



# The Bulletin

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## MONOPOLY JUST GOT REAL!

**Saturday 27th August 2022 from 8:30am**

**Cost: \$20 participant / \$10 adult**

**Registrations Close 12th August 2022**

**This is a Region Challenge for all Sections and all Groups!**

### PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS OF

- ◆ **Each Game**
- ◆ **Each Division (Joeys/Cubs/Scouts/Venturers/Rovers)**
- ◆ **The Overall Competition (Group)**

**Imagine if we took your average game of Monopoly, placed it over an area of Parramatta and set you loose to find properties, charge rent and play Monopoly in a real live location!**

**Imagine it no more!**

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**[events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/644](https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/644)**

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## PETER ANDREW WAITE OAM

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, aged 90

In 1960, Peter became the Scout Leader at 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennant Hills and in 1964-68 was District Scout Leader with Pennant Hills District. From 1968 to 1974 he was the Assistant Area Commissioner with Cumberland Area. This was followed by a further four years with 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennant Hills Scouts before he resumed as AAC Cumberland until 1983. Peter was in the cast and worked on the Set Construction team of Cumberland Gang Show from 1975 to 1977.

Peter held Cumberland Area Warden, Activities and Branch Special Project ranks from 1983 to 1988. He was District Commissioner, Pennant Hills District from 1988 to 1993 and Assistant Area Commissioner, North Metropolitan Area to 1996. From 1996 Peter was an Honorary Commissioner with North Metropolitan Area/Sydney North Region until 2020, when he became a Supporter – this was current until his passing.

He achieved the Scout Wood Badge in 1965 and Leader of Adults Wood Badge in 1991. Peter attended 15 Australian Jamborees, 2 World Jamborees and 1 New Zealand Venture.

He was instrumental in the construction of the brick buildings (hall, kitchen, office) at Bundilla Scout Camp, buildings at Camp Ku-ring-gai and some subcamp facilities at Cataract Scout Park.

For his eminent service to Scouting, Peter was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 1993 and he was recognised with the Order of Australia medal in 1996.

Peter's life was in Scouts and the community and there will be many stories about his dedication, skills and passion to share the Scouting way of life with others. Rather than a funeral, Peter wanted an afternoon tea, as a time to remember him.

*Rest in Peace*



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## APPOINTMENTS LIST 6/6/2022 - 27/6/2022

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### APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

|                     |                       |                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| SIRISAVATH, Tiffany | From Trainee Ldr (CS) | 1st Blackheath Cub Pack |
|                     | To ACSL               | 1st Blackheath Cub Pack |
| TICKELL, Joshua     | AJSL                  | 2nd Northmead Joey Mob  |

### RESIGNATIONS

|                  |                   |                           |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| BRIGDEN, Bruce   | Fellowship Member | Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship |
| HARDING, Melissa | Fellowship Member | Pinnaroo Scout Fellowship |
| LEARY, Nerilee   | AJSL              | 1st Erskine Park Joey Mob |



**2022**

## **ALAN OVERTON AWARD**

The Alan Overton Award is presented each year to the Adult Member (Leader, Supporter or Fellowship Member) who continues to go above and beyond to deliver Scouting within GWS Region.

The Award is named after Alan Overton AM OAM who is a long-standing member of Scouts NSW and was both the President of Greater Western Sydney Region from June 1994 and the New South Wales Branch Vice President from July 1999 until his retirement in 2016.

**Nominations** are now being sought for Candidates for the 2022 Alan Overton AM OAM Award. Nominations should be in the form of a one page citation showing how the candidate has provided service to the Region and abide by the following rules:

1. This is a Region Award, not connected with the Adult Recognition Awards.
2. Leaders, Group Support Committee members and Supporters can be nominated by their peers.
3. The person nominated should be over 18 and have held an Adult or Supporter appointment within Scouts NSW.
4. It is expected that the person nominated would be someone who has given service to Scouting over and above what would normally be expected.
5. Nominations should be with the Region Commissioner by September 1, 2022.

