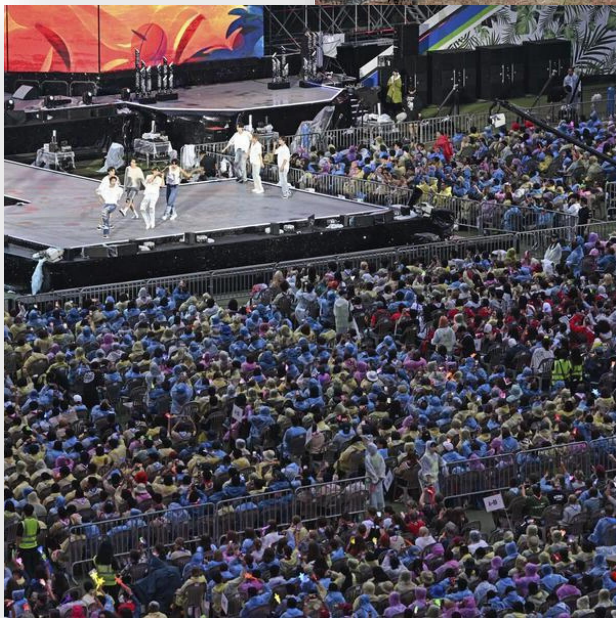




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**Alan Overton AM OAM
passed away on
Friday 25th July 2023, aged 86.**

Alan joined the Scout Association as an 8 year old Cub Scout in early 1945 just before the end of World War 2. He continued to be a member of 1st Granville Group as a Scout, Senior Scout and Rover. He continued his association with the group for 71 years as a member of the Granville Old Boys which meet annually at the Group Headquarters in Glen Street, Granville.

Alan was a mover and shaker in the construction of 1st Mays Hill Scout Hall, Monterey Street, South Wentworthville. As an employee of James Hardie, he obtained their financial assistance. When the hall was officially opened in 1976 by Alderman Devlin from Holroyd Council, Alan was the Group President. A plaque is still on the wall at the hall, celebrating the opening, even though the Group has long since ceased to exist.

Alan also had a soft spot for extension Scouting and was responsible for the 7th Parramatta Group starting in Arthur Street, Granville. Once again with financial assistance from James Hardie and Parramatta Leagues Club he assisted with the modification of the hall to take wheelchairs and make access easier for members. Alan took on the role of Group Treasurer in 1997 and held that role for the next seven years.

In June 1994, Alan agreed to take on the position as Area President of Cumberland Area (now GWS Region) and gave excellent service in that role until February 2016 when he resigned due to ill health. He was also a Patron of Cumberland Gang Show and did not miss a show for 22 years!

The importance of community was never far from Alan's heart. He championed a long list of sporting and community organisations, taking on roles as Chairman, Director or Patron.

As Chairman/President of both Parramatta Eels Football Club and the Parramatta Leagues Club between 1988 and 2009, he was instrumental in prioritising financial stability and the delivery of football programs at both senior and grassroots levels.

Outside of his association with the Parra Eels, his greatest legacy will be his contribution to the relocation of Ronald McDonald House to Westmead and the continued support of that charity by the Eels and Parra Leagues.

As if he was not busy enough with his other community commitments (on 29 community committees) he became Vice President of the Scouts New South Wales Branch Council in 1999 and held that role until February 2016. He was appointed a Life Branch Councillor in 2004 and held that position until his passing.

Alan received many awards in recognition of his tremendous service and dedication, including

The National Presidents Award in 2004

OAM for Services to Parramatta Leagues Club and to the Community in 1994

AM for Services to a range of sports clubs and other organisations.

Sixteen Non-Scouting awards for his outstanding community service.

GWS Region Executive set up a special award, the 'Alan Overton AM Award' presented each year to a supporter, committee member or leader who gives 100% effort to Scouting.

Alan was a life well lived and many thousands of people in western Sydney will be forever grateful. His life of service may have ended, but the people and organisations that he served, are all the richer because of that life.

Alan's memorial service was held at Castlebrook Memorial Park, Rouse Hill on Thursday, 10th August, a celebration of his remarkable life and enduring legacy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Alan's wife Merle, his children Karen, Craig, Grant and their spouses, and his eleven adored Grandchildren.



Thank you to Neville Henderson and The Cumberland Throw for their obituaries, combined for this article.

