



Hunter & Coastal Region

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The Regional Commissioner's Message



Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will see a list of Groups and the results of the recent Recruitment drive. Some 65% of our Groups have grown over 10% and qualify for our Recruitment prizes which will be out hopefully by the time you read this article (writing article mid November). This is a very encouraging result and our total numbers now are over 3,400 which is the highest it has been for many years. Congratulations to all Groups concerned. However it does also demonstrate some very disappointing performances amongst some of our Groups. We as a Region have a responsibility to assist these Groups via your District Commissioner and indeed there is clear and sustainable infrastructure in place to achieve these situations (i.e. positive results).

At the back end of our Recruitment drive you will have received your personal promotional material for our Retention Drive (i.e. 1 Nov up to and including 31 March). The plate (prizes) are available for sighting at the Region Office. I am sure that you will be impressed. There are only two things you can do. Either put it in a cupboard and forget about it or put it on your fridge magnet to remind you how extremely important the Retention of our numbers and indeed recruitment during this period of time is. I cannot emphasize this enough. As you probably would have gathered by now as we go into 100 years of Scouting. Let's show how much we respect the work of our Founder by having the best every year as far as growth and activities are concerned.

Plans for our Region based Centenary Event are well in place under Grahame Prictor. It will be the biggest and best event ever held for Scouting in the City of Newcastle. Please strive to be there.

Those that drink the water shouldn't forget those that dug the well. My good Scouting friend from my 1st Wallsend and Newcastle District days, Bob Bagnall has just returned from Kenya where he visited BP's grave. Bob told me that this grave is immaculately maintained by the local Scout Groups and how with his 150th commemoration of his birthday coming up, how plans are huge to commemorate this significant event coinciding with Centenary celebrations.

We as you should know, under Jean & John Hattander have our plans for our BP's Birthday Bash at Blackbutt on 25th February. This is your opportunity to acknowledge the work of BP on his 150th birthday (22/02/1857 to 22/02/2007).

May I take this opportunity to wish Kevin Allen our Regional Commissioner (Scouts) and his team well as they lead our Scouts to the forthcoming Jamboree. This will be an experience that our Scouts will treasure when they reflect on their Scouting involvement. No doubt the Jamboree will be the highlight.

The Region Visits will be on again next year with completely new topics and speakers to keep it fresh and interesting. If you have any suggestions of topics to present we welcome your input. After all it is important we present what people want to hear. Please forward your suggestions to the Region Office.

The calendar year is drawing to a close and as I said previously on the eve of Centenary of Scouting this is sure to be an exciting time for us all with Christmas just around the corner. May I wish yourself and family a happy but more importantly a safe Christmas. Thank you each and every one of you for your dedication, commitment to this wonderful game of Scouting and make your number one resolution (in Scouting terms) for your Group to grow to enable more young people to share in the ideals and principles of Scouting. I believe that young people have an opportunity to make a better Australia. We are indeed world Leaders in youth development and community involvement and we play a major part in that process.

Steve Fernie
Regional Commissioner

Smoke Signals



RETENTION OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Well the Christmas holidays are nearly here, so it's time to start making plans for the coming year. Start the New Year with ALL your youth plus some more.

To ensure retention follow these steps:

- Dangle a 'carrot'! Plan an exciting, not to be missed event, outing or activity for first term. Make sure your Group is excited.
- Plan the entire term's program with lots to do and look forward to.
Make sure your Group knows about any District, and Regional events coming up next year.
- Hold a meeting, sleepover or camp in the holidays.
- Keep in touch through the holidays with a newsletter, an e-mail, a note or even a phone call, especially to those youth at risk of leaving.
- If you 'lose' anyone, don't forget to send them a 'missing person' letter, tells them that they are missed and reminded them of the activities that are planned.
- Get in touch with the boys and girls you don't hear from.
- If you have anyone relocating, make sure they have a transfer form and follow it up.
- Revitalise yourself in the holidays to be ready for a great year!