A committee consisting of the Region Commissioner, an Honorary Commissioner and a person invited by the Region Commissioner will assess all nominations.

The Awardee will be announced at the Region Award Presentation in September 2022. The Awardee will have their name recorded on the perpetual trophy and will also receive a replica trophy.

All nominations and enquiries should be sent to  
[David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:David.Stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## **DEPUTY REGION COMMISSIONER AT&D AND DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

So once again this change in Training is about Paperwork. On July 20 this change will go live and effects anyone who starts either their Basic training or their Leadership (Wood Badge) training.

**On the Job** is now **fully online** (totally paperless) - so what has become obsolete? The On the Job – Plan, Do and Review which has been replaced by the following...

### **ON THE JOB – TRAINING**

This is started as part of the interview process and has all the questions at the steps which a Trainee must complete and answer the evidence of completion and will prompt when a Trainee should apply for a course.

Once it is completed and submitted online, the Team Leader is notified and has to log in and verify the completion (the Team Leader must have a Wood Badge) or the Trainee has to select another for the Team Leader role, usually one up (DC etc.).

**There are two streams in this part of the Training:**

1. Leader of Youth or
  2. Program Support Leader
- so be aware of what a Trainee is training for, their information and role is very different.

***The next change is the following...***

### **ON THE JOB – LEADERSHIP**

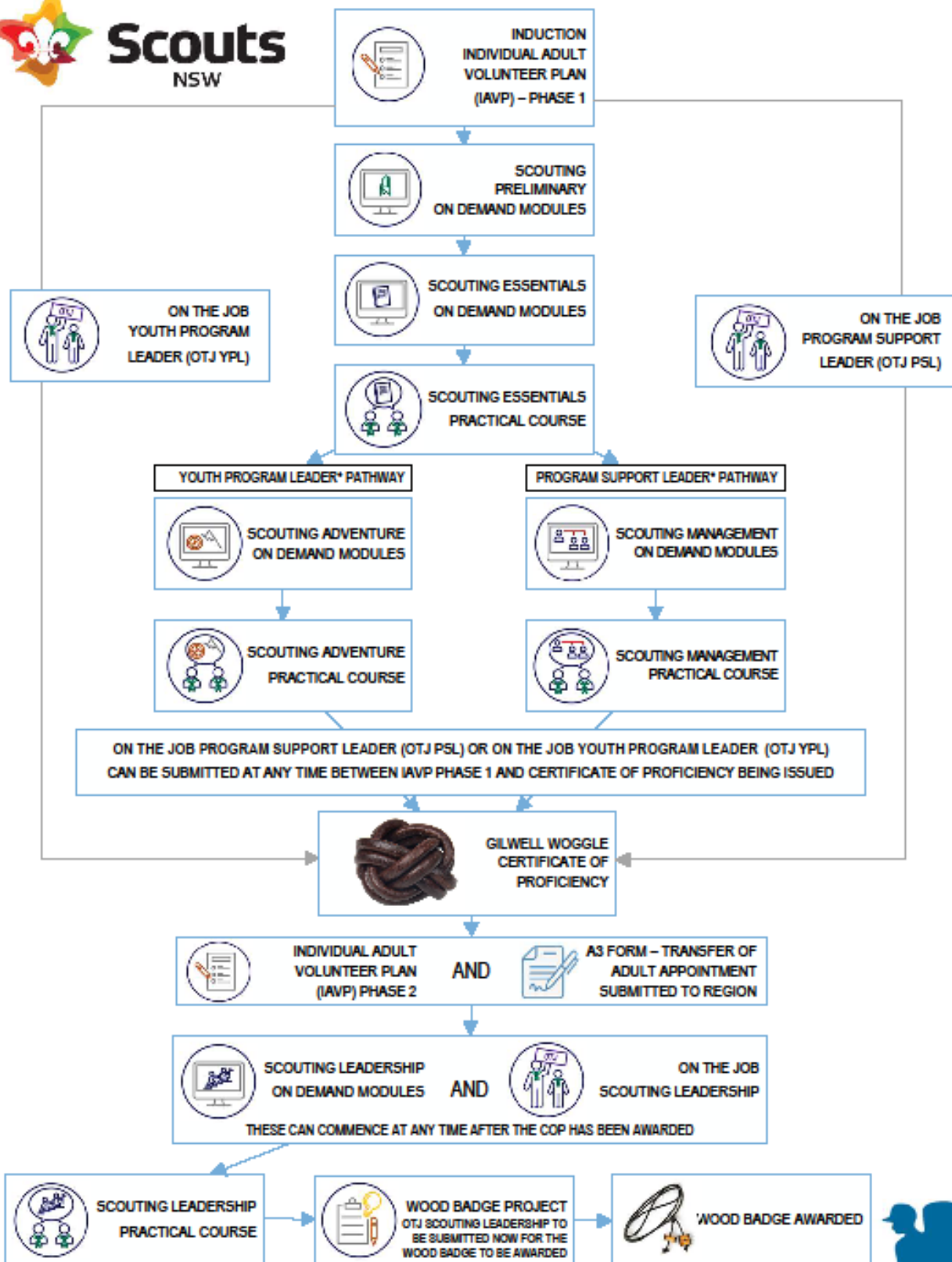
This can be started as soon as the Trainee becomes a qualified Leader; again the Leaders will need to complete the steps and information required for Wood Badge, then a Trainee will go on their Course and be set the Project. On completion of the form it should be submitted and the Team Leader and the Project Supervisor will be sent notification.

