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**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW
GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY REGION**

Mr. Neville Henderson
Region Commissioner

Mr. Alan Overton
Region President

and

Mr. Geoff McGrath
Region Chairman

*Cordially invite you to attend
the annual*

*Adult Recognition Awards
Celebration Dinner*

on

Thursday, 20th October 2011

6.30pm for 7pm start

at

**Blacktown RSL Club
Second Avenue
Blacktown**

\$40 per person

R.S.V.P. - 6th October 2011

Full uniform and decorations to be worn please.

Please see page 13 for RSVP slip.



BUSHWALKING LEVEL 1 and 2 ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

**Bundilla Scout Camp
Winston Hills
Sunday 23rd October 2011**

**For all LEADERS, ROVERS,
VENTURERS and SCOUTS**

**To gain
Bushwalking Level 1 and 2
qualifications under the new
Adventurous Activities Policy.**

The day has been designed to quickly accredit Branch members with the new Bushwalking qualifications. It is a combined practical, teaching and assessment process with the aim of participants both learning and/or becoming qualified.

A flyer containing details, including how to register and what to bring is available by email from data_scsi@msn.com.au

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FROM THE REGION COMMISSIONER

What a fantastic place Australia is. It is so big and many people don't realise how long it takes to get from one place to another. And then there is Uluru. What an unbelievable sight when you are driving into the National Park and see this absolutely massive rock rising from the earth. I am writing this report from Darwin before moving on to Kakadu.

Whilst in Alice Springs we attended the Henley on Todd Regatta (dry river bed, bottomless boats which are feet powered) and had the opportunity to speak to some of the Scouting people who were running a food and drink stall. They told me that this is their big fund raising event of the year. The water they sold was in bottles advertising Scouting and I have saved the bottles to pass on to the marketing people in our State office.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Joey Fun Day but by all reports it was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to Kathy Cuneo and her team on a job well done. Also pleasing to hear many parents attended.

On the last weekend in August Blacktown District ran a very successful activity at the Blacktown Sports Festival in conjunction with the Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL club. Thanks to David Stopps, Group Leader 1st/2nd Blacktown for supervising the event. (Report in The Bulletin). We are still in discussions with the Giants regarding a possible partnership for 2012 which should give tremendous exposure to Scouting in Greater Western Sydney.

Can I please remind Group Leaders that when you are approached by a party to become a permanent hirer of your hall, that a Certificate of Currency from the parties insurance company stating they are covered for Public Liability Insurance for a minimum of \$ 10,000,000. This is not negotiable as this protects the Association's insurance in the event of a serious accident. Please also make sure you receive a new Certificate of Currency each year.

Dates for your diary:

Citation Writing Workshop 12th November 2011 commences 2.00pm at Bundilla. A Group Leaders and President's seminar will be held in February 2012 .
Further details of these important dates will be in the Bulletin in October.

Congratulations to 1st Granville Scout Group who celebrate their Centenary during September and I hope the event is well attended and receives the support it deserves. This is the third group in GWSR to reach this milestone.

I have been advised that the State Government Grant has now come through and the work on the Brownsea kitchen will be starting soon. It will be great to have all our facilities looking first class.

Don't forget the Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday 20th October 2011 at 6.30pm at Blacktown RSL. Please support the recipients and attend by filling in the invitation in this edition of The Bulletin. Closing date 6th October 2011 so get in fast.

Until next time.....Carry on Scouting

Neville Henderson - Region Commissioner

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SPROUTS PROJECT FUNDING

Scouts Australia, Parramatta District was one of the successful applicants for a Parramatta City Council 2011 Grant for 100% Voluntary organisations.

Owen Manson, GL 2nd Northmead accepting the SPROUTS (Sustainable Produce Reaching Out Through Scouts) project funding cheque for \$5,000 from Councillor John Chedid, Lord Mayor of Parramatta.

John Chedid is passionate about local issues and is heavily involved in the local community at the grassroots level. His priorities are supporting youth, seniors, small business, local charities and volunteers.



JOEY SCOUT REPORT

The Joey Scout Fun Day on Sunday 14th August was very successful with over 180 Joey Scouts enjoying a wide range of activities. The weather stayed fine so we were able to utilise all the grounds at Bundilla. Each District was asked to combine the Joey Leaders in the District to provide a half hours activity on the theme of *Adventure*.

