



The Bulletin

Newsletter of the Greater Western Sydney Region

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**The Training Team and Participants
at the recent Basic Outdoor Skills and
Basic Practical Course for all sections
held at Bundilla Scout Camp.**

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

Hi Everyone,

The past four months has been difficult for Scouting. To shift our movement to online meetings with little notice has been a huge effort, and I am proud to say that we've all done a great job in managing the Covid situation and keeping our members engaged.

I have seen many of the online initiatives and am encouraged by the resilience and commitment our great leaders have shown during these difficult times. I wanted to thank you all for undertaking this change to support our youth members.

As you would have seen from recent updates, our current plan is to return to our more conventional, face to face meetings, ensuring we meet our social distancing requirements. The past months have given us a great opportunity to try Scouting in new way, and as we move forward, we should look to take the best of both face to face and online programming. In preparing your term program, please plan to maximise outdoor meetings and only meet indoors where necessary.

I'm also happy to be able to re-open Bundilla for small activities and camps. If you would like to book the facilities at Bundilla, please contact Region Office at: gws.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

It's great to see our activities planning to recommence, and to see Cumberland Gang Show planning for a Limited-Edition show on 8th November. In their 51st season, I'm looking forward to seeing their proud tradition continue in an amended format.

Finally, as we approach the announcement of this year's Adult Recognition Awards, we have decided to delay the dinner and schedule it for November. Please keep an eye out for the invitations after the announcement of the awards.

The months ahead are uncertain, as we see how the Covid situation develops, and we will adjust as we need to. As things change, we will need to keep up to date, and for the latest position from Scouts NSW, visit the website [here](#).

If you need help during this period, please ensure you are asking your District or Region Commissioners for support.

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FROM THE REGION TRAINING TEAM

Training is back!

In June, Bundilla hosted Basic Outdoor Skills and Basic Practical for all sections. There were a few changes to be COVID safe; everyone brought their own lunch and snacks and were able to go home in the evening and sleep in their own beds.

There is plenty of training coming up so:

- Check the State Training calendar at <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/events-calendar/>
- Complete your e-learning
- Submit your application

A tip from the Training Team...

If you have a **qualified** leader moving to another section do not transfer them to a trainee position in their new section. Ensure they have completed all their basic training for their new appointment before submitting the A3 so they don't show in Scoutlink as a Trainee.

Any questions for the training team, please email training@greaterwestscouts.com.au

Elizabeth Vanderjagt
Region Training Team

The 2020 Scout of the Year Award nominations now open!

The award recognises our Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who have created positive change in their community. We celebrate those who give their time to redevelop local bushland, welcome new members of the community, support disadvantaged kids, advocate for youth issues and so much more.

Together, let us celebrate our community heroes. To nominate a youth member, learn about the 2019 finalists and winners and for more information, please visit the Scout of the Year web page [here](#).



SCOUT REPORT

With the return to 'normal' Scouting things are ramping up a little this term. We still need to be Covid-19 safe and keep to the rules set by Scouts Australia. Please remember to social distance, wash your hands and sanitise.

With the uncertainty of these time State Rally has been cancelled for this year. So, we will plan something bigger for next year – Covid permitting. Please plan something else on this weekend. I know some Districts already have.

Our Peak Award Journeys are allowed once again with strict guidelines.

- Everyone must have their own tent.
- 2 tents must be carried by the patrol with leaders/parents allowed to drop off the extra gear at the sleep point.
- There is to be no sharing of food.
- They must carry adequate sanitizing and washing items.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Any participant who has been unwell within 14 days of the hike must not attend.

Leadership activities should adhere to 4sqm per person at all gatherings and members from any current 'HOT SPOTS' will remain under the 'COVID' Modifications Documents.

Please always check back to the COVID page on the Scouts NSW website.

These rules are in place until at least the September/October school holidays.

Quite a few groups are still running virtual scouts for meeting nights but planning outdoor activities for the weekends. This is mainly due to the fact their halls are not big enough for them to meet indoors. There is nothing wrong with this method. You all have to do what works best for your group.

The Australian Scout Medallion badges are now being sent directly to the Scout Leader. However, the ASM woggle is presented by a representative from Region. So please if you want to receive a woggle, remember to invite us.

You are all doing a great job at keeping the **IN and OUT in Scouting!** Keep up the great work!!

