



Hunter & Coastal Region

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The Regional Commissioner's Message



More "Positives" than you can shake a stick at!

In my Bulletin article this time last year (that is April 2004) I stated that as our numbers had dropped so dramatically (something like 600 plus in the month of March), I felt as though I had been crash tackled by Broncos tough guy, Gordon Tallis and sat 6 rows back into the grandstand but this year it's nothing but positive news. Our numbers in comparative periods have grown from 2395 total overall to 2668 total overall which (for those quick on arithmetic) is an increase of 11.4%. This is exceptional. The only still disappointing trend is that our Leaders numbers are still "very ordinary" and obviously our "Recruitment 10% +" Strategy needs more focus. Maybe it might be as simple as each Leader in the Region make their goal of recruiting one (extra) Leader this year. I wish it was that simple. Those that know me will realise that I'm not "big" on theory so any successful strategy suggestions are most welcome and I encourage you to let me know your thoughts, ideas or criticisms on this important problem. My success rate is getting ideas is frankly only "very average" so please take this as seriously as I do and let me know your views.

A quick inspection to analyse why we have showed an increase, one factor that jumped off the page is the increase of over 100% in the Joey Scout Section. This statistic has only been achieved by the hard work and dedication of our Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts), Marilyn Hocking and her Joey Team. Only approximately 25% of our Groups have Joeys and that makes the 100% growth figure even more amazing, doesn't it? But in some places where there are still negative vibes against starting a Joey Mob, it's seen as being all too hard. I've heard the reasons galore from "Leaders problems" to "nobody is interested". I again encourage you to put your hand up. Marilyn and her Team

will, when convenient, come to your Group and talk to you about successful strategies to implement Joeys as an integral part of your Group. Marilyn says she will not be happy until 80% of our Groups have a Joey Mob. Let's make Marilyn happy, she deserves to be!

"If You Don't Ask, then You Don't Get" Field

Yet another football analogy. Manly Rugby League CEO recently asked their incumbent coach Des Hasler what did he need but didn't have, to make their team successful. He then went on to say to Des that if you need something or want something, then we will get it so that you can succeed. Whilst I know the volunteer difference "line" will come into vogue, Scouting basically is the same. I have an expectation that all Groups have a strategy to expand. What I am saying here is that I've been on both sides of the fence and I have heard the lines "that Region and State doesn't come near us" and "nobody worries about us" and so forth. If your Group needs something it hasn't got to make it successful then let us know and, yes, help will be on the way. I suspect that "we need more Leaders" might get a mention.

"Keep Your Mates" Awards are Coming

This Retention Strategy is now complete and approximately 30% of the Region's Groups qualified for awards. Members of my Team will be on the road shortly to present the promised prizes personally. Congratulations to all those Groups that succeeded in stopping the summer drop.

RAMB05 and Activities, Activities

Talking about being on the road, last year Glenn Brown, our Regional Commissioner (Activities) did a presentation in all Districts in the Region. Part of the focus was saying to Groups if you need us to help or wish to utilise the services and talents just ask and give a reasonable time frame and no problems.

RAMB05 will see our Activities Team "showcase" all the major activities. I've said before and I'll say it again that no Group has the resources or ability in terms of personnel, accreditation or equipment to stage such an event. Bring your Group and family members and see the Activities Team in action. Get the ideas and implement them as part of your programme.

I started on a positive and spoke about our growth in the Region. We have all been to campfires and know if we don't throw another log on the fire, then the campfire goes out. Scout Groups are no different from those campfires. Just because you are going ok now doesn't mean you can't go off the rails later. Throw another log on the fire as the song says and keep your Group "flaming" in 05.

Steve Fernie
Regional Commissioner

Celebrating World Scout Day – Celebrating Youth!

The Programs are out and in circulation. If you have not seen one please contact your Regional or District Leader NOW! All Regional and District Commissioners were sent a copy on the 24th March so everyone should have laid eyes on one!