THE TOP TEN TIPS FOR RECRUITING SCOUTS

10 great places to put your recruitment poster:

- Kindergartens
- Schools
- Libraries
- Shopping Centres
- Supermarket notice boards
- Health Centres
- Milk Bar windows
- Community notice boards
- Swimming Pools
- Fast Food outlets



10 good ways to attract new members:

- School Promotion (see Des Hocking who is our Regional Commissioner for School Promotions)
- By word of mouth
- Bring a friend
- "Come and Try" day
- Interactive display
- Sausage sizzle outside your local supermarket
- After school care program
- Parades, fairs, fetes, expos and local shows

10 sure ways to keep your Scouts:

- Have a varied program

- Good communication with parents
- Praise and encourage positive behaviour
- Hold lots of Group and District events
- Camping and outdoor activities
- Initiated programs
- Smile and have lots of fun
- Recognise achievements
- Linking activities between Sections
- Help Scouts to value what they learn in Scouts

10 good ideas to promote Scouting:

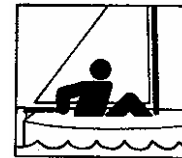
- Be seen out and about
- Newspaper article
- Displays at community events and festivals
- Have a stall at local fetes and craft markets
- Speak at Rotary, Lions and community groups
- Service projects
- Offer skills to other organizations
- Talk to people – personal recommendation
- Hold a community lunch or breakfast
- Attend Anzac March, and Australia Day functions
- Article in community newsletters

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Adventurous Activities



Well, this year is coming to a close. By the time this article gets to print the Manning District Camp will have run. This Camp was designed to take the Activities to the youth members in that location being at the northern boundary of our Region. In the coming year we will be looking at the possibility of doing a similar event for the Upper Hunter District.

On the 16/17 December there is an instructor's / activity leader's event. This event will involve some discussions on the new / revised policies, role of Leaders/ Instructors together with the water team providing activities such as sailing and canoeing. The event will be run out of the Kantankye Centre and will have a nominal cost to cover the BBQ dinner on the Saturday night + breakfast. At this stage the event will start Saturday afternoon with dinner and the activities will be run Sunday morning. The co-ordinator for this event is Rob Mawson.

As a result of the District Visits, we now have Credit Card facilities available in the Region Office. This will allow the payment of course fees by credit card or EFTFOS. This will allow people from around the Region to fax (fully completed and signed) Course Application forms into the Region Office before the closing date. Note the card holder needs to sign the form, so e-mail is only acceptable if the form is signed then scanned.

Course fees – this year I have reduced the cost of many courses. This is a result of the higher volume of people attending courses. From the calendar you will see the cost of courses. In general 1 day courses are \$10, 2 day water canoe (flat, white water) \$15 and rock courses are \$20. District run rock related courses where Regional equipment is not required will also be \$15.

There is a new application to attend an activity course form (HA1). This form now includes the provision to pay by credit card & nominate your previous experience / qualifications in that particular discipline. As sectional leaders, please ensure the forms are completed before signing them. Remember all the fields on the form are important. Over the last several months many forms have been incomplete, particularly the health statement. Note that a sectional leader from the home Group must sign the form. This indicates that the sectional leader is indicating the youth member is a suitable candidate for the course.

Finally, the activities team has had a great year. I would like to thank all the instructors and activity leaders across the region for their support through the year, the students and sectional leaders who attended courses for their support and participation. This year has in general been a safe and busy one that I hope all enjoyed.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to see all of you on courses next year.

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4th Annual Glenrock Great Milk Carton Boat Race 10th & 11th March 2007 Huckleberry Finn Adventure



Cost \$2 per "Scout" - Cash Only, payable on the Day - No charge to Leaders. Money is used to hire sound gear and some paint and bits and pieces.

This year's theme is slightly different, with the challenge of building a raft to sleep your patrol on for Saturday night. Strict safety rules are applied for all entries, raft specifications must be adhered to or disqualification for sleeping out will result.

Joeys and Cubs are not able to be part of the sleep out on the water. They are very welcome to camp as per the usual sectional requirements, and participate in the daily boat racing events.

Specifications are available by e-mail from bill@hemelectrical.com.au.

