



# The Bulletin

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## FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

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Don't miss out on the Presentation Dinner at Wentworthville Leagues Club on 12<sup>th</sup> October - registrations can be made on the Region event system. Registrations close on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as we have to give final numbers to the club on that day and that will be it.

I had the privilege to attend the Australian Scout Medallion presentation for Lindsay Bath (1<sup>st</sup> Kellyville Scouts) and a Grey Wolf presentation to Josh Spillane (1<sup>st</sup> Glossodia Cubs). It was great to see the number of youth members and leaders supporting the awardees at the presentation on both these occasions.

Please remember that the theme for this year is **GROWTH** and I look forward to seeing our numbers increase through recruitment and retention during the next three months to allow us to reach our target by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. This growth belongs to all groups and all section leaders as well as District and Region leaders.

Congratulations to our Region President, Ross Grove who was successful in the recent Council Elections being elected as a Councillor at Cumberland Council. Also congratulations to Donna Davis, Group Chair 1<sup>st</sup> North Rocks, on her election to Parramatta Council. Well done to you both and we look forward to working with you in the future.

I had a couple of weeks break and thank David for filling in on this occasion.

Until next time.... Carry on Scouting

**Neville Henderson OAM**

**Region Commissioner**

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## SUMMIT '17

### ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS, LEADERS IN CHARGE AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

We are now only seven weeks out from SUMMIT '17 in Pennant Hills and while responses have been coming in from Group Leaders and Leaders -In-Charge, the number of registrations are not where we would anticipate them being for such an **important development event** for this cohort of Leaders.

The Chief Commissioner and our Regional Commissioners all agree that **the GL/LIC role is critical to the success of the Group** and in addressing retention and recruitment at a local level.

DCs are also encouraged to attend so please **register yourself** for one of the SUMMIT '17 locations.

**Please register now!**

To attend SUMMIT '17 you must register using the button below; your prior expression of interest is not a formal registration.

- Pennant Hills Scout Camp on 3rd - 5th November 2017
- Register your personal details, home Group and any special requirements
- Select your choice of simultaneous sessions you wish to attend on the Saturday
- Pay the \$30 registration fee using a credit card

### **Reminder**

SUMMIT '17 is a professional development weekend for Group Leaders, Leaders-In-Charge and District Commissioners with a responsibility for GLs and LICs. Everyone with these responsibilities is encouraged to attend. Hopefully you received the August 31st email with full details.

**Belinda Francis Deputy Chief Commissioner (Growth, Strategies and Group Support)**  
**Scouts Australia NSW M: 0407 487 007 or 9735 9001**

## **GWSR - POSITION VACANT**

### **REGION COMMISSIONER CUB SCOUTS**

*After 6 years in the position of Region Commissioner Cub Scouts, Anne Thompson has decided to step down effective 31st December 2017. Anne has been a leader in the Cub Section since March 11, 1994 and she is looking to spend a bit more time with her family, including her lovely granddaughter Zoe.*

*Applications for the vacant role are being taken until the 12th October 2017 and the Job Description is attached (hereunder). Please email to Neville Henderson at [rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au](mailto:rc@greaterwestscouts.com.au)*

#### **RCCS - Job Description**

**Basic Function:** To oversee the delivery of the Youth Programme to the Cub Scout section in GWSR.

**Responsible:** To the Region Commissioner and reporting to the State Commissioner Cub Scouts

**Training Requirements:** Hold a Wood Badge in the Cub Scout section. Hold a Wood Badge in Leader of Adults or be prepared to gain the qualification within a year of appointment.

#### **Essential Criteria:**

- Good organisational and management skills.
- Ability to communicate with both adults and youth members.
- Ability to work in a Team.
- Chair Region Seeonee on a regular basis and provide ongoing training for the members.
- Support and encourage the DLCS/Seeonee Leaders in their role.
- Maintain good working relationships with the SCCS, RC, DCs, DLCS and CSLs in the region.
- Be prepared to take an active role in State Cub Council and Region Council.
- Plan and run Region activities for Cub Scouts with the help of the Region Seeonee team.
- Help introduce changes for the benefit of the CS section and oversee the maintenance of an acceptable standard for the Cub Packs in GWSR.
- Maintain personal ongoing training and development.



