



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

Issue 513 – February 2023



READY TO CHILL OUT?

FOLLOW US TO CUBOREE 2023!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

REGISTER BY THE 20TH FEBRUARY 2023
TO GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN
A VIP OPENING CEREMONY
EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR UNIT!

FIND MORE INFO AT:
CUBOREE.NSW.SCOUTS.COM.AU
SCOUTS NSW SOCIAL MEDIA
@SCOUTSNSW



#FOLLOWMETOCUBOREE2023



GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION OFFICE

6 Baden Powell Place, Winston Hills 2153

BUSINESS HOURS: MONDAY to FRIDAY 9AM to 4.30PM

Phone: 9639 2488 **Email:** gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

Website: www.greaterwestscouts.com.au

REGION COMMISSIONER

Welcome to a new year of Scouting! This year is going to be a strong year for our Region with some great events happening; be it Jamborette, Joey Fun Day, Cuboree, Gang Show or any of the many Activity disciplines. I know that there is a lot on offer for our members and I know that our Groups will continue to deliver fun, exciting and active programs as well.

Our goal for this year is to **Refocus, Refresh and Re-energise**. The senior leadership team has met and has started considering a number of new (and not so new) initiatives to help everyone in the Region feel more supported, more focused on delivering the Scouting Program and more energised and passionate about what we do. Stay tuned as we announce more on these plans as they come to fruition.

Over the Christmas Break, we have made some changes to the Region Team. I would like to welcome back **Brian Zarth** to the role of **Region Commissioner (Joey Scouts)**. Brian has already hit the ground running and made contact with many of the leaders in our Region. I would like to thank **Kelly Wallace** for her leadership of the Joey Section. Kelly will be taking some time to be just a member of Scouting for the time being. I would also like to welcome **Tracey Stopps** to the role of **Region Commissioner (Major Events)**. Tracey will be working closely with the Youth Program and Operations teams to ensure we continue to deliver well-supported, exciting activities for our members.

We had **52 nominations** for the **Adult Recognition Awards** this year. As always, Neville Henderson has done a fabulous job in coordinating these nominations and getting them to State for processing and the next stage of the Decision Process. We will find out on the 1st August how successful we were with this year's nominations.

The **WestInvest funding** has now been announced. I am extremely disappointed to say that the funding submission for Bundilla did not get up. We are not giving up hope though, and will continue to look for other funding opportunities over the coming years to continue to improve the Bundilla site. I do need to congratulate the team for their submission of the **1st Grose Vale** application which was awarded **\$1.6 million** dollars for the development of a new hall and community facility.

Finally, you may of heard the news that on Christmas Eve, our Deputy Region Commissioner Tony Dent, was admitted to intensive care, requiring major, life-saving surgery. Unfortunately for Tony, to save his life the doctors needed to amputate one of his legs above the knee.

It has been amazing to see all of the support and well wishes for Tony over this time. The Region is hosting a fundraiser Trivia afternoon for Tony on the 12th March 2023. Details are on EMS, but places are limited and selling fast.

That is it for me for this month. Welcome back to 2023 and I will see you out on the trail.

Yours in Scouting

Dave

David Stopps JP
Region Commissioner

David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au



BETTY TRUSCOTT 70 year Long Service Award



Congratulations to Betty Truscott, who late last year received her 70 year Long Service Award. Betty is a force of nature, having volunteered with Scouts since 1953!

BRAVO & THANK YOU
for all your dedicated Service to Scouting



Youth & Teen Mental Health First Aid Course

8.30am Saturday 25th February, 2023
to 5.00pm Sunday 26th February 2023

1st Toongabbie Scout Hall

Bungaree Road, Toongabbie

Scout Leader \$150

Register <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/845>

This course is aimed at Leaders who support youth members.

Registrations close Tuesday 21st February at 3pm

Hi Everyone!

Welcome back to another year of Scouting!

As always, I have the boring but necessary bits that we need to do to make sure we have a great year!