You have a choice to build a racing raft with the usual milk bottle floatation only, and have removable modifications of steel and plastic drums for the overnight raft OR Build two different rafts, one for speed and one for comfort. Points will be given for Pioneering extras on the raft, such as camp gadgets made from lashing timber poles . ie tables, chairs , deck cranes, gang ways, ballistas, water cannons etc

Registrations at Race Committee Headquarters and Shore-side Boat Safety Inspections start at 8.30am. Opening Parade 11.00am Saturday. Closing Parade and presentation 1.00pm Sunday

Sectional Racing will start at 12.30pm Saturday, and the Sunday Survivors All In sections Flour Bomb Fight will start at 9.30am

Each entrant must be a registered member of the Scouts Australia and be attached to Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew that is participating. Please note that this event is not an Official Regional Scout Activity, but a **CHALLENGE** to all Scout Groups to race against Newcastle & Lake Macquarie District Groups. Please remember that all Groups and/or Sections attending will need to issue their own Activity Notification forms and Permission Notes.

You are invited to camp as individual groups, with the only requirement from the race committee is to make members available to assist in clean up of facilities during and at the end of the camp.

There is a campfire on Saturday night, with all boat entries required to present a campfire skit or favorite camp song. Race points will be deducted for non participation of the campfire, (maybe even extra toilet cleaning duties). Plenty of songs and skit info on the Region Scoutreach site. www.scoutreach.com.au. The race rules are conditional on entering and are part of your registration.

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Office Recess

The Region Office will CLOSE 12 noon on Friday 22nd December and RE-OPEN 9.00 am on Tuesday 2nd January 2007.



Cub Scout Capers



The time is upon us to consider the events and activities that we will attend as a pack or as individuals. If you can not attend remember other Leaders in your District will gladly have Cubs from other Packs attend events with their Pack.

Next year will be a large year for us all as 2007 is a special year in Scouting (as you will have heard) it is our Centenary year and the Region will be holding a Centenary Camp in Newcastle. This is a once in a lifetime event and we should try to have as many of our members attend as possible. As Leaders we should be encouraging our entire Pack members to attend the Centenary camp.

Also we will be holding a State Centenary Cuboree in October and all NSW Cub Scouts will receive a personal invitation from our State Commissioner. I hope to see a good few of the Region's Cubs and Leaders attend as this Camp will be the first major State Cuboree held away from Cataract Scout Camp.

I will ask you to remember that our parents have limited financial resources and cannot afford to pay for every event next year. As in the past I will urge you to fundraise to help cover the costs of attending both Centenary camps.

On a personal note, it gives me great pleasure to thank all Leaders and parents for their support of the Cub Scouts in the diverse activities that the Region's Packs have participated in during the year. The feedback I receive indicates that the Cubs are having a good time and are coming back for more. Thus it encourages us to strive to deliver, greater fun and enjoyment for our Cub Scouts.

Have a great time with your Family and friends during the Christmas break as you recharge for next year.

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Venturing



Sydney City Venture 2006

Was a great success, with Venturer Scouts train, bus and ferrying all over Sydney taking in the sights of the Opera House Manly Beach and More. Thank you all for your support and help with this Activity.

2007 Dates for your Diary

25th February – BP Bash
6th – 9th April – Dragon Skin
5th May – Unit Management – Kanwal
28th/29th July – Venturer Scout Leadership Course
22nd /23rd September – 100 years of Scouting Celebration
28th October – Unit Management – North
1st/2nd December – Region Venture

Thank You!

Once a year is not enough but Thank You to all the youth who have supported the activities and events held in our Region over 2006, also the many Leaders and support staff for their assistance during the year.

Direction and help was given over this year again as always by Tiffany, Craig and Steve. Without this help things would not run as smooth as they do

To my Team of Trevor Pickett, Des George, Kerry Clifton-Smith, John Blishen, Lyn Dennis, Hugh Mooney and my new recruits Lindsay Wilson &, David Jacobs, without your guidance and support I would be unable to do my job and am looking forward to another wonderful year in 2007.

2007 has turned out to be starting as a very busy year with Scouts off to the Jamboree in Victoria with some Venturer Scouts and Leaders in tow.

Flying off to New Zealand in December will be 152 Leaders and Venturers of the Australian Contingent to the 10th New Zealand Venture of which 33 are Hunter and Coastal Members.

As I am sure they will be having a great time at these events, I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and an eventful New Year, as I am sure mine will be in New Zealand.

