



The Bulletin

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IGNITE!

CUMBERLAND GANG SHOW 2023

5th - 9th JULY 2023
RIVERSIDE THEATRES, PARRAMATTA

**A spectacular new stage show by the
Scouts & Guides of Western Sydney**

PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 5 th July	7.30pm	Gilbert
Thursday 6 th July	11.00am	Gilbert
Friday 7 th July	7.30pm	Sullivan
Saturday 8 th July	2.30pm	Sullivan
Saturday 8 th July	7.30pm	Gilbert
Sunday 9 th July	2.30pm	Sullivan

Gang Show is an amazing experience for the whole family featuring incredible singing, magnificent dancing and hilarious comedy.

Our 2023 show has spectacular new music, a truckload of laughs, and an inspiring cast of young people.

BOOK TICKETS
☎ 02 8839 3399
📍 IN PERSON AT THE THEATRE
🌐 RIVERSIDEPARRAMATTA.COM.AU

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GANG SHOW TICKET SELLER

TICKET PRICES AND PROMOTIONS ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE
GANGSHOW.ASN.AU
#CUMBERLANDGANGSHOW

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Scouts
AUSTRALIA

1st Murray Farm 50th Anniversary

Sunday 23rd of July, 2023

2:00pm-4:00pm

11 Haines Avenue Carlingford 2118

Come meet our Joeys, Cubs & Scouts!
Participate in fun activities and enjoy
reflecting on our history with the
memorabilia on display.

Gold Coin Donation for Afternoon Tea

All Welcome, we'd love to see you!

For more information please contact
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TRAINING REPORT

Lord Baden Powell, our Founder, trained the first Leaders; he then developed the training at Gilwell Park for Leaders to become what he called fully trained. The training took ten days and covered all aspects of being an Adult Supporting Youth to achieve their goals. It has been 115 years since Scouting started and the amount of time to become a fully trained Leader has not changed even if the methods of training have!

We have many Leaders in the Region, who have started their training, but seem to get held up on parts that just need some help or advice. We also have Leaders who have gone on to do the Leadership course for them to become fully trained, and they also get held up by something along the way.

I encourage you all to reach out and ask for assistance or advice, so that you can achieve your Wood Badge. The Wood Badge is recognised internationally, as a sign that YOU are a fully trained Leader. Our Youth deserve the best Leader, you can become.

To locate all the upcoming Training Courses, go to the Scouts NSW website and find the Calendar of Events. Here you can see all the courses available, including dates and locations. To apply just click on the Course in the Calendar and it will open up to a online application form.

There are 4 Courses and they are open to everyone who has completed the online Training prior to application.

- **Scouting Essentials** - All Leaders must complete
- **Scouting Adventure** - Leaders working directly with Youth must complete
- **Scouting Management** - Leaders who are Supporting the Program as Group Leaders, District Leaders etc.
- **Scouting Leadership** - All Leaders need this to complete the Wood Badge.

It doesn't matter where you are in your journey to become fully trained, it is time to look at what you could improve, if you were fully trained.

Tony Dent

Deputy Region Commissioner

**Training and Diversity and Inclusion
Region First Aid Leader**

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REPORT

The team are working towards a Region Activity later this year; we will be sending out information when we have confirmation.

State are trying to organise an Agoonoree for 2024. They are looking for interested Leaders who wish to help with the organisation of this event. If you are interested please make contact and we can put you in touch with the team.

I'm giving a Great Big Congratulations to Nathan Duffy and his Team, for putting on a superb base at Jamborette. The Youth I spoke to on their return home were quite impressed and enjoyed being challenged with all of the activities.

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ScoutHub

We're excited to announce a new membership and billing platform called ScoutHub which is launching soon – from Saturday 1 July (just in time for Trek 2)!

The new system will provide members with access to their own information, as well as a simple and easy way to register and pay for their Scout membership, all in one place.

For existing youth members, leaders and adult helpers – your membership details will be transferred across, you simply confirm your details are correct and make any required payments at the beginning of each Trek.

Trek 2 registrations will open from Saturday 1 July, at which time members can easily register and pay online. More information to come – stay tuned!

Find out how **live theatre** is made!

IGNITE!

Revealed

Saturday 8th July 2023 @ 6.45pm

Riverside Theatre, Church Street, Parramatta

Ignite Revealed is a behind the scenes look at the 2023 Cumberland Gang Show, complete with a full performance of the show. It's an opportunity to have a fun night out, learn about the performing arts, and possibly count towards your badge work.

We will share the secrets of the stage and behind the scenes before you see the amazing 2023 Cumberland Gang Show: Ignite!

6.30pm - Doors Open

6.45pm - Ignite! Revealed Presentation

7.30pm - Cumberland Gang Show evening performance

9.30pm - Finish / Pick-up from Church St Foyer



BOOK TICKETS AND REGISTER VIA
tickets.gangshow.asn.au



For more information contact: info@gangshow.asn.au

 Cumberland
Gang Show



Revolutionizing Hiking Time Calculations with the Naismith's Rule Calculator

Hello Scouting community!

