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**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH  
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

**MR ALAN OVERTON AM**  
Region President



**MR GEOFF MCGRATH**  
Region Chairman

**MR NEVILLE HENDERSON**  
Region Commissioner

Invite you to be present at the  
**65TH GWSR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2012 @ 2.00 PM**

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**BUNDILLA SCOUT CAMP**  
**6 Baden Powell Place**  
**WINSTON HILLS**

**Please RSVP by Friday 15th June 2012 to:**

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6 Baden Powell Place  
WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153

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## ***FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER***

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As I write this article I am sitting in my caravan on the Gold Coast and it is rain, rain and more rain. I hope that the weather will be fine for the Region Jamborette over the June Queen's Birthday weekend and that you all have a fun weekend.

I had the pleasure of writing to Angus Boxall from 1<sup>st</sup> Winston Hills Venturer Unit and congratulating him on receiving the Queen's Scout Award. I look forward to attending his award presentation later this month. Also, congratulations to James Chapman from 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Merrylands on receiving a Chief Commissioner for Australia Commendation for administering first aid to his brother following a serious industrial accident. The award will be presented at our Region AGM. Well done to both of you.

It has come to my attention that some Leaders do not feel that they are required to complete an A1 for activities. I am now going to give some advice in my role as the Chairman of the NSW Insurance Committee – If there is an incident and either a Personal Accident Claim or more importantly a Public Liability Claim is lodged the Insurer will ask for a copy of the A1 signed by either the parent (in the case of a youth member) or by the leader or parent involved in the incident. If you can't prove there was an approved activity which the injured party then you as the activity leader may be joined in any legal action. My suggestion is you complete and have signed an A1 for all out of hall activities even if they are Region or District events.

Another matter which has come to my attention is that one of my section Region Commissioners has been "copping a fair bit of flack" over a District appointment. In future don't bother criticising the sectional Region Commissioner or District Commissioner or the person appointed to the position....**start with me** - as I am the person who authorises all Region or District positions and am more than happy to discuss any appointment with anyone who feels that I have made a mistake.

The office ladies advised me that they have been asked to take forms for some Region activities well after the close off date. I have told them that in future the close off date will be the final date to accept activity forms as otherwise it increases the workload on them. Remember if the forms are late and rejected it is the youth members who suffer.

A gentle reminder....**Don't forget the Region AGM is on 24 June 2012 at 2.00pm in the Peter Waite Room at Bundilla.** An invitation is in this Bulletin.

The working bee was a success with people attending from Pinaroo Scout Fellowship, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Blacktown, 1<sup>st</sup> St Marys, 1<sup>st</sup> Quakers Hill/Doonside, Blacktown

District, and 1<sup>st</sup> Westmead Rovers as well as some representatives from Region. I cooked for the working bee and also the flying fox team, who were there on the day and that was a total of 72 sausage sandwiches. Thanks for your assistance to those who attended on the day.

I attended the Joey Fun Day on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at Bundilla and was pleased to see the 160 Joey Scouts having fun along with 48 leaders and 22 parents who assisted on the bases. My own granddaughter told me she had an "awesome" time. Thanks to all the Leaders for the effort you put into making this occasion so enjoyable and such a success.

Unfortunately I was away for the Cub Fun Day but Anne has advised that there were around 300 Cub Scouts, 68 Leaders and 13 youth helpers attend. Once again the youth members had a memorable day and may I thank Anne and her team for the tremendous effort and planning put into the program for the day.

Hawkesbury District ran a promotion day at Arndell Anglican College Oakville school fete; Kim from the office attended and gave me the following report: "*We had 220 kids up the climbing wall on the day and the Leaders who ran the activity were kept very busy. The groups in Hawkesbury ran an information table promoting Scouting to the pupils from the school.*

*There were a lot of enquiries, many did not realise that girls could attend Scouts but we set them straight on this fact and handed out many brochures which had the details of all the Group Leaders in the Hawkesbury District. Hopefully this promotion will convert into new members"*

We have a number of promotions organised for this year at schools and at least another one will include our climbing wall.

