



## Hunter & Coastal Region

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## The Regional Commissioner's Message



### I Corroborate

I had the pleasure in visiting the Scout Corroborree held at Lostock Campsite in January. Our Regional Commissioner (Scouts), Kevin Allen has been active as a Leader exclusively in the Scout Section since 1968 but he still has enormous amounts of energy and still keeps coming up with new and challenging programmes to inspire the Scouts attending and this event was no exception. Congratulations to Kevin and his Team for a terrific event. Project STAR Personnel visited the event and Chief Executive Officer Graham Bargwanna commented favourably on the support and hospitality they were afforded on the day.

### The "Bash" Was Great

"BP's (annual) Birthday Bash" event was held very successfully at Blackbutt Reserve on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Firstly, thank you to Cub Scout Leader 1<sup>st</sup> New Lambton, Paul Metcalfe who is Ranger at the Reserve for allowing us the opportunity to utilise this terrific venue. Wow what a day! The weather was kind to us and the activities were absolutely first class. Wherever I went the feedback from the youth members was very positive. The event (as you appreciate) takes considerable time, effort and commitment. My thanks to chief organisers John & Jean Hattander because all the "T's were crossed and the I's were dotted" but from these people this is what you would expect. Chief Commissioner NSW Graeme Fordham and his wife Hilary visited us and were most impressed. Jean Hattander topped it off when she said if BP had walked down the road he would have recognised it as a Scouting event.

### Growth from the Ground UP!

We have three new Joey Mobs commencing this year. What a great start! The Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts) Marilyn Hocking with her Team are progressing through the

Groups that have expressed interest in starting Joeys by physically going to each Group and "talking up the positives" of having Mobs in those Groups. This is a huge job and congratulations Marilyn and her Team for this commitment which has been well over and beyond normal expectations but the program is proving to be a very successful initiative.

### RAMBO

Organisation for RAMBO-5 being held at Glenrock on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May is well advanced. A little disappointing however is that some feedback has been lack of knowledge of the event. Organiser and Co-ordinator Grahame Pricter has sent out a colourful self explanatory flyer. This is an opportunity to visit our Region campsite. Glenrock is the jewel in our crown. It is a fabulous location and the programme is just as good for the weekend. Make this your premier family weekend. Bring the lot. Siblings are very welcome. I guarantee a great time so don't miss this rare opportunity. RAMBO-5 under Grahame's leadership is a very similar event to BP's Bash. Get your Group right behind it and have a terrific family time. There will be more details about it on the Region's website too.

### Restarting Scouting

Denman Group is now up and running and Stroud Group also is happening (after an absence of over 20 years). Many thanks to our Regional Commissioner (School Promotions) Des Hocking for his efforts. Des reports 3 Leaders and 28 youth members to register very shortly. Well done again Des.

### Be UP on Billing

Quarterly billing of Membership Fees is happening next month. Great news! The Region Office Staff are "up to speed" and all looks good for a smooth implementation. Please embrace the initiative with gusto and enthusiasm.

### Richo Needs Your Help Please

Cooks Hill Extension Group is our sole Group that comprises exclusively young people with intellectual disabilities. The work is quite different to that experienced in other Groups but it does retain the Scouting flavour that we all know. This Group is struggling for help with Leaders. Group Leader, Allan Richardson has been with the Group since "day-one" in 1978. Allan is not a well man himself.

They have 23 youth members prepared to join this Group but unfortunately due to lack of Leaders, this can't presently happen. Our Regional Commissioner (Extension Scouts), Rex Moore would love to hear from you. His contact details are PO Box 105 Branxton 2335 or phone on 4938-1358 if you can help or if you know who can. It's sad we can't give these people the opportunity to participate in Scouting. The Rovers are doing their bit by conversing with the nursing fraternity. Any other, ideas please advise Rex.

