



Hunter & Coastal Region

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## The Regional Commissioner's Message



### Being Seen

I have lived in the same vicinity for my entire life and have been involved in Scouting in this location directly and indirectly as long, (if you like) as is possible. So you would gather that I know the area and its people extremely well but I am still always fascinated by the fact that numerous people don't know where the local Scout Hall is despite being located on a main road and also it being an immaculately presented hall. (This is no criticism of that Group but merely an example of one of the problems we face today.) We have over a period of time been selling "Join Scouts" signs and ok whilst I agree they may not cause waiting lists to bulge (or even in some cases, exist) overnight they do plenty to give both an image and details of how to join Scouting today. Put them on schools, shopping centres, sports fields or wherever. They do and will assist you for the cost of only \$35 each and they are available now from the Region Office. What a price, what a bargain for a quality product! Do your local people know where you are and how to contact Scouting? We have no alternative but to be "in their faces". The days are long gone when people come to us. If we are going to be successful we have to be on the front foot which is the only way to go.

### Region Team goes to Where the (real) Action Happens

The Region Team Visits are now complete and generally speaking have again been well received. We have enjoyed the opportunity to visit your District and be around geographically, what is a very large Region. We will repeat the exercise next year.

### Going to the Recruitment Source (and getting at a captive audience too)

Our Regional Commissioner (School Promotions) Des Hocking has an extremely busy role. He does not get the credit he deserves. He has conducted numerous School Promotions around schools in our Region for some years now. The success rate with these promotions in terms of new members has been, in some areas, enormous. This concept has the capacity to grow our Region's numbers to unlimited possibilities. My mind boggles to the potential but Des is only one person and he needs help. Who can help Des to be trained in this ongoing exciting task? Our numbers are still growing. We will not have enough Scout halls to fit the people in. The gold mine is there. Any suggestions of support or ideas of who might be able to join Des's team please contact me via the Region Office if you have any ideas.

### Great Work!

Hearty congratulations from us all to Warners Bay Troop and also Clarence Town Troop on their respective second and third places overall in the recent State Scout Rally. (Yes that's right, "overall". The Patrols from those Troops were ranked as number two and three in New South Wales!) This shows that Scouting is certainly active in those parts of our Region and is a challenge to all other Troops too as it shows what can be done.

Steve Fernie  
Regional Commissioner

## How are YOUR Numbers?

The Bring Your Mates Along (recruitment) Project (which you all should know about) ends on 31 October (which means in effect close of business Friday 28 October).

Make sure that your Groups qualifies for the individual prizes by getting Youth Member Applications in to Region Office NOW!

## Happy Hopping



**Youth Leadership Helpers Course:** A Youth Leadership Helpers Course will be run on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Mobs with Youth Helpers please encourage them to do the course. The youth helpers may apply by using the normal Training Course Application form (L1). Youth helpers applying are requested to mark on their application with the section in which they are working (i.e.: either “Cub Scout” or “Joey Scout”) which helps makes organisation much easier.

**Care and Share Month - November 2005:** I have repeated this article this month in case some Leaders missed it in the last Bulletin. Care and Share Month is designed to develop 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:

- \* 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.
- \* Obtain 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 Joeys no longer read to: Local Doctors surgery, Preschool, or Children’s wards.
- \* Donated Joey preloved toys to the same as above or a charity.
- \* Painted sign for clean waterways on kerbs for Local Council.
- \* Visited local age care and sing or have afternoon tea with the aged.

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.

**Moani Challenge:** Last month I sent out a challenge to Mobs, particularly Mobs with lower numbers. I asked if you thought you could increase your Mob youth membership to thirteen. If you have a mob with less than thirteen Joey Scouts I would like you to contact your District Leader and take up the challenge.

Marilyn Hocking  
**Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts)**  
Phone: 4981-1828  
Email: moani@bigpond.com

## Cub Scout Capers



**Cub Youth Leadership Course:** The Region has conducted two sessions and we are having problems with Cubs arriving on the Day who are not listed on the attendance roll. The Parents and Cubs are concerned that their forms have not arrived by the closing date or their Leader/s have said “just arrive on the day and they will not turn you away”. You are wrong; if a Cub is not on the attendance roll then that Cub will not be allowed to stay. This is in accordance with Region and State policies. The application form has a closing date, this means received at the Region Office and not the Pack Leader’s receive and post date.

We have had to reevaluate the sessions and make some changes. A maximum of 30 Cubs per session, the cost will be \$6 per Cub and Cubs to supply their own food and drinks for the Day. A big thank you to Cally, Erika and Gai for their assistance with the Newcastle and Gosford sessions, it was much appreciated.

**Pack Councils:** Do you hold Pack Councils, if not why not? Yes, we have some small Packs in the Region; this means you adjust your approach. Try a brain storming session or pizza night with all your Cubs. You may be surprised by the information you receive. This also helps the Cubs who require the Pack Council component of the “Grey Wolf Award”.

**Calendar 2006:** By the time you receive this Bulletin, you should have received your copy of the Regional Cub Calendar. If you have not, then ask your DCSL for a copy.

**21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree:** If you had read the Scout section article in the August Bulletin, you would have see Kevin’s article on the Jamboree. Yes it a few years away, but we need to give the Cubs and their parents time to understand the requirements for the Jamboree. Talk with your Scout leaders and help arrange for the older Cubs / parents to attend the presentation night with your Scout Troop.

## Yellow Cords



Congratulation to the following on their Yellow Cord Award:  
*Peter Thring* *1<sup>st</sup> Denman*

David Main  
**Regional Commissioner (Cub Scouts)**  
Phone: 4990-5580  
Email: maind@westnet.com.au

## Scouting Around



### Region Corrobooree 2006

After a site inspection we have decided to hold the Corrobooree at Paterson Showground. The cost will again be \$100 for the 5 days and is fully catered. The Corrobooree Theme will be "PIONEERS". *Please remember that if you as a Leader or you have Scouts thinking about attending the 2007 Australian Jamboree then it is a must that they attend the Corrobooree. If you or the Scouts have problems with camping for 5 day then they will certainly have problems with 10 – 12 days at the Jamboree.*

### 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree

Please take the time to talk to your DSL as we have started to put a calendar together for the Jamboree Promotion Nights in your District. At these nights we will require the attendance of any one thinking of attending the Jamboree. Each youth member **MUST** be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.

### Fees for AJ 2007

#### Youth Members:

\$840 Jamboree fee  
\$150 NSW Contingent fee  
\$250 **Estimated** transport fee  
**Total \$1,240**

Deposit - \$500 by 31/3/06  
2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$370 by 30/6/06  
3<sup>rd</sup> payment - \$370 by 30/9/06

#### Leaders:

\$500 Jamboree fee  
\$150 NSW Contingent fee  
\$250 **Estimated** transport fee  
**Total \$900**

Deposit - \$500 by 31/3/06  
2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$200 by 30/6/06  
3<sup>rd</sup> payment - \$200 by 30/9/06

#### Venturers:

\$530 Jamboree fee  
\$150 NSW Contingent fee  
\$250 **Estimated** transport fee  
**Total - \$930**

Deposit - \$500 by 31/3/06  
2<sup>nd</sup> payment - \$200 by 30/6/06  
3<sup>rd</sup> payment - \$230 by 30/9/06

Kevin Allen

**Regional Commissioner (Scouts)**

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## The Tony Balthasar Jamboree Fund

### Australian Jamboree – Victoria – January 2007

The Tony Balthasar Jamboree Fund Committee will consider applications for financial assistance for eligible participants who may be prevented from attending the Jamboree because they cannot afford the fees and fares.

Youth members who have sufficient funds to pay the deposit and who think that they may qualify for assistance should obtain an Application Kit from their Region Office or from the State Office.

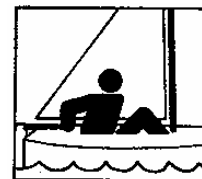
Completed applications must arrive at State Office no later than 5.00 pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. Please note that the State Office address is PO Box 125 Lidcombe 1825 **NOT** the address shown in some of the application kits.

*Late applications will not be considered.*

Roy L. Belshaw

**Chairman – TBJF**

## Adventurous Activities



### Environment - the quiet achievers

This month I would like to highlight the Environment team and what they have been up to.

### State Environment Activity Camp (SEAC) 2005

Wagga Wagga was invaded by 290 Joey's, Cub's, Scout's, Venturers, Rovers & Leaders in the mid year school holidays for a weekend of planting trees, abseiling, flying fox, archery, heated swimming pool, disco and campfire. Venturers doing their Queen's Scout badgework had fun throwing things into the river to recreate fish habitat. The others in the camp worked two half days to plant 19680 trees. The camp is arranged around a 2 day and a 4 day format. In the 2 day format trees are planted for half of each day and then activities for the rest of the day. The 4 day format is arranged the same way as the 2 day format but you get two more days of just activities in and around Wagga Wagga, no tree planting. All who attended had a great time and 2006 promises to be as good if not better. Thanks to the Hunter and Coastal Fellowship who travelled down to the camp to run the Flying Fox.