We are still looking to fill the following Region and District positions:

- District Commissioners: Blue Mountains, Penrith and Hawkesbury
- Region Treasurer
- Various District roles

I look forward to seeing you all at our Region AGM.

Until then ..... Carry on Scouting

**Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner**

**Email: [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)**

## JOEY SCOUT REPORT

Joeys have continued to be active throughout the Region in Term 2. One of the highlights of the Joey year was on May 20, with the Region Fun Day held at Bundilla.

With our Region Commissioner, Kathy Cuneo on Safari in Africa, our International themed day was a hit with the 160 + Joeys who attended. Bases included boat races on the Nile in Egypt, Caving in New Zealand, Archery in England, Hunting in Africa, Climbing in the Himalayas. The day was an impressive showcase of the quality and professionalism of Scouting in the Region. Feedback from Parents and Joeys was unanimously positive.

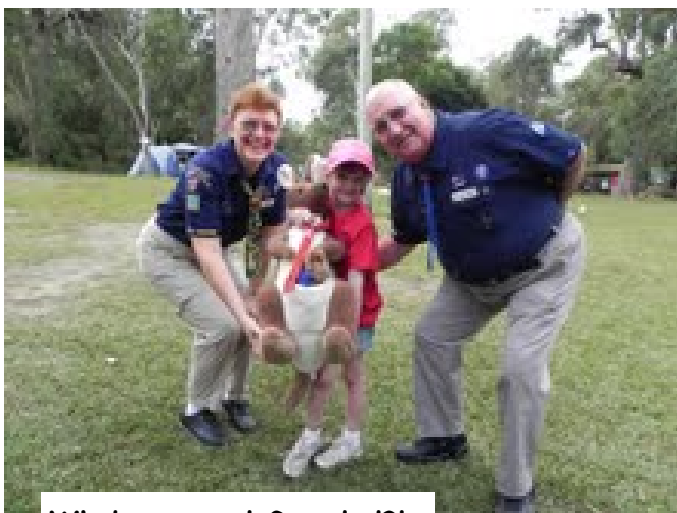
A highlight at the closing parade was the presentation of a Promise Challenge award to Joshua Baker of 1st Greystanes by the State Commissioner for Joey Scouts, Lyn Mann.

Joeys continue to be active throughout the Region with plenty of interesting and fun outings reported.

**Dean Maddock (Acting) RC Joey Scouts**  
Email: [joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:joeys@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



Opening Parade at Joey Scout Fun Day



Who's a proud Grandad?!



Lyn Mann, NSW State Commissioner Joey Scouts, presented Joshua Baker with his Promise Challenge Badge at the Joey Scout Fun Day. Joshua, is the first Joey Scout from the newly formed 1st Greystanes Joey Scout Mob, to receive a Promise Challenge badge.

Julie Overton (Kim) JSL  
1<sup>st</sup> Greystanes



Lyn Mann, and some Joeys in front of Waitomo Caves and the New Zealand Base run by Holroyd District JSL'S

Photos  
Julie Overton JSL, 1st Greystanes  
and  
Dean Maddock Acting RC JS



## CUB SCOUT NOTES

Thank you so much to the Leaders, Cubs, Youth Helpers and Parents who helped to make our Cub Fun Day such a great day. The weather was perfect, the bases were a hit with the Cubs, they behaved beautifully and there were only a few minor incidents requiring First Aid!

Special thanks to Kim and Maggi for dealing with the extra workload that an event like this creates; the District Cub Scout Leaders who helped plan, coordinate and run the bases and all the Leaders who worked hard on the bases; Alan Mason and Taylor Page for providing the First Aid; Mark Fell and his team who were kept very busy with the ever popular climbing wall; Karl Humphries for sharing his enthusiasm for radios and communication, Peter Nickl and his team who organised the International base, Lisa Gonzalez (1st/2nd Merrylands) for organising Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and supplying us with delicious coffee and cakes, Tricia Shaw our State Commissioner Cub Scouts for paying us a visit and taking the time to check out all the bases and chatting with everyone, David Stopps for helping to set up and last but not least Geoff McGrath, Paul Thompson and Matt Thompson for manning the registration table, taking photographs and doing all sorts of odd jobs to help me! I just hope I haven't forgotten anyone!

