



## Hunter & Coastal Region

# Bulletin

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## The Regional Commissioner's Message



I hope that this report finds you well and that you survived our recent torrential rain and flooding. Unbelievable wasn't it! I sincerely hope that nobody suffered any serious damage and our thoughts go to those people who had problems during this difficult time.

### Tiffany

On 15 June we farewelled Tiffany Laws from our Region Office who has gone to pursue other opportunities. Tiffany had been employed by our Association since 17 January 1991 (being 16.5 years) and we wish her well in her future endeavours. Chief Executive, Graham Bargwanna attended the farewell. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming to our Office, Jenny Kearns and we look forward to working with her in the coming months.

### Hearing the Message Elsewhere

On Sunday 17 June Greg Allen and I attended Hume Region's Annual Meeting which was held at Mt Pritchard. The meeting was held in a club environment at "The Mounties". It is interesting to see how other Regions conduct their meetings. Of particular significance was their guest speaker, Mr. Ken Moroney who is the Chief Commissioner of NSW Police. He was a dynamic and entertaining speaker with a clear message for all of us. His speech dovetailed nicely into the aims and principles of our organisation. He spoke on the importance of youth and how they are our best investment for the future. He further added the significance our leaders play in the development of young people and the life skills our organisation engenders and he encouraged us to grow our organisation to help improve the quality of these people. It was indeed one of the most profound and entertaining speeches that I have ever heard.

### Centenary Challenge & Event

I understand the Challenge Cards for the Centenary Medal are progressing well. It won't take long for the Centenary Celebrations in September to be with us. Chief organiser, Grahame Pricter and his team have devoted countless hours in preparation for the celebration. Don't deny your youth members the opportunity to participate. I respectfully suggest to you that it is part of your responsibility to ensure that if you can't come alternate arrangements are made. Without doubt it will be a great time.

### Keeping "At" It

It would be remiss of me not to mention the successful recruitment campaign led by DC Manning, Greg Gilbert and RC Special Projects, Des Hocking in relation to Foster/Tuncurry Group. This is a Group that has been struggling for some considerable period of time. The Group on its first big night had over 40 young people and the equivalence of parents in attendance. Obviously there is still plenty of work to be done but what a fantastic start. It just goes to show again what can be achieved with effort and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all concerned. When is your next big family night planned? The above Group achieved this result on a next to nothing start. Let me remind some of you again, the halcyon days when we had people in queues outside Scout Halls pushing to join are over. We must go to them. We are the contractor if you like.

### On the Road Again (well, soon anyway)

I hope that, via your DC's and GL's, you know the dates and places of the Region Visits this year. Obviously the venue and time have been publicised for almost twelve months. The topics are School Promotions, Adults in Scouting, Centenary Celebrations and Venturing. I'm sure that they will be of benefit to all because we have not covered these topics before. Even if you think you have all the answers, trust me we all have plenty more to learn (me included). I look forward to meeting you personally on tour. The speakers have to travel hundreds of kilometres to nine venues stretching from Muswellbrook to Taree to Gosford. We are asking you to come along once only. After all, one of these events is being held in your back yard, so please make the effort.

**Steve Fernie - Regional Commissioner**

## Smoke Signals



### Declaration of "Year of the Scout"

Do you know that 2008 is the 100 year of Australian Scouting?

On 4 May, the Hon John Howard, Prime Minister, announced that the Australian Government had declared 2008 as the Year of the Scout. He also announced that the Royal Australian Mint will strike a circulating coin, in addition to 3 commemorative coins. These announcements are in recognition of the contribution Scouting has made to our nation over the past 100 years, and will continue to make.

This will be a good opportunity for all of us to promote Scouts throughout our communities in 2008 our year of Scouting in Australia.

Remember that our Regional Office has promotional material to help your Group promote Scouting and to recruit at the same time.

