



## Hunter & Coastal Region

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## The Regional Commissioner's Message



Hi and welcome to another year. I hope you have enjoyed your Christmas and New Year break and have recharged your batteries and that you are "raring to go".

The implementation on a trial basis of a Quarterly Billing System in this Region is an exciting opportunity. In the last 12 months we have visited the entire Region twice and without exception people are expressing concerns that Scouting is not affordable to all, and that this is one of the significant factors for the membership decrease in recent years. I agree. Everybody has asked for a fairer deal and so the quarterly billing was the consensus as the way to go. So you have asked for it, you wanted it and we have got it but it must be emphasised that it is on trial. We must see an increase in membership and we must see a lowering of outstanding debt. Obviously Region and State will be watching with interest to determine whether this concept continues. We have done our bit, so it is now over to you. On your behalf, I sincerely thank State Office in particular the State Chairman, Mr Bob Baker for the confidence and opportunity to trial this concept.

You will of course have your excellent "Keep Your Mates" promotional material which is displayed in a conspicuous location in your Hall so that you can embrace our retention strategy up until the 31<sup>st</sup> March because this first few months of the year was seen as a notorious time for membership decrease. The incentive prizes are outstanding and one of the major criticisms of our recruitment strategy was that the youth members had no idea what was going on and indeed this was quite obvious at some of our football and badge presentations held last year. Please don't disadvantage your youth members in this exciting and innovative promotion and retain your membership and we will deliver the prizes in person to your youth members. I'm sure and know that they will be impressed.

You'll occasionally read I suppose, Famous Quotes in desk diaries, books, newspapers. Some we empathise with, some we don't but one we should take heed of was made by an absolute genius almost one hundred years ago who said that "Scouting is a game it is not a science". In our endeavours to come up with the magic bullet for reasons why Scouting membership has decreased, I often think that we complicate the process and then we over analyse the situation. I am by nature a very pragmatic person. I am about results. It either works or it doesn't. We can have all the strategic plans in the world which sound great and look great but they all invariably miss the mark and all we end up doing is talking about it with very little or no action. This "game" is as simple as you want to make it. It is not as hard as we tend to make it. When I was an apprentice, one of my mentor tradesman said to me that no job is too hard, it is just the way we go about it. It is about method.

The Chief Commissioner of Australia, Mr John Ravenhall wrote very recently that we should never put down nor be condescending towards our Leaders. Apart from the fact he is the top man in this country, I agree with him. So it isn't my intention to bucket anybody, quite to the contrary, but it is vital that we all get the basics right:

- How do I go about Adult Leader recruitment?
- How do I go about Layside recruitment?
- How do I go about Fundraising?
- How do I go about Youth Recruitment?
- How do I go about offering exciting and interesting programmes?
- How do I access effective public relations?

If you are trying to do these things and have little to show for your efforts, then may I respectfully suggest that your method is wrong and that you need a fresh approach. What worked five years ago (or even longer), may not work now. I'm certain that if we get the small, simple things right, then success will follow. I acknowledge that many of you already accept that these simple things are essential but I am stating that what many of us have been doing has not been right and so a fresh approach is needed. In some cases the group dynamics will need to be changed.

If people are struggling with the basics, then please “sing out”. You have my unequivocal word that help will be on the way. Let’s not get bogged down in science, let’s remember this is a game. Let’s learn from the successful Groups, we want to share their success. Don’t feel down, out and unwanted. Region does care and given full opportunity we will practically demonstrate that to you.

You all know I’m a rugby league fan and ex-player so I hope you have heard of the master coach, Jack Gibson. When prior to a State of Origin Game he was asked by an interviewer what was his plan to win the game, the interviewer was expecting some scientific answer. Jack said that “if we score more points than them, we will win the game”. So, let’s talk some heed from Baden Powell’s advice and let’s get the basics right. After all you can’t sit for the HSC unless you have passed the School Certificate first. All the best with your efforts which are always genuinely appreciated.

Steve Fernie  
**Regional Commissioner**

## Region Office Closed

The Office will be closed on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February due to the Staff’s attendance at their annual Conference in Sydney.



The auditions for the 2005 show will be held on the 6th February, at East Gosford Scout Hall

If the Bulletin reaches you after this date it is not too late to be part of the gang, just give Jan Caldwell a call on 4324-6574.

Experience is not necessary you just have to be 10years or older and be an invested member of Scouting or Guiding.

Rehearsals begin in earnest from 27th February till the end of June from 4pm to 7pm.