Locally, negotiations with Eraring Power to use their land for environment work has been approved in principle with Eraring offering to give us assistance. This will allow anyone who is looking for an area to do environment work

for badgework, an avenue to due so. For any more information on this site contact Dallas Lock on 4959-2167 home or (0415) 49-1997 Thanks, Dallas.

### Going Boating?

Its September again and that means boat registrations are now due. Please arrange to get a qualified instructor in the craft you want to register to inspect the craft. Send a copy of the Certificate in to the Office and the stickers will be mailed out to you. If you have any questions please contact Karen Allen and she can point you in the right direction.

### Instructors, are you qualified?

There appears to be some confusion as to who is qualified within the Region. Your Instructor status only last as long as your Senior First Aid Certificate (usually 3 years). To ensure that this Region conforms with State Policies the following process will continue to be used.

- 1 Every time you renew your Senior First Aid Certificate you need to apply for your Instructor status to be renewed.
- 2 An Application for Instructor need to be completed for each discipline you are applying for.
- 3 The application is reviewed your peers, which comprises of the coordinator for the discipline and his team of Instructors at an open meeting. (A peer review process).
- 4 Your Instructor status does not automatically roll over when you renew your First Aid.
- 5 If the peer review process cannot ratify your application (i.e. no Instructor has been on a Course with you or you may not have instructed on a Course for some time) you may be asked to help out on a Course before your application is processed.

### Want to test your Sailing skills?

The Region's one and only Catalina Cup Regatta is on again. The place to be is Rathmines Scout Hall on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October. Test your skills against the best the Region and the State has to offer. Help us to win the Catalina Cup back from Emu Plains. Sailing, Canoeing and land activities abound. So for a great weekend on Lake Macquarie get along to the Cup. Applications go to the Region Office and contact Karen Allen for more details on (0416) 22-3654.

Glenn Brown

**Regional Commissioner (Activities)**

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Mobile: (0413) 019-623

E-mail: yowie57@optusnet.com.au

Warners Bay Scout Group

## Family Trivia Night

Saturday 22nd October

Speers Point RSL from 7.00 pm

**A Huge night with great prizes**

For information contact 4958-7086 or

wbayscouts@ozemail.com.au

# Appointment List

BEC 12 September 2005

### APPOINTMENTS

WIFFEN, Darryl – ACSL - Seaham  
WILLIAMS, Darren – SL - 1st Tuggerah Lakes  
THOMAS, James – AVSL - 1st Valentine

### TRANSFERS

CURRIE, Stephen  
Fr SL 3rd Mayfield  
To ASL 1st South Wallsend

DE BONO, Robert Louis John

Fr GL 1st Berkeley Vale  
To ACSL 1st Berkeley Vale

DENNIS, Lyn

Fr VSL 1st Wallsend  
To Reg Adviser Region

FAIRBAIRN, Angela

Fr JSL 1st Woy Woy  
To DJSL Gosford District

LEWIS, Edwin

Fr BC (SP) NSW  
To Hon Comm(R) Region

REDMAN, Annette

Fr ACSL 1st Paterson/Bolwarra  
To JSL 1st Paterson/Bolwarra

THRING, Gwendoline

Fr ACSL Kurri Kurri  
To CSL 1st Denman

### RESIGNATIONS

BERRY, Susan - Group Adviser – Maryland/Shortland  
CASSANO, Saree – GL - 1st Forster/Tuncurry  
COOPER, Grant – ASL - 1st Gwandalan  
PENGELLY, Robert – VSL - 2nd Muswellbrook  
SOUTHWICK, Mette – ASL - 1st Kariong  
WATSON, Darren – SL - Umina

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

CRIDLAND, Amy – TL (CS) - 2nd Muswellbrook  
RALPH, Suzanne – TL (CS) - 1st Mannering Park  
SMITH, Anthony – TL (G) - Toukley/Haven  
THOMSON, Mathew – TL (CS) - 1st Point Clare

### RESIGNED IN ERROR – 14/03/05

DENNIS, Lyn – VSL - 1st Wallsend

### REGISTRATIONS

1st Paterson/Bolwarra Mob

### OUT OF RECESS

1st Denman Pack and Group

“Never confuse activity with action.”  
(F Scott Fitzgerald)

## Smoke Signals



The latest information on B.P. Birthday Bush can be seen on our web site, go to <http://www.scoutreach.com.au> and then press resources button in the bottom right hand corner.

### How to be a terrific leader!

#### **You must:**

##### **Be Organized –**

- \* know the background information

##### **Have Vision**

- \* understand the needs of the our section
- \* understand where the our section is now
- \* have a vision or goal of what the section should become.

