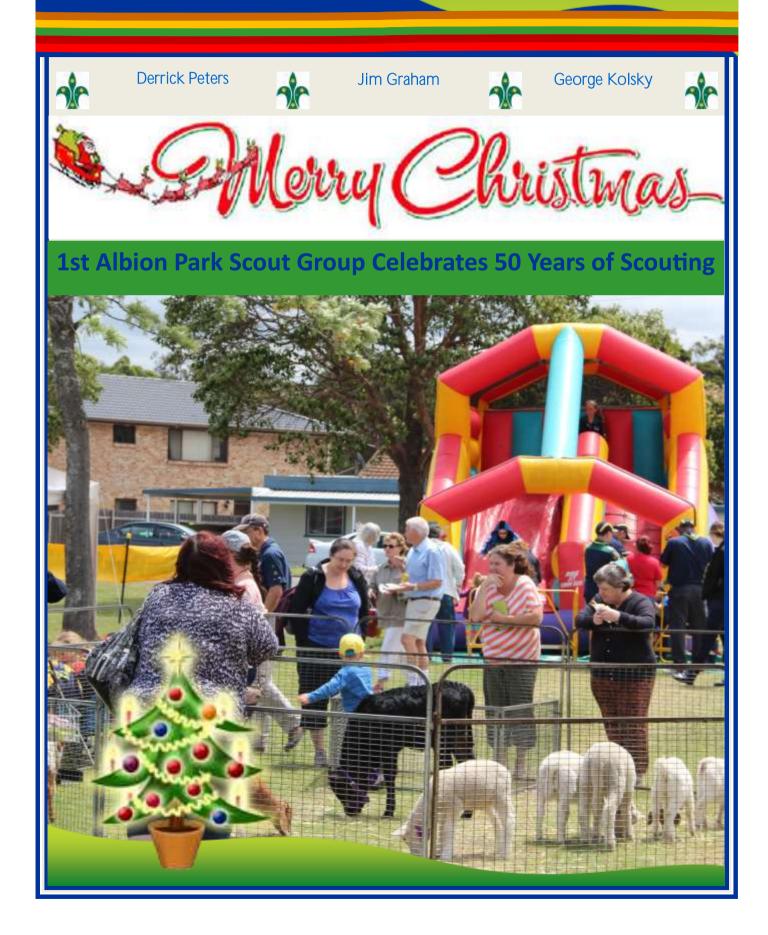


### **South Coast Scouting**

### **South Coast and Tablelands Region**



Newsletter - December 2012



## Note from the editor.....

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

The year is nearly over, and Christmas is coming up, the excitement of the 2013 Scout Jamboree in Maryborough in Queensland starts with buses leaving on 31 December from Wollongong. I wish the Scouts, Leaders, Volunteers an enjoyable and wonderful scouting experience at AJ2013 and as the logo states.... "Dream It, Live It".

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2013.

Please keep sending in the articles and supporting the newsletter.

Robyn Bates **Editor** 

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



God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light.

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1st Albion Park Scout Group Celebrating 50 Years of Scouting see Story page 35 of this newsletter.

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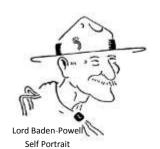
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#### Wheelchair access available to the Scout Shop Only.



Scouting was not B-P's only interest. He enjoyed acting, fishing, playing polo and big game hunting. He was a very good artist, working in pencil and water-colours. He also had an interest in sculpting and making home movies.

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Calendar 2013												
State	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Chief Com Council (CCC)			2-3				20-21				2-3	
Commissioners Conference (CC)		9-10				29-30			14-15			
Region Com Forum			2-3			29-30			14-15		2-3	
State Com Conf												
State Council AGM							20					
State Activities Conference		9-10				29-30			14-15			
Special Needs Conference (Disabilities) (BPSC)							27-28					
State Leader Training Conference								10-11				
SCT Region	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
SCT Region / DC Com Meeting		3		7		15		4		13		8
SCT Region Christmas lunch												8
SCT Region Exec Committee	24		28		23		25		26		28	
SCT Region AGM						16						
SCT Region Conference						15						
Reg team visits to districts Southern Ranges												
Reg team visits to districts Southern Ranges—Far South/ Eurobodalla												
Reg team visits to districts—												
Shoalhaven  Reg team visits to districts—												
Shoalhaven—Illawarra South  Reg team visits to districts—  Shoalhaven—Keirawarra												
Reg Group Promotion day												
Mt Keira Camp Mangmt Com		21		18		20		15		16		18
D C W Meeting		7		4		6		1		2		4
BPs Birthday Bash - SCT Founders Day Dinner			22									
Awards Day Luncheon									7 or 8			
Music at Mt Keira			3, 24									
Christmas in July - Mt Keira							13,14					



Special Events	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Scout Day Easter Show												
Scout Job Weeks					1-31							
World Scout Day								1				
Jamboree of the Trail					11							
JOTA / JOTI										19-20		
Harmony Day			21									
Мс Нарру Day												
Agoonaree (Glenfield Activify Centre)									27-30			
St George Day Service												
State - Queens Scout Reunion Dinner		23										
State Environment Activity Camp (Ingleside)									20-23			
Scout Environment month									1-30			
SCT Australia Day Activities (Flagstaff Hill)	26											
SCT Christmas in July (Mt Keira Scout Camp)							13&14					
SCT Korimul Gang Show (IPAC)								20- 24				
CCOGS (Combined Camp of Guides and Scouts)		23-24										
Head of the River Camp (Shoalhaven District)			16-17									
Long Canoe Run (ShoalHaven District)					4							
Brass Balls Challenge (Bendeela)							27-28					
Joey Scouts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
State Konarra												
State Joey Council		9-10				29-30			14-15			
Region Wandarras												
Region Leaders W/end - Cataract												
Region Fun Day - Huskisson												
Region Pac Attack												











Cub Scouts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
State Cub Council		9-10				29-30			14-15			
State Cub Campfire												
5th NSW Cuboree												
Region Cub Council												
Cub Council leadershipW/end												
Reg Palava												
Region Cub Scout Leadership Camp—Bengalee					24-25					19-20		
Pre Cuboree Camps										26-27		
Scouts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
State Rally								2 - 4				
State SYC												
State Mindari		9-10				29-30			14-15			
Region Mindari		10 (Kilto)			4 pigskin			3		5		
Region SYC (Scout Youth Council)												
Region Jamborette										4 - 7		
Region POW WOW weekend (leaders only)									7 - 8			
Region Weekend Wide Game South					22 - 23							
Region Weekend Wide Game Cataract											16-17	
Region Pig Skin					3 - 5							
Scoutventure			2 - 3									
Scout Leadership Course - Keirawarra									14-15			
Scout Leadership Course - Ill South												
Scout Leadership Course - Shoalhaven												
Scout Leadership Course - Eurobodalla												
Scout Leadership Course - Far South												
Scout Leadership Course - Sthn Ranges								31 - 1				
Venturer Scouts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Region Ven Activity												
Venturer L/ship Course												
Unit Management course												
Ro Venture												
SCT Scoutventure			2 - 3									
State Venturer Council		9				29			14			
Dragon Skin			29 - 1									



Rover Scouts	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Region Rover Moot	18-20											
Region Rover Council		12	12 agm?	9	14	11	9	13	10	8	12	10
Region Rover A G M												
Ro Venture				13-14 or	20/21 Apri	l 2012						
Weekend Wide Game											16-17	
Weekend Wide Game South					25-26							
Jamborette									4-6			
BPA Survival Night												
Caving Weekend												
Progressive Dinner												
Service Camps						15						
Regional Caving weekend								10-11				
Reginoal Canyong Weekend							6-7					7-8
St Georges Day				23								
Hike for Hunger											24	
Hike for Hunger - Sydney											3	
Lord Mayors Picnic												31
State Rover Council		2		6?		1		3	21		23	
State Rov AGM&Conf												
Snow Moot							?					
State Moot									?			
State Rover Ball		2										
State Rover bush dance						1						
Adventurous Activities	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Canoe/Kayaking Assessment				20-21							16-17	
(Bengalee) - SIS 10												
Abseiling/rockcraft												
Caving												
Brass Balls Challenge	LANI	EED	MAD	ADDI	D.C.O.V.	HIN	ших	ALIC	CED	OCT	NOV	DEC
First Aid	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRI	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Apply First Aid Course - Bomaderry		17					14					
Apply First Aid Course - North												
Wollongong												
Remote First Aid Course -				7								
Bengalee												
Remote First Aid Course - Mt Keira SC												
LeaderTraining	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Leader Training, visit NSW website												
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Public Holidays	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Australia day / Easter	28		29 - 1									
_				25								
ANZAC Day												
ANZAC Day  Queens Birthday/Lab Day						10				7		
•					12	10			1	7		

### Region Commissioner.....



irstly I must thank Michael Barnes for looking after the Region while I was enjoying the sites of Tasmania. They have some great National Parks and Wilderness Areas to explore. On arriving home I attended 1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park's open day, for the dedication of their Hall extensions. They attracted a big crowd and really show-cased Scouting to their community, with many activities and displays for all ages. Congratulations to the Leaders and Parents Supporters for getting behind and supporting the group, well done.

Membership Fees next year 2013 will increase to \$34 per quarter. Groups will need to look at factoring in this increase, which was agreed to at the Chief Commissioners Council in November.

The State still continues to run at a loss and Regions have again been asked to tighten their belts.

We all need to make sure any Activities and Events we run are self funding and at least break even.

Over the past few months I have visited quite a few Groups for presentations of Scout Medallions and Queen Scout Awards, and while the uniforms are neat and smart the same can not be said for the Flag ceremonies and leave a lot to be desired. There was a lot of guests at some of them and you have to wonder what they thought. We as Leaders need to take charge and make sure it is done properly with a bit of decorum. The flag ceremony is about showing respect for Country. Have a look at the Ceremonies Booklet and let us smarten it up a bit.

Activities; Jim Caddy, after quite a few years, has stepped down from the role R C Activities and on behalf of the Region I thank him for the time and effort he has put into it.

I welcome Jenny Pavey to the role of looking after Activities and I am sure you will give her all the support and help she will need in her new role.

At the time of writing Jamboree is 5 weeks away, I hope you have all got your gear in tip top condition and are looking forward to a great time and you come back with many great memories.

Congratulations to our Editor Robyn Bates in putting out a great magazine, please continue to give her your support by submitting articles and good programs that have worked for you.

As this is the last issue for 2012, on behalf of the Region Team have a Very Merry Xmas and New Year. Come back refreshed after the break.

Enjoy your Scouting, Look Wide and Embrace the Future.

#### **Derrick Peters**

**Region Commissioner** 

### Expression Of Interest .....



#### **Expressions of Interest - Revitalising Adventure Valley**

Some of you may remember the fun and excitement of the original Adventure Valley which was built just below Northcott Flat at Mt. Keira Scout Camp.

Unfortunately, Adventure Valley became too unsafe and the Camp Management were forced to close the activities to ensure the personal safety of campers. Guess what?? We would like to resurrect Adventure Valley with all new and improved activities to help make a visit to Mt. Keira a more memorable experience.



This project will require considerable planning, fund raising (via grants) and hands on participation. So, if you are a leader or parent who would like to be involved in the design and implementation of a new age activities area, we would love to hear from you.

An organisational sub-committee is being formed to manage all aspects of the revitalisation. This committee will report to the Mt. Keira Scout Camp Management Committee. We are now seeking expressions of interest from anyone with ideas relating to this project.

#### **Please Contact**

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#### The following links are examples of similar centres and sites of interest:

http://www.treetopadventurepark.com.au/http://www.treetopadventurepark.com.au/www.adventureparc.com.au

http://www.vicscouts.com.au/treetops-camp-and-activity-centre.htmlhttp://www.vicscouts.com.au/treetops-camp-and-activity-centre.html

http://www.oric.org.au/http://www.oric.org.au/

http://www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au/http://www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au/

#### Scouts Australia are current members.

http://www.booktopia.com.au/managing-outdoor-recreation/prod9781845939311.html?
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# Revitalising Scouts in Narooma



#### **1st Narooma Investitures**



The Joey Scout Leaders are Sophia Moody and Sally Hrisovergi and Jan.



The Cub Leader is Phil May and soon to be Group Leader Jan Hemmingsen

### Cub Scouts.....



#### CUBOREE - Once Upon a Time- Cataract- JANUARY 6 -10, 2014

fell this time next year we will all be anticipating our NSW State Cuboree at Cataract.

If you are planning on attending please let your DCSL know soon, we would like to have some idea of how many Mega Packs we will be putting together.

We have so many wonderful activities and adventures planned for you and your pack.

**2013 Planning:** What sort of activities have you got planned already for 1<sup>st</sup> Term. Don't forget Founders Day and if you are able plan to attend the wonderful camp at Bengalee organised by Shoalhaven District Scout Groups and Guides.

**Out and About:** Quite a few Cub Packs got **OUT and ABOUT** in uniform in public during November and have earned the Out and About Badge.

**Grey Wolf Awards:** We had a good year for Grey Wolf Awards with some wonderful resources on the Jungle Book being left with the Cub Packs by our achieving Cubs.

I ask that you help the imagination and ideas for the resources for your Grey Wolf Cubs so we have a wider variety of resources being produced.

If you have a Cub who is approaching 11 years of age and is intending to complete their Grey Wolf, please keep track of their age as the award needs to be completed and the application needs to be in well before they turn 11.

This is important also particularly at this time of year when we are heading for a break. Check your Grey Wolf Cubs and if they are turning 11 over the Holiday break. Contact your DCSL asap.

**Training:** If you are still on your E Learning journey have you contacted your PLA? Check your training letter it should let you know who it is, if you cannot find it, contact Region office to find out who it is.

There are BST Sectional courses planned for early 2013 so please attempt to finish your online training and put in your application to attend.

Your choice of closest venues for training are Cataract and Pennant Hills.