The winner of the Guessing Competition was **Noah Ricci, 1st Blaxland** Cub Pack who guessed 882. The Runner up was **Ajit Pillai, 1st Carlingford** Cub Pack with 850. There were **888 M&M's** in the jar!

### DIARY DATES

July 1	State Campfire
August 3	Palanee at Bundilla
September 1	Cub Scout Leadership Course



Congratulations to these  
Cub Scouts who have earned  
their Grey Wolf Award.

**James Miller - 1st Oakville**  
**Lucy McCredden - 1st Ermington**

**1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF**

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts  
Email: [cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:cubs@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



*Good to see our Leaders, Virginia and Michelle  
from 1st Ermington getting into  
the "swim" of things!*

*Photos*

*Julie Overton JSL, 1st Greystanes  
Matt Thompson RC Communications & PR*









# INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING SHOWCASE



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**9am to 1pm**

**Baden Powell Scout Centre  
Pomona Street, Pennant Hills**

**Everyone Welcome**

**Scouting members please wear full uniform.**

International  
Pen Pals For Scouting



For more information please contact your  
Region International Representative or  
Bob MacDonald on 9484 5446 or 042 821 4601  
**Visit our NSW International Website**



## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

### **2nd Castle Hill Scout Group**

is holding a family night on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

It will be held at McDonald's, Castle Hill 6.30pm to 8.30pm

corner Barwell Ave & Showground Road Castle Hill.



We are encouraging as many members of the Scouting family  
to join in and catch up with old or current friends and meet new friends.

*Come and join us for a bite to eat and some friendly company.*



## INTERNATIONAL EXPLORER'S AWARD

This award is for any registered member of Scouts Australia who travels to an officially recognised international Scouting event overseas and participates in two of the following activities:

**Service (min 4 hours)    Camping (min 1 night)**  
**Training (min 1 complete day)    Attend at least three meetings (min 3 hours).**

**On returning from overseas, the applicant is required to complete at least three reports or presentations.**

Once all the criteria have been met, the applicant should have the form signed by their Group Leader or Commissioner and forward it to their Branch International Commissioner with payment of \$25. The cost of International Explorer Awards is no longer included as part of contingent fees.

Applications for the International Explorer's Award must be completed within 12 months of returning to Australia from the overseas trip associated with the international Scouting event. This international Scouting event must be **approved** by the Scouts Australia International Commissioner.

### The application form should be:

Completed by the applicant and approved by the applicant's Group Leader/Commissioner.

Sent to the applicant's Branch Commissioner, International, for approval.

The applicant's Branch Commissioner, International should then post the application form to the

**International Commissioner, Scouts Australia, 89 Kitchener Street, Garran, ACT, 2605** or email it to [int.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.comm@scouts.com.au).

After approving the Award and including in a database of recipients, the International Commissioner will then forward the application to National Office for issue of the Award kit. The Award kit contains a certificate, belt and receipt for payment.

National Office will issue the Award kit and forward it to the Branch Commissioner, International for presentation to the recipient.

**NEVILLE TOMKINS, International Commissioner  
SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
89 Kitchener Street  
GARRAN ACT 2605**

**Phone:        02 6282 6082**

**Fax:            02 6260 5089**

**Email:        [int.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.comm@scouts.com.au)**



**Be Prepared...**  
*for new adventure!*

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## **TRAINING REPORT**

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### **Update of Training**

Following the National Training Meeting our ACCAT&D, Margaret Crawford, has advised changes to our training methods. More detailed information should be available in the next Bulletin.

### **The overview so far is:**

#### **Future Wood Badge Training**

Following WOSM direction, only one Wood Badge will be awarded to each Leader in future training. Advanced training will continue, but no project will be required for subsequent Advanced Training.

i.e. **Leaders First Wood Badge:** Advanced Courses + Project + Evaluation + Cert IV. = Wood Badge (Wood Beads and parchment).