The Team Leader will need to log in and complete the Evaluation of the Leader; the Project Supervisor needs to log in and sign off the completion of the Project. Once these two have been completed the Wood Badge will be awarded and issued. (The Team Leader and the Project Supervisor must hold a Wood Badge) or it will not be accepted by the system).

***Please see the NEW training pathway Guide below.***

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- \* YOUTH PROGRAM LEADER: JOEY SCOUT LEADER, CUB SCOUT LEADER, SCOUT LEADER, VENTURER SCOUT LEADERS, AND ROVER SCOUTS (For Personal Development)
- \* PROGRAM SUPPORT LEADER: LEADER OF ADULTS, ROVER SCOUT UNIT LEADERS AND ROVER ADVISORS

CURRENT AS OF 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022



# REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM



*Here I was bragging last month about how we can finally get out and do some activities! Then the rain came!... again!...and in a big way!*

*And again, our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people within our Region who have been affected by the flooding.*

We did manage to squeeze in an **Abseiling Skills Refresher/Upskills** day, run by Andrew MacCormick and the team. This was an opportunity for some of our more skilled Abseilers to practise up on more advanced rescue techniques.

Less luck with a planned **Canoe Workshop**, which had to be cancelled due to the weather.

Even our **Bushwalking** Guru, Tristan Flores has struggled with bushwalking activities of late, with last minute changes, due to conditions. While on bushwalking, please be mindful that there are many tracks in the Blue Mountains which are currently closed, due to water damage from the previous big wet. It is my understanding that some of this damage is quite significant, so there will be tracks which will be out of action for sometime. The added issue with this is, that because tracks are not being used as frequently, they are becoming quite overgrown, adding to the challenges, particularly with navigation. Worth checking with National Parks before venturing into any of these areas.

At this time each year, I take a bit of a break from Outdoor Adventurous Activities and focus on some Indoor Adventurous Activities, namely **Cumberland Gang Show**. It was a great season, and so good to be back after two years with no show, due to COVID.

No doubt you have all probably seen and heard what an absolute awesome effort the cast put into this season. But I want to particularly acknowledge the Back Stage Teams.