### **SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - NSW BRANCH GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

**MR. ROSS GROVE**  
Region President  
&

**MR. NEVILLE HENDERSON OAM**  
Region Commissioner

Cordially invite you to attend the annual

#### **ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER**

**Thursday, 12th October 2017**  
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

**Wentworthville Leagues Club**  
Starlight Room, 50 Smith Street, Wentworthville

**\$40 pp Non-Awardees / Free for Awardees**

**Dress: Smart Casual/Full and correct uniform (including decorations)**

**Online registrations will close on September 29, 2017**

See the website for full details <https://events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/84>



### Groups looking at growth

Over the past few months, we have been discussing growth strategies for our Region to spread the Scouting word and offer everything Scouting has to more kids.

As we start planning for Term 4, it is time to ensure we have dedicated recruitment opportunities in our program. From our Recruitment Strategy Day in July, we looked at our target of 2,020 Youth members by the end of this year. This is 5% growth from where we are today.

*Here is my thinking regarding recruitment opportunities;*

**It needs to be early in Term 4.**

**It needs to be well planned.**

**The program needs to be interesting (as it should be anyway) to ensure they stay.**

We can't forget that retaining our members is equally important in meeting this target. For every member we lose, we need to recruit that one in addition to our two new members.

I would love to hear some great stories of successful recruiting between now and the end of the year. As always, please give me a shout if there is anything we can do to help.

### GWS goes to the Rugby League

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 140 Scouts headed off to ANZ Stadium to watch the Parramatta Eels play the final round for the 2017 season.

Kicking off at 5.15pm, the team engaged many of the 21,533 crowd and worked to raise awareness and profile of Scouting in the community, handing out brochures, Scout Balloons, Tattoos. In addition, Westmead Venturers ran a stall to promote their Mt Everest trek and take donations.

The outcome is that the community had the opportunity to find out more about Scouting and support recruitment of new members, leaders and parent helpers.

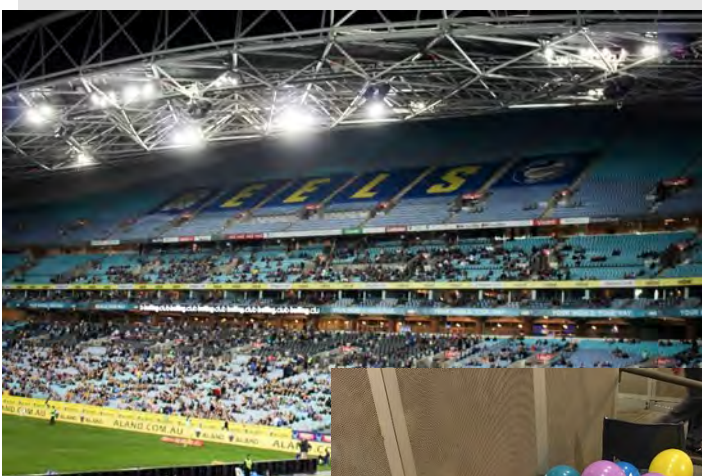
Through visibility and discussion with adult attendees we had a number of enquiries that we could direct to the Scout website and contact numbers.

The Parramatta Eels were very happy with our efforts and engagement and have confirmed they are keen to support for us by offering another opportunity early in the 2018 season, on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

**Geoff Henderson**

**Region Leader - Strategy**

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## GWSR APPOINTMENTS LIST

### APPOINTMENTS and TRANSFERS

<b>BATH, Andrew</b>	SL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop
	VSL	1st Kellyville Venturer Unit
<b>BROOKE, Terry</b>	Branch Adviser	NSW State HQ
	DC	Hills South District
<b>CRAVEN, Christopher</b>	TL (S)	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
	ASL	1st Cambridge Park Scout Troop
<b>CROSS, Andrew</b>	Appt TL (V)	1st Sth Penrith Venturer Unit
	AVSL	1st Sth Penrith Venturer Unit
<b>EDWARDS, Simon</b>	ACSL	1st Dural Cub Pack
	ASL	1st Dural Scout Troop
<b>HALL, Gavan</b>	DC	Hills South District
	District Adviser	Blue Mountains District
<b>HUGHES, Bernard</b>	ACSL	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
	GL	1st North Rocks Scout Group
<b>KANNANGARA, Edirisinha</b>	TL (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Scout Mob
	AJSL	1st Murray Farm Joey Scout Mob
<b>LILES, Jenny</b>	TL (JS)	1st Murray Farm Joey Scout Mob
	TL (G)	1st Murray Farm Scout Group
<b>LUCK, Leanne</b>	Appt TL (CS)	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
	ACSL	1st Glossodia Cub Pack
<b>POLIS, Jonathan</b>	ASL	1st Kellyville Scout Troop
	SL-P	1st Kellyville Scout Troop
<b>REDWIN, James</b>	CSL-P	Emu Plains/Lapstone Cub Pack
	CSL-P	1st South Penrith Cub Pack <i>Panther</i>
<b>XUE, Kai</b>	TL (JS)	1st North Rocks Joey Scout Mob
	AJSL	1st North Rocks Joey Scout Mob

