



Hunter & Coastal Region

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The Regional Commissioner's Message

Awards Well Done!

Hearty and sincere congratulations to all Leaders who received recognition in the annual Adult Recognition Award List. As I have previously said, these Awards are not automatic and are given for "depth" of service over and above the adult's "normal" commitment and not just its length. Special congratulations to our Regional Commissioners for Scouts, Kevin Allen and to Regional Chairman, Jean Hattander on their award of the Silver Kangaroo, which is Scouting's highest accolade. We are very proud of you both. Also to Cub Scout Leader / Leader in Charge of Murrurundi Group, Ron Tuckwell and Regional Commissioner for Special Duties, Vivien Paulson the Award of the Silver Emu, our second highest award. I look forward to congratulating all awardees on a personal basis very shortly.

Are You Ready?

Well spring has arrived and yes, the big event is on very soon (21 to 23 September on the Newcastle Foreshore in fact) and will be opened by the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Mr John Ravenhall. There is still time to register. Make sure that all your youth members get the opportunity to achieve the Centenary Medallion by coming along. This is by far the biggest event we have ever organised in the history of the Region and is an opportunity to showcase Scouting to the local community. Please be a part of it and don't deny your youth the opportunity.

I have seen the final proofs of the Centenary Medallion and may I say "WOW!", it will be sensational and will, without doubt, be a collectible item for the future. It is 3 dimensional, 60 mm diameter, 3 mm thick, is made in quality pewter and will come in a neat, quality box. Each of you should now know how to qualify for one – be at the Region Centenary Event sometime during the weekend 21 to 23 September and in addition earn 100 points as specified on your respective Challenge 100 Card. So please make sure that your youth members know how to get one.

Working, Working And Keeping At It

Des Hocking, our Regional Commissioner for School Promotions is still doing wonderful work and recently, in conjunction with the District Commissioner of Manning,

Greg Gilbert, has been working to revitalise the Forster /Tuncurry Group. This has been an outstanding success with 40 plus new members recruited plus a Group Committee formed and new Leaders too. What a fantastic effort and an excellent example of what can be achieved by time and effort and equally importantly the current methodology if your Group "hits the wall" or is just recycling old ideas and needs a fresh approach, please through your Group Leader / Leader in Charge make contact with your District Commissioner. There is nothing unique or special to how the success of Forster Tuncurry was achieved, so share experiences to grow your numbers. Congratulations to Greg for an outstanding effort. This also comes on the back end of success with Taree Group. This District is really turning around in a positive manner

The annual round of Region Visit to Districts are progressing well and feedback is very encouraging with most Groups represented. Congratulations to all concerned.

How Will You Do It?

Further to my last advice, District Commissioners have been requested to provide by mid October, advice about what each Group intends to do to encourage youth members to return in February 2008. This is our retention strategy for the coming summer and responses will be followed up diligently by your DC. Please support this initiative. It doesn't matter if all Groups in a District have a similar strategy, what is needed by your DC is a practical and meaningful "plan of attack". This is not intended to be (and should not be seen as being) an imposition but is an earnest attempt to address this ongoing problem of loss of numbers over the Christmas break because it is abundantly clear that we haven't yet got it "right".

A Great Night

Finally many thanks to all who attended the Region Trivia Night held at Cardiff RSL Club in late July. It was a fun night and thanks for its success must go to Kevin Allen and his family for the questions and more, to Barry Ableson and family for the organisation work, to Marion Currie and to Ivy Allen who provided a great supper and to all our prize donors but particularly to Greg Allen and Hugh Mooney who donated the major prizes. Thank you to you all for making it a success.

Steve Fernie
Regional Commissioner

International & Member Support

Region Centenary Event

Applications are still coming in even though the closing date was at the end of June. You will remember in the last report I questioned whether some Groups really wanted to be involved. Well it appears that my statement may be true. Over 25 of the Groups in the Region have not applied to attend the Event. Who misses out? THE YOUTH!

This is a one off occasion. Not one of today's generation will get to see again. If your Group is one of those who have not applied, then might I suggest nicely that you get off your rear end and do something special for your young people. By the way, don't just turn up on the day and expect to walk onto the Foreshore and participate. This might not sound in the spirit of Scouting but you have all had since September last year to start preparing for the event. Reports have been in every Bulletin since then. You received the first notification in February. So come on have a go! The communication in some Groups from Group Leaders has been non-existent with Region Office receiving phone calls this month from leaders asking, "What's this about a Centenary Event?" Really!

