



Hunter & Coastal Region

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The Regional Commissioner's Message

To be honest, up to now I have not tended to go to extremes in using this space to write about the past because I'm very mindful of the fact that nobody is really interested and after all the future is where we will spend the rest of our lives but to help me make a point please bear with me. Back in 1981 I was running the Scout Troop in 1st Wallsend (amongst other appointments being the Group Leader) at the time there were 38 Scouts in the Troop and I was running them on my own. One particular night Geoff Paterson who was parent I recruited to become Scout Leader told me that although he was only a new chum there were far too many Scouts in my Troop. I vividly remember taking exception to the remark. My concern in 2006 (back where we belong) is that there is a increasing mindset that "I've got 10 Scouts or Cubs (or whatever) and all is well". There is no "growth attitude" to the situation. I'm saying that having a Troop or a Pack with less than 8 members is not satisfactory will no doubt get a few noses out of joint but I honestly believe it and will not accept that these small numbers provide the programme and activities that our young people expect and deserve. So please don't clock off when you get to 10 members and if you are below that, (once again) how can we help you to do something positive about it? I understand this is not always easy to achieve and the Joeys and Venturers can at times be an exception to this situation but 10 Joeys and 10 Venturers plus is also very achievable with effort.

Just because it's November please keep the Youth Membership Application forms coming in. I write this article in mid October and it would appear that 60% of our Groups have qualified for the recruitment prizes. However on close analysis we have lost 215 members in 10 Groups which represents about 12% of the Region. This has cost us dearly and it certainly knocks the edge off our average. So the majority of our Groups are filling the bath up but a minority are pulling the plug on us. Continued growth is also necessary for the retention of Quarterly Fee billing.

Plans are well in place to advance all these Groups favourably and I'm optimistic these plans will come to fruition mainly School Promotion orientated. The part that continues to really frustrate me is that Groups don't just lose

25 members overnight without good reasons. If you have Group dynamic problems that are costing you membership, then I can guarantee you they won't go away unless "tough" decisions are made. So many times we hear how some Leader are wonderful people and are "the salt of the earth" however the job isn't getting done and my friends that's what it is about: getting the job done with positive results. Sometimes these decisions are unpopular but if you are struggling and continue to do what you are doing, nothing will change.

It is no coincidence that the Groups with effective Group leadership are the more successful Groups. For the want of a better analogy, I relate Group leadership to a bathroom renovation. As you would appreciate to carry out this work you need various tradesman e.g. electrician, tiler, water proofer, carpenter, plumber, painter etc. The tiler for example doesn't need to know what the carpenter is doing etc but somebody needs to know what all of them are about in terms of time, co-ordination, performance etc. Groups my friends are not much different. The Groups that generally struggle are the ones that lack co-ordination somebody whether it's the Group Leader or Leader-in-Charge has to worry about what the Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Group Committee, Group Council, Development, Promotion etc. The "in" word is "overview". Who is your Group mover and shaker? If you haven't got one may I suggest you'll achieve better results if you did.

Now its November I know you are starting to think holidays and I know that's important but I've said before and I say again what are your plans to attract more members to your Group next year? What are your initiatives to retain the membership in your Group? This is notoriously our most vulnerable period of time for loss of membership even with a quarterly billing system we still lost 200 members last year in this period of time. The Retention Strategy (i.e. 31st October 2006 to 31st March 2007) plans are well in place. This year South Coast & Tablelands, Hume and South Metropolitan Regions have joined us in the promotion. The plates to go to Leaders in the successful Groups are magnificent. You will receive your personal promotional material very shortly. Hopefully this will inspire you to promote and be enthusiastic towards retention and recruitment. I look forward to your proactive participation.

Steve Fernie
Regional Commissioner

National Adults in Scouting Review

In March 2003 the National Operations Committee of Scouts Australia recognised the need for a national review into the role of Adults in Scouting. This is the first time since the 1960s, that a National Review of Adults in Scouting has been attempted. This Review is long overdue.

