



## Hunter & Coastal Region

# Bulletin

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## The Regional Commissioner's Message

### What's It For?

As you are well aware (hopefully) the Bulletin is a monthly publication by our Region. We do rely very heavily on this publication to enable us to talk to all members of the Region on a very regular basis. This has been the case in this Region certainly as long as I've been a Leader (which is quite a while). However once again it is obvious (and in some cases very much so, based upon data received at our recent District visits which by the way were attended by over 90% of the Region Groups) that it is not read. Indeed this is a major concern once again. The topic of how to very communicate effectively on a Regional basis raises its head. As you read this nobody has come up with any brilliant alternatives apart from the tongue in cheek suggestion that I make 750 calls once a week to all Leaders across the Region which I'm sure you would agree would be ridiculous. So acknowledging the fact that the Bulletin probably has got to stay (over to you for any alternative suggestions). How do we encourage people to read it on a regular basis? Please take the time to consider this issue seriously and I look forward to seeing some positive suggestions.

### Joey Fun Day

I had the pleasure of visiting the Region Joey Fun Day at Camp Kanangra last month and I'm still in amazement of the imagination of people in this Section. The theme was "fantastic" as were the costumes to match. The District Joey Scout Leaders had to explain to me on several occasions so I could understand how Alice in Wonderland operated. I'll have to go and read the book so I'm better prepared next time but "Well Done!" to Marilyn and her Team for just a fabulous event. I've said it time and time again, that if your Group hasn't a Joey Mob, then it's about time you did. Ask how and support is available around the corner. By the way 48 Groups in the Region now have Joeyes.

### Will Your Group Qualify For Prizes?

We are just about to send out promotional material for our Summer Retention Strategy for this year before our Recruitment drive finalises at the end of this month. A letter was sent to all Groups to remind them of this. Some Groups are within a whisker of qualifying. Please don't deny your

youth members the opportunity to collect one of these prizes.

With the Retention Strategy however, this year we are promoting this to Leaders (as opposed to youth members). After all if Groups are going to retain their membership (or indeed grow) between 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 then it is going to be through your efforts and performance that makes this "happen"! Details of how this works is in our promotion brochure which will be sent to each Leader personally. This is the period of time when we are notorious for losing membership. Sometimes for all the wrong reasons. We hope you are impressed by the prizes we are going to reward the successful Leaders in the successful Groups. It is imperative that to succeed your Group has a Group function on early in the year (i.e. Jan or Feb) so to inspire people to come back such as Group BBQ's, family camps to name just a couple. How about a letter to all parents personally of inviting them? You have to keep the "WOW!" factor up front so people want to be back. More information about this very shortly.

### Region Visits

Back to the Region Visits to each District, they will be on again next year at the same corresponding time. The feedback we have been getting has been positive. Do you have any suggestions for topics to be covered that we did not touch on this year? Please advise the Region Office. Thanks to all the Groups that participated and I, on your behalf, convey many thanks to the Region Team who continue to give their time and commitment to support these events.

### Cuboree

I have just come back from the Region Cuboree and from the minute I arrived it was obvious they event was a "hit" with everyone. It was attended by 1100 registered members and despite very hot and very windy conditions everybody was in good spirits. Congratulations to our Regional Commissioner (Cub Scouts) David Main and all his Team for organising an outstanding event. By the way, thanks to Central Coast Gang Show who provided terrific entertainment for everybody on the Saturday evening!

Steve Fernie  
Regional Commissioner

# Happy Hopping



## Joey Scout Fun Day

Although I have written this article on the Friday before Fun Day, I am confident that the Day will be full of adventure and fun for all our Joey Scouts. On a serious note I do need to express my concern over Mobs not attending to deadlines and Mobs not seeing the Fun Day as an opportunity to encourage growth in their Mobs. At the closing date for the Fun Day, would it surprise you to know only two Mobs had applied to attend? If the Fun Day was cancelled how many of our Leaders would have said we were going to attend! One of the reasons that we have deadlines is to enable us to confirm the activities we have booked, know how many badges etc are needed. At the closing date if you were running this event, I am sure you would have said as it takes a couple thousand to run this type of event, that it was not justified for two Mobs! **Please give some thought when next applying for an event and get your Forms in on time!** Still on the Fun Day, this is our major annual event for the Joey Scouts. I have been dismayed to hear that Mobs could not attend because of Group family events or that some leaders simply decide that they are not attending and do not offer the event to the Joey Scouts. If at the time of making your Group calendars, District calendars please ensure your Group Leader and District people are aware the date for our Fun Day. This date is publicised at the beginning of each year if not beforehand.

