



Hunter & Coastal Region

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2006 Adult Recognition Awards for Good Service Awarded 1st August

SILVER KANGAROO – for eminent achievement and meritorious service

ABLESON, Barry – Honorary Commissioner – Region
FERNIE, Steve – Regional Commissioner - Region

SILVER EMU – for sustained and exceptional service

PLANT, Robyne – RC (Venturers) – Region
PRICTER JP, Grahame – RC (International) – Region

SILVER KOALA – for distinguished service

ALLEN, Greg – RC (Resources) – Region

SILVER WATTLE – for outstanding service

BLATCHFORD, Annette – DC – Watagan
FARMER, Christine – GL – 1st Clarence Town
HOCKING, Des – RC (School Promotions) – Region
KEARNS, Jenny – DC – Gosford

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – for outstanding service

CROWHURST, Tina – Chairman – 1st Woy Woy
FERGUSON, Helen – Supporter – Gosford
MILSOM, Beverley – Supporter – Gosford

SILVER ARROWHEAD – for excellent service

ABEL, Marie – ACSL – 1st Gwandalan
BEATTIE, Julie – Secretary – 1st Woy Woy
BUTLER, Anthony – RC (Activities) – Region
GRIFFITHS, Peter – ARC (AT&D) – Region
JACKSON, Ian – GL – 1st Teralba
KIRKPATICK, Allan – VSL – 1st Warners Bay
LAW JP, Narelle – GL – 3rd Mayfield
LEVERTON, Bruce – DC – Lake Macquarie
MATTHEWS, Joanne – Supporter – 1st Avoca Beach
METCALFE, Paul – CSL – 1st New Lambton
MITCHELL, Robert – Chairman – 1st Aberdeen
MURRAY, David – SL – 1st Medowie
NORMAN, Dianne – ARC (Joey Scouts) – Region
PRITCHARD, Graeme – Supporter – Region
REDDING, Bruce – GL – 1st Kariong
SIBLEY, Wendy – ASL – 1st Garden Suburb
SIDEBOTTOM, Leonie – ACSL – Cardiff

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – for good service

ANDERSON, Lyn – CSL – Toukley/Haven
ARCHER, David – VSL – 1st Wangi
BLATCHFORD, Simon – ASL – 1st Wangi
BONSING, Darryl – ACSL – 1st Mannering Park
BOORER, Christian – AVSL – 1st Narara
BURKETT, Leigh Anne – ACSL – 1st Wyoming
CAMPBELL, Gail – ASL – 1st Avoca Beach
CHAMBERLAIN, Lisa – SL – 1st Rathmines
CHRISTOPHERSON, Jenny – GL – 1st Kanwal
COSGROVE, Ian – ASL – Peats Ridge
COTTEE, Linda – ASL – 1st Warners Bay
DILGER, Ron – SL – 1st Kariong
EDMAN, Graeme – ASL – 1st Medowie
ELLIS, Mark – ASL – 1st Woy Woy
ELLISON, Jacquelynn – ACSL – 1st Woy Woy
FORD, Anthony – CSL – Singleton
FOSTER, Peter – Supporter – 1st Budgewoi
FREEMAN, Elaine – Treasurer – 1st Cooks Hill
FREEMAN, Mal – Chairman – 1st Cooks Hill
GARDNER, Lynette – Chairman – 1st Teralba
GARDNER, Stephen – Supporter – 1st Teralba
HUNT, Sally – AVSL – 1st Berkeley Vale
JAYNE, Paul – CSL – 1st Wangi
JENKINS, Jodi Lee – JSL – 1st Mannering Park
KILBY, Barry – VSL – 1st Teralba
LEITCH, Rosalind – ASL – 1st Nelson Bay
LOCK, Dallas – RL (Activities) – Region
LYNCH, Andrew – ASL – Peats Ridge
MacDONALD, Matthew – ASL – 1st Narara
MARRIOTT, Rosemary – GL – 1st Tuggerah Lakes
McPARTLAND, Bradley – ACSL – 1st Avoca Beach
MILLINGTON, Robynn – Secretary – 1st Teralba
MOORHOUSE, Raymond – ASL – Charlestown
O'RILEY, Jeannine – District Adviser – Watagan
PITSTOCK, Rodney – Supporter – 1st Teralba
POND, Beverley – RL (Activities) – Region
PROSSER, Natalie – DC – Port Stephens
RAVEN, Robert – GL – 1st Byattunga
SAMS, Jamie – ASL – Cessnock City
SMITH, Leann – JSL – Toukley/Haven
SPENCER, Robert – ACSL – 1st Belmont North
SPINKS, Mary Anne – ACSL – 1st Warners Bay
THOMAS, Steven – ASL – 1st Belmont North
THORSBY, Paul – ASL – Broken Bay
TRAIN, Tracy – ASL – 1st Anna Bay
WEAVELL, Craig – ACSL – 1st Gwandalan
WILCOX, David – SL – 1st Kanwal

