



Hunter & Coastal Region

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The Regional Commissioner's Message



Support – much appreciated!

Many, many thanks to Macquarie Generation for their very kind donation of \$3500 to go towards paying for our Retention Strategy Prizes. This is an exceptional and generous gesture. I thank them on your behalf. Their kind support has huge benefits to assist our region to continue to promote the values of Scouting to the wider community.

At the time of writing, I've just left the BP's Birthday Bash held at Blackbutt Richley Reserve, and as you would expect it was a sensational event. The organisational team headed up by Honorary Commissioner and Regional Chairman Jean Hattander, went to extraordinary lengths to ensure all youth members and their parents had a memorable experience. Well done again to all concerned. It was interesting as I walked around the site, the positive stories I was hearing about group growth and in particular positive feedback about group registrations and information days held on Saturday 18 February. Some twenty groups from this Region participated. Every group I spoke to was telling me about new youth members and, yes, new Leaders. Fantastic! I called in on Valentine Group and things were happening. This concept I'm sure will happen again and thank you in particular to the District Commissioner of Lake Macquarie, Bruce Leverton, for his brainchild and initiative to vigorously promote this event.

Regional Commissioner for School Promotions Projects, Des Hocking, has been flat out and has numerous school visions in front of him. I can recall years ago when I was District Commissioner of the defunct Glenrock District, my president Mr Doug Pye, who was by profession an

outstanding salesman, telling me that you didn't get a second chance to make a good first impression. One aspect in Scouting terms in particular are Des' School Visits, is the first big night when we have new youth members and their parents in attendance. Our performance on this night largely controls whether they turn up again next week. Des says the night must be RAZZAMATAZZ, Des' word not mine, but if you are not on to it, it means brilliant parents perceptions of this big night are critical to alleviate everyone having their own interpretation of Razamataz. I've asked Regional Commissioner for Resources to put some ideas on our website. I'll leave it to Greg to give you details elsewhere in this Bulletin. I was told years ago that youth members must turn up in anticipation. Our job is to fulfil the anticipation, yes....with plenty of Razamataz. Regional Commissioner of Joey Scouts, Marilyn Hocking, told me once about how a new parent couldn't believe their eyes when on their first night everyone was dressed up as an Easter Bunny. Over to you. I've asked before, but if anyone can spare Des some time to assist him in his huge workload would be appreciated. Des will provide the all the training. Please contact the Regional Office if you can help or know someone who can.

I can't let a Bulletin go by without a mention of my hobby horse, Region numbers. The numbers that are present in the retention drive are holding their own beautifully. Region has set the target to 3500, this year the crossbar is higher sure, but I reckon on previous performances it should be a piece of cake. It is going to be very interesting to see how the numbers are at 31 March. Particularly to see what effect the quarterly fee billing has in this regard, in theory it should be OK, but enough about theory. As you are all very well aware, quarterly billing is a trial. It needs to be analysed at state level to establish its credibility, or lack of. Your Group will be informed directly about the analysis with details, but as I write, over 90% have paid the 4th quarter, but I would prefer even uncharacteristically to err on the side of caution and I will keep everyone posted as the results of the concept are released.

An aside: One Group at the BP Birthday Bash said very shortly they will have 40 cubs, wow! I look forward to visiting this Group shortly. No names, but let's say it's the suburb that has had problems with a bridge.

Steve Fernie
Regional Commissioner

BP'S BIRTHDAY BASH

SUNDAY 19TH

FEBRUARY

BP'S BIRTHDAY BASH THANK YOU!

The weather was fine (hot but fine) the water was wet and everyone worked their tails off to make this day a success.

Of course we couldn't hope to see that all Flying Fox tickets were honoured (we did ask Anthony and his crew to send them down in tandem but these Activities People are so SERIOUS when it comes to safety they would not even consider anything so radical). Our apologies to the many who missed out and if anyone can think of a way to get 600+ bodies down 4 Foxes in 5 hours PLEASE step forward and receive your prize. However, don't forget there is always Rambo and WSD

It would be impossible to list everyone who made this event come together...but rest assured your contribution did not go unnoticed and all help was greatly appreciated.