The Editor

FROM OUR REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

Congratulations go to the 54 members of the Region who have received recognition in this year's Adult Recognition Awards. All of the recipients are truly deserving and I would like to thank each and every one of them for the effort and commitment they provide to the Greater Western Sydney Region and to Scouting in general. We are planning our Region Presentation Day to occur in late October this year and will announce the details as soon as they have been confirmed.

A number of our Scouts travelled to the World Jamboree in South Korea last month, for one of the most exciting experiences in Scouting - sharing a camp with 40,000 like-minded young (and not so young) people from all over the world!.

Like you, I watched the news reports and information filtering back to leaders, parents and the general public about the intense heat and humid conditions, and how some of the other national contingents left before the Jamboree had to relocate to other parts of the country due to an extreme weather event. The one thing that stood out to me in each of the messages I heard, the photos I saw, and the conversations that I had with relatives of those attending, was that despite everything that was happening - the Australian contingent was resilient, having a great time and exploring the culture and everything that South Korea had to offer - including a massive K-pop performance at the closing ceremony! Welcome home to all our travellers and I can't wait to hear your stories (maybe someone could send something in for next month's Bulletin!)

Closer to home, we have had great representation at the State Scout Rally and the GWS Region Rover Moot, that was organised by Kings Langley Rovers. Our Cub Scouts are all attending shakedown camps in the lead up to Cuboree in just over one month's time. There are also a number of activities occurring at a district and group level.

This is a timely reminder that all attendees at all activities must be registered and paid up members on ScoutHub and have completed an Operoo E-permission or E1 form (including the activity organisers).

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Dave

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Assistant District Region Commissioners

Dynamic and inspiring leaders are needed for the voluntary role of Assistant District Commissioner across all Districts within the Greater Western Sydney Region.

Success in this role will be dependent on the Assistant District Commissioner working closely with the District Commissioner, Region Commissioner, Deputy Region Commissioners and other members of the Region team in the delivery of the Scout program; the provision of a safe environment for all members and the continued growth of the organisation across the Region.

If you are a youthful, energetic, self-starter who can lead a team of like-minded individuals, has excellent organisational skills, and a strong passion to help deliver Scouting, then we want to hear from you!

Applicants from all age ranges, backgrounds and experience are encouraged to apply.

Applications must include:

- A current resume, including details of professional and relevant Scouting experience.
- A statement (essay or bullet point) addressing the Key Selection criteria and Skills & Personal Attributes (max 1000 words).

Applications close 15th September 2023

and interviews will take place in September.

For a position description, including Key Selection Criteria, please email

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DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER - TRAINING

July was Activity busy, with Jamborette and other exciting things happening!

So now we have training courses for Adults happening in September at Pennant Hills and October at Bundilla. Check out the State Calendar on State website for the dates, click on them to fill in the application.

This is a perfect opportunity for New Leaders to do both courses needed quickly enough, to be appointed as a full Leader by the end of November.

We will see the end of Scoutlink access soon; for those who can see it make sure all your Trainee Leaders have done the pre-requisite online modules, especially the compulsory WHS and Scouting, and Childsafe Scouting. This also applies to all Adult Helpers and Supporters.

We are looking for interested leaders who would like to be involved in the training of new Leaders; the requirements are that you must hold a Wood Badge and have a passion for Scouting; be a Rover or Leader and prepared to assist on courses and possibly becoming a Assistant Leader Trainer.

We also are looking for Leaders who would be interested in supporting Training at District Level, and help the District gain information for Trainees to complete their journey to becoming a Leader.

If you have any questions about Training and Appointment requirements please make contact with myself or the Training person in your District. My email is

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GWS REGION JOTA/JOTI
For Joeys, Cubs and Jnr Guides

Glenbrook Scout Hall

Saturday October 21, 2023

Session 1: 9:00am to 12:30pm

Session 2: 12:30pm to 4:00pm

Cost: \$7 includes sausage sandwich & a drink for lunch plus a badge.

Registrations: Open Friday, September 1

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/1124>

Hosted by Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club



VINCENT HANLEY JULY 1950 – JULY 19, 2023

Vince started as a Trainee Leader (Scouts) with 1st Blaxcell Scout Group in 1992 before moving into the Assistant Scout Leader appointment. Moving across to 1st Toongabbie West Scout Group in 1994, Vince stepped up as Scout Leader from 1995 until 2000.

