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The Regional Commissioner's Message



Recognition Awards

By the time you read this article the Leaders who have received recognition for their service to Scouting for World Scout Day will be known. (A list appears on the attached flyer). Congratulations to all concerned for your outstanding contribution to Scouting. This is the first year that this will happen in August and from now on they will be in August in lieu of February when we will still have a BP's Birthday Bash at Blackbutt's Richley Reserve. It should be noted that these awards are only given to Leaders who have given service above and beyond their normal Scouting duties, in other words, it is just not recognition for the number of years they have been involved and furthermore it is recognition to Leaders for what they have done since (if applicable) any previous awards so it is very clear on this basis that these awards are not given lightly and the Leaders concerned should feel very proud and rightly so.

Central Coast Gang Show

In mid July with the Regional Chairman Mr Euan Melville, I visited the opening night's performance of Central Coast Gang Show. The next morning the first question my wife, Yvonne asked me was, "How did the show go last night?" When I said "terrific" her expected answer to me was "For me to say terrific, it must have been something out of the ordinary". You see, to put you in the picture, I rarely watch TV, probably I have been to the theatre twice in my life, I have never been to an art exhibition, I have very little musical knowledge so it would be fair to say that I have a poor appreciation of the arts. I am not saying there is a problem with those that do. Just that it isn't "my thing". As a fellow Scout I do have an appreciation of enthusiasm,

commitment and interactions amongst fellow Scout personnel. These people, who are volunteers just like us, have put literally hundreds of hours of time, energy and commitment to producing this event but very sadly and unfortunately people from Newcastle and beyond (i.e. the rest of the Region) poorly patronise the event. I've tried everything bar hiring taxis to take people to this event but with little success. I'm realistic enough to know "getting up" people about this is not the solution but at \$13 a head and one night's commitment out of 365 to pay our gratitude and respect to these wonderful people, I would respectfully suggest, is a pretty fair ask. Jan Caldwell, the Show's Director, with her very sincere and bubbly personality makes you feel very welcome. The local DC, Terry Car although he has been DC for twelve years of Gosford (being our largest District) still finds the time and energy to participate. What is the answer? What are your views? I am very interested to find out why don't we go? I would love to know and more importantly, Jan and her Team, would love to know as well. I seek your feedback please.

Do you love your Hall? (Can anyone else tell?)

I grew up with 1st Wallsend Scout Group and we were encouraged to be proud of our hall and make sure that it was presented well in the community. I still see this hall everyday of my life and I still look at it with pride. The present Group Leader, Wayne Bull and his team have kept up the standard that was preached to me and indeed what I preached. Well done 1st Wallsend, but I've got to tell you all that we have other properties out there that are less than ordinary as far as presentation is concerned. I know there is nothing new about this problem and I know also it will always be a hassle but seriously it is our public image. Would you honestly be inclined to have your child join Scouting in a hall that the grass is waist high, hasn't been painted in twenty years and which has the guttering falling off? I would suggest, unlikely. I know you are going to tell me that the Group has no money, that there is no one on the Committee and it is the same people who turn up all the time but ironically unless you get your hall in shape then that equation is not going to change. If your hall is in a state of disrepair, then please endeavour to do something about it because that is the only thing that the general public see. If what is on the outside is ok, chances are what is on the inside will be ok. If they all look like 1st Wallsend's Hall (I

am certainly biased I know but), then this Group has got it right.

Out and About Again

Myself and other members of the Regional Team are about to embark on a visit to all Districts and a personal invitation has been sent to all Leaders to attend. Please come along, we would love to meet you. We are there to listen as well as to talk. If your Group needs help or has a problem the offer to assist is there and will always remain.

Steve Fernie

Regional Commissioner

Feeling Stale? Need a New Challenge?

Cooks Hill Extension Group have vacancies for Leaders, Advisers and Supporters so that the member waiting list can be reduced or maybe even eliminated.

Don't know much about dealing with people with disabilities? Not a problem, we will train you.

Come and see, try it for a little while. No obligation. Make a difference!

Contact:

Rex Moore

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The 2004 season of Gang Show has just concluded and for the first timers their nerves have been conquered.

All the cast and crew gave their all to make it a successful show.

Six members of the gang received their 15 year badge, 7 their 10 year badge and 11 their 5 year badge, which just goes to show that once Gang Show enters the blood it STAYS.