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2007 Birthday Bash Update

The 2007 BP's Birthday Bash Program is well under way and as always we thank all who have contributed to the program.

Date: Sunday 25th February
Venue: Richley Reserve (Blackbutt)
Time: 9.00 am until 3.00 pm
(Please note the early start this year)

Program:

9.00 am	Opening Parade
9.15 am	Scouts Own
9.30 am	Activities Commence
12 noon	Lunch
12.30 pm	Grey Wolf Presentation (12-15 Cubs)
1.00 pm	Activities Re-commence
3.00 pm	Finish/Pack Up



Some of the confirmed activities (and there will be more added before the day) will be:

Joey Section: Kite Making / International Games / Tattoos etc.
Cub Section: Water Slides / Candle Making / Tattoos / Plus additional Water Activities so swimmers and towels are a must.
Scout Section: Rope Bridge / Rope Making etc.
Venturer Section: Horizontal Bungee Jumping etc.
Fellowship: Brownsea Island Camp
Activities Team: Flying Fox / Canoes /Climbing Wall etc.
Other: Koala/Wildlife Adventure (11am & 1pm). Modern Day Camp (compare all the new and exciting camping equipment and accessories). Several new static and interactive displays are being arranged.

Catering:

We have invited the Westlakes BP Guild and the Friends of Blackbutt to provide drinks, ice creams and sausage sandwiches as per last year.....prices are reasonable and the quality second to none.

First Aid:

As always we will have our qualified first aiders on hand to provide Mickey Mouse bandaids etc.

Water:

Although we will have some large water containers available we would appreciate if each group and/or base could assist by bringing extra containers along.

PA:

Listen up for regular updates and announcements during the day.

Parking:

Always at a premium and we ask everyone to follow the instructions of our "Parking Rovers and/or Venturers".

Rubbish:

The only thing a Scout leaves behind is their good reputation....rubbish bins will be provided but if everyone can bring along their own garbage bags (and take them away at the end of the day) it will help us keep our good relations with the Blackbutt Staff.

HELP!

We can never have too much of this wonderful commodity and would be happy to hear from any Group or Section not already committed to running or helping on a base.

Jean & John Hattander

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This article brings us near to a close for 2006. The Rovers of our Region have been as busy as ever. 1st Byattunga and East Maitland Crews moved the Olney shed last month. It was a huge effort getting the "rest" of what was left out. The access track to the shed was extremely rough going. A huge thank you has to go the Rovers who took the time to rescue the remains. They are in no particular order, Lorn Kingdon, Simon Blatchford, Andrew Seddon and myself.

A Joey Fun Day was held down at Kariong Camp Centre, Wyoming Crew had four of its Rovers helping out down there.

We had a lot of Rovers at the last abseiling course up at Heaton Gap and fun was had by all.

Coming up very soon as I am writing this article is the Special Children's Christmas Party which is going to be held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre on the 22nd November. This is an annual event for the Rovers of our Region. We go along in big number and volunteer. So a special thankyou has to go out in advance for those Rovers who took the time to volunteer for this very worthwhile event.

Rovers, don't forget about the following events:

- Yuppie Moot 1st – 3rd December
- Pirate Moot 19th – 21st January

On behalf of all of the Hunter and Coastal Rovers, I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rowan Kingdon

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Members Support

INFORMATION FOR ALL LEADERS - PLEASE READ AND PASS ON

The Ambulance Service now use and recommend a new form of CPR timing. It is basically 2 breaths every 30 compressions at a rate of 100 per minute. A new CPR chart is available on the Region web page or from Ambulance Service of NSW at Locked Bag 105, Rozelle NSW 2039 or phone 9320 7796. The St. John also has a chart for sale that can be downloaded on www.stjohn.org.au/quick_pdfs/cpr.pdf

Congratulations to John Hattander on your recovery programme. John has partial movement now in his left leg and continues to improve daily.

Gus Lloyd, former Group Leader Toronto West, has been in hospital having major dental surgery. All the best Gus for a speedy recovery!

