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Luke Uidam from 1st Balcombe Heights being presented his Grey Wolf Award by The Hills Shire Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne and the Hon Alex Hawke MP, Federal member for Mitchell with proud dad and GL Tim Uidam watching on.

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

First of all, I would like to thank everyone from my Region Team, Region Executive, Leaders, Group Committees and let's not forget our parents for their commitment. If it was not for all of you, we would not have the region we have. Scouting would not be the same for any of us.

I have had the absolute pleasure of attending a couple of rehearsals for this year's Gang Show. It is our 50th show and it is going to be one of our best. Thanks to the Gang Show team for all they do. I presented Rob Lang with the first 50th Year scarf at the special presentation last weekend, when over 400 scarves were presented to the cast and crew of Gang Show. Yes, there over 400 in the cast and crew this year!

I have some concerns in the Region. The first one is groups not understanding their commitment on their finances. A group financial year runs from January to December. I have asked that all groups be finalised and audited before the end of March. I am not impressed that some groups have still not completed their ***finance reports***. I have had to cancel one ARP so far. This group has two weeks to have their report to Region Office.

My second concern is that Leaders do not understand the Government Law regarding anyone over the age of 18 doing activities with youth. Everyone of the age of 18 and over ***MUST*** have a ***Working With Children's Check*** and it needs to be verified by Scouts Australia. The easiest way is to have a non-uniform person fill out an ***A2*** on-line.

Onto more good news; with the new Scouts NSW Strategic Plan, GWSR will be gaining a Region Development Officer. This is a paid position and the person will be working for our Region, helping to develop our Region into one of the biggest in NSW. More on the position soon.

I would also like to congratulate Gabie Thompson, RC Cubs and her team for a successful Cuborette. I did not get a chance to get out to the camp, but I have had a number of leaders say she should be congratulated for all her efforts.

I will be on leave from the 3rd May until the 29th May. I will have very limited internet so if you need to contact me please be patient, I will come back to you by email - but it may not be in the timeframe you require.

In my absence ***Geoff Henderson Deputy RC***, will take the position of Acting RC with the help of Tony Dent DRC. Please contact them if you have any problems.

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Region Commissioner
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ANZAC DAY 2109

Holroyd District took part in the Merrylands RSL Anzac March and service on April 14. All sections were represented and I was delighted with the people who attended and also, the wonderful behaviour of the youth members.

Jeanie Wood GL
1st/2nd Merrylands St. Anne's



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

This month I visited some Joey Mobs in the Blue Mountains and I was very pleased to see them doing things outside and providing leadership opportunities for the Joeys. Well done to our new Joey Mob at 1st Blackheath, great to see them running with a healthy number of Joeys and an exciting program. 1st Blaxland made some Easter Baskets, 1st Blackheath were doing some rescue and team work games, 1st Springwood played spotlight. Hop Hop Hop to the leaders running these Joey Mobs.

Leadership.

I would like to see all of our Joey Mobs, providing leadership opportunities for our Joeys. This can be as simple as helping with the flag during parade or organising an activity. You know your Joeys, so think about what can challenge them and set the plan in motion. During your Mob Councils, draw out these ideas and choose a Joey to step up and own an activity, we are here to support them. Find out if any of your Joeys do other sports, clubs, etc like dancing, soccer, bike riding, etc Let them organise an activity showing what they do. This is a great way for them to learn presentation skills and build confidence in speaking to the mob.

Konara.

Registrations are open and I strongly encourage all leaders involved in the Joey Section to attend. It's going to be a great weekend; we will be sharing a treasure trove of ideas and resources. It is to be considered as a "training" weekend, but note that it does not replace the advanced or basic leadership courses. It's also a great opportunity to see the beautiful Glenrock Scout camp on the coast up near Newcastle.

Joey Fun Day "All Aboard"

We are getting closer to Joey Fun Day – 8th September 2019 at the Luddenham Model Park. We will be opening registrations shortly and circulating some flyers for your Joeys. Towards the end of May, we will be sending out a broadcast email to all Joeys and leaders (as shown in Scoutlink) inviting them to attend Joey Fun Day. The highlight of the Luddenham Model Park is the ride on scale model train. We will have the usual bases and the generous people at Outback Steakhouse Penrith will be providing lunch again. There are also some other bases that we are waiting for confirmation. It's going to be an exciting weekend.