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APPOINTMENTS LIST— GWS REGION

APPOINTMENTS

BAKER, Rita

From AJSL 1st Winston Hills Joey Mob
To Trainee Ldr (CS) 1st Cherrybrook Cub Pack

BATTIWALLA, Phirooza

From ACSL 1st Dural Cub Pack
To CSL 1st Dural Cub Pack

JANSON, Gregory

From AJSL 1st Blaxland Joey Mob *Taipan*
To AJSL 1st Blackheath Joey Mob

RESIGNATIONS

BARBER, Jodie Trainee Ldr (JS)

1st Glossodia Joey Mob

COOPER, Daniel ASL

1st Carlingford Scout Troop *Bartoo*

DVORAK, Samuel Trainee Ldr (S)

1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop

LEONG, Kok Hwa ASL

1st Carlingford Scout Troop *Bartoo*

LOCKMAN, Michael Trainee Ldr (JS)

1st Toongabbie Joey Mob

SELMES, Andrew ACSL

2nd Northmead Cub Pack

WOLFINGER, Rosemarie Trainee Ldr (S)

1st Sth Penrith Scout Troop *Yee Na*



Richard Geeves OAM ED, fondly known as Dick Doc, passed away on 18th July in Tasmania at the age of 95

Dick's appointments from 1970 were in the Branch Non-warranted Rank as Surgeon for the 9th Australian Jamboree and Surgeon for Pennant Hills Scout Camp.

He set up and ran the medical team at the 16th World Jam at Cataract. He was a Doctor/Welfare Adviser for 10 other Australian Jamborees! He retired and moved to Geeveston in Tasmania in the late 1980s but still came to Australian Jamborees, the most recent being Cataract in 2016.

Dick continued his service to NSW Scouts through Special Projects and as an Honorary Commissioner, still current at his passing. Dick gained the Cub Scout Wood Badge in 1984, the Silver Emu in 2010 and Medal of the Order of Australia in 1990 for Service to the Community. He even came to a NSW Scouts Gala Dinner in Sydney two years ago to receive his 45 years Long Service award.

His contribution to Scouting was immense; his total professionalism, organisational capacity and love of Scouting was delivered with a trademark smile and sharp, quick wit.



He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

It is very exciting to see that many Joeys and Cubs have been meeting, with a number of outdoor activities taking place and some Units now have permission to start meeting back in their Covid-safe halls, and there are still a number of Units meeting online. Well done to all Leaders and youth for continuing Scouting during these trying times. Your dedication to Scouting is to be commended.

Region Konara and Palaver 2020

Don't be late! Don't be late!

For a very important date!

You won't want to be late for this date, or it will be 'Off with your Head!'



The GWS Region is holding a combined Region Konara and Palaver. A Joey Konara or Cub Palaver is an informal training activity for Joey and Cub Scout Leaders and other adults and youth helpers that assist in the Joey and Cub Scout Sections. It's a fun day of Leader development, sharing program ideas, information, networking and learning opportunities!

Some of the sessions will include:

- Science
- Craft
- Electronics
- Knotting
- Cooking
- Outdoor Scouting



There will a prize for the best dressed at the Mad Hatters tea party!

So what is the date! This event will be held in the last week of September. The date, time, cost will be finalised over the next week. Registrations will be via the Region EMS system.

Peak Awards

The number of Peak Awards achieved over the past 6-8 weeks has been very encouraging. It just goes to show what can be achieved during these challenging times.

Well done to Cubs, Unit Councils and Leaders who have shown that with some creative thinking 'outside the box', working around restrictions and social distancing requirements to find solutions in achieving the requirements of the awards. Fantastic work by all!

Region Joey Fun Day Celebrating 30 Years Joey Scouts

The Region Joey Fun Day has been rescheduled for Sunday 8th November (fingers crossed) and this year, we will be celebrating 30 Years of Joey Scouts!

Don't forget to order your 30 Year Joey Scout Badges. This is a uniform badge that can be worn on your uniform. To order badges for your Joey Mob, click here: **ORDER NOW**

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GWS Region Badge design competition

We are holding our own GWS Region Badge Design Competition! All Joey Scouts are encouraged to design their own badge. The badge should capture the '30th Birthday' theme and include the Joey Scout logo. The Badge design can be any shape, colour or design. Joeys should be creative!

Entries are open to all Joey Scouts (sorry Leaders, this is a Youth Led, Adult Supported activity). Entries will be judged by Joey Scouts and the winner will receive a prize and have their design made into a collectors' badge for all GWS Scouting members to purchase and distributed at the Region Joey Fun Day. This competition will close at midnight on the last day of term – **Friday 27 September 2020.**

Entries can be submitted here:

<https://form.jotform.com/GWSCubScouts/Joey-Badge-Competition>

Yours in Scouting,

Gabie Thompson (Darzee)

Region Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Congratulations to Joey Scout

Kaitlyn Yu

1st North Rocks

**who was recently awarded her
Promise Challenge Badge**

Well done and Hop, Hop, Hop!