The Regional Commissioner's Message



Depth of Adult Service

This year we have had more Adult Recognition Awards approved than ever before. Details of the recipients are printed on the front page in this Bulletin edition (as I'm sure that you have seen). I'm also sure that you join me and offering hearty and sincere congratulations to all these very dedicated people. At present Scouting across Australia is focusing on an Adults in Scouting survey. Our Chief Commissioner has appointed Elston Hynd to chair our Committee in NSW. Our representative will be Mrs Viv Paulson who offers an enormous amount of ability and experience to the position. Over the years I've seen what seems like a million Scouting surveys and normally I'm not real "big" on them, however, this one is very different. One of the salient points in the survey is the reality that we don't recognise our Leaders anywhere well enough and I agree. It is a further reality that recruitment and retention of Adults in Scouting is more difficult these days and we must address the problem if we are to survive. These Leaders that have been recognised and honoured are people who have given above and beyond the normal call of duty. These awards are not about length of Service. They are about depth of service. That's the measurement if you like. They each have also had to contributed effectively since (where applicable) previous recognition. So obviously they are not automatic in fact the reverse is true. They are only given after approved at Region, State and National level. Once again on your behalf we congratulate these people and I look forward to congratulating each of them on a personal basis.

Glenrock – Recording the Past

Barry Ableson, one of our Honorary Commissioners, has just published a book titled "Scouting and Glenrock Lagoon" which (naturally enough) is about the History of the Scout Centre at Glenrock. This Region is very fortunate to have leaders of Barry's ability, passion and commitment and indeed Barry has spent numerous hours in research of Scouting at Glenrock back to the late 1920's - early 1930's. Although one of my predecessors and close friend John Grothen wrote a book about Glenrock Lagoon of many editions (now all sadly out of print), he only touched on Scouting and wrote more about locality's history generally. I agree with Barry's introduction that this publication compliments John's book. This is a first and it's the first time that we have in one place a full Scouting history at the Camp. It is a fantastic job Barry, congratulations to you from all in the Region. The book was launched at a special ceremony on Sunday 30th July. Copies are now available for \$18 each at the Region Office. (Postage is extra at cost if necessary). Barry talks about Glenrock magic and I'm sure that if you have visited the Centre you will have experienced that

Glenrock magic touch and will be enthusiastic to learn more about its Scouting history.

Of Course ...

I can't write a Bulletin article without talking about numbers. They are, after all, the key to our survival. There is no point of having a beautiful spot like Glenrock if there is nobody to go there is there? Our population numbers are only "fair" at present. If your Group is to qualify for this year's recruitment awards, then most Groups better got a wriggle on. I'm sure as happened last year that you will do so.

Using All Available Resources Here & Elsewhere

Des Hocking is working overtime in doing School Promotions and we see in abundance the fruits of his labour wherever he goes. I know that Des can help your Group, book him in if you require help. Contact Region Office for his details.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending South Coast and Tablelands Region AGM at Mount Keira along with Allan Currie and Euan Melville. This is (like Glenrock) just another magic part of the Scouting World. If you haven't been there, then let me assure you that it's well worth a visit. It exudes Scouting tradition and atmosphere with a wonderful view to compliment the location. Details are available from our Office of its location if you are interested.