The production crew have well earned short break before taking on the mammoth task of what to present for you all next year.

In the mean time we look forward to entertaining the Cubs at the up coming Region Cuboree.

Lesley Mitchell

Central Coast Gang Show

Happy Hopping



Region Fun Day "Under the Sea" Speers Point Park

The Joey Scout Fun Day forms attached to our From the Pouch Magazine have now distributed. If you have not received the magazine, please contact your District Leader so arrangements can be made for you to receive the magazine. The Fun Day is 24th October commencing with opening parade at 9.00 am the day should conclude at 3.30 pm. Applications to attend the Fun Day will close on Friday 1st October.

Again, this year we are asking for designs for the Fun Day badge. The designs will need to be drawn on an A4 size sheet of paper. Entries close 27th August.

Our fancy dress this year is for the Joey Scouts to come as fish with Leaders and Helpers dressed as any other sea creature.

Joey Scout Uniform

As most of you would be aware, there is a new Scout uniform. Joey Scouts will now have a national uniform the same as all other Sections. At this stage, investiture procedures will remain the same but they will probably need to change in the near future.

NSW State has decided to include a hat with the uniform. Your District Leaders' will have the hat on display at your Wandarrahs during August/September. The hat is available at all Big W and Kmart stores for approximately \$6.

Care and Share Month - November 2004

It has been decided to do something a little different this year for Care and Share Month. We are asking all Mobs in our Region to adopt an island half way between Australia and Hawaii. The island is Funafuti in a small country called Tuvalu; Tuvalu is a small, isolated country with a population of 11,000 people who live on nine low-lying coral atolls with a total land area of just 26 square kilometres.

We are asking the Joey Scouts to help the Preschool on the island by donating new and used (good condition) coloured pencils, powder paints, scissors, craft types items, paper, story books (not too heavy). Leaders you can help too, the country and island is trying to get Scouting up and running again they are in need of uniforms, world scout badges, scouting books. This could be a good reason to change to the new uniform early! Your District Leaders have more information and will have a kit to give out for your Mobs with photo's, map etc. Care and Share across the seas!

Marilyn Hocking

Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts)

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Cub Scout Capers



Cub Review – What’s Happening?

The National Cub Review is almost completed and the final details will be completed in September. Implementation will be 1 January 2005. On the whole it is basically the same as we do now. Boomerangs are still age based and Achievement Badges remain based on ability. The State Commissioner (Cub Scouts) Jan Goodall will be conducting an Introductory Session in each Region. The Session is a must for ALL Cub Scout section Leaders and any other interested Section Leader can attend. A date has not been set yet. The new publications reflecting the changes will possibly be available before 2005. We are trying to do a bulk purchase prior to the release date, to help with 2005 Programming. As information, come to hand it will be passed to your DCSL.

Leader’s Resource Tasks

To date the response has not been good considering this was a request from you, the Region’s Cub section Leaders. This book is not just for new Leaders, it is for all of us. Consider the resource material that would be available to you and your Pack. Please send your material to your DCSL or Jill Hill (Email akelajill@acay.com.au or Fax 4385-3073) NOW.

Regional Cuboree

The final payment is now due and the closing date for applications is now past (1st August). We will have T-shirts again, order forms will be sent to DCSL for distribution. A full range of tops were at the Palava to view and order. This should be the last camp at this site for a few years; a new site is being sourced for the next Cuboree. Please do not let your Cubs miss out of this great event, your DCSL’s have been working hard to make this camp even better than last time. We have heard the requests and have changed the way the Districts will be camping, to help with the kitchen equipment and to enable Leaders to attend. Each District will have one kitchen / dinning area.

State Cuboree 2005

The State Cuboree is an experience that your Cubs will remember forever. Consider your views on the matter, and if you are not able to attend, then still give your Cubs and the parents the opportunity of attending. We require a minimum of 30 Cubs to hold a pre event camp in the Region. At last State Cuboree the Region had 90 Cubs attend, this time transport is included into the cost. The application forms are available from your District Leader and the Region Office.

David Main

Regional Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

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Venturing



Yes, you asked for it!

Region Venture 2004

3rd to 5th December

Come camp and have **FUN** with fellow Venturer Scouts

Take part in activities, competitions and have **FUN**.

