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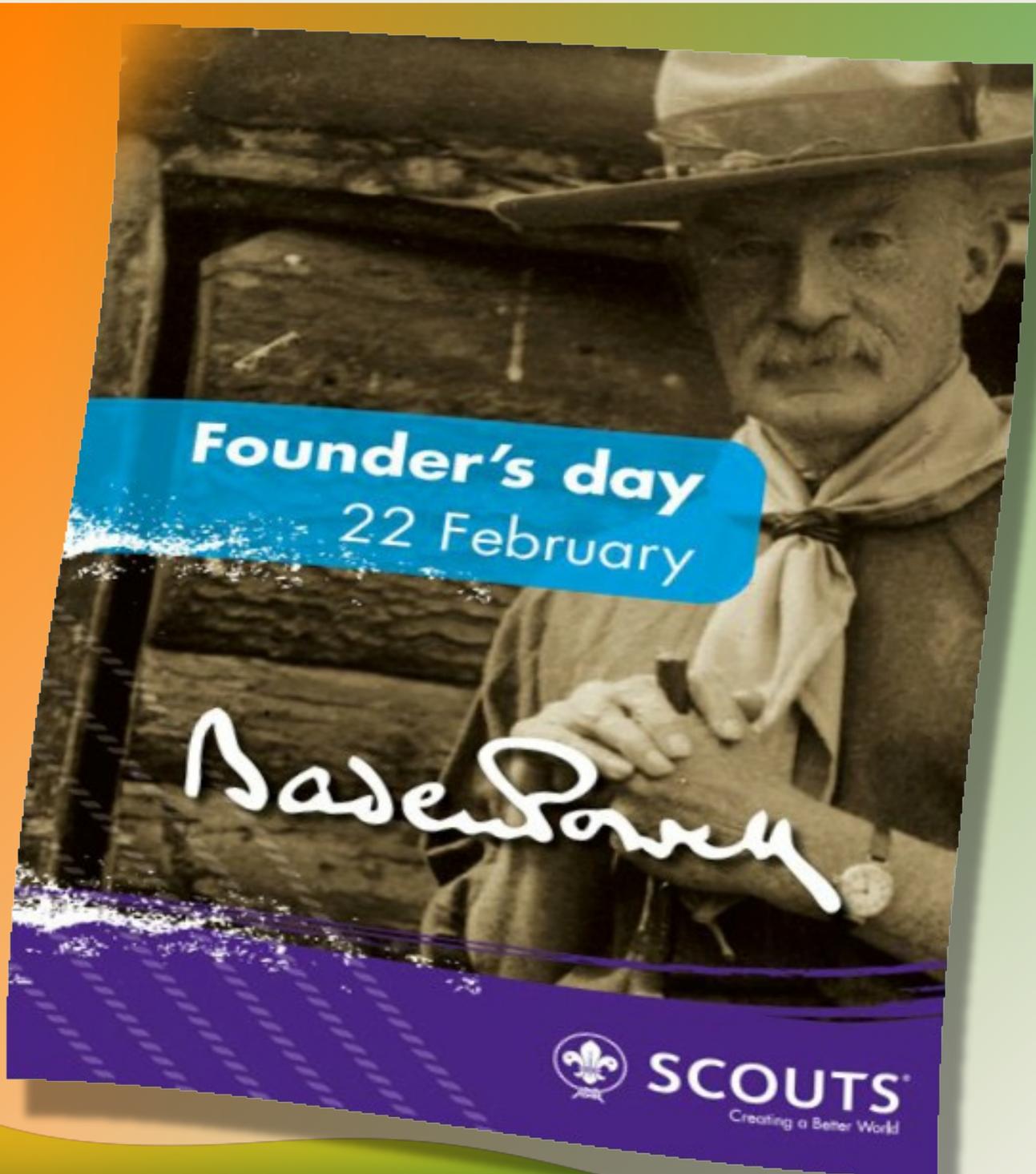
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Welcome to the February 2014 Newsletter.

I hope everyone has had a relaxing break from Scouting over Christmas and have recharged the batteries for an exciting and full programme of activities for 2014.