Vince was presented the Silver Arrowhead in 1999. He attended the 17th Australian Jamboree and the 18th Australian Jamboree as Assistant Unit Leader.

A Leader who was always there for the Youth.

A memorial service was held on Friday, August 4 at Pinegrove, Minchinbury.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Vince's family and friends.



CAROL ANNE TRAVERS September 11, 1942 - May 22, 2023

Carol trained as a Cub Scout Leader in 1979 and was the Akela for 2nd Guildford Scout Group and then Guildford Scout Group, following a merger of two groups.

Carol was a member of the Cumberland Gang Show Wardrobe Team from 1982-1985 at Marsden High School, when her husband Keith and their two boys, Mark and Matthew were all in Cast.

Sadly, Carol passed away after becoming ill and being hospitalised, during a visit to family in Queensland. Her funeral was held in Maryborough and later, a memorial service was held at Pinegrove, Minchinbury.

Keith would like to thank the Scouting Family who attended Carol's Memorial, sent cards and called with condolences.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Carol's husband Keith, sons Mark and Matthew and their wives and her dearly loved seven Grandchildren.



GWS SCIENCE TEAM

The Science Team visited 1st Erskine Park Joeys and Cubs this month for our popular Chemistry Program. Not for the faint hearted and must be run outdoors, the night features Sulphur! Good stuff really, anything you can buy from the big green hardware store that makes the Hydrangea blue can't be too bad.



With PPE well fitted and in place on John anyway, the Cubs and Joeys experienced some sulphur dust first-hand in their hands. But that was soon blown away in the wind, as some Sulphur powder was melted to make a yellow liquid and then poured into water. The molten Sulphur set immediately to make nodules of solid Sulphur and more molten Sulphur was heated until it caught fire producing Sulphur Dioxide. As it turns out, Cubs and Joeys don't seem to like the smell of this gas, strange considering that they often smell like they are producing it!

Getting over their shock at the 'stinky gas', water was turned purple by Condy's Crystals and then after a careful addition of some Hydrogen Peroxide by a very responsible Cub, the water became clear again. It was nice that a few bubbles of Oxygen managed to appear.



Now, no self-respecting fire loving chemist would forego the opportunity to make some fire using a benign liquid. The spectacular reaction of Glycerine on Condy's Crystals wowed the audience and that was followed by water on Iodine. Perhaps a bit risky but on this still night the fantastic purple smoke kept well away from everyone.



More bright combustion was made from lighting Sulphur and Zinc dust - with clouds of white smoke and the handing out of sparklers heralding finale for the Joeys and Cubs. Chemistry can be fun, startling smelly but always interesting!



Please remember our Science Team during your next Programming meeting.

If you would like the Science Team to visit your Group just email

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or John Leahy: john.scoutleahy@gmail.com

**Andy Jenkinson
Activity Leader, Science Team**

*A big thank you to
Rikki (Liz Reibelt) from
1st Erskine Park for the
great photos.*



54 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 2023 and thank you for your continued commitment to Scouting!

SILVER KANGAROO



Awarded for eminent achievement and exceptional service to Scouts Australia by an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, over a long period, in a number of roles at various levels within the organisation, or for a unique and highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting.

ROBERTS, Brian Charles - District Advisor, Hills District

SILVER EMU



Awarded for further distinguished service to Scouts Australia by an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of at least four or five years since the Award of the Silver Koala.

FELL, John Mark - Region Commission (Activities), Greater Western Sydney Region

MCGRATH, Christine Therese - Leader in Charge, 1st Westmead

STIEME, Peter James - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes

WARDELL, Jennifer Ruth - Rover Advisor (Responsible), Kings Langley Rover Crew

SILVER KOALA



Awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around 14 to 16 years.

BISBY, Roger Henry - Group Leader, 1st Oakville

MCLEAN, Andrew William - Group Leader, 1st Erskine Park

SILVER WATTLE



Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around ten to twelve years.

CRUMP, Laura Kathleen - Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st/2nd Merrylands (St Anne's)

HARRIS, Eric Clifford - Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills

HILLYARD, Jo-Ann - Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland

MACARTHUR, Anthony James - Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks

SHEPPARD, Wendy Anne - Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



Awarded to Young Adult Members, Adult Members and Supporters for meritorious or praiseworthy service to Scouts Australia, for a period of around six to eight years.