Brian Zarth
Region Commissioner Joey Scouts
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**2019
NSW**



**Joey Scout Leaders
Conference**

1st - 2nd June 2019

Glenrock Scout Camp

Discover Adventure!

More details will be given
to you soon.

CUB SCOUT REPORT

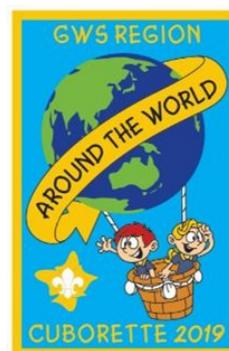
GWS REGION CUBORETTE 'AROUND THE WORLD'

On Friday 5th April, approximately 400 Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Parents arrived en masse at Camp Ku-Ring-Gai located on the Hawkesbury River at Cumberland Reach, with another 65 or so arriving the following morning to join the GWS Region Cuborette, 2019.

ATTENDANCE

The Cuborette was overwhelmingly popular with attendance numbers far exceeding the anticipated 200 to 300.

Cub Scouts	302
Linking Joeys	5
Scouts	23
Venturers	4
Total Youth:	334
Total Adults (including Leaders and Parents):	131
Total Attendance:	465



The Group with the highest registered members was 1st Balcombe Heights. The District with the highest number of attendees was Parramatta.

THE CAMP

The idea for the Region Cub Camp came from the Region Cub Youth Council meeting held in June 2018 and was further developed at the October Region Cub Council meeting, where the theme of 'Around the World' was decided. Thank you to the Cubs for their great ideas and their enthusiasm for the camp.

Cubs camped out in tents in 9 District Mega Packs, just like at a Cuboree. They participated in a number of activity bases throughout the weekend and enjoyed a movie night under the stars. The Cuborette was a great camping experience for Cubs, Leaders, Youth Service Leaders (Scouts and Venturers) and Parent Helpers in preparation for the NSW Cuboree being held in January 2020.

Well done and **Thank You** to all the Pack Coordinators, Leaders and Parents for all your hard work in setting up camp, cooking, cleaning and ensuring Cubs were at activity bases; and then packing it all up at the end ! **One, Two Three W-O-O-F!**

ACTIVITY BASES

There were fun and adventurous activity bases for the Cubs to do including Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Science, seven District bases and a roaming Cuboree 2020 base.

Thank You to all of the activity base coordinators; those who organised and ran the Region activities as well as those who organised and ran the District bases. Well done to all; your dedication and hard work paid off as all activities and bases were a hit with the Cubs.

We held a Region Cub Youth Council meeting on the Saturday afternoon and the feedback from the Youth was amazing. We asked them to nominate and vote for the best activity base.

Best Base Award: The Water/Canoe Base!

YOUTH SERVICE LEADERS

We promoted 'Youth led – Adult supported' having our Youth Service Leaders engaging with and assisting the Cubs on the activity bases. We even had Tegan, a Scout from 1st Dural, design and run one District base as part of her ASM badgework. We also had two Youth Service Leaders involved with the assessing, voting and awarding of the best gateway. **Best Gateway Award: Pack 3, Penrith City!**

Well done and a great big **Thank You** to all Youth Service Leaders for their assistance throughout the whole weekend – **B-R-A-V-O!**



CUBOREE 2020 PROMOTION

We were lucky enough to be visited by the Cuboree 2020 promotions team on the Saturday who asked to come along to video some of the activities and interview participants to be part of a promotional video. We had a roaming Cuboree 2020 base during the whole weekend; once the Cubs completed the base by answering 7 questions during the Cuborette, they all received a colourful wristband! The Chief Director of Cuboree 2020 attended the closing ceremony and announced that there are a limited number of \$10 discount vouchers available for those registering for Cuboree 2020 from GWS Region!

THE ORGANISING TEAM

A camp of this size does not just happen. Working alongside the Region Cub Youth Council and behind the scenes, were a team of dedicated hard workers that made sure everything fell into place.