Camp at Camp Kariong 2/3rd March

Full day rehearsals on 20th March, 1st and 15th May at East Gosford Scout Hall and at Camp Kariong on 26th June.

The dates for the show at Laycock Street Theatre are;  
Wednesday 13th July, Thursday 14th July, Friday 15 July & Saturday 16th July (two performances on this day).

SO PLEASE take the above dates into your Scouting diary and come and see the show, you will not be disappointed.

Lesley Mitchell  
**Central Coast Gang Show**

## Founder’s Day Picnic Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2005

Start the new Scouting year off with a great family day out at Richley Reserve/Blackbutt.

All welcome (Youth Members and Leaders from all Sections as well as mums, dads, brothers and sisters.) Bring along your picnic baskets and enjoy the day beginning with the opening parade at 10.00 am and finishing at 3.00 pm when we thank all the Districts and Sectional Leaders who will have provided a whole heap of fun activities.

To name but a few:

- \* The return of the Venturers famous Horizontal Bungee Jump!
- \* Our Activities Team are setting up their ever popular Flying Fox.
- \* Our Joey Section will be rolling out non-stop excitement with the Rockclimbing Wall – Bubbles – Kites – Earthball – Parachute and a Jumping Castle.
- \* Newcastle District have a line up of activities ranging from cow pat throwing (no need to byo cows or pats) to running the gauntlet (I hope that is done Klingon style with pain sticks?)
- \* Lake Macquarie District are beavering away on their activities and the spies we sent came back with their tongues cut out so we will just have to wait and see what comes up from “The Lake”.

Watch out for our Westlakes BP Guild, who will be selling drinks and ice creams. Doona, who will be providing everything from Mickey Mouse bandaids to major heart surgery in the first aid tent. Our exceptional and splendid Rovers who will be telling everyone (including the plumber dude) where to park, and our photographer who will take group or individual photographs.

We all know it never rains on a scouting activity..... But if it does the decision to postpone will be made no later than 1pm on Saturday 19th. The radio stations will be advised so that announcements can be made Saturday night and Sunday morning.

All personnel providing services, equipment, activities, facilities etc required for the day **will** be advised at the same time as the decision to postpone.

Pass the word along to all you’re scouting friends so that we can make this a great day for all of us.

Jean Hattander (Spock)  
**Region Founder’s Day Event Committee**  
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“It’s never too late to be what you might have been.”  
(George Eliot)

## Cub Scout Capers



**State Cuboree** - We had four Cub Packs attend the State Cuboree, as well as 1200 Cubs and Leader /parents from all over the state. I would like to thank their leaders for giving their Cubs this opportunity; maybe more will attend next time in 2007 as this camp was just great. We from the Hunter organized and manned half of an Activity base. I could not have done this with out tremendous help by Gai Johnston, Jackie Bycroft, John Gibson, Natalie Prosser and Bill Prosser.

**Grey Wolf** - Will be 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March at Glenrock, the cost to your Group will be \$55 each Leader. Apply on a L1 Form and the Closing Date is 10<sup>th</sup> February. The weekend will cover as much of the new Award Scheme as possible and State and Regional requirements will be available on the day. The accommodation will be limited, first applications will be allocated bunks, then the Overmans Cottage and lastly on the Hall's floor.

We will need a catering group for this weekend if your District can help please call me, a caterer will do a spit roast on Saturday night.

The Region has been fortunate, as Jan our State Commissioner has supplied us with enough Cub Passports for the Region and limited number of other (new) publications. The cost has been largely discounted for our weekend. All attending Cub Leaders will be able to purchase; the Leaders Handbook, My Adventure into Cub Scouts Book / Card, Cub Passports and a limited number of Wall Charts.

I have visited most of the District Seonees to discuss the "Bring a Friend Program". The Program will help give you time to understand the new award system and hopefully generate enthusiasm for the start of the year. If you have not received your copy, please contact your District Leader ASAP for a copy of the CD. Will visit Gosford soon!

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**Regional Commissioner (Cub Scouts)**  
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## Venturing



Welcome back to 2005 Scout year.

But what a great way to finish 04! The Drowned Rat Venture held at "The Steps" Barrington with 70 Venturer Scouts and about 32 Leader and other Adults. Abseiling, Canoeing, Li-loing down the river, Cooking your own Cake and then there was the B.B.Q, Chips, Drinks and lollipops and more!