Despite all this, preparations are going ahead. A final meeting is to be held with Council and the marking out of sites has already been through round 1.

After breakfast on Saturday all meals are the responsibility of the Groups. There is to be NO group cooking at the Foreshore. If a group wants to provide a meal at night then arrangements need to be made, as a number of groups have done, for parents or a couple of leaders to return to # 2 Sports Ground, cook up whatever needs to be cooked and return with the meal in eskies and serve it at the Foreshore. There will be a number of food vans at the Foreshore with hot food available. Each Group co-ordinator will receive some final information early in September. You will also get a full list of activities. We have a couple of surprise activities that we haven't had before. Those who are coming just for the day are advised to bring clothing suitable for water activities as well as land activities.

How are the 100 up Challenge Cards going? We have had fairly good interest from Groups as we presented the first three Road Shows.

Members Support / International Corner

Congratulations to those Groups who took part in the Sunrise Breakfast event. If your Group has done something special for the Centenary please let me have a copy of what you have done and I will forward it to England with the rest at the end of the year.

Congratulations to 1st Foster/ Tuncurry Group on their restarting. The Group has just registered 45 new members

with more YI forms to be processed. School promotions do work. Further School promotions are planned across the Region. If you would like to be part of it, then please contact Des Hocking (Region Office can give you details).

Well the World Jamboree in England is over and the Australian participants have been experiencing the hospitality of the people of Ireland. What great tales they will have to tell when they get back. Why not invite one of the Hunter and Coastal participants to come and tell your group about their experiences?

Grahame Pricter JP
RC International and Members Support

Queen's Scout

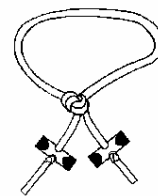


Our congratulations to:

Ryan Power – Kotara

On being awarded the Queen's Scout Award

Wood Badge



Our congratulations to:

Pei Ling Chensee – JSL 1st Belmont
Carmel Billings – JSL 1st Valentine
Joanne Ross – JSL 1st East Gosford

On their recent awards of the Wood Badge (being a Certificate IV in advanced leadership).

Will your name be on this list soon?

Smoke Signals



What is Scouting?

“NOT one in a hundred of our own people knows this. Scouting is not a thing that can be taught by wording it in public speeches, nor by defining it in print. Its successful application depends entirely on the grasp of the Scout spirit by both trainer and trainee. What this spirit is can only be understood by outsiders when they see it ruling, as it already does to a vast extent, the thoughts and the actions of each member of our brotherhood. Thus every Scoutmaster and every Commissioner will be an apostle to them, not merely through what he says but through what he imparts by impression and through what he does himself in his own personality. For this he must, as a first point, be imbued with a real understanding knowledge of the Scout ideals, the methods we use to gain them, and the reasons that underlie them. Among them he realises, for instance: That the need is urgent of a great social rise out of the present slough of squalor; That the State education system has its limitations for developing the character, the health, the technical skill, and the communal Christianity that are necessary; That Scouting can help by attracting the boy or girl, or by helping him or her to acquire these qualities; That this cannot be done by the imposition of artificial instruction from without but by the encouragement of the natural impulses from within; That this is imparted by personal leadership and example on the part of the Scoutmaster himself, and not by his mere instruction; That the intelligent application of Nature lore and woodcraft largely supplies the means and the incentive, while the Promise and the Scout Law give the direction; That the growth of the Movement both at home and in every civilised foreign country is phenomenal, not merely for its numbers but because it is entirely natural from within and has not been artificially forced from without; That it is brotherhood -- scheme which, in practice, disregards differences of class, creed, country and colour, through the undefinable spirit that pervades it -- the spirit of God's gentleman. Now these, you will say, are things that you know already, and don't need to be told. Yes, that is so. But what I want is that you should pass them on to those who don't know them”.

Extract from “B.P.'s Outlook” July, 1920.

Games

Three, Two, One

Equipment: Chalk - to mark each corner

Chalk a suitable size corner area in each corner of the hall, pushing all the Scouts into the corner and drawing around them gives a good size.

All the Scouts start in one corner.

The Leader calls the number 1, 2 or 3. The Scouts run to the appropriate corner.

1 = Short Straight (Width)

2 = Long Straight (Length)

3 = Diagonally

The last Scout into the correct corner is out, as are any Scouts who go to the wrong corner.