- Youth members and fellowship members were issued with their **direct billing invoices** in early February this year. These need to be paid by the **due date**. Members who do not pay within the 30 days after the due date, will be considered to have their membership "expired".

- If you have any **remaining debt** for leaders' fees or asset management fees, this is now due. Please make sure you pay this promptly to avoid any embarrassing conversations.

- It is **ARP SEASON!** Please make sure you read the Spotlight on ARPs and reach out if you need help.

- Have a look on ScoutLink and check which of your leaders have WWCC or Mandatory Training due this year. Giving them a bit of a prompt now, means that it won't sneak up on them.

- It's also a good time to remind all our members that we **Know It! Live It! Log It!** Don't know what I'm talking about? Then visit <https://nsw.scouts.com.au/youthprotection/knowit-liveit-logit/>

- Do a quick run through your **ScoutLink** and remove any members (Youth/Adult/Leader) who do not need to be there... it will make it easier to manage your records.

- Make sure you have downloaded and started a **new cashbook** from https://nsw.scouts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Cash_Book_2021_updated.xls

I hope to see you out having a great time with your programs and please remember, if you need any help at all, have any suggestions, or just need a vent - please reach out – the District Commissioners and I are here to make your job easier and ensure that we all have a great time Scouting.

Steve

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



PEAK AWARDS

VENTURER SCOUT PEAK AWARD

JASMINE ROWE
1st Westmead



GREY WOLF AWARD

ANDY WU
1st North Rocks

PHOEBE DUAN
1st North Rocks

ALICIA XUE
1st North Rocks

BRAVO!

Fundraiser for Tony Dent...

TRIVIA AFTERNOON

SUNDAY 12th MARCH, 2023

2pm to 5pm

@

MERRYLANDS RSL
8 Miller St, Merrylands

\$25 pp - Tables of 10

events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/875

Registrations close on Sunday 5th March
(Numbers limited)

*All money raised will go towards
Tony's ongoing medical costs.*



GWS REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

A big welcome back for 2023!

I am looking forward to facing this year with a renewed sense of vigor; certainly after what the last couple of years have dished up!

When I first took on the role as RC Activities with GWS, my philosophy then was ***“To give young people, (and not so young people), the opportunity to get out and experience Outdoor Adventurous Skills, in absolute safety”***. While much has changed within Scouting since that time, my philosophy has not.

Yes, there are still some challenges we are all (including one RC Activities) facing, in regard to qualifications and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. While I do understand most of the reasoning behind some of these changes, I also share some of the difficulties it has created.

We are all very fortunate to have two State Assessors on the GWS Activities Team, and both are very keen to guide and mentor all those who need to upgrade their quals.

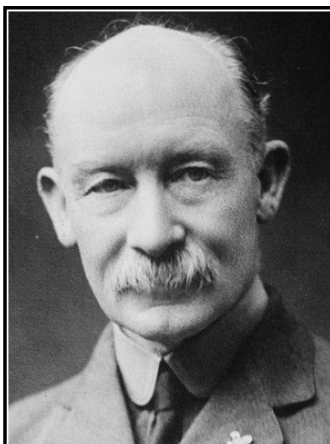
The main focus, at this stage, will be predominately on Bushwalking and Canoeing/Kayaking (Flat water). There already are many leaders who have various degrees of skill levels in one or both these disciplines.

Keep an eye on the EMS, as we arrange courses in things like Basic Water Rescues, which is now a requirement for Canoeing and Kayaking quals. These will run on an *“as required”* basis.

Bushwalking is a bit more of a challenge. While ***Safe & Trained Participants Bush Walk Tracked Environment*** is relatively easy, I am still trying to interpret exactly what is the requirement for higher level graded tracks. I have my own views here, which I suggest are very similar to many of you with good levels of bushwalking experience. ***This is still a work in progress!*** As most of you know, many of the more popular bushwalks we are all familiar with are all graded as 4 & 5.



Mark Fell JP
RC Advanced Activities
Deputy Chair CGS Management Committee
Assist Tech. Director/Stage Manager CGS
Mark.Fell@nsw.scouts.com.au



The most worth-while thing is to try
to put happiness into the lives of
others.