The inaugural "Cousins Challenge" was held which encompassed a number of events from saving the Drowned Rat to Bobbing for Apples in Mystery Fluid. 1st Kanwal Unit took on every challenge in front of them and got to take home a Drowned Rat that they saved from the river. Well Done to all who participated. Hope you had fun. We are hoping that the taste of Activities run at the Venture will encourage your Unit to take part in a variety of Outdoor Activities

Thank you one and all - it would not have been such a success with out your enthusiasm.

### Upcoming Courses

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|---|--|
| Unit Management<br>30 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Kanwal<br>Costs \$15 | Unit Management<br>18 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Telarah<br>Costs \$15 |
|---|--|

Leadership Course  
23/24<sup>th</sup> July  
Glenrock  
Cost \$45

Initiative Courses held as required.

Any questions, please feel free to give me a ring.

Robyne Plant  
**Regional Commissioner (Venturer Scouts)**  
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### Queen's Scout Dates

The Office of the Governor of New South Wales, has booked the dates for the **2005 Queen's Scout Presentations at Government House:-**

- ◆ 107th Queen's Scout Presentation - **16 April**
- ◆ 108th Queen's Scout Presentation - **10 September**

The closing dates for nominations (at State Office) will be **31 January and 30 June** respectively.

## **Get your team together for Dragon Skin 2005 Warriors Four Days of Fun**

Dragon Skin is the biggest and best event in the NSW Venturer calendar, it is a four-day bushwalking and initiative competition, run over the Easter Long Weekend (25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March 2005). Dragon Skin 2005 Warriors will be held at Belanglo State Forest South of Sydney, and will be heaps of fun.

To find out more e-mail [activities@dragonskin.org.au](mailto:activities@dragonskin.org.au) or ring the Dragon Skin Hotline on 0418 652 123

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

## **Rovers**



It's been a busy couple of months for us in Rovers, with our participation in several large events over the Christmas break.

The first event we took part in was the Variety Club's Special Children's Christmas Party, on the 18th December. This is a Christmas Party held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre for handicapped and disadvantaged kids. 12 of us took part, spending the day face painting, handing out toys, and delivering supplies to the other Volunteers. A great time was had by all involved, and we have offered our assistance at any event they require it, for many years to come.

The second big event we've been represented in is at Tassie Moot. A group of 15 from our Region have made the trek south to Lake Barrington, Tasmania, where they joined over 700 other Rovers to take part in the Moot. They took part in their expeditions, Tassie in a rush, Explore southern Tasmania and Dive Tasmania, where they visited well known tourist locations like Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur, the Cascade Brewery and Cadburys Chocolate Factory. By all reports, everyone had an awesome time. The next National Moot will be held here in NSW in a couple of years.

The "Attack of the Comics Ro-Venture" is all but ready to roll and needs only the applications to come in for it to happen. With huge activities like jelly wrestling, and a generous spit roast dinner, it's the only place to be on the 12th & 13th February. For electronic forms, contact me.

Simon Blatchford

**President – Region Rover Council**

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## **World Scout Day More on how WE'RE celebrating?**

The Regional Celebration is on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005. The festivities will start at 11.30am with a Service at Christ Church Cathedral. The service will be *A Celebration of YOUTH!*

After this activity programs are being arranged to entertain everyone. The programs will be a "Passport for Travel Around the World - Via Newcastle" and designed to cater for the age group of individual Sections – Joey/Cub Passport will focus on FUN, Learning and creative activities and the Scout/Venturer Passport will involve looking further a field with the use of cryptic codes etc. These will be on display at your District Training Meetings [Wandarrah's, Seonee's, Mindari's, ZVC's and RRC] soon.

We ask that you look at the programs and support them. World Scout Day is a celebration of Scouting successes and universality, in the past, present and for the future. Your support is essential if the day is to be a success. Our members know about B-P from your Founders Day activities – now let's show them what he achieved!

So, to give you a helping hand and to stoke your imagination, a sample night program that could be used in your Section [Joeys through to Venturers] to get you and your youth thinking about World Scouting has been included in this Bulletin. Remember, you will need to alter this sample to make it appropriate for your youth members – depending on numbers, more items will need to be added, for example, a yarn on World Scouting, another culture or B-P, some fast games...

With the organisation of this event being nearly complete, I would like to pass on my thanks to Jacqui Sattler, Grahame Prieter and the Gang Show Team for their support and hard work on the project so far.