BROWN, Russell David - Group manager, 1st Blackheath

DAVIS, Andrew Ian - Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath

DAVIS, Sharon Lee - Joey Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath

DIMMOCK, Melanie Louise - Deputy Region Commissioner, GWSR

ELLCOTT, Sharon Lee - Joey Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook

MORDEN, Cathryn Jane - Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Castle Hill

MORTIMER-BROWN, Khyllie Joanne - Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd Kings Langley

MYERS, Elizabeth Anne - Group Trustee, 1st Parramatta

PEBERDY, Maureen - Group Treasurer, 2nd Kings Langley

SAUNDERS, Desmond Allan - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Winston Hills

VANE, Kathryn Jane - Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland

WILLIAMS, Tiffany Louise - Cub Scout Leader, 1st Greystanes

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD



Awarded to Young Adult Members, Adult Members and Supporters for the successful support, development or management of a Section or Formation, or for an intense contribution over a period of at least 12 months to the success of a major event or major activity.

- BOULTON, Cynthia Marie** - Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st South Penrith
BURAKOWSKI, Michelle Ruth - Scout Leader, 1st Kellyville
CHING, Ho Man - Joey Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks
DIMMOCK, Matthew James - Assistant Scout Leader, 1st Toongabbie
DUFFIELD, David John - Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights
FIELD, Rebecca Dorothy - Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook
GNEZDILOFF, Matthew Lee - Joey Scout Leader, 2nd Northmead
JOHN, Joseph Parayil - Adult Helper, 1st Parramatta
KERLE, Robert John - Assistant Joey Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford
KHO, Heryanti - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Western Sydney (BLIA)
LESSELLS, Katherine Jo - Group Chairman, 1st Balcombe Heights
LUI, Siu Pik - Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights
MACCORMICK, Andrew Brian - Provisional Region Leader, GWSR
MILLS, Peter John - Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford
MURRIHY, Glenn Patrick - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills
PILAWA, Michael Allan - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland
RICHARD, Christopher David - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Ermington
ROBINSON, James Marsh - Scout Leader, 1st Blackheath
ROMANIS, Evan John - Scout Leader, 1st Balcombe Heights
RZASA, Artur - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Rocks
SHAHHO, Atakan - Venturer Scout Leader, 2nd Baulkham Hills
TAMSETT, Stewart James - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Blaxland
TEH, Jinny - Group Treasurer, 2nd Castle Hill
THEUNS, Suzanne Mary - Group Secretary, 2nd Castle Hill
TUCKER, Nicole - Joey Scout Leader, 1st Erskine Park
TUTTY, Judith Dorothy - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Hazelbrook
UPTON, Suzanne Adele - Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Grose Vale
XU, Yan - Assistant Cub Scout Leader, 1st Carlingford

ROVER SCOUT SERVICE AWARD



The Rover Scout Service Award is an award that is made by the Rover Section to recognise a person who has given exceptional and sustained service to the Rover Section.

- CASTELLANOS, Natalie** - Trainee Venturer Scout Leader, 1st Kings Langley
LETTA, Cameron - Assistant Crew Leader, Nepean Rover Crew

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD



FABIAN SUKUMAR
1st Westmead

BRAVO!

AUSTRALIAN SCOUT AWARD



KRISTINA TAYLOR
1st Dural

BRAVO!

SCOUT REPORT

Another busy Scouting month has flown by.

State Rally 2023 'Around the World in Three Days', has been run and was a great success, with many Scouts from GWS Region in attendance.

Overall in order of 1st to 3rd the results were:

Patrol 1 – 1st Turramurra (457 points)

The Lindfield Sharks – 1st Lindfield (432)

Jerra 2 – 1st Jerrabomberra (429)

Within GWS:

The Westmead Wanderers – 1st Westmead (337)

The Goldfish – 2nd Baulkham Hills (326)

Phoenix Patrol – 1st Parramatta (325)

Congratulations to all the Patrols who attended and made the most of the weekend. A huge thank you to all the Venturers, Leaders and Rovers who designed, built and ran bases over the weekend. The bases were fantastic and well received by the Scouts.