Currently, Scouts Australia has 24,000 adults involved in the game of Scouting, 17,000 have Adult Leadership appointments, while a further 7,000 are involved in Management, particularly through the Group and District Committees. Based on the 2004 Census data:

- Only 60% of Groups have an appointed Group Leader
- 50% of Adults members leave Scouting within the first year of their commencement
- only 38% of the people occupying Adult Leadership positions are trained beyond Basic level with half of these continuing to attain the Wood Badge
- 85% of Adult Leaders are involved on working with youth at the Group level
- about one third of our Adult Leaders are females
- 81% of Leaders in Training have been so for greater than 15 months
- the Association loses more Adult Leaders (about 14%) than it recruits each year (12%)
- the average length of a Leader's service is 6.9 years and when those with more than six years' service are removed, the length of service becomes 1-2 years, well short of the usual 3 year appointment.

I am representing the Region on a NSW Branch Committee to look at ways to improve the retention of Leaders and how Leaders can be better supported by the Scout Association or possibly other community groups. Some areas of interest are community groups such as Lions, Rotary, Probus etc. etc. At this stage we are gathering information from any Scout Groups who might already have had dealings with such community groups. If your Group has, indeed, been working with such a group could you please contact me and let me know the details?

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Sydney City Venture



When - 1st/2nd/3rd December

Location – Baden Powell Scout Centre, Pomona Street, Pennant Hills.

Start - Friday night after 6.30pm. Choose to catch the train to Thornleigh Station and be met by a Leader or meet at Pennant Hills Scout Centre.

Saturday Morning set off on the Great Race for the day. You may get wet so bring a Daypack for your swimmers and towel. Bring a digital Camera if you have one.

Saturday night Dinner will be supplied.

Sunday – We will travel to Hawkesbury River For the Cousins Challenge 06 and maybe a swim. After which you will travel home on the 1.45 train or independent travel

Cost - \$30 including camping and fares for Saturday and Sunday plus Saturday Night Dinner.

How - Use the (standard Region) Application to Attend a Course Form. All youth applications however **MUST** be endorsed by a Unit Leader.

All Application Forms and money **MUST** be received by the 24th November to Region Office (PO Box 854 The Junction 2291). Applications in a single batch with one cheque are preferred please.

There will be no acceptance letter sent to save cost.

Any questions, please contact me.

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Queen's Scout



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Joshua Phillipp – 1st Warners Bay

On being awarded his Queen's Scout Award.

International & Member Support

Centenary 2007 – What's Happening Locally?

Just recently I have been reading the "75 years of Scouting" publication that gave us a history of the achievements of Scouting during that period. The Chief Scout of the United Kingdom at that time, Major General Michael Walsh, talks in his foreword talks about those achievements and "how proud we all should be of our past", but he reminds us that we must now look forward. B-P he says once said that the Movement cannot stand still, it must either go forward or backwards. Major General Walsh reminded us we must look forward to the next 25 years as we approach our Centenary." I met Major General Walsh at Gilwell Park in 1986 and shared a meal with him and some Islamic boys and their Imam from the East End of London. Now 25 years later we can look back at what has been achieved during that time as we approach our Centenary Year but look forward to what needs to be done get us to the next 25 years.

Scouting in this Region is going forward and will make new achievements, but it will be up to all of us to keep it going.

One of our former Area Commissioners, Ted Lewis, always reminded us through a little saying of 10 words, "IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!" So let's all be part of the future and keep Scouting in the forward move!

A good start will be to come along to the Centenary Celebrations in September 2007 to be held on the Newcastle Harbour Foreshore. I recently had communications with the Newcastle Council Special Events Manager, Andrea Idstein, who told me that she would look after us and help us to make it happen.

I have been in touch with the World Jamboree Organizing Team regarding Join in Jamboree Activities and hope to have their programme shortly so that you can include it in next year's programme.

Members Support

On the upside it is pleasing to report that John Hattander is progressing steadily and he and Jean are sharing the "Honeymoon Suite" at the Royal Newcastle Hospital Rehabilitation Centre at Rankin Park.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with the family and Scouting Friends of Rosemary Marriott who passed away recently. Rosemary was Group Leader of 1st Tuggerah Lakes Group. Her funeral was attended by members of her Group, Central Coast Lakes District and Region. I was able to deliver a tribute for Rosemary on behalf of Scouting. There are also a number of other Scouting people who I ask that you keep in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

We are making good progress with information being received regarding Incident/Accident Reports. Remember they are to be filled in by the Leader responsible for running the particular activity. They are not to be filled in by youth members. Also please complete ALL sections including the person's membership number.

I recently had a request regarding what to do if a parent at an activity is injured and doesn't want to give any details for a report.

