equipment. A well planned event, well executed, to help get the Cubs ready for Cuboree!



Meanwhile, the **Joey Unit** set off on the Whale Rock, Devlin's Creek Circuit from Day Rd. Cheltenham, lead by five Joeyes completing their Adventurous Journey. They had planned what they wanted to do and now was the big day for the Do! After an explanation of the rules from the Joeyes and working in Patrols, they were supported by the Leaders to carry out their plan. Stopping along the way to use toilets, have morning tea and follow their maps they negotiated the tracks with skill. Ice blocks were eagerly disposed of, before the final stretch back to the cars. Well done Joeyes!



Further afield, our **Scout Unit** was negotiating their own expedition, with a day hike at Bobbin Head completing the Bobbin Head Loop. The plan was to try a variety of navigation methods with map reading of topographical maps; to learn survival skills and cook using gas stoves to cover all the I statements for Stage 3, so that they would be able to join overnight hikes following the new guidelines. Again this activity was lead by one of the Scouts and was supported by the Leaders.



This year the **Group** has recruited ten new Leaders with five completing all their training and five others waiting for training courses to complete their skills. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2023!

Leonie Plummer (Leader in Charge)
1st Carlingford Scout Group

SCOUT REPORT

It has been a busy period for the Scouting section. In late October we held our **JOTA/JOTI camp** at Bundilla. 20 scouts participated in a weekend of STEM activities. Each scout was able to build an electronic kit where they learnt basic soldering. Many contacts were made using the radios. Outdoor activities included radio direction finding (fox hunt) and using hand held transceivers. Lock **21st and 22nd October 2023** into your calendar for next years JOTA/JOTI.



Following closely on the heels of our JOTA/JOTI camp we held a **Region Basic Scout Leadership course**. The course consisted of a weekend full of leadership activities. I am pleased to say 30 scouts successfully completed the course. They have now returned to their units with the Scout Unit Management qualification required for their Peak Award.



Cuboree 2023 – Explore The World has opened for registrations. But wait - we are Scouts - what does that have to do with us? As Scouts we can participate as Junior Service Leaders. This is a great opportunity to assist with the running of Cuboree and have fun as well. For more information and registration visit: <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

Brett (Doc) Nicholas
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Science in the Halls - October 2022

The last week of October saw **John** at **1st Erskine Park** Group for a **Hover night** with their Joeys and Cubs. The evening starts out discussing the operation of a bicycle, and where friction is needed and where it is undesirable. Everything was going OK until we came to the mechanisms to reduce friction, the ball bearings, and how you need to disassemble and re-grease them occasionally. From the blank looks on the Cubs faces, I got the impression they had never done that!

The next stage of the night involves the Cubs dragging each other around the hall on a board (heavy friction, hard work) eventually arriving at the invention of the wheel and low friction, exciting ride.



The last activity is looking at how to reduce friction in rotation (marble ball bearing), fly (rotating wing, and Electrostatics) and float on air. This is demonstrated by a small hover puck that skims across the floor to Cubs on the other side of the circle.

The night ends with a ride on the 1½ meter hover disk driven by a leaf blower.

Thanks to the willing help provided by Parents who joined in, and Elizabeth's talented Leaders for making the night possible.

Karl and Andy braved the elements to host a **Water and Air rocket night** for **2nd Kings Langley Cubs**. Grateful that it wasn't raining we were rather concerned about the wind. It was very gusty as we assembled in the grounds of the hall for opening parade. Fortunately, the large sport field across the creek from the scout hall provided plenty for room.

Dividing the group into three teams, one group ventured across the area with the compressed air rocket and commenced launching. The water rockets were set to launch into the wind and whilst the conditions would have grounded a NASA rocket, we persisted! The wind sometimes dropped, and we had flawless launches and high flights and at other times, long, low trajectories saw the rockets blown around by the wind. The ever-energetic cubs didn't seem to tire of chasing their rockets.

The wind made the giant frisbee base more of a release and fetch activity, but fun was had by all. We concluded in darkness with rockets illuminated by glow sticks. Incredibly we didn't lose any rockets or even break off a rocket fin during landing.

We are taking bookings for terms one and two in 2023. If you would like us to visit your group please email us. You can find information about some of our tried and tested meeting Programs here:

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

We are also looking for keen, science minded leaders to join us. If what you have read sounds like Scouting fun - why not get in touch?



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

John Leahy & Andy Jenkinson
GWS Science Team



EXPLORE THE WORLD CUBOREE 2023

The 7th NSW “Explore the World” Cuboree is a NSW Cub Scout camp that runs from 29th September to 3rd October 2023 at Cataract Activity Centre.

Cuboree is an action packed, five-day camp, where Cub Scouts from across NSW will make precious memories together. It offers them the opportunity to make new friends, experience new and exciting activities, challenge themselves and learn new and valuable life skills.

**This is not possible without the help and support of Leaders to run this event!
We need you at the next NSW Scouts Cuboree in 2023.**

The total cost of the five-day camp for eligible Service Leaders, Line Leaders and Adult Helpers is \$300. A fee of \$75 is required by 1st January 2023 to secure a place in the Cuboree, with the balance of \$225 to be paid by 31st March 2023.

The total fee includes:

- Activities and entertainment on-site
- Coach travel to and from the Cuboree from within NSW.
- All meals for the duration of the Cuboree.
- Cuboree shirt and hat.

For more information, visit <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

If you have any questions about Cuboree please email cuboree@nsw.scouts.com.au

Applications are now open! Register today!

We also have a range of roles available that need to be filled to help deliver this great event. If you have ever wanted to be involved in a large-scale event or learn a new skill, then this is a great opportunity. In particular we need a Program Director, Eco-System Managers, Operations Staff and much more. If you are interested, please email cuboree@nsw.scouts.com.au



If you've got a creative side just **bursting to shine**, **come and join the cast** of the **2023 Cumberland Gang Show!**

Cumberland Gang Show is a fun and rewarding training ground for theatre and performing arts in the Scout and Guide Associations. Cast members gain confidence, pride, teamwork and performance skills over the four months of rehearsals and through performing to 5,000 people across 8 shows in the July school holidays.

Our **Junior Cast** is a modified program for our youngest cast members that gives an exciting taste of theatre with a reduced rehearsal and performance schedule. They are split into two casts, 'Gilbert' & 'Sullivan'.

Cumberland Gang Show is open to all active members of Scouts Australia or Girl Guides Australia, 8 years or older by 1st January 2023. If you are not an active member, we can help you join!



register online now @ www.gangshow.asn.au

CAST AUDITIONS will be held on **Saturday 3rd December 2022** between 9am and 5pm.

The audition process takes around 1.5 hours.

Applications close Sunday 27th November 2022. For more info or late applications, please contact personnel@gangshow.asn.au or phone Wendy on 0414 086 645.



#cumberlandgangshow #cgs2023



**Cumberland
Gang Show**



A Note from the Editor

There will be a December edition of The Bulletin.

Please ensure all your articles and requests for publishing are with the Editor by December 10, 2022

Thank you.



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