For some the break was not too long as they had to prepare for and take part in the biggest event on the Cub Scout calendar - Cuboree. Congratulations to everyone involved in making Cuboree 2014 a huge success.

This newsletter contains a lot of helpful information to get your year started and setting up your scouting programme - please review the calendar for your relevant section.

And as we do every February spare some time to remember and honour Sir Robert Baden-Powell who founded this great organisation.

Robyn Bates

Editor

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



“The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.”

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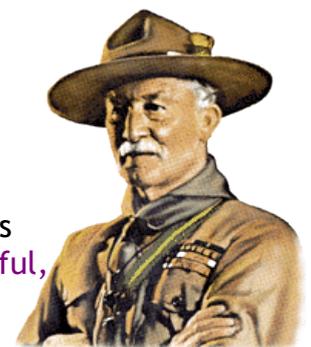
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THE ENCIRCLING ROPE symbolises the unity and family of the World Scout Movement.

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THE THREE TIPS represent the three main parts of the Promise, - **Duty to God and Country, Help other people, Keep the Scout Law.**



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State	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
CMR / Invoice periods	1 Q4 inv	1 Q1 cmr		1 Q1 inv	1 Q2 cmr		1 Q2 inv	1 Q3 cmr		1 Q3 inv	1 Q4 cmr		1 Q1 inv
Chief Com Council (CCC)			1-2				19-20				1-2		
Commissioners Conference (CC)		8-9				28-29			13-14				
Region Com Forum			2		28		20		24		2		
District Leaders Conference (All Sections) Bundilla										24-26			
State Com Conf													
State Council AGM							19						
State Activities Conference													
Special Needs Conference (Disabilities) (BPSC)							26-27						
State Leader Training Conference								30-31					
SCT Region	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
SCT Region / RCAC (Reg Comm Adv Council)			8 MKSC			14-16 mksc		16			15-16 mksc		
SCT Region / DC Forum			22 SR			14-16 mksc			6 FStH		15-16 mksc		
SCT Region / RC Council (RC/DC)						14-15 mksc					15-16 mksc		
RC Conference (RC, DC, DL, GL, G Ch, G Tr)				17-18 (ven?)									
SCT Region Christmas lunch												7	
SCT Region Exec Committee	23		27		22		24		25		27		
SCT Region AGM						15							
Reg Group Promotion day		22											
Mt Keira Camp Mngmt Com	20		17		19		21		15		17		19
D C W Meeting			3		5		7		1		3		
Special Events	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
BPs Birthday Bash - SCT Founders Day Dinner		22											
Awards Day Luncheon								31					
Music at Mt Keira													
Christmas in July - Mt Keira							12, 13						
Port Kembla Billy Cart Derby Day - Region Fundraiser											15-16		
Scout Day Easter Show				22-23									
Scout Job Weeks					1-31								
World Scout Day								1					
Jamboree of the trail					10								
JOTA / JOTI										18-19			



Special Events Continued	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Harmony Day			21										
Mc Happy Day											x		
Agoonaree									26-29				
St George Day Service				23									
State - Queens Scout Reunion Dinner													
State Environment Activity Camp (Ingleside)			28-30										
Scout Environment month									1-30				
SCT Australia Day Activities (Flagstaff Hill)	26												26
SCT Korimul Gang Show (IPAC) 2015													
CCOGS (Combined Camp of Guides and Scouts)		21-23											
Head of the River Camp (Shoalhaven District)													
Long Canoe Run (ShoalHaven District)													
Brass Balls Challenge (Bendeela)													
QS & BP Awards - Gov house			8					23					
Scout Medallion Presentation			16					17					
Viva La Gong - Wollongong											8		
Billy Cart Derby Day - Port Kembla											15/16		
Joey Scouts	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
State Konarra 2014					17-18								
State Joey Council		8-9				28-29			13-14				
Region Wandarras	31 (Nth)	28 (Nth)		25 (Nth)			11 (Nth)			10 (Nth)			
Region Leaders W/end													
Region Fun Day - Wet and Wild		23											
Region Fun Day - Mad Scientists						15							
Region Fun Day - Campfire at Mt Keira									28				
Joey Camp - Northern Districts			22-23					2-3					
Joey Camp - Southