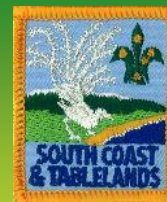




South Coast Scouting

South Coast and Tablelands Region

Newsletter – October 2012



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Region Commissioner



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Region President



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Region Chairman



Wedding At Mt. Keira Scout Camp



Filmed for "Don't Tell The Bride" TV Series



Welcome to the October 2012 Newsletter for the South Coast and Tablelands Region.

Hope you enjoy reading my first newsletter as the Editor my name is Robyn Bates and I look forward to bringing together the news of the Region.

Please support the Newsletter by forwarding your Scouting stories and information for others in Scouting to enjoy to Kerrie by email sct.region@nsw.scouts.com.au

Robyn Bates
Editor

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A Quote from Lord Robert Baden-Powell.....



Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

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Groom and Bride Adam and Jessica Oliver with junior cast members from the Gang Show participated in the Wedding Ceremony.

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From The Scout Shop..... 2012 Christmas Badge

Hello Friends,



NEW



We just wanted to let you know that the 2012 Christmas Badge is now in stock at The Scout Shop. The cost is \$2.50 per badge. You can order by emailing us at sctshop@nsw.scouts.com.au or by phone on 4274 1193 and letting us know how many you want. We will be waiting to take your call.

Kindest Regards,

Waveney and the Volunteers



Gang Show has just finished. It was a great show with good music and singing. The Cast and Crew are to be congratulated on a great performance, well done. Next year's show promises to be even better. They are now looking for more cast members to make the show bigger and better. It does fit in the award system so please encourage your youth members to think about being part of it.

Our Region Jamborette at Bengalee was enjoyed by everyone who took part. Our youth members had some exciting and fun activities to do for the weekend. Quite a few Leaders completed part of their R.P.L. For level 1 Bushwalking. Some also did training in Canoeing skills. The weather was kind to us, warm days, cool nights.

At the Region Mindari held Saturday evening it was decided to have another Pow Wow in the new year. It promises to be a good weekend for Leaders to get some new skills and ideas. There will be information coming later.

It has come to my notice that some leaders seem to think A1 Forms only have to be filled in if there is an accident or incident. Well it is too late then. You could find yourselves on your own with no insurance.

A1 Forms for Activities need to be submitted well before the activity takes place. This is a requirement from our Insurers, so please make sure you put in the required paper work to cover the activity and protect yourselves from damages claims.

Quarterly Billing; in the next couple of weeks you will be receiving your Groups invoice for this quarter. Please send your payments to the Region Office. If you have any discrepancies please make sure you have the correct paper work to back them up.

We still have a number of Groups still owing monies from previous quarters. Please make sure you are up to date with your payments.

Section Leader Identification Badges have been approved by National to be worn on the uniform, they will be issued by Region when they become available. Brown for Joeys, Yellow Cubs, Green Scouts, Maroon Venturers, Red Rovers and White Group Leaders. District and Region is still being looked at. I hope to have more information for you after the Chief's Council in November.

I would like to welcome Robyn Bates as the Editor for our Region Magazine. Robyn will be looking for articles from Groups and Districts with some Photos, so please give your support by forwarding your articles to the Region Office.

For the time being it will still be published bi-monthly and sent electronically to those with Email.

If you would still like a copy sent by post please let Kerrie at Region know.

If you have changed any of your details of late eg address, phone numbers, or Email contact, please let us know at Region so we are up to date and can keep you in the loop.

Lastly I will be away in Tasmania for the coming month. Michael Barnes will be looking after the Region, any problems please contact Michael.

Enjoy your Scouting, Look Wide and Embrace the Future .

Derrick Peters
Region Commissioner



Mount Keira Scout Camp

The camp is all ready for the summer camping season so we look forward to seeing you there. We have recently fixed the leak in the swimming pool and the pool has been refilled and is ready for you to swim in. You might have seen the recent edition of "Don't Tell the Bride" which was filmed at the camp and screened on the 24th of September 2012. We were asked by the Groom if he could hold the wedding at the camp and we were very pleased to do so as we thought it would be great publicity for the camp and could encourage more bookings for weddings at the camp. Weddings account for approximately 20% of the income that the camp receives so we need to keep advertising the fact that people can get married at the camp. Members of our flying fox team and some of the junior cast of the Gang Show also participated. Our thanks to you all in assisting. I spent some time at the wedding handing out information to the guests while they were waiting for the bride and before the reception. All of the people I spoke to including the Celebrant (who had never been to the camp before) were gob smacked by the camp and the natural beauty of the site. Last Wednesday we had a lady who had seen the program and who lives in Mt. Keira and who had never been to the camp come up and visit. Again another person who could not believe that this wonderful place was so close the Wollongong.