The "Hocking Team" of Des and Marilyn did a presentation on the subject of Recruitment after the meeting. Their success stories have become a bench mark for other Regions and we are very lucky to have them. Again their respective commitments are clearly "above and beyond" demonstrated by their willingness to go all the way to Wollongong.

Our Thoughts to John

Our Deputy Chairman John Hattander has not been in the best of health lately after a recent stroke and is recovering in the John Hunter Hospital. Our Chairman Jean (his wife) speaks mainly about the support they have received from Scouting and Grahame Prieter in particular. John's recovery and although he has a way to go yet, his positive attitude will pull him through and on your behalf we wish him well for a full and speedy recovery.

Steve Fernie

Regional Commissioner

From the Editor – Speaking of Awards

We note with great satisfaction the Silver Kangaroo awarded to our RC, Steve Fernie. Steve was certainly not aware of this when he wrote the above article for this Edition and although he is very humble to have been so recognised, he was slightly embarrassed to read his article once his award became known.

Our hearty congratulations to you Steve!

Smoke Signals



Please don't forget about these events:

Region Trivia Night 11th August at Cardiff RSL for more information <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/images/Trivia20Night20Flyer.pdf>

Joey Scouts "Mad Hatters" 15th Birthday Party, celebrating 15 years of Joeyes at Jesmond Park 17th September

Cub Scouts CUB-O-REE 2006 Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th September

JOTA/JOTI 21st & 22nd of October, this is a world wide event, and it on again at Camp Kanangra, Nords Wharf. For more info and bookings, talk to Fay on 4943-0631 or email on philst@bigpond.net.au.

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ! Programs

We have some great Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts programs on the regional Web Site, have a look these have been developed by the Regional Section team for you? The programs are on our regional web site, and can be found at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/dazzle>

Ten Steps for Effective Leadership

1. Learn from your mistakes.
2. Exercise self-control.
3. Always be considerate.
4. Do the best you can.
5. Encourage others often.
6. Respect the rights of others.
7. Shoulder your responsibility.
8. Have a good attitude.
9. Infect others with enthusiasm.
10. Practice perseverance.

Cooking

Cup o' Fish

Make an edible aquarium in a cup.

Ingredients: Blue Jell-O, gummy fish, and clear plastic cups. Make blue Jell-O according to the directions on the box. Pour into clear plastic cups. Let them cool in the refrigerator until partially set - about an hour. When they're partially set, place a few gummy fish in each cup. Put them in the refrigerator until they're completely set. Eat and enjoy!

Variations include: Frozen fish-Popsicle's (just freeze the Jell-O in Popsicle molds - add the gummy fish when they are partially set - unmold very gently when entirely frozen). These are really messy to eat and are best eaten outside. An entire punch bowl of fish Jell-O (made like the cup o' fish)!

Activity

Blowing up a Balloon

Materials: baking soda, vinegar, balloon, and small bottle (mineral water bottle or 600-ml Coke bottle)

Directions: Put several tablespoons of baking soda into a balloon and about a cup or so of vinegar into a small narrow-necked bottle. Stretch the balloon over the neck of the bottle and allow the baking soda fall into the vinegar. The mixture forms CO₂ and blows up the balloon.

Reach for the Sky!

With Scout staves and ropes, plus a limited amount of time, each Patrol must build a free standing structure which should be as tall as possible. After the time limit, the tallest structure wins, provided it stays upright for 3 minutes. Try adding a flag to be broken from the top, without pulling down the structure!

Paper Aeroplanes

Simply give each Scout a piece of paper to make a paper aeroplane. Then one at a time each Scout has 2 throws to get his / her plane the farthest. It sounds simple, but the debates are endless as everyone thinks they know the best design. Another option is to get each individual to make a paper cup, then see who can transport the most water!

Greg Allen

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Happy Hopping



Joey Scout Fun Day

Just a reminder that the Fun Day applications need to be in at Region Office by Friday 11th August! Our Fun Day is 17th September at Jesmond Park. The Theme this year is the "Mad Hatters Tea Party" Celebrating 15 Years of Joey Scouts. Cost for the Fun Day is \$8 per Joey Scout & Siblings, \$4 per Leader. This cost will include activities and lunch, plus fun day badge. Registration 8.30am Activities commence at 9.00 -9.15 am. Joey Scouts come to the fun day in uniform their fancy dress is a "Mad Hatters" hat. Leaders can dress as a character from Alice in Wonderland. Thank you to all the Mobs who sent in their designs for our Fun Day Badge. There were many wonderful entries. The badge designer will be announced at the Fun Day.