All of these are your suggestions from the Programming Day.

Watch this Space

More information next Bulletin and though your Zone Council in the coming months.

Venturer Scout Leadership Course

19th/20th September - Location TBA - Cost \$45 which includes all meals, accommodation etc - pre requisite must be 16 years or over - Closing Date 27th August. All applications to Region Office (PO Box 41 Adamstown 2289). Apart from the having Fun weekend you will learn new skills and ideas and have a Certificate for your resume. **No**, you don’t have to be doing the Queen’s Scout to attend.

Robyne Plant

Regional Commissioner (Venturer Scouts)

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“If people didn’t sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.”
(Ludwig Wittgenstein)

Scouting Around



I would like to start this month by saying "CONGRATULATIONS" TO Scout Glen Beasley – Lowe who on the 17th July was presented with his SCOUT MEDALLION CERTIFICATE at the Annual State Meeting. Glen is the FIRST Scout to attain this award in the Hunter and Coastal Region and he is from 1st Avoca Beach Troop. To all Leaders who have been asking about the requirements for the Scout Medallion they are as follows:



GUIDELINES FOR LEADERSHIP ACTIVITY AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION



The following guidelines have been approved by the NSW Branch Mindari for use when assessing the acceptability of a leadership activity to qualify for the Australian Scout Medallion.

Please note:

- The Activity can be commenced once it has been signed off by the Regional Commissioner (Scouts) (RC S) and the Branch Commissioner (Scouts) (BC S).
- The Application form must be submitted and the activity approved BEFORE the activity is started.

The activity must not be part of the Award Scheme (eg Patrol camps and Activities are not sufficient to qualify as the Award Activity).

It must also contain the following elements:

- Planning: The what, how, who, when and where details of the Activity;
- Coordination: The identification of people, places and resources necessary to complete the Activity
- Delegation: The assignment of tasks to other people who will be directed in the completion of their tasks by the Scout;
- Allocation: The efficient collection, distribution and utilisation of the resources needed to successfully complete the Activity;
- Execution: The actual conduct of the Activity and the performance of the Scout during this time.
- Assessment: A review of all aspects of the Activity by the Scout to determine the success of the Activity.

Obviously some of these elements will not have been completed when the proposal is being submitted, in particular the Allocation, Execution and Assessment elements, however the information regarding the project that

is submitted for approval should contain sufficient detail to enable the elements to be recognised as part of the activity

STEPS TO BE TAKEN:

1. The Scout must initially discuss the proposed Activity in terms of the above Guidelines with their Scout Leader to seek initial concurrence.
2. The proposed Activity is then to be submitted / discussed in detail with the RC (Scouts) in your Region to confirm that the Activity meets the Guidelines set down.
3. An Application for Award of the Australian Scout Medallion is to be completed (Parts 1, 2 & 3) and submitted to the RC (Scouts) together with any additional documentation, fully setting out the proposed Activity.
4. The Application will then be submitted to the BC (Scouts) for final approval.
5. Once full approval has been received, the Activity can be commenced.
6. On completion of the Activity, a full report, noted by the SL, is to be submitted by the Scout to the RC (Scouts) who will examine the report and make a recommendation to the BC (Scouts) for the presentation of the Award.

Kevin Allen

Regional Commissioner (Scouts)

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Rovers



Last month has been a great month for Rovers. The Hypnotist Night went off with a bang with a great time had by all who attended.

Have you seen us lately? If we haven't been attending courses, we have run a few courses in the Region. Wallsend Rovers ran a Flat Water Course for Venturers. Also we have been attending courses such as Sailing, Rock Climbing and Abseiling. We are hoping to be come a visible force in the Region.

Hike for Hunger - We are still collecting cans for this event, so if you would like to donate some to your closest Rover Crew this would be great.

Keep having fun in Scouting and if you would like a Rover Crew to visit you just email me at Jannett1981@yahoo.com.au.

Jannett Brown

PR Officer - Region Rover Council

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Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting

Alright, alright, I surrender! There are a number of you out there who do in fact read the Bulletin and I apologise for not submitting an article last month for you to read. I will try to arrange things so that I am less busy.