So, once again, remember to place the 31<sup>st</sup> July in your Group and Section programs; can't wait to *see you there!*

Nigel "Akela" Reece

**Region World Scout Day Event Coordinator**

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## **Regional Meetings**

RC's Council – 17<sup>th</sup> February  
DC's Conference – 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Executive Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> February  
RC's Council – 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Gresford Cattle Project – 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
DC's Conference – 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Executive Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> April  
RC's Council – 21<sup>st</sup> April

## Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the break. As I said last month, we are in for an interesting year. We ask that you be patient with any problems as they arise as the solutions sometimes take time.

**2005 Training Calendar** - Although you may not have received the Training Calendar by post yet I can advise that it can be accessed from the Support Area of the Hunter & Coastal Website at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/info/> It is stored as an adobe file under "Training". To access click on the + symbol to the left of the training folder icon then click on the word "Calendar", wait a few minutes (depending on the speed of your modem and Internet traffic) and you will have the 2005 Calendar. (A caution however, it is 40 pages long with photos so it will take a long time to print it all.)

**Training Forms** - Unfortunately our Member Services Consultants (they are not outside people they in fact are employed by us but this is their new job title) at State Office will only accept current training forms for processing (there are numerous reasons for this and we just have to accept the umpires ruling). Therefore it very important that the most current form is used or run the risk of vital paperwork being returned to you.

The best way of accessing these forms is also using the Support area of the Hunter & Coastal Website at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/info/> To access, click on the + symbol to the left of the paperwork icon then click on the word state forms this will link you the NSW state website in the admin forms area. If you scroll down you will come to Adult Training where you will find all current training forms.

If you don't have access to the net possibly someone within your group does. If this still creates a problem then contact the Regional Office and they may be able to send the current form to you.

Remember failure to use the most up to date forms will hold up the appointment process and creates frustration for all concerned. (Activity application forms are quite different to these.)

**Another Special Note to all Wood Badge Holders** - This note applies to those of you who have applied to work on their Cert IV in Leadership as discussed in December's Bulletin.

The Adult Development Plan can be found in the Forms area as mentioned in Training Forms above but instead scroll down to the Appointment ("W" Forms) area. It is between W10 and W11. If confused, or unable to access the web, then ask the Region Office to post you a copy.

Additionally, the introductory letter you received with your pack has created some confusion and I apologise. Please ignore the mention of Certificate IV Catch Up Evening, as it is only one method of achieving the result. I only intend having such a workshop if you so desire (as yet I have had no requests to hold one). Although I have said to ignore the mention of the catch up evenings, read the letter itself as it may be helpful. If you are struggling please contact me as I can easily put you on track.

Remember that you only have 'till the end of March to complete this catch-up process. I have been informed that after the end of January there will be a \$20 charge for all who apply to complete this process after 31 January [i.e. from now on]. (Please note however that this charge does not apply to all those who applied before that date).

'Till next month.

Happy driving along the Training Track!

David Downie

**Regional Commissioner (Adult Training & Development)**

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### **Important Reminder**

Complaints that Involve Allegations of a Sexual, of a Physical Nature, or those that could tend to Cause Harm to Members or Bring Disrepute on the Association or which may result in the Cancellation of an Adult Leader's Appointment or a person's membership.

**THIS ALSO INCLUDES DRUG AND SERIOUS ALCOHOL ISSUES.**

**YOU MUST REPORT ALL ALLEGATIONS AND SUSPICIONS - DO NOT INVESTIGATE.**

*(There can be no exception or variation to this policy)*

Those at all levels of the Association **must** report any suspicions and allegations of sexual, emotional or physical impropriety this also would include drug and alcohol issues. The report should be made direct to the CEO at State Office, or the Chief Commissioner *If you find this difficult then contact whoever you would feel comfortable talking to, your Regional Commissioner, District Commissioner or Group Leader.* State Office will **provide guidance**.

### **Looking for a new Challenge?**

Urgently required - one new Akela for the Cub Section of 1st Branxton/Greta Group? For information please contact the Leader-in-Charge, Lyn Cherrie, on 4938-1397 after hours.