### RESIGNATIONS

<b>BELL, Timothy</b>	Appt TL (VS)	1st North Rocks Venturer Unit
<b>SALIBA, Adam</b>	TL (CS)	1st North Rocks Cub Pack <i>Barloo</i>
<b>STAPLES, Kasey</b>	JSL	1st/2nd Blacktown Joey Scout Mob



## CUB SCOUT REPORT

We had 67 Cub Scouts attend the **Cub Scout Leadership Course** at Bundilla on **August 26**! Sincere thanks to the Scouts from 1st Winston Hills and the CSLs who came to assist on the day - we could not have done it without you - considering four of our Region Seenees team could not attend due to illness and family commitments. A very big thank you to my husband Paul Thompson, my only cook for the day, who did an awesome job!

### ***A few issues from the applications that need to be addressed:***

- Late applications - if you can't get to the office, post the forms in and arrange payment later.
- Applications missing membership numbers and other details.
- Parents not adding important information such as special needs and dietary requirements and waiting until they deliver their child to the course to tell me everything that should have been discussed over the phone in advance. Very difficult to deal with while 66 other cubs are also coming in and need organising! It also means that someone has to go and buy special food which could have been organised much earlier.
- Leaders not taking the responsibility for ensuring the correctly completed form and money is sent to Region Office (it is not the parent's responsibility - many don't even know where the office is).
- Poorly scanned forms, making the information difficult to read - snail mail would be better!

**Parramatta Ramble** was held on **Sunday 17th September** with 19 Packs participating. The response could have been better, but I'm glad to say that the feedback I have had so far, has been very positive. Thank you to all those who did the Ramble on such a perfect spring day.

Our next Region event will be **Cub Baanya** on **October 28 and 29**. This camp is focused on skills for the older Cub Scout, who work in Patrols with a PL and APL. I know there is a Region Scout Leadership Course and a region Hike on as well, but I am hoping that each District can get two Scouts to spend the weekend camping at Bundilla. All the information has been distributed via your Seenees and is on the website. **Registration closes on October 16.**

We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our friend and fellow Scouter **George Saville** and we extend our heartfelt Sympathy to his wife Julieen and family. He will be sorely missed.

**Anne Thompson (Wontolla) RC Cub Scouts**

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### **Congratulations to these Cub Scouts who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award**

**Galexia Donna-Aroon - 1st Parramatta**  
**Suhanya Jayasuriya - 2nd Baulkham Hills**  
**Sarah Iacono - 1st Rydalmere**  
**Sabrina Ruhe - 1st North Rocks**  
**Byron Garden - 1st Sth Penrith**  
**Georgina Roper - 1st Kings Langley**



**1 - 2 - 3 - WOOF!**



Dear Everyone

This is really hard to have to say, but Rat Skin, due to lack of numbers, will not be on this year. The organising committee made the hard decision after getting applications in;

we only had 2 Venturer Units and 4 Leader/Rover teams. With the lack in numbers, the camp is tough for two units to run.

There will be information out about Rat Skin 2018 in Term 1 next year. Keep an eye out, as we will be back bigger and better!!!

Thanks to those that support Rat Skin every year! This is not the end of Rat Skin! It is a mere chapter in this Little Golden Book tale.....

**Nia Leigh Williamson**

**Leader Responsible Rat Skin Committee**

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## **George Saville CSL / LIC 1st Mt Druitt Scout Group**

**12th March 1956 - 7th September 2017**

George Saville, Akela from 1<sup>st</sup> Mt Druitt Scout Group, was a man of few words; a big man with a big heart and a dedicated Leader who could be seen at almost every Blacktown District event over many years.

We could list his awards and years of service in Scouting, but that's not what George was all about. He was humble in all he did and what he achieved; he took it all in his stride. As George would say, "It's what a leader does"! George's Scouting family would all agree that George will be best remembered for how he lived and breathed the essence of Scouting to **'DO YOUR BEST'**.