**Activities:** If you are activities trained/qualified and would like to be involved in the running of South Coast and Tablelands base at the Cuboree 2014 please contact me via email sonia64@bigpond.net.au

Do Your Best to have a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year

**Sonia Clarke** 

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#### and needed

Your Scouting Skills and Activity Qualifications

**ANY LEADER** holding these qualifications,

**Please Contact:** RCCS – Sonia Clarke

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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 !!!

# Cub Scouts.....



### District Cub Scouts Camp — "Water Wise"

eirawarra District Cubs headed up to lovely Berrima Scout Camp for the "Water Wise" District Camp. We learned all about the water cycle, about water conservation and how important water is to us and to nature. We also got in the water canoeing, with many brave Cubs literally in the drink at the end of the trip by practicing capsizing and recovery. The water's still a bit chilly up in the highlands but we braved it! Our Scouts built a huge log cabin camp fire that kept us warm at night - and only two matches to light it (the first was a dud match, really :-).

Ben Low 1st Balgownie Scout Group





he end of the year is almost here and so are Christmas and the Jamboree. I wont bore you with the usual, "Gee didn't the year go quickly, etc, etc, etc..." because it did. It's called getting older.

#### **Jamborette**

Numbers wise, this year's Jamborette was one of the biggest ever. Wandering around the site I was most impressed by the number, variety and quality of the activities. This year, Scouts ably ran many of those activities. This year, all activities were onsite. On behalf of the Region I would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to making this year's Jamborette such a tremendous success. Images from the Jamborette can be seen in this issue.

#### **Australian Scout Medallions**

Congratulations to the following Scouts who have been awarded their Australian Scout Medallions:  $Phillip\ Martin-1^{st}\ Jamberoo$   $Jacob\ Morrison-Goulburn$ 

#### Dates for 2013

It's time to start planning for 2013. We are an outdoor organisation and I believe that Troops need to participate in weekend activities at least twice every term. Many troops participate in weekend camps of one form or another once a month. If your troop are not camping regularly it's time to have a good look at your program and ask why? At the Jamborette we held a Regional Mindari where we set some dates for 2013. For your information please note the following:

South Coast & Tablelands Scout Section Dates 2013						
Event	Date	Venue				
CCOGS/Founders Day Camp	February 22 - 24	Bengalee				
Scout Venture	March 1 - 3	TBA				
Pigskin	May 3 - 5	Penrose State Forest				
Weekend Wide Game South	May 25 - 26	Potato Point				
State Rally	August 2 - 4	Cataract Scout Park				
Pow Wow	September 6 - 8	Shoalhaven Area				
Jamborette	October 4 - 7	TBA				
JOTA/JOTI	October 12 - 13	All over the place				
Weekend Wide Game North	November 16 - 17	Cataract Scout Park				





#### Scout Venture 1 – 3 March

Next year we plan to run a Scout Venture on the weekend 1-3 March. A venue has yet to be decided. Scout Venture will be open to all fourteen year old Scouts. The objective of this event is to hold a weekend full of exiting activities that would introduce Scouts to the wonderful world of Venturing. Let your older Scouts know about this and look out for further details early in the New Year.

#### Pow Wow 6 – 8 September

Pow Wow has not been held in the Region for several years and at the last Mindari it was decided to revive it on the weekend of 6-8 September. All those present at the Mindari who had attended past Pow Wows agreed that they were a lot of fun and worthwhile. For those leaders who have not heard of a Pow Wow before they are an event for Scout Leaders where they can: network with other leaders, let their hair down, relax, muck about a bit and have a lot of fun. Robert Halley has very kindly offered to organise the 2013 Pow Wow. Robert was responsible for organising a couple of legendary Pow Wows in the past.

Over the last couple of months I have been very ill with a mystery virus, which may or may not have been Ross River fever. (Still waiting for blood test results.) Fortunately, I am feeling a lot better now and have resumed my Scouting duties. During the time that I was unwell Geoff Krause from 1<sup>st</sup> Batemans Bay has very ably looked after my troop at Moruya. Meanwhile Michael Barnes has very kindly filled in for me in the RC role. I would like to acknowledge both Geoff and Michael's effort and sincerely thank them.

Finally, I would like to extend seasons greetings to you all and wish you a calm and peaceful New Year.

#### **Peter Gear**

#### **Regional Commissioner Scouts**

**South Coast & Tablelands Region** 

#### Stories From The Past......

#### **SCOUTING LOSES A FRIEND The Scout May 10th 1945**

The Boy Scout Movement lost a great friend in the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States of America

Mr Roosevelt was associated with the Boy Scouts of America for a very long time. For twelve years before his election as President of the United States he was President of the Boy Scouts Foundation of Greater New York, and from 1933 until his death he was Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Roosevelt never lost an opportunity of telling the people of America, and indeed the world, what he thought of Scouting. On the occasion of the thirty fifth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in February he sent this message:-

"It is the youth of the world who must share and maintain the peace now being purchased so dearly on the battlefields. I am convinced that Boy Scouts and Cubs, as well as senior groups, through their mutual understanding, mutual appreciation and mutual respect, will be among the leaders in the promoting of comradeship among the democratic peoples of the earth.

Submitted by: Ron Critcher





#### Jamborette — Bengalee Scout Camp, Nowra

The October long weekend's Scout Jamborette had tons of neat activities put on by the Scout Troops, and also canoeing, flying fox, abseiling and crate stacking. We had about 300-500 Scouts, Cubs, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders abseil at two separate sites, safely and injury-free (well, nothing more than a few scrapes:-) - a great tribute to the dozens of skilled Leaders, convivial Rovers, helpful Venturers and super-Scout that that helped. B-R-A-V-O-O-O!

Ben Low 1st Balgownie Scout Group





#### Pre-Jamboree Camp- Mt. Keira Scout Camp

Scouts from 1st Albion Park, Dapto, 1st Dapto and Warilla Scout Troops, Troop H35 going to AJ2013 in Maryborough Queensland in January, got together at Mt Keira Scout Camp on 3 Nov for a Pre-Jamboree shakedown camp. 34 scouts from the different troops were organised into their Jamboree Patrols where they made new friends and learnt to work together in setting up camp, preparing and cooking meals, making the gateway banner and having fun. The task of setting up camp was made a little more challenging when the heavens opened up soaking everyone—good practice for the Maryborough tropical storms that are predicted. Luckily the sun appeared Sunday morning to dry everything ready for packing at Cataract Scout Camp the following weekend. Dream It Live It!





#### AJ 2013 "Dream It Live It" - Maryborough 2-12 January 2013

he last time that I wrote a Jamboree Update it was 68 days to go. It will not come as any surprise that it is now only 34 days – as at 29/11/12. Things seem to be in order so plan to enjoy Christmas and then we will be off to Maryborough.

All the gear has been packed and will be on its way to Queensland 2 December 2012. Thanks to those who participated in the packing of the individual troop's gear and also the packing of the Contingent containers. All went well and the majority of the packing was completed on the Saturday.



Most of what I have written below should not be new to you but it is well worth refreshing you thoughts.