If not, please call the Region Office so we can send you out a copy. It also helps us see which Districts and Sections are getting material out to their Leaders and which aren't!?!

So, about the programs - those of you in the Joey and Cub Sections would have noticed that the final details for some of the places to visit were still yet to be confirmed. Let me now say they are, but bookings will need to be made and in next months Bulletin I will tell you how!

Now, rehearsals are about to start which will give everything a fine tune. The Badge has been sent off to the shop for production and the Rovers are set to cook us up a storm. Thanks also to the BP Guild – Central Coast, for being our Home Base Personnel for the "Race Around Newcastle".

Remember your support and enthusiasm is essential if the day is going to be a success... and remember, don't ask someone who knows less about what is going on than you do – contact the office or myself.

See "your" there!

Nigel "Akela" Reece
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Looking for Support Guides?

Try: www.nswscouts.com.au/default.aspx?FolderID=127.

All the current Leaders Support Guides are now available on that page.

Warwick Bateman
State Commissioner - Members Support



"My name is Rambo and I am one cool Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer or Rover, but one thing's sure I'm going to have one heck of a weekend with all of you at Glenrock on the 28th & 29th May. Haven't heard about it? Well chase your Group Leader or DC for details. This is a weekend for all the Group's including mums, dads, brothers and sisters and even grandparents. Cool eh! See you there!"
Your mate Rambo

RAMBO-5, RAMBO-5, RAMBO-5! This should be the chant on every Groups Leaders and family lips. For this is being billed as a unique "Premier event" in Hunter and Coastal Region. Just about all of Scouting in the Region is involved. From Groups to BP Guilds, to the Thursday Voluntary Work "Mob", to Region Office, to outside organisations and many more. This is your week-end to experience Scouting with a difference.

The Region Activities Team under Glenn Brown and each of the Sectional Region Commissioners are bringing to you a range of activities that you would not get even at a Jamboree or a Cuboree. So talk to each other and make the decision, if you haven't already done so, to come to the Region RAMBO-5 week-end on the 28th and 29th May at Glenrock, Every Group Leader and District Commissioner has a copy of the activities for the weekend.

But if you haven't been told, then here they are:

Jumping Castle, Face painting, earth balls, kite flying, craft, games, "The Basics", Rope Bridge, Do-nut slide, Milk Carton Boat demonstration, Caving, Canoeing, Navigation skills, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Alpine Activities (Yes at sea level), Water slide, Vertical Bungee Jump, Sailboarding, Canyoning demonstrations, Camp Fire, Computer Base, Fly over by hang gliders (weather permitting) and more!
Wow what a week-end!

Any requests or enquiries concerning camping or parking should be directed to me at the email listed below or by phoning 4943-5849.

More on this premier event next Bulletin.

Grahame Pricter
Co-ordinator RAMBO-5
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"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."
(Mark Twain)

Happy Hopping



Regional Konara (“Just One Hour a Week”)

The Regional Konara will be held at Glenrock Scout Centre on 16th/17th July. Starting time is 1.00pm Saturday to 2.00pm Sunday. The cost for the weekend will be \$45. To apply please use the Training Course Application Form (L1) and post it to Region Office (PO Box 854, The Junction 2291). Closing date for applications is **Friday 1st July**. The theme for this year Konara is “Just one hour a week”. I would like to invite all our Leaders to attend this once a year event. The Konara is designed to give Leaders hands on experiences to enable Leaders to utilise these ideas in their Mobs. This Konara offers lots of FUN, new experiences, a quick and easy elective, friendship, special visitors and lots more. The weekend is considered a training weekend, payment should be funded by your Group. If you have any questions please speak to your District Leaders.

RAMB05

I mentioned the RAMB05 weekend last Bulletin. This will be a fun weekend for all our Joey Scouts and their Parents. So far I have only heard from one Mob who has applied to attend the weekend. Please give this weekend its due, as there will be activities available for our Joey Scouts and parents to try that they would not normally encounter.