If this happens then it should be explained to that person the Legal and Association requirements and if they still don't want to give details we should enter their name on the report form with a notation that information was refused by the person and (if possible) get them to sign it as such. I don't believe we should refuse to do something like giving them a band-aid. We can also enter the details of what was done in the first aid treatment book that is supposed to be in all first aid kits.

Contact me if you have any problems please.

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1st Tumbi Scout Group is Celebrating 30 Years of Scouting

A BYO family BBQ picnic will be held at "Pom's Camp" (Tumbi's Jilliby Campsite) to celebrate 30 years of Scouting at Tumbi. All past and present Leaders, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers and their families are very welcome - don't forget your memorabilia.

Date: 5th November
Venue: Pom's Camp (Jilliby)
Time: From 12noon
BYO: Something for BBQ, salad and drinks

For more information contact Len Britton on 4396-1418 or lenbritton@hotmail.com.

A BBQ will be available for cooking. Games and a sausage sizzle will be provided for the kids.

Upper Hunter Tree Jamboree

Looking for something a bit different to do in 2007?

This is an exciting new event for Groups to be involved with. Help plant 10,000 trees over the weekend of 31 March -1 April 2007. Yes, it can be done. Get your Group, Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew to put this event in your calendar now. Help transform Lake Liddell Reserve into the haven for flora and fauna it is going to be. Keep an eye on this space for more details.

For further information please contact Stephen Thatcher - Regional Commissioner (Special Projects) on 6543-1677 or hnkbbmst@hunterlink.net.au

Happy Hopping



Care and Share Month

November is Care & Share Month and by now you have most likely program for the month of activities. Care and Share Month is designed to develop the Joey Scouts understanding of Caring and Sharing. Mobs are encouraged to show caring within the local community and to endeavour to obtain publicity for their Mobs. Each Mob should plan and run one month of programs on caring and sharing. These programs should include acts of caring within the Mobs local community. Some Mobs have in the past have done the following:

- * Made up care parcels eg: soap and washer at the hall one week, the second week visited the local hospital or aged facility to give out their gift.
- * Obtained native trees and hold a free plant stall, giving plants to members of the community to take home.
- * Visited the local pound and given a gold coin donation or puppy treat and help wash some of the puppies in the pound.
- * Donated books the Joey Scouts no longer read to: Local Doctors surgery, Preschools, or Children's wards.
- * Donated Joey preloved toys to the same as above or a charity organisation.
- * Painted signs for clean waterways on kerbs for Local Council.

The activities are only limited by your imagination.

While the Mob are out in the community I encourage you to get your local paper involved by asking if they would publish some articles with photos of the care and share activities. Joey Scout participating in Care and Share Month are eligible for a Care and Share badge. The badge is available from Phil's Trophies or Snowgum outlets.

Looking for something different for the Joey Scouts why not consider "SCOUTS Taronga Zoo Wildlife Workshop" - Recently some of our Leaders from Hunter & Coastal Region attended a workshop at Taronga Zoo where they were shown the activities offered to Scouts through a program called "Scouts Taronga Zoo Wildlife Workshop". The leaders who attended were impressed with the workshop and recommend it to any Mob. I have added the written information for your consideration.

SCOUTS Taronga Zoo Wildlife Workshop

"Scouts Taronga Zoo Wildlife Workshops" aim to increase awareness of local native wildlife and encourage individual Scout members to make a difference to animal survival and conservation in an urban environment. The main aims of the program are to provide Scout members with skills, knowledge and motivation, so that they can take action in their own backyard and community to help native wildlife and the environment.

We provide the following programs for Joeys, Cubs, and Scouts:

Aboriginal Culture

This program explores the following key theme areas:

- Dreamtime stories
- Dance & drama

OR

Water Conservation & Backyard habitats

This program explores the following key theme areas:

- The importance of water
- How to be Water wise
- Building an aquatic environment
- Water as a Habitat
- Backyard habitats
- Pollution

Audience: Joeys, Cubs, and Scouts. Duration: 1-2 hours

Cost per participant: \$20 per Scout (1 adult per 5 children admitted free entry) Includes full day Zoo entry. Program dates: Term 1-4 (school terms) weekends only (Will exclude public holidays). Bookings Essential

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Rovers



The Rovers have been flat out in our Region. You may have spotted us at Joey Fun Day or Cuboree. We always enjoy helping out and seeing other Sections of the Scouting community having a great time. Many Rovers turned up for the Joey Fun Day and were helping with all sorts of activities from milk crate stacking, flying fox, water activities and much more. There were also many Rovers helping with the Cuboree too.