# Regional Calendar

## February

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Basic Leadership 2  
25-27 February  
Closes 4 February  
Costs \$105

Personal Leader Advisor  
27 February  
Closes 4 February  
Costs \$35

### Activities

Sailing Beginners - 0501  
5-6 & 26-27 February  
Closes 14-January  
Costs \$25.00 - \$75.00

Sailing Advanced - 0502  
5-6 & 26-27 February  
Closes 14- January  
Costs \$25 or \$75

Canyoning Intermediate - 0503  
5-6 February  
Closes 14-January  
Costs \$20

Navigation Day - 0504  
19-February  
Closes 28-January  
Costs \$10

Senior First Aid - 0505  
19 February  
Closes 28 January  
Costs \$30

District Day (Upper Hunter) - 0506  
19 February  
Closes 28 January  
Costs \$10

Abseiling Basic & Introductory - 0507  
26-27 February  
Closes 4 February  
Costs \$20

## March

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Cub Scout Basic Leadership 3  
11-13 March  
Closes 18 February  
Costs \$95

Scout Basic Leadership 3  
11-13 March  
Closes 18 February  
Costs \$95

Joey Scout Basic Leadership 3  
18-20 March  
Closes 25 February  
Costs \$95

Venturer Scout Basic Leadership 3  
18-20 March  
Closes 25 February  
Costs \$95

### Activities

Bushwalking Theory - 0508  
6 March  
Closes 11 February  
Costs \$5

Caving Advanced - 0509  
12-13 March  
Closes 18 February  
Costs \$20

Caving Advanced - 0509  
12-13 March  
Closes 18-February  
Costs \$20

White Water Grade 1 - 0510  
19-20 March  
Closes 25-Feb  
Costs \$20

Canyoning Intermediate - 0511  
19-20 March  
Closes 25-February  
Costs \$20

## ***Region Activity Notification Procedure***

The Region is divided into four activity zones. These are shown on the attached map but may be internally described as being centred about two different points:

- at Doyalson traffic lights (where the Pacific Highway intersects with Norah Road – Wyee Road).
- at Hexham (where the bridge crosses the Hunter River).

|       | <b>Rough Internal Boundary Description</b>   | <b>Zone Activity Coordinator (ZAC)</b>  |
|-------|--|---|
| East  | Doyalson - North from Norah Road – Wyee Road and East of the F3 Freeway and then (north of Hexham) the Pacific Highway | Phillip Sparkes<br>PO Box 160<br>WALLSEND 2287<br>Mobile: 0414 223-654<br>Fax: 4946 – 5589<br>E-mail: sparx@idl.com.au    |
| North | Hexham – North from the New England Highway and West of the Pacific Highway.   | Geoff James<br>114 Victoria Street<br>EAST MAITLAND 2323<br>Phone: 4933 – 7082<br>Fax: 4934-1627<br>(no e-mail)           |
| South | Doyalson – South from Norah Road – Wyee Road and East of the F3 Freeway.   | Rob Mawson<br>1003 Alison Road<br>WYONG 2259<br>Phone: 4352 – 1475<br>Mobile: 0404 004-357<br>E-mail: rmawson@dodo.com.au |
| West  | Hexham – South from the New England Highway and West of the F3 Freeway.  | Dallas Blatchford<br>40 Reserve Road<br>WANGI WANGI 2267<br>Phone: 4975 – 2709<br>E-mail: dablatch@dodo.com.au            |

Activity Notification Forms **MUST** be forwarded to the relevant ZAC direct. Please **DO NOT** send forms to the Region Office.

**Please throw out all previous editions of this Procedure you hold.**



## Appointments List

BEC – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2004

### APPOINTMENTS

WOODLAND, Lee Maree – AJSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Town  
 BARTON BISHOP, David – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Byattunga  
 MANNING, Gillian – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Clarence Town  
 McARDLE, Luke – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Wyoming  
 OLIVER, Shawn - CSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Medowie  
 PASCOE, Megan – ACSL – 1<sup>st</sup> East Gosford  
 EHMANN, Karl – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Medowie  
 MOYES, Gilbert – SL – 1<sup>st</sup> Toronto  
 JENKINS, Carmell – AVSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Ourimbah

### TRANSFERS

CASSANO, Saree  
 From ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Forster/Tuncurry  
 To GL 1<sup>st</sup> Forster/Tuncurry

DELL, Michelle  
 From ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Clovelly  
 To ACSL 1<sup>st</sup> Avoca Beach

REGGERS, Roy  
 From JSL 1<sup>st</sup> Quakers Hill – Doonside  
 To Group Adviser Wallamba

### RESIGNATIONS

MacDONALD, Melinda – CSL – 1<sup>st</sup> Narara  
 PARMENTER, Donya – JSL – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thornton  
 VAN TILBORG, Rhys – ASL – 1<sup>st</sup> Narara