— Robert Baden-Powell —

22nd February 1857 -
8th January 1941

**Remembering our
Founder and first
Chief Scout of the
world-wide
Scout Movement.**

JOEY SCOUT REPORT

2023 GWSR JOEY FUN DAY

'Super Heroes Back in Time'

@

Australiana Pioneer Village (Wilberforce)

Sunday, 21st May 2023

Further details in next month's Region Bulletin

Brian Zarth

Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

brian.zarth@nsw.scouts.com.au

SCOUT REPORT

Welcome to 2023. I hope everyone had a chance to relax and recharge over the festive season. It already feels like the year is off to a flying start. I am aware of lots of units already out and about and lots of activities taking place. It is going to be a great year!

Planning for **Jamborette 2023 'Scouting World Tour'** is well underway. We are looking forward to another fantastic Jamborette with lots of great activities. We have reorganised the subcamps this year. This change has a lot of advantages and will make more room for districts and activities. I am working with the district, activity, and region section leaders to make sure everyone's needs are taken into account.

Applications are open on Scout Event. Please be aware that the **registration closing date is the 1st May**. This is a hard deadline and will not be extended. Bulk Unit registrations are encouraged. Please reach out to your DSL or myself if you need guidance on how best to register your unit for Jamborette.

We will be running a basic **Scout Leadership Course** on **20th & 21st May**. The course will be open on Scout Event shortly with further information.

State Rally will be held over the weekend of **August 4th - 6th August** this year. Mark it in your diaries, more information to follow.

I was privileged to attend the presentation of the **Australian Scout Award** to **Tanjeeb Amin** from **1st Westmead Scout Group**. Tanjeeb was one of many Scouts that was impacted by the COVID restrictions and weather events in 2022. Tanjeeb has displayed resilience and persistence to achieve his Peak Award. **BRAVO Tanjeeb, congratulations and well done.**

Brett (Doc) Nicholas
Region Commissioner Scouts

Brett.nicholas@nsw.scouts.com.au



Scouts

CUB SCOUT REPORT

Welcome back to 2023!

I hope the year has started well for you.

As we adventure through 2023, there are a range of activities and events that will appear on our calendars – the biggest of these is **Cuboree 2023!** Have you registered yet? Don't forget that applications close **March 31st 2023**.

You can register here:

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/769>



The NSW Cuboree is a 5 day standing camp for Cub Scouts. It is an amazing event which brings together, Cub Scouts from all across NSW! Cubs have a really fun time and get to make lots of new friends.

Not attending as an adult? That should not be stopping your youth members from attending! Once applications close, the Cuboree team will be working with Regions and Districts to coordinate the composition of the Units.

As we kick into gear this year, don't forget that we need to make sure our **Unit Code of Conduct** has been updated. If you aren't sure what kind of a structure to use, why not try this [Template Code of Conduct.docx](#) and facilitate a discussion around these four categories for your 2023 Unit Code.

Leadership and Personal Development Course dates are being confirmed as you read, and these will be advertised on events.nsw.scouts.com.au as soon as we have confirmed details - be sure to keep a look out.

Our next **Cub Scout Leadership Course** is on **Sunday 26th March** at Bundilla. Registrations are open at: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/908>

Finally, in order to target some of our efforts better, please feel welcome to fill in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Z2gztm34tH>

Thank you, and we hope you have a great 2023!

GWS Region Cub Scout Team

Emma Watson
Cub Scout Leader

emma.watson@nsw.scouts.com.au



Cub
Scouts

ROVERS



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



Over this past month, a group of GWS members had attended the 22nd Apple Isle Moot in Tasmania.

Filled with many activities such as; canyoning, hiking cradle mountain, food tours and even encountering Tasmanian Devils to list a few.

Our Rovers had a great time and can't wait to do it all gain at the 23rd Apple Isle Moot!