Leader Support Guides

There has been an update to Leader Support Guide 29 ACTIVITY FORM. The change is as a result of information provided that a large number of leaders are unaware of when they need to send in the Part II of the Activity form. Some leaders are still even locked into the old 2kms and 5kms rule which has gone in most cases. This can be accessed either through the State web site or the Region web site. Please read and familiarise yourself with the changes.

Groups Support

There are a number of Groups in the Region that are going through times of "rebuilding". During this time numbers of youth members and leaders are down. If you know of one of these groups in your District see what you can do about giving a helping hand. Maybe you have been successful in recruiting and your ideas might help them. Remember they are part of your District, so see what you can do to help. Region is providing mentors to help struggling Groups and could do with a bit of help from other Groups in the Districts they are working with.

Centenary of Scouting Celebrations

A series of articles on Join-in-Centenary programmes is being prepared for use by all section of the movement that can be included in your programmes next year. Bring a Friend is just one of the many ideas. Places you can bring a friend include -

- to an evening meeting
- to a barbeque
- to a Centenary Camp (Use activities that are being used at the World Jamboree)
- to Troop or Pack Disco
- on a night hike

- to Scouting's Sunrise (This is a an activity your Group or District can organise on the 1st August 2007. Join 28 million Scouts throughout the world to celebrate the dawning of a new Centenary of Scouting. Watch the sunrise and maybe have a BBQ breakfast.)

I heard from a good source recently that RAMBO is getting ready to join us at the Centenary Celebrations in September 2007 on the Newcastle Foreshore. Group packets will be out in February. Designs are still needed for the Badge and poster. Make it an activity of your programme and get the young people to work on them.. RAMBO would like to be part of the poster, maybe making an invitation to be present.

Grahame Pricter

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Scouting Around



As the year draws to a close, preparations for the 21st Australian Jamboree are in full swing. Our contingent numbers for the Region are down compared with the last Jamboree. Even with this said I know that all attending will have a great time.

I must THANK all the Leaders and my Mindari Team who have given their time to help make this an unforgettable experience for all our Youth Members attending.

2007 Calendar:

Please do not forget to make sure you have marked you 2007 calendar with all the Regional Activities starting with BP's Birthday Bash.

We have placed on the Region Scout Calendar for each District provision for them to have a BRAF Course. So talk to your DSL about this activity.

The Region's Calendar is a very full one with some great activities planned. So once again please make sure you have put these activities into your 2007 Group and District Calendars.

Last but not least I would like to wish you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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Appointments List

13th November 2006

APPOINTMENTS

MURRAY, Joy - Group Adviser - 1st Stroud
 RAWLINGS, Lynette - ACSL - 1st Swansea
 ROLFE, Adrian - ACSL - 1st Budgewoi
 CRAGG, Robert - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
 GRACE, Jannelle - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
 JOHNSON, Craig - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
 MURRAY, Joanne - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
 PICKETT, Vicki - Member - Central Coast Gang Show Fellowship

TRANSFERS

ANDERSON, Lyn
 From CSL Toukley/Haven
 To GL Toukley/Haven

BAXTER, Cameron
 From CSL 2nd Muswellbrook
 To DC Upper Hunter District

BLACKHALL, Colin
 From SL 2nd Thornton
 To HL (G) 2nd Thornton

GIBSON, Scott
 From ACSL Toukley/Haven
 To CSL Toukley/Haven

GILBERT, Greg
 From GL 1st Wingham
 To DC Manning District

HEATH, Jill
 From CSL 1st Terrigal
 To DCSL Central Coast Lakes District

PILON, Marie
 Fr AJSL Broken Bay
 To AJSL 1st Ourimbah

PRITCHARD, Warren
 From ACSL 1st Terrigal
 To CSL 1st Terrigal

RICHARDS, Amanda
 From CSL 1st Belmont
 To ACSL 1st Belmont

THATCHER, Stephen
 From DC Upper Hunter District
 To RC (SD) Region

VAN DEN BRINK, Piet
 From Group Adviser 1st Wingham
 To ASL 1st Wingham

WEBSTER, Angus
 From AVSL 1st Scone
 To ADC Upper Hunter District

WRIGHT, Ada Luiz
 From ACSL 1st Telarah
 To JSL 1st Telarah

RESIGNATION

CHRISTOPHERSON, Jim - DCSL – Central Coast Lakes District

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

GORMAN, Shaun - T(AL) - 1st Woy Woy
 HART, Stephen - TL (G) - 1st Branxton-Greta

DE-REGISTRATION

2nd Tuggerah Lakes Group, Pack, Troop and Unit

Happy Hopping



BP Bash

Just a reminder to give parents now an invitation to the BP Bash. The event will be held Sunday 25th February at Richley Reserve (Blackbutt). The commencement time is a little earlier this year- 9am. The event will finish at 3.00pm. You might like to commence next year with some Baden Powell Programs!