Events that you would have seen have seen Rovers at:

- Catalina Cup, 7th /8th October
- White Water Grade 1, 14th /15th October
- Caving Advanced & JOTA and JOTI, 21st/22nd October
- Abseiling introductory/intermediate, 28th/29th October.

Events that you will see Rovers at:

- White Water Grade 2, 11th/12th November
- Canyoning Introduction, 18th/19th November
- Flat Water & BRAF Caving, 25th/26th November
- Canyoning Introductory/Intermediate, 9th/10th December

These are the Rover events that have happened:

- Branch Bush Dance and Paint ball
- 4077 Mash Moot

- Blokes Moot
- Turramurra Rover's Sydney Harbour Cruise

Rover Events that are coming up in November:

- The GyMEA Rover Crew's Halloween Party, 4th November.
- Penny Buchan's BP Presentation, 5th November

Don't forget if your section needs help running something or needs something done or organised don't hesitate to ask your Hunter and Coastal Rovers, as "Service" is our motto.

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Cub Scout Capers



Pack programs are essential to any Pack as it enhances and entwines the imagination of the Cub Scouts to the activity being undertaken at the time. When planning the method or methods in which you will use to instruct or demonstrate a topic think of new ways that are fun and exciting. Have you ever considered trialling a new way or ideas on the Pack Council? If the older cubs show enthusiasm for an item then the remainder of the Pack will follow and thus a good night should be had by all.

Cuboree 2006

The feedback I have received is the Cub Scouts has enjoyed themselves despite the HOT weather on Sunday. We have had some positive suggestions and have implemented the majority for the next Cuboree. It can be no longer presumed that the majority of our Leaders have attended a camp larger than a District camp. As a result, a booklet will be provided to all leaders and parents that attend future Cuborees on the how, when, where and why, to help new leaders at the Cuboree.

Activities Team

The Region's Activity team is there to assist you with some of the adventurous items of Scouting. Have you considered taking the Cubs canyoning, abseiling and rock climbing? No? Then why not as these are what the Cubs are looking for. You do not have to participate but you should allow your Cubs the chance to experience what lays ahead in Scouting. You need to arrange a date with the RC Activities, Anthony Butler to allow sufficient time to gather a team to conduct your activity.

Centenary of Scouting ("RAMBO" – sort of)

Is on September 21-23rd 2007 in Newcastle and some Packs are already asking for information on the event which is great. At this stage, the camping numbers will not be capped but your Group will have to nominate their numbers on the form when sent out next year. As in the past, each section

will conduct bases and require assistance via a roster. This event is special as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. I would presume that all Packs would try to attend and encourage as many of their Cubs to attend as well.

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Drivetime



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

Reminder for existing Wood Badge Holders regarding Cert IV

As I wrote last month, the National Commissioner (Adult Training & Development) has agreed to our request to another catch up course for Certificate IV in Business (Frontline Management) plus catch up course for Certificate IV in Leadership. Please refer to last month's Bulletin for details. NOTE all completed material must be returned to me prior to 30th November 2007 or it will be too late.

Advanced Training

The take up of adult members in regards to Advanced Training is, to be blunt, disappointing. Our scheduled November Cub AL2 Course (includes Cub Pack Holidays and Camping under Canvas will go ahead with low numbers. Unfortunately The Scout AL2 course has been cancelled (applications received 2). It is very hard for me to fight for local Advanced Courses when local support is lacking.

Training Rebate Scheme Reminder

Just a reminder for Groups - Groups will receive a rebate of 75% of course fees for Trainee Leaders who complete Basic Training. This generous 75% rebate also applies to Groups who's Leaders complete Advanced Training. That's a massive 75% of course fees back for each Leader of the Group who complete Basic or Advanced Training. WOW how much financial pressure must this take off Groups. This Rebate Scheme is scheduled to operate until 31 December 2007.

Course Closing Dates / Course Numbers

A gentle reminder to Groups, under a directive from the State Commissioner (Adult Training & Development) 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. 'Till next month, Happy Scouting!