Over the past couple of months we have a couple of new Wednesday workers and DCW's joining the team. Welcome Phil and Andrew. We look forward to your contribution to the Camp. If you are retired and looking for something to do on a Wednesday we have a group of people who come up to the camp and help maintain the camp for the benefit of the users. If you are interested in becoming a Deputy Camp Warden which involves a weekend approximately every three months looking after the camp give me a ring to discuss the situation.

Ron Critcher

Camp Committee Chairman

Some thoughts from the Dalai Lama

An ethical act is one which does not harm others' experience or expectations of happiness.

Because our every action has a universal dimension, the potential impact on others' happiness, ethics are necessary as a means to ensure that we do not harm others.

Negative thoughts and emotions are what cause us to act unethically.

There is nothing exceptional about acts of charity towards those we are already close to.

Ethically wholesome actions arise naturally in the context of compassion.

Ethical discipline is indispensable because it is the means by which we mediate between competing claims of my right to happiness and all others' equal rights.



Figtree, Balgownie and Bulli Groups - Joey Scout Camp— Mt Keira

The Joeys from Figtree, Balgownie and Bulli had a fantastic night. Games on the flat, treasure hunt, torch walk to the chapel, sausages cooked on the fire, hot milk and a good sing by the fire.

Those cubs and scouts that helped out were keen for similar for there sections, parents were also happy that it occurred during school holidays so the Joeys did not have to get to bed too early.

Please thank the Mt Keira team.

Regards

Jabiru

1st Bulli Group





CUBOREE - Once Upon a Time - Cataract - 6 — 10 January, 2014



Yes I know Jamboree is coming soon and many of our Cub Leaders are showing their great leadership and support by being part of the activities and in the troop lines but this time next year many of our Cubs will have already attended or will be on their way to attending a Pre Cuboree camp in preparation for our next FABULOUS Cuboree.

Our Region is running a base at the Cuboree (January 2014) with many activities and I am asking for Leader commitment to assist in the running of the base and its activities.

You do not have to be a Cub Leader and I am keen to have Scout Leaders or any activity qualified Leaders contact me so I can plan the needed “staffing” of the base.

We also need Leaders to complete their training and I would appreciate any Leaders who are qualified with “Camping Under Canvas” and the relevant experience to contact me asap as we need Mega Pack Coordinators for each District and its Packs. Last time we had 8 packs from our Region with around 40 Cubs, Leaders and Supporters in each.

Please register your interest via email to sonia64@bigpond.net.au

2013 Planning

Have you sat down with your Pack and Leaders to plan the events you will be undertaking in 2013.

Don't forget to include information from your Group Council and District and Region events already planned.

I hope all packs hold regular Pack Councils to hear what your packs would like to do via the Sixers and Seconds.

The information I gleaned from the Region Pack Council held at the Leadership camp from the 50 Cubs attending was they want to get out and about.

Out and About

On that note, are you and your pack going Out and About during November? If you are planning to be out in public in full uniform for a day activity please contact your District Cub Scout Leader as you may be able to earn the Out and About Badge.

Grey Wolf Awards

BIG NEWS our Region was the proud producer of the 2000 Grey Wolf Award in the State.

Congratulations to Erin Harris from Eden.

Numbers have increased in the later half of the year and I am really proud of the Cubs and Leaders who are really reaching their full potential.

Do Your Best.

Sonia Clarke

Region Commissioner —Cubs



and needed

Your Scouting Skills and Activity Qualifications

ANY LEADER holding these qualifications,

Please Contact: RCCS – Sonia Clarke

Via Email: sonia64@bigpond.net.au

We will be running the Caving base and hope to run
other more adventurous activities at the

Once Upon A Time Cuboree

6th – 10th January 2014

Join us for fun and help provide our Youth Members
with a truly memorable experience .

Thank you !!!



AJ 2013 “Dream It Live It” Maryborough 2-12 January 2013



The Jamboree is fast approaching – only 68 days as I write this. It is time when we should be making the final adjustments to our plans so that it becomes a memorable experience for Scouts and a stress free time for those Leaders, Rovers and Venturers who have made themselves available for the great event.

A special thankyou to the 36 line leaders who have taken on the responsibility of organising their troops so that all is in place as far as troop management and camping gear is concerned.

We will be represented this time by 9 troops. There are 312 Scouts, 72 Leaders, 9 Rovers and 4 Venturers attending. With the exception of AJ 2010 where we had 10 troops, the number this time is consistent with AJ's 2004 and 2007.

The next event in the preparation for the Jamboree is the packing weekend on 10-11 November 2012. Here the challenge will be to get all the required gear into two palecons. For some this might be a challenge and cause them to have a rethink - “do we really need this item”. The Contingent gear (bags etc.) will also be distributed to the Troop Leaders on that weekend.