The pirates from the mountains had climbing and plank walking in the Brownsea dining room which the Joey Scouts really enjoyed. Parramatta Leaders used Raiders of the Lost Ark as a theme and the highlight for the Joeys there was the big earth ball. As Hawkesbury only has one mob, Oakville used their Venturers to set up activities relating to the jungle. It was great to see another section involved. The other District with one Mob, Holroyd, invited representatives from WIRES to bring some animals to show the children. As there were at least two snakes involved I did not go to see their show! However, the children were impressed.

Penrith showed how to do first aid on their emergency base. The Joey Scouts loved racing around in the little cardboard ambulances and fire engines. Blacktown had a Space base and there were flying saucers flying all over the oval. Hills had a water base. To see the Joey Scouts run with water filled sponges trying not to spill the water was entertaining.

Extra bases were provided by John Leahy and his team and Anne Thompson and her team of Cub Leaders. We all very much appreciated John and Anne's help as there were 189 Joey Scouts registered for the day. With nine bases we were able to keep the groups to about twenty.

Other people to be thanked for their help on the day are Geoff McGrath and David Stopps. Their willingness to help solve the *minor* problems that always crop up was invaluable. The other people I wish to acknowledge are my "*friends of Joeys*"- Frank Barr, Sandy Knox and Cassie Rec. Sandy and Cassie organised the morning tea and filled in when Leaders needed a break. Frank spent the whole day in a clown costume and I am sure the Joey Scouts thought I had hired him for their entertainment.

Finally I would like to comment on the Springwood idea of giving their parent helpers a very eye catching black and green polo shirt to wear. Their pride in the Group was evident and their enthusiasm was catching. I was very impressed.

I have received some very positive comments from my Leaders and I am proud to be associated with such a great group of people all promoting Scouting. A quote from Dean Maddock, "I was impressed by the Joeys

themselves, 180+ kids from across the Greater Western Sydney Region – just a really happy, positive, eager group of kids."

Kathy Cuneo - RC Joey Scouts

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Photos courtesy of David Stopps

CUB SCOUT NOTES

Our Region Cook Off was held on August 28 at Bundilla. The four finalists were 1st Kellyville, 1st Carlingford, 1st Kings Langley and 1st Glossodia. All the Cubs and their Leaders did a marvellous job and should be very proud of their achievements. The overall Winning Six was White Six from 1st Carlingford. Congratulations and best wishes for the State Cook Off on the 24th and 25th September at Glenfield Scout Camp.

Applications are now closed for the **CS Leadership Course** on September 17. There are 58 Cubs registered.

Now is the time, that all Groups should be **planning** next year's calendar. Your DLCS will have next year's Region Seeonee calendar. Don't forget to leave those dates free so that all Cubs, Leaders and Youth Helpers can attend District and Region events. Every Group needs to give their DLCS or delegate a copy of their yearly Program as soon as it is completed, thank you.

Cub Baanya will be held on the 29th and 30th October at Bundilla. The A1 and full details are available from your DLCS and the GWSR website. The closing date is the 20th October and no late applications will be accepted. This camp, organised by Districts, is for your older Cub Scouts and should be run on a Patrol Basis with the help of Patrol Leaders from the Scout Troops within the District. This enables the Cubs to have small taste of what to expect when they move up to Scouts. Certificates for hours of service will be presented to all Scouts who participate.

STATE JAMBORETTE - Raiders of the Lost Capital, 30th September to 3rd October 2011 at Camp Cottermouth, ACT. All Cubs Scouts are invited to take part in **CUB SCOUT DAY** on Sunday, **2nd October** from 9am to 4pm. Cost per Cub - \$10.00 (includes Badge and Activities). For full details and A1 visit <http://www.patroltent.com>

Anne Thompson - RC Cub Scouts

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



Ashleigh Greely - 1st Oakville
Michael Burrows - 1st Carlingford
Emma Pope - 1st Balcombe Heights
Kaelan Bollard - 1st Balcombe Heights
Joshua Kahane - 1st Balcombe Heights

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VENTURER REPORT

Last month I attended the **World Scout Jamboree in Sweden** along with over 40,000 Scouts from around the world. I enjoyed an absolutely amazing experience filled with a great diversity of culture from every corner of the globe.