The Committee will be having a de-brief in the next few weeks...so any and all comments or suggestions (good and bad) would be appreciated.

Jean (Spock) Hattander
(for the Committee)
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Cub Scout Capers



Grey Wolf Award is proving very popular with our Cubs and at the recent State Conference only minor adjustments have been adopted. They are in the process of application and presentation. Eg all Certificates and badges will be returned to the RC(CS) (ie me) and then passed on to the Pack leaders. The Pack can present the Grey Wolf badge at a specially arranged time. The Certificate and woggle will be presented at a Regional arranged event; the first such time will be at RAMBO. A time will be arranged with the organizers for the ceremony and you will be advised of the details.

Cub Scout Leader Challenge Bar criteria have been finalized and a copy will be given to your DCSL soon. The badge will be worn on your uniform for a year and the badge will be a controlled item. Once you have completed your challenges and gathered copies of your supporting documents you arrange a meeting with me.

RAMBO applications has closed for camping but day visitors can still attend just advise the Office of which day or days you are attending. Your Regional team will need assistance with activities, if you are available please advise your DCSL. If each District supplied 4-6 leaders then you will only need to help for a half day.

Region Cub-0-Ree will be held at Loxford Scout Camp (near Kurri Kurri) in September. Application forms will be sent to your DCSL (or reps) and will posted on the web page. We will have a one payment this time and we ask the Groups to allow the camp fee by paid to them by instalments.

State Cuboree will be held on 7-10 October 2007 at Newington Armoury beside the Parramatta River. As the information becomes available you will be advised.

Program Modules your DCSL will be asking for your suggestion on the proposed modules. The modules will contain all the relevant information to use. Eg First Aid, masks, knots etc etc.

Regional Events

RAMBO – 6-7 th May,	Glenrock
WSD – 6th August,	Kanangra
Cuboree September,	Loxford Scout Camp

For information on these regional events please read the relevant article in the bulletin

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Happy Hopping



BP's Birthday Bash

I have just arrived home from the Bash, what a fun filled day it was!

I wish to thank everyone who helped on our base and those who helped create the base. Special thanks to Tricia Palmer for your Fairy Floss machines, Scott Luschwitz for the awning, Shane Mitchell and Charlestown Group for the generator, and our activity team for the rock wall.

To all the Groups who supported the day a special thank you.

Joey Scout Age

I am hearing a lot of talk about the age range; I need to clear up some misconceptions.

The Joey Scout age range has **NOT** changed; they commence at **6 and go through 8**. The Joey Scouts can advance to Cub Scouts anytime after their seventh birthday, however, in stating that, the normal situation would be to advance the child from 7 ½.

Please keep in mind the Joey Scouts advancement to the Cub Scout section depends on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually. It is important to consider each Joey Scout individually when they are advancing, you should ensure the advancement decision is being made for the right reasons. In other words we are not sending these children up because someone in the group thinks they all should advance early or late. If you send a Joey Scout to Cub Scouts before they are ready to take up the challenges of the next section there is a great chance the child will not stay in the movement as the challenge is just too much.

The guidelines have been put in place to assist in the development of all; there will be times when the decision goes the other way; where a Joey Scout will gain benefit when advanced earlier to the next section. The important thing is to know that there is flexibility and the reason for this is that we are dealing with individuals.

If you have any queries about age issues please do not hesitate to contact your District Leader or myself.

Regional Konara

Although either applications for the Konara will be closed or closing when you receive this Bulletin, I just thought I would still mention it.

The Konara will be held at Warners Bay Girl Guide Hall March 18th / 19th. We will commence 2.00pm 18th and conclude around 3pm 19th. Activities will include recycling crafts, Ideas with Rope and String, Cooking for Joey Scouts. If you have not applied you need to now!

Marilyn Hocking

Regional Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Bogan McDonalds Crawl 3rd April

Attention Venturers!

Starts at 7.00pm MacDonalds King Street, Newcastle (city) then to Charlestown and finishing at Warners Bay. Just turn up!