### "The Basics" Revisited

Last month I spoke about basics. One extra "basic" is the ability to attract support from parents. My colleague, Ron Critcher (who is Regional Commissioner South Coast & Tablelands) recently spoke passionately about the fact that we tend to communicate poorly with parents when their child joins Scouting. This had me thinking back to when I joined the Movement as an 8-year-old Cub. My Group Scout Master at the time, George Davies, paid a special visit to my parents' home not only to welcome me but more importantly to interview and involve my parents. My mother became involved on the Committee and my father was never a chance (sorry Dad) but as he was a tradesman, George used his services as required. This is not about what happened to me it is just to draw a picture. I'm sure you have my drift. What is your Group system, what involvement do you have with parents and indeed new parents, how well do you know them and more to the point, how well do they know you? I've got to tell you this is not "chinese algebra" but there is obviously no doubt the performing Groups are the one's with excellent parental involvement. Make the effort. Get on the phone. Talk to people pragmatically. You will get a "yes" or a "no". Remember that not everyone wants to be a Leader but still in some way maybe they can contribute, if we ask them. There is then a big chance of them saying, "yes". My learned colleague Ron Critcher was spot on and I thank him for reminding me.

Steve Fernie  
Regional Commissioner

## Region Office Sells

H&C Region Badges - \$1 each

Leader Introductory (Training) Kits - \$10 each

(Please add postage if required)

ALL cheques drawn to "Scout Association" or "Scouts Australia" only please!

## Region Postal Address

The Region Office's Postal Address now is:

PO Box 854  
THE JUNCTION 2291

## Region Activities Fee Refunds & Credits

*(Rock, Water, Alpine, Bushwalking, Flying Fox & [some] First Aid Courses)*

When an applicant fails to attend an activity course and has paid a fee to the Region Office, the following applies:

### 1. Refunds & Credits

- 1.1 If the applicant withdraws from the course and notifies the Regional Office at least two days before the Course, then the full fee paid will be refunded or credited.
- 1.2 If the applicant does not attend the course and fails to notify the Regional Office before the Course then no refund will be made.

### 2. Credits

2.1 Credits will only be held:

- 2.1.1 For the next course nominated by the applicant. The credit can be 'transferred' once only.
- 2.1.2 For a period of one month from when the originally nominated course is held. If the applicant fails to advise the Region Office within that one month, the fee is forfeit.
- 2.1.3 When a course is postponed.
- 2.1.4 When a course is cancelled.
- 2.2 All credits expire regardless at the end of each calendar year.

3. **Effective Date** - This Policy has effect from 1st November 1996

4. **Appeal** - Any appeal arising from this Policy will be determined by the Regional Commissioner (Activities).

## Region Meetings

RC's Council – 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Gresford Cattle Project – 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
DC's conference – 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Executive Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> April  
RC's Council – 21<sup>st</sup> April  
RC's Council – 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Region Weekend (RAMB05) – 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May  
Region Annual Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> May

## Happy Hopping



**Sharing & Caring for Tuvalu:** Thank you to all the Mobs that participated in the Care and Share – Tuvalu. It has been a great success. Your District Leaders have been collecting the goods. If you still have your goods please get them to your District Leaders as soon as possible.

I also wish to sincerely thank the Central Coast Branch of The Baden-Powell Guild, not only have they kindly donated goods but they also helped financially. Our sincere thanks also go to Mrs Pamela Elliott from The Hunter Branch Baden-Powell Guild (Maitland). Pamela spent many hours making teddies and also brought goods. The Baden Powell Guild is made up of former Scouts, Guides, Leaders and Friends of the Scout and Guide Movements.

**Promote – It is up to all of us:** As we start this year, I am asking Leaders to try and generate as much interest in their Mobs as possible. Now is the time to get an article in the paper, do a letterbox drop, program for bring a friend night, place advertisements in your local shop windows, place an advertisement in your local school newsletters.

**Networking with Other Joey Scout Leaders:** I will also remind Leaders that our Section in this Region hold Monday chats on our Regional Web Site. Each Monday night you can talk with other Leaders, this is a great way to get ideas or just share with other Mob Leaders. Monday Chats run from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm at [www.scoutreach.com.au/info/index.htm](http://www.scoutreach.com.au/info/index.htm) You might like to just visit our web site for some programming help. The site has programs, games, crafts, songs etc all of which can help!