Special guests included **Chief Scout of the UK Bear Grylls and the King of Sweden**, who each added huge enthusiasm to the arena performances.

Camp in Camp was a unique opportunity to stay one night away from the Jamboree site in the company of local Scouts at local campgrounds. This was definitely a highlight of our journey and gave a more intimate appreciation of traditional Swedish Scouting.

Home hospitality was also amazing and all of the Scouts and Venturers from Australia greatly enjoyed the interaction with their host families.

After returning to Copenhagen, many of us continued our travels into Norway for a further tour of the spectacular glacial landscape on our way to the Arctic Circle. Add the rush of the Olympic bobsled at Lillehammer and the amazing views over Oslo from the Olympic ski jump, and I can guarantee that this was certainly a fun packed month of travel.

There is obviously plenty more to report, however if you are already excited about attending your own World Scout Jamboree, now is certainly the time to start fundraising for the next event to be held in Japan in 2015!

Meanwhile, Venturing in the Region has been powering on in my absence and I would like to extend my thanks to Judy, Steve, Chris and the rest of the Region Team for their assistance during this time.

It was very pleasing to see a large number of Venturer Scout Leaders recognised in the Good Service Awards announced on World Scout Day. Thank you for your support and dedication to the section and I look forward to seeing you all at the Region Awards dinner in October.

The program remains busy with our Venturer Leadership and Abseiling Courses going ahead last month. Over 100 applications were also received for the Bud – Try Venturing Camp, and there are caving, canoeing and canyoning courses scheduled for the remainder of the year as well. The 2012 Calendar is also now available for download from the Region website.

As the weather continues to warm up towards summer, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of preparing correct Activity Notification forms, whenever organising overnight and adventurous activities. Every unit should be taking advantage of weekends and holidays to enjoy bushwalking, boating or rock activities. I look forward to reading about your plans as the forms arrive (at least two weeks before the activity!)


Congratulations to Angus Boxall, Melinda Varcoe and Patrick Watts on being selected to attend the new Mawson Scholarship in Leadership. These three Venturers will be meeting with other young leaders from around Australia for a week long training program in Melbourne during the October school holidays. This new initiative will be an excellent springboard to many exciting opportunities and we look forward to more Venturers accepting the challenge in the future.

Finally, **Operation Dragnet** applications close on **Friday 7 October**. No late applications will be accepted – this includes adult Leaders! Please help the Region Office by having applications from your unit in early to avoid the final rush in processing payments. Please remember that every team requires at least one member that holds Applied First Aid and one member that holds a Bushwalking Leader qualification. Please visit the Waratah website for more information.

Aaron Wardle - RC Venturer Scouts

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DISCOVER LONE SCOUTS

Lone Scouts gives everyone the opportunity to participate in Scouting, no matter where they live.

Lone Scouts is for those who:

- ★ Live in a regional or remote community
- ★ Have no Scouting Group in their local area
- ★ Live in a region where the Scout Group does not have a section appropriate to their age group
- ★ Cannot attend regular Scout meetings for various work, study or travel related reasons.

Lone Scouts are guided by a Leader, who ensures the Lone Scout has all the support they need to take on various Scouting challenges. Lone Scouts stay in touch through email, CD's, telephone, mail and the internet.

Program resources are sent to Lone Scouts with all the information a Scout needs to complete their tasks and obtain their badges.

Whatever cultural or religious background you come from, you will find a warm welcome at Scouts! Membership enquiries are also welcome from those with intellectual or physical disabilities.

For further information contact;

Warren Batty - State Commissioner (Lone Scouts)
Email: warrenbatty@bigpond.com

A DAY WITH THE GIANTS

Scouts were invited by Greater Western Sydney Giants to be a part of the Blacktown Sports Festival at their training ground in Blacktown on Saturday 27th August 2011.

As we are working towards a partnership with the GWS Giants and in order to fulfill our agreement we had to hire a climbing wall from an outside contractor who set it up for us and assisted in the operation of the wall.

We were set up next to the Giants ball skills activity. This was great place for us as we got to know the people we would be working with when we form a partnership.