From The Pouch

This term's issue of From the Pouch magazine has now been given to your District Leaders. Thank you to Central Coast Lakes District for producing the magazine. If you have not received your copy please contact your District Leader.

Storytelling Workshop

The section is looking at holding a half day workshop on storytelling. The workshop would be run by Helen McKay. Helen has a wonderful background with published stories and in public speaking. Her background includes a wonderful book on Aboriginal Myths.

We would be looking at Speers Point hall for the venue and possibly towards the end of October. I would need to know before making final arrangements expressions of interest. If you would like to come to this workshop would you please contact your District Leader or me. This would make it possible to determine viability of the workshop.

On Line Chat

Leaders are invited to come on line on Monday nights. Our Leaders meet on line between 8pm-9.00pm. If you would like to come and join us please register at the Region's website.

Marilyn Hocking

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Cub Scout Capers



Region Cub-0-Ree

Due to unforeseen circumstances at this late stage in planning the Cuboree at the Loxford site and we have moved back to the Maitland Polo Fields on Annanbar Road, Rutherford. I would like to acknowledge, Kurri Scout Group and the Hydro Smelter's environmental officer efforts in trying to work out the late issues with the site. We will revisit the Loxford site as well as others for the Cuboree 08. The advance parties can start arriving after 10.00am on the Friday to set up their sites. I need suggestions on a suitable movie for Friday night, if you have one please call. Remember it must suit the age of our youth members. Each district has an allocated time window of arrival and we envisage that this will help relieve some of the problems seen in the past. The T-shirt order form has been sent to your DCSL for distribution to their Packs. Please read the form carefully as the groups are to send their forms and a group cheque to the Region Office.

Region WSD Event

A lot of effort has gone into the organization of this event again for the benefit of the Region's Groups. Consider it one outing you do not have to organize all you have to do is attend with your youth members and have fun. Find and read the article on WSD in the previous Bulletins and please attend.

Bring A Friend

Is on again in third term and finishing with our Cuboree. We will strike a badge again for the participating youth members. A form will be sent out soon asking expressions of badge numbers, this will help us to formulate a price for the badges.

Coming Regional Event

Cuboree on 22-24 September at Maitland Polo Fields

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Venturing



Balance

Eat a balanced diet, find the balance between work and play, balance your cheque book... Luke Skywalker.. you are the balance between good and evil!

Balance helps us stay healthy, on speaking conditions with our partners, out of debt and most importantly, able to lead a happy life.

There is also a delicate balance to be found in the Venturer Section of our Scouting movement.

Venturer Scouts, also known as teenagers, are children moving into young adulthood, and with that accepting more responsibility and civic duties.

But they aren't finished developing into the person they want to be yet.

To do this, to become well rounded citizens, Venturers participate in a variety of experiences.

Venturers engage in activities outside the norm, designed to enrich their sense of self worth, love of the outdoors and foster mutually rewarding friendships.

While the Venturing experience includes a significant portion of service both within their Group and in the wider community, it is important that we as adults value the balance.

Though the brotherhood of Scouting this can be achieved.

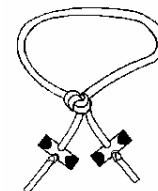
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Wood Badges



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lyn Anderson – Toukley/Haven

on being awarded her Wood Badge

Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting ...

Preliminary Dates for Glenrock Courses 2007

Basic Leadership 1

March 18-19, May 26-27, July 28-29, September 8-9, November 17-18

Basic Leadership 2

April 27-29, June 22-24, August 24-26, November 2-4

Basic Leadership 3

Joey Scouts:- August 3-5

Cub Scouts:- March 2-4, August 3-5

Scouts:- March 23-25, September 14-16

Venturer Scouts:- October 19-21

Group Leader/Leader of Adults:- November 30 - December 2

Advanced Leadership 1

May 18-20

Venturer Scout Advanced Leadership 2

November 9-11

Note we have not been allocated other advanced courses next year so you will need to refer to the full training calendar when it comes out around this November. If you need advanced information then contact me either through the Regional Office or e-mail me. Please include "Advanced Courses 2007" in the subject area.