- \* Medication and /or Dietary Requirements: If these have changed from the original application please go back into the application data base and update the records. If you have forgotten your User ID or password there is a link to recover that information beside the sign in spot. Information will come back to the email address on your application.
- \* **Ambulance Cover:** Please check that your Ambulance cover is applicable to Queensland. Whilst most private funds are OK, those with just Ambulance Cover may find themselves only covered in NSW.
- \* Transport: The coach departure points have been locked in and the departure times will be available soon. Please make sure that you know that departure date and times. Like a train or plane the departure times are fixed and there cannot be any extension for late comers. This is particularly relevant to those who are going away for the Christmas celebrations. I know of an occasion when a family was away and so missed the coach, not by an hour but by a whole day.
- \* Service Leader Job Allocation: The job allocation is just about complete and is awaiting ratification by the NSW Contingent. By the time you read this Service Leaders should have received a letter from the AJ. The job allocation will also be on the Skills /Job page on the application data base.
- \* The NSW Contingent Issue: (bags etc.) together with some of the AJ issue (scarf etc) has been distributed to the troops. Just to reinforce the information on the NSW shirts. If they are the wrong size they can be exchanged at the Jamboree, provided that they have not been worn (apart from trying on) and are still in the bag. The missing items (ID tag, AJ Shirt, water bottle etc.) will be distributed at the Jamboree.



- \* **Telephones:** A User Guide for Telstra's PhoneAway system for Local, National and International Direct and mobile calls is included with this update. This system will be available for use at the Jamboree.
- \* **Visitors:** It is essential that visitors register. Instructions on how to do this are on the AJ site http://aj2013.scouts.com.au/.

I suggest that you keep up to date with what is happening by checking the NSW State site at <a href="http://aj2013.patroltent.com/">http://aj2013.patroltent.com/</a> and the AJ site at <a href="http://aj2013.scouts.com.au/">http://aj2013.scouts.com.au/</a>. 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.

Last but not least thanks to all who have provided me with information and questions as the Region has prepared for the Jamboree.

All the best wishes for Christmas.

#### **Michael Barnes**

Deputy Region Commissioner Region Liaison Leader AJ 2013











# TELSTRA PHONEAWAY® USER GUIDE

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#### 1. BENEFITS

The traveller's trusted calling card.

#### The Pre-Paid calling card that offers:

- untimed local calls within Australia
- flat fixed to mobile rates, 24/7 within Australia
- can be used in over 45 countries overseas
- flat STD\* rates, 24/7
- voicemail facility
- top up facility Teistra

#### 2. THE PHONEAWAY® USER GUIDE

For local, national long distance, International Direct\* and mobile calls within Australia and from over 45 destinations.

- PhoneAway cards are sold on the terms in the Calling Cards section of Our Customer Terms (available for
  inspection at most Teistra Shops or at <a href="https://www.teistra.com.au/customer-terms">www.teistra.com.au/customer-terms</a>) and the "Things you need
  to know" section in this user guide. A copy of the user guide is available at the point of sale which you
  should read. Purchasing an electronic card or a card online, or opening the package of a physical card,
  indicates that you are aware of and accept these terms.
- Do not accept a PhoneAway card where the package has been opened or tampered with.
- Subject to Telstra withdrawing services to or from any place for which you have specifically bought
  PhoneAway, your card being faulty or any rights you have at law, once the package has been opened or
  tampered with, the card is non-refundable.
- The card is valid until the end date set out on the card. After this time unused credit is forfeited.
- PhoneAway cards cannot be used to make calls to 1900 numbers, operator-assisted calls or from prepaid mobiles. You can only make calls to 13 or 1800 numbers using your card from fixed phones. If you need to call 000, you should do so directly from your telephone without using your PhoneAway card. The PhoneAway service has certain limitations which mean that it will take longer to connect using the card and there is a risk that the call could drop out. You should always call emergency services on 000 directly from your fixed telephone so the emergency service can respond quickly. All Telstra oustomers can dial 000 directly from their fixed telephone service.
- You may not be able to use PhoneAway at all public telephones and payphones. Before travelling, call
  Telstra Customer Service on FREECALL™ 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones) for a list of
  destinations where you may experience some difficulties.

#### HOW TO MAKE A CALL

PhoneAway cards work with most touchtone phones. If a touchtone phone is not available, an operator will assist in placing your call. For assistance call Teletra Customer Service on FREECALL<sup>®</sup> 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones).



#### In Australia...

- Dial 18933" or 1800 150 117".
- Select from one of the language options (press 1 for English).
- 3. Enter your 12-digit PhoneAway card number.
- 4. Listen to hear your remaining credit.
- Enter the telephone number you want to call including the area code (even for local calls) followed by the # key. To call oversess dial 0011, enter the country code, area code and the number you want to call followed by the # key.
- 6. You will hear a beep when your remaining credit is low.
- To make another call (follow-on call), wait until the other person hangs up OR press the # key followed by the \* key for an immediate followon call.
- Telstra prepaid mobiles cannot be used to make a PhoneAway call using the 18933 access number.
- Applicable mobile phone charges for calls to the 1800 130 117 access number apply in addition to the PhoneAway charges.

#### Calling from overseas to Australia or to another international destination (World Calling#)

- 1. Dial the access number for the country you are in (refer to the access numbers below).
- 2. Select one of the language options (press 1 for English).
- 3. Enter your 12-digit PhoneAway card number.
- 4. Listen to hear your remaining credit.
- If calling Australia, enter the telephone number you want to call, including the area code followed by the # key (you do not need to dial Australia's country code) OR if calling another international destination, enter 0011 (international access code) plus the number you wish to call, including the country code, area code and local number.
- You will hear a beep when your remaining credit is low.
- To make another call (follow-on call), wait until the other person hangs up OR press the # key followed by the \* key for an immediate followon call.
- # World Calling enables you to make calls between various international destinations. Not available in some destinations including Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Fiji, Greece, Guam, Israel (Bezeg), Macau, Malta, Mauritius, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Thailand and Turkey. Calls cannot be made from South Korea to North Korea.

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#### 4. VOICEMAIL

#### Setting up or accessing your voicemail

- Use the card as if you were making a call and select the options menu by pressing \$ 1.
- Select \* 2 for voicemail.
- Press 1 and you will be given your 6-digit mailbox number.
- Press 1 again, when instructed, to record your personal greeting.

You can change your settings and personal greeting by following the instructions.

#### Transferring your voice mailbox to another PhoneAway card

Use the card as if you were making a call and select the options menu by pressing \* 1.



- 2. Select \* 2 for voicemail.
- 3. To transfer an existing voice mailbox service from another Phone Away card press 2.
- 4. Enter the mailbox number to be transferred to the new card.
- 5. Enter your previous card number.
- 6. Wait while your mailbox transfer request is being processed.
- Once finished you will hear "Your mailbox transfer request has been successfully completed."

#### Leaving and retrieving messages

- To enable family and friends to leave messages for you, give them the access number 1300 367 662 (or 61 2 8218 5900 if calling from overseas) – and your 6-digit mailbox number.
- When they call to leave messages, voice prompts will guide them to enter your mailbox number and record their messages.
- An automatic prompt will inform you when you have new messages when you next use your card. To
  retrieve messages, access the voicemail option by selecting \*2 from the options menu and follow the
  instructions, Charges apply. See "Things you need to know" section.