Region World Scout Day

If you have been reading the Bulletin you would have notice the advertising of World Scout Day. Bring your Mob and have a great day.

Joey Scout Forms

Your District Leaders have a newer version of the Joey Scout Mob Report form. Please ensure that you receive your copy at your District Wandarrah. This form should be handed back to your District Leader each Wandarrah or posted to the District Leader if you are unable to attend your Wandarrah.

New Mobs and Leaders

I recently attend a Training Course at Glenrock for Joey Scout Leaders. I must say it was wonderful to see ten new Leaders from our Region at the Course. Watching these new Leaders over the weekend I could not help but feel proud and confident that our Joey Scouts are in such good hands. Three of these Leaders are from Groups that are starting Joey Scouts for the first time, Wingham and Paterson/Bolwarra. Well done to those Groups for taking up the challenge to expand your Group.

Marilyn Hocking

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Cub Scout Capers



Gai's Moving North

We have lost a valued member to Queensland. I cannot fully thank Gai Avery Johnston (Mudda) for her dedication to the Cub Scouts in the Region and support with the State Cuborees. Gai has brought her District full circle to one that works as a coherent team. All the best Mudda and to your family in your move to “toad country”.

Regional Fun Day

Is on the Sunday 15th May at Mulbring Park, this will be the culmination of the Bring A Friend Program. The Day is for all Packs not just those doing the Program; we need your estimated numbers attending ASAP to your DCSL. This is to allow adequate toilet facilities etc. There is a small cost to the Fun Day which is \$4 per Cub Scout and \$3 for New Chum/ Bring A Friend and siblings. Your Cub Scouts can earn their “Buddy Badge” during this time as most requirements are covered by the program eg visit and join with other packs; The “Regional Fun Day” will suffice. The Buddy badge is available through Regional Office.

RAMB05

Make sure that you don't miss out on the fun weekend at Glenrock on 28th / 29th May. Your GL / Leader in Charge has more details.

Palava

Is on Saturday the 30th July at Glenrock, the theme is “Christmas in July”, with the elective “People and other cultures”. The day will start at 8.30am and finish around 10.30pm. We will leave site around 10.30am for WSD. Leaders can arrive after 8.00pm Friday due to the early start on Saturday. The cost will be \$60 which includes the extra night and meal. Each attending leader will receive a resource book. If you have an item that could be used in the book please give it to your DCSL in plenty of time for printing.

We looked at moving the event to another date or location but the cost and availability was not in our favour, so we will book the next Palava away from World Scout Day.

Region World Scout Day Celebration

Our WSD Event is being held on Sunday 31st July. This Day celebrates Scouting throughout the world, where Scouts come together in friendship and Scouting spirit. The Day starts at 11.30am at the Cathedral and then proceeds to King Edward Park for activities bases on the TV show “The Amazing Race”. Nigel and his team have put a lot of effort in to the Day. See you there to enjoy the Day and show support to our leader and their efforts.

David Main

Regional Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

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Scouting Around



Rally 2005

I hope you have not missed the DEADLINE for your Application forms to be at the Regional Office for this activity. It was Friday 15 April. The Theme this year is "Rain, Thunder, Hail and Shine. Once again the top 30 patrols will be given the opportunity to attend the State Rally in August.

RAMBO5

Please come and join us on the weekend 28th 29th May at Glenrock. You can: Family Camp, Troop Camp or Patrol Camp. Activities for all ages are planned and on the Sunday the Scout section are planning to have the Bungie / Trampoline unit there. This is an opportunity for you to come and camp at Glenrock with all the weekend activities having been planned for you.

Jamborette 2005

Please put the following date on your Calendar - October Long weekend 1st to 3rd October. Scouts NSW will be running a State Jamborette. It will be held at Camp Cottermouth, in the ACT. Cost will be \$50 to \$60. Activities are being planned for both onsite and offsite. Applications will be made available shortly.