##### **Make a Plan**

- \* translate all goals and desires into definite actions
- \* Who
- \* What
- \* Where
- \* When
- \* Why
- \* How

##### **Communicate**

- \* Let others know stuff
- \* Teach others know how to do stuff
- \* Get others to do stuff (make them WANT to do it)  
(By example)  
(By persuading)  
(By positive coaching)

##### **Evaluate**

- \* Listen to what others say
- \* Figure out what the REAL problems are
- \* Make changes

### Games

#### **Jump the River**

Two parallel lines are drawn (30cm apart) to represent the river. The players line up on one side and run in a group to jump across the river. Then they turn around and come back across the river with a standing jump. Then a new line is drawn to make the river wider and the players jump again. After each round, a new line is drawn, making the river wider and wider. Anyone who falls in the river by landing between the two lines is out of the game. The game continues until just one is left.

#### **Kim's Game**

Equipment: 12 articles on a tray - ordinary items such as string, ink, rubber, calendar; piece of paper and pencil per player

The Players sit in a circle and the leader shows them the tray full of articles for a few minutes, before covering it over. The Players must write down the list of the articles from memory.

Game Type: Indoor

Source: Scouting Games by Baden Powell

#### **Kangaroo Hop**

Equipment: 1 tennis ball per team

The Teams line up in line, a chair in front of each team. The first Player grips the ball between their knees and hops round the chair and back to their place. They hands over the ball to the next Player, who does the same. The first Team to finish is the winner.

#### **Invisible Inks**

One of the ways to send a secret message is to write it in invisible ink. A friend will know how to make the message become visible by heating the paper as we will explain. George Washington's spies sometimes used invisible ink. It is easy to prepare because it can be made from things you have in the house. Here are some:

**Lemon Juice Ink** - Squeeze the juice of half a lemon into a small dish or glass. The lemon juice makes an excellent invisible ink. Orange juice and grapefruit juice ink can be made in the same way.

**Sugar Water Ink** - Put half a teaspoonful of sugar into half a glass of water and stir until the sugar is completely dissolved.

**Onion Juice Ink** - Peel a small onion, grate it into a pulp, and let the pulp stand in a small dish or glass. At the end of several minutes you will see that part of the pulp has become liquid. This liquid is a good invisible ink.

**Soda Pop Ink** - Put two teaspoonfuls of soda pop into a small dish or glass, add pulp stand in a small dish or glass. At the end of several minutes you will see that part of the pulp has become liquid. This liquid is a good invisible ink. The best way to a write with invisible ink is to use an ordinary pen point. Be sure it is clean before you dip it into your ink. A toothpick makes a good pen too, but you will have to dip it into the ink after each word you write as the toothpick will not hold very much ink. You can write on any kind of white paper good for regular ink. When you stop writing for a moment put a finger on the last word. Paper with lines help you keep writing straight.

#### **To Make It Visible**

Heat the paper. Hold the paper against the hottest part -- that is -- against the top of a lighted 60 – watt bulb. In less than half a minute your writing will begin to appear. The writing will be brown. Move the paper around until every part of it has become warm and all the writing has become visible. Do not hold the paper against the bulb too long or hold the paper will turn brown, too. Or hold the paper near a fairly hot electric iron or the paper, a part at a time, over the slots of a pop-up toaster.

Greg Allen

**Regional Commissioner (Resources)**

Email: [resources@scoutreach.com.au](mailto:resources@scoutreach.com.au)

# RAMBO6

## 6 – 7 May 2006

This Region Activity organisation is well under way and promises to be even bigger and better than RAMBO5. All members of then team are enthusiastically working on their particular section. You can play your part by supporting them and encouraging your Group to participate. If necessary appoint a RAMBO6 Group Activity Co-ordinator.

Designs are being called for a Badge for RAMBO6 from any interested people. Try to include RAMBO somewhere on the Badge. Size of badge to be 90 mm square or round. Please send designs to Region Office by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

Information packages are being sent to all Group Leaders or Leaders in Charge. The package will contain an information letter, a poster and a Group Summary Form. There is no Expression of Interest Form or Activity Application Form

Please read the information carefully and pass it on to your members. Applications will close when the numbers reach 1000 or the closing date of the 17<sup>th</sup> March (whichever first happens).

Information on Camping, Parking and Activities will be sent to those who return their Group Summary Form. If you have parents or family members coming don't forget to get them to complete a PED form. These can be returned to Region Office with the Summary Form or handed in to Administration at the Event in May.

You may wish to do what some groups did this year and get your parents to do the cooking for the group.