As I stated earlier in this article, this is our major day for the children of the Section and should be promoted as such. I know Mobs who are trying to increase numbers of youth members yet they do not utilise the Fun Day to do so because they do not attend! The Fun Day gives us the opportunity to offer our Youth Members activities they normally would not have access to in the day to day running of a Mob. By attending our youth members then promote the Section, how, by going to school the following week telling everyone of the day! What better promotion, Children telling other Children!!!

## Story Telling Workshop

This will not run this year because there has not been enough interest shown. We will look at incorporating it into an event next year. Thank you to those who indicated they would like to attend.

## From the Pouch

Our current From the Pouch Magazine is just out, please get your copy from your District Leader. It will be placed up on the Region website soon. If you do not have a District Leader please contact me for a hard copy.

## Regional Wandarrah

Some Districts in the Region do not have a District Leader or a Coordinator at present. This may mean, in your District there are no Wandarrahs or even more to the point communication is a lot slower getting around. As a solution

we are asking leaders from those Districts to attend our Regional Wandarrah. There maybe a group of Joey Leaders from your District this could make it easy to take turns to come to the meetings. The invitation to attend is open to all leaders! The Wandarrahs are held the first Sunday of the month at 2.00pm in the Regional Office, 1/518 Hunter Street, Newcastle. If you intend to come along please phone or contact me, this will aid in handouts etc.

## Using my email address

I am more than happy to have Leaders contact me via email at any time. If you contact me in this manner please identify yourself by mentioning Scouts or Joey Scouts in the message area. This will assist my computer to recognise that your email is not a spam letter.

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# Appointment List

BEC 11 September 2006

## APPOINTMENTS

VINCER, Louise - AL - 1st Edgeworth  
 SMITH, Lyndal - JSL - 2nd Thornton  
 CLARK, Janelle - ACSL - 1st Edgeworth  
 HEUSZ, Stephen - CSL - 1st Edgeworth  
 MOORECROFT, Roger - CSL - 1st Mannering Park  
 STAIB, James - ACSL - 1st Paterson/Bolwarra  
 TACON, Scott - ACSL - Charlestown  
 CUMMINS, Penelope - ASL - 1st Toronto  
 EASTON, Jeffery - ASL - Kurri Kurri  
 GAUCI, Peter - ASL - 1st Swansea  
 HODSON, Gai - ASL - 1st Warners Bay  
 HOOK, Rhonda - SL - 1st Wingham  
 PHELPS, Kenneth - ASL - 1st Branxton-Greta  
 SKINNER, Thomas - ASL - 1st Mannering Park  
 WINDEVER, Timothy - AVSL - 1st Belmont North  
 GLEGHORN, Evan - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship  
 METCALFE, Glen - Member - H&C Activities Fellowship

## TRANSFERS

CARR, Nicole  
 Fr ACSL 1st South Wallsend  
 To ACSL Cardiff

CHAPMAN, Michael

Fr AL 1st Byattunga  
 To SL 1st Byattunga

CURTIS, Yvonne

Fr DL (T) Royal National Park District  
 To RL (Act) Region

KINGDON, Lorn

Fr SL 1st Byattunga  
 To ASL 1st Byattunga

LAW, Narelle

Fr GL 3rd Mayfield  
 To DL (Adm) Newcastle District

NORMAN, Peter

Fr DSL Gosford District  
To ASL 1st Avoca Beach

SONTER, Carolyn

Fr ACSL 1st New Lambton  
To ACSL Maryland-Shortland

### RESIGNATIONS

KENNEDY, Stanley - ASL - 1st Tuggerah Lakes  
MARSHALL, Drew - CSL - 1st Medowie  
MULLALY, Michelle - AL - 1st Byattunga  
PASCOE, Megan - ACSL - 1st East Gosford  
WARD, Julie - SL - 1st Branxton-Greta  
WILSON, Kimberly - JSL - 3rd Mayfield