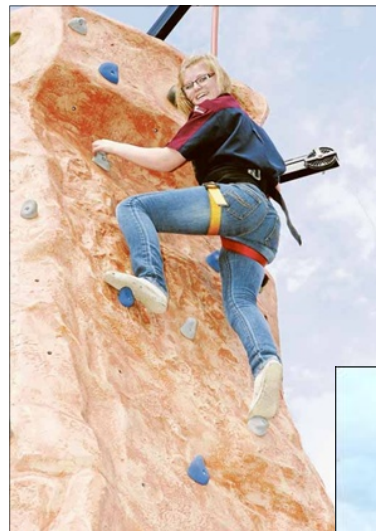
Both local papers were there taking photos of the day and they will give us some publicity and send us copies of the photos soon.

The Scouts who were there on the day handed out lots of flyers for all sections by walking around handing them out and a large number coming up and asking for them. Quakers Hill Doonside should get 3 new members at least from this but we had people ask about Penrith and Hornsby as well.

The line for the wall was at some stages 30 deep the smallest it got was 6 so by the sheer numbers who went through we would class this as a very successful day.

David Stopps GL

1st/2nd Blacktown Scout Group



Dizzy heights!

Venturer Scout
Kyara Sloan at
Blacktown City
SportsFest.

Photo:
Gary Warrick



Photos courtesy
of the
Blacktown Sun
and Advocate

REGION ACTIVITIES TEAM

I received a flyer the other day. It was from a local Scout group explaining they met weekly, and offered some great activities for our youth. My initial thoughts were "good to see a local group being active," but then I started thinking just how effective really is a letterbox drop, or even a visit to the local school? Maybe there is a better way to promote Scouting.

I recently had the opportunity to attend part of the **Blacktown District Bike Hike**, and what a great weekend that was. Friday night and a train to Bell Station, then on the bikes through to Bungleboori, where they camped the night. Up bright and early Saturday morning and it was off along dusty forest trails, with a short hike detour to check out the Glow Worm Tunnel, and onto Newnes for the night. Sunday, and an opportunity to explore the old refinery ruins, or just simply enjoy the spectacular surrounds, before packing up, and heading back to Sydney.



Let me share a little secret with you. I believe one of the best ways to recruit members into Scouting is to work on those you already have. And running activities like the above does just that. Kids go to school on Monday eager to tell their school mates and friends of the awesome weekend they have just had. *"there was lots of mud and dust, and we cooked marshmallows on a fire, and we saw a real wild possum and...!"* their mates all suddenly want to be part of the action! (and the same goes for Leaders at work!)

So what about your Group? What really awesome activity have you recently done? Don't keep it to yourself. Share your experience. Put an article in The Bulletin. Tell others about it. In business we call it *Networking* in Scouting it is simply called *"Sharing"*.

And here is another little secret. You can stay at the 6 star Wolgan Valley Resort from about \$1,500 per night, or just 10km up the road at the 5 million star Newnes camp siteand it's free!

Our Sailing course Wednesday 5 Oct to Sunday 9 Oct is filling quickly. Closing date is the 21st September (not 21 August as incorrectly shown in the last Bulletin). All details, including the A1 Form are on the GWS website.

We are looking at running another **Flying Fox Course** before the end of the year. Will get details out as soon as I know more. We have a number of people who are keen to get the *Fox* up and running again.

Can I also commend to you a **Bush Walking Workshop** being run by Frank Barr at Bundilla on Sunday 23rd October. This is an opportunity to gain Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications under the new **Adventurous Activities Policy**. Details are on the Region Website.

We are still going through the new Activities Policy, with a number of issues, particularly in regard to ratios still to be sorted out. Can I just say at this point "thank you for your patience!" So no one misses out on anything, I have said that activities can still be run under the old Policy, at this point in time. Of course common sense should always prevail. If in doubt with anything please contact myself, or any one of the Activity Leaders.

And just as a reminder;

Have adventurous fun and be activity safe!