Marilyn Hocking  
**Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts)**  
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## Cub Scout Capers



**Grey Wolf:** The information for Leaders that could not make it to Grey Wolf Weekend will be available at their Seeonee. This information is a must as it covers State and Region guidelines about the implementation of the New Award Scheme. Not having the information or attending Seeonee will be no excuse for disadvantaging your Cubs during this transition year. Your DCSL will be given the session notes after the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March. The Leaders in the Pack will have to ensure that the correct steps are followed for attaining the “Grey Wolf”. It would be unfortunate to have to send a Cub’s work back because their Leaders did not give them the right information.

The Region has been fortunate to secure some publications, If I have any left over, they will be for sale for one week directly from me and then they will be returned to State. The cost has been largely discounted for our Weekend, the Leaders attending the Grey Wolf Weekend will have first choice and quantity. All attending Cub section Leaders will be able to purchase; the Leaders Handbook, my Adventure into Cub Scouts Book / Card, Cub Passports and a limited number of wall charts.

**Bring A Friend:** The majority of Packs have indicated they are ready to start the Bring a Friend Program, a few have delayed it until next term. This program is not just about youth members it is also designed to attract parent helpers to consider being a Leader. If you are a Lone Leader, include as many parents as possible to help you and direct your approach to the parents as well. Don’t forget the badge order, even if you are running the program next term as I will be placing only one order. The other section can buy the badge as well. The Pack can earn their “Buddy Badge” during this time as most requirements are covered by the program eg visit and join with an other pack, the “Regional Fun Day” will certainly suffice.

**State Cuboree 3:** Will be held in April 2008 at Cataract Scout Park. Transport will be included in the price. The Region will organize an Activity base; the theme for the base is Romans to coincide with the camp theme “Through the Ages”. We estimate that we will need a minimum of 15/20 Leaders / Rovers / Venturers and parent helpers, to run the base. At this stage Challenge Valley will be our base site. If you are interested please contact me, or would like someone to talk to your Crew / Unit call to arrange a suitable time.

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Have you even been involved with

### 1<sup>st</sup> New Lambton Group

We are celebrating our 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Where: West Leagues Club  
When: 6.30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Cost: \$37 a head



For more details contact Margaret Thompson on 4952 2705 or email [stilm@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:stilm@hunterlink.net.au) or Grahame Pricter on [g.pricter@hotmail.net.au](mailto:g.pricter@hotmail.net.au) or Alan Bartlett on [ealgesoars7@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ealgesoars7@bigpond.com.au).

## Scouting Around



**Corroboree 2005:** Well what a great camp this was! Even though the days were hot, the evenings were cool and everyone had the chance to recharge their batteries. To those Leaders and Youth members who were unable to attend you missed a great time. Maybe next time? I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to all the Venturers who attended the Corroboree for not recognizing them for their fantastic efforts during the camp at the closing parade. **To you Venturers, THANK YOU** for all your efforts because without you the Corroboree would not have been the success it was. I have been reading your comments on the Web Site and will take these comments to the planning meeting for the next Corroboree and address them so to make the next Corroboree a better one. Please keep your comments on any of our Scout Section activities coming.

### Up Coming Events:

Please make sure you have noted the change of dates for:

Region Scout Rally  
14/15 May

State Rally  
12/13/14 August

**Scout Medallion:** As you should be now aware the Adventurer Level Cord is no longer the highest award in the Scout Section the **SCOUT MEDALLION** is and to that, it is pleasing to have received more applications for the Scout Medallion. Leaders, please remember that if you are not sure of the Medallion requirements, then contact your District Scout Leader or myself. Also before sending to me the Application for the Medallion to me, discuss the project content with your District Scout Leader it may save you some time.