EASTER 2007 Advanced Training SPECIAL

Next year we are going to run a bulk block of advance training over the Easter Break for Joey Cub and Scout Sections the courses covered will be Advanced Leadership 2 and Advanced Leadership 3 for each section. The dates April 6-9. ie this means both courses back to back.

Catering for 2007

If your Group or a group of friends would like to assist in catering next year then refer to the preliminary dates for courses at Glenrock 2007 above. If you can assist please contact me either through the Regional Office or e-mail me. Please include "Glenrock Catering" in the subject area.

Training Rebate Scheme – Great for Groups

Again a reminder for Groups. Since January 1 2006 the State will return 75% of course fees for Trainee Leaders who complete Basic Training (Certificate III in Business (Frontline) Management) to Groups. Remember the Branch Executive Council recognised the strength that can be added to Scouting by having Leaders who complete Advanced Training have achieve a Wood Badge. To support this also from January 1 2006 all Groups will receive 75% of course fees back for each Leader of the Group who complete Wood

Badge/ Certificate IV in Business (Frontline Management). This program is scheduled to operate for two years.

Course Closing Dates / Course numbers

Again a reminder as the message isn't getting through. Course numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 30. Participants will be accepted on a "first in" basis until we reach 30 when the course will close. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Closing dates are 3 weeks prior to the course running. It may be possible to run an additional course if numbers are sufficient. However trying to source an additional team in 3 weeks before a course is extremely difficult. However if I knew 6 weeks from the published course date that numbers were sufficient to run a second course then it would be easier to source a team. When participants apply right on closing then this is almost impossible to manage. Successful courses don't just happen, they rely on highly effective course management and planning. I strongly advise Group Leaders to facilitate submission of forms as soon as possible and not wait to avoid the frustration of leaders missing out on courses.

'Till next month - Happy Scouting

David Downie

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Scouting Around



21st Australian Jamboree

The Pre Jamboree Camp will be held on the weekend 28th/29th October 2006 and the site will be GLENROCK. This camp is compulsory for all Jamboree Line Leaders and all Jamboree Troop members.

Please note there has been a change to the date for packing Jamboree Equipment. It is now on 18th November. The equipment taken to the Jamboree will return to Newcastle for unpacking on 3rd February 2007. For all those who have been accepted to attend the Jamboree you should have by now received you notice of second payment and your personal details sheet. If you have not at this point received these items please contact the State Jamboree Office. Just a reminder, if you require the use of a breathing machine to sleep then make sure that this machine will run of battery power as there will be NO power to the camp sites. These batteries can and will be recharged on site for you.

Kevin Allen

Regional Commissioner (Scouts)

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"Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so."

(Lord Chesterfield)

Rovers



It has been another busy month for the Region's Rovers.

Ro-Venture 2007

Planning for next years Ro-Venture has already begun with a committee elected. The executive of the committee are as follows:

- Chair – Andrew Mills
- Vice Chair – Brodie Ragen
- Treasury / Secretary / PR coordinator – Lyndsay Scheitel
- Activities – Ben Hardy / Rowan Kingdon
- Night Activities – Adam Wakeling / Adam Chapman

The committee will be very busy to the lead up to Ro-Venture 07. A theme has already been decided but we will keep that a surprise.

Some big dates coming up are:

- **Region Trivia Night:** Is on **Friday 11th August.** Don't forget you need a table of six to enter. Please contact Region Office ASAP to RSVP.

Recent events that have gone well include:

- **Branch Ball** held at Cataract Dam on the 3rd of June, we had six Rovers from our Region attend and it was a great night. This year it was a "Rock and Roll" theme.
- **Laser Tag** which was held on Monday 12th at Zone Empire, Wallsend. Attendance was surprising good considering the short notice and this event is always a lot of fun and a great way to get fit.
- We had lots of Rovers attend the **Region Scout Rally** weekend at Wallaroo State Forest. The Rovers helped out with activities and security and had a fantastic time.