Kevin Allen

Regional Commissioner (Scouts)

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Queen's Scout



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mark Cosgrove – 1st Gosford

on being awarded his Queen's Scout Award.

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Venturing



Dragon Skin - Easter 2005

Out to Belanglo State Forest for four Days. Carrying your tent, food, cloths etc. Sounds hard work but not for the 850 or so Venturer Scouts from all over the State. They were having too much fun to let it to worry them. Taking part in Activity Bases through out the Forest, run by Leaders and Rovers. Thank You to those Hunter and Coastal Leaders and to the Rovers who supported this activity. Finishing the day at a VOC (Venturer Overnight Camp) to Dance, Party or just read a good Book. What a great way to spend Easter! Well done to the Team that attended, you looked like you were all having a good time.

What's coming up:

RAMBO5 – 28th / 29th May

I hope that your Unit is going to Glenrock, it's a great opportunity to sample a wide range of activities in one place.

Leaders Day Only

This Day will include an Elective and hopefully input from you in an Open Forum in the afternoon.

When – Sunday 3rd July

Where – TBA

Cost - Nil

Start – 9.30am and Finishing 3.00pm

Lunch will be provided. Please email your acceptance to assist with Catering by replying by 30th June to robyneplant@hotmail.com .

Venturer Scout Leadership Course

23rd and 24th July 2005

At: Glenrock

Cost \$45 which includes accommodation, catering etc.

Closing Date – 1st July

Unit Management Course

18th September - Sunday

At: Telarah Scout Hall

Cost - \$15

Closing Date – 26th August

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"We are all born under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon."
(Konrad Adenauer)

Rovers



Our “New” Year

Our Region Rover Council (RRC) AGM has now been held and thank you to all those who attended. Congratulations to those who were elected as our new RRC Executive, we are looking forward to another great year. A huge thank you goes out to those who were a part of last year’s committee, there were some great achievements made during your term.

“V” for VOC

We have recently returned from Dragon Skin, where Rovers from our Region were attached to VOC 1 and VOC 4, running security and activity bases. From what I have heard a great time was had by all that attended.

NZ Moot – “Older” Venturers Too

Next year there will be a group of Rovers from our Region forming part of the Australian Contingent to the Annual New Zealand Rover Moot. If there are any Venturers out there who will be 18 by next Easter, please let them know that this is coming up.

RR2006 – (Region Roventure)

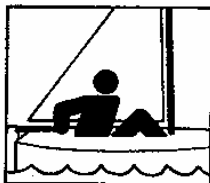
Planning is well under way for the ‘Survivor’ Roventure, to be held in February next year. We have got stacks of great ideas and the organising committee is on a high from the success we had this year. Anyone with ideas or suggestions can get in contact with the Roventure committee on the following email address hc_roventure@yahoo.com. Flyers were also released at Dragonskin and we are aiming to get local Rover Crews to start organising promotional trips in the next few months.

Ian Cosgrove

PR Officer – Region Rover Council

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Adventurous Activities



It is that time of year again when we put away the swimmers and try to find the warm clothing we had packed so carefully at the beginning of the summer. It is winter and the activities just keep coming

Water

The recent White Water Grade 1 Course was cancelled due (to all things) flooding on the Barrington River. Participant’s forms have been cancelled and money refunded but please all apply again soon! The beginners and advanced levels

Sailing Course was well attended with 13 students getting on the water for the first time and another 10 coming back to continue their Sailing.

Bushwalking

Now that the weather is turning the thoughts of some turn to Alpine Walking and for those who attended the Alpine Theory Course have taken their first steps into another world as far as walking in the Australian bush. It is hoped that they continue on to complete the Alpine Practical held on the 11-12 June and the pinnacle of the winter season Alpine on Snow on the 6-7 August.

Rock

State personnel are still working through the issues in relation to access to the Blue Mountains areas and so I will keep you updated when I hear anything. It still appears the Scouts like to jump off cliffs. As was shown on the introductory Abseil course where eager Scouts lined up to test their new skills against the cliff face. Thanks to Mat Parsons and his team for a great weekend. Newcastle District held their activity day at Glenrock. Ken Bayliss and his team ran a very successful BRAF abseil introduction for the 10 Scouts who attended.