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Smoke Signals



RAZZA-MA-TAZZ! Programs

We have some great Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts programs on the Regional website, have a look these have been developed by the various Regional Section teams for you! The programs can all be found at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/dazzle>

Games

The Toilet Paper Web

Players stand in a circle as far apart as the room allows. One player starts by holding on to the first couple of sheets of toilet paper and tossing the rest of the roll across the circle to another player. The second player catches the roll and, careful not to break apart the toilet-paper streamer, holds on to the end sheets before tossing the roll on to a third receiver. Play continues with the roll being tossed across the circle from player to player without breaking the stream, creating a web of toilet paper. Once the roll is completely used, play continued with yet more rolls of toilet paper. If the web is sufficiently large and strong, it becomes a kind of parachute. Raise the web parachute up and down, walk or skip around in a circle holding on to it, toss lightweight toys or objects (ball, comb, small stuffed animal) into it and toss them up and down. Raise the web up high. Let go of it and let it fall on top of everyone. Or raise it up and take turns running underneath it, changing places in the circle with another player.

Stars Wars Frozen Tag

The person who is it uses a rolled up newspaper to touch the other players. After player is stunned, he must wait without moving until another player touches him, after which he must hold the spot where he was touched while playing. The last person frozen is it on the next round.

Craft

Submarine

Supplies: (2) Plastic bottles, Scissors, Tape, 30cm piece of plastic tubing, 60cm piece of plastic tubing, Clay

Remove cap from bottle. Cut around bottle 5cm from bottom. Push both pieces of tubing into the bottle through the neck and secure as shown. Bend the short piece around and tape it to the outside of the bottle. To make it float properly, add a large wad of clay inside bottle. Be careful not to plug tubes. Use a second piece of clay to make the top airtight. Replace bottom of bottle and tape tightly. Use a second bottle to make a conning tower, tape in place. Place sub in water. Blow into long tube to make it rise and suck air out to make it sink.

Pencil Pup

Supplies: (4) pinch-style wooden clothespins, Wood Glue, Felt, Googly Eyes, Pom-pom, Markers, Pencil

Directions:

1. To form the front end of the dog pinch open a clothespin and apply glue to the inner surface of the opened end. Then clamp the glued end onto a second clothespin, just behind the metal spring.
2. For the dog's tail end, glue and clamp together the last two clothespins so that one holds the other wide open. When the glue is dry, fit the opened end of the back half onto the lower end of the front half. Apply glue to bond the two sections.
3. From the felt, cut out floppy ears and circular paws. Then glue ears and paws, the googly eyes, and the pom-pom nose onto the dog.
4. Add spots or other distinguishing details with colored markers. Finally, pinch open the dog's mouth and insert a pencil, balancing its weight equally on both sides.

Cooking

Funny Fortune Cookies

When you eat at a Chinese restaurant, everyone enjoys reading the fortunes from the fortune cookies. Create your own homemade fortune cookies, and stuff them with your own funny messages.

Supplies: Paper, pencil, measuring cups and spoons, mixing bowl, cookie sheets, muffin tin

Ingredients:

1 egg white, 2 tbsp melted butter, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ tsp vanilla, 1 tbsp water & 1/3 cup flour

Before baking the fortune cookies, have your scouts make up some fun messages or lighthearted fortunes and write them on thin strips of paper. You can also prepare the messages on a computer and cut them into small strips. Here are samples of some silly messages:

- * The next time you sneeze, a pimple will appear on your nose.
- * The odor from your feet will soon disappear.
- * Your beautiful smile will attract many bugs.
- * Sing a song and the bluebird of happiness will land on your head.

Directions:

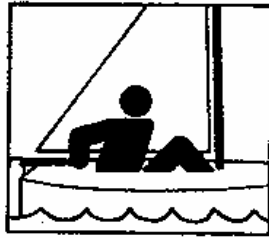
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix egg white with sugar in a small bowl.
3. Mix in water, melted butter, and vanilla. Stir in flour.
4. Drop spoonfuls of the dough onto greased cookie sheets.
5. Spread the dough into very thin circles.
6. Place them in the oven and bake 3 to 5 minutes until lightly browned.
7. Remove them from oven and place a paper fortune in the center of the warm cookies. Fold the sides in over the fortune, bend each cookie seam side out, and place inside a muffin tin to hold shape. Work quickly, because once the cookies harden, it is difficult to get the traditional folded cookie shape.
8. Let cool, and enjoy your funny fortune cookies.