Mark Fell (DINGO) - RC Activities

Email: activities@greaterwetscouts.com.au



Closing Parade Joey Scout Fun Day



APPOINTMENTS LIST

25/4/2011 TO 29/8/2011

APPOINTMENTS

WATTS, Bronwyn Appt TL (G)
1st Oakville Scout Group

NICKOLS, Michelle Appt TL @
1st Kellyville Cub Pack 'Darzee'

TAMSETT, Lesley Fellowship Member
Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

TAMSETT, Peter Fellowship Member
Blue Mountains Scout Fellowship

BONE, Alan ASL
1st Kellyville Scout Troop

GREEN, Phillip Appt TL (J)
2nd Castle Hill Joey Mob

TRANSFERS

MACDONALD, Angela Fr AL (G)
2nd Kings Langley Scout Group
AJSL2nd Kings Langley Joey Mob
To

MCLEAN, Andrew Fr ASL
1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
1st Erskine Park Scout Troop
To SL

MCLEAN-MURRAY, Julie Fr AVSL
1st Westmead Venturer Unit
1st Westmead Scout Troop
To ASL

PARTINGTON, Julia Fr AL (G)
1st Springwood Scout Group
1st Springwood Joey Mob
To JSL

SIEDENTOPF, Charles Fr AL (G)
1st Kellyville Scout Group
1st Kellyville Cub Pack 'Zazu'
To ACSL

SMITH, Darren Fr AL (G)
1st Hazelbrook Scout Group
1st Hazelbrook Scout Troop
To ASL

WINFIELD, Joanne Fr AL (G)
1st Glossodia Scout Group
1st Glossodia Cub Pack
To ACSL

GREEN, Mark Fr AL (G)
1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Scout Group
1st Quakers Hill-Doonside Joey Mob
To AJSL

HARRIS, Mathew Fr AL (G)
1st Oakville Scout Group
1st Oakville Cub Pack
To ACSL

BROWNE, Peter Fr VSL4th
Castle Hill Venturer Unit
West Pennant Hills Valley Venturer Unit
To AVS

RESIGNATIONS

PRIVITERA, Marilyn AL (G) 1st Riverstone Scout Group

DOUGLAS, Carol JSL 1st Dural Joey Mob

DOUGLAS, David AJSL 1st Dural Joey Mob

RESIGNED OR

DID NOT PROCEED IN ERROR

SCARMAN, Anthony AJSL 1st Ermington Joey Mob

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

DOUGLASS, Sharon Fellowship Member
Cumberland Gang Show Scout Fellowship

GOURLEY, Agnes (Ness) Branch Advisor
Memorabilia Centre

PEN PALS WANTED

Kelly Johnson, the National Pen Pal Coordinator has the following people looking for pen Pals in Australia:

15 x South African girls - female only, no email
2 x Italian girls (15 years) - male and female
A 9 year old Italian girl
Kenyan Male Scout Leader (36 years)
21 year old Norwegian male
12 year old Norwegian girl
2 x 8 year old Norwegian boys
8 year old South African boy
10 year old USA girl
11 year old USA male
20 x Beaver Colonies - United Kingdom
25 x Scout Troops - USA, UK and Poland
1x Scout Group - United Kingdom

If you or any of your youth members would like to link with any of these people, please contact;

Kelly Johnson - National Pen Pal Coordinator
Scouts Australia
PO Box 103
MYPOLONGA SA 5254
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AUSSIE HELPERS: CHRISTMAS FOR AUSSIE FARMERS APPEAL

Aussie Helpers was formed by Brian Egan. Through a combination of droughts and personal depression, Brian lost his farm and fell on hard times. With the help of friends he escaped this and formed Aussie Helpers to try and support other battling farmers going through similar tough times. For the last two years 1st South Penrith has been collecting Christmas presents to be distributed by Aussie Helpers.

While the weather has been a bit kinder to them this year, there are still a lot of farmers suffering from depression and financial stresses of the previous droughts and flooding rains. The depression can effect entire families including the wives and children. Let's make this a special Christmas and put some smiles back on their faces.

If your Group is interested in setting up a tree this year to collect presents for our farming families please contact Brian Zarth (Magpie) from 1st South Penrith Scout Group on 0403 781 446 or email joeys@southpenrith.org.au

You need to setup the tree as early as possible next term so that they can be collected early enough to distribute them to the bush. See <http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au> for more information on Aussie Helpers.

Brian Zarth (Magpie)
Joey Scout Leader
1st South Penrith Scout Group
<http://www.southpenrith.org.au>
Mobile: 0403 781 446



AUSTRALIAN MOBILE RECYCLING

Australian Mobile Recycling was founded in September 2011.