More info from Jannett Brown at:

jannett@shokem.com

Venturing



AV 2006 WAS GREAT

This was a great Activity for Venturers from Australia and some overseas countries too! After arriving at Cataract Park and taking part in the Opening Ceremony, the Venturers went off for their various Expeditions, some to Boot Camp in Wagga ,Alpine at Kosciusko, Sailing at Coastal and Mountain Bike riding at Lithgow, plus more. On their arrival back at Cataract, they were now able to take part in a large number of on and off site activities from lazing on the beach to bridge climbing, On-site activities included a State showdown which NSW won. After Closing Ceremony all went home with some very tired Venturer Scouts and leaders with wonderful memories.

As NSW Contingent Leader for this event I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Trevor Pickett, Vicky Pickett, Jan Caldwell, Derrick Peters, Evelyn George and Don Plant who at the last minute made up a large part of my team, their support and help was invaluable. Thank You also goes to a Large Number of Hunter and Coastal Leaders who gave up their time to assist at both the Venture and on the Coastal Resort without your valuable Help this Activity who not have been the success it was.

We have now moved on the New Zealand Venture, which is on the 2nd Jan to 10th January 2007 interested? Email me and I will send you the information.

Queen's Scout Presentations – will be held on **8th April and 26th August** at Government House.

Rambo O6 – Glenrock 22nd /23rd May – is just around the corner and we need some Venturer Scouts and Leaders to assist just a couple of hours over the two days would be great. Please talk to your local RL.

Venturer Scout Courses -

Unit Management Course – 2nd April Gosford District Hall \$10. Form and Money to Region Office NOW.

Venturer Scout Leadership – 22/23rd July

Unit Management Course – 23rd September – Location TBA

Certificate II in Leadership Support (for Venturers) – Do you want to know more? We will come out and hold an information night for all by prior arrangement.

Robyne Plant

Regional Commissioner Venturer Scouts

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Rovers



I can finally announce that the Ro-Venture has been run and won! Congratulations to Foster Venturers on coming first place and to Maryland / Shortland Unit for coming a close second.

With fine weather and over 100 participants, this year has been our most successful Ro-Venture yet. Everyone had the opportunity to use the water slide, flying fox, go canoeing, try a basic canyoning experience, wrestle an opponent in 120 litres of jelly and even have a go at a very challenging iron gut competition.

Thank you to the kitchen staff for the massive feed on Saturday night, it was appreciated.

A huge thank you to the water and flying fox teams and to all of the Venturer Leaders and Rovers who assisted and provided equipment to make this a successful weekend. To anyone who missed out, keep an eye out for next year's event and get your applications in ASAP. Planning for it will start in another few months.

Apart from the Ro-Venture, all crews are back and into their respective activities. It was great to see a large Rover presence on the past few canyoning courses and from what I have heard there are quite a few Rovers intending on participating or helping at the next intermediate abseiling course.

The Rovers will again have an entry in the milk carton boat race at Glenrock this year. From what I have heard it will be much bigger than last year. We will see if they get stuck on the start line again this year.....

The 64th New Zealand National Rover Moot is approaching quickly with less than 8 weeks until departure at the time of writing this article. All attendees are looking forward to the trip and we will arrange for a report upon our return.

The Hunter and Coastal RRC AGM will be held on the 8th March at 1st Gosford Scout Hall, Masons Pde Gosford at 8pm. All are invited.

This will probably be my last article as the RRC PR officer. Thank you to all of the current office bearers for your time and effort this year and my congratulations to all of the newly elected committee.

Regards

Ian Cosgrove
H&C RRC PR Officer
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Smoke Signals



Razzle Dazzle Programs

Some great programs for new people in sections or yfor those with lots of new youth members will appear on the Region website at www.scoutreach.com.au/dazzle on 1st April. Check them out and try them out! They will be designed to KEEP new youth members in your Group.

How to Involve Parents

It takes constant effort, patience and a sense of humor.

When the youth joins

Ensure that every family is aware and understands their obligations when we accept their application to join. The longer we wait the harder it becomes to involve parents. Recruit the parent along with the boy or girl.

Organisation and Support

One of the most important tasks a Leader does is to convince other parents how important it is for them to get involved in their child's Scout program and how this helps their families and their child's development. When they make that a priority and then start working at it, they have a good chance at success.