An event that may interest Rovers is a **Dodge Ball Competition** being run at Gosford Scout Hall on Sunday night the 20th August.

The Rovers of Hunter and Coastal Region are always out and about and if you need our help then please don't hesitate to ask for our assistance, for our motto is "*service.*"

Rowan Kingdon

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Your Scout Heritage

T. R. ROYDHOUSE of "The Sunday Times"

During the South African (Boer) War of 1900 and in particular the Siege of Mafeking (which was the only "bright" spot in that war when everyone else was retreating), where Baden-Powell was holding out in a spectacular way, the "Sunday Times" published regular news updates.

To mark the relief of Mafeking and to show appreciation to Baden-Powell, a testimonial was launched by the "Sunday Times".

With the money collected, two chargers (cavalry horses) were presented to Baden-Powell. The money that was left was used to purchase a gold sword and scabbard embossed with the motto of Mafeking – "No surrender".

Mr. Roydhouse visited England in 1903 and participated in the presentation of the sword and scabbard.

During Lady Baden-Powell's last visit to Australia in the mid 1960's, she let it be known that she would return the sword to where it came from – Sydney. The sword is now in the possession of Scouts NSW.

Mr. Roydhouse, editor-in-chief of the 'Sunday Times', was particularly interested when Mr. R. C. Packer drew attention to the launching of the Scout Movement in England by Baden-Powell. Mr. Roydhouse wrote immediately to Baden-Powell expressing hearty approval and promised every assistance.

According to "The Short History of Scouting in N.S.W. 1901 – 1969", by the late H. J. Stoddard O.B.E., Mr. Roydhouse called a meeting at the "Sunday Times" office in Sydney late in March 1908 and brought those early issues of "Scouting For Boys", he had received from England. Present were some members of staff, their sons and others.

As a result of that meeting the first patrols in Australia were formed.

Mr. Roydhouse was appointed Baden-Powell's representative in Australia.

(To be continued.)

The Hunter & Coastal Region Scout Heritage Centre

Is located off Cooper Street, Fassifern (West Lake Macquarie – just a very short walk from Fassifern Train Station) and is available for inspection by arrangement with the Centre Manager:

Allan Victor
15 Jones Avenue
Warners Bay 2282
Phone: 4948-9317

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."
(Marie Curie)

International & Members Support

Our Region are playing host to a Danish Scout who is here as part of the Scout International Student Exchange Programme. Mads Bach is here as the guests of her host family John and Kathlene O'Rourke and son Simon. Mads has been on holidays with the family to Queensland during the school vacation and will be attending Gloucester High School and will return to Denmark in about 6 weeks time. Simon O'Rourke will be leaving for Japan as an Australian Exchange Student later in the year.

The opportunity is available for all Venturers to apply for consideration as an Exchange Student or for a family to Host an Overseas Student. If you have any Venturers or Families interested please contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Claire Walsh, on 9785-1110.

Just a reminder that ANYONE or ANY Group that would like to make contact with an overseas Pen Pal or Group or who has been contacted by an overseas group or person that they are required to contact the State Pen Pal Co-ordinator, Jill Heath on 0404 291 182 or Email her on jillcubs@bigpond.com.au This is a must, and requirement of National, to ensure that people are protected against those who prey on young people through the net. Jill will obtain the necessary clearances and contacts.

Part of the Celebration of Scouting is the Gifts of Peace project. All Group Leaders within NSW were issued with the detailed package and the list of Sister Cities that had been allocated to areas in NSW. If you do not have details and would like to be part of the project -please contact me by phone or email me (details are below).

How are the Badge designs and Themes for the H&C Region Centenary Celebrations in 2007 going? Don't forget that the competition is open to all. So be in it to win it!

There are a number of members in the Region that are or have been hospitalised for various reasons over the past few months. Phil Pritchard our friendly "Scout Shop" man, Region Deputy Chairman, John Hattander, Lisa Marie Hodgson from Branxton-Greta Joeys, Rosemary Marriott, Group Leader from 1st Tuggerah Lakes Group. All these people have been on our visiting list and we wish them each well for their continuing recovery.