Kevin Allen  
**Regional Commissioner (Scouts)**  
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## Venturing



**HERE it COMES**

## FUN, FRIENDS & FREEDOM

**At:** 13<sup>th</sup> Australian Venture  
**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> January 2006  
**Where:** Cataract Scout Park

All details are on [www.venture.scouts.com.au](http://www.venture.scouts.com.au). Come along and have a great time.

### Up Coming Course

**Unit Management**  
30<sup>th</sup> April  
Kanwal Scout Hall  
Cost \$15  
Closing Date – 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Venturer Scout Leadership Course

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July  
Glenrock  
Cost \$45  
Closing Date – 1<sup>st</sup> July

Robyne Plant  
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## Dragon Skin 2005

If you love the smell of napalm in the morning, if losing an arm is merely a flesh wound, or even if just like adventure movies, then *Dragon Skin 2005 Warriors* is for you!

Dragon Skin is the biggest and best event in the NSW Venturer calendar, it is a four-day bushwalking and initiative competition, run over the Easter Long Weekend (25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March) With up to one thousand Venturers and Ranger Guides in around 200 teams from all over NSW, the ACT, and Queensland, Dragon Skin is four days of fun and challenge.

Dragon Skin 2005 Warriors will be held at Belanglo State Forest South of Sydney, and will be heaps of fun. To find out more: E-mail [activities@dragonskin.org.au](mailto:activities@dragonskin.org.au) or ring the Dragon Skin Hotline on 0418 652 123.

**The Dragon Skin Website is** [www.dragonskin.org.au](http://www.dragonskin.org.au)

## Rovers



**Roventure Rocked:** The "Attack of the Comics" Ro-Venture went off with a bang this year. Thanks to the 36 Venturers that attended and the Venturer Leaders and Rovers who attended to make the weekend a great success. "Team Joel" won the Ro-Venture and "Jannett's First Aid is Appalling" Team won second. There was "jelly" wrestling / clash of the titans also hulks challenge and Felix's Flicks. All who attended had a great time and we hope to see you all again next year at Glenrock.

**What I Saw at National Moot:** Tassie Moot was attended by 16 Rovers from our Region over the Christmas New Year period. Over 600 Rovers attended the Moot which was held at Lake Barrington. A great time was had by all and friendships were made from not only Australian Rovers but international Rovers as well. Explore Southern Tassie and Tassie in a Rush were the two main expeditions attended by our Rovers all on these tours had a great time the Explore Southern Tassie group had the slowest bus driver in the world and probably the only bus driver that could get lost going from the campsite to Hobart on the third visit to Hobart of the activity which is really quite sad.

Jannett Brown

**PR Officer - Region Rover Council**

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## Member Support – What is it and How do I access it?

In 2001 our then Regional Commissioner, Allan Currie, was asked by the Chief Commissioner to appoint a person from Hunter and Coastal Region to be part of a State wide team of Support Persons, under the leadership of Warwick Bateman. I was nominated to fill that role in Hunter and Coastal Region.

The position was to be the contact for Leaders, Youth and others within the Region, who may at some time need assistance with matters concerning assault, abuse, serious misbehaviour, trauma or tragedy or simply being there for where people were "at" or who had a need just to talk to someone.

The present Regional Commissioner feels that this has been a worthwhile contribution to Scouting within this Region.

Recently at the Corroboree at Lostock I had the opportunity to talk with a number of Leaders who were not aware that such a service was available as they like many Leaders had experienced some need for support.

This service is available by calling me at the phone numbers below. All contacts are confidential between the caller and myself. There will be times of course when the Regional Commissioner will have to be informed, but again this will be treated by him as confidential unless further action is needed. This will be done in accordance with the Law and the policy of the Association.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grahame Pricter JP

**Regional Commissioner (International) & Member Support**

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E-mail: g.pricter@hotmail.net.au



**Central Coast Gang Show 2005 Rolls On:** The auditions for this year's Show were a very successful afternoon.

The return of seasoned cast members as well as a lot of new faces makes for a very good year. Late comers are still very welcome so if you missed auditions please give Jan Caldwell a ring 4324-6574, the more the merrier.