### TRAINEE LEADERS NOT PROCEEDING

BRYCE, Stephen - TL (S) - Singleton  
DENT, Mathew - TL (V) - 1st Wingham  
THORLEY, Kim - TL (S) - 1st Tuggerah Lakes  
TOOTH, Debra - TL (S) - 1st Belmont  
WILSON, Ruth - TL (CS) – Singleton

## Smoke Signals



**JOTA/JOTI** is on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. This is a world wide event and its on once again at Camp Kanangra, Nords Wharf. For more info and bookings, talk to Fay on 4943-0631 or email on philst@bigpond.net.au.

### Leadership Thoughts

We can teach principles of leadership, but we don't learn leadership unless we live it. Leadership is more effectively taught with a hands-on application. It cannot come out of a book, but must be drawn like steel, slowly and repetitively; working out the errors through actual experiences; tempering them with the fire of adversity through the limits of nature, given responsibility, and with personal conflict and resolution; and finally, polished through sacrifice, service, and compassion. Only then do the simple experiences of the outdoors become the proving grounds that these young men and women need to prepare them for the greater experiences that will one day come their way. That is what the Scouting program is all about. But it all starts with the Scout Promise.

### RAZZA-MA-TAZZ! Programs

We have some great Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts programs on the Regional Web Site, have a look these have been developed by the Regional Section team for you? The programs are on our regional web site, and can be found at <http://www.scoutreach.com.au/dazzle>

### Games

#### Australian Circle Game

2 Tennis balls

A player stands in the centre of a circle, holding a tennis ball. He tries to throw this ball to someone in the circle who will drop it. Another ball is also being passed around the circle from one boy to another. The player in the centre may throw his ball to anyone, but he usually throws it to the boy about to receive the ball being passed around the circle. If either ball is dropped, the one who dropped it changes places with the boy in the centre.

### Cat and Mouse

Organise the players into a rectangular grid, or maze, spaced so that they stand two arms lengths away from their partners in all 4 directions. If you have an awkward number of players you may leave out up to 2 players - they will be given roles later in the game. Before the game starts it is best to rehearse changing the maze: Start with all the players facing in the same direction with their arms spread to their sides - this should create a number of rows. On the command 'Turn' everyone should turn round 90° - don't be too worried which way just as long as it is a quarter turn. This changes the maze from rows to columns. Two players a 'cat' and a 'mouse' will run around the maze, the cat trying to catch and tag the mouse. They may run around the maze and along the lines of arms but must not pass or stretch across them. You can shout 'Turn' at any point during the game to change the maze. Thus you may suddenly prevent the mouse getting caught or put the mouse very close to the cat. When the mouse is caught start again with another pair or start with a new mouse and allow the old mouse to 'grow' to a cat.

### Lighthouse

Blindfolds (scarves) for half the participants The Leader is the lighthouse. Half the Troop/Unit/Pack/Group are ships, and put on the blindfolds at one end of the room. The other half, are rocks, and distribute themselves on the floor between the ships and the lighthouse. Please ask the rocks to keep their hands and feet in to minimize tripping. The rocks also should not clump up. The lighthouse goes "WOO WOO" to guide the ships. The rocks go "SWISH, SWISH" quietly to warn the ships of their presence. On go, the ships navigate between the rocks to the lighthouse. If they touch a rock, they are sunk and must sit on the floor (and go "swish, swish" also). When all the ships have made it to the lighthouse (or have been sunk), the rocks and ships switch places.

### How to read maps

#### Map Reading Guide

#### How to use Topographic Maps

This booklet can be downloaded at [http://www.ga.gov.au/image\\_cache/GA7194.pdf](http://www.ga.gov.au/image_cache/GA7194.pdf). This booklet will help you use topographic maps. It explains the types of information on topographic maps, how to interpret that information and how to use these maps with satellite positioning instruments, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), and a compass. It does not cover the use of other types of maps, such as general reference, thematic, tourist and cadastral. This is an excellent guide for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders

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## Cub Scout Capers



The large person in red is coming around again so it must be time to arrange the last outing for the year. Have you considered going to watch a basketball game? What about attending the Sydney Razorbacks game on the 9<sup>th</sup> December; meet the players, having your tea, breakfast, sleep over and much more all for \$20 plus transport. Invite the other sections in your Group to attend as well and make it a Group outing. The tickets registration is via the State web site.

### Cuboree 2006

I would like to thank all leaders and parents that help make the Region's Cuboree one of the best camps for the youth of our Region. Their dedication and enthusiasm is a credit to their various sections of our Movement. We had members from the Regional Mindari Team, the Activities Team, the Fellowship and the Training Team just to name a few.

### State Cuboree

The State Cuboree will be held at Newington Armoury, Sydney from the 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The transport to and from the camp has been included into the camp fee. This is a camp with Cubs from all over the State attending four fun packed days. It is an event that you should consider for next year to attend with your Cubs. Yes, it will require fund raising for the camp. A letter will be sent out early next year with the camp details.

### Pack Buddy

Is your Pack lucky to have more than three leaders and four sixes and has no problem taking your Cubs camping or on outing? We know of Packs in your District with lone leaders or with small numbers. Have you ever considered buddying up with one of these Packs and sharing your Pack camps or special Pack nights? This would benefit both Packs by sharing resources for camps/ activities and reducing some cost associated with outings. It would also provide social interaction between the youth members, parents and leaders.

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## Here's some great news from Denman!

On Friday, 1st September at 7:26 pm (during our District road show) Tracy Ward, Joey Scout Leader at 1st Denman, gave birth to Emily Catherine. Dad, Stephen Ward, is delighted. Mother and daughter are both doing well. Congratulations Tracy & Stephen!

## Scout Fundraising Night at McDonald's 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the Scout Fundraising Night will be held simultaneously across eight McDonald's Family Restaurants. Purchase any item from the local **Erina** or **Wyoming** McDonald's between 6pm and 8pm on the night and support Scouts.

Over the last two years, approximately \$1,000 has been raised to support the 2005 Cuboree and the 2006 State Rally. This year, a percentage of all sales made by the participating McDonald's will go to support the exciting annual Venturer Scout activity – Dragon Skin.

This night is a great opportunity for Groups to showcase and promote Scouts to the general public. Your Group can use this night as a **Bring a Friend Night** or as an opportunity for a **Scout Registration Night**. This is a fun, simple activity for your Group to participate in.

### *Things your Group can do on the night*

- ✓ Run a Group activity to engage the crowd
- ✓ Create a registration stall
- ✓ Hand out promotional material

Remember, anyone who comes in between 5pm and 9pm will be helping to raise money for Scouts. So don't forget to invite Mum and Dad and their friends to the night!

Although the overall event is being coordinated by State Office, the two local venues are under the general supervision of Jenny Kearns (DC Gosford) phone 4324-0039.

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## Member Support & International

### Region Road Show

It was pleasing as we have been travelling around the Districts to be able to share with and enable people to understand what Members Support is about.

All those attending have been encouraged to go to the State web site and look at the numerous Leader Support Guides that are available. Several new ones have been added lately. They are there to make things easier for all Leaders.

When filling in an Incident/Accident Report Form please ensure that ALL sections of the form are completed. They MUST be filled in by the Leader in Charge of the Activity or by the section leader if it occurs at the hall or on meeting nights. Youth members MUST NOT fill them in. It is the responsibility of Leaders. Thank you to those leaders who have phoned at the time of an accident and then followed it up the next day with a report to Region Office. When you do ring please give whoever you call the Name and the Phone number of the person involved so we can start the follow up.

### International

1<sup>st</sup> Warners Bay Troop hosted an 11 year old Scout from the United States, who was visiting relatives in Newcastle. He attended a Troop Meeting where they made boomerangs as part of an Australiana night. He and his Godmother were also hosted by the Scout Leaders and PL's at a BBQ.

The Region has a number of overseas visitors meeting with Groups. One from Indonesia, who is a student at Newcastle University. The other is a young lady from Finland who is here on a 12 month Student exchange programme. We welcome them both.

If any Groups are asked by overseas visitors, especially if they are here for some length of time, if they can join in with the group, please contact either me or Jill Heath. Jill is the Pen Pal and Group Exchange co-ordinator for the State. This is a must as we need to get clearances from their home Association to verify that they are who they say they are. Jill can be contacted on 0404 291 182 or email address - jillcubs@bigpond.net.au

Applications are still being received for the World Jamboree in England next year. There is some funding available through the Tony Balthazar fund and the John and Marie Hill Jamboree Trust Fund. This is available for NSW Venturers. The Jamboree is available only for Venturers and they must be aged between 15 and 17 years on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2007- ie born between 28<sup>th</sup> July 1989 and 27<sup>th</sup> July 1992. For more information and an application form visit [www.beprepared.com.au/worldjamboree](http://www.beprepared.com.au/worldjamboree)

The dates for the Jamboree are 28<sup>th</sup> Jul -7<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The cost is \$6500 which includes a Contingent Pre-jamboree camp in London and Home Hospitality in Dublin, Ireland. The theme is "ONE WORLD, ONE PROMISE."

It's not too late - so be in it!

Hunter and Coastal Region Centenary Celebrations are moving along with an inspection of some of the sites. More news next Bulletin. Keep your eyes on this space! How are the poster and badge designs going I have it from good authority that RAMBO would like to be included somewhere on the badge!

Grahame Pricter

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

## Rovers



Hunter & Coastal Rovers have just last month ran training in our Region for the first time in ages. The BL1 and BL2 were a big success considering the circumstances. We had a good turn out from our Region and several Rovers from Sydney Crews. A massive thank you has to go to the following people to whom the course would not have run without them; Robyne Plant, Tiffany Laws (thank you for keeping the rolls open), Adam Wakeling, Ben Harding, Andrew Mills, Skye McCrow, Jannett Brown, Simon Blatchford, Alicia Gleghorn. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

### Events that are coming up are:

- 29 Sept - 2 October Branch Moot - 4077th Moot [www.razorbackrover.com/4077th](http://www.razorbackrover.com/4077th)
- 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October Abseiling (originally for Advanced only) has now been changed to intro/intermediate. So hurry in get your forms in you haven't.
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October Blokes Moot - [www.razorbackrover.com/blokes](http://www.razorbackrover.com/blokes)
- BRAF Caving Course on the 25/26th November.

### Recent events that have gone well are:

- BRAF Caving Course – on the Course we had 57 Scouts, 12 Instructors, and 5 Helpers attend. A Big Card and Chocolates was given to the organisers as Thanks. No injuries were reported on the weekend.
- Scout Medallion and Queen's Scout presentation at Government House in Sydney. Congratulations to Adam Chapman on receiving his Queen's Scout on behalf of all the Hunter and Coastal Rovers.

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## Drivetime



G'day to all my friends in Scouting

### Great News for Existing Wood Badge Holders

The National Commissioner for Adult Training and 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. All Wood Badge holders who received their Wood Badge prior to 2005 are eligible to apply. Application is by way of normal Adult Training Course Application Form sent to our Region Office along with a \$20 course application fee. The form needs to be clearly marked "Catch Up Course for Cert IV". I will then endorse the form and forward it to the State Commissioner for Adult Training and Development. If you still have an incomplete Wood Badge Project and completed the training prior to 2005 contact me as you will also be eligible to undertake Cert IV Training as long as we complete the Project. What is the difference between Certificate IV in Business (Frontline Management) and Certificate IV in Leadership? The assessment tasks for each certificate are exactly the same; the only difference is if you can produce evidence of a CURRENT Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent. A certified copy of your First Aid Certificate must accompany your final checklist if you have one. Cert IV in Leadership can be issued afterwards if the First Aid Certificate is awarded after Cert IV in Business has been issued. All applicants must then complete 22 attachments from the Certificate IV requirements and have them signed off by your Verifier/Team Leader, a Trainer and finally an Assessor. Verification of all attachments should have been signed off during the collection period.

### Assessors – How Do I Get One?

There seems to be an issue in some small pockets of the Region regarding the inability to access Assessors. It raises its head when people have completed training workbooks and need them signed off for completion of the relevant training package. Accessing Assessors to sign paperwork is not your problem. All you need to do is bundle the material together and send it to the Region Office via your District Leader Training or your District Commissioner and I will arrange for assessors to sign off paperwork. (Please do not send any folders.) It should not be a matter of stress for you, it is an administration issue and I have it covered.