After the first few numbers, call sequence of numbers e.g. 1,1,3,2,1,2 (which equals 2).

The last Scout in Wins.

Time-bomb

Equipment: A Beanbag or other suitable bomb

This is basically a game of tag with a simulated time-bomb. The player tries to touch someone with the bomb, that player then has to take the bomb.

Every 30-60 seconds a Leader blows a whistle and whoever has the 'bomb' is out.

An additional idea is to have a few ghosts who try and stop the player with the bomb from tagging other players.

Pig

Equipment: Dice

This is a simple fill in game that the boys love.

Each player takes a turn rolling one dice.

The leader totals each roll. He has the option to quit rolling whenever he chooses but if he rolls a 1 he loses all his points on that roll and his turn is over. The player with the most points is the winner. Don't be a Pig.

Vikings

Equipment: Nil

All the players sit in a circle, with a Viking chief nominated. He must row his Viking longship whilst making "heave ho!" noises. The player on either side of the chieftain should then row with the arm nearest to the chieftain making the same noise.

When the chieftain wishes to pass on the duties he should stand up and make a horn blowing noise and shoot an imaginary arrow at his choice for the new chieftain. The new chieftain takes up rowing duties and the players to his immediate left and right begin with single handed strokes. Anyone who doesn't take up the challenge is out along with those using the wrong arm or who are too slow.

The game continues until there are 3 players left, these are the winners.

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Scouting in 2007

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

Dates are listed on the website.

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Cub Scout Capers



POWLAVA Went!

A big “Hazar Hazar” to all who attended the Palava this year.

Yes it was held in a different location and we had the numbers to run a very good training and information weekend. Lots of information changed hands. In the coming weeks a CD will be provided to the Palava participants containing a copy of the medieval book and the base resources.

The highlight of the weekend would have to be medieval dinner. The Newcastle Medieval Society made the night one to be remembered for a long time. They did not only provide the atmosphere, dancing, and good company. The group also served the tables in traditional ways of a medieval court.

I better thank the cooks as I will be paying big time for the next year, those who attended will know what I mean.

State Cuboree Packs

Your Pack Leader should have already contacted you and a date set for the pre Cuboree camp. The bus pick up points have been arranged and bus number and time will be sent once the bus company notifies State.

State Commissioner Challenge

Do not forget the State Commissioner’s Challenge is due at the end of September you can either bring your documentation to the centenary event or post it to me. The list of H&C leaders will be sent to State first week in October and no late additions can be added. Mark your calendar so you do not miss out. It is just a matter of documenting what you already do in the Pack no more or less. This badge is a ‘give me’ but, it helps to promote good structure within the Pack. Thus benefiting the Cub Scouts and spreading the work load between leaders.

Regional Challenge Cards

Just a reminder to send your Pack / Group Challenge cards via your GL / Leader in Charge to the Region Office ASAP.

Regional Events 2007:

Centenary Camp - Newcastle

21 -23 Sept

State Cuboree “Newington Armoury”

8- 11 October

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Venturing



Where – Lake St Clair (near Singleton)

30 November to 2 December

Arrival – **Friday Night 30 Nov after 6.00pm**

Finish – Sunday 2 Dec Closing Parade at 2pm

Cost - \$25 includes dinner Saturday night, camp fees, etc
Region Application to Attend Course Form and money
(Cheques payable to “Scouts Australia”)

Region Office P.O. Box 854. The Junction 2291

Closing Date – 16th 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.

Any **Questions** contact your Regional Leader or me.

Robyne Plant

Regional Commissioner (Venturers)

4392-7812 or 0411 267 593

Happy Hopping



100 Challenge –Kite Day

Kites, kites and more kites!!!!

That is all that could be seen in the sky around the Hunter.

Our 100 Kite Challenge day

was an overwhelming success. All Districts participated.

Lower Hunter sent Maitland Park into a swarm of activity with kites throughout the park.

Central Coast Lakes held their day at the Entrance the local kite shop joined in the fun flying many different kites and allowing the Joey Scouts to try the kites. Upper Hunter and Manning both had flying days in local parks.

The Kite pictures will be in the next from the pouch and will be posted up on the web site for viewing.

The Kite Flying day generated good interest from the Media. Lake Macquarie had two articles in separate papers both had pictures. Gosford also managed to attract the media with an article in the Peninsular News.