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Adventurous Activities



Well the summer weather is here. The hot days are great for doing many of the activities we all love. It is great weather to do water activities. The Canyoning season is ready to start. With this lovely weather come several issues we need to consider. Bush fires need to be on the forefront of our minds when doing activities. We need to ensure that if a fire does start we have plans in fulfil our duty of care. Other issues that we should be talking to your youth members about is hydration (ensure we drink enough water – coke does not count) and being sun safe – (slip slop slap).

As I mentioned in my article a couple of months ago, we are getting credit card facilities in the Region Office. This will allow the faxing of activity forms to the Office and payment by card. This was one of the ideas raised during the Regional visits. Tiffany is currently reworking the Activity Application form to allow for card payments. The process of using this facility is currently being formulated and will be distributed shortly.

As we move into the last term of this year it is worthwhile thinking about the start of next year. The first Regional event for the year is BP's Birthday Bash. This will be at Blackbutt again on 25 February 2007. This is a great event to bring your group including families. The other major event for the year will be the Centenary of Scouting in Newcastle on 21,22 & 23 September. This will be an event not to be missed. We will be taking over the Foreshore and camping will be available at No.2 Sports Ground. Let's make this a great event and showcase Scouting to the Region.

News flash – re the upcoming "Bushwalking Activities"

Due to the severity of the drought, the Bushwalking Practical Course 0642 (Upper Hunter) has been combined with the Bushwalking Practical Course 0647 (Manning). The combined course will be run in the Barrington Tops, in the vicinity of the Dilgry River, Devils Hole and Gummi Falls (on the Manning River). Participants will hike in small independent parties, travelling mainly cross-country through open forest and sections of majestic rain forest. This is an ideal location for developing your bushwalking, camping and navigation skills. For further information contact Robert Clark by e-mail clark_rw@ozemail.com.au or by phone on 6545 1735.

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WHERE DO YOU GET IT?

Badges, Books & Uniforms



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2007 – BP's Birthday Bash

Sunday 25th February heralds the start of an exciting new year of Scouting activities for Hunter & Coastal Region and YOU can be a part of it all, just be being there or (better still) by helping organise and run an activity.

Of course we plan to have all the popular favourites...Flying Foxes - Horizontal Bunjee Jumping - Rope Bridge - Canoes - Water Slides - Brownsea Island Camp (right next to a more space age camp) - Rope Making etc etc.

But as the theme for this year is welcoming BP into the next Century, we are asking each participating Group to bring along (and run) at least one favourite game or activity that they have invented or adapted to meet the challenge of keeping Scouting ahead of the game.

An area will be set aside for this montage of games and activities where not only YOUR Group can enjoy something that they have perfected, but also invite others to marvel at your ingenuity and initiative.

Please make a note of the details in your diaries and encourage all members of your Group to do the same.....your participation and enthusiasm is the main ingredient for a successful day.

When?

Sunday 25th February 2007

Where?

Blackbutt Reserve (Richley Reserve)

Sausage Sizzle/drinks and ice creams will be on sale and we would like to hear from each Group how many members they are expecting to attend. See next month's Bulletin for the Attendance Form. However it would also be appreciated if you could advise us now of what activities or games you plan to bring along so we can allocate suitable space.

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Here is an update on registered membership taken recently. How is your Formation going?

Formation	1 April	18 October	10%+
1st Berkeley Vale	44	49	48
1st Budgewoi	24	30	26
1st Erina Heights	36	34	40
1st Gwandalan	41	57	45
1st Kanwal	69	75	76
1st Mannering Park	42	66	46
1st Terrigal	42	49	46
1st Tuggerah Lakes	40	39	44
1st Tumby	55	66	61
1st Wyong	27	25	30
Toukley/Haven	32	33	35
1st Avoca Beach	30	36	33
1st Bensville	37	35	41
1st East Gosford	52	58	57
1st Gosford	23	27	25
1st Kariong	33	48	36
1st Narara	27	37	30
1st Ourimbah	38	40	42
1st Point Clare	28	39	31
1st Woy Woy	33	37	36
1st Wyoming	57	66	63
Broken Bay #	47	58	52
Peats Ridge	20	19	22
1st Belmont North	57	65	63
1st Belmont	25	26	28
2nd Belmont	6	5	7
1st Garden Suburb	8	10	9
1st Swansea	40	35	44
1st Valentine	56	50	62
1st Warners Bay	114	133	125
Cardiff	41	54	45
Charlestown	55	53	61
1st Beresfield *	3	7	6
1st Branxton-Greta	39	43	43
1st Paterson/Bolwarra	52	58	57
1st Telarah	25	27	28
2nd Thornton	47	43	52
Cessnock City	40	53	44
Dungog	18	17	20