#### TOP UP YOUR PHONEAWAY CARD

Add call value to your PhoneAway card online or over the telephone by:

- charging an amount to a major credit card;
- transferring value from another PhoneAway card; or
- topping up using BPAY\*.

Important: You can only add value up to \$100 in one day, have no more than \$200 value on your card at any time, and no more than \$1,000 over the life of the card.

Using a major credit card or transferring value from another PhoneAway card over the telephone

- Use the card as if you were making a call and select the options menu by pressing \* 1 (if you want to transfer value from another PhoneAway card, enter the card number of the PhoneAway card that you want to top up).
- 2. Dial \* 7 to transfer value OR dial \* 4 for credit card top up.
- 3. Then follow the remaining instructions.

You can also add value to your card using a major credit card or by transferring value from another PhoneAway card at www.telstra.com/phoneaway.

Important: If you use a credit card to add value to your Phone Away card please note that only one designated credit card of your choice may be used for each PhoneAway card. You cannot use different credit cards for future credit card top up transactions.

If you transfer value from another PhoneAway card there is a limit of three transfers to a card per day and five transfers per week.

#### 6. USING BPAY®

#### Biller Code: 150961

 If you have not used BPAY before, register with your participating financial institution for telephone and internet banking. For more information, please visit www.bpay.com.au



- Once registered, call your participating financial institution's telephone banking service or log onto their internet banking service to make a payment of between \$15 and \$100 from your cheque or savings account. BPAY payments cannot be made from a credit card.
- Select the BPAY option and follow the prompts.
- You will need our Biller Code and your Customer Reference Number to add credit to your PhoneAway
  - Our Biller Code is 150961.
  - Your Customer Reference Number is your 12 digit PhoneAway number (located at the back of your PhoneAway card)
- Please wait for and retain a record of your receipt number.
- The credit should be applied within one banking day of Teistra's receipt of your recharge payment. There
  may be a delay if you miss your bank's cut off times for BPAY transactions and on weekends and public
  holidays. If you experience problems with a BPAY recharge transaction, please contact your participating
  financial institution first.

#### Check Your Balance And Other Details

Check your balance over the telephone at any time (except when you are on a call) by pressing \* 0.

Check your balance, card details and transaction history online by registering and signing in at www.telstra.com/phoneaway.

Important: Transactions such as calls, top ups and transfers of value from one card to another generally appear in your transaction history and balance within one hour of the transaction. BPAY transactions generally appear in your transaction history and balance within one banking day of Telstra's receipt of your BPAY payment.

#### Last Number Redial

When using the follow-on facility to redial the number that you last dialled, press \* 9 when asked to enter the number you want to call.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE

In Australia - call Telstra Customer Service on FREECALL\*\* 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones).

When overseas —dial the Australia Direct\*\* access number for the country you are calling from, then make a reverse charge call to Australia on +61 3 9632 6062.

#### 8. THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

PhoneAlway\* calling card is made available by Telstra Corporation Limited. By purchasing an electronic card or a card online, or by opening the package of a physical card, you have agreed to the following important terms & conditions. Please read them before using your card.

- PhoneAway enables you to make local, national long distance, international Direct & mobile calls (including calls to & from global & satellite services) from Australia. It also enables you to call Australia & other countries from various overseas destinations.
- PhoneAway cards cannot be used to make calls to 1900 numbers, operator-assisted calls or from prepaid mobiles. You can only make calls to 13 or 1800 numbers using your card from fixed phones. If you need to call 000, you should do so directly from your telephone without using your PhoneAway card.
   The PhoneAway service has certain limitations which mean that it will take longer to connect using



the card and there is a risk that the call could drop out. You should always call emergency services on 000 directly from your fixed telephone so the emergency service can respond quickly. All Telstra customers can dial 000 directly from their fixed telephone service.

- Our Customer Terms. We make changes to Our Customer Terms from time to time. If you require
  information about detrimental changes before they take effect, it will be available at
  <a href="http://www.telstra.com.au/customer-terms/detrimental-effects-ads-recent-changes/">http://www.telstra.com.au/customer-terms/detrimental-effects-ads-recent-changes/</a> or by calling
  Telstra Customer Service on FREECALL\*\* 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones).
- Call charges. The 18933 access number cannot be used by Teistra pre-paid mobiles to make PhoneAway calls, however other Teistra mobiles can be used & do not incur a charge against the mobile service. Non-Telstra mobiles may incur a charge against the mobile service for using 18933. Applicable mobile phone charges for calls to the 1800 150 117 access number apply in addition to Phone Away charges. Untimed local calls in Australia & calls to 13 numbers incur a 49c charge. A 49c connection fee applies in addition to the following call charges: (a) national long distance calls are charged 21c per min; (b) calls to mobiles are charged 44c per min; (c) calls to overseas countries and calls to Inmarsat, Thuraya & Iridium global & satellite services are charged at the rates set out in the HomeLine Plans section of the Basic Telephone Service Section of Our Customer Terms (calls to overseas countries attract HomeLine™ Plus rates); and (d) calls to & from Optus MobileSat services are charged at the rates set out in the Calling Cards Section of Our Customer Terms. Calls made using PhoneAway from Australia are charged at GSTinclusive rates. Calls made from overseas to Australia incur a higher per min rate & do not attract GST. Calls made from one overseas destination to another overseas destination do not attract GST, & are charged as if two international PhoneAway calls were made: one from the origin of the call to Australia, & the other from Australia to the called destination. All calls from overseas destinations will be charged a 44.55c connection fee. All timed call charges are deducted on a per sec basis. Voicemail charges. Voicemail using PhoneAway from Australia is charged at GST-inclusive rates. Voicemail messages are charged from the time you access the message, 49c per message retrieved when calling from Australia. Voicemail messages accessed from overseas do not attract GST & are charged at 44c per message retrieved plus the applicable per min rate for a PhoneAway call from overseas. Current charges, For current details on the applicable charges, rates and fees relevant to the Phone Away card, call Teistra Customer Service on FREECALL\*\* 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones), visit the PhoneAway website www.telstra.com/phoneaway) or see the Calling Cards section of Our Customer Terms (available for inspection at most Teistra Shops or online at www.teistra.com.au/customer-terms).
- 5. You can view your PhoneAway card details & transaction history online by registering & signing in at www.telstra.com/phoneaway. You can only view the last 100 transactions made on your card since the date of registration. Transactions generally appear in your transaction history and balance within one hour, except for SPAY transactions, which generally appear within one banking day of Telstra's receipt of your recharge payment. You cannot view this information after your card expires.
- You can transfer value from another PhoneAway card. This will transfer the total value remaining on the card. You can only make 3 transfers to a card per day & 3 transfers to a card per week.
- Add credit to your card using your nominated credit card. Add credit in amounts of \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30 or \$50 over the phone or online. You can also add credit by making a payment of between \$15 & \$100 from a cheque or savings account using BPAY. BPAY payments cannot be made from a credit card account.
- You can only add value up to \$100 in one day, have no more than \$200 value on your card at any time, &
  no more than \$1,000 over the life of the card.
- 9. The card is valid until the date set out on the card. After this time unused credit is forfeited.
- 10. A summery about your and our liability in relation to PhoneAway follows. The complete liability provisions can be found in the General Terms of Our Customer Terms (see above) and it is very important that you read them. Our liability to customers: We accept liability in relation to our breach of contract or negligence if it causes personal injury or death. We will also replace or repair any damage to property as a result of our breach or negligence. In all other cases, we may exclude or limit our liability depending, amongst other things, on whether you are a consumer, small business or corporate.



customer. To the extent that our liability cannot be lawfully excluded but can be limited, our liability is limited to resupplying or repairing the relevant services or goods where it is fair and reasonable to do so. Your liability to us: Generally oustomers are liable to us for breach of contract or negligence under the principles applied by the courts. Some customers may also be required to indemnify us for certain types of losses we suffer.