He guided many Cubs Scouts through his leadership and passion for the Scouting movement during his 29 years of Service as ACSL, through to CSL and Leader in Charge. If any one ever needed help, George would always put his hand up to assist. He was also great with thinking outside the square and finding solutions to ensure his cubs could always participate, even if they were unable to pay their way! If he could boost a Cub Pack's size, he would bring his cubs over, to not only mingle with other cub packs from the district but to genuinely help out in running the night or activities.

George never complained and just got on with whatever needed to be done. He always supported his fellow leaders and District and Region activities by working on the many and varied activities on offer to Cub Scouts, including:

Blacktown District Billy Cart Derby (now in its 25th year), Blacktown District Cub camps, Blacktown Festival District JOTA/JOTI, Cuboree shakedown camps and 5 NSW State Cuborees, District Campfires Cub Scout Leadership courses, Region Cub Fun days, Leader's Retreat Training days and Inter-pack activities science nights/family fish inn.

George, you left us so suddenly! We of Blacktown District thank you for all you gave of yourself to Scouting.  
Now you have been called home - know that YOU DID YOUR BEST.

**Rest in Peace**

***In Loving Memory, Yours in Scouting – Past and Present Blacktown District Seenee Members.***



***\* This was written by Alison Sullivan and Lorraine Shaw and delivered at George's funeral 19/9/2017***

## BSL Course - Penrith City District

In Scouting, we learn by doing – and we have fun doing it! We develop life skills, encourage teamwork, inspire motivation, install confidence and build leadership. It's this last thing, Leadership, I'd like to touch on briefly.

After a couple of stalled attempts at running a BSL (Basic Scout Leadership) course, we finally got one off the ground for the weekend of Sat 19th and 20th August, held it at 1<sup>st</sup> Springwood Scout hall in the beautiful Blue Mountains.

A BSL is a requirement for any Scout looking to obtain the ASM (Australian Scout Medallion) – the pinnacle award within the Scout youth section, but, it doesn't have to be ONLY for those looking to attain this achievement.

We all have a need for leadership skills within our troop lines. Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Troop Leaders (for those groups/troops who use the role), anyone potentially aspiring to fill those assigned roles or those we see as potentials to do so in the future. In addition to those named roles – we need others to have leadership skills to be the 'informal' leaders who have the ability to engage and motivate others. We all know people through our lives like this. Those who might not have a "manager/boss/leader" title, but they're the ones who can help you get things done - because when they start doing something, others have a natural tendency to follow.

We knew there was an upcoming region BSL course (<https://www.events.greaterwestscouts.com.au/event/76> - Oct 27th & 29th ) but were aware of their maximum 28 person limit and that we could easily fill at least half of it from our district.... If they were all fortunate enough to get in!

From an organisational perspective all of the section leaders from different troops in the district were assigned various subjects/sessions to run (or co-run with others), all using the objectives from the 'BSL Course – Scout Leaders working pack', with our own version of ice-breaker games and activities. The two days were full of fun and challenging sessions – a few videos on various topics like the patrol system and bullying with a few fillers on PLAN-DO-REVIEW. Visit <http://www.patroltent.com/tools-and-resources/scout-leadership-course/> for a suggested plan/outline and the video content.

Of course the adult leaders prepared all meals during the weekend so the Scouts' focus was on their tasks at hand and on Saturday night, we polished our 'butler skills' and served them dinner complete with our beautiful gravy boat (plastic jug) served at the table!

Every single one of the 16 participants gave feedback that they had a great time and learnt something. As an adult leader, I can honestly say that the best part of the weekend was those moments when you can see a young boy or girls face light up, their head tilt a little and the glint form in their eye to indicate that they finally "get it" - that their troop will only give back to them what they put into it. If they go into Scouting with the attitude of "it will be boring" and not get involved, then it will become a self-fulfilling prophesy and it WILL be boring. If they demonstrate LEADERSHIP then they can inject the fun, excitement and learning (with badge work by stealth!) they so desperately crave.

I'd like to thank Fiona Sherwin (Tinonee) for her outstanding leadership in driving this course from the seed of an idea through to fruition. In addition, those adult leaders who gave their time, experience and own leadership to ensure the course ran.. maybe not without a hitch... but exceptionally well. We modified our PLAN a little as we went on, but the REVIEW shows that we had a great end-result.

For those groups/troops who have not participated before – consider enrolling in the Region BSL course or perhaps discussing the idea of running a course in your district at your Mindari.