### EXPLANATION OF SCOUTING

*"From the national point of view our aim is solely to make the rising generation into good citizens.*

*We do not interfere with the boy's religion, of whatever form it may be, though we encourage him to practise whichever he professes.*

*Our training divides itself under four heads:—*

- 1 Individual character training in resourcefulness, observation, self-reliance to gain the Scout's Badge.*
- 2 Handicrafts or hobbies which may help a boy to make his way in life, for which we give "Proficiency" badges.*
- 3 Physical Health, by encouraging the boy to take plenty of exercise and to look after his body.*
- 4 Service for the State, such as fire brigade, ambulance, missionaries, life-saving, or other collective public duty by the troop.*

*Scouting appeals to boys of every class, and can be carried out in towns just as well as in the country.*

*When a Scoutmaster has not sufficient knowledge in any one subject he can generally get a friend who is an expert to come and give his troop the required instructions."*

This is an extract from Scouting for Boys by Lord Baden-Powell. Reading this, Scouting today is much the same.

### Cooking

Dog in a blanket -- Wrap a Hot Dog in dough, skewer on a stick and bake over hot coals. Or slit the hot dog and insert a piece of cheese before you wrap and cook it.

Banana Hot Boat -- Cut a v-shaped wedge from the top of an unpeeled banana. Fill wedge with pieces of chocolate and marshmallow. Wrap in foil and place on coals for 8-10 minutes.

Potato -- Cut out the centre of a potato. Fill with hamburger and diced onion, or with butter and cheese. Plug the hole with some of the pieces you removed. Wrap in foil and bake in coals. Cook for about an hour.

### Games

#### Racing Cars

Equipment: 1 stick and 1 paper cup per team, plus chalk

Rules: Draw a giant figure of eight on the hall floor, to be the racing track. Put Scouts in equal teams in the 4 corners behind the racing track. Ask the 1st Scout from each team to place his cup on the floor with his stick inside it so that it can be pushed around the track like a racing car. On "Go" the 1st Scouts form each team race around the track, pushing their "cars" in the designated direction.

At the intersection, right of way is given to the first car to arrive there. Racers must not overtake each other on the track but must continue around till they get home and had the racing cars to the next in their team. First team all home, and sitting down, is the winning team.

#### Backbreaking Skittles

Equipment: Several light/soft footballs, Six plastic skittles and Chalk (or string to divide area).

Game Description: This is best played in an enclosed area such as a hall.

Divide your area in half with a chalk line, which is not to be crossed by either team. Select two equal teams. Place three skittles per team equally spaced across the hall about 20 feet back from the line, in each team's territory. The idea is for each team to knock down all three of the opposing team's skittles, whilst defending their own. Several balls are used at once, however they can only be reclaimed from within the team's own territory, no crossing the line. The winning team's score is the number of their own skittles standing once the other teams are all knocked down. A number of rounds can be nominated and the aggregate score calculated for the final score. Players may only throw the balls under-arm. Using back and side walls to rebound off is allowed and is a good way to get round blockers. Teamwork in the form of passing along the line will also help. All players must stay on their feet when blocking incoming balls, and only one player at a time may directly block each skittle.

### Scouting in 2007

Have a look at the Regional Website, for all the Activities and Camps your Group can celebrate the Centenary of Scouting at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/2007/>

**All known dates are listed on the website.**

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There's Still Time to Gather Your Family, Friends (and anyone else too) and come along for a great night out at the .....

## REGION TRIVIA NIGHT

The date has changed and is now on

# FRIDAY 27 JULY.

You need to have your table numbers and money at Region Office before Friday 13 July.

Reminder of the arrangements:

- tables of up to 8 people. (If you can't get 8, then we will match you with some others.)
- Light refreshments are included.
- At Cardiff RSL Club.
- Commencing at 7.30 pm.

Those that have already applied have been automatically transferred to the new date.

**APPLY NOW!**

## Cub Scout Capers



On the weekend of 2-3 July we held the Regional Cub Council Away Seonee. This is where we plan the bulk of 2008 Cub Scout Events and special items for remainder of 2007. One of the major planning item discussed was the Regional Cuboree 2008. As we plan to use State controlled land we must comply with their requirements eg Management Plan for the event, a Recycling Plan and a Traffic/ Security plan. This is why your DCSL have been asking all those question for next year's Cuboree so early. Thank you for helping with your ideas it has been a great help in compiling the different strategies. Your DCSL will have the date that I will visit your District, talk to the Cub Leaders and answer questions relevant to the operation of the Packs.

### Allergic Reactions to Different Foods

The Region had a medical incident with one of our youth members recently and it could have been very serious for the person involved. I was asked how we could manage or minimize the risk of this happening to another youth member. As we have members with food allergies ranging from mild to severe. It is the severe reactions we must minimise/manage those whilst in our care and thus demonstrate our understanding and commitment to the wellbeing of the members of our Association.

After discussions with medical personnel regarding the best ways we can approach food allergies the consensus was: Cooking on Pack nights or items brought into the Pack for challenge badges must be accompanied by a list of ingredients. A verbal list of ingredients can not be accepted as the person who is providing the information may not know the full detail.

I will elaborate in greater detail when I visit your District and will explain the reasons to your DCSL as well.

### Events Update

Palava 07 is fast approaching and you should have received and sent your form to the Region Office. To add to the Palava theme the Newcastle Medieval group have kindly offered to demonstrates and conduct dances on the Saturday night. A Sunrise Event is also scheduled to take part on the Sunday. All leaders are most welcome to attend; do not forget to bring your tent.

The numbers for the State Cuboree is looking good with the indication enough Cubs to form two Cuboree packs. If you are considering attending there is still time but remember if you leave the application too late it could affect your placement in a Pack. The State Cuboree packs are organized the same as a Scout Troop for a Jamboree. I will try my best to keep Cubs together and will consult with the relevant DCSL's as well.

### Regional Events 2007:

Palava	11 <sup>th</sup> -12th Aug
Centenary Camp "Newcastle"	21 <sup>st</sup> -23rd Sep
State Cuboree "Newington Armoury"	8 <sup>th</sup> - 11th Oct

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## Adventurous Activities



Welcome to winter from the Activities Team.

Well the weather has been variable from mild to very cold and ferocious. Safety while being outdoors is very important. You may have seen articles about young people

becoming lost or in the need of rescue over the last month. Scouting provides safe and structured activity for outdoor activities. Please make sure that you and other leaders have the appropriate skills to lead all activities. Remember, you can contact a member of the activities team if you need assistance to ensure that the activities you are conducting are done safely.

The winter program for Alpine activities is now underway. The CROSS COUNTRY SKIING course is a two day experience to develop skills in snow camping and cross country skiing on marked trails without the need to carry a full pack and equipment. The SKI TOURING weekend is an experience to develop skills in on-snow camping, igloo building and cross country ski touring. This activity can be completed on either cross country skis or snow shoes. Both courses are open to Venturers, Rovers and Leaders.

The next couple of months is a great time for Districts to arrange their BRAF course. Talk at your District meeting and contact me with your preferred times to have these activities.

The next Regional event is the 6<sup>th</sup> Catalina Cup (Region Regatta) on **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October** (see the flyer on page 9 for further details).

Scouting is one of the best things that youth within your community can do. How are you going about ensuring that they know your Group exists?

The local Centenary of Scouting event is a great way to show youth and parents that scouting is a great movement to belong to. Have you registered yet? The weekend is 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Book your Group in today.

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## International & Member Support

### Centenary of Scouting Event

Well all we need now are your numbers, and by the time you read this we should have a fair idea of campers and day visitors. Speaking of which, rumour has it that a number of complete Districts are not camping. This is not in the spirit of the occasion. **THIS IS THE CENTENARY OF SCOUTING EVENT FOR THE HUNTER AND COASTAL REGION!** Why are the youth of our Region being deprived of spending a week-end of **CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES** with other Scouts in the Region at this once in a lifetime event? It is also a good time to introduce parents and brothers and sisters to the fun of Scouting. In the March edition of the Bulletin I spoke of using it as an opportunity to promote the Movement to the public and to people associated with your group. I ask the question of those groups not camping, how many parents and families are attending with your youth members? It is disappointing to find out that the young people are missing out because of the

decision of leaders, some of whom were disappointed last year that their group missed the cut at RAMBO. You still have time to join the rest!

Arrangements are going well with meetings being held with the Newcastle Council and the Police and traffic Authorities, all of whom have been very supportive. A second newsletter is being compiled with information for campers and Day Visitors on all aspects of the weekend. This will probably reach you before the Bulletin does or shortly after.

Please ensure that everyone attending has paid the required Registration Fee and submitted an Application Form. All Parents and other adults attending with your group are to have filled in a PED form. Remember we will have the general public in attendance so please show them what Scouting is all about. We will not get another opportunity like this for another 100 years so lets not waste it. It is our youths future we are talking about! How are your Join In Jamboree programmes going? Watch this space for further information.

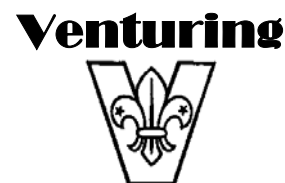
### International

We have had several Groups and individuals apply for Pen Pals and Group exchanges as well as enquiries from overseas groups for Australian exchanges. Contact Jill Heath if you want to be part of the exchange. Her email address is jillcubs@bigpond.net.au.

### Members Support

Scouting recently lost one of its Senior Scouters and great friend of Scouting Allan Victor. Allan had been a Scouter since 1945 and a Scout since 1939 when he was invested at 1<sup>st</sup> Merewether. He was a King's Scout, and the holder of the Silver Kangaroo. Allan held various appointments during his career and was an Honorary Commissioner at the time of his passing. He will be remembered affectionately as the "Commissioner for old things" due to his tireless efforts in establishing the Region Memorabilia Centre at Fassifern. His funeral was attended by a large number of members of the movement and a wonderful cross section of the community. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Faye and the family in their great loss.

Grahame Pricter  
**Regional Commissioner (International and Members Support)**



### Leadership Course – **Reminder**

Date – 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> July  
Location – Kariong Camp  
Perquisite – 16 years and over  
Time – 9.00am Saturday/ 3.00pm Sunday  
Cost - \$45 includes meals and accommodation  
Closing Date – **6<sup>th</sup> July SO APPLY NOW!!!!!!**

Unit Management Course  
Date – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Location - Kantankye (Region Activity) Centre - Boolaroo

Time - 8.30am to 4.00pm

Cost - \$15

Closing Date – 5<sup>th</sup> October

214 days 'till the...

14<sup>th</sup> Australian Venture in Western Australia

Check out [www.escape2venture.com](http://www.escape2venture.com)

### Centenary Event – September

The Venturer Section will be running a couple of activities and we need your help. Please let us know as early as we will be allocating time spots, so as to cover the base over the whole weekend. Contact - [robyneplant@hotmail.com](mailto:robyneplant@hotmail.com)

### Venturing Skills Badge...

*Leaders and Unit Chairmen* – please ensure that all Venturers who participate in high-risk activities have completed their Venturing Skills badge. There is an assumed level of competency for participation in activities such as basic abseiling courses. The Venturing Skills badge includes important safety knowledge and allows Venturers to acquire the next level of skills more easily.

### Venturer Review

This is our opportunity to have our say about changes we would like to see happen in the Venturer Scout Section. Venturers can participate by logging onto [www.scouts.com.au](http://www.scouts.com.au), hitting the logo that says *I'm a Scouting Youth Member*, then click the *Venturers* hyperlink down the left hand side and the first article on the page is about the review.

If you prefer to make a written submission, please send it to Julie Creed, National Commissioner Youth Program at [youth.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:youth.comm@scouts.com.au)

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## Scouting Around



### Region Rally 2007

This activity once again proved to be a great success. Congratulations to the 30 Patrols invited to represent the Region at the State Rally in August. Don't forget to get the paper work into the Regional Office in time.