- Calls made from overseas use the telephone facilities of the country in which the call is made & are subject to the quality of service or the network provided by those facilities. We make no guarantee, warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the condition, merchantability or fitness of those facilities.
- 12. You may not be able to make calls using PhoneAway in certain countries from all public telephones or payphones due to the infrastructure in those countries. Before travelling, call Teistra Customer Service on FREECALL™ 1800 815 700 (free call from most fixed phones) for a list of countries where Teistra is aware of difficulties.
- Teistra is not liable for lost or stolen cards or for unused credit on those cards. Unused credit on a lost or stolen card is not refundable or transferable.
- 14. You must not deface, modify, tamper with or print anything on a Phone Away card.
- 15. You cannot redeem your PhoneAway card for cash or other goods.
- 16. You may not be able to call every number in a particular destination. Telstra can withdraw services to or from any destination without personally notifying you. Where reasonably practicable, we will publish a notice in a national daily newspaper 30 days before we withdraw any destination. If you have purchased a PhoneAway card for the purposes of making calls to or from the withdrawn destination, you can contact Telstra & we will refund the remaining credit on your card.
- Telstra may suspend, limit or cancel the PhoneAway service without notice if Telstra considers there to be excessive, unusual, illegal or improper usage of the service.
- You understand & agree that Telstra may use & disclose any personal information provided by you on the terms & for the purposes (including marketing) set out in Telstra's Privacy Statement available at http://www.telstra.com.au/privacy or by calling 13 2200.
- 19. Telstra will pay certain commissions to retailers or distributors selling Phone Away.
- 20. We can unilaterally change most of the terms (including call charges) on which we supply the Phone-Away card to you. If we change the charges for international services we will notify you by publishing a notice in a national newspaper at least 3 business days beforehand. Otherwise, in most cases, if a change is not required by law or necessary for security or technical reasons and has more than a minor detrimental impact on you, we will tell affected customers a reasonable period beforehand (such as by providing a recorded voice announcement at the number used to access the service) so affected customers who still have value on their card have a reasonable opportunity to use up any value before the change. If a change will have a detrimental impact, we may also publish a notice in a relevant newspaper summarising the change 3 business days beforehand.

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Illaroo Scouts Canoe Hike

n the 24 - 25<sup>th</sup> of November 22 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders went to Beehive point on Tallawa Dam for a very very hot canoe hike. We left the scout hall at 2pm with

the leaders and parents helping to take us out to Beehive Point from Kangaroo Valley). We started our 3km paddle going from the main dam in to a creek. There were lots of dead trees in the creek due to the flooding of the dam many years before. About two thirds of the way we saw an old

to the other side of the valley. Saw some people camping on

road which was Mariah Pass that disappeared under water

the road. We headed on a fair distance until we finally found a good spot to make camp after about 2 hours of easy paddling. There

were

couple of other people camping nearby who may have been a little disappointed when our lot turned up. We all had to set up our camp sites before anyone went for a swim. Most of us then spent the next couple of hours in the water swimming and mucking around with the canoes. We practiced our capsize drills and sunken kayak paddling drills. We also had turns at sitting in the canoes while others were spinning it over and over. We were spoilt for a change and the Leaders heated up dinner which was butter chicken with rice and veggies.

We all got to sleep soon after the girls stopped talking and talking and talking.

The next day we got up around 6:30am, got breakfast down our necks and packed up with the gear in our canoes and kayaks before 8 am. We headed off on our way back. Half way back a few of us were getting too hot so went for a dip. We got back within an hour then got the canoes on the trailer and gear into the cars. We had a quick dip and then left back to the scout hall. We all had a great weekend.

**By: Cameron Phelps** 

Scout

1<sup>st</sup> Illaroo Scout



# Southern Ranges Paddle Day.....



#### Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts-24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

ifty Six brave souls came out to paddle on Lake Tuggeranong in Southern ACT. With the very generous help from Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts all Sections got on the Water.

Baloo from 1st Bungendore ran the registration and was surprised by how many people forgot to tick the Water Activity permission box on the A1 but we soon had this fixed and the fun Bega





The Joeys came to paddle and they sure didn't muck around, with parent help they got to see a large part of the lake and the smaller paddles helped them to control the boats well. After a safety brief, a look at a canoe and then the fitting of the PFD, (with Wedgie maker intact) they were set to go out on the murky brown water. As Kwasim put them in boats they attacked the water and shot out into the lake in a flurry of paddles. The very willing parents were dragged all over the lake and the size of the paddlers didn't seem to handicap them. It took a lot of effort from the Beach master to coax them back to shore and HOP out of their PFD and sadly hand over the canoes to the next Section

The Cubs were next and after a more comprehensive Safety briefing took themselves and their craft and

explored the Northern end of the lake. Wildlife, algae and the Buoys were closely inspected. I am happy to report no outbreaks of Piracy broke out and the Cubs came back into the shore after an extended paddle time. Another bunch of new paddlers tested out their swimming skills in the PFD's and the Lakes Carp population made themselves scarce with all the yelling and splashing. The cubs found two dead birds and a dead fish which proved to be a big hit, not so much with the next paddlers in those canoes.



# Southern Ranges Paddle Day.....





The **Scouts** came next and after a second run to the shops for more food (they sure can eat) a quick nap, a quick check of their outfits and hair, they finally got in the water. They explored two of the smaller Islands as well as showing how their paddling style had improved from last season. I was really impressed how these people helped around the hall and the event in general and pitched in when required.

They got to try different craft and with a large number of Leaders in Safety craft they were able

to get a lot of coaching and improve their technique further.

We are sure the District is ready to throw down the Gauntlet at the next Head of the River and I am sure we will triumph through fair means or fowl (we have trained Ninja chickens for this very purpose).

The leaders were very tired at going home time but all hoped to be able to repeat the effort and take the challenge on to get their Groups out on the Water more. We were fortunate to have a number of SIS10 trained leaders to help on the day and I hope the event has spiked the interest of the youth in more Adventurous Activities.

A huge thanks to the Water Team, Leaders who brought their Sections quite a distance and the fantabulous GL from LTSS, Michelle, you rock.

See you on the Water.