The 1<sup>st</sup> South Penrith group facebook page at [www.fb.com/southpenrith](http://www.fb.com/southpenrith) has a post dated Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August that has a number of photos and videos taken during the weekend added as comments for anyone interested in seeing more of the action. (Direct link: <https://www.facebook.com/southpenrith/posts/10154942366648932:0> )

**Paul Moxey (Moose) ASL and Leader in Charge**  
**1st Sth Penrith Scout Group**





## JOTA - JOTI 2017

This year celebrates 60 years of JOTA, so that is a good enough reason to get your Scouts involved in the biggest World Jamboree they can attend, without leaving home.

Hawkesbury and Penrith Scouts are setting up camp in **Bowen Mountain Park** for the JOTA weekend, October 21 & 22 and invite you to visit them. Besides the terrific views and good radio signals (at 1050 feet), they will be busy completing the technology bases designed by their Leaders; going on interesting walks along the fire trails, and maybe observing the heavens through telescopes at the Bowen Mountain Observatory. The Park is situated on the corner of Lt. Bowen Road and Bunya Crescent..

The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club will operate JOTA radios at the Scout Hall in **Glenbrook Oval** off Moore Street, on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Penrith Cubs and Blue Mountain Scouts will be welcome to talk on the radios.

Brett Nicholas will set up a JOTA station at **Ringrose School**, Ringrose Avenue, Greystanes. His call sign is VK2BNN and he will be assisted by Robin Garrett (VK2FLDS), so if you can't visit Batman at the school, you can probably talk to him over the radio.

**For general information on JOTA & JOTI see:**

[http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/images/stories/Jota-Joti\\_guide\\_May\\_2015\\_3.pdf](http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/images/stories/Jota-Joti_guide_May_2015_3.pdf)

**or for information about GWS JOTA'17 sites email me.**

**John Leahy**

**Regional Leader - Activities**

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## REGION ACTIVITIES

It is really interesting to go bushwalking in another country, particular where not only the climate, but the culture, is quite different to that in Australia. I am talking about Norway. Snow and darkness means in many areas you can only hike about three months of the year. They have a great saying over there; ***“Every man has a right to roam!”***

You can basically walk/hike wherever you like. You can camp wherever you like (just respecting a reasonable distance from any house). You can drink the water from virtually any stream in the mountains. It is a beautiful and pristine place. The Norwegians are taught from an early age about their unique environment. They have a special understanding of the beauty and risks of their environment, which is instilled into their hearts and minds. And in many places you don't even see safety fences on cliff edges. *They're only required to stop stupid tourists from getting too close and falling off!*

I found it incredibly refreshing, especially when I look at our own situation. We have had to introduce so many rules and regulations to protect both ourselves, and our own environment.

Just because I was away, does not mean our activities stop happening. Our Abseiling Team were out again jumping off cliffs, with a very enjoyable weekend at Bowen Mountain and Yellow Rock.



And while there was fun happening above ground, our Wombats were making their own fun underground with another enjoyable caving weekend down at Bungonia.

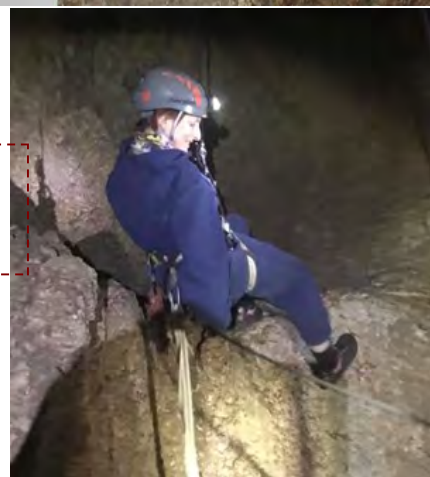
The weather is warming up now, especially compared to Norway!  
I think we have some busy times coming up.

**Mark Fell (DINGO) RC Activities**

**Stage Manager CGS**

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*Meredith Stewart showing  
us the 'ropes'  
descending into Drum Cave.*