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

FLEKENSTEIN, Belinda – TL (CS) – 1<sup>st</sup> Medowie  
 GRICE, Irene – TL (CS) – 1<sup>st</sup> Medowie  
 PRITCHARD, Rodney – TL (S) – 1<sup>st</sup> Denman  
 WILDING, Emily – TL (JS) – 1<sup>st</sup> Mannering Park

### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE – 10/11/04

MILLER, William – Hon Comm. – Region

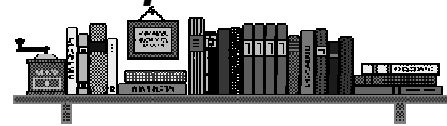
## Yellow Cords



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| James Slade       | Kurri Kurri                  |
| Zoe Mizrachi      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tilligerry   |
| Ryan Cohrane      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tilligerry   |
| Jessica reader    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anna Bay     |
| Bronte McPartland | 1 <sup>st</sup> Avoca Beach  |
| Peter Viola       | Peats Ridge                  |
| Lindsay Ness      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wyoming      |
| David Longmire    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wyoming      |
| Tori Brickell     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Anna Bay     |
| Ben Kelly         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wangi        |
| Cory Roberts      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wangi        |
| Christ Martin     | 1 <sup>st</sup> East Gosford |
| Cameron Pascoe    | 1 <sup>st</sup> East Gosford |
| Blake Poole       | 1 <sup>st</sup> East Gosford |
| Liam Pettit       | Umina                        |

## Campfire Chatter



I found a great web site with top ideas The Exploratorium is a not-for-profit organization was one of the first science museums to build a site on the World Wide Web. Their site now contains over 15,000 Web pages exploring hundreds of different topics

[http://www.exploratorium.edu/science\\_explorer/index.html](http://www.exploratorium.edu/science_explorer/index.html)  
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/explore/hands-on.html>

Another site is Scoutxing.com a MEGA-Resources for Scout Leaders, game, tips, programs, songs, etc.

<http://www.scoutxing.com/>

**Game time**      **On the Island, Off the Island**  
 Equipment:      Nil

How to Play:  
 Draw one big circle on the floor

All players stand in the circle—this is the island. Pick one member to be the caller, who stands off the island. You can choose the caller by seeing who's the oldest or youngest.

The caller yells "on the island" and all players must stay in the circle. When the caller yells "off the island," all players must jump out of the circle. The caller tries to trick the players by mixing up the calls. If a player moves incorrectly, he/she is out. The game goes on until one player is left—then that player becomes the next caller.

Does your Group need a Web Site, I can help you with the design. Maybe our Venturers can do it as a Group.

Remember our Region site too,  
<http://www.scoutreach.com.au> and under "Resources", for all your all your games and activities, updated daily. If you need help contact me.

Greg Allen  
**Regional Commissioner (Resources)**  
 E-mail: [resources@scoutreach.com.au](mailto:resources@scoutreach.com.au)

## RAMBO5

Plans are well underway for RAMBO5. How are your Group plans going for participation in this weekend with a difference!?! Just to remind you of the dates - 28th & 29th May. Where at? Beautiful Glenrock by the sea!

If you haven't heard about it yet then contact your District Commissioner or Group Leader for details.

More information next Bulletin.

Grahame Pricter  
**RAMBO5 Co-ordinator**

## National Youth Council Report

It is important for members of the National Youth Council (NYC) to meet with Youth Members of all Sections of the Scouting Movement. It gives them an opportunity to promote the NYC and discuss any youth issues.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2005 I travelled to Cataract Scout Park to visit the 2005 Cuboree. Having visited Cataract during the 19<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree the camp seemed so much quieter even with 1000 cubs, 400 Leaders, Venturers and Scouts and numerous family members visiting on open day.



I met with Cubs from 1<sup>st</sup> Windang, near Wollongong. Nicola Mouanesi, 10, and Hailey Connor, 9, who during the morning session were involved in activities at the Festivals of the World. During their lunch break they quickly changed into their swimming gear as they were keen for water activities. Their favourite activity was Challenge Valley which they quickly lined up in the mud for a second turn.

I also had the opportunity to renew my friendship with Tom Lawrence, a venturer from 1<sup>st</sup> Corowa, who I originally met at the 20<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree. He was very enthusiastic about the Cuboree even after a 7 hour bus trip with a load of Cubs. He had Cubs blindfolded trekking through the asteroids and searching for spaceships and ufos in the quagmire.



Any issues concerning the Youth Members please contact me at [Kate\\_Hughes@nyc.scouts.com.au](mailto:Kate_Hughes@nyc.scouts.com.au).

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