**Second Advanced Training** for those changing sections: Advanced courses but no project. This is marked on MIS.

**P & R** will be amended after June 2012 to reflect changes.

**E-Learning** will continue to expand and there are already new modules on the training website. More will be added over the next twelve months.

**Certificate IV Assessment Tasks** will be mostly embedded in E-learning with only a minimal number in AST.

**PLA's** will increase their support and mentor leaders through the necessary requirements.

Why not go into your training site, use your login and tackle some of the new electives that are now available. Previous old modules have also been upgraded and you are able to peruse the changes at your leisure.

**Partially Completed Wood Badge Training Leaders** who already have partially completed Wood Badge Training requirements may continue for the next few months to finalise outstanding paperwork/projects/evaluations etc. Over the next few weeks PLA's will be contacting leaders on our list to offer assistance with outstanding work.

**Sign Off Nights** at Bundilla on fourth Thursday of each month. These nights can be used to assist any leaders with paperwork related to their outstanding forms etc. Book through Region Office.

**Introductory Interviews** at Bundilla on first Thursday of each month. Group Leader should accompany trainee leaders to the Interview. Paperwork should be completed prior to attendance to save time. Book through Region Office.

**Trainee Leaders** - Training should be completed within one year as this is part of our Agreement to become a leader in a timely manner. Work with PLA's to complete documents if you are unsure of the requirements.

**In-Service Tasks:** All documents for In-Service Tasks (evidence) must be countersigned by the leader witnessing the task on the document as well as entering their details on the verifiers list.

L9 – Appointed Leader Transferring to E-Learning. Cost is \$60 which includes sectional books.

\$20 cost if applying for Advanced Training Login for E-Learning once pre-requisites are met.

**Certificate 111 - Requirements are:** In-service + W3 = Certificate of Adult Leadership +Workbooks (Introduction, Part 1, 2 & 3) (with all sheets signed off and verified with all evidence verified) = Certificate 111.

**Carol Cope**  
**Acting RC AT&D**

**Email:** [training@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:training@greaterwestscouts.com.au)



**Some new courses for you to consider.**

Please note the Camping Under Canvas & Pack Holiday course in Sydney North Region - we have had a few enquiries from Leaders anxious to do this course, because they missed out on the one conducted at Bundilla.

**APPLY NOW**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Cancelled Course	GL - LOA Advanced Leadership 2	487 12 001	Pennant Hills	SN	16th June	17th June	Cancelled due to only 1 applicant
New Course	Advanced Leadership 1	472 12 002	Glenreagh	NC	15th June	17th June	Applications to State Office
New Course	Bushwalking Level 1	678 12 003	Cataract	NSW	28th July	28th July	Applications to State Office
New Course	Bushwalking Level 1	678 12 004	Cataract	NSW	1st Sep	1st Sep	Applications to State Office
New Course	Bushwalking Level 1	678 12 005	Cataract	NSW	29th Sep	29th Sep	Applications to State Office
New Course	Camping Under Canvas & Pack Holiday	664 12 005	1st Elanora	SN	22nd July	22nd July	Applications to SN Region

- Please note the Bushwalking Course is a Level 1 SIS10 Accredited Course. Course fee is \$50.
- Camping Under Canvas & Pack Holiday elective is \$40.
- AL1 course fee is \$130

*Queen's Scout Award*

**ANGUS BOXALL**

**1st Winston Hills Venturer Unit**



*Bravo - very well done!*

**Your Invited to Angus' Queens Scout Presentation**

22nd June - 7:15 for 7:30  
423 -513 Old Northern Rd,  
Castle Hill 2154



Please contact Angus for more Details:

angus.boxall@gmail.com  
0411 114 941

## REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

While I am not one to look into the crystal ball and predict the future, there is one prediction I will make. In the next 10-15 years, the quality of the Scouts, Venturers and Rovers is going to be something to behold, within GWS Region. How do I know this?