John Hattander is recovering in John Hunter Hospital from a stroke and is making steady progress in his recovery. Both Jean and John send their thanks for all those who have had them in their thoughts and prayers as have our other patients. Phil Pritchard and Lisa Marie have returned home and Rosemary is undergoing treatment in Gosford Public Hospital. Please continue to pray for them and their recovery. This is one part of the responsibility of Members Support as well as the follow up to all incidents and accidents. This is a service for all Scouting Members and Supporters.

Shortly we will be starting the District visitations. This is an opportunity for all leaders to get a better understanding of what is going on in certain aspects of Scouting and to have

input and ask questions. There will be sections on Cub Scouting, Scouting, Adventurous Activities and Members Support. So make sure you take the opportunity to listen and have your input.

Finally there is a new Leaders Support Guide # 19 which looks at the question of who is responsible, who is in charge and who ensures the safety of members & that the right thing is being done. Please read it. It is for your benefit.

Grahame Pricter

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Appointment List

10th July 2006

APPOINTMENTS

BLATCHFORD, Nigel - RL (Act) - Region
COLES, Richard - RL (Act) - Region
FLETT, Brendon - RL (Act) - Region
FLETT, Rebecca - RL (Act) - Region
HAASNOOT, Timothy - RL (Act) - Region
PARSONS, Matthew - RL (Act) - Region
CARLTON, David - GAdv - 1st Warners Bay
DALZELL, Christopher - AL - 1st Paterson/Bolwarra
DAVIDSON, Denise - AL - Cessnock City
SHEPHERD, Emily - AJSL - 3rd Mayfield
ANDERSON, David - ASL - Toukley/Haven
MITCHELL, Darren - ASL - 1st Gwandalan

TRANSFERS

BROWN, Carmel
Fr ACSL 1st Swansea
To ASL 1st Swansea

LINNEN, Melinda
Fr ACSL 1st Kanwal
To AVSL 1st Kanwal

METCALFE, Glen
Fr RL (VS) Region
To RL (Act) Region

PETERSEN, Nigel
Fr AVSL Lones
To AVSL 2nd Muswellbrook

RESIGNATIONS

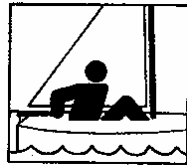
JACOBS, David - CrL (App) - 1st Kanwal
REID, Paul - ASL - 1st Telarah
TAYLOR, Sharon - ACSL - 1st Swansea

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

DELFINO, Marcel - Trainee Ldr (JS) - Charlestown
GRAY, Daniel - Trainee Ldr (CS) - Singleton

“Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.”
(Confucius)

Adventurous Activities



The year is half over already. The winter is here and it is time to start thinking about the activities coming up as the weather starts to warm up. It is worth reminding you that all course application forms must be in 3 weeks before the start date & on the correct form with payment. After the closing date the regional office will compile the course roll and arrange acceptance letters to be sent out. Late applications cause issues in completing this process in a timely manner. Once the acceptance letters have been sent out the course leader will notify the participants of any changes. NOTE if you are not going to attend the course please contact the course leader and the Regional Office. There are a number of leaders who think they should be instructors or activity leaders and may not be recorded as such within the regional system. To remain current as an instructor/activity leader you must remain current with the regional policies and procedures associated with the particular activity concerned. This involves you attending regional run activities or have one of the activity team assessors attend a course that you run or attend and work as an instructor/activity leader. All activity related qualifications lapse with your first aid certificate. You must apply to have your qualifications renewed every three years or when you renew your first aid certificate. Remember you must hold the appropriate qualification before leading that activity with your youth. Note the activities team is a resource that can be used.

The Activities Team will run a BRAF (Rock related activity such as abseiling, climbing or caving) course for each District each year as part of the scout section award scheme. Only 3 Districts have made a request this year (there has been some issues in arranging them which I hope have been resolved). Note the districts should be looking at a three year cycle to cover the three activities. Flat water courses and sailing are on the Regional Calendar and are open to Cubs and Scouts. If you have sufficient numbers within your District, then a special course will be run for you at District / Group level.