This past month has also seen another one of our Rovers attending the 15th New Zealand Venture themed Ignite! Some of the activities that were offered were; White Water Kayaking, abseiling and rock climbing as well as diving and targetting.

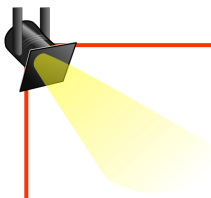


Upcoming Event

Blacktown Bingo Night

Join Blacktown to their first Bingo Night!	Helping on via Sargolbee Road Blacktown	All Rovers welcome from all Regions!
Date: 19/02/23		Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Bring your own snacks and drinks to share	Afternoon Tea also available for purchase	Prizes for Best Dressed

Follow us on
Instagram
@GWSROVERS



Spotlight On..

ANNUAL REPORTING PRESENTATIONS

It is the time of year again when we need to complete our Annual Reporting requirements and hold an Annual Reporting Presentation or ARP!

Below is a handy checklist to help you prepare for your ARP and make it easier to manage.

- Download the ARP Pack at <https://enews.nsw.scouts.com.au/l/FcVom7633n1MtrkVBceQTrpg/U763vb0zFwwtd7bJcoasEJPQ/EWbkJOBbYL0h67aB5ehvOA> This pack has everything you need to complete ahead of your ARP.
- Book your ARP Date! Let the Region Office know the date for your ARP. It must be held before the 30th April this year and after you have your financials into Bundilla. The earlier you book your ARP, the better as you must have a region delegate there for it to be effective.
- Get your financials for 2022 completed and audited. Your books can be audited by anyone with a background in accounting. If you are not sure, reach out and check with us.
- Complete all remaining paperwork (there is a handy checklist in the pack) and make sure it is at Region Office, before the end of April (If you can deliver it with your books on the 1st March – even better)!
- Hold your ARP – Make it a celebration of all that you did in 2022.

Remember if you need any assistance, please make sure you reach out to your District Commissioner, the Region Office or Steve Wallace: steve.wallace@nsw.scouts.com.au

GWS REGION APPOINTMENTS LIST 2/1/2023 - 16/1/2023

APPOINTMENTS

DAVEY, Naomi	From ASL To ASL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop 1st Westmead Scout Troop
DAWSON, Gavin	From ACSL To Prov Ldr (S)	1st Dural Cub Pack 1st Dural Scout Troop <i>Giwang</i>
HENDERSON, Geoffrey	DRC	Greater Western Sydney Region
SYMONS, Karissa	From ACSL To Prov. Ldr (VS)	1st Dural Cub Pack 1st Dural Venturer Unit

RESIGNATIONS

ALLEN, Elizabeth	Trainee Ldr (JS)	2nd Baulkham Hills Joey Mob
BOULTON, David	SL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
CAO, Bin	Trainee Ldr (CS)	Western Sydney (BLIA) Cub Pack <i>Chatswood</i>
COLE, Fiona	SL	1st South Penrith Scout Troop <i>Yee Na Pah</i>
GRUNDY, Paul	Trainee Ldr (V)	1st Ermington Venturer Unit
JULI, Lyman	Trainee Ldr (CS)	1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Cub Pack
LIU, Qian	ACSL	2nd Castle Hill Cub Pack <i>Nackara</i>
McCREDDEN, Ann	VSL-P	1st Ermington Venturer Unit
MILNER, Erin	JSL-P	1st Rouse Hill Joey Mob
PLUMMER, Leonie	DJSL-DA	Parramatta District
SEOW, David	JSL-P	Western Sydney (BLIA) Joey Mob
SILVERS, Brent	ACSL	1st Cambridge park Cub Pack <i>Koala</i>
STEPHENS, Zoe	ACSL	1st Carlingford Cub Pack <i>Alleena</i>



Congratulations to Paul Hennessy (Tallpine)
 who celebrated 50 years of his association with Scouting
 on the 3rd December 2022. A dinner with his family and
 Scouting friends, was held to mark this wonderful occasion.

Paul was also presented with the Silver Kangaroo
 by Neville Tomkins OAM JP
 Chief Commissioner Scouts NSW.