The production team have been in full swing with workshops to get the songs, skits & rehearsal tapes ready for the first rehearsal.

Besides being a cast member there are a lot of other areas that help is need in, so if you would like to join us please give Jan a ring on the above number you do not have to be an expert we were all novices at one stage and some of us still are.

So now is the time to put Gang Show on next term's calendar and book early to avoid disappointment.

Lesley Mitchell

**Central Coast Gang Show**

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## Do we need to wear a Region Nametape?

The short answer is, no. The reason is that everyone is now wearing a Region Badge on the uniform sleeve and so there is no need to wear both Badge and nametape. Saves sewing time too! It is an individual Group choice however.

(Region and District people will usually wear one though.)

## Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting!

Well we have just finished the first Basic Leadership 1 (BL1) Course for the year. Whilst the Course was a success there were some learning outcomes. The main ones are that the Introductory Interviews (new name for Preliminary Core Modules) are not being done properly. This needs to be rectified by District Teams if they want to keep this function. It is not hard and is of vital importance to Training of new Leaders. It is of utmost importance that new people joining as Adult Leaders have the support they deserve this is why we have Personal Leader Advisers (PLA's). They should be given this contact at their Introductory Interview and where possible this PLA should be at the interview. Also of vital importance is that new Leaders be given an Introductory Kit (these are available from the Region Office). The Introductory Kit has some vital paperwork that needs to be completed. Some of this completed material goes straight to the Region Office however the workbook is required to be completed where possible and ready for sign off by an Assessor at the Basic Leadership 1 Course (BL1).

**2005 Training Calendar:** Is being delivered with February addition of your State Magazine. Or it can be accessed online from the Support Area of the Hunter & Coastal Website at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/info/>

**Training Forms:** Unfortunately if you accessed these forms in January they may not be the most up to date however our Training support people in Sydney will accept them at this point. They are being updated at this time and will remain current till January 2006.

The best way of accessing these forms is also using the Support area of the Hunter & Coastal Website at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/info/> To access, click on the + symbol to the left of the paperwork icon then click on the word state forms this will link you the NSW state website in the admin forms area. If you scroll down you will come to Adult Training where you will find all current Training Forms. If you don't have access to the net possibly someone within your Group does. If this still creates a problem then contact the Region Office and they may be able to send the current form to you. Remember failure to use the most up to date forms will hold up the appointment process and creates frustration for all concerned. Regional Activity Application Forms are quite different to these and are not available from the State website.

**Outside Service Providers:** Please note that sometimes outside service providers are arranged to supply Courses such as First Aid or Sailing. It must be noted that these providers operate separately to Scouts Australia Institute of Training. They are independently registered as a separate Registered Training Authority offering a service. They are

not acting for or on behalf of to Scouts Australia Institute of Training.

'Till next month  
Happy driving along the Training Track!

David Downie  
**Regional Commissioner (Adult Training & Development)**  
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## World Scout Day The Celebration!

2005 already! Remember that 31<sup>st</sup> July is the Regional Celebration of World Scout Day to be held at Christ Church Cathedral and King Edward Park and the wider surrounds of Newcastle.

Now, over the past few months I have overheard much discussion about the day itself. Some correct and some not so, well, just a bit left of centre anyway. So I'm urging all Leaders – Section/District and Region - please don't dismiss the day because it involves a Church Service or that is too far to go for a day...

The day has been put together to focus on the Youth Members. The Service focuses on the Scout Law and the development of Youth throughout Australia through Scouting. The day is set to be young and vibrant.

So, bring your Youth Members to the Cathedral for a short 40 minutes *youthful* service and show them something they will most likely only do once in their life.... Or come to Newcastle for the weekend and have a Section Camp or Sleepover with the Regional activities forming the Sunday program [it's not a long walk from Glenrock along the beach to the Cathedral?!]. All – in – all, I haven't heard an excuse not to come that could not be overcome with a bit of forward planning.