### Centenary Activities

It is pleasing to here that the Challenge Activities are going well and that the scouts are enjoying the challenges. Please remember as I said last month, none of this is new and it all should fit neatly into the award scheme for the scouts, and hopefully your Scouts have fun and will learn something new.

I hope that you and your Scouts will be attending the Centenary Event in September and in turn gaining the special medallion we are having made to celebrate is Special Event.

### UP Coming Activities

The Region Mindari is currently planning the Region Water Activities Weekend in November. At the July Mindari the Activities Team will be in attendance where we will be planning the activities for the weekend.

So watch this space for further information on both the Water Activities Weekend and the 2008 Corroboree.

Kevin Allen

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## Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting.

### EASTER 2008 Advanced Training SPECIAL.

Next year we are going to run a bulk block of advanced 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. This means both Courses back to back.

### Outstanding Wood Badges

Scuttlebutt says we have some Leaders who have not received Wood Badges. If you believe you have completed all the requirements and have not received your Wood Badge then please send me an email so that I can investigate. Send to [therealdoona@westnet.com.au](mailto:therealdoona@westnet.com.au) please include Wood Badge in the subject area and I will try to sort out any issues.

### Training Rebate Scheme – Great for Groups

Great news! The Training Rebate Scheme will continue. Since January 1 2006 the State has returned to groups within this region 75% of course fees for Trainee Leaders who complete Basic Training (certificate 111 in Business (Frontline) Management. The Branch Executive Council continues to recognise the strength that can be added to Scouting by having Leaders who complete Advanced Training have achieve a Wood Badge. To support this all Groups receive 75% of course fees back for each Leader of the group who complete Wood Badge/ Certificate IV in Business (Frontline) Management. This program has been extended and will apply for next year.

### Course Closing Dates / Course Numbers

It's incredible that I consistently write about course numbers and it still doesn't seem to be getting through judging by the last minute applications to attend courses. For those that have complied and get applications in early, thank you. For those that have not please read on. Course numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 30. Participants will be

accepted on a first in basis till 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 three weeks before a course is extremely difficult however if I knew six 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.

David Downie

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

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## Happy Hopping



### Fly 100 Kites Challenge

The Joey Scout Section are holding a "Fly 100 Kites Day" over the weekend **28th / 29th July** as part of Challenge 100. This event coincides with the opening of the World Jamboree in July.

The event is being organised mainly on a District Level. The challenge is to get at least 100 kites in the air at one time. Each Mob should invite the other Scout Sections, Parents, family and friends should to help us achieve the goal.

If you have not given your District Leader your order for kites please ensure you do it now!

The event is being held in the following locations:

**Lower Hunter District:** Maitland Park, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

**Newcastle District:** Newcastle Foreshore, Sunday 22nd July. 11:00am - 3:00pm

**Central Coast District:** The Entrance Memorial Park, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. 11:00 am – 2:00pm

**Lake Macquarie:** Croudace Park Bay. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. 12.00pm-3.00pm

(Southern end of the park, Southern end of Macquarie Drive).

**Manning District:** Fotheringhams Park, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 am (along the shoreline)

**Good Luck with your Challenge!**

### Youth Leadership Course

Leaders who have youth helpers, would you please remind your helpers who have applied for the Youth Helpers Course they need to be at the Kantankyee (Region Activity) Centre ,

Boolaroo by 9.00am 15<sup>th</sup> July. Participants will need to bring their own lunch. Morning and afternoon tea will be supplied.

### Small Mobs – a "reprint"

Last Bulletin I wrote an article about small Mobs. I am pleased to say that one Group contacted me. I know they are not the only Group so I have decided to run the notice again this month in case Group Leaders and Joey Leaders missed it last month.

### ATTENTION: GROUP LEADERS AND JOEY SCOUT LEADERS –

#### Mobs with Small youth Membership

Several times now I have asked for Mobs who have low youth members to contact their District Leaders to talk about how we can help you to increase your Mob size.