I would like to thank the following people:

- The Region Seeonee team for supporting & organising the District Camping Packs and District Activity bases
- Steve Wallace for all the admin (and everything else he assisted with)
- Ben Gross for leading the Water Activity base, the Region Water Activities Team and all who helped them
- Mark Fell RC Activities for the Rock Climbing,
- Brian Nelson RC Venturers for managing the Youth Service Leaders
- Tony Dent Deputy RC for providing first aid
- Carol Cope for providing Member support and Youth Safety
- John Leahy for the Region Science base
- Karl Humphries for the movie and PA system
- Peter Nickl for the International base,
- Steve McCann SN Region, Caretaker and Sites and Services for the weekend
- Simon Edwards and Tim Uidam for arranging and supplying water for the weekend.
- Special Thanks to David Spear – Assistant State Commissioner Cub Scouts, for supporting the Cuborette by visiting on Sunday afternoon and speaking at the closing parade.
- Kim and Wendy in the Region Office – thank you so much for all your hard work with processing adult helper forms, applications and payments. Your assistance and support, as always, is appreciated with these large Region events.
- Patrick and Marie for keeping the Organising team, Service Leaders and Youth Service Leaders fed all weekend.

I apologise now if I have forgotten anyone, I came home from the camp very exhausted!

NSW CUBOREE 'WHAT ON EARTH?' – JANUARY 2020

All Cub Leaders should be well aware that applications are now open for the NSW Cuboree being held from the **5th to 9th January 2020**.

There are a lot of new resources now available on the Cuboree 2020 website including program ideas, parent brochures, posters and a promotional video. Please check out the website <https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au> where you will also locate a copy of the monthly newsletter. Please share this information with your Cubs, Leaders and Parents.

Parent Information Sessions:

Promotional information sessions for Cuboree for Cubs and Parents will soon be arranged by our Region team of Cuboree Ambassadors. These sessions will take place in different sites around the Region. If you would like to arrange a session for your Group or District please complete an expression of interest located here: <https://form.jotform.co/GabrielleThompson/Cuboree-2020>

To apply for Cuboree, visit: <https://nswscouts.eventsair.com/nsw-cuboree-2020/familyregistration/Site/Register>



UPCOMING EVENTS

18 MAY 2018 – YOUTH HELPERS COURSE

Applications are open for any Venturers, Scouts or young people doing Duke of Ed aged over 14 years, who are assisting in the Joey, Cub or Scout section. Apply through the GWS event registration system prior to 11pm Sunday 5th May.

1 JUNE 2018 – REGION PALAVER

Applications are now open for the GWS Region Palaver for 2019. The Region Palaver is an informal, fun information and training day open to all Cub Leaders, Trainee Leaders and Youth Helpers.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- learn new skills or polish up old skills
- be brought up to date with the new Youth Program
- help with basic training and advanced training (Wood Badge)
- share information, tools and resources
- find out more about Cuboree 2020
- meet up with old friends or make new ones
- and much, much more!

Submit your application through the GWS event registration system prior to **11pm Sunday 19th May 2019**. Hope to see you all there!

GREY WOLF AWARDS

We have had a huge number of Cubs achieve the peak award over the past month which is a fantastic effort.

- Leaders who are submitting applications - please ensure you use the most recent form (dated Aug 2018) located on the Scouts NSW website.
- Applications must be signed off by the Cub Pack Council and then emailed directly to me.

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)
Region Commissioner Cub Scouts
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Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award

Emily Symons

1st Dural

Sarah Higgins

1st Hawkesbury

Kynan Lark

1st Blaxland

Cindy Wu

2nd Castle Hill

Kristina Taylor

1st Dural

Luke Uidam

1st Balcombe Heights

Kirrleigh McDonald

1st Cambridge Park

Macy McStay

1st Blaxland

1- 2 - 3 - WOOF!

FROM THE SCOUT DEN

I had great pleasure in presenting **Alex Quan of 2nd Castle Hill and Samuel Szatmary of 2nd Northmead** their **Australian Scout Medallion badges** this month. We have now had 12 Australian Scout Medallions approved in the last six months. This is a great achievement. I look forward to reading the citations at the Medallion presentation on Sunday 14 April at Luna Park. BRAVO-O-O to you all for achieving this award!

Scout Hike is on next month and is a great way to have your patrols learning about the patrol system and working together as a team. It's an awesome way to get those elusive km's up on hike logs and a timely opportunity to earn a Red or Blue Cord for the journey. Good luck to everyone who has registered. I hope the weather is kind to you all.



Our next huge activity is the **42nd GWSR Jamborette!** It is open for registrations. Please get your registrations in now. I also need the base applications in soon. The applications and registrations can be found at: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/179>

The theme is '**A day in the life of...your true self**' so I hope you've all been thinking about the themes for your districts.

I'd like to remind the scout and cub leaders that the letter to the 10.5 year old cubs has been sent out again this year so please be aware you may be asked to help with their registration. We are encouraging all 10.5 year old cubs to attend. So scout leaders please welcome them into your troops/units. Registration for cubs need to come through us. We will add each cub individually to the registration system if they are interested in coming. This is a great '**Try Scouting**' event.

I visited the Region Rover Council AGM last week - what a tremendous turn out. You guys rock!! I went to invite all Rovers to Jamborette and State Rally. We really do rely on you to help run these events. If there is a way to help make it more attractive to attend please send me your ideas on what you think might help encourage more Rovers to participate in these events.

State Rally is coming up in **August**. Registrations will be open soon for this event. I would love to see more Rovers (we had 5 last year) and more Venturers attend – they did an amazing job on their base. It was phenomenal!!! All Venturers and Rovers are welcome. We are RAC 1 this year again and I am hoping the theme will generate the same enthusiasm as last years

Registrations for **Cuboree 2020** are open! Scouts are encouraged to apply. **Scouts need to be 12 years of age and have been in scouts on Scoutlink for 12 months by 3rd January 2020.**

They can choose to work on different activity bases and have special activities at night to entertain them for the duration of Cuboree. I have it on good authority that Scouts will really enjoy the items that are programmed. This would be a great chance to catch up with those friends made at Jamboree, please encourage them to join in too. Register at...

<https://cuboree.nsw.scouts.com.au/>

POSITION VACANT

I still have a job opening for a young, enthusiastic, passionate about the youth program person on my team. This position is open to Venturers, Rovers and Leaders. If you think you could be the right person for this position, please contact me as soon as possible. I'm not that hard to work with.....!

I will be away all of May. I will have access to emails, but my timing may be out - so if you have any urgent questions during that time please email Robin Garrett (Hon Region Leader) garrett@churchofjesuschrist.org

He will be able to help with Jamborette which will probably be the most pressing.

Tracey Stopps (Wiangi)
Region Commissioner Scouts
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**The 2019 show promises to delight audiences of all ages,
so please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment!**

SCOUT & GUIDE YOUTH OFFERS – FREE GIFT

7.30pm Friday 12th – Venturer/Rover Show

2.00pm Saturday 13th – Joey/Cub Show

7.30pm Saturday 13th – Scout Show

2.00pm Sunday 14th – Guide Show

Purchase tickets to one of our special scout/guide shows above and you will qualify for a free gift.

Buy your tickets through the Riverside Theatre Box Office - then register your group and number of youth members by selecting the link <https://gangshow.asn.au/2019/promotions/scout-guide-youth-offers>

Dates & Times for all Performances

(FYI: There are two junior casts, Gilbert and Sullivan who perform alternate shows).

- Friday 12th July 7:30pm – **Red Scarf Night** (Gilbert)
- Saturday 13th July 2:00pm – Matinee (Sullivan)
- Saturday 13th July 7:30pm – Evening (Sullivan)
- Sunday 14th July 2:00pm – Matinee (Gilbert)
- Wednesday 17th July 11:00am – Matinee (Sullivan)
- Friday 19th July 7:30pm – **Finale** Evening (Gilbert)
- Saturday 20th July 2:00pm – Matinee and **Seniors High Tea Promotion** (Gilbert)
- Saturday 20th July 7:30pm – **Finale** Evening (Sullivan)

Early bird prices apply until June 30, 2019

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES TEAM



I think we have all been taking advantage of the warmer weather heading well into April, with all that seems to be going on at present.