East Maitland	40	46	44
Kurri Kurri	43	50	47
Singleton	63	59	69
Lower Hunter Unit	13	15	14
1st Bulahdelah	8	10	9
1st Forster-Tuncurry	10	5	11
1st Wingham	42	50	46
Taree	4	7	5
Wallamba	16	3	18
1st Cooks Hill	27	27	30
1st Mayfield	12	16	13
1st Merewether	28	36	31
1st New Lambton	42	32	46
1st South Wallsend	52	48	57
1st Wallsend	26	24	29
2nd Newcastle	9	4	10
3rd Mayfield	42	40	46
Kotara	32	42	35
Lambton-Waratah	31	30	34
Maryland-Shortland	60	69	66
1st Anna Bay	53	49	58
1st Clarence Town	26	28	29
1st Medowie	90	77	99
1st Nelson Bay	34	46	37
1st Raymond Terrace	25	35	28
1st Stroud	24	27	26
1st Tilligerry	16	17	18
Seaham	27	38	30
1st Byattunga Crew	5	12	6
1st Gosford Crew	8	8	9
1st Kanwal Crew	13	11	14
1st Wallsend Crew	5	5	6
1st Wyoming Crew	13	11	14
Belmont Crew	7	7	8
East Maitland Crew	20	17	22
North Lake Macq Crew	5	5	6
Kotara Crew		6	
1st Denman	18	16	20
1st Murrurundi	26	27	29
1st Scone	28	37	31
2nd Muswellbrook	67	69	74
Merriwa	14	1	15
1st Byattunga	58	65	64
1st Edgeworth	18	31	20
1st Rathmines	21	39	23
1st Teralba	28	37	31
1st Toronto	25	27	28
1st Wangi	59	52	65

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

Appointment List & Regional Calendar

BEC – 9th October 2006

APPOINTMENTS

ROBARDS, Andrew - JSL - Maryland-Shortland
BLAZLEY, Kylie - CSL - 1st Teralba
FORDHAM, Darren - CSL - 1st Stroud
ROBERTS, Robyn - ASL - 1st Wangi
SNOWDON, Garry - SL - 1st Stroud
WEISS, Steven - ASL - 1st Branxton-Greta
CHAPMAN, Candy - AVSL - 1st Byattunga
MOONEY, Katy - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
PLANT, Adam - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship
PLANT, Melanie - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship

TRANSFERS

BLIIM, Anthony
Fr RL (Act) Region
To DL (SP) Central Coast Lakes District

RYAN, Narelle
Fr AL East Maitland
To GL East Maitland

SCOTLAND, Cecilia
Fr AJSL 1st Ourimbah
To JSL 1st Ourimbah

WILSON, Lindsay
Fr VSL 1st Bensville
To RL (VS) Region

RESIGNATIONS

GIZZI, Russell - ACSL - 1st Belmont North
JENKINS, Carmell - AVSL - 1st Ourimbah
ROBERTSON, Sheena - AJSL - Kurri Kurri

TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

HALBERT, Gemma - TL (JS) - 1st Rathmines
WALTERS, Gregory - TL (S) - 1st Edgeworth

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

MARRIOTT, Rosemary - GL - 1st Tuggerah Lakes

REGISTRATIONS

1st Stroud Group, Pack and Troop

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November

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

Activities

Flat Water - 0646
25/26 November
Closes 3 November
Costs \$20

Bushwalking Practical (Manning) - 0647
25/26 November
Closes 3 November
Costs \$20

**Combined with
Course 0642**

December

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Activities

First Aid (Newcastle) – 0653
2 December
Closes 10 November
Costs \$35

Canyoning Introductory/Intermediate - 0648
9/10 December
Closes 17 November
Costs \$20

Instructors Weekend (Water) - 0649
16/17 December
Closes 24 November
Costs Nil

Region Office Sells

H&C Region Badges - \$1 each

Leader Introductory (Training) Kits - \$10 each

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Misunderstanding all you see ... "
(John Lennon)

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

Camping (for less than 30 people)
Darryl Walker
4944-7303

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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