### Cub Section Leaders – Cub Pack Holidays / Camping Under Canvas

A reminder to all Cub Scout section Leaders, to be able to take your Packs on Pack Holidays or Camp under Canvas you need the qualifications to do so. It's simple ..... undertake and successfully complete a Cub Advanced Leadership 2 Course. We will be holding one at Glenrock from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2006 – APPLY NOW because numbers will be limited to the first 30 applications. As this

is an Advanced level Course, send these applications directly to State Office please.

### Scout Leaders – Outdoor Skills.

We will be conducting a Scout Advanced Leadership 2 Course at Glenrock from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2006 – APPLY NOW because numbers will be limited to the first 30 applications. This Course is designed to give more outdoor skills that will help to keep your scouts interested in the game of Scouting. As this is another Advanced level Course, send these applications directly to State Office please.

### Training Rebate Scheme – Great for Groups

Just a reminder for Groups - Since 1 January 2006 the State will return 75% of Course Fees for Trainee Leaders who complete Basic Training [Certificate III in Business (Frontline Management)] to Groups. But wait there's more, The State Executive Council recognised the strength that can be added to Scouting by having Leaders who complete Advanced Training have achieved a Wood Badge. To support this also from 1 January 2006 all Groups will receive 75% of course fees back for each Leader of the Group who complete Wood Badge/ Certificate IV in Business (Frontline) Management. This program is scheduled to operate for two years.

### State Directive: Course Closing Dates / Course Numbers

Under a directive from the State Commissioner for Adult Training and Development, all Course numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 30. Participants will be accepted on a first in basis till we reach 30 when the Course will close. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Closing dates are 3 weeks prior to the Course running. It may be possible to run an additional Course if numbers are sufficient. However trying to source an additional team in 3 weeks before a Course is extremely difficult. Having said this if I knew 6 weeks from the published Course date that numbers were sufficient to run a second Course then it would be easier to source a team. When participants apply right on the closing date then this is almost impossible to manage. I strongly advise Group Leaders to facilitate submission of forms as soon as possible and not wait to avoid the frustration of Leaders missing out on Courses.

### Training Course Administration

Course Administration is, on the first part, done by the Region Office (or State Office for Advanced level Courses) in consultation with myself and the Course Leader. Once the nominal roll is completed it is transferred to the Course Leader along with the appropriate training material. Please note however that the Course Leader does not have the authority to accept people onto the nominal roll. Issues of this nature must go through the Region Office and they will consult with me and a decision will be made.

'Till next month - Happy Scouting.

David Downie

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## Scouting Around



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

The NSW Contingent size for the Jamboree is 2937, well down on the last Jamboree. The Contingent from Hunter & Coastal Region numbers 459.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

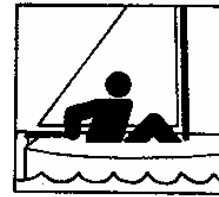
- 1) The Pre Jamboree Camp will be held on the weekend 28/29<sup>th</sup> October at GLENROCK. This camp is **compulsory** for all Jamboree Line Leaders and all Jamboree Troop members.
- 2) A meeting will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Pre Jamboree Camp for all **Service Leaders and Venturers** attending the Jamboree.
- 3) The date for packing Jamboree Equipment - It is now on 18<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 8.30am. All Troop, Service Leaders and Venturers equipment will be packed that day. The equipment taken to the Jamboree will return to Newcastle for unpacking on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007. The Location for this packing and unpacking is **Unimin Australia, Old Maitland Road, Sandgate**.
- 4) Our departure date from the nominated points from Newcastle, Central Coast and Upper Hunter will be approximately 6.00am 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Our departure from the Jamboree site will be between 10.00 am and 12.00noon 13<sup>th</sup> January 2007.
- 5) Once again just a reminder - If you require the use of a breathing machine to sleep, then make sure that this machine will run on battery power as there will be NO mains power to the camp sites. These batteries can and will be recharged on site for you.
- 6) Mobile Phones - There are NO allocated sites for the recharging of mobile phones so it is **strongly** recommended that they are left at home. Mobile phones which have a camera in them are not allowed to be used within 50 meters of any amenities block.
- 7) Service Leaders - I have not received any information as to any job allocations. If and when I receive anything I will forward it on or you may be contacted direct by the JOC.