## Lighting, Audio, Loft, Stage, Videoing, Cueing, Hand Props and Special Effects.

These are the teams who are physically side stage, or in the Bio Box (Cueing) throughout each performance; and together help to bring everything together, to make the show what it is so well known for. It is what I would simply described as **"teamwork at its very best!"**

Look out in the next few months, as the Video Team, are putting together a short doco on, not what happens on the stage, but all the workings behind, and seeing these teams, plus others, in action. I have no doubt it will be great viewing!

***There is a lot which happens behind the scenes, which makes Gang Show what it is really known for!***

*I have packed away my Red Scarf until next season. Hopefully I can do the same with my raincoat!*

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## CUB SCOUT REPORT

The months of June and July have been busy.

In June we held a **Cub Scout Leadership Course** at 2nd Northmead Scout Hall, which saw Cub Scouts from all Districts in attendance. Congratulations to the attendees on a fabulous day, and well done on braving the cold and the challenges we gave you on the day.

As we look towards the latter half of 2022, we will have more Cub Scout Leadership Courses added to the calendar, with interested Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and adults welcome to come and assist.

Whilst we have enjoyed our school holidays in July, we had a number of Cub Scouts involved in **Cumberland Gang Show**. I may be a little biased, but that was the best show I have seen in years, and a massive congratulations to all of the cast, crew and teams that reinvigorated and reignited the Show.

The **State Special Interest Areas Camp** is running on the final weekend in August. If you know of any interested young person or adult who would like to attend, details and registration links can be found here:

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/618>

For any youth members and families who may have snow holidays and are reading this, and happen to be in the **Jindabyne/Perisher/Guthega area on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**, could you please send me an email regarding an opportunity that may be available, especially on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Kaleidoscope**, an all leaders event, is being hosted by our State Team on the weekend of September 16-18 at Glenfield Scout Camp. Registrations can be completed here: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/578>

We will be having another **Palanee** for our GWS Leaders later in the year, with a date to be confirmed. Look out for more details over the coming month.

**Cuboree 2023** will soon be upon us, but there is a lot of preparation work that needs to go into this type of event. Greater Western Sydney Leaders, Louise and Orson, are coordinating the **Polar Ecosystem** at the event. If you would like to be involved in planning this, please contact Louise [louise.gale@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:louise.gale@nsw.scouts.com.au) Orson [orson.baker@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:orson.baker@nsw.scouts.com.au) or myself. Details regarding the event will shortly be communicated, with the event running from **September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023**

*I hope you all enjoy a great Term 3!*

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## VENTURER REPORT

Not much to report this month. As I write this, we are in the middle of school holidays with the first week written off with a major East Coast Low hitting Sydney, trashing at least a couple of hikes. Don't hesitate to contact me if this has caused a major problem to see what we can do.

It's school holidays again and that means **Gang Show** season. Performances have just finished and I was delighted to see a large contingent of GWS Venturers involved this year, well done everyone.

Our **Endurance Leadership Course** will be on later this month. The course is designed to satisfy the requirements for the youth program, making use of the online material we developed for the last two years as well as a weekend series of practical activities. Registrations are now closed and the online material is being distributed ahead of the weekend.

We held an excellent **Terrain** evening before Jamborette. We plan to hold another one soon, this time will be aimed more at Venturers. We've had some clarification over expectations of using Terrain; while it is designed to help you through your Queen's Scout - there is no requirement to use Terrain if it isn't available.

Our youth reps are also working on a weekend concept for later in the year. Stay tuned for more information.

See you at the course.