Online Cub Scout Leadership Course

An online Cub Scout Leadership Course was held on the weekend of June 27 & 28 in two parts, each session being held for 1½ hours. The course was a GWS and Sydney North Region event. The Programme was written and developed by myself and the Sydney North Region Commissioner Cub Scouts – Cassie.

We had 6 Leaders and 14 Cubs in total (3 Leaders from Sydney North – Evan, Alice and Matt and 5 Cubs from Cherrybrook, Epping, Bayview and Turrumurra, with one Leader from GWS – Helen and 9 Cubs from 1st Kings Langley, North Rocks and 2nd Castle Hill) attending the course.

Cubs were assigned pre-course work as well as a number of tasks in between the sessions. Cubs then sent in photos of the activities they had done. Many Cubs chose to cook meals, wash the clothes, clean their room – make the bed and vacuum the floor as well as wash the dishes and wash the car.

This was a prototype of the online course to see how it would work. The feedback has been great. There is likely to be more online Cub Scout Leadership courses scheduled throughout the remainder of the year with the program being shared with all Regions across the State.

Next Cub Scout Leadership Course

Applications are open now! The next face-2-face Cub Scout Leadership Course has been scheduled for Saturday 22 August, in line with Covid-19 regulations and restrictions. Numbers will be limited so register now: <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/271>

Bushwalking

There are a number of great bushwalks scheduled by the Region Bushwalking team that are suitable for Cubs.

Sandstone Walks, Wianamatta Regional Park is scheduled for Sunday 2nd August (applications closed).

Oxford Tunnel & Illawarra Escarpment is scheduled for 15th August, register here:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/256>

Woodland Walks, Abbotsbury is scheduled for 22th August, register here:

<https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/323>

There are many more walks scheduled for September, so get onto the GWS Event Management System (EMS) to check them all out. Thank you to Tristan and the team for supporting the Cubs with these walks.

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**Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts
on being awarded the Grey Wolf Award**

Emma Selwood

1st Winston Hills

Jack Allen

1st Oakville

Cameron Gardener

2nd Castle Hill

Hugh Wilson

2nd Castle Hill

Jareth Lim

2nd Castle Hill

Isaac Krebs

1st Hawkesbury

Hudson Bradshaw

1st Blackheath

Lachlan Wynd

1st Blaxland

Lachlan Parr

1st Oakville

James Lappalainen

1st Oakville

Amelia Jones

1st Blaxland

Well done and One, Two, Three, WOOF!



30 Years of Joey Scouts



Joey Scouts are celebrating their 30th Birthday this year and there is a special badge that all Joeys and Joey Leaders can wear on their uniform!

Badges cost just \$2.20 each

Orders can be placed for your Group by clicking on the link

[ORDER NOW](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=S7vnQHd2UEyzs2vwJ_MecdRsKOf2rZ5MnnMd3DTzmeZUMFc3WTc0OVICQ1gwTERNskhYVvkFESEdZMC4u)

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An invoice will be issued, and badges will be posted when paid.



Joey Scout Tiffany Gale, from 1st Toongabbie proudly receives her Joey Promise Challenge Award from JSL Alasdair Mclean

Christmas in July – COVID-19 Style

This year the annual celebration of Christmas in July for the Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship was a challenge considering COVID-19 restrictions. It was decided to hold this event as usual, however this time as a video meeting over the internet.

Members of the Fellowship all prepared their table decorations and a traditional meal, and shared the evening from their own homes. A stealing Santa gift exchange took place following the meal with much laughter trying to record who was to eventually receive each gift. The gifts could not be purchased but rather re-gifted or something found during a COVID-19 cupboard clean-up.

The Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship consists of former leaders and members of local scout groups. The group meets monthly for meetings and social functions, and when required provides assistance with activities to local scout groups throughout the mountains. The Fellowship welcomes new members. Interested persons please contact our Chairperson via email - peter.tamsett@nsw.scouts.com.au



Scouts in Action Month is back for its eleventh year and we are flying high!

2020 will see us take to the air in so many ways and will only be limited by the imagination of our youth supported by you!

Learning the theory of flight (so why do planes fly), making paper planes, flying a kite and hot air balloons are all part of SiAM2020. There are so many ways we can take to the air; hang gliding, kite surfing, powered paragliding gliding, microlight aircraft are all possibilities or you can really take to the skies with commercial flights either on a family trip or with other Scouts from your Unit at one of the Scout Air Activity Centres in your State/Branch.