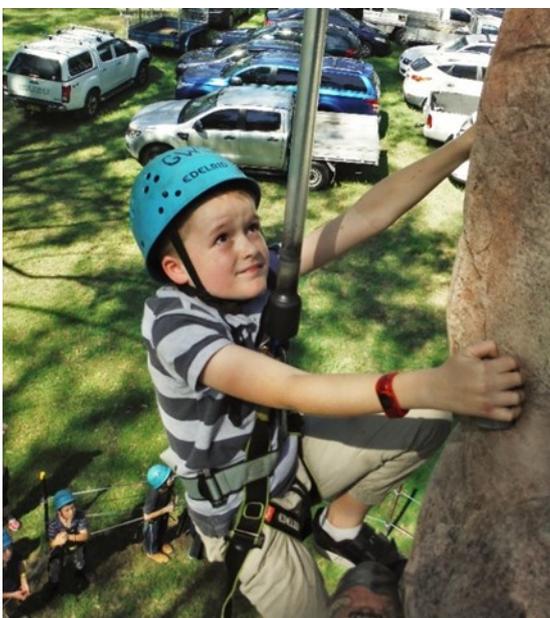
Our abseiling team haven't really stopped, with another successful Scout Proficiency Badge Course run by Dave (Macca) McKinley, and ably supported by Paul Jefferies. These workshops are a great lead in for scouts to try caving (vertical) and canyoning; both of which require abseiling skills to participate.

Our Caving team was also back down in the dark again with a weekend trip out to Borenore Caves., These area series of limestone caves located in central NSW, just west of Orange. I do wonder about some of these trips, as I believe there are also some very nice wineries in the same area. *I would expect our Wombats show respect; and remove their muddy boots before just walking in....!*

But if there is one activity which really does stand out for this month, it would have to be the inaugural **GWS Region Cuborette**, held out at Camp Ku-ring-gai, at Cumberland Reach. What a simply fantastic weekend, with approximately 320 cubs in attendance. The Activities Team was certainly kept busy with canoeing, thanks to Ben Gross & Keith Travers.



*Photo courtesy
Quakers Hill/Doonside*



The climbing wall didn't stop; with an estimated 750 individual climbs over the two days, not to mention a special night time event, for the 30 odd Scouts and Venturers, who did an awesome job as Service leaders, under the watchful eyes of Brian Nelson.

Photo: Mark Fell

John Leahey was up to his usual tricks again with his rockets on the science base, while Karl Humphreys, our resident radio guru, was kept busy running a very successful movie under the stars, on the Saturday night.

It was a huge effort by a lot of people, but I must acknowledge **Gabbie Thompson, Region Commissioner for Cubs**, who did an absolutely amazing job to bring it all together. I can certainly see this becoming a regular yearly event on the GWS calendar, along with the Jamborette. Congratulations to all involved. It was a fabulous weekend.

Certainly, a lot coming up over the next month, including our annual pilgrimage to Wee Jasper for our **Caving Proficiency Badge Course**.

We also have another **overnight canoe trip** (We'll will just squeeze it in before the weather gets too cold) down in Kangaroo Valley. And one with a bit of difference. A few of us are attending a 4WD accreditation weekend, run by State, allowing us to hone our skills in getting bogged more successfully.

There are also about 400 people within our Region, who are the proud recipients of the very special **50 Years Cumberland Gang Show Scarf** (trimmed with gold braid) which has just been presented to all involved with the show this season.



Mark Fell (Dingo)
Region Commissioner Activities
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22 June 2019

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Matthew Prants

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Good luck to the new exec of 2019!
Thankyou everyone for allowing me to write
the newsletter for the last 12 months.
I hope you enjoyed seeing what the Rovers got
up to in 2018 #Rovers100 as much as I enjoyed
writing about their shenanigans.
Until next time, goodbye for now.
Peace, Amber xoxo

ROVER CREWS ACROSS GWS

2ND BAULKHAM HILLS
2ND BAULKHAM HILLS OUTDOOR
BLACKTOWN
1ST BLAXLAND 'KALANGADOO'
2ND CASTLE HILL
HAWKESBURY RIVER
KINGS LANGLEY
1ST/2ND MERRYLANDS
NEPEAN
WESTMEAD



SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Nepean Rover Crew spent their weekend helping out at the Sydney Brick Show. They helped set up, handed out magazines, monitored the 'brick pit' and gave out souvenirs to the visitors. They have done a great service to their local community.



Lauren, Alyson and Daniel from Kings Langley Rover Crew successfully raised \$2291.28 for the World's Greatest Shave! Congratulations to them for their bravery and for raising money for this great cause. Please give what you can to support them and help beat blood cancer. If you would still like to donate go to: <https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=113387>

GAMER MOOT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner (Gold Coin)

Saturday 4th May 6pm - 11pm, Wentworthville Scout Hall

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