So then, now that we are all coming, all that's left to do is exercise a bit of forward planning, commitment and enthusiasm to get the kids there!

*See you there!*

Nigel "Akela" Reece  
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"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated failures. Persistence and determination are omnipotent."  
(Calvin Coolidge)

# Smoke Signals



Are you interested in computers or the internet, or would like to learn more? Well from the first Friday in March (the 4<sup>th</sup>) from 7.30pm to 10.00pm, and then each subsequent first Fridays of each month we will be having an open night for Scout, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to come along, learn, talk, show, and socialise at Charlestown Scout Hall, James Street Charlestown.

Does your Group have a Web Site, yes? Great! Let me know and we will add a link on the Regional Site. And if not we can help you design one to promote your Group. Have a look at the web link below for an example of a group website.

<http://au.geocities.com/firstavocabeach/new.html>

Do you need some pictures to spruce up your Group Newsletter? Here is a web site with a collection of clipart (pictures)

<http://www.emf.net/~troop24/icons/clipart.html>

With support from the Joey Section, we have just added some more Joey programs and activities.

## A GAME THAT CAN BE PLAYED OR MODIFIED FOR ALL SECTIONS

### Spear Fishing

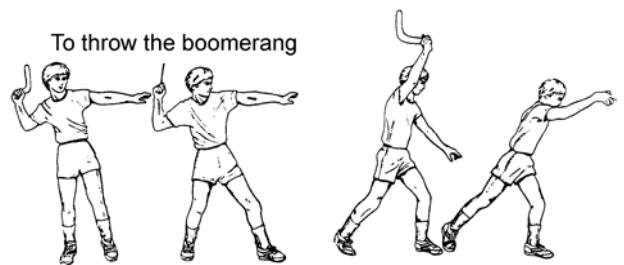
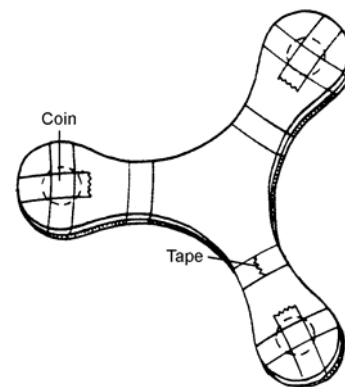
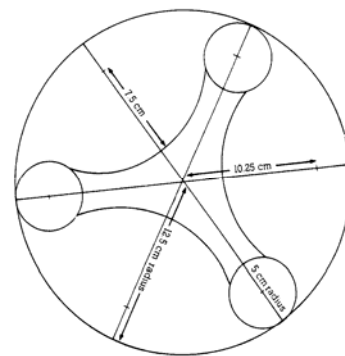
Equipment: A bucket, ten to fifteen corks for each team, a safety pin for each player, water

#### How to Play:

- \* Fill the buckets with enough water so that it's not easy to push the corks to the bottom.
- \* Divide the group into teams and set them up into relay formation.
- \* Give each member of the teams a spear (safety pin) and tell them that the team who catches the most fish (corks) after one minute wins.
- \* At the signal, the first player goes to the bucket and attempts to catch a fish.
- \* If he succeeds, he tags the next player who repeats the process.
- \* The game keeps going in this manner until the time is up. The team with the biggest catch is the winner.

## THINGS TO DO

**Making Boomerangs:** This is perfect with one thickness for indoor use, however combining two thicknesses together with small coins creates an excellent outdoor boomerang!



## COOKING IDEAS

**Twists:** Mix flour, water and a pinch of salt together to forms a thick dough, adding raisins and sultanas if you like. Make a snake like roll of the dough and twist this snake like fashion on a thick green stick (with bark removed). Support it over glowing embers turning occasionally until the outside turns golden brown.