After that it is enjoy Christmas then pack the personal stuff and get on the coach on 31 December 2012. At the time of writing this we still do not have the confirmed departure times. This is due to the coach companies still working out the schedules. Hopefully the information will be to hand very shortly.

I suggest that you keep up to date with what is happening by checking the NSW State site at <http://aj2013.patroltent.com/> and the AJ site at <http://aj2013.scouts.com.au/>. These are continually updated, particularly the AJ site. There is lots of information there that can answer a lot of your questions. Do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that you are not sure of.

Of particular interest to those folk who will be up in Queensland at the AJ time there will be 3 Visitors Days. To get access to the site you need to register on line at the AJ site above. The requirements are quite specific with regard to parking and access. Parking is off site in Maryborough and a shuttle service will be in operation. You MUST register to get an access pass. There will be some provision for disabled access to the site but you will still need to register on line.



I have included a site map for those who may be visiting. All our troops are in The Highlands camp ground.

Thanks to all in the Region who have had an input to the many months of preparation for this great event designed to give our youth a “Life Changing Experience”. Believe me they will come back changed young people.

Michael Barnes

Deputy Region Commissioner
Region Liaison Leader AJ 2013





Rafting Rules!

There was much excitement as the 1st Russell Vale Scouts gathered in March 2012 to design and build a raft that would not only float but be able to carry a small crew of four youth members. Each scout contributed by bringing in various bits including wood, rope, huge ten litre drums, and even a surfboard.

Each crew was required to work together to create their raft. There was lots of laughter as each team discussed their options and viewed their materials. As the crews set to work it became obvious that they needed a plan. The difficulty was in putting it all together. The crews persevered and by the end of the night the many different types of knots tied, untied and tied again secured the vessels for the following week's raft races. The question still remained - would they float??

The crews met at Bellambi Beach Pool on our first sun-filled afternoon in ages. As the parents sat back and relaxed in the sun, the crews got to work testing their rafts.

There were lots of laughs and eventually everyone was wet, not from the sinking of rafts but from teams trying to outdo each other. Each raft floated and carried their crew. What an amazing feat!

The final test was the raft race. The crews diligently lined up their craft on the starting line and after a shout from our leader they were off. They paddled and some even employed an outboard motor (a willing crew member), to help power their raft across the pool. It was an exciting event with all rafts crossing the finish line. Well done to 1st you.

Written by:

Lisa Considine





Spring into Corrimal 2012

A warm and sunny September morning greeted the annual 2012 Spring into Corrimal parade. With participating groups representing all areas of the local community an exciting day was assured. Spring into Corrimal is reportedly the largest one-day festival in the Illawarra, attracting crowds in excess of 30,000 from all over the region. The festival provides an opportunity for the many charitable and community organisations to showcase their wares and services.

The small but enthusiastic contingent from 1st Russell Vale marched proudly in the community parade along the Princes Highway from Collins Street to Short Street, Corrimal.

1st Russell Vale is glad to be considered an important part of our local community and looks forward to future opportunities to represent Scouting in our area.

Written by:

Steve Harvey,
Group Leader





I would like to say a big thank you to all the Venturers and Venturer leaders who helped at the Jamborette, a job well done everyone. It was great to see so many in attendance and the hard work the Venturers put in to assisting the bases to run. Well done to all those involved in the organising and running of the weekend.

I would like to congratulate Rachael King 1st Korrahill, Cassandra Wilkinson Central Oak Flats, Andrew Kavanagh Central Oak Flats, Heather Divine 1st Albion Park, Angus Mackie 1st Gundaroo and Mathew Cosgrove 1st Albion Park on receiving their Queen Scout Awards.

As we are quickly nearing Christmas I am sure all units are working hard on their badge work and have many exciting and fun activities planned for this term. Please keep in mind that when a Venturer completes their Venturer Award level they are entitled to apply for the Certificate 2 in Business and Certificate 2 in Leadership Support. Please fill out the necessary application form with the needed supporting documentation and send to headquarters.

There will be a zone council held at 1st Warilla Scout hall on the 12 November 2012 at 7pm for anyone that is interested in attending, all are welcome. Next year we will be running a ScoutVenture. This will be a camp for 14 year old Scouts to get an introduction into Venturers. Please keep an eye here for more information.