I have just spent a day helping on the climbing wall with the Cubs, and the week prior doing the same thing with the Joeys. What an absolute pleasure it was to see such a large bunch of polite enthusiastic young kids getting involved with what Scouting can offer. To their Leaders all I can say is "Don't stop what you are doing...because it works!" **BRAVOOO to all of you.**



Alex Fry from 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills Cub Pack  
"learning the ropes."  
(Photo Mark Fell)

Can I also pass on my thanks to Frank (alwayslookingforsomethingtodo) Barr, and all the helpers, who have given up their time to help support and run the Climbing Wall over the last month. It has been a busy time with the Joey Fun Day, followed by the Arndell School Fun Day, and the Cub Fun Day!

While talking about Fun days, we had a very successful **Leaders Fun Day** recently at Bundilla. After too many years of collecting dust, we dragged out the Flying Fox, set it up at Bundilla, and like I said, had some fun! Big thank you to Robin Garrett who offered his skills and experience in setting up the Fox. We had over a dozen Leaders and Venturers along on the day. I am very keen to see the Fox back up and running within the GWS Region, and if this day was any indication of the support, I think we are on a winner!

With the cooler weather now very much in play, we tend to ease off on water activities for our youth. However that doesn't mean we stop! For the more adventurous, we are running 4 x one day Recreational Paddles on the Hawkesbury River, ranging in distance from 25-35km each. This will be like a training run, to the famous Hawkesbury Classic held on the weekend

of 1-2 September 2012. We hope to enter a number of canoes in this, being a 111km paddle from Windsor to Brooklyn. Certainly not for the faint hearted, but what a great experience. The A1's are on the Activities Calendar, and numbers are restricted, so first in best dressed.

There are a number of opportunities coming up to do **Level 1 Bushwalking certificate** under the new SIS10 accreditation, which is been run by Frank Barr.

### Dates are as follows:

28 - 29 July Cataract  
1 - 2 Sept Cataract  
29 - 30 Sept TBA

If you go to the GWS Website and go to the Training icon, you will find all the information.

One of my other roles in Scouting is Assistant Stage Manager for Gang Show. I am currently recruiting people to help out back stage, with the season kicking off Friday 6th July for eight exciting shows over that week. So what does backstage involve?

*"Well it's a bit like doing a 15 minute job in 15 seconds moving all sorts of strange creations from cars to coffins, in a confined space, while at the same time dodging 130+ Scouts and Guides! .....and did I mention you do it all in the dark!"*

Just another great experience that Scouting can offer! Send me an email if you are interested - I can include you on my Gang Show Email List, to keep you updated as details come through.

Of course if you can't help out, treat the family to a fantastic night out, and go and see what six months of hard work can achieve.

While it has been a big month on the activities front, let's never forget: **"HAVE ADVENTUROUS FUN AND BE ACTIVITY SAFE."**

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

Email: [activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au](mailto:activities@greaterwestcouts.com.au)



Some  
Leaders  
just have too  
much Fun!

Photo:  
Mark Fell



## APPOINTMENTS LIST 15/5/2012 to 4/6/2012

### APPOINTMENTS

<b>BONITZ, Tara</b>	Appt TL(C) 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <b>Zazu</b>
<b>ARROWSMITH, John</b>	Appt TL(C) 1st Riverstone Cub Pack
<b>GARLAND, David</b>	Appt TL(C) 1st QH-Doonside Cub Pack
<b>FREEMAN, Leticia</b>	Appt TL(J) 1st QH-Doonside Joey Mob
<b>COLLINS, Garry</b>	Appt TL(C) 1st Ermington Cub Pack <b>Blaxland</b>
<b>MOREY, Johnathan</b>	Appt TL(S) 1st Toongabbie Scout Troop

### TRANSFERS

<b>SUFFLING, Debra</b>	Fr Appt TL(C) 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack To ACSL 1st Rydalmere Cub Pack
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### RESIGNATIONS

<b>IREDALE, Ian</b>	ACSL 1st Kellyville Cub Pack <b>Darzee</b>
<b>MCKAY, Kathleen</b>	CSL 1st Granville Cub Pack
<b>TORRISI, Carmela</b>	AL(G) 1st Granville Scout Group

## ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

**New Instructor:** Tallia Joel of 1<sup>st</sup> Ermington has been appointed as an Abseil Instructor (Level 3). She has been a caving leader for quite a long time and was outstanding on the recent Abseil Course. Welcome to the team, Tallia !