Kevin Allen

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## Adventurous Activities



The year is nearly over and Christmas is just around the corner. The Regional Visits have completed and all went well. From my view the input from the Districts was great. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you. A couple of things worth remembering, if you have an incident involving a member of the Association or a supporter, then this must be recorded on an Incident Report Form M6. Make sure that this form gets to the Region Office ASAP. A phone call to me if it's an activity or the DC for District events. This is to safeguard you and the affected person.

September saw the last of the Regional events for the year being Joey Fun Day and the Cuboree. Both of these events went well. Thanks to the Activities Team Members and the H&C Fellowship who worked on the Activities at these events.

The Catalina Cup Regatta 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October is run by the water team and based at Rathmines Scout Hall. The cost is **\$10** and includes canoeing, sailing and land-based activities. This will be a great event for all those who attend. Contact John Scotland (0419) 272-626 or e-mail Scotland@exemail.com.au for details etc.

There are still activities to attend this year. Look at the back of this Bulletin or the Activities Calendar. I am currently compiling the Calendar for next year. I have asked each District for what activities they would like assistance with. This includes BRAF's for Scouts, Water Activities for Cubs, Scouts etc. The cost of Courses was also spoken about at length earlier this year. I will be communicating the Course fee structure next month with the calendar.

As a reminder from the Regional visits - all Appointed Leaders from this Region can attend (most) Activities Courses run by this Region free of Course fees. I encourage all of you to get in and have a go.

The State Policy for Rock Related Activities was reviewed and changed during September. The changes have been designed to make the activities safer and accessible to more of the members of our organisation. I will make copies available once all the changes have been approved and authorised. One of the changes that will affect those involved in Rock Related Activities is the need to wear an approved Rockclimbing helmet. Once this policy has been endorsed the use of pushbike helmets will be unacceptable.

The State Activities team is currently looking at the Water Policy and I expect that this will be re-issued later this year.

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

Formation	1 April	18 Sept	10%+
1st Berkeley Vale	44	<b>48</b>	48
1st Budgewoi	24	<b>30</b>	26
1st Erina Heights	36	<b>32</b>	40
1st Gwandalan	41	<b>50</b>	45
1st Kanwal	69	<b>75</b>	76
1st Mannering Park	42	<b>65</b>	46
1st Terrigal	42	<b>47</b>	46
1st Tuggerah Lakes	40	<b>40</b>	44
1st Tumby	55	<b>64</b>	61
1st Wyong	27	<b>27</b>	30
Toukley/Haven	32	<b>32</b>	35
1st Avoca Beach	30	<b>35</b>	33
1st Bensville	37	<b>39</b>	41
1st East Gosford	52	<b>56</b>	57
1st Gosford	23	<b>27</b>	25
1st Kariong	33	<b>37</b>	36
1st Narara	27	<b>37</b>	30
1st Ourimbah	38	<b>41</b>	42
1st Point Clare	28	<b>39</b>	31
1st Woy Woy	33	<b>30</b>	36
1st Wyoming	57	<b>60</b>	63
Broken Bay #	47	<b>61</b>	52
Peats Ridge	20	<b>19</b>	22
1st Belmont North	57	<b>55</b>	63
1st Belmont	25	<b>26</b>	28
2nd Belmont	6	<b>5</b>	7
1st Garden Suburb	8	<b>10</b>	9
1st Swansea	40	<b>35</b>	44
1st Valentine	56	<b>50</b>	62
1st Warners Bay	114	<b>136</b>	125
Cardiff	41	<b>59</b>	45
Charlestown	55	<b>53</b>	61
1st Beresfield *	3	<b>7</b>	6
1st Branxton-Greta	39	<b>43</b>	43
1st Paterson/Bolwarra	52	<b>58</b>	57
1st Telarah	25	<b>26</b>	28
2nd Thornton	47	<b>49</b>	52
Cessnock City	40	<b>50</b>	44
Dungog	18	<b>17</b>	20