**Robin Garrett and Scouts from  
GWS Region at the recent  
Australian Scout Medallion  
presentation Hornsby RSL.**

*Photo: Kim Harris*

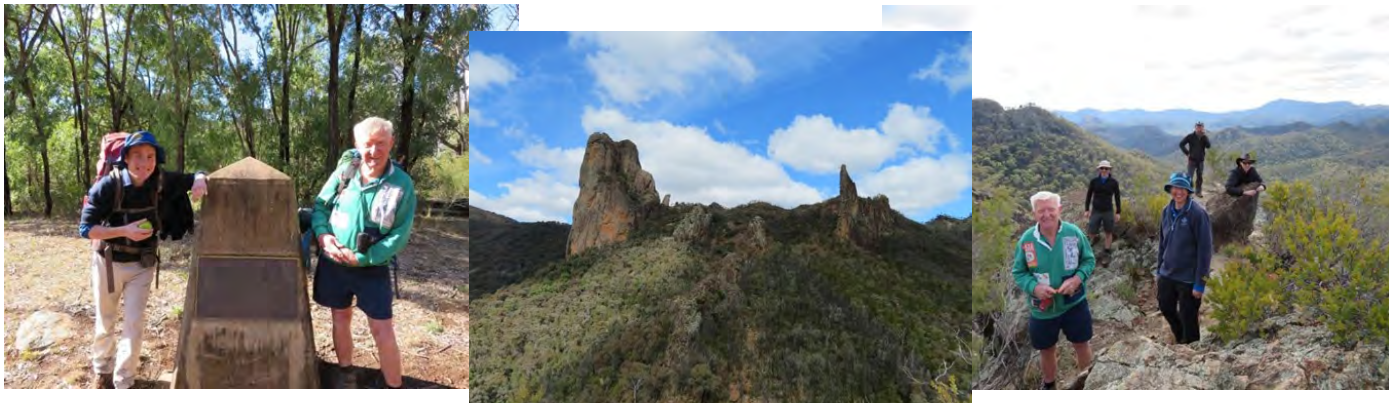


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## **BUSHWALKING - TRISTAN FLORES**

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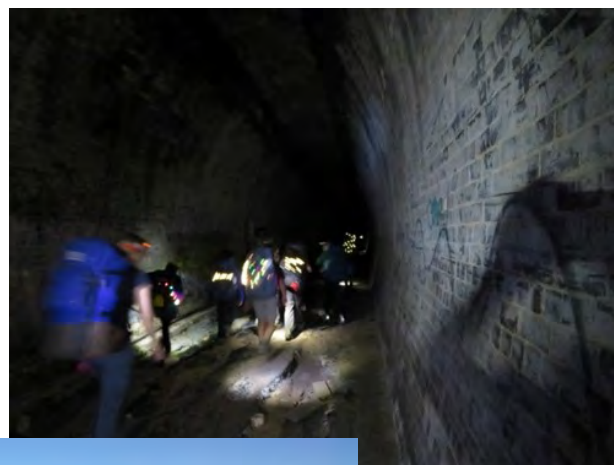
I was pleased to accept an invitation from Frank to visit the Warrumbungles for a weekend of bushwalking training on August 4, 5 & 6. It was great to catch up with some leaders from Glossodia, Iron Cove & Balmain. We completed a 20 km circuit which included Camp Wambelong (o/night), Camp Blackman, Pincham Carpark, Balor Hut, Barlor Peak, Grand High Tops, Dagda Saddle, Omega Saddle, Grassy Glades, Danu Saddle, Burbie Spring (o/night) Burbie Gap, Blackmans Mountain, exit north of Fans Horizon and Pincham Carpark. Clear skies and pleasant day/night temperatures. This national park features many unique rock formations.



On the 26th & 27th August, a combined group of bushwalking Scouts from Parramatta headed down on the train to the Illawarra Escarpment for an overnight hike from Otford Station to Austinmer Station via Stanwell Park, Maddens Plains and Sublime Point. This 20 km route was made up by joining five shorter walking trails (Grand Pacific Walk, Wodi Wodi Track, Forest Walk, Woodward Track and Sublime Point Track). A mysterious start through a 1.5 km disused railway tunnel. Some challenging steep rocky climbs through the dense forest to the escarpment and adrenaline rush descent via the ladders to Austinmer. A windy night on the escarpment. A lovely morning tea at the Sublime Point café. Sensational teamwork, effort and attitude. Well done Scouts. The Scouts shared the navigation, they did such a good job we finished one hour early. Thank you to the leaders and parents who supported the Scouts.

**Tristan Flores - GWSR Leader Bushwalking**

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## **Cirque du Scout Hits the Road ..... (Jack)! By Tracey Hansford DC Parramatta**

To celebrate **International Clown Week**, on August 8, Cirque du Scout ran a workshop for **1st Ermington/1st Parramatta Joeys** at Ermington Scout Hall. It was an open/recruitment night and there were approximately 30 very excited children present. 1st Ermington's night was very successful with 2 new Joeys now invested and another 3 new chums, who will be invested soon. On the same night, we also ran a closed workshop night for **1st Picnic Point/1st Caringbah Joeys** which also had a great rollup!