**Bagheera** 



### Venturer Scouts .....



am sure you are all very busy with your end of term activities and Christmas parties.

It has been a very busy term this term and I am very pleased to see all the badges that have completed by the Venturers. I would like to thank all the leaders and Venturers who attended Weekend Wide game for helping to make it a great weekend. Thank you to Peter Hines who stepped in for me as I was unable to attend.

Below is a list of course dates for next year please add them into your program:

#### Course dates:

♦ Leadership Course: 15 - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013, closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012

♦ Initiative Course: 26 - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013, closing date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012

• Unit Management Course: 8 - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2013, closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013

I will also look at trying to run a second one of each course later in the year if need be.

The Venturer Look Wide magazine will be out again soon so keep an eye out for it as it will have course date for the each region in NSW.

I would like congratulate the Central Oak Flats Venturers who volunteered at the Kids Wish Christmas at Win Entertainment Centre. The organisers had great praise for the venturers and have asked them to help again next year. Bravoo to Ebony, Taylor, Natalie and Andrew For great job.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday and I am looking forward

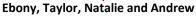
to another great and fun filled year of Scouting in 2013.

**Yours in Scouts** 

#### Ann-Marie Wilkinson

**Region Commissioner - Venturers** 







### Rover Scouts .....



#### **Hike For Hunger**

Service is imperative to being a Rover and is reflected by the state's Rovers annual 'can-collection' for the Wesley Mission. The Wesley Mission runs kitchens across Australia, including Wollongong, for those who find it difficult to afford a hot meal.

Cans and other non-perishable items are collect by the state's regions, with each region competing against each other for the highest number of items collected. As with most things, the need for more items continues to outstrip supply, leading to the state's Rovers needing to improve on the previous year.

Last year SC&T Rovers collected 170 items for the Wesley Mission, behind the church on the mall, in Wollongong. This

year we were able to amass 300. These items include



Rhiannon Hughes (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer Rover Crew)

toothpaste, pasta, Weet-bix and of course the humble can of baked beans, which provide the mission with items for family Christmas hampers and meals for the mission kitchen until March next year.

At the beginning of November each year, the metropolitan regions bring all their cans together and walk across the Sydney Harbor Bridge with a proportion of their hall, to hand over to the Sydney Wesley Mission. This year, the state's Rovers managed to collect a whooping 10,000 cans, with the total can count since it began in 2002, now approaching 100,000!

Many thanks to those who contributed at Gang Show, Weekend Wide Game and those who donated to one of our collection stands outside the areas supermarkets.

#### **Ryan Manton**

Chairman, SC&T Regional Rover Council



# SOUTH COAST ROVER REUNION

# 7-8 SEPTEMBER 2013 MOUNT KEIRA SCOUT CAMP

All past Rovers from North Illawarra to Ulladulla (around 1975 to 1990) are Invited to a reunion.

Cost \$12.50 per person.
Stay overnight or come for dinner.
The Chalet and Northcote Flat camping area are available for accomodation.

Self Catering, family members welcome. Bookings required by 1 February, 2013

For more information or to make a booking contact Narelle Irvine.

Email: narelle.irvine@gmail.com

Ph: 0413592876

### 1st Albion Park Scout Group Celebrates ......



#### **1st Albion Park Scout Group Celebrates 50 Years**

n the 10 November 2012 members past and present celebrated 50 years of operation from the Albion Park Rail Hall and also the opening of the hall's new extension. The 1st Albion Park Scout Group has been operating since the 1940's. Guest of honour was Mr Hodson, past member Shellharbour Apex Club, who was involved in building the hall in 1962. Mr Hodson recounted the work of local volunteers and families who came together to build the hall on land donated by Mrs MacDonald. He recalled Mrs MacDonald making one stipulation and that was there



was to be no work to be done on Sunday as this was the Sabbath—the day of rest. Group Leader Kathy "Rikki" Divine told the gathering about the efforts of Leaders and Families to get funds to build the new extension which now allows for the storage of the Group's trailers, canoes and other camping equipment which had previously been stored at Leader's homes and in the roof of the hall.

The day was celebrated with songs, dances and skits from the Joeys and Cubs, the planting of a ceremonial rose, the cutting of the celebratory cake and fun in the park with slides, pony rides, horizontal bungee and tug-a-war. Other activities included craft, Matildas Farm, old fashioned games, face painting, BBQ stall, raffles and a memorabilia display.



### Reflections .....



#### SCOUT MOVEMENT WOUND UP

n the Supreme Court of NSW the Scout Association of NSW was put into receivership due to it going bankrupt. The 105 year old Movement which was started in England in 1907 by retired Army General Lord Robert Baden Powell has found itself unable to pay its creditors due to having insufficient income due to its falling membership. The Movement operates in over 200 countries worldwide but since 1970 their membership has been falling and now cannot afford to pay its staff due to its decreasing income.

Well what would you say if you saw this headline in the paper? Would you be upset, disappointed, annoyed, disgusted or worried about what would become of the youth members that enjoy Scouting so much today.

Yes we are an organisation declining in membership, from approximately 50,000 in 1970 to 20,000 in 2012. This is happening Australia wide but elsewhere in the world Scouting is growing. Have we reached our use by date? don't we offer something valuable to today's youth such as citizenship training, crafts & interests they can enjoy, a moral code to live by and lots of other things that a healthy society needs.

What are you doing to reverse this downward trend in our membership. More importantly what are you going to do at the start of 2013 to see that not only do the current members return but new members come in. We need, provided there are sufficient young people in your community ten new Joey Scouts (if you have a Joey Scout Mob) or ten new Cub Scouts (if you don't have a Joey Scout Mob) each year to move through your Group.

#### Are you going to:-

see who has younger brothers & sisters that could join

run a recruitment information session at your local school/s

encourage those in the Group to bring a friend

put out information in the local paper

put up posters in local supermarkets

run a sausage sizzle at the local shopping centre and talk to people who come by with young children

If you don't want to see the headline above you need to do something to stop the decline. Don't rely on others get out there are recruit the next lot of Joey Scouts & Cub Scouts before it is too late.

#### **Ron Critcher**



# Scout Water Activities Centre — Sydney Harbour



#### **The Boats Are Beckoning**

f you want to have fun on the water, the Scout Water Activities Centre, Sydney Harbour (SWASH) is the place to be. Here you will experience a breath of fresh air as you sail, the exhilaration of the "rapids" as you canoe down the river and the zoom of the Zodiac as you power around one of the world's greatest harbours.

Water Activities Days, show everyone the time of their lives out on glorious Sydney Harbour through a one day familiarization experience in sailing, power boats & canoes, and include a BBQ lunch and SWASH badge. We run courses in sailing,



canoeing, & power boating at various levels. These include a course in canoeing specially for Cub badge work and an assessment course for NSW Maritime Boat License. That's right you can earn your boat license within the Scout Association, as well as Drive a Small Power Boat or Sail a Dinghy certification from Yachting Australia.

We are always looking for new Activity Leaders. If you would like join the team you need to have Level 2 or 3 Scout qualifications in Power Boating, Canoeing or Sailing. We can arrange training if you are not qualified. While some of the team are permanently attached to the Water Activities Centre, many of our leaders are actually from a group and come down to help whenever they are able. These leaders then take their skills back, so their group can have fun on the water.