Applications for the Rockclimbing Advanced close on the 17th June. Abseil Advanced closes on 3rd June.

H&C Fellowship

This Fellowship is up and active once again this year and is open to all. If you feel that there is no “life after Scouting” then maybe the Fellowship is for you. It gives you the opportunity to continue supporting Scouting through activities.

RAMB05: 28/29 May - Be there or it will be your loss

Well the most talked about event of the year is almost upon us. It will be one of the most active events this year giving your Scouts the opportunity to try everything activities can offer in the one spot.

Look forward to seeing you and your Scouts on the activities.

Glenn Brown

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Lessons in Life Learned from Noah

- Don’t miss the boat.
- Don’t forget that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Stay fit. When you are 600 years old someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- Don’t listen to critics, just get on with what has to be done.
- Build your house on high ground.
- For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Speed isn’t always an advantage – the snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you’re stressed, float for a while.
- Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic was built by professionals.

(acknowledgement: South Coast Scouting)

Drivetime



CATCH UP COURSE FOR CERTIFICATE IV IN BUSINESS (Frontline Management)

PLUS

CATCH UP COURSE FOR CERTIFICATE IV IN LEADERSHIP

What is it? In line with our new accredited training program, existing Wood Badge holders are eligible to apply for an externally recognised Certificate IV in Business and a Certificate IV in Leadership. Similar courses at other training institutes (eg TAFE etc) can cost well over \$700.

Who is eligible to apply? All current Wood Badge holders. You must have a Wood Badge from any section; unfortunately we cannot accept applications from non-Wood Badge holders.

Where to apply: Course application marked “Catch Up Course for Cert IV” Send your application (along with the administration fee) to RC(AT&D) at Region Office. I will then forward applications on to State Office.

Time to complete: By end of September 2005.

Cost: There is now a \$20 Administration cost. This fee covers the cost of both certificates. Even if you are only eligible for one certificate, the fee is still \$20.

Difference between Certificate IV in Business and Certificate IV in Leadership:

By completing the attachments you will receive a Certificate IV in Business. By producing evidence of a Work Cover approved First Aid Certificate you will also be presented with the Certificate IV in Leadership. A certified copy of your first aid certificate must accompany your final checklist.

What is required by the applicant: All applicants must complete 25 attachments from the new Cert IV requirements and have them signed off by their Team Leader and an Assessor.

What are the attachments?

1. (4.03) Adult Development Plan (download from NSW website in the forms section or contact the Regional Office) bring along completed with Team Leaders signature already filled in.
2. (4.05) Exercise re Aims of Scouting and the Scout Method (My Role and the Scout Method). Describe how you use the scout method in your role.
3. (4.06) Evidence – Application of Scout Method (Example) – choose one example of how you demonstrate an aspect of the Scout Method (learning by doing).
4. (4.12) Long Term Plan (Yearly program for section leaders) (yearly program/calendar or strategic plan for others).