There are extra activities for RAMBO6 and these will include the possibility of 4 Flying Foxes, a blow up slide for Joeys, a climbing wall and many more. This is your opportunity of enjoying a week-end of fun with other members of the Region. As one leader was heard to say at RAMBO5, "This is what Scouting is all about, HAVING FUN." Make sure you put the dates on your programme planner NOW 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

For those who saw problems that didn't exist for RAMBO5 if you have any concerns please contact Grahame Pricter on 4943-5849 or Email: g.pricter@hotmail.net.au. Keep your eyes on the Bulletin for further information and promotion.

Grahame Pricter  
**RAMBO6 Co-ordinator**



Where:	Myall Riverside Park 2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> December Mungo Brush Road, Hawks Nest
Arrival:	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec arrive after 6.00pm
Finish:	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Closing Parade 2.00pm
Cost:	\$25 which includes Dinner on Saturday night and Camp Fees.
Application Forms:	Use a standard Application to Attend Course form and send with money (Cheques payable to "Scouts Australia") to Region Office P.O. Box 854, The Junction 2291
Closing Date:	18 <sup>th</sup> November
Bring:	Tent, clothes, Swimmers, torch, hat etc Meals for Breakfast and Lunch both days Mess Kit (Saturday night BBQ) No open cooking fires but B.B.Q will be available or bring a Stove. Sun Cream and Insect repellent Water shoes as well as covered shoes T-shirt or material to Screen Print
Questions:	Contact your Regional Leader or Robyne Plant 4392 7812 or 0411 267 593

# Regional Calendar & Awards

## October

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Cub Scout Advanced Leadership 3  
28-30 October  
Closes 7 October  
Costs \$120 - **APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Scout Advanced Leadership 3  
28-30 October  
Closes 7 October  
Costs \$120 - **APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

### Activities

Senior First Aid - 0547  
29-Oct  
Closes 7-Oct  
Costs \$30

White Water Grade 1 - 0548  
29-30 Oct  
Closes 7-Oct  
Costs \$20

District Day - Lake Macquarie - 0549  
30-Oct  
Closes 7-Oct  
Costs \$10

## November

### Training

Basic Leadership 2  
25-27 November  
Closes 4 November  
Costs \$95

### Activities

Abseiling Advanced Part 1 - 0550  
5-6 Nov  
Closes 14-Oct  
Costs \$20

Flat Water - 0551  
12-13 Nov  
Closes 21-Oct  
Costs \$20

Rockclimbing Advanced Leading - Weekend 1  
(Invitational) - 0552  
12-13 Nov  
Closes 21-Oct  
Costs \$20

Canioning Basic - 0543  
19-20 Nov  
Closes 28-Oct  
Costs \$20

**Change of date**

Bushwalking Practical - 0553  
19-20 Nov  
Closes 28-Oct  
Costs \$20

White Water Grade 2 - 0554  
26-27 Nov  
Closes 4-Nov  
Costs \$20

District Day (Gosford) - 0555  
27-Nov  
Closes 4-Nov  
Costs \$10

## BP's Birthday Bash

Okay, let's go through the routine again:

It's on: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
At: Richley Reserve, Blackbutt  
When: All day

You may remember the big build up I gave our "Presentation Team"? Well (as usual) I was right! Paul and Alex were invited to take their show to our DC's and YP's and I for one was very impressed with the PowerPoint presentation/posters and Certificates....and they are only too happy to do repeat performances for Districts or Groups.

As explained, we have come up with a range of suggestions for activities as well as the tried and true favourites so if you want to lend a hand but can't think what to do, check the list and give us a buzz.

Alex has designed a great poster and a web page in which we will keep you all informed on an ongoing basis. Many thanks to Greg Allen for his help in putting the information on his excellent resource pages on <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/>.

Check it out....

### BP's Birthday Bash Committee

Jean Hattander (Spock)  
49 217308 (9am till 5pm)  
49 56 6788 (after hours)  
0417 439 928 (24/7)  
Email: [jhattand@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jhattand@bigpond.net.au)

## WHERE DO YOU GET IT?

### Badges, Books & Uniforms

Phil's Trophies

3 Teak Street, Gateshead 2290

Phone: 4943-0631

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

Web Address: [www.philstrophies.net](http://www.philstrophies.net)



## Back to Barrington District

### Scout Reunion Dinner

12<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Bulahdelah Bowling Club

6.30 pm till late

Cost - \$20 per head

RSVP & Payment – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005

For more information please contact Colin Matheson, 23 Myall Street Bulahdelah 2423 or phone 4997-4932.



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