A special mention to **Penrith District** who took out the **Scouts' Choice Award** with their bubble soccer activity. Last but certainly not least a big thank you to our **RAC HQ**, camping and catering team who supported the Scouts and the Activity Leaders over the weekend.

Welcome home all the participants and leaders who attended the **World Scout Jamboree in South Korea**. From what I have heard it was quiet the adventure; with Mother Nature throwing everything at you, including floods, heatwaves and finally a typhoon! In true Scouting fashion the Australian Contingent adapted, making the most of the experience and demonstrating true resilience.

Jamboree On the Air and Internet **JOTA/JOTI** is our next Region Scout event. Join us at **Glenfield Scout Activity Center** over the weekend of the **20th – 22nd October** for the world's largest Scouting event. There will be lots of fun activities over the weekend and the opportunity to interact with Scouts from all over the world. Further information is available on Scout Event.



Registrations:

Open: Sunday 27th Aug 2023

Close: Friday 13th Oct 2023



All Scout Units should be thinking about **AJ2025** to be held in Maryborough, Queensland, **January 6th-15th 2025**. With Australian Jamborees moving to a 4 year cycle, the age range for youth members to participate has been raised to 17. Junior Service Leaders are eligible from age 16.

The next move for you, is to submit an Expression of Interest. Then start organising an information night for your Group or District to generate enthusiasm. **Duncan Watts** is the **GWS Region Liaison Leader** to the **NSW Contingent** and is more than happy to attend and provide input if needed. Please feel free to contact him if you have any questions via email Duncan.Watts@nsw.scouts.com.au or mobile 0407 466 602

Expressions of Interest are open now.

Visit <https://aj2025.com.au/> for further information or to submit your Expression of Interest.

Don't miss out on the first Australian Jamboree since 2019 and the only one until 2029!

Brett Nicholas
Region Commissioner Scouts
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Expressions of interest
open now!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
aj2025.com.au

Congratulations to Oliver Wicks and Kaysanne Lockman who received their Joey Scout Challenge Awards. A very special night was held at 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout hall for the presentation.

BRAVO!



Photos courtesy of Brendan Richards



Scouts in Action is designed to provide Leaders with themed program resources that are held on one web site and accessible 24/7, 365 days of the year. Busy Leaders sometimes need to be able to grab a program that will be based around their sections award scheme and Scouts in Action does just that!

This year we are focusing on all things Solar, from looking at solar energy and how we can harness it to reduce the strain on fossil fuels and continue Scouting's support for the Sustainable Development Goals.

From making a hotdog cooker out of a Pringles container to learning about solar cells and using the power to race a toy car.

There are lots of experiments and possibilities to get us all thinking about how we can become Solar Scouts!

Special Interest Areas

This years theme of Solar Scouts in Action will provide opportunities for all youth members to PLAN>>DO>>REVIEW>> one of more Special Interest Area (SIA') for their achievement pathways. Personal Growth or STEM and Innovation are just two that your youth members can work on.

Check out the website for full details and to register your Scout Group or Unit.

<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/>

Badges (as pictured above) are available at \$4.50 each



GWS REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

At this time each year, I take a bit of a break from the **Adventurous Activities Outside**, and spend a bit of time with **Adventurous Activities Inside**. Of course I am referring to Cumberland Gang Show, and what a great season it was. Like so many activities within Scouts, COVID certainly had a huge impact on Gang Show. However, with some real grit and determination by all involved, both in cast and behind the scenes, Gang Show has really bounced back, almost to what we call "pre-Covid levels!"

I know there are some who have no real time for Gang Show. I also know there are people who would never abseil off a cliff, or crawl through a muddy cave

But isn't that what Scouting is all about? I call it variety! Catering for all kinds of skills and interests.

And to add to the activities on offer, we are in the initial planning stages of bringing back our very popular caving weekends, down at Wee Jasper.

I also have some very keen Rovers who are looking at getting Canyoning up and running within the Region again. The idea will be to start on the more simple Canyons, which may include a bit of a swim; building up into the more challenging Canyons, with complex abseil set ups.

All great stuff to look forward to...!

Mark Fell (Dingo)

RC Activities

Stage Manager Cumberland Gang Show

Deputy Chair CGS Management Committee

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(Photos from the Archives)

VENTURER REPORT

Hello Region!