Please keep in mind the following dates for your 2013:

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| Founders Day | 22 February 2013 |
| ScoutVenture | 1 March to 3 March 2013 |
| Dragon Skin | 29 March to 1 April 2013 |
| Roventurer TBA | 20 April to 21 April 2013 |
| Weekend Wide Game South | 25 May to 26 May 2013 |
| State Environment Camp Ingleside | 26 to 30 June 2013 |
| Caving | 6 July to 7 July 2013 |
| Jamborette | 4 October to 7 October 2013 |
| Warratah | 8 November to 10 November 2013 |
| Weekend Wide Game North | 16 November to 17 November 2013 |
| Canyoning | 7 December to 8 December 2013 |

The dates for 2013 courses will be in next month's issue.

Thank you all.

Ann-Marie Wilkinson

Koala



Queen's Scout Award Presentations



Andrew Kavanagh and Kassandra Wilkinson
Queen Scout Presentation at Government House



**Mathew Cosgrove and
Heather Divine**
**Queen Presentation at
1st Albion Park Scout Hall**



DISNEYFICATION - 17th & 18th November 2012

The Weekend Wide Game Committee have been busy finding more and more secrets Disney have been keeping from us... And have now further developed Weekend Wide Game North XII: "Disneyfication – The Dark Side of the Mouse".

Registrations have just opened with Information Packs, A1s and online registration now available at www.widegame.com.au. Registration closes Friday 2nd November – Late applications may incur a \$5.00/person late fee.

We would like to remind all Scouts that the event is 'lightweight camping' where Scouts will be required to carry their gear over a distance and also require patrol campsites to be set up in a 4m by 4m square. Patrols from the same group will be camping separately from one another and we wish to remind all attendees that large knives and any device capable of launching projectiles are prohibited from Weekend Wide Game events.

All the information you require is available on the website, however if you have any specific questions please feel free to email us at admin@widegame.com.au.

We hope to see you at Cataract for Weekend Wide Game XII.

Yours in Scouting,

Ben Nichols

WWG Committee

www.widegame.com.au





SC&T Regional Rovers Present

WEEKEND WIDE GAME XII

DISNEYFICATION

The Dark Side of the Mouse



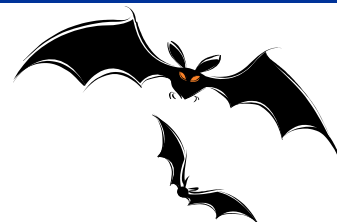
How well do you really know fairy tales?

Come and find out the truth, IF you can handle it...

Registrations Now Open
Applications Close Friday 2nd November

17th & 18th November 2012
Cataract Scout Park

www.widegame.com.au



KORIMUL GANG SHOW PRESENTS...

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS PARTY

AN ALCOHOL FREE - UNDER 18'S EVENT
\$10 ENTRY FEE (INCLUDES A DRINK & SAUSAGE
SIZZLE)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 6PM TO 9PM
4TH GONG SCOUT HALL POLEYS ROAD WOLLONGONG



THE EVENT IS FULLY SUPERVISED
CANTEEN OPEN ALL NIGHT
\$2 FACE PAINTING
PRIZES TO BE WON FOR BEST COSTUME!



Management of Youth Membership or what to do with the Youth who appears at the Group Headquarters Door.

We are often asked what to do when a potential youth member comes along seeking to join Scouting. Here are some thoughts on how to manage the process.

1. Assuming the potential youth member comes with a friend or is dropped off by a parent get the child's details before they leave on the first night i.e. name, address and telephone number. If the potential youth member is brought by a parent then get the same details from the parent. At the end of the meeting talk to the parent when they return to pick up their child and give them a current Y1 form to fill in and return the following week. Do not ask them for money at this time. The purpose of getting a signed form back is so that you have authority to act if there is an incident or injury. Tell the parent that they should be sure their child wants to join before buying a uniform or paying the required fee. About four to six weeks should be sufficient for this.
2. If they go home with an existing youth member you have the details to use to contact the parents and set up a meeting either the following week or at another suitable time.
3. Alert the GL or LIC that a potential youth member has attended the Section meeting and give to the GL/LIC the contact details of potential new youth member.
4. When the potential youth member has decided that they want to continue with their membership by being invested ask the parent to pay the membership fee and ask them to purchase the appropriate Section uniform if they haven't already done so.
5. Once the membership fee has been paid make arrangements for the potential youth member to be invested into the Movement. The GL/LIC should attend to present the Group scarf and to welcome the new youth member. Don't forget to invite the parents/caregiver and other family members of the new youth member to the Investiture as we want parents to be aware of what happens in Scouting as well as their support and involvement.
6. Make copies of the Y1 form for the Section Leader, the GL/LIC, the Group Supporters Chairman and the person, usually the Treasurer, who sends out the accounts for the subscriptions.
7. Send the Y1 form to the Region Office who will register the new youth member in your Group in the appropriate Section. The Region Office will forward the application to the State Office who will bill the Group for the new member at the next quarterly billing period.