Joey Scout Promise

I will be visiting District Wandarrah's at the commencement of the 2007 to discuss the newest Joey Scout Challenge, the Promise Challenge. This challenge is the only award challenge for the Joey Scouts, it is important that you as Leaders understand the requirements.

Another Year draws to an end

As this year draws to an end I would like to take the opportunity to thank the District Joey Scout Leaders for their support and efforts though out the year. I must admit these Leaders have in many case given beyond the requirements of their duties as we have commenced many new Mobs again this year. Well done team! I thank all our Joey Scout Mob Leaders without your dedication the Section would not exist. Keep up the Great Programming. During the year our web site has grown again I would like to thank all the Leaders and District Leaders who have give programs, stories etc to help make our web site so great, thank you. Thank you must go to Greg Allen for his support of the section. We have had some wonderful events over the year, including a wonderful Fun Day at Camp Kanangra, District Mob Holidays etc. The support on these events from the Activities team and the Fellowship and Regional Office has been outstanding, thank you to each of sections for your help.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our Regional Commissioner, Steve for his strong support and encouragement of all our endeavours throughout the year.

I wish you and your families all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Formation	1/04/2006	10%+	31/10/2006
1st Berkeley Vale Group	44	48	58
1st Budgewoi Group	24	26	40
1st Erina Heights Group	36	40	36
1st Gwandalan Group	41	45	56
1st Kanwal Group	69	76	79
1st Mannering Park Group	42	46	66
1st Terrigal Group	42	46	51
1st Tuggerah Lakes Group	40	44	40
1st Tumby Group	55	61	66
1st Wyong Group	27	30	25
Toukley/Haven Group	32	35	35
1st Avoca Beach Group	30	33	36
1st Bensville Group	37	41	41
1st East Gosford Group	52	57	59
1st Gosford Group	23	25	27
1st Kariong Group	33	36	47
1st Narara Group	27	30	37
1st Ourimbah Group	38	42	43
1st Point Clare Group	28	31	39
1st Woy Woy Group	33	36	37
1st Wyoming Group	57	63	66
Peats Ridge Group	20	22	19
Broken Bay #	46	51	60
1st Belmont North Group	57	63	65
1st Belmont Group	25	28	27
1st Garden Suburb Group	8	9	10
1st Swansea Group	40	44	35
1st Valentine Group	56	62	50
1st Warners Bay Group	114	125	133
2nd Belmont Group	6	7	5
Cardiff Group	41	45	52
Charlestown Group	55	61	53
1st Beresfield Group	3	6	7
1st Branxton-Greta Group	39	43	43
1st Paterson/Bolwarra Group	52	57	58
1st Telarah Group	25	28	28
2nd Thornton Group	47	52	43
Cessnock City Group	40	44	59
Dungog Group	18	20	17