Cirque hosted Brookvale/Curl Curl's '**A Night at the Circus**' on August 29. Eight Venturers and two Leaders came to visit Cirque HQ at Bundilla for a full on night of "high end" circus fun.

On Friday 1st September, Cirque du Scout attended the **Parramatta Eels** and South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL game as part of the GWS Scouts involvement with Parra Eels. We entertained the patrons waiting to enter the ground with roving performances and then entered the stadium at 6.30pm and entertained the patrons buying food and drinks prior to the game. We engaged with many non -Scout children and their parents at this event. The very next day, Saturday 2nd September, Cirque attended the **Dundas Community Fair** at Telopea Public School and ran a very successful workshop base for the day. A few of our performers did a short performance demonstrating their circus skills at 1pm for the fair goers. We had some assistance engaging with the local children from Croc and the North Rocks Scouts and Venturers running the climbing wall. It was a busy day for all with an estimated attendance of over 1,000 people.

On Saturday 9th September Cirque will be "on the road again" to the **1st Scone Scout Group** Centenary Celebrations. We will be running basic skills workshops there for Scouts and the children of the town. Cirque's final journey for this year will be on 13th-15th October when we go to **Mount Keira Scout Camp** for the Keiraville District Cub Circus Camp. When we finish with the Cubs on Sunday we are travelling to **1st Thirroul Scouts** to do a workshop with the Scout Troop.

There are several Group workshops planned for the rest of the year with **1st Greystanes** and **1st Turramurra** lodging expressions of interest.

Unfortunately we will not be able to take any more travelling bookings for September – November as many of our performers and trainers are sitting the HSC and the rest of us are putting our feet up for a bit of a break!

**Cirque du Scout meets September 26, October 10, October 24, November 7, November 21, December 5.** Check with us before turning up, as we might be hosting another group or out and about! Circus training is open to any Scout or Guide over the age of 14. Meet costs \$5 per night, which covers cost of venue and wear and tear on gear.

If your Rover Crew, Venturer Unit or Scout Troop or Guides would like to engage with Cirque du Scout on one of our training nights at Bundilla, please send us a message via the **FaceBook** page "Cirque du Scout" to book in! We like to give everyone their share of our time, so we must limit to one group per session.

Mitchell at the football



International Clown Night with  
Picnic Point/Caringbah



Brookvale/Curl Curl Venturers  
learning acro balance



Sarah stilt walking at the footy



## A ROVER'S TALE

My name is Neeve Provins, a proud young Rover from Kings Langley Rover Crew and I've recently returned from my travels starting with the 2017 World Scout Moot in Iceland. And what an adventure it was! I've made some amazing friends for life and my patrol and whole tribe became more than friends, but a new family. I already miss them all so much. My favourite memories were hiking with my patrol and comparing differences and similarities between our countries. Within my patrol I had myself from Oz, Eleanor and Natasha from England, Nathanael from America, Marek from Poland, Nicolas from Switzerland, Niels from Luxembourg, Nicolas from Uruguay and Niara from Brazil. So it was quite a mix of people, but I was very grateful that we all got along - which made the mundane chores of dinner and washing up rather fun in the end. Iceland was absolutely fascinating and despite the 36 hours of transit to get there, it was worth the hours. It was an unreal country with the nicest people.

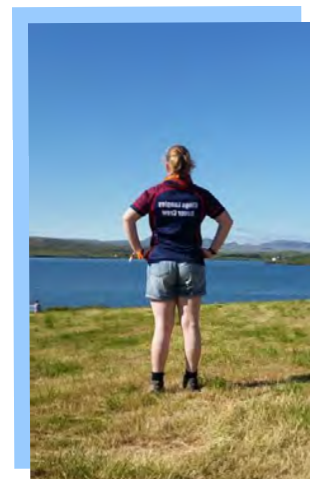
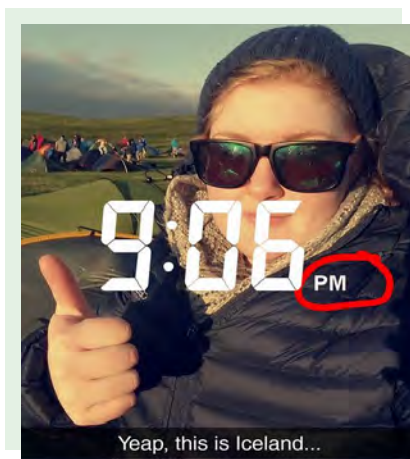
After the sad goodbyes to my new friends it was time to return to the Australian Contingent and head off to Switzerland! Here we travelled through and stopped at some gorgeous cities; honestly Switzerland is like a fantasy land! Soon we were at KISC- Kandersteg International Scout Centre. I couldn't be a prouder Scout to be there. It was a place that Robert Baden Powell himself put together for us; to be an all year round international Jamboree and it was! There were a lot of younger scouts there who were eager to swap our scarves and ask questions which was just awesome. Des Alpes will hold a special place in my heart; it was a great healing spot for the awful moot skank (friends who were there would understand).