Rough total - 1,500 kites. I must say that I was surprised as I visited different venues that how much kite flying appeals to all ages.

Thank you to all Districts and their Mobs, Groups for participating.

Leaders have already asked if next year we go for a record and hold a Regional Kite Day! What do you think, please contact your District Leader if you are interested?

Newcastle District turned Newcastle foreshore into a blaze of colour. The Kites could be seen as far away as the Stockton Bridge. The District also enjoyed a picnic in the park. New Lambton Mob drew the pictures for the Centenary "One World One Promise" on their kites.



In Port Stephens District not even strong cold winds on Birubi Beach could not dampen the enthusiasm when it came to getting kites in the air.



Gosford District held their day in conjunction with the District Billy Cart derby. The Derby was stopped while all in attendance ran down the derby hill with their kites.

At Lake Macquarie local Member (Jill Hall) officially open the day. One Mob from the District (Warners Bay) made an arch of kites for everyone to run through to commence their kite flying. The District ran picnic style races as well as the kite flying.



Centenary Event

The event is almost upon us. If you are visiting for the day, do not forget to make sure you have already registered your Mob. All attending will need to go to the registration tent on arrival, as you will be given an arm band which will allow you to take part in the activities. I am sure everyone will have a great time.

Care and Share Month – November 2007

This year for Care and Share, the District Leaders have decided we use the month to assist young children in Cambodia.

The Sunshine Centre is a project that provides before and after school care to around 90 children aged 3-16 years. The programme includes breakfast and a hot lunch, bathing facilities and basic health care. These children used to be too poor to go to school (their families earn less than US\$2.50/day) the children would normally spend their days roaming the streets, trying to earn income, usually by collecting recyclable materials. However, since October last year, the sunshine project has enrolled more than 70 children into government schools, many for the first time in their lives.

The District Leaders have the program for Care and Share and details of how you can participate at your Wandarras during this month.

Below is a rough outline of what is being suggested.

Week One: Joeys given a job card for week with 5 slots/parent to sign. When complete we are asking parents to donate \$1 for the jobs done.

Week Two: Run adventure program. There will be two Programs supplied by District Leaders or you can do your own program. Invite families other members of your Group & charge \$1 admission. You could also consider running one program on week two the other in week four or later if you wish.

Week Three: Take photos of Joeys. Ask the Joeys to write about themselves, make a lightweight booklet perhaps?

Please note: Mail to Cambodia is expensive, so we need to keep this lightweight.

Week Four: Outing – Multicultural Centre, Art Centre, Museum, Go to park & play Cambodian Games, Visit Library & read Cambodian Stories.

Marilyn Hocking

Regional Commissioner (Joey Scouts)

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Winter this year (snow conditions) has been the best for many years. To take advantage the activities team led several ski trips (both back country, snow camping etc and in resort trips). These were well supported and those who attended had a great time.

After the storms in June the forest areas were severely hit with strong winds and torrential rain. This has caused some safety issues when going back to some of our favourite places in the bush. Please make sure that you conduct a risk and hazard review before starting into the planned activities. Remember a safe activity is much more enjoyable.

The water and rock activities are starting up after the winter and it is important to have application forms in early. Please make sure the youth and/or leaders applying have the pre-requisites. i.e. for Canyoning, caving and rock climbing courses, basic abseiling skills are required. White water courses require the applicant to have a current flat water canoeing / kayaking charge certificate. The certificate must be in the style of craft you will be using on the course.

If you have any questions about the skills required please ask a member of the activities team or contact me.

The up and coming Regional event are:-

- **Centenary of Scouting Newcastle Foreshore 21-23 September**
- **The 6th Catalina Cup Regatta 6-7 October**
- **Scouts water activities weekend 10-11 November**

Each of these activities will be a great opportunity to promote Scouting in your Group / District.

The Region Centenary of Scouting event at the end of this month is a great way to show youth and parents that Scouting is a great movement to belong to. **Registration is compulsory and due now! Have you registered yet?**

I have had a discussion with Kevin Allen & the District Scout Leaders and have decided to try scheduling District Scout BRAF on the Regional Activities Calendar. I will work with Kevin on this and the dates will appear on the Regional Activities Calendar.

This does not mean that the activities team will not support other District activities. Remember water courses such as canoeing etc can and will be run on demand.

Safe Scouting!