There has been no response to this request.

You may ask why do I keep asking to help? Most Mobs who continue to maintain small youth membership are in danger of closing within a few years.

Why?

1. Programming for small Mobs is much harder than it is for larger mobs; as you go through the activities much quicker therefore you need to add much more to the program or your program delivery falls short.
2. Leaders run out of ideas much quicker when trying to program for small number and end up burning out and this can possibly lead to resignation.
3. Small numbers discourages new families from joining your Mob. It is a bit like joining a sinking ship. As a parent I would look and the situation and not feel that Joey Scouts can be that exciting after all there are only a couple of children there. How exciting can that be if no one wants to join!
4. If those couple of Joey Scouts advance or leave what happens to the Mob? Does it simply close or does the Group have to start the Mob all over again. This situation ends up in the too hard basket for many Groups or has to utilise everyone in the Group to try and get it going again, which is fine I guess if the Group have the time!

I would like any Group Leader or Joey Scout Leader to contact their District Joey Scout Leader or me and at least discuss ways the Section maybe able to help improve Mob numbers in your Groups.

During the next few months I will be at your District Wandarrah's and visiting Groups to discuss the help options available to assist with increasing Mob membership.

You can get in early and contact us to get your Mob bouncing again!!!!

Marilyn Hocking

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## Appointment Lists

### 21<sup>st</sup> May

#### TRANSFERS

BREASLEY, Kylie

Fr AL (G) 1st Rathmines  
To CSL 1st Rathmines

DALY, Brett

Fr CSL Charlestown  
To ACSL Charlestown

MASON-COX, Vicki

Fr AL (G) Singleton  
To VSL Singleton

MITCHELL, Vicki

Fr ACSL Charlestown  
To CSL Charlestown

#### RESIGNATIONS

MURRAY, Allan - GL - 1st Wangi

RAWLINGS, Lynette - ACSL - 1st Swansea

#### CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE – 20 May

VICTOR, Allan - Hon Commr - Region

### 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### RESIGNATIONS

LINDUS, Bill - District Adviser - Newcastle District

### 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007

#### TRANSFERS

CRAWFORD, Graham

Fr AVSL 1st Erina Heights  
To ASL 1st Erina Heights

LEWIS, Vicki

Fr AL (G) 1st Rathmines  
To ACSL 1st Rathmines

PARKER, Kathleen

Fr AL (G) 1st Wangi  
To ACSL 1st Wangi

RICHARDS, Mathew

Fr ACSL 1st Tuggerah Lakes  
To ACSL 1st Kanwal

WILLSON, Amanda

Fr ACSL 1st Tumbi  
To VSL 1st Tumbi

#### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

McKERRROW, Allan - Trainee Ldr (V) - 1st Mannering Park

WATTUS, Stacey - AL (G) - Cardiff

### 12<sup>th</sup> June

#### TRANSFERS

BROSI, Bryan

Fr CSL Singleton  
To SL Singleton

EVANS, Jonathan

Fr AL (G) 1st Gosford  
To VSL 1st Gosford

HORN, Peter David

Fr AL (G) Cessnock City  
To ACSL Cessnock City

#### RESIGNATIONS

DALTON, Andrew - ACSL - 1st Branxton/Greta

HODGSON, Lisa Maree - AL (G) - 1st Branxton/Greta

PHELPS, Kenneth - ASL - 1st Branxton/Greta

## Rover Ramblings

As most of you are well aware, on Friday 8 to Sunday 10 June a storm hit the Hunter, Central Coast and surrounding areas including Sydney and was reported as being a cyclone level 2. To everyone, we hope you are all recovering and I am sure lending a hand to anyone that needs it. Many Rovers helped people out of distress during the storm and even more have assisted in the cleanup.

Speaking of Service, this month there will be a Rover service camp at Bulga Scout Camp, putting in much of the work needed to improve the facilities and make this a viable camping site for the Movement.