East Maitland Group	40	44	46
Kurri Kurri Group	43	47	50
Singleton Group	63	69	65
Lower Hunter Unit	13	14	15
1st Bulahdelah Group	8	9	10
1st Forster-Tuncurry Group	10	11	5
1st Wingham Group	42	46	52
Taree Group	4	4	7
Wallamba Group	16	18	3
1st Cooks Hill Group	27	30	27
1st Mayfield Group	12	13	16
1st Merewether Group	28	31	36
1st New Lambton Group	42	46	32
1st South Wallsend Group	52	57	48
1st Wallsend Group	26	29	24
2nd Newcastle Group	9	10	4
3rd Mayfield Group	42	46	40
Kotara Group	32	35	43
Lambton-Waratah Group	31	34	30
Maryland-Shortland Group	60	66	69
1st Anna Bay Group	53	58	48
1st Clarence Town Group	26	29	29
1st Medowie Group	90	99	77
1st Nelson Bay Group	34	37	46
1st Raymond Terrace Group	25	28	39
1st Stroud Group	24	26	27
1st Tilligerry Group	16	18	18
Seaham Group	27	30	38
1st Byattunga Crew	5	6	12
1st Gosford Crew	8	9	8
1st Kanwal Crew	13	14	11
1st Wallsend Crew	5	6	6
1st Wyoming Crew	13	14	11
Belmont Crew	7	8	7
East Maitland Crew	20	22	17
Kotara Rover Crew			6
North Lake Macquarie Crew	5	6	5
1st Denman Group	18	20	16
1st Murrurundi Group	26	29	29
1st Scone Group	28	31	38
2nd Muswellbrook Group	67	74	68
Merriwa Group	14	15	1
1st Byattunga Group	58	64	73
1st Edgeworth Group	18	20	32
1st Rathmines Group	21	23	39
1st Teralba Group	28	31	37
1st Toronto Group	25	28	30
1st Wangi Group	59	65	52

* Conditions apply (see your DC for details)
 # Blackwall & Umina Groups (merged)

Regional Calendar

January

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Activities

Flat Water (Level 3) - 0701
27/28 Jan
Closes 5-Jan
Costs \$20

February

Activities

Canyoning Intermediate – 0702
3/4 Feb
Closes 12-Jan
Costs \$20

Flat Water (Level 2) – 0703
17/18 Feb
Closes 25-Jan
Costs \$15

March

Training

Cub Scout Basic Leadership 3
2-4 Mar
Closes 9-Feb
Costs \$105

Basic Leadership 1
17/18 Mar
Closes 23-Feb
Costs \$105

Scout Basic Leadership 3
23-25 Mar
Closes 2-Mar
Costs \$105

Activities

Navigation Day – 0704
4-Mar
Closes 9-Feb
Costs \$10

Basic Rock Skills & Abseiling Intermediate - 0705
3/4 March
Closes 9-Feb
Costs \$20

Sailing Beginners – 0706
10/11 Mar & 31 Mar/1Apr
Closes 16-Feb
Costs \$30 or \$75

Sailing Advanced – 0707
10/11 Mar & 31 Mar/1Apr
Closes 16-Feb
Costs \$30 or \$75

Senior First Aid - 0749
17-Mar
Closes 23-Feb
Costs \$35

White Water Grade 1 – 0708
17/18 Mar
Closes 23-Feb
Costs \$15

Canyoning Advanced – 0709
24/25 Mar
Closes 2-Mar
Costs \$20

Bushwalking Preparation – 0710
25-Mar
Closes 2-Mar
Costs \$10



Thanks

The Region Office Staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. Thank you to the Commissioner's, Debra Lowe, Jackie Bycroft and other part-time helpers for their constant work throughout the year.

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.philstrophies.net



Upper Hunter – Tree Jamboree

A tree-planting event like this isn't unique in Australia, but it's a first for Hunter and Coastal Region. In a partnership between Hunter & Coastal Scouts, Hunter Region Landcare Network and Lake Liddell Trust, we've managed to attract an \$18000 grant through the Australian Government's Envirofund.

Lake Liddell is located 15 kms from Muswellbrook and 40 kms from Singleton just off the New England Highway near Liddell Power Station. The Trust have organised a site that will be ripped and ready to plant 10000 tubestock. We're hoping for at least 250 people to plant these trees. That's only 20 trees per person per day for the two days. More people means less trees per person!!

This is an ideal activity for badgework for all Sections. To start the ball rolling a "Best Badge Design" Competition is now underway. The specifications are 75mm diameter or 75mm x 75 mm square badge incorporating "Upper Hunter Tree Jamboree" and 31 March –1 April 2007 with a design of your choice. This badge will be given to all participants. And yes there will be a suitable prize for the winner. The judges will be a person from each of the 3 organisations mentioned above. Send designs to S. Thatcher, 33 Acacia Drive Muswellbrook 2333. Competition closes the end of February.

So come on, get your thinking caps on and your garden trowels ready and let's make this a success.

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