5. (4.13) Medium Term Plan (School Term) (from your Yearly Plan).
6. (4.14) Short/Weekly Plan 1 (from your Medium Term Plan content) (weekly program for section leaders and minutes and agendas of monthly meetings. For others include an evaluation of how the program/meeting went.
7. (4.15) Short/Weekly Plan 2 (from your Medium Term Plan content) – same as above.
8. (4.28) Networking (working with other people) – needs your Team Leader’s signature. Lists how you treat people.
9. (4.31) OH & S at group level – checklist of your local hall.
10. (4.33) Work sample – local involvement – evidence of being involved in risk management at your local level – could be minutes of meeting where safety issues were discussed, an incident report, accident report etc.
11. (4.35) Risk assessment (participate in an incident which involves first aid) and record the steps you took during and after the incident.
12. (4.40) Mentoring – Role of PLA to include simple instruction – working in pairs eg tying a knot, explaining a game
13. (4.41) Record how you can monitor a Managing Information System (MIS) (award scheme, in-service training etc).
14. (4.42) Example: Management Information System (an example of 4.41) eg Member’s Report, Award Scheme Chart, Personal Record Card.
15. (4.49) Unit Checklist on how to Manage Youth Programs – needs Team Leaders signature.
16. (4.55) Program with contingencies (could be wet weather program, alternate speaker, new venue, new equipment) could be one of your 4.14 or 4.15 programs showing alternate arrangements.
17. (4.56) Branch approval form (A.1). Download from NSW website.
18. (4.57) Parent letter – letter to parents details some of the information relating to an event eg Jamboree requirements, Cuboree, Mob Sleepover etc.
19. (4.58) Parent Approval Form – activity approval confirmation.
20. (4.59) Menu – camp menu.
21. (4.60) Ration List – list of amount of food purchased for number of people present.
22. (4.61) Risk Analysis – Risk assessment of event showing risk ratings – blank form attached if you don’t have one.
23. (4.62) Budget proposal – Budget for the camp.
24. (4.63) Transport Details – How to get to the camp – details.
25. (4.66) Final checklist Interview – With RCAT&D or their delegate.

AS YOU CAN SEE MOST OF THESE ATTACHMENTS ARE BEING USED IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE IN SCOUTING.

IN THE CASE OF GROUP LEADERS AND DISTRICT/REGIONAL LEADERS, your group plan, agendas and minutes from meetings can replace programs used by sectional leaders.

Apply today. Don’t miss out because you “Didn’t get round to it”.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

I thank Warren Goodall (RC AT&D South Coast & Tablelands) for his permission for me to "pinch" most of this article from him. It outlines very well the whole process.

David Downie
Regional Commissioner (Adult Training & Development)
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Region Meetings

RC's Council – 19th May
Region Weekend (RAMB05) – 28th/29th May
Region Annual Meeting – 29th May
RC's Council – 16th June
DC's Conference – 18th June
Executive Meeting – 20th June



Would you like to spend your summer holidays in England, Denmark or Japan?

If you're a Venturer and are keen to immerse yourself in another country, living in a family, attending school, and participating in scouting activities....then check out the Scout International Student Exchange Program (SISEP).

Ever wondered what it would like to be a Host Family to an overseas student???

If your family is keen to introduce an overseas Scout to family life, school and scouts in Australia, and you have a Venturer in your household.....then SISEP is for you!

SISEP is a 6-8 week educational and cultural exchange experience for Venturer Scouts. It encourages international goodwill and understanding between Australia and other Scouting countries and participants experience life in another country by living with a family, attending school and participating in local Scouting activities.

Australian Venturers undertake the Program during the summer school holiday period, returning home in time to start the new school year. Overseas Venturers come to Australia between June and August. The exchange student covers the travel costs, and the host family looks after the living expenses.

Interested? Check out the Program at www.scouts.com.au and call or email for an info pack. Contact the NSW Co-ordinator, Claire Geary, on 9785 1110 ah or 0415 544-457 or by email to sisep@scouts.nsw.com.au.



"Season 2005" Has Started

The weekend of 2nd/3rd April, 2005 was our first camp for the 2005 "Season". This year's Show is coming together very nicely. The Saturday night disco was a great success with a lot of hidden talent coming out especially from one particular Joey Leader.

Come along to "Red Scarf Night"- 14th July

Past members of any Gang Show come along to our Red Scarf Night on Thursday 14th July. Wear your red scarf to let the cast members know that you are also a member of the Gang. We guarantee to take you on a pleasant trip down memory lane.

Advertise With US!

We are looking for advertisers for our programme. People recognize that an ad in the programme doesn't just talk about a product or a business, it also says that the company supports Scouting and Guiding, so it is a two way street.