- For Flight Programme ideas and activities visit www.scoutsinactionmonth.com
- Make sure you are counted this year. Registrations are open for Scouts in Action Month 2020. To register your entire Group or individual Unit go to this link for Australian Groups <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/australian-scout-groups>
- The 2020 Scouts in Action Month Badge, a simple design representing this year's theme featuring windows for each of the Units of Scouting. Badges are \$3.50 each <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/2020-badge-order-form>





I do recall reading somewhere of a motto in Scouting **“Be Prepared!”** Well for some of the Activities Team, that is exactly what we have been doing.

Spent a great day up at Yellow Rock with the Abseiling Team learning, refreshing and practising our Vertical Rescue skills. These skills are an important requirement for Abseiling, Caving and Canyoning, and involve a variety of lowering and hauling skills. We all hope we never need to use these skills for real; however, it is always comforting to know that when things do go a little bit pear shaped, we are well equipped and trained to deal with the situation at hand or as Baden Powell said, **“BE PREPARED”**



One of the more interesting points of the weekend (thanks to some fancy measuring equipment provided by Mick Fry), was that we were able to measure actual tension loads on some of the various components of the fox.

Most of you hopefully saw my email a few weeks ago, regarding a return to outdoors activities. Without repeating myself too much, I am encouraging the recommencement of day hikes and also overnight camping.

Yes, there are certain rules and criteria that we do need to put into place regarding COVID-19, which must be all part of our COVID-19 plan. Please understand that things are changing constantly with C-19, so it is up to all of us, to ensure we are all in full accordance with the very latest in government requirements. There are things we do need to do differently when it comes to both hiking and camping, and this situation may not change for a long time. If we want to get out again, we do need to adapt!

The Fox weekend involved two nights camping under canvas on private property, where we were able to satisfy all the current requirements for COVID-19. Let me just say in closing, it was great to once again enjoy the fellowship and spirit of Scouting around a nice warm campfire....even if we were sitting 1.5m apart!



We also practised some horizontal traverses going from one abseil line to another, while descending a rock face.

In the last Bulletin, I did mention about changes to the Scouts NSW Flying Fox Policy. I have just returned from a very productive weekend with the various Scout Fox Teams from around the State, including a strong representation from GWS. We were able to carry out a critical analysis of the workability of the new Scout Flying Fox Policy. (As most of you are probably aware, all mobile fox activities were stopped a while ago.)

While as yet not finalised, I am excited to see where we are up to, and the very positive attitude of all the Fox Teams to the new Policy. Keep a look out for further updates. Included in the weekend we were also able to learn some new skills in rescue techniques on the Fox, which was very worthwhile.

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BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES

At the time of writing we are preparing for our re-opening walk on 10 July. As a result of the identification of an active case of COVID-19 at Lane Cove West. We have taken the precaution to cancel two walks scheduled to occur through Lane Cove on 5 and 7 July.

School holiday walks all running with sufficient numbers especially Sundays which booked out early.

We are looking at ways to include Cubs Scouts with the intention of retaining them as they progress through the sections.

In addition to our regular program, we are trialling new session times during the next 6 months. Entry level grade. Developing pace and orientation in the landscape. Regular breaks. Daypack with water, snack and wet weather gear. Casual clothes, hat with Scout scarf. We look forward to welcoming you.

Sandstone – Approx. 10 km Beginners. Practice morning walks for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

Walk	Start/Finish	Date	Time
Wianamatta RP - West	Jordan Springs	Sun 2 Aug	8 am to 1 pm
Lapstone	Glenbrook	Sun 6 Sept	8 am to 1 pm
Mt Portal	Glenbrook	Sun 11 Oct	8 am to 1 pm
Wianamatta RP - East	Ropes Crossing	Sun 8 Nov	8 am to 1 pm

Woodland – Approx. 5 to 10 km Beginners. Walking track circuits for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

Walk	Start/Finish	Date	Time
Various Tracks	WS Parklands Abbotsbury	Sat 22 Aug	2 pm to 6 pm
Various Tracks	WS Parklands Abbotsbury	Sat 19 Sept	2 pm to 6 pm
Various Tracks	WS Parklands Abbotsbury	Sat 17 Oct	2 pm to 6 pm
Various Tracks	WS Parklands Abbotsbury	Sat 21 Nov	2 pm to 6 pm
Various Tracks	WS Parklands Abbotsbury	Sat 19 Dec	2 pm to 6 pm

Foreshore – Approx. 5 to 10 km Beginners. Practice evening walks for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