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### WORLD SCOUT SCARF DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> August 2022

Wear your scarf all day in public on Monday 1st August to celebrate Scouting. The date commemorates the very first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

**Badges are available from Scout Shop online**  
This year's badge is woven & overlaid 10cm x 7cm

**Cost \$3 each plus p&h**  
(Free standard delivery on orders over \$10)  
Pre-order yours now.



## SCIENCE TEAM REPORT: JAMBORETTE 2022

The June long weekend saw the return of the **GWS Science Team** to Cataract Scout Park for our annual **Jamborette**. Beautiful clear sky and sunny days looked appealing but cold winds ripped through the campsite Saturday, building to very strong and icy Saturday night. Whilst this was uncomfortable for some, all things “sciencey” were protected in our traditional location in the shed near Pioneer Village. **The Science base featured three different activity areas.**

Buzz regaled enthusiastic Scouts with a nice warm demonstration of traditional **Blacksmithing techniques**. Aluminium was melted in a crucible (graphite pot) inside furnace to make ingots of aluminium. Buzz has been developing ways of recycling all sorts of materials and these ingots were destined for re-casting into cosplay costume items. The forge provided yet more heat as he demonstrated how metal rods can be bent and shaped to make useful items by pulverising the hot metal hard with a range of hammers using a small anvil as the base. We all discovered that magnets won't stick to red hot metal!



The activity was rounded off by a demonstration of a chain-mail maker, hydrogen torch and miniature machinery used in cos-play costume manufacture.

Following tradition, Buzz roamed the campsite on Saturday morning modelling

his recent **Cos Play** character **Karxikas Xarmarir**, a Tiefling Ranger which is like a woodman inspired by Dungeons and Dragons. The costume is made from wax hardened leather with exquisite detail and was displayed at the forge activity area.

Scouts also enjoyed using **Microscopes** to examine assorted electronics, bugs and other things very small.

This area also had an activity with a **Tesla Coil** theme. Scouts discovered how electricity can be transmitted wirelessly using resonant coils and electromagnetism. They enjoyed the small purple arc created by a small Tesla coil and then moved to the far end of the shed to be impressed by a larger Tesla coil which produced eerie purple arcs that danced about in the air whilst making very loud electrical crackling noises and the pronounced odour of ozone. Very spectacular indeed.



This activity was rounded off with **Hovercraft** rides for those who dared!

The last activity area was a gas... literally, as the theme was **Carbon Dioxide**. This gas is part of air and gets lots of bad press for its contribution to global warming; however Scouts were able to participate in a range of experiments to investigate its properties.

The area featured CO<sub>2</sub> produced by natural fermentation. This was proven through simple experimentation where the gas produced by fermentation was bubbled through a solution of builder's lime in water. When this is exposed to carbon dioxide the solution turns milky. They also discovered that CO<sub>2</sub> is produced by making a solution of citric acid powder and bicarbonate of soda with a little water. Bubbling the gas through the lime also turned the liquid cloudy, demonstrating the presence of the gas. Blowing bubbles through the liquid also turned it cloudy.



With some care we experimented with **dry ice**. This CO<sub>2</sub> is solid at temperatures of around minus 80 degrees and at normal air pressure the ice doesn't melt. The carbon dioxide sublimates as it goes straight from solid form to gas. We had an experiment where some dry ice chips were put into a small plastic pipette bulb and clamped closed. With the plastic bulb immersed in water to slowly heat the dry ice, we were able to see a few drops of liquid carbon dioxide for an instant before the plastic bulb explodes. It is a good demonstration of how the gas version of CO<sub>2</sub> takes up much more volume than its frozen form. This was further reinforced by using a dry ice pellet to blow the lid off a tin with the increasing pressure as the ice sublimated to gas.

Pouring the heavier than air CO<sub>2</sub> down a staircase of candles showed how this gas can put out flames and dry ice pellets provided the temperature difference to run a Stirling Engine.

The final section of this activity had Scouts making a **chemical compound** from strange powders. The completed edible concoction produced CO<sub>2</sub> when mixed with Scout saliva along with flavourful tingling in everyone's mouth!