Our aim is to collect as many used and unwanted mobile phones as possible.

All mobile phones received will be recycled for reuse. This means they will be refurbished for resale.

Each handset is restored to factory conditions and all sim card and memory cards are destroyed. Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their constituent parts and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers.

For your efforts your organisation will receive \$3 for every mobile phone returned.



To register or arrange a free collection please contact us on (02) 9525 8882 or email info@australianmobilerecycling.com.au



GORDON WEST

Gordon first joined the Scout movement in 1973 as an ACSL for the 1st Horsley *Roxbrough* pack in Surrey, England. He would not have expected to have to help coach a football team. However, the Roxbrough pack had a team in the local junior soccer competition in winter! After the family emigrated to Australia in 1976 Gordon and his two boys joined 1st West Ryde Scout Group.

At that time 1st West Ryde had no Scout section, so they amalgamated with 2nd Ermington as both were Sea Scout Troops. West Ryde had boats and a boat shed, but no Leaders or Scouts. In 1977 Gordon transferred from ACSL to ASL to SL Roy Edser. Gordon was appointed as Scout Leader in 1978. As a former soldier who had hunted terrorists through the jungles of Malaya, he was all at sea as a Sea Scout Leader! However, he formed a partnership with 1st Lansvale Sea Scouts to help himself and his Scouts learn to sail, canoe and kayak.

Gordon was determined that all his Scouts would have the opportunity to go to the 1979 Perth Jamboree and led the fundraising so all the eligible Scouts did go, in a combined troop with 1st Lansvale. Over the years at least three of his Scouts achieved Adventurer Awards. He also supported Gang Show, driving Scouts to and from rehearsals, including to rehearsal and back for the Sirius Cup one year, as well as helping back stage for a few years.

Gordon left West Ryde in 1983 and led the troop at Macquarie Hospital, for brain injury accident victims, until it was closed a few years later due to a Branch Policy change. The Scouts had mental ages of children, but had adult bodies, so were felt not to be Scout Age appropriate.

In 2005 Gordon decided his grandson, Alistair should join the local 1st Hawkesbury Cub Pack, without consulting Alistair's parents. 1st Hawkesbury was not in good shape - with Alistair, the Pack had five Cubs and the Scout Troop about three Scouts. The only Cub Leader, who was also the Leader in Charge, left 1st Hawkesbury in 2005. Gordon, at the age of 72 became the Group Leader. When Gordon left in 2008 the group was doing well. The Cub Pack numbered around twenty-five Cubs (thanks to Phylis McAlpine and Pam Cassidy), the Scout Troop had 12 Scouts and a Joey Mob had been formed as well. Gordon had recruited ten Leaders (Joey, Cub and Scout) over the three years, as well as led fundraising to improve the Group's financial position.

Finally, Gordon was a member of the St George's Guild of former Scouts and Guides and was involved in their activities, helping curate their memorabilia collection and organising and cooking the recent Bastille Day dinner.

Gordon's son Tim, is Scout Leader at 1st Hawkesbury and his two sons are Scouts in the Troop.

Phil Heinrich - Group Manager
1st Hawkesbury Scout Group

1ST AUSTINMER SCOUT HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

1st Austinmer Scout Hall, situated at 20 Moore Street in picturesque Austinmer NSW, (20 km north of Wollongong), is available for overnight and/or weekend hire by Cub packs and Scout troops. The beach lies 100 metres to the east. For bushwalking, a path starting 300 metres to the west climbs through the Illawarra rainforest right to the top of the escarpment. The hall can be hired for \$5 per person per night. The hall has hot and cold showers, toilets, a kitchen and a barbeque. Austinmer Railway Station is at the end of Moore Street.

For bookings contact Ron Witton on 0409 399 752
or rwitton@uow.edu.au



Hover night at Cherrybrook

The hover night is based around *Friction*, where we need it (tyres on ground, brake pads), and where we don't (pistons in engines, wheel bearing). The first base looks at moving a Cub around the hall, and the various ways of reducing the energy required by reducing friction.

The second base explores other ways of reducing friction like lifting by wing, rotating wing (helicopter), Helium balloon, kite, or magnetic levitation. Then onto



base three, where they make a balloon hover disk to race against each other. This is followed by a game involving a 'float on air puck', and finally a ride on a larger floating **Hover Disk**.