A quarter page costs \$25, half page costs \$50 and a full page costs \$100. We distribute about 150 programmes to cast and crew and sell another 500 to our audience people when they come to the show.

So if you would like to place an ad or know someone who would please contact me Lesley Mitchell 4369-3639 or email me garyley@inet.net.au.

Oooops!

ERROR in Booking Form: Please note new time of Matinee show it is **1.30pm** not 2pm this year.

Lesley Mitchell
Central Coast Gang Show

Looking for a Free PC for your Group / Unit / Crew?

Yes? Then Region may be able to help you!

Region has access to a number of used PCs which are now available. There are conditions to the give away. The top condition is that there is NO software supplied and that there is a strict time limit when you must collect it.

For more details call, Greg Allen (Regional Commissioner - Resources)
Phone: 0407 361-080 ONLY between 6pm and 10pm daily.

Smoke Signals



Scouting Is Alive

"*Scouting is Alive*," but I think it ought to be "Scouting is alive and well and living in (our/your community)." I guess this is supposed to remind us that over 98 years after Scouts first started in England, Scouting still offers fun and adventure to our youth. But maybe this is a good time, as we think about this saying, to ask ourselves, "Are we alive in Scouting?" Do we take part in all Group, District and Regional activities? Are we advancing on the Scouting trail? (encourage youth member to move onto cubs, scout, venturer or rovers) Are we trying to live by the Scout Promise and Law? In other words, are we "alive" Scouts? Or are we deadwood? Let's remind ourselves that every time that we repeat the Scout Promise, we pledge, "On my honour, I will do my best. . . "That's a good guide for living, not just in Scouting but in everything we do.

Just a reminder for:-

- ♣ A great weekend RAMB05 at Glenrock on the 28/29th May 2005, with lot of activities. See elsewhere in this the Bulletin for more information.
- ♣ Region World Scout Day Celebration on the 31st July, The Day itself – start at 11.30am Christ Church Cathedral. After the Service, we will move to King Edward Park for lunch and for the official start for the Scout and Venturer Race. Joeys and Cubs can start their activities at any time. See the Bulletin for more information

Well what a night, Friday the 1st April our second Computer Night. We helped setup some Group computers, looked at picture of Scout events over the Region and talked about improvement to the regional web site. Next night is the 6th May, and then 3rd June. Come along for an informative evening.

A Game that can be played or modified for all sections

Kangaroo Relay

Equipment: Nil

How to Play:

Divide the group into two teams and have Scouts line up, one behind the other. Place a chair about ten feet in front of each team. The first Scouts place a ball between their knees, hop around the chair, and return to tag the next Scouts in line. Scouts may touch the ball with their hands to pass it to the next Scout or to pick it up when dropped, but they cannot move while touching the ball with their hands. The first team to send every member around the chair and back is the winner.

Ping-Pong Blowout

Equipment: Ping-pong balls and straw

How to Play:

Cub Scouts line up on one side of the room on their hands and knees, each has a straw and a ping-pong ball. The object of the game is to blow the ball across the finish line on the other side of the room. First one across wins the game.

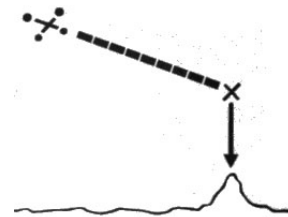
Cooking Ideas

Omelete in a bag

- ♣ In a freezer style sandwich zip lock bag:
 - ✓ Crack 2 eggs
 - ✓ Add shredded cheese (approx ¼ cup)
 - ✓ Add extra ingredients to taste
- ♣ Onions, precooked bacon, spam...
- ♣ Get the air out, place in boiling water
- ♣ Occasionally remove from water and kneed bag to "stir"
- ♣ Eat well done.

Finding South by the Southern Cross

First locate the Southern Cross, draw an imaginary line along the cross and four and a half times longer and then drop it vertically down to the horizon. Fix, if you can, a prominent landmark on the horizon - or drive two sticks into the ground to enable you to remember the position by day.