Anthony Butler

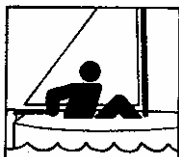
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Adventurous Activities



Winter is almost over and the activities team is hotting up.

Rovers



Rovers have had a busy month with many Crews being involved in a large amount of Social, Adventurous and Service based activities. Some of these include: -

East Maitland Rovers hosted a service camp at Bulga Scout Camp, where buildings, walkways and drains were restored. Thank you to all who attended this weekend. A great job was done by all.

Gosford Rovers ran a successful joint paintball day with some of the Venturers across the Region.

Byattunga Rovers have been awarded the tender to run RoVenture 2008 - "Lights, Camera, RoVenture". Their tender looks really good with many great activities planned. Watch out for more info in the coming months.

Wyoming Rovers ran their annual Wineries tour last month with great success. A good time was had by all.

Belmont Rovers are currently promoting the return of the "Hunter and Coastal Region Hypnotist Night", which is to run on the 10th November this year. Tickets are \$25 and more info can be found at:
www.belmontrovers.com/hypnotist.html

Last weekend was the "Lets Get Physical" Rover Moot at Camp Kuringai. Belmont, Gosford and Kotara Crews all have Rovers in attendance and the event had over 100 Rovers from across NSW in attendance. Again, a great time was had by all.

Upcoming activities not already mentioned include the Region based 100 years of Scouting Celebrations where Rovers will be involved in the Flying fox, Abseiling, Canoeing, Admin and assisting with the Joey face painting.

Aussie Moot: 3rd Dec to 12 January at Newington Armoury, Sydney. So far there are over 400 applicants from across Australia/Asia Pacific. This will prove to be an awesome event with major activities such as surfing on the south coast, white water rafting, gourmet tours, 4wd tours and Scuba diving being run during the Moot.

Ian Cosgrove
President – Region Rover Council
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Region Campsites for Hire

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

Glenrock: Camping (for less than 30 people)
Nicole Carr
4944 7303

Camp Kanangra (Nords Wharf – East Lake Macquarie)
Marie Adams
4945 2432 (8.30am to 8.30pm – 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 (near Gloucester)
Region Office
4929 1760 (business hours)

Please Don't Mail Cash for Courses!!

Some Activity Course Applicants are posting cash. Not only is it illegal, it's dangerous too. Money Orders are relatively cheap and Credit Card payments are easy.

Leaders, please advise your youth members / parents.

"Joy is not in things, it is in us."
(Richard Wagner)

Regional Calendar

November

(Apply to Region Office unless otherwise shown)

October

Training

Venturer Scout Basic Leadership 3
19 – 21 Oct
Closes 18-Sep
Costs \$105

Venturer Unit Management
28 Oct
Closes 5 Oct
Costs \$15

Activities

Advanced Caving – 0739
13/14 Oct
Closes 21 September
Costs \$20

White Water Grade 1 – 0740
20/21 Oct
Closes 28 Sep
Costs \$15

Bushwalking Preparation – 0741
21 Oct
Closes 28 Sep
Costs \$10

Rockclimbing Advanced – 0742
27/28 Oct
Closes 5 Oct
Costs \$20

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Training

Basic Leadership 2
2-4 Nov
Closes 12 Oct
Costs \$105

Venturer – Rover
Advanced Leadership 2
9 – 11 Nov
Closes 19 Oct
Costs \$105 **Apply to State Office**

Basic Leadership 1
17 – 18 Nov
Closes 26 Oct
Costs \$105

GL Basic Leadership 3
30 Nov – 2 Dec
Closes 9 Nov
Costs \$105

LOA Basic Leadership 3
30 Nov – 2 Dec
Closes 9 Nov
Costs \$105

Activities

Basic Rock Skills & Abseiling Intermediate - 0743
3-4 Nov
Closes 12 Oct
Costs \$20

Bushwalking Practical (Upper Hunter) – 0744
10/11 Nov
Closes 19 Oct
Costs \$15

Canyoning Introductory – 0745
17/18 Nov
Closes 26 Oct
Costs \$20

White Water Grade 2 – 0747
24/25 Nov
Closes 2 Nov
Costs \$15

Where Do You Get Uniforms, Badges & Books?

At the place which has local knowledge

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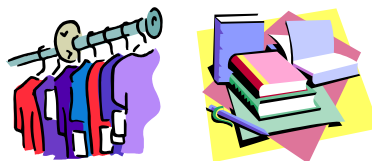
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