Wood Badge Projects 12 Month Expiry

A number of Wood Badge Projects set in September 2003 will shortly expire. If you have not already done so, you need to contact your Course Leader and let them know the current status of your Project. At the expiration of the 12 months you will need to talk to me regarding an extension in time. Some of you may have valid reasons why your Project has stalled and an extension in time should not be too great a problem. Some may need an alternate project set and again this should not be to great a problem, however in all cases "communication" is the name of the game. If we do not know why the project has stalled then we cannot assist you in the successful completion of your project and awarding of the Wood Badge.

Advanced Warning of changes to Training next year

Members of the State Training Council of which I am a member met recently. We have recommended a number of fairly drastic changes to the Regional Commissioners' of this State. As yet they have not been approved however I strongly advise existing Trainee Leaders to attempt to complete your Basic Training before 31st December 2004. Whilst it is not necessary it may avoid some potential problems and hold-ups to your appointment. Why change? Common comments received from Regional Commissioners are that the Training to appointment stage takes too long, that new Leaders appear under prepared for the roles they are seeking, that youth sections have little understanding of the commonality of what they do, that existing Leaders transferring to another role take too long. To this end we have tried to resolve some of the perceived problems and when they are approved, I will expand on what we have proposed.

Visit Glenrock Scout Training Centre

Many of you may not be aware that as Regional Commissioner (Adult Training and Development), I am an ex officio member of the Glenrock Scout Centre Management Committee. At our last meeting some members of the Committee (including myself) had need to walk the site. Whilst I am very familiar with the site I left with a very different view. This change in view is due to one man. His name is John Le Messurier and the site is his child. No longer is our property at Glenrock just a Training Centre or just a Camping Ground, John's planning, his love and attention has turned the Centre into a living treasure. His improvements are priceless. I pray that nothing ever harms them as they are priceless and almost irreplaceable. So do yourself a favour visit the site and have a good look around.

Or better still bring your sections for a visit, Pack Holiday or Camp. Remember that the surrounding Glenrock State Recreation Area has some great hikes within its boundary and our property just happens to be the crowning jewel in its centre.

Till next month happy driving along the training track.

David Downie

Regional Commissioner (Adult Training & Development)

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Adventurous Activities

The Team has had another busy month with Scouts participating in activities both inside and outside the Region.

The Alpine Walkers got more than they bargained for when they ventured out this month. Ten Scouts and Leaders from Kotara and Sydney attended the practical course held at Barrington which turned out to be the coldest weekend on the year. A carload of Scouts and Leaders from Forster could not make the Course as all things, snow blocked the road. This turned out to be a good introduction to the On Snow Course being planned for Guthega on the 7th-8th August.

The Environment Team has been active this month with work continuing at Toronto West hall on the native nursery. Fifty Scouts and Leaders from the Region travelled to Wagga Wagga to participate in an environment weekend. The major focus for the weekend was desalination of the region. The local Council ran a workshop and display on how they are trying to reverse the problem of salt and lower the water table in the area with some 13,500 trees were planted over the weekend. But it was not all hard work with social activities such as a disco and campfire being run. Congratulations to all who attended.

The Rockclimbing Intermediate Course held last month was a great success. There were a total of 20 people attend the Course. This is the biggest number to attend a Rock Course for a few years now. The Course was held in the Central Coast Lakes and Gosford Districts on some cliffs we had not previously used for Region Courses. This gave the Instructors some experience at other climbing locations. The next Rockclimbing Intermediate Course will be held on the 18th/19th September with the closing date of the 27th August. Thanks to Matt and your team.

With the winter months Water has had a slow and cold time but for all you avid water people a new season is about to start with both flat water and sailing courses being held in August. So get your forms in early!

Glenn Brown

Regional Commissioner (Activities)

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Catalina Cup Regatta

25th & 26th September 2004

Rathmines Scout Hall

Sailing, Canoeing, Camping, Land based Activities FUN and more FUN!!!

Hunter and Coastal Region invite all members to join in the fun and participate in the Water Activities Event – the 3rd Catalina Cup.

- Entertainment Saturday Night
- Shops close by
- Come and enjoy beautiful Lake Macquarie
- Registrations and Boat Inspections 9.00 am – 11.00 am Saturday 25th.

For further information please contact: Karen Allen (0416) 223-654 or karenla@kooee.com.au

Application forms to the Region Office (PO Box 41 Adamstown 2289) together with \$10 camping & sailing fee before Friday 17th September.