Being a good Leader takes more than just running the meetings - that's the easy part. Interacting with other adults - especially parents - is the essential job quality of leadership.

Each time we take on another job that could be done by a parent who is not performing as a role model for his/her child we are admitting that we have failed. Instead of sharing responsibility we have opted for the easy work around: do it ourselves instead of teaching others that it is better that they do it.

Never, do anything that you can possibly get another parent to do.

RAMBO6

Just a reminder, the Rambo 06 on the 6 & 7th May, and World Scout Day on the 6th August, can be seen our web site, go to <http://www.scoutreach.com.au> and then press Resources button.

Games

BALLOON STAMPEDE

Equipment: Balloon for each player

Description: Each player has a balloon tied to their ankle. The objective is to tread on and burst the other players' balloons, while trying to keep their own intact.

TARGET BOUNCE

Equipment: egg carton, ping pong balls

Description: Place an egg carton on the floor. Stand the players about six feet away and give them ping pong balls to bounce off the floor and into one of the egg compartments. Points may be assigned to each of the compartments for scoring. Whoever reaches a predetermined score first may be the winner.

AN INTERESTING PUZZLE

Work this out as you read. You'll be surprised by the result.

First of all, pick the number of days a week that you would like to be handed a check for \$1,000,000.

Multiply this number by 2.

Add 5.

Multiply it by 50.

If you have already had your birthday this year, add 1755.
If you haven't, add 1754.

Subtract the four digit year that you were born.

RESULT: You should now have a three digit number:

The first digit of this was your original number (how many checks you want to receive each week).

The second two digits are your age!!!

It really works. Try it! More important, this is the only year it will ever work!

Greg Allen

Regional Commissioner Resources

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RAMBO-6

Wow, what a response! Five weeks before the closing date and we have exceeded our limit of 1000! What this means is that groups whose summary came in after the 1000 limit was reached will be contacted that they have been put on a reserve list in case we have some drop outs, but will be offered day visitation. Groups will have been notified and a new group summary form will be sent out just for day visitation.

Sorry to those who missed out but we can assure you of the same fun on the activities as the campers. Those groups who are camping will be sent information regarding camping instructions and arrangements for transport and parking of vehicles. Information regarding Transport and Parking will also be sent to Day Visitors. This information will be sent to the designated co-ordinator, whose name appeared on the Group Summary Form.

I believe that some of the section activity leaders have a few surprises in store for us. We are also working on betting a celebrity person to come to RAMBO-6.

Please keep your eye on further Bulletins for information especially that regarding activities. To all group co-ordinators, please ensure that you have completed PED forms for all non-Leader adults.

One of the things that has proved to be of importance for the success of RAMBO and any event is good communication. In the majority of cases communication at group level has been excellent. If you as a leader know that an event is coming and have not received information the first person to contact is your Group Leader or Leader in Charge, then the DC and the person responsible for the activity. The Region Office Manager is also a good source of information. If he doesn't know then he will direct you to the right person. It is important that you read all the information thoroughly. As in the case of RAMBO we had a set cut off point which was governed by date or numbers. Also returns have to be made to Region Office not direct to me, as was the case on a number of occasions. Again read the Return form. I can only direct you to Region so that the system is fair to all. Thank you to all those who have made contact. It has been great to talk with you and I look forward to meeting you at RAMBO. Please say hello!

I have been requested by Tony Venn, who is co-ordinating Transport and Parking, to ask all Group co-ordinators to look at bussing their members to Glenrock to help with the parking arrangements. Could you please let Region Office know by the end of March what your travelling arrangements are?

Your friend in Scouting

Grahame Pricter

RAMBO-6 Co-ordinator

Region World Scout Day Event

***Sunday 6th August 2006 Kanangra
Scout Camp, Nord's Wharf***

Planning for this event is well under way do not forget to put this important date in your Scouting MUST DO Calendar each Scout section will host a range of activities on the day.

The theme for this day is bring a friend show them how much fun scouting is invite their parents to join you for a picnic lunch show them what they and their children are missing out on.

The day will kick off at 10:00am and finish at 3:00pm a short Scouts Own will be held between 12noon and 12:15pm lunch will be between 12:15pm and 1:00pm the rest of the time is devoted to having fun move between the different activities to experience the best the Scouting Sections can offer.