Greg Allen  
**Regional Commissioner (Resources)**  
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“A complete revaluation takes place in your physical and mental being when you’ve laughed and had some fun.”  
 (Catherine Ponder)

# Regional Calendar

## April

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Venturer Scout / Rover Advanced Leadership 2  
1-3 April  
Closes 11 March  
Costs \$90  
**APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

### Activities

Bushwalking Practical - 0512  
2-3 April  
Closes 11 March  
Costs \$ 20

Abseiling Basic & Introductory - 0513  
2-3 April  
Closes 11 March  
Costs \$20

Sailing Beginners - 0514  
9-10 & 30April-1May  
Closes 17 March  
Costs \$25 (with Craft) or \$75 (without Craft)

Sailing Advanced - 0515  
9-10 & 30April-1May  
Closes 17 March  
Costs \$25 (with Craft) or \$75 (without Craft)

District Day (Lower Hunter) - 0516  
17-April  
Closes 24 March  
Costs \$10

Senior First Aid - 0517  
17 April  
Closes 24 March  
Costs \$30

Flat Water - 0518  
23-24 April  
Closes 1 April  
Costs \$20

Sailboarding - 0519  
23-24 April  
Closes 1 April  
Costs \$20

## May

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Advanced Leadership 1  
13-15 May  
Closes 22 April  
Costs \$85  
**APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Basic Leadership 1  
21-22 May  
Closes 29 April  
Costs \$95

### Activities

District Day (Watagan) - 0520  
7-May  
Closes 15 April  
Costs \$10

Senior First Aid - 0521  
7-May  
Closes 15 April  
Costs \$30

White Water Grade 2 - 0522  
14-15 May  
Closes 22 April  
Costs \$20

Alpine Walking Theory - 0523  
22-May  
Closes 22 April  
Costs \$5

Rockclimbing Intermediate - 0524  
21-22 May  
Closes 29 April  
Costs \$20

## May

### Training

Basic Leadership 2  
3-5 June  
Closes 13 May  
Costs \$105

# Appointment List

BEC – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2005

## APPOINTMENTS

ROBERTSON, Francis – GL – 1<sup>st</sup> Toronto  
 CLARKE, Brett – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Erina Heights  
 HALL, Ian – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Scone  
 MACEY, Gordon – CSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Toronto  
 PARSONS, David – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Wangi  
 ROSS, Carolyn – CSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Byattunga  
 GREIG, Alistair – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Town  
 GREIG, Shane – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Town  
 PENGELLY, Robert – VSL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Muswellbrook  
 WEBSTER, David – AVSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Scone

## TRANSFERS

**BARTLETT, Alan**  
 From Grp Adviser 1<sup>st</sup> New Lambton  
 To Region Adviser Region

**BLIIM, Anthony**  
 From VSL 1<sup>st</sup> Mannering Park  
 To RL (Activities) Region

**BOORER, Christian**  
 From ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Narara  
 To AVSL 1<sup>st</sup> Narara

**CARR, Terry**  
 From DC Gosford  
 To RC (SD) Region

**DICKSON, Deborah**  
 From CSL 1<sup>st</sup> Tuggerah Lakes  
 To ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Tumbi

**FORD, Geoffery**  
 From ASL Singleton  
 To SL Singleton

**GRAY, Rodney**  
 From SL Singleton  
 To AL Singleton

**KEARNS, Jennifer**  
 From GL 1<sup>st</sup> Bensville  
 To DC Gosford

**KIRKNESS, Brett**  
 From Member CC Gang Show Fellowship  
 To AVSL 1<sup>st</sup> Berkeley Vale

**MURPHY, Jeffrey**  
 From ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Narara  
 To CSL 1<sup>st</sup> Narara

**NICOLE, Claude**  
 From DL (T) Gosford  
 To DL (T) Central Coast Lakes

**WARD, Julie**  
 From ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Branxton/Greta  
 To SL 1<sup>st</sup> Branxton/Greta