Also present on the night was a **UK Scout Leader** Russ Cane, and his two sons Jack and Ewan. They are from the Warminster Group in Wiltshire, England, and were attending Cherrybrook Cubs during their holiday here, returning a favour from the visit of a Cherrybrook Leader to their Cub Pack last year. They were the first to ride the Hover disk. I think it is fair enough to say that they were very impressed, both with the floating disk ride, and Russ said, with the whole night.



Joey Scout Fun Day

The Science base had a number of activities to keep the Joey's busy. First was the **Rocket** and an opportunity to have their picture taken, flying, with their feet off the ground. Well that's how it looks in the photos anyway. Hopefully each Joey will be able to download their photo from the GWS web site. Even a couple of Leaders and a pesky clown got into the act!

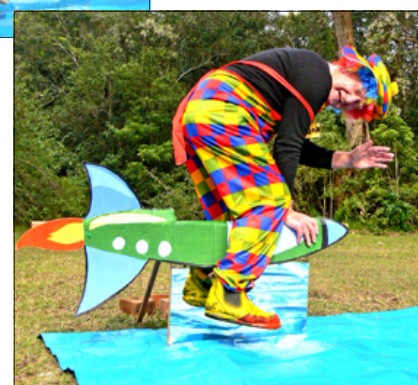
Moving around to the big **yellow crane**, and a play with the remote control to pick up the bucket with the hook, and swing it around to the other side of the table. Here the **microscope** was waiting to explore the spider shell, cicada wing, or silicon chips.

At the end of the table was a **circuit box** wired up to switch on lights, sound the buzzer or turn the motor

with the coloured disks attached. What happened depended on which button you pressed or if you activated the reed switch with the magnetic wand.

At the other end was the **Giant Bubble** wands and soapy liquid, which stubbornly refused to produce even small bubbles. This was despite changing the detergent, adding glycerine and the perseverance of Anthony Macarthur all day. I think there was something in the water; but at least the Joeys had clean hands when they left our base!

Thanks to Karl Humphreys for making sure things kept working all day, Anthony (with the very wrinkly hands) and Chris Lummis for expert instruction to the Joeys on how to ride a supersonic rocket.



**Frank
Barr
'clowning'
around!**

THE RADIO, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TEAM

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Karl Humphreys

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Murray Irwin

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ROCK RELATED ACTIVITIES

Spring is here and numbers on our next Abseil Course are strong.

Coming Activities

Abseil Course: 25th October (theory at Bundilla) and 29th and 30th October (practical at Bowen Mt. and Yellow Rock).

Rescue (Recovery) course: Sunday 6th November at Bowen Mountain.

Venturer Caving Course: 20th September (theory at Bundilla) and 24th and 25th September at Bungonia.

Caving Trip: 19th and 20th November at Wee Jasper.

Scout Abseil Badge Course: Sunday 18th September (practical), with a theory night in the week before at a location suited to applicants.

Venturer Canyon Course: 26th and 27th November, Juggler, Grand and Serendipity canyons, camping at Mt. Wilson on the Saturday night.

Canyon Trips: Sunday 13th November at Birrabang Canyon – no abseils or swims – suitable for Scouts. Also Sunday 4th December at River Caves and Deep Pass Canyons – no abseils or swims – suitable for Scouts.

The complete year's program is on our web site at:

www.beprepared.com.au/gws

Special courses for individual groups can be arranged by contacting Rick.

A1 forms are on the greaterwestscouts website in the activities calendar section. Applications (on the A1 Form) should be sent to the Region Office two weeks before the course.

Two-day and three-day courses cost \$30, One-day trips \$10, Scout Proficiency Badge courses \$10 (one-day) or \$20 (two-day). No charge for theory nights.

Rick Jamieson
RRA Coordinator
Phone: 4572 1321
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Venturers abseiling
at
Bowen Mountain

*Photo courtesy
Aaron Wardle*



BUSHWALKING NOTES

The implementation of the **new Adventurous Activities Policy** has been delayed as the MIS registration system is not yet in place. No codes have been allocated for the three bushwalking levels and a new A4 form is being designed to register the qualification.

The new system will require one form per qualification to reflect the requirements. The current A4 only requires one line per qualification. Until this is all in place, the "old" system of Bushwalking Leader (498) and Preliminary Bushwalking Leader (499) will continue.