Several Portable Toilets will be strategically placed around the site both Male and Female

A Qualified First Aid Instructor will provide a First aid tent for the event

To assist us with numbers on who will be attending including FRIENDS please fill in the registration form below and sent it to the Regional Office ASAP even though World Scout Day is not until August the time will go very quickly don't leave it to the last minute register now.

1st South Wallsend will have sausage sandwiches and soft drinks for sale on the day

The BP Guild will have Ice Creams and Drinks on sale as well

Ice can be purchased from Jack Baldwin Camp Manager on the day

Ken Bayliss
Region WSD Event Coordinator

2006 WORLD SCOUT DAY REGISTRATION

..... Group will be attending World Scout Day at Camp Kanangra on 6th August 2006.

There will be:

..... Joey ScoutsCub Scouts

.....Scouts Venturers

..... RoversLeaders

..... Mates (Boys) Mates (Girls)

TOTAL

Group Co-ordinator:

Name

Contact phone no:

Return this to Region Office by Thursday 1 June 2006 please.

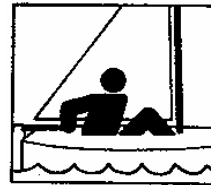
Drivetime



Due to the loss of David's wife, Maria in late January, there is no article this month but David particularly wishes to thank all who wrote, phoned or spoke to him during the past few weeks.

“We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world.”
(Helen Keller)

Adventurous Activities



Hello from the Activities Team

2006 is now well under way with the first batch of the Regional activities already completed. Over the Christmas break the activities team was involved in the Australian Venture, which was a great event and enjoyed by all. Thanks need to go to Rob Mawson and his team for the management, planning and execution of the water activities held at Jimmys Beach. All who attended had only praise for the way this activity ran.

Check the Calendar

The Regional Activities Calendar is now available on the regional web site. The costs of courses this year are the same as last year; that is \$20 for a two day activities course. This includes courses run for Districts. One day BRAF courses remain at \$10. Sailing courses are the only exception - see the calendar. There is pressure from some quarters to increase the course fees and others have indicated that some courses such as flat water canoeing should be reduced. I will be working through these issues over the coming months and be in a position to communicate the outcome in the later part of the year.

Recent Events

The BP Bash, 19th Feb, was a great event. The activities team had the flying fox running. The organising committee asked us to also set up a traditional (Brownsea Island) scouting camp site as well. Both of these activities were supported by the HC Activities Fellowship.

What is coming up? – RAMBO 06, 6th – 7th May - the next big Regional event. See Grahame Pricter's article on page 5. Again this event is one not to be missed. The activities team together with each of the sectional teams will be hosting a fun packed event. At last count there were more than 1000 people indicating they would be attending. Reserve your place now if you're not too late!

World scout day, 6th August, is the third Regional event of the trilogy and will be held at camp Kanangra – Nords Wharf. Again there will be many activities on site to make this an event not to be missed.

You Need to Apply to Go – And Hows its Done

To attend a Regional course the 'Application to Attend a Course' Form (Version HA1 10/04) must be completed. This form must be signed by a parent/guardian if under 18 years old and the sectional leader from the home Group. (A parent from another section or Group must not endorse the Form as Leader.) The completed Form with a cheque must be at the Regional Office on or before the closing date. In general terms courses close three weeks before the start date of the course. Forms not received by the closing date will not be accepted unless authorised by me. The course leader cannot accept latecomers.

Coordinator Changes

Karen Allen has decided to step down and so our new Region Water Coordinator is Rob Mawson who can be contacted on 0404 004-357. Anthony Bliim has stepped down as Rock Coordinator and I will look after this in the short term.

Safety Doesn't Cost, It Pays

I hope to see many of you on courses during this year. Remember safety is the primary concern for the activities team. All incidents need to be reported at the time to the course leader and the notification form completed. Please ensure this happens. Be safe.

Anthony Butler

Regional Commissioner Activities

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Your Heritage Centre

HERITAGE:

Anything deriving from the Past or Tradition, Historical Sites, Historical Traditions and Practices, etc. and regarded as the valuable inheritance of contemporary society.