I am thrilled to share with you the culmination of my Wood Badge training journey, the completion of my project - a Naismith's Rule Calculator. This project was born out of a need I observed while assisting one of our Patrol Leaders plan an Adventurous Journey. The challenge was in accurately estimating the time it would take to hike each leg of their journey.

For years, I've relied on a Microsoft Excel-based calculator, which I personally developed, to accurately estimate hiking times. This indispensable tool, which I honed and improved over the years, was born out of countless hikes in the rugged wilderness of the upper Blue Mountains. I recently realized, while sharing the tool with this Scout, the absence of comparable, simple-to-use tools on the web.

A Scout just needs a simple calculator, not a slide rule or log table like I found countless times on the internet. As you can imagine, meticulous planning of hikes and expeditions is crucial for safety and survival, so a straightforward calculator to determine hiking times for each segment of a journey is essential.

For those that don't know, *Naismith's Rule*, was originally devised by Scottish mountaineer William W. Naismith in 1892, and has been a valuable guideline for estimating the time required to complete a walking or hiking expedition. It considers both the horizontal distance travelled and the vertical ascent, providing a more accurate estimate of the journey's duration. While it's a guideline and not a definitive predictor, it's still a helpful tool for planning and preparing for outdoor adventures. However, I noticed that there was room for improvement in the original formulation.

My calculator introduces two additional variables - descent and the roughness of the terrain - to make the formula more accurate and applicable to a wider range of adventures. In my calculator, I've considered the roughness of terrain (the grade) on a five-step scale, from a light vehicle track to thick heavy-going bushland. The calculations for each of these steps were derived by actual on-ground hiking in the Aussie bush. This ensured that the formula was as accurate and reliable as possible.

Spurred on by this realisation, I decided to convert my Excel calculator into an easy-to-use, universally accessible web tool. Over the course of the ANZAC long weekend, I began coding, and quickly realized that this project was an ideal candidate for my Wood Badge project.

I am excited to announce that my project is now complete! The calculator is designed, built, and live on the internet. It's user-friendly, optimised for both slow internet connections and older devices, and can be used on mobile phones as well as laptop/desktop computers.

The feedback from my fellow 1st Blackheath Leaders and Patrol Leaders has been overwhelmingly positive. They were impressed with the simplicity and effectiveness of the calculator. In fact, it's something that could be used by every Scout in Australia, and the world for that matter.

I invite everyone to check out the Naismith's Rule Calculator at <https://naismithsrule.com>

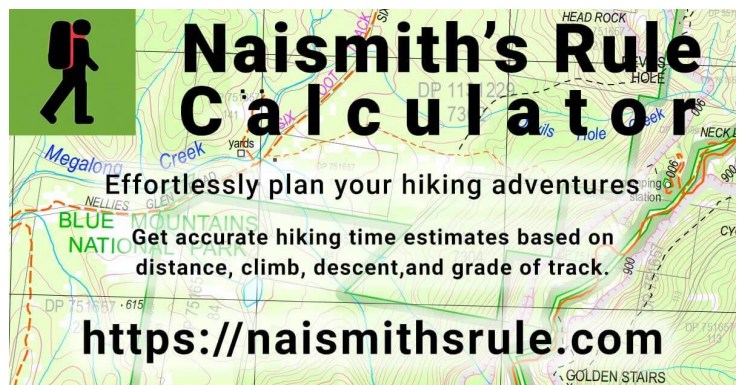
Your feedback will be invaluable as I refine this tool to better serve our Scouting community, so please feel free to get in-touch with me.

Thank you for your support, and here's to many successful, well-planned and safe adventures!

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PEAK AWARDS



JOEY SCOUT CHALLENGE

Alicia Ceccato - 1st Balcombe Heights
Kaysanne Lockman - 1st/2nd Merrylands



GREY WOLF AWARD

Alyssa Zaeem - 1st Ermington
Matthew Dodds - 1st Kellyville



AUSTRALIAN SCOUT AWARD

Emily Kilvington - 1st Kellyville
Julia Robinson - 1st Blackheath
Lillian Robinson - 1st Blackheath
Leo Sirisisavath - 1st Blackheath
Luke Uidam - 1st Balcombe Heights

VENTURER SCOUT PEAK AWARD

Kieran Bragg - 1st Ermington
Lachlan Chen - 1st Castle Hill
Thomas Hinchcliffe - 1st North Rocks
Max Coundrelis - 1st North Rocks

Bravo!



State Rally is the biggest annual State-wide event on the NSW Scouting calendar. Open to all Scouts in NSW.

August 4, 6:00pm to August 6, 1:30pm

Cataract Activity Centre

All Leaders of all sections and Rover Scouts are most welcome to attend to...

- Assist in running an activity for the participants. If you have a great idea for an activity, please reach out to us.
- Support the operations at our Sub Camps in relation to sites and services, admin, or catering.
- Support the operations of the HQ team.

What are the perks?

- Onsite coffee shop
- Both catered and non-catered options
- Saturday night carnival
- AJ2025 information booth
- Merchandise shop

Registration closes on Sunday 16th July (11:59pm)

Early bird registrations close on June 25 (11:59pm)

See the website for full details and registration

<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/event/911>



THE BULLETIN

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