Programming

When you are planning a programme for a weekly meeting the first thing to take into account is the age of the young people. The younger the section, the more that needs to be planned. Venturers, Patrol Leader Council in Scouts and Sixer Council in Cubs should be able to choose some or with Venturers most of the activities or games for a programme on the evening if necessary. Despite this, even with scouts and venturers, there should be a basic programme for each meeting involving some games and some scouting activities.

When planning an activity as part of a programme there are several things to take into account:

- ♣ What? - what is the activity?
- ♣ When? - is it at an evening meeting or at the weekend? - what time during a meeting (beginning/middle/end)?
- ♣ Who? - who will be running the activity (leaders/Venturer Scouts/Patrol Leaders)?
- ♣ Where? - where will the activity take place?
- ♣ Why? - what is the aim of the activity?
- ♣ How? - fine details including budgeting

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"All things are difficult before they are easy."
(Thomas Fuller)

Regional Calendar

June

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Training

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

Activities

Caving Introductory & Intermediate - 0525
4-5-6 June
Closes 13-May
Costs \$20

Alpine Walking Practical - 0526
11-12 June
Closes 20-May
Costs \$20

District Day (Port Stephens) - 0527
19-Jun
Closes 27-May
Costs \$10

Abseiling Advanced (Part 1) - 0528
25-26 June
Closes 3-Jun
Costs \$20

July

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Training

Venturer Scout Leadership Module [for Venturers]
23-24 July
Closes 1 July
Costs \$45

Basic Leadership 1
23-24 July
Closes 1 July
Costs \$95

Activities

Rockclimbing Advanced - 0529
9 - 10 July
Closes 17-Jul
Costs \$20

District Day (Central Coast Lakes) - 0530
17-Jul
Closes 24-Jul
Costs \$10

Appointments List

TRANSFERS

AYTON, John
From VSL 1st Rathmines
To AVSL 1st Rathmines

BAUMGART, Volker
From DSL Watagan
To VSL 1st Rathmines

BILLINGS, Carmel
From ASL 2nd Belmont
To AJSL 1st Valentine

BURGESS, Stuart
From GL 1st South Wallsend
To DA Newcastle

RANKIN, Amy
From ASL Cessnock City
To ASL 1st Kanwal

RESIGNATIONS

BRICE, Christopher – SL – 1st Wyong
BRICE, Emma – ACSL – 1st Wyong
BYCROFT, Robert – ASL – 2nd Newcastle
CROSSINGHAM, Anna – ASL – 2nd Newcastle
GUERIN, Anthony – CSL – Wallamba
LAMBERT, Leonard – ASL – 1st Wingham
MORRIS, Leanne – CSL – 2nd Muswellbrook
PRITCHARD, Phillip – GL – Charlestown
SCOTT, Stewart – ACSL – 2nd Muswellbrook
TYLER, Robert – VSL – 1st South Wallsend
WOOD, Louise – ACSL – 1st South Wallsend

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

BAUMGARTNER, Michele – Trainee AL – 1st Gosford
CHANNON, David – Trainee AL – 2nd Muswellbrook
DE VILLIERS, Jeffrey – Trainee (V) – 2nd Muswellbrook
DREW, Michael – Trainee (S) – 2nd Newcastle
GALLAGHER, Glynn – Trainee (S) – 1st Wingham
O'MALLEY, Steven – Trainee (CS) – 1st Warners Bay
PARKINS, Yvonne – Trainee (CS) – 1st Wyong
SHILLING, Hollie – Trainee (JS) – 1st New Lambton
TRACEY, Brian – Trainee AL – 2nd Muswellbrook

CORRECTIONS

MULLALY, Michelle – SL -1st Byattunga
(Should be AL – 1st Byattunga)

ROBERTSON, David – SL -1st Byattunga
(Should be AL – 1st Byattunga)

Useful Addresses

H&C Region Office
PO Box 854, The Junction 2291

NSW State Office
PO Box 125, Lidcombe 1825

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