WHERE DO YOU GET IT?

Badges, Books & Uniforms

Phil's Trophies

3 Teak Street

Gateshead 2290

Phone: **4943-0631**

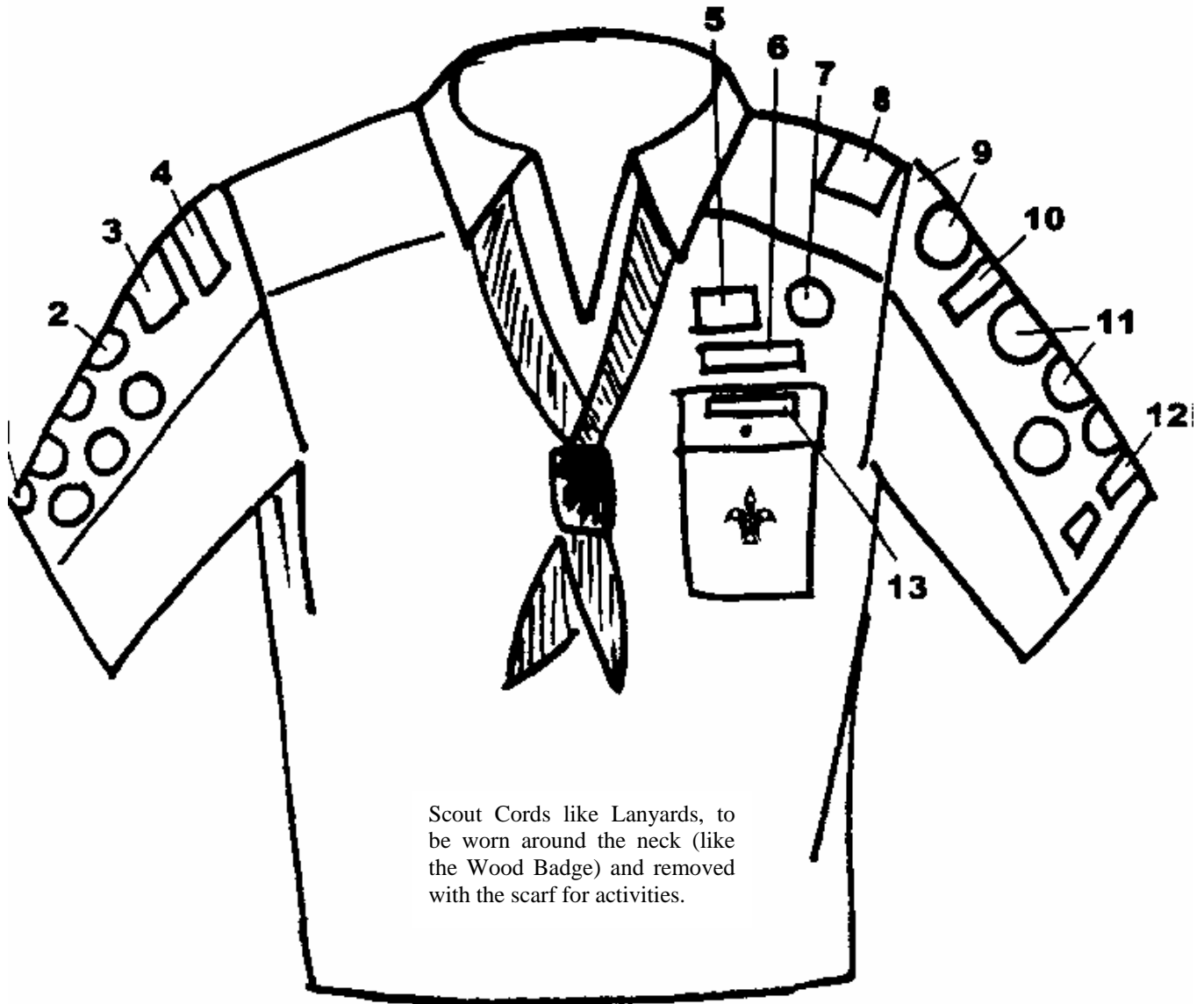
E-mail: **philst@bigpond.net.au**

Web Address: **www.users.bigpond.net.au/philstrophies**



NEW UNIFORM ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

BADGE LOCATIONS FOR THE NEW UNIFORM (As at 1 April 2004)



Scout Cords like Lanyards, to be worn around the neck (like the Wood Badge) and removed with the scarf for activities.