Finally my scouting adventure had come to an end and I was to embark on my own travels! I had decided to do a 10 day Top Deck tour which started in Venice, meeting up with my fellow KL Rover, Callum. From there we travelled to München, Germany, Prague, the Czech Republic, Berlin, Amsterdam, then finally to London. I was on a bus of about 45 people aged between 18 to 28. It was just a taste of Europe, as we were only in each country for a day or two which was never long enough! Though these new friends weren't scouts I did make friends with Lochie, a fellow Rover from Queensland, who also had been to the Moot and KISC! We reminisced about our scouting adventures and as much as the friends on the tour were fun - they weren't the awesome scout friends we had made (which we both missed).

After the tour, Callum and I continued in England for another week attending the Reading Music Festival, which was an awesome experience to be at festival for one, but one in England was especially cool with all the funny accents that surrounded us. After that 4 day event I had one last day to be a tourist in London before seeing my friend Eleanor for her birthday. We sat around and had drinks in her backyard which felt just like home. Then it was time to go and the next morning I was flying home back to good old Australia and I couldn't have been more ready for home. I had a great time but 40 days away was a long time and I missed my family and my Rover Crew immensely. Being with other Aussies was cool, but there is nothing like your own crew.

All in all, the memories I've made and the travels I did further afield after moot wouldn't have happened unless I had the moot to start me off. Travelling can be daunting at the best of times, but as a young 19 year old gal, it really did push my boundaries and help me leap into something new. Any Rover (young or old) who has ever thought about travelling - a world Moot or Jamboree is the best place to start! No matter where or who you're placed with - you'll be with like-minded people all with a love of Scouting/Guiding. Since this adventure I can say I've definitely caught the travel bug, meaning this will not be my last overseas adventure. I hope this has inspired others to travel and maybe join me (see how saving money goes) at the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA in 2019 or the next World Moot in Ireland in 2021!

**Neeve Provins - A happy traveller**  
**Kings Langley Rover Crew**







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## **Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship** in conjunction with **Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club**

would like to invite you to our

### **JOTA / JOTI Base**

**Saturday 21st October 2017**

Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club HQ  
4 Moore St Glenbrook (old Glenbrook Scout Hall)

**9am until 5pm.**

**Free entry. All welcome.**

**Scouts & Guides (in uniform) and families.**

**Youth members to be accompanied by leaders or parents.**

Leaders will need to supply one activity to occupy youth while they wait for available radio time.  
Suitable activities such as; early communication devices/codes & signals/electronics  
semaphore/phonetics or badge work on these subjects.

**9am to 12 noon - Cub Scouts**

**2pm to 5pm - Scouts**



**A sausage sizzle will operate from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.**

- **Sausage sandwich \$2**
- **Can of drink \$2**
- **Complimentary Tea/coffee for adults.**

**Cash only on the day - no cheques accepted.**

**Badges can be pre-ordered but must be paid for on the day - \$2 each.**

**Receipts issued for badges but not food.**

Please advise us of your *approximate numbers* by emailing [\*\*maryjaneallan@outlook.com\*\*](mailto:maryjaneallan@outlook.com)

Please address all enquiries to same email.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

On my honour,  
I promise to do my best,  
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,  
To contribute to my community  
and our world,  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law

OR

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best,  
To do my duty to my God,  
And to the Queen of Australia,  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law

## BE RESPECTFUL

- » Be friendly and considerate
- » Care for others and the environment

## DO WHAT IS RIGHT

- » Be trustworthy, honest and fair
- » Use resources wisely

## BELIEVE IN MYSELF

- » Learn from my experiences
- » Face challenges with courage

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