No printed certificates are being issued as they will be superseded in the near future. There will also be no conversion from the old to the new as the assessment requirements are different. The old Preliminary Leader does not equate to a Level 1 and the Leader is not the same as a Level 2.

Venturers interested in **Waratah (11-13 November)** might note that each team will require only one Bushwalking Leader or Preliminary Bushwalking Leader. The new System of everyone holding a Level 1 and at least 1 Level 2 Bushwalking qualification will not be implemented by this date.

A **workshop** is being planned to qualify people in bushwalking under the new system. The workshop will be available to all NSW Branch Leaders, Rovers, Venturers and Scouts and will be held at Bundilla on **23rd October**. The levels awarded will be held until the registration system is complete. This should be well ahead of the new system implementation and the qualifications will be held so they can be registered as soon as the new MIS system is available.

Further details are contained elsewhere in this Bulletin.

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JOTA AT CATARACT

Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club (FGARC) will once again be manning the Amateur Radio Building at Cataract Scout Park this year. Cataract Scout Park is the only Scout Park in NSW that has a dedicated radio shack.

Why not bring your Cubs/Scouts to Cataract for this event and let them enjoy the experience of talking over the air waves to other Scouts around Australia.

If you are making it a camping weekend they will also have the opportunity to make contact with Scouts overseas during the early hours of the evening. Please note, you will need to make arrangements for a camping weekend through the normal channels, but it will also be necessary to let FGARC know as indicated below.

If you wish to come on a DAY ONLY basis and provide your own food, Park Management has agreed there will be no charge. **FREE ENTRY to the Park for either day only covers the JOTA activity.**

So, Leaders if you can't make it – encourage parents to bring their Cubs/Scouts to Cataract Scout Park and mums and dads will then be able to see the great safe facilities available.

It is understood JOTA/JOTI badges will be available through the normal channels for about 50 cents each.

It is essential to let FGARC know if you intend going to Cataract so they can ensure they have the necessary manpower to assist the Scouts. FGARC will also you provide the security code for entry to the Park for that day.

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GANG SHOW MEETS BEAR GRYLLS (CHIEF SCOUT OF UK)

Cast members from Cumberland Gang Show were treated to a rare opportunity, to sing on stage with Bear Grylls during the finale of his show at the Sydney Convention Centre on Friday 2nd September 2011. By invitation of the show's producers, we sang to music pre-recorded by Melbourne Gang Show, 'Heading for a New Tomorrow' (a 2011 Melbourne Gang Show song) and 'It's a Wild World' by Cat Stevens.

We were joined by cast members from other NSW Gang Shows, including Hornsby, Kirrawee and Korimul. The cast members only had about three hours of rehearsal time before they had to perform in front of a 3,500 member audience, and they all did a fantastic job!

The cast members were treated to a special thank you visit, autograph signing and photograph with the man himself, Bear Grylls after the concert!

Matt Thompson
Cumberland Gang Show



Photos courtesy of Jenny Wardell



Scouts Australia are once again asking Scout Groups to assist young McDonald's staff in collecting money for Ronald McDonald House Charities in their local McDonald's on McHappy Day. **100% of the money raised on McHappy Day goes to RMHC, so our members can feel good about helping seriously ill kids... and it's also a great way for your Group to talk about Scouting with families in your local community.**

McHappy Day may also provide an opportunity for you to establish an ongoing relationship with the management of your local McDonald's restaurant. This could result in employment opportunities, prize donations or community advertising for Scouts. In return for Scouts Australia's participation, McDonald's will provide participants with a free badge. McDonald's will also place Scouts Australia promotional tray mats in all of its 800 restaurants during March-December 2012.

For Groups fundraising in McDonald's restaurants: In October, the Branch Coordinators will provide the name and contact number of McHappy Day event managers in each McDonald's restaurant. Once you receive the contact details from your Branch Coordinator, you can give the event manager a call and start planning your Group's involvement in McHappy Day.

If your Group is planning to participate in McHappy Day, please visit the Scouts NSW website to read more about your role in McDonald's Restaurants, and to register your group's interest.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your NSW Branch Coordinator, Rosalie Batistoni on 9735 9034 or email rosalie.batistoni@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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