1. Specialist Badges (Right Sleeve)
2. Proficiency/Achievement Badges
3. Region Badge, below Group Name Tape
4. Group Name Tape
5. Australian Flag Badge
6. Youth Service Badges or Adult Civil / Military Awards (if any)
7. World Scout Membership Badge
8. Scout Leadership Course / Invested Rover Badge
9. Six / Patrol Symbol/Rover Knot
10. Scoutcraft Badge or Venturing Skills Badge
11. Major Achievement Badges eg. Queen's Scout, Baden Powell Award, Adventurer, Boomerang Badges
12. Leader Awards: Good Service, Long Service etc. or Youth Member Link Badges
13. Leader Name Bar (on left pocket flap) or Youth Role (eg Patrol Leader, Sixer)

Thank You to GWS Region Bulletin for this diagram.

Appointments List & Awards

BEC – 12th July 2004

APPOINTMENTS

MACALPINE, Deborah – ACSL – 1st Tuggerah Lakes
GUTHRIE, Leanne – ASL – 1st Nelson Bay
KIRKNESS, Brett – Fellowship Member – CC Gang Show
WILSON, Lindsay – Fellowship Member – H&C Activities

TRANSFERS

DEBENHAM, Judi
From ACSL 1st Berkeley Vale
To ACSL 1st Kanwal

WILLIAMS, Wendy
From JSL 1st South Wallsend
To Group Adviser 2nd Newcastle

RESIGNATIONS

BOLAND, Brenda – ASL – 1st Merewether

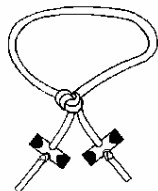
TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HAM, Elaine – TL (JS) – 1st Medowie
PENFOLD, Bradley – TL (S) – 1st Merewether

RESIGNED IN ERROR – 31/3/04

WILLIAMS, Wendy – JSL – 1st South Wallsend

Wood Badges



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Carmel Billings – 2nd Belmont

Chris Brice – 1st Wyong

Robyne Plant – Region

on being awarded their Wood Badge.

Queen's Scout



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Emily Krisenthal – 1st Valentine

Andrew Travis – 1st Valentine

on being awarded their Queen's Scout Award

Yellow Cords



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Shane Weiss 1st Branxton/Greta

Felicity Whitehead 1st South Wallsend

Luke Robertson Kurri Kurri

Samuel Hugo Cessnock City

on being award their Yellow Cord.

National Youth Council

On the first weekend of May 30th representatives from all over the country met in Sydney for the annual Scouts Australia National Youth Council Camp. The NYC has the task of discussing many issues directly involving the youth members of Scouts Australia. To assist in this the NYC is broken up into five small working groups. They are: Youth Health, Employment & Education, Technology, Environment and Marketing.

The NYC is seen as the link between the youth members and the adults in the movement. The council has great exposure as the executive of the NYC report direct to the National Team and are in regular contact with the National Executive Committee and the National Operations Committee. This enables the ideas of the youth to go straight to the top.

On the Saturday evening we had an outing in Hornsby, was greatly enjoyed. We had a fancy dress diner out theme was 'Hawaiian' there were great costumes.

On the Sunday we summed everything up and chose new executive members.

For more information regarding the NYC please contact me on Kate.Hughes@nyc.scouts.com.au or at 188 Marsden Street Shortland 2307

Yours in Scouting

Kate Hughes

Kate Hughes
National Youth Council
(1st Wallsend Scout Group)

Regional Calendar

August

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Activities

Caving Intermediate – 0443
28th-29th August
Closes 6th August
Costs \$20

Flat Water 2 – 0444
28th-29th August
Closes 6th August
Costs \$20

September

Training

Joey Scout Advanced Outdoor Skills
17th-19th September
Closes 27th August

Cub Scout Advanced Outdoor Skills
17th-19th September
Closes 27th August
Costs \$70 - **APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Scout Advanced Outdoor Skills
17th-19th September
Closes 27th August
Costs \$70 - **APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Activities

Topic 9 Basic White Water – 0445
11th-12th September
Closes 20th August
Costs \$20

Rockclimbing Intermediate – 0446
18th-19th September
Closes 27th August
Costs \$20