**If you would like the Science Team to visit your Group please email John or myself.**

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**Activities Leader, GWS Science Team**





**Congratulations to 1st Winston Hills Scout Group, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday July 26. Group Leader Shane Selwood, section Leaders and Group Committee put on a splendid afternoon of activities, complete with a sausage sizzle, cake and lovely sunshine!**



**BRAVO 1st Winston Hills Scout Group!**



*Photos courtesy of Matt Thompson & Don Kemble*





## KALEIDOSCOPE 2022

### This Is It, the Greatest Show!

Kaleidoscope is a fun packed, networking and informative weekend for all adults in Scouting (Leaders, Rover Scouts & Fellowship members) supporting the Youth program.

You'll spend the weekend sharing and learning new ideas, concepts and talking about experiences, that will enhance your ability to deliver and support an adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive program experience for our Youth.

**7pm Friday 16th September to  
1pm Sunday 18th September 2022**

**@ Glenfield Scout Camp  
2 Cambridge Avenue, Glenfield NSW 2167**

Registrations open now:  
<https://nsw.scouts.com.au/kaleidoscope-2022>

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please send an email to the Program Support team: [ypsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:ypsupport@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## Upcoming Special Interest Area Camp!



## Glenfield School of Magic

**26th - 28th August 2022**

### Glenfield Scout Camp

Join the State Special Interest Area (SIA) Team on an adventure this August to discover the magic of what an SIA can be. You will take a journey through our magical classes, involving a wide range of activity areas, to uncover new and exciting ideas that can inspire your own SIA projects. With a Harry Potter theme, this is sure to be a fun and informative event!

**Get your tickets for the Glenfield Express today!**

**Registrations open until August 12, 2022**

<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/618>

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### Australian Scout Award

**RACHEL LUKIN**  
1st Blaxland

*Bravo*



### Joey Scout Challenge Award

**DENITH WESUMPERUMA**  
1st Ermington

**MAX TSENG**  
1st Carlingford

*Hop, Hop, Hop*



## Scouts in Action Month The Great Australian Scout Cook Off August 2022



Welcome to another year, the thirteenth year, as a matter of fact, of Scouts in Action Month. This year is going to be a cracker! Cooking is one of the most enjoyable programme and weekend activities there is - so this year Scouts in Action Month is all about **'The Great Australian Scout Cook Off'**

I have always maintained that a well fed Scout is a happy Scout; so let's get cooking and practice our skills around the campfire, camp stove, solar oven, or whatever you want to cook on, just make it delicious! Let's get out there and get ready for **The Great Australian Scout Cook Off** that will be held across Australia in your local District in **August** - details will be posted onto the website soon.

Programs and activities are already on the Scouts in Action Month website [www.scoutsinactionmonth.com](http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com) so check them out and visit regularly as I am writing more as you read this newsletter.

So, if you have any awesome cooking programs and activity ideas or suggestions send them to [scoutsinactionmonth@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsinactionmonth@gmail.com) and I will post them onto the site to share.

Don't forget to **Register your Group or Unit** and spread the word amongst your Scouting colleagues, almost 242,000 have participated in Scouts in Action Month since 2010 - amazing, and this year I want to break through the quarter of a million participants. Click on the link applicable to your Group/Unit.  
[Australian Groups](#)      [Girl Guides Australia](#)      [International Groups](#)

### THE FRY PAN BADGE

This year's badge is a fry pan, an item commonly used in camp or at home. Our 'Chef Scout' is practising cooking skills at home before heading out into the open.

Badges this year are \$4.50 each, which includes postage so order yours today! [2022 Badge Order Form](#)

*Now let's get out there, get cooking and have heaps of fun!*

*John Parr*

*Scouts in Action Month 2022*



## JOEY SCOUT FUN DAY

**Sunday 25th September 2022**

**Bundilla Scout Camp**

Come join us for a day of fun and adventure as we explore our environment and the world around us!

Mark this date in your diary - more details available closer to the event.



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