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**Rescue (Recovery) Course:** Sunday 17 June. Also Sunday 4 November.

**Scout Top-Rope Climbing Course:** Sunday 24 June at Dargan's Creek, with theory during the week before at a suitable location. Also Sunday 9 September.

**Venturer Abseil Course:** Tuesday 7 August (theory) and 11 and 12 August (practical).

**Abseil Course:** Tuesday 21 August (theory at Bundilla) and 25 and 26 August (Practical at Bowen Mtn. and Yellow Rock). Also 23, 27 and 28 October.

**Scout Abseil Badge Course:** Sunday 16 September, with theory on a suitable night during the week before.

**Caving Course:** 19 September (theory at Bundilla) and 22 and 23 September (practical at Bungonia).

**Canyon Trip:** Sunday 11 November to Birragang Canyon. No abseils or swims - so suitable for Scouts. Also Sunday 2 December to River Caves and Deep Pass Canyons.

**Caving Trip:** 17 and 18 November.

**Venturer Canyon Course:** 24 and 25 November.

**Special courses for individual groups can be arranged  
by contacting Rick Jamieson**

**The complete year's program is on our web site**

[www.beprepared.com.au/gws](http://www.beprepared.com.au/gws)

A1 forms are on the greaterwestscouts website in the Activities calendar section. Applications (on the A1 Form) should be sent to the Region Office two weeks before the course. Two-day and three-day courses cost \$30, One-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$10 (one-day) or \$20 (two-day). No charge for theory nights.

**Rick Jamieson**  
RRA Coordinator  
Phone: 4572 1321  
Email:  
[rickj15@bigpond.com](mailto:rickj15@bigpond.com)



*Recent Scout  
Abseil Course  
at  
West Pennant Hills*



1<sup>ST</sup> GREYSTANES SCOUT GROUP

## TRIVIA NIGHT

**When:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

**Where:** Greystanes Public School (School Hall),  
781 Merrylands Road, Greystanes

**Cost:** \$10 per head, tables of 8  
BYO Alcohol & Nibbles  
(Tea & Coffee Supplied)

**FANTASTIC FUN NIGHT OF TRIVIA,  
GAMES, RAFFLES, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

**Theme your table for bonus points**

All proceeds go directly towards fundraising for the  
1<sup>st</sup> Greystanes Scout Group: including Scouts, Cubs and Joeys

**Book a table early – contact Mark Dring, 0401 701 258**  
*If you don't have a table of eight, just book yourself &/or friends, tables will be  
made up on the evening*

*Sorry, no children*



**When was the last time you were with friends being entertained by an absolutely exciting, stunning and brilliant group of people who could sing, dance and make you laugh all in a blaze of lights music and costume changes?**

Well *The Gang is Back* in its 43<sup>rd</sup> season of Cumberland Gang Show and is being performed at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (school holidays). The Gang are ready to entertain you with their spectacular, fast moving revue style show.

**What is a Gang Show you may ask?** It is a show like the School's Spectacular where every couple of minutes the scene changes and something new appears. The show is performed by a **cast of 144 kids and adults**, all members of either the Scout or Guide Association. The show is full of items with great music, side aching comedy and spectacular dancing, which will keep you entertained throughout the 2 hour performance. If you have never seen a Cumberland Gang Show before, make this your first, it won't be your last!

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, full of excitement and fun as 'The Gang is Back'. The cast and crew are set to "return with the power within, the will to achieve and the joy of self belief" as they come together to create this year's show. There will be something for everyone as we seek to amaze and entertain.