We also encourage Scouts, Venturers and Rovers to assist us on Water Activities Days whenever they can. This provides you with a wonderful opportunity to continually improve your boating skills, earn new badges, add to your logbook and experience the wonderful fellowship of Scouting as part of the vibrant SWASH team.

Interested? To find out more, you can contact us:-

by phone: 02 9817 1874

by email: water.activities.center@nsw.scouts.com.au

visit us on the web: http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/water/

or on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/SWASHWoolwichScoutActivitiesSydneyHarbour

### Notes To Leaders.....



here have been some new and updated State forms added to the Scouts NSW Website in the past weeks.

The following information provides you an overview of these changes:

- \* W13 Application for Dual Adult Appointment Nov12 A new form created for Leaders who want to apply for a Dual Appointment
- \* W4 Notification of Leader Resignation Nov12 An existing form that has been modified to allow the specification of roles that the Leader is to be resigned from
- \* W10A Adult Development Plan Nov12 A new form to be used in the adult review process that allows a Team Leader to meet with a Leader to discuss the Leader's achievements to date and to identify the things that the Leader may want to focus on for the next plan period, and what Scouting needs to do to support that Leader
- \* M7 Planning in the Group Nov12 A pdf document that will assist with Strategic Planning in the Scout Group

The State Forms can be found online at: www.

www.nsw.scouts.com.au/leaders/scouts-nsw-forms

**OR** under the light blue **STATE FORMS** button on the RHS of the home page:



Wanda Whittaker Member Services Coordinator Scouts Australia NSW

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I just wanted to advise people that there have recently been several updates to the Organisation & Information (O&I) Handbook that is available on the Scouts NSW website.

These changes include:

What Section	Brief Description of Change
Page i	Changed Chief Commissioner to Doug Menzies
Activities Policies	Removed policies for Bushwalking, Rock, Flying Fox, Water and Flying and inserted text to refer the website for the latest policy information
Finance	Updated to include Group Internet Banking section
Membership of Scout NSW	Modified definition of Associate Leaders to reflect that within a Group an Associate Leader can be attached to a specific Section
Training	Replaced section on Adult Training and Development Program with new material supplied on Adult Training and Development Policy
	Changed references to Rover Section to be Rover Scout Section throughout the document. Modified the text in Group Organisation 2.5.3 to indicate that a Venturer cannot become a member of Rovers till age 18. Incorporated new information from NRC into Group Organisation 11 Rover Scout Section 11.2 to 11.5.
Drugs and Alcohol Policy	Changed reference to Occupational Health and Safety to be Work Health and Safety
Group Support Committee Rules Updated	Replaced section on Group Committee with new material supplied on Group Support Committee
Group Organisation Updated	Replaced section on Group Organisation with new material supplied on Group Organisation
Region Council By Laws and Region Organisation	Replaced section on Region Council By Laws and Region Organisation with new material supplied on Region Council By Laws and Region Organisation
Adult Leader Appointment Procedures	Replaced section on Adult Leader Appointment Procedures with new material supplied on Adult Leader Appointment Procedures
Adult Appointment Procedures - Dual Appointments	Replaced section in Adult Appointment Procedures on Temporary Appointments with new material supplied on Dual Appointments
Behaviour Management	Replaced section on Behavioural Management with new material supplied on Behavioural Management
Smoking Policy	Replaced section on Smoking in the Drugs, Smoking and Alcohol Policy section

 $\label{thm:continuous} The \ O\&I \ can \ be \ found \ online \ at: \ \ \underline{www.nsw.scouts.com.au/leaders/organisation-and-information-handbook}$ 

OR under the lime green RESOURCES & POLICIES button on the RHS of the home page:





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### Notes To Leaders.....



#### **Adventurous Activities**

I'd like to thank Jim Caddey for the work he has put into Scouts during his years of involvement and wish him well in future endeavours. I hope all leaders will help me to find the current status of adventurous activities across the region and move forward as NSW Scouts embrace the SIS10 qualifications.

All adventurous activity qualifications are moving to SIS10. If you are looking to requalify or gain new qualifications look for the next SIS10 assessment course, dates will be released soon for next year. Until then remember to keep your log books current as these will be an important part of the evidence you will need to provide.

When running an adventurous activity not only do I want a copy of the A1 but also an email on completion of the activity to let me know final numbers and if any incidents or near misses occurred. Let's do our best to keep insurance premiums down. Auntie Kerrie at Region would like some pictures and a report for the next newsletter too.

Just a quick reminder: when completing A1 forms please ensure your normal name is used. You can add your Scouting name of course, but do you have any idea how many Akela, Chil, Skip and other Scout names there are across the region? It is a legal document, so needs to be completed carefully and with correct details.

As the weather warms up there will be a number of water activities across the region and many leaders have taken advantage of the courses that have already run and now hold SIS10 Level 2 canoe qualifications. This is all you need to take your youth out on fun canoeing activities. You also need to comply with current Scout activities policies, so remember that enclosed footwear and the risk assessment process.

If groups are looking to buy new PFDs (personal flotation device) I would suggest looking at the new life jacket requirements in the NSW Maritime Boating Handbook <a href="www.maritime.nsw.gov.au">www.maritime.nsw.gov.au</a> Stores will be able to sell old stock for a few more years but there will come a time when all life jackets in use must comply with the new codes. So spending a little more on the newer models may save money in the long term. If you can no longer read what rating the jackets in your hall have, it is time to destroy them and get new ones. Remember life is precious.

Hope to see you out and about.

Yours in Activities

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# For your Information.....



#### New Rules Made For Your Own Safety.



Please be aware that the NSW road traffic laws will be changing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The change will make illegal the use of hand held mobile phones and other devices, by the driver of a motor vehicle.



#### Below are the details from the NSW RTA.

#### **Use Of Mobile Phones**

While a vehicle is moving or stationary (but not parked), a driver may only use a mobile phone to make or receive a call or use the audio playing function:

If the mobile phone is secured in a fixed mounting; or

If not in a mounting, use of the mobile phone must not require a driver to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.

All other functions including texting, video messaging, online chatting, reading preview messages and emailing are prohibited.

The new laws make it clear that a driver in a moving or stationary vehicle (unless parked) **MUST NOT HOLD** a phone in his or her hand other than to pass the phone to a passenger.

**Penalty:** 3 demerit points (4 in a school zone) and \$298 (\$397 in a school zone).

**NOTE:** Learner and Provisional P1 drivers are not allowed to use ANY function of a phone (including hands-free) while driving.

Police and emergency services vehicles

Police and emergency service drivers may continue to use mobile data terminals in the course of their work to receive job allocations, licensing, registration and other important information.

Visual display units in motor vehicles

A visual display unit (including a mobile phone), which is being used as a driver's aid function, such as a GPS, may only be used in a motor vehicle if it is secured in a fixed mounting. This mounting must be commercially designed and manufactured for this purpose. It must be positioned in the vehicle to not distract or obscure the driver's view.