East Maitland	40	<b>53</b>	44
Kurri Kurri	43	<b>52</b>	47
Singleton	63	<b>64</b>	69
Lower Hunter Unit	13	<b>15</b>	14
1st Bulahdelah	8	<b>10</b>	9
1st Forster-Tuncurry	10	<b>5</b>	11
1st Wingham	42	<b>50</b>	46
Taree	4	<b>7</b>	5
Wallamba	16	<b>3</b>	18
1st Cooks Hill	27	<b>27</b>	30
1st Mayfield	12	<b>13</b>	13
1st Merewether	28	<b>36</b>	31
1st New Lambton	42	<b>25</b>	46
1st South Wallsend	52	<b>48</b>	57
1st Wallsend	26	<b>24</b>	29
2nd Newcastle	9	<b>4</b>	10
3rd Mayfield	42	<b>43</b>	46
Kotara	32	<b>40</b>	35
Lambton-Waratah	31	<b>30</b>	34
Maryland-Shortland	60	<b>64</b>	66
1st Anna Bay	53	<b>45</b>	58
1st Clarence Town	26	<b>28</b>	29
1st Medowie	90	<b>79</b>	99
1st Nelson Bay	34	<b>46</b>	37
1st Raymond Terrace	25	<b>34</b>	28
1st Stroud	24	<b>27</b>	26
1st Tilligerry	16	<b>16</b>	18
Seaham	27	<b>38</b>	30
1st Byattunga Crew	5	<b>12</b>	6
1st Gosford Crew	8	<b>8</b>	9
1st Kanwal Crew	13	<b>12</b>	14
1st Wallsend Crew	5	<b>5</b>	6
1st Wyoming Crew	13	<b>12</b>	14
Belmont Crew	7	<b>7</b>	8
East Maitland Crew	20	<b>17</b>	22
North Lake Macq Crew	5	<b>5</b>	6
Kotara Crew		<b>6</b>	
1st Denman	18	<b>16</b>	20
1st Murrurundi	26	<b>27</b>	29
1st Scone	28	<b>36</b>	31
2nd Muswellbrook	67	<b>69</b>	74
Merriwa	14	<b>1</b>	15
1st Byattunga	58	<b>66</b>	64
1st Edgeworth	18	<b>33</b>	20
1st Rathmines	21	<b>41</b>	23
1st Teralba	28	<b>30</b>	31
1st Toronto	25	<b>27</b>	28
1st Wangi	59	<b>52</b>	65

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

# Regional Calendar

## October

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

### Training

Group Leader Basic Leadership 3  
27-29 October  
Closes 6 October  
Costs \$95

Leader of Adults Basic Leadership 3  
27-29 October  
Closes 6 October  
Costs \$95

### Activities

Abseiling **Basic/Intermediate/Advanced** - 0641  
28/29 October  
Closes 6 October  
Costs \$20

## November

### Training

Scout Advanced Leadership 2  
3-5 November  
Closes 13 October  
Costs \$95

**APPLY TO STATE OFFICE**

Cub Scout Basic Leadership 3  
17-19 November  
Closes 27 October  
Costs \$95

### Activities

First Aid (Gosford) - 0655  
4 November  
Closes 13 October  
Costs \$35

White Water Grade 2 - 0643  
11/12 November  
Closes 20 October  
Costs \$20

Bushwalking Practical - 0644  
18/19 November  
Closes 27 October  
Costs \$20

Canyoning Introduction - 0645  
18/19 November  
Closes 27 October  
Costs \$20

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

### 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

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

*Sydney City Venture*

All details of this annual Region event will be ready by the next Bulletin.

At this point we are talking about meeting at a Scout Camp in Sydney and then running Activities in the City.

We will be try to keep the cost around \$25 / \$30. Stay tuned.

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## **21<sup>st</sup> World Jamboree – UK 2007**

It would be very much appreciated if you would give the following information the widest promotion within your Sections:

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS - Has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2007**

**JOHN & MARIE HILL JAMBOREE TRUST FUND - Closing date for applications for funding has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**TONY BALTHAZAR JAMBOREE FUND - Closing date for applications for funding has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

If you require any further information please give me a call

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