**Come along on a journey**, as we take you into the *Jungle*, visit *Greece*, meet the *Forgotten Superheroes*, *Shake That* with the cast and ask what happens to an aged couple when they are *Going, Going, Gone?*. We'll have you dancing in the aisles, reminiscing with *Alice in Wonderland*, enjoying your time at the *Circus* and celebrating as old meets new in *Nanna Technology*. So, *The Gang is Back* and set to *Achieve*. Come along and enjoy *The Greatest Show Around*.

**Tickets are very reasonably priced starting at \$28.00 for adults and \$17.00 for children and pensioners. Book online for these cheaper prices at [www.gangshow.asn.au](http://www.gangshow.asn.au) until 16<sup>th</sup> June. Or you can book through the theatre after this date by calling 8838 3399**



**Some of the many talented cast members of Cumberland Gang Show - now in its 43rd season!**



## ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS CONFERENCE

Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills

**9AM SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST TO 2.30PM SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST**

Open to ALL adult Scouting members

**COST: \$110**

This Conference will provide information and resources to assist in delivering Scouting to those with Special Needs.

For long-distance travellers, it is possible to stay overnight on Friday 3rd August

Please apply on the standard training course application form - available on-line at the NSW Scouts website or one can be sent to you on request.

**Inquiries: Mark Burfield, State Commissioner, Special Needs**  
**Telephone: [0425 236 617](tel:0425236617) Email: [oceaniahq@froggy.com.au](mailto:oceaniahq@froggy.com.au)**

## AGOONOREE: IN THE WILD

Camp Chapman, Somersby



**FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER (LONG WEEKEND)**

**Cost: \$120 youth participants. \$100 leaders/helpers.**

An **Agoonoree** is a camp especially for Scouts and Guides with special needs, organised by the Scouts Special Needs Team and helpers, and is open to ALL Scouts and Guides members in all sections.

**Joeys must attend with at least one of their parents or guardian;**  
**Cubs and Junior Guides must attend with at least one of their leaders.**

There will be a **Visitors Day on Saturday 29th September** (which may be the preferred option for younger members) and also an **offsite activities day on Sunday 30th September**.

Activities to include bushcraft, bushwalk, campfire, crafts, games, music, scavenger hunt, Scouts & Guides' Own, and more!

Some indoor accommodation is available but camping, where possible, is encouraged. Participants are also encouraged to wear **theme dress** for parts of the camp.

The **A1 Form** can be found on-line at the NSW and GWSR Scout websites or can be sent on request.

**Inquiries and Expressions of Interest:**

**Mark Burfield, State Commissioner, Special Needs**  
**Telephone: [0425 236 617](tel:0425236617) or Email: [oceaniahq@froggy.com.au](mailto:oceaniahq@froggy.com.au)**

## RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### RECENT NIGHTS

We demonstrated Chemistry reactions to Oakville Cubs. Here a Sixer has placed a couple of drops of Glycerine on a small pile of Condi's Crystals. A lot of heat is generated as shown by the steam rising, and shortly after this photo was taken, it burst into flames.



When we arrived at Forestville Cubs for a Water Rocket night, they thought we would have to cancel the night because they hadn't arranged for the flood lights to be turned on. Not a problem, as we attach glow sticks to the rockets so the Cubs could see where they went.

One of the parents had a high powered LED torch, so I took movies of rockets launching. Here's a couple of frames of the rocket just leaving and just gone, to show what the eye cannot register as it happens so quickly.



### JOEY FUN DAY AT BUNDILLA

#### *Our table of activities included:*

\* A film camera attached to a box, which the Joey could place their head in to provide a dark space to view the inverted picture.



\* Electrostatic rod to pull an empty drink can along the table without touching it.

\* Floating ring magnets.

\* Hand generator could light a bulb or rotate a fan.

\* A marble maze, to rearrange to keep the marble running the longest.

\* A whirling colour plate that changed to white when the colours mixed.

\* Circular distorted drawings which became clear when viewed in a cylindrical mirror.

\* A hose that made different tones when rotated rapidly.

I demonstrated each object when they first came to the base, then the Leaders and parent helpers encouraged the Joey's to discover how the various activities worked.



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## **VENTURER REPORT**

Congratulations to **Angus Boxall** on completing his **Queen's Scout Award**. Angus exceeded all expectations to provide a comprehensive portfolio that is a tribute to his dedication for Scouting.