The Crews in the Region have been busy donating blood, having movie nights, assisting at the Regional Scout Rally, Crew camps and many other activities.

Rovers are also fundraising for 'Life Without Barriers' by holding a Hypnotist Night, on November 10, 2007 at Gosford RSL - so mark your diaries as this promises to be an incredibly entertaining night.

The Rovers will be re-introducing the Region Moot next year, with Belmont Crew having successfully tendering to run the event. Byattunga Rovers have also just successfully tendered for the 2008 Roventure. Both these look set to be great events with significant planning already underway.

A sad goodbye but not forever to Tiffany Laws. Hope you enjoy your new job! and I'm sure we will see you around.

An upcoming event with the Venturers – PAINTBALL on July 28 H&C Venturer / Rover paintball day at Paintball Place, Kulnura. Deposits due July 1, to Gosford Rovers.

Snow Trip for 2007. This trip will be on the 4th weekend in August - Leaving Friday 24th August and returning Sunday 26th August.

Look After your self, family and friends.

Alicia Gleghorn - **Region Rover Council**

# Regional Calendar

## July

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Basic Leadership 1  
28-29 Jul  
Closes 6-Jul  
Costs \$105

### Activities

Rockclimbing Intermediate - 0727  
28/29 Jul  
Closes 6-Jul  
Costs \$20

## August

### Training

Joey Scout Basic Leadership 3  
3-5 Aug  
Closes 13-Jul  
Costs \$105

Cub Scout Basic Leadership 3  
3-5 Aug  
Closes 13-Jul  
Costs \$105

Basic Leadership 2  
24-26 Aug  
Closes 3-Aug  
Costs \$105

### Activities

Basic Rock Skills & Abseiling Intermediate - 0728  
4/5 Aug  
Closes 13-Jul  
Costs \$20

Flat Water (Level 3) - 0729  
18/19 Aug  
Closes 27-Jul  
Costs \$15

Ski Touring - 0730  
18/19 Aug  
Closes 27-Jul  
Costs \$20

Flat Water (Level 2) - 0731  
25/26 Aug  
Closes 3-Aug  
Costs \$15

## September

### Training

Basic Leadership 1  
8-9 Sep  
Closes 17-Aug  
Costs \$105

Scout Basic Leadership 3  
14-16 Sep  
Closes 24-Aug  
Costs \$105

### Activities

Sailing Beginners - 0732  
1/2 & 15/16 Sep  
Closes 10-Aug  
Costs \$30 (with your craft) or \$75 (without your craft)

Sailing Advanced - 0733  
1/2 & 15/16 Sep  
Closes 10-Aug  
Costs \$30 (with your craft) or \$75 (without your craft)

Caving Intermediate - 0734  
8-9 Sept  
Closes 17-Aug  
Costs \$20

Senior First Aid - 0751  
15-Sep  
Closes 24-Aug  
Costs \$35

Flat Water (Level 2) - 0735  
15/16 Sep  
24-Aug  
Costs \$15

Flat Water (Level 1) - 0736  
15-Sep  
Closes 24-Aug  
Costs \$10

Navigation Day - 0737  
16-Sep  
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## Rathmines Scout Hall



**Hunter and Coastal Region invite all  
Members to join in the fun and participate  
In this Water Activities Event**

### **Canoeing Land Based Activities**

- **Limited Camping Available**
- **Entertainment Saturday Night**
- **Shops close by**
- **Come & enjoy beautiful Lake Macquarie**

### **Sailing Iron Scout**

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[scotland@exemail.com.au](mailto:scotland@exemail.com.au)  
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Applications to Regional Office  
Before 28<sup>th</sup> September or Register  
Onsite Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Regatta Entry Fee - \$10pp

**Registration and Boat Inspections 9 am – 11am  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

## WHERE DO YOU GET IT?

### Badges, Books & Uniforms

Phil's Trophies

3 Teak Street, Gateshead 2290

Phone: 4943-0631

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E-mail: [philst@bigpond.net.au](mailto:philst@bigpond.net.au)

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