By the time you have read this article Region World Scout Day Event will have been run. This is the last of the Regional events for this year. Next year BP's Birthday Bash is on again and one other special event for the Centenary of Scouting. This event will be held in Newcastle at the Foreshore. Discussions with the Council have commenced. This will be a great way to showcase Scouting within our community. Over the next couple of months the annual regional visits will be held. This year the activities team will be part of the tours and I hope to attend most of these personally. I will be happy to answer questions on ways that the activities team can help your district.

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It's on again! JOTA/JOTI October 21ST / 22ND 2006 At Camp Kanangra, Nords Wharf

Come along and have a great weekend!!!
Meet new friends from all walks of life and make even new ones at camp.

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are welcome to attend.

Bases are computers, radios, woggle making, canoeing and lots more, even new ones this year!!!

For more info and bookings, talk to Fay on 4943-0631 or email on philst@bigpond.net.au.

Cost is \$2 per child for use of computers for weekend, and \$6 for large badge traditional, optional. Other costs of camp fees etc to be paid by leaders of Groups themselves - bring your own food too.

It's a great weekend, not to be missed.

Who Pays on Region Activity Courses?

No:

- Appointed (Warranted) Leaders, however see below.
- Instructors (in that discipline)

Yes:

- Youth Members.
- Trainee Leaders.
- Supporters (where permitted to attend.)
- Everyone on First Aid and Flying Fox Courses.

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Regional Calendar

September

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Training

Youth Helpers Course (for Joey & Cub Helpers)

2 September

Closes 18 August

Costs \$15

NEW

Basic Leadership 1

16-17 September

Closes 25 August

Costs \$95

Venturer Unit Management

23 September

Closes 1 September

Costs \$15

Activities

Caving Introductory/ Intermediate - 0633

9/10 September

Closes 18 August

Costs \$20

First Aid – 0652

16 September

Closes 25 August

Cost \$35

Navigation Day - 0634

24 September

Closes 1 September

Costs \$15

October

Training

Basic Leadership 2

21/22 October

Closes 29 September

Costs \$95

Group Leader Basic Leadership 3

27-29 October

Closes 6 October

Costs \$95

Leader of Adults Basic Leadership 3

27-29 October

Closes 6 October

Costs \$95

Activities

Catalina Cup - 0637

7/8 October

Closes 30 September

Costs \$20

White Water Grade 1 - 0638

14/15 October

Closes 22 September

Costs \$20

Caving Advanced - 0639

21/22 October

Closes 29 September

Costs \$20

Bushwalking Preparation - 0640

21/22 October

Closes 29 September

Costs \$15

Abseiling Advanced - 0641

28/29 October

Closes 6 October

Costs \$20

November

Training

Scout Advanced Leadership 2

3-5 November

Closes 13 October

Costs \$95

APPLY TO STATE OFFICE

Cub Scout Basic Leadership 3

17-19 November

Closes 27 October

Costs \$95

Activities

Bushwalking Practical (Upper Hunter) - 0642

4/5 November

Closes 13 October

Costs \$20

White Water Grade 2 - 0643

11/12 November

Closes 20 October

Costs \$20

Bushwalking Practical - 0644

18/19 November

Closes 27 October

Costs \$20

Region Campsites for Hire

Glenrock Scout Centre (near Newcastle)
Use of Buildings
Region Office 4929-1760 (business hours)

Camping (under 30 people)
Darryl Walker
4944-7303

Camp Kanangra (Nords Wharf)
Marie Adams
4945-2432 (8.30 am to 8.30 pm – home)

Camp Kariong (near Gosford)
Norm Schofield
4323-7095 (home)

Camp Lostock (near Maitland)
Ray Hamilton
4966-2305 (home)

Camp Taylor's Beach (Port Stephens)
Region Office
4929-1760 (business hours)

Camp Bulga (near Singleton)
Rae Phelps
4938-1623 (home)

Camp Myuna Bay (near Wangi)
Dianne Silcock
4975-2230 (home)

Camp Glory Vale (Gloucester)
Region Office
4929-1760 (business hours)



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