THE WAY AHEAD:-

Recently while sorting out items for the Heritage Centre at Fassifern, I came across a copy of an English publication – “The Scouter” (August 1967). On the front cover was a famous scene of Brownsea Island, the tree, the house, the tents. Inside was The Outlook by the then Chief Scout, Charles MacLean followed by the Brownsea Island Adventure. What an adventure that must have been for Baden Powell and the twenty boys! An Adventure never to be forgotten!

Baden Powell was surprised but very satisfied and happy with the success of the camp. He was convinced by his friends to put it all into a book as it may help the boys of England and Baden Powell set to work.

In mid January, 1908, the first part of a six part book “Scouting For Boys” came off the press and it sold like hot cakes!

Boys bought the books and did exactly as Baden Powell had written – formed patrols of six to eight boys under one of their own as the leader. The Scout Movement had started.

In 2007 we shall be celebrating 150 years since Baden Powell was born and 100 years since the Brownsea Island Adventure (The Australian Jamboree is to be held in Victoria (as most of you know.))

The first patrol in Newcastle started in the latter part of 1908.

THE HUNTER AND COASTAL REGION SCOUTING HERITAGE CENTRE

Is located off Cooper Avenue, Fassifern and is available for inspection by arrangement with the Manager –

Allan Victor

**15 Jones Avenue
Warners Bay 2282
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International Scouting

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the United Kingdom, in celebration of the Centenary of Scouting. It will take place at Chelmsford Hyland Park in Essex, from 27th July to 8th August 2007.

The theme of the 21st World Scout Jamboree is "One World, One Promise" which captures the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future.

40,000 young people will camp, live and work alongside each other. They will come from a variety of different cultures, backgrounds and religions.

Together they will celebrate what unites them, and learn what they can do together to build a better world.

Information is not yet available on the NSW Scout web site but information on the Jamboree and some Australian contingent information is available by going to:

GOOGLE -Type in -WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2007. Then page down to about page 4. There you will get what information is available regarding the Australian Contingent. Application forms for Youth and Leaders are available. The Contingent Leader is Grant De Fries, NSW Chief Commissioner. There is a lot of other information available on other pages.

New Zealand National Venture

Congratulations to our Regional Commissioner Venturers, Robyne Plant, on her appointment as the Australian Contingent Leader to the next New Zealand National Venture. Robyn will be happy to supply Venturers who might like to go with the relevant information.

International Student Exchange Program

Do you want to spend your summer holiday living in another country?

Do you want to host an exchange student for their summer vacation?

Are you aged 15 to 17?

Are you a Venturer Scout?

If you answered yes to these questions and are a Venturer Scout in the Australian Scout Movement, then we can help you achieve your dream of being an International Exchange Student or host family. Take the step and apply to-day. The Scout Student Exchange programme is an initiative of Scouts Australia and partner Scout Associations overseas. The exchange programme is fully registered with your State Education Department and health insurance is part of the official package.

How do you apply?

Contact Claire Geary at - clairegeary@ozemail.com.au
Claire is the NSW Exchange Student Co-ordinator.

Grahame Prictor

Regional Commissioner International

Regional Calendar

April

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Training

Basic Leadership 1
7-9 April
Closes 17 March
Costs \$95

Activities

Bushwalking Practical (Upper Hunter) - 0612
8/9 April
Closes 17 March
Costs \$20

Caving Introductory/ Intermediate - 0613
8/9 April
Closes 17 March
Costs \$20

Sailing Beginners - 0614
22/23 April & 6/7 May
Closes 31 March
Costs \$30 (with Craft) - \$75 (without Craft)

Sailing Advanced - 0615
22/23 April & 6/7 May
Closes 31 March
Costs \$30 (with Craft) - \$75 (without Craft)

Rockclimbing Intermediate - 616
29/30 April
Closes 7 April
Costs \$20

Bushwalking Practical (Central Coast) - 0617
29/30 April
Closes 7 April
Costs \$20

Photos Wanted Now!

Photos (preferably) in traditional form are needed for publication on the Region Annual Report. They must be taken since April last year (no earlier) and should show people doing things.