I would first like to thank Brian Nelson for his dedication and passion for the Venturer section over the last 6 years. It is truly commendable the number of activities he helped run and the Queen's Scout Awards recipients he assisted.

To quickly introduce myself, my name is Damon Love. I have been the Region Leader (Venturers) working in the Region Venturer Leadership Team for the past 5 years and have held numerous positions in the Rover section. I will be holding the role of Acting Region Commissioner (Venturers) in Brian's stead until the end of the year, wherein a more permanent replacement will commence.

Last month we held a Region Venturer Council, covering topics such as KISC, international travel and Waratah. This also acted as Brian's formal farewell and handover to me.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this year's Endurance - Leadership and Survival Course due to lower-than-expected registrations. Nonetheless, we are planning on sharing the planned activities with Venturer Leaders across the Region to run with their units.

I finally would like to congratulate Fabian Sukumar from 1st Westmead on achieving the Queen's Scout Award, BRAVO!

Damon Love

Acting Region Commissioner Venturers

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BUSHWALKING YOUTH SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ruined Castle overnight hike in July and for your support with my health situation.

September/October school holidays. If you are interested and available, please **check Scout Event before Tuesday 5th September** as one walk requires NSW TrainLink seat confirmation. We have adjusted walk locations to include some missed due to postponement.

Carefully read all details in the Scout Event activity description relating to activity difficulty (fitness, endurance, tolerance to summer temps) and specific requirements such as river crossings, as it forms part of our responsibility to provide informed consent to all intending participants.

Planned walks are subject to change/postponement please monitor Scout Event and facebook for updates.

<https://www.events.nsw.scouts.com.au/region/gws>

<https://www.facebook.com/westernsydneyscoutsbushwalking>

UPCOMING BUSHWALKS

September 23 to 25 (SH) Mount Solitary Loop 3 day at Katoomba

September 27 to 28 (SH) Bents Basin overnight (beginners) at Wallacia

October 5 to 7 (SH) Tallong/Shoalhaven River at Tallong

December 2 to 3 Bundeena Maianbar Heritage Walk

Tristan Flores

Regional Leader Bushwalking

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Ruined Castle overnight, July 2023. Clear skies during the day and low temps overnight

1st Carlingford Scout Troop 'Bartoo' Go Solar Challenge & Special Interest Area Patrol Project

Project Patrol members
Denith (PL) Summer (APL)
Kianna, Vageesha and Wan.

In the Scouts Go Solar Challenge we were empowered and engaged to innovate solar solutions to protect the climate. Along the way we delved into the diverse spectrum of activities and uses solar energy has. We learned this through creative and enjoyable activities including; Chasing light, Solar art, designing sundials, making solar ovens & and dehydrators.

The highlights were:

Chasing light — We learned how the sun affects the growth and direction plants face through growing our own snow peas and observing how the plant relocates and grows in the direction the light comes from.

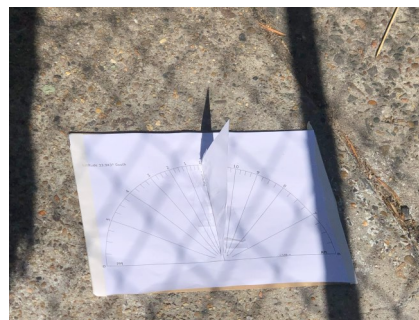
Solar art — We discovered how the sun's rays can be focused to a point where it burns through wood. We used magnifying glasses to do wood burning to create a sign from a plank of wood.



Solar Oven — We investigated how materials work under UV exposure and how they conduct or insulate the object placed within them. Then we were able to develop and design a prototype of solar oven or dehydrator. We had great fun cooking our solar lunches and dehydrating apples and lemons.



Sundial — We delved into the science of shadows and how they can be used to predict and show time. Along the way, we developed and made our design that corresponds to our location that will help us to find the time.



We have discussed the improvements we would try next time, they include; gaining access to a solar fan, so we can improve our dehydrator; along with correctly coordinating our sundial so that it can be even more accurate than before. We also want to be able to seal the air better in our solar oven for better results.



Along the way we achieved an SIA (Stem and Innovation) and the Scouts Go Solar Challenge badges.



Denith Wijesinghe
1st Carlingford Scout Troop Bartoo
Go Solar Challenge Project

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