B-R-A-V-O

Paul has devoted his life to the Scouting movement. The Youth members have benefitted greatly from Paul's mentoring and experience to strive to be the best they can possibly be, for which I am sure they will be forever grateful.

Along his Scouting journey, Paul has belonged to a staggering 10 Scout Groups and 6 Rover Crews. He started his Scouting journey in 1971 as a Cub at 1st Cobar Scout Group. He went on to Scouts and Venturers at 1st Bourke and 1st Scone and became an Assistant Cub Scout Leader at 1st Grafton Scout Group, whilst also being a member of the Rover crew there. Paul moved to Sydney joining various Rover Crews, while still being a Cub and Scout Leader at various Groups. Paul returned to the country and is currently a Rover Advisor at 3rd Bathurst (All Saints Cathedral).

Paul is a true inspiration to Scouting.



Article sent in by David Boulton (Rama) VSL 1st South Penrith Scout Group.



MICHAEL 'THE FONZ' BEARRYMAN
June 1936 – January 2023

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that Michael 'The Fonz' Bearryman has passed away peacefully on January 8, 2023. Having started his 40 year Australian Scouting journey in Victoria, then NSW, Queensland and South Australia, he has now completed the circle, by passing away at 86 years of age in Victoria.

With The Fonz's Scouting history centering around Frankston, Victoria with Bayview Venturers, we celebrated the exciting innovations he brought to Scouting for all ages. Scouting was his life time of achievements and challenges for Michael to improve young peoples' lives and encourage new horizons and maturity into adulthood with the mentality of "Who Dares Wins".

As Mike's wife, I understand the highs and lows of Mike's selfless attitude where the Scouting movement was concerned and mixed with achievements, communication projects, supporting young people, opening doors for young people to reach further than they thought they could reach for at the same time including fun, friendship, trust and adventure as the Scouting Code, I am proud of Michael's dedication to the Scouting community.

I have included a photo of the Michael with his Silver Koala Medal proudly displayed around his neck.

With Michael being the founding father and creator of many Scouting Districts, Venture Units, Rover Groups and Newsletters I ask that this very brief outline of Michael's Scouting Career be included in your Newsletter so that some of the people that knew him are advised of his passing.

***Thank you
 Maureen Bearryman
 and Family***

***Our sincere sympathy is
 extended to
 Maureen and Family.***

Rest in Peace, Mike



FREDRICK (FRED) POLLOCK
December 1953 - December 2022

Apologies for the delayed notice of the passing of Fred Pollock formally of Greater Western Sydney Region on Saturday evening, December 17, 2022.

Fred commenced his 22 years of active service in 1998, as the Group Chairman with 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group.

Moving into uniform, still, with 2nd Kings Langley, Fred trained as a Joey Scout Leader in 2000, was appointed an Assistant Joey Scout Leader, then a Joey Scout Leader in 2003. Fred moved to an Assistant Scout Leader in 2004 before transferring back to the appointment of Joey Scout Leader in 2009 until 2014.

He was a supporter of Cumberland Gang Show where Fred helped as a Scouter with the Welfare Department and assisted with Human Resources and Catering - Fred received his 10-year Scarf in 2013.

In 2015, Fred joined VOC 4 as an Adult Helper at Dragon Skin where he helped with catering until 2021.

Fred was awarded the Certificate of Merit in 2007 and the Silver Arrowhead in 2011 for his Service to Scouting.

We acknowledge Fred's Scouting years were done with his children Sonia, Carl and Wendy, and Scouts NSW extends their sincere sympathy to Fred's family at this time of great loss.

The Pollock Family will be celebrating Fred's amazing life with a Grand Feast on Sunday the 5th March 2023 from 11.30 am at Castlereagh Hall, Castlereagh. Please contact Region Office ASAP if you would like to attend.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Fred's Family.

May he Rest in Peace



THE BULLETIN

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

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

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

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

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

Email : Anne.Thompson@nsw.scouts.com.au