## RESIGNATIONS

BARNETT, John – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Beresfield  
 DRAMAN, Scott – GL – 1<sup>st</sup> Tumbi  
 HILDER, Kimberly – AL – 1<sup>st</sup> Swansea  
 HILKMANN, Peter – SL – 1<sup>st</sup> Beresfield  
 HOLMES, Shane – CSL – Singleton  
 PHELPS, Kenneth – SL – 1<sup>st</sup> Branxton/Greta

## TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HAYNES, Aaron – TL (CS) – 1<sup>st</sup> Swansea  
 WATT, Gaye – TL (JS) – 1<sup>st</sup> Swansea

## RESIGNED IN ERROR – 13/9/04

BLIIM, Anthony – VSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Mannering Park  
 BOORER, Christian – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Narara

## REGISTRATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Muswellbrook Venturer Unit

## Wood Badges



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lisa Chamberlain 1<sup>st</sup> Rathmines  
 Marilyn Hocking Region  
 Natalie Prosser 1<sup>st</sup> Tilligerry  
 on being awarded their Wood Badge.

## Queen's Scout



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Simone Cleary 1<sup>st</sup> Warners Bay  
 Kimberly Morrison 1<sup>st</sup> Berkeley Vale  
 on being awarded their Queen's Scout Award.

## Yellow Cords



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Andrew Greenwood 1<sup>st</sup> Raymond Terrace  
 Alan Duncan 1<sup>st</sup> Tilligerry  
 on being awarded their Yellow Cord.

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# Run-in with Rovers

## Feedback

Hunter & Coastal

**ROVERS**

Hello again everybody, it's good to be getting more feedbacks rolling in every week. Depending on how big the articles are, I will be trying to publish 2 per month, so please be patient. First in, first served?

### Positive

**Name:** Peter Seddon  
**Group:** 1st South Wallsend  
**Position:** Scout Sectional Leader  
**Activity:** Various & Wagga Environment Camp '04  
**Dates:** 2004  
**Crews:** Various around State

**Feedback:** In response I wish to acknowledge Rover crew in general. Having been involved in Scouting for the best part of 11 years I have met a number of individual Rovers and firmly believe that the majority of scouts who make it all the way to Rovers are a credit to themselves, their parents and the Scouting Movement in general. Their commitment to go that far should be recognised by all. As in all sections of scouting, there may be the odd few that sometimes "go overboard" and may not set the best example. Having 3 sons in the movement with the oldest going to Rovers in the near future I am looking forward to having more contact with the Rovers in general, maybe we in the scout section need to be contacting Rovers in our area to invite them to be involved in what we do even though they have been there already. Rovers have fun and keep up all the good work you all do.

*Need I say more? Thank you*

### Positive

**Name:** Nerida Stocks  
**Group:** Anna Bay Venturers  
**Position:** Leader / Parent  
**Activity:** Training  
**Dates:** July '04

**Feedback:** I did my basic training with some Rovers earlier in 2004. They were planning on becoming activity leaders. I only remember one of them was from Morisset, but distinctly recall what a really nice friendly group of guys they were. They were helpful, patient leaders teaching us and also contributing group members as training progressed. As individuals they were involved & genuine & I thought how good it was to see these young men involved in a constructive activity. Good on them!

### Positive

**Name:** Jenny Kearns  
**Group:** 1st Bensville  
**Position:** Group Leader  
**Activity:** Varied and many  
**Dates:** 2003-2004  
**Crews:** Gosford and Wyoming

**Feedback:** All I can say for these two groups of Rovers is that they are always on call to help at any District or group event they are invited to, whether it be fundraising, parking control, helping at Joey/Cub fun-days and District camps.

They are happy to visit groups and give the Venturers an insight into Rovering and I have great admiration for their commitment to scouting in the Gosford District.

*Thank you Jenny for acknowledging the efforts these Rovers are making to support their Junior sections in the District.*

## Run-in with Rovers

**Feedback Type:** Positive  Negative

**Observers Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Irrelevant for Parents)

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. Leader, Venturer, Parent)

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain anonymous: Yes/No

**Activity Details:**

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rover Crew/s involved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Feedback:** (200 words or less)

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