Walk	Start/Finish	Date	Time
Parramatta River	Wentworthville Parramatta	Fri 4 Sept	5 pm to 8 pm
Parramatta River	Parramatta Meadowbank	Fri 9 Oct	5 pm to 8 pm
Parramatta River	Meadowbank Huntleys Point	Fri 6 Nov	5 pm to 8 pm
Parramatta River	Huntleys Point Woolwich	Fri 11 Dec	5 pm to 8 pm

Bushwalking Calendar

Walk	Start/Finish	Date	Time
Illawarra Escarpment	Oxford Wombarra	Sat 15 Aug (Saturday only)	9:30 am to 5 pm
Frazer Beach	TBC	Sat 26 Sept to Mon 28 Sept	TBC
Tallong Shoalhaven River	TBC	Fri 2 Oct to Mon 5 Oct	TBC

Registrations <https://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/>

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ROVERS

Crew of the Month

Introducing

Blacktown Rover Crew

You may have seen embroidered on their crew jumpers - **"Blacktown Sticks Together"** (or BST) and Blacktown Rover Crew does just that! They are a dynamic and fast growing crew with members involved in many of the things that Scouting has to offer.

Many members volunteer their time as Leaders in younger sections of the Movement as well as in Girl Guides. Blacktown also has members involved in Cumberland Gang Show and State and Region executive teams. Alongside all that Blacktown run two annual "Blacktown Goes—" Camps, usually one at the Beach and one in the Bush! These camps are always a hit and a chance to learn new skills. Additionally, one of Blacktown's members, Tanaya, has been organising rubbish clean ups around GWS as part of her BPSA Community Service Project.

Here's some of the reasons why Blacktown's members love being involved in Rovers and their crew.

"I've been in Scouts for years, and Rovers is more family to me than anything else in my life. They're a fun batch to hang out with, and I wouldn't have it any other way!" - Blair

"I love Rovers and Blacktown because everyone has their own unique personality which is able to be expressed and further connect with other Rovers" - Lily

"Blacktown has honestly become a second family to me. Being new to Scouts the crew has definitely taught me all the fun you can have. I've had many unforgettable experiences with the crew since joining!" - Bronte

Blacktown Rover Crew meet on Sunday evenings at 7pm at 1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Hall Bungarribee Road, Blacktown



Rover Recognition Awards

Do you know a Rover who has made a significant contribution to the Rover section in GWSR?

Have they provided exceptional service, or displayed outstanding commitment?

Why not nominate them for a Rover Recognition Award?

Nominations close on the 25th of July.

Nominations can be completed by following the link below and filling out the form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfblawOxy2LAOqsu_ULjmoU5LBUHXmAwPW9fZUT6MgtA_1QtA/viewform

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NSW Rover Scouts are very proud to be supporting our many Rovers who are participating in Dry July 2020 to raise funds for helping individuals and their families facing cancer by connecting them with the help they need.



Building a Tesla Coil

I have always enjoyed making things and one of my recent projects was making a small Tesla Coil. Before we get to the build and testing; a bit of information about how these devices were invented might be in order.

Nikola Tesla was an electrical engineer and inventor who devised the modern Alternating Current electrical supply system we all use every day. His mind was somewhat unique, and he worked on many electricity related technologies. Throughout the 1890s, Tesla pursued his ideas for wireless lighting and worldwide wireless electric power distribution. In 1889 he developed the Tesla coil, which is used to produce high-voltage, low-current, high frequency alternating-current electricity. Tesla coils can produce output voltages from 50 KV to several million volts for large coils.

Mini Tesla Coil

After being inspired by a medium sized Tesla coil displayed by John during the Science Teams 'Arcs and Sparks' night, I thought it would be interesting to make my own. A search online quickly produced many options. I opted for a kit for a mini Tesla coil that could also apparently play music! It cost about \$25 for the kit and arrived complete with all of the parts needed for assembly. No power supply plug pack was included but I already had the right type (24VDC @ 2A). The instructions were on the vague side, but they did include some images of the assembled item and so, electronic tools at the ready, construction began. It is fair to say that this wasn't very hard to assemble but some skill with soldering small items and knowledge of electronic components is essential. I wouldn't recommended this for beginners.

The most challenging part of the assembly was attaching the very fine enamelled wire that connects the large tubular secondary coil to the circuit board. This connection is made at the end of the build and is located in the middle of the blue circuit board when the device is assembled and it is a bit hard to reach with a hot soldering iron.

Did it work?

I was pleased to discover that it worked as it should without much fanfare. It does play music very faintly by changing the discharge to follow the music when a phone is connected to the mini-jack socket.

Since construction I have been trying to increase the size of the blue purple ionised air at the tip of the little wire at the top. To date modifications have not produced much improvement, however this little kit has proven to be entertaining and an ongoing project.

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Science Activity Leader





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