Navigation Day – 0447
19th September
Closes 27th August
Costs \$20

BRAF Abseil (Port Stephens District) – 0448
25th-26th September
Closes 3rd September
Costs \$20

Region Regatta (Catalina Cup) - 0449
25th-26th September
Closes 17th September
Costs \$10

October

Training

Scout Advanced Sectional Techniques Module
15th-17th October
Closes 24th September
Costs \$120 - **APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Basic Core Module
30th & 31st October
Closes 8th October
Costs \$70

Activities

Caving Advanced – 0450
2nd-3rd-4th October
Closes 10th September
Costs \$20

White Water Grade 1 – 0451
9th-10th October
Closes 17th September
Costs \$20

Topic 9 Bushwalking (Theory) – 0452
10th October
Closes 17th September
Costs \$5

Abseiling Basic (Introductory & Intermediate) – 0453
16th-17th October
Closes 24th September
Costs \$20

Rockclimbing Advanced – 0454
16th-17th October
Closes 24th September
Costs \$20

Level 2 Senior First Aid – 0455
23rd October
Closes 1st October
Costs \$30

BRAF Abseil (Lake Macquarie & Watagan Districts) – 0456
23rd-24th October
Closes 1st October
Costs \$10

Cancelled

SCOUT EXPO

- WHAT IS IT?** An exhibition of Scouting information and equipment. A chance to see program ideas and camping and other equipment displayed all in the one place
- WHERE IS IT?** Bundilla Scout Training Centre
Baden-Powell Place, Winston Hills (near Parramatta)
- WHEN IS IT?** Saturday 30th October 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and
Sunday 31st October 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
- HOW MUCH IS IT?** **ENTRY IS FREE!!!!**

This is a great chance for all leaders to pick up ideas they can use in their program. Every Region will be presenting different skills and experiences that they have developed over the years in their own Troops. In addition, the Activity Centres will be there to give you information on the facilities they provide that can be used to make your program even more exciting.

We also have a number of suppliers interested in the opportunity to show off their products, from ropes to tents to packs even trailers, rope manufacturers and tour companies.

Light refreshments will be available for sale.

LEADERS FROM ALL SECTIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

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Adult Recognition Awards

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SILVER KOALA – For Distinguished Service

DOWNIE, David – RC (AT&D) – Region

STAITE, Michael – ACSL – 1st Ourimbah

SILVER WATTLE – For Outstanding Service

GEORGE, Allan – GL – 1st Paterson/Bolwarra

SILVER ARROWHEAD – For Excellent Service

BAYLISS, Ken – RC (Special Duties) – Region

DICKSON, Deborah – CSL – 1st Tuggerah Lakes

DOYLE, Lee – DC – Port Stephens District

FLETT, Noel – formerly ARC (Activities) – Region

GRAY, Rodney – SL – Singleton

HOCKING, Marilyn – RC (Joey Scouts) – Region

McNAB, Barbara – ASL – 1st Point Clare

MOONEY, Hugh – RL (Venturer Scouts) – Region

MURRAY, Allan – GL – 1st Wangi

PIPER, Elaine – DJSL – Gosford District

PLANT, Donald – VSL – 1st Kanwal

POOLE, Philip – SL – 1st Point Clare

PROWSE, David – Group Adviser – 1st Mannering Park

PROWSE, Suzanne – Group Adviser – 1st Mannering Park

RANKIN, Julie – Group Chairman – Cessnock City (also Region Deputy Chairman)

THUAUX, Kenneth – ASL – 1st Ourimbah

WEBSTER, Geoffrey – SL – 1st Berkeley Vale

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – For Good Service

CHERRIE, Lyn – Supporter – 1st Branxton/Greta

DEIN, Julie – ACSL – 2nd Thornton

EDWARDS, Robert – CSL – 1st Wyoming

LAW JP, David – DC – Newcastle District

MacDONALD, Melinda – CSL – 1st Narara

NESS, Suzanne – JSL – 1st Wyoming

ROBBS, Tony – Group Chairman – 1st Wallsend (formerly Regional Treasurer)

ROBERTS, Martin – VSL – 1st Narara

RYAN, Narelle – GL – East Maitland

SCOULAR, Peter – SL – 1st Tumbi

WILSON, Lindsay – VSL – 1st Bensville