All submissions will be returned and those used will be acknowledged.
These are needed NOW. Please contact Regional Office.

May

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Training

Cub Scout Advanced Leadership 3
26-28 May
Closes 5 May
Costs \$95
Apply to: STATE OFFICE

Scout Advanced Leadership 3
26-28 May
Closes 5 May
Costs \$95
Apply to: STATE OFFICE

Activities

Flying Fox - 0618
20/21 May
Closes 28 April
Costs \$20.00

White Water Grade 2 - 0619
20/21 May
Closes 28 April
Costs \$20

Abseil Basic/Intermediate - 0620
27/28 May
Closes 5 May
Costs \$20

Alpine Preparation - 0621
27/28 May
Closes 5 May
Costs \$15

Useful Addresses

Hunter & Coastal Region
POB 854
The Junction 2291

NSW State Office
POB 125
Lidcombe 1825

Appointments List

BEC 13 February 2006

APPOINTMENTS

CABARRUS, Jameson AL 1st Bensville Group
CHRISTOPHERSON, Jennifer GL 1st Kanwal Group
MACCLURE, Fiona AJSL 1st South Wallsend Mob "Red Gum"
MURPHY, Warren ACSL 1st Point Clare Pack
CROSS, Peter ASL 1st Narara Troop
ECKERT, Melanie ASL 1st Narara Troop

TRANSFERS

CARR, Nicole
From CSL 1st Hay Pack
To ACSL 1st South Wallsend Pack "Binda"

COLE, Cassandra

From AJSL 1st Woy Woy Mob
To JSL 1st Woy Woy Mob

DRAIN, Ruth

From VSL 1st Telarah Unit
To AVSL Lower Hunter Unit

JUPP, Michael

From GL 1st Gresford Group
To VSL Lower Hunter Unit

MARSH, Cheryl

From ASL 1st Bensville Troop
To AVSL 1st Bensville Unit

PAULSON, Vivien

From ABC (ATD) NSW Branch
To RC (SD) Region

REDDING, Bruce

From ACSL 1st Kariong Pack
To GL 1st Kariong Group

TAYLOR, Sharon

From AJSL 1st Belmont Mob
To ACSL 1st Swansea Pack

RESIGNATIONS

CORBETT, Jennifer AL 1st East Gosford Group
FINLEY, Craig AJSL 1st Wyoming Mob 31/12/2005
HILL, Craig GL 1st Kariong Group
LAHIFF, Betty ADC Central Coast Lakes District
MITCHELL, Lesley ACSL 1st Bensville Pack "Echidna"

REECE, Nigel CSL 1st Valentine Pack "Kangaroos"
20/12/2005

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

BAKER, Rebecca Trainee Ldr (JS) 1st Swansea Mob
SKINNER, Anthony Trainee Ldr (CS) Blackwall Pack
WEISS, Karl Trainee Ldr (JS) Lambton-Waratah Mob 07/12/2005

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

DUNCAN, Paul Group Adviser Seaham Group
31/01/2006

REGISTRATIONS

Lower Hunter Group and Unit

1300 Contact Number

Region Office has recently been advised that contact to the 1300 858 464 has not been possible from mobile phones.

This was a misunderstanding at set up of the service which has been rectified so contact is now available to mobile phone users.

Region apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Darren Armitage

Regional Commissioner Communication & PR

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Region Website

Hunter and Coastal Region has recently carried out a review of Group, District and Crew websites accessed via the Scouts Australia website and has found that a large number actually have a link to our old website (which is now inoperative) or have no link at all to the Region website.

It would be appreciated if Group, District and Crew webmasters could review their websites and either update or provide a link to the Region website at;

www.scoutreach.com.au

Lake Macquarie District's new Website

The Lake Macquarie District is proud to announce our brand new web site.

www.lakemacscouts.com

The site features information on all the Groups in our District as well a useful downloads and information on each section.

Have you heard of Torch Light? Torch Light is a Scout games database that is hosted on the our web site. Find it at:

www.lakemacscouts.com/games/

Torch Light is unique in the way it lets anyone add and edit existing games right in their web browser. So please add games and help make this one of the most comprehensive games databases.

Yours in Scouting

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