Thank you to each of the Units that have organised activity bases for the **Jamborette**. We have a record number of Venturer run activities this year and I am sure that all of the Scouts will enjoy the experience.

A reminder to Venturer Units that **Record Books** can be purchased from the Region Office at a discounted rate of \$60 for 10. This is a saving of roughly 40%!

Applications for the **State Venturer Environment Camp** are available from the Region website. This camp is conducted at Ingleside and meets all requirements for the Venturer Award Environment Badge. The camp will be held on the first weekend of the next school holidays (29 June – 1 July) and is fully catered. Cost is \$75 and applications close 14 June.

With the transition to the new **SIS10 Activity Qualifications**, the Region will no longer be organising our own **Training Courses for adventurous activities**, but rather scheduling dates to run **experience weekends**. These activities can still be used to meet requirements for the **Outdoors Badge**, and the activity can also be recorded in your activity log and used in the future as evidence for qualifications should you wish to achieve these new standards. These dates are now updated in the calendar on the Region website.

**Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts**  
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**Interested in going to the snow?**

**Don't want to drive yourself?**

**Then why not join the bus that is going to the snow on the weekend on June 29 – July 1.**

Leaving from Castle Hill, the bus will take you to Jindabyne where we will stay in the Scout Alpine Centre; you will get transfers to the snow on Saturday and Sunday and you will even get fed! All for just \$220 (lift tickets and equipment hire extra).

**Open to all Scouting members and their families.**

Seats are limited and filling fast so if you are interested please contact

**Andrew Whiddon (Grug), SL 2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill on 0411 326 021 or [aw82@yahoo.com](mailto:aw82@yahoo.com)**

## **BACK TO BUNDILLA**

**16th September 2012**

**9.45 am to 3.30pm**

**FOR ADULTS ONLY  
(NO YOUTH MEMBERS UNDER 18YRS)**

**MORNING TEA: DEVONSHIRE TEA \$4  
OR TEA/COFFE \$2**

**LUNCH: CHICKEN KEBABS WITH SALAD \$5  
COLD DRINKS \$2**

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL FOR  
CATERING PURPOSES**

**PLEASE REPLY ASAP**

**If you have any old photos or memorabilia associated with Bundilla, then Sandra would love to hear from you, please call or email her.**

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**Scouts in Action Week 2012**  
**International Scouting**  
**20-26 August**



The theme this year is **International Scouting** and the **Scouts in Action Week** website [www.scoutsinactionweek.com](http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com) has been updated with lots of information about this year's theme.

Groups or Sections are asked to register, so we can keep track of who is participating. Don't forget to tell all your Scouting colleagues about SiAW and you can do this by sending an email with a link to the website inviting them to participate.

If you have any contacts outside of Australia please send them an invitation to be part of the largest annual Scouting event in Australia.

Our website will be updated with details on the **2012 Scouts in Action Week badge** and you will receive an email on how you can order yours in advance of Scouts in Action Week, 2012.

You are invited to submit your **International** themed programs to:

[youth.events@scouts.com.au](mailto:youth.events@scouts.com.au)

The **challenge** is to have a **Program** and a **Traditional game** that **represents all 161 NSO's** (National Scout Organisations).

There will also be information about **Pen Pal programs, JOTA/JOTI, Hands Across the Water and other Scouts Australia initiatives** - so check the website to see what is on offer and see how you and your section can get involved.

**REGISTER NOW**

**Spread the word to all of your Scouting friends in Australia and overseas.**

**International participants are welcome in 2012.**

Yours in Scouting,

**John Parr**  
National Project Commissioner Youth Events  
Scouts Australia

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## SCOUT HALL FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore St in picturesque Austinmer NSW (20 km north of Wollongong) is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by cub packs and scout troops.

The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rainforest right to the top of the escarpment.

The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore Street.

For bookings contact; **Ron Witton on 0409 399 752 or [rwitton@uow.edu.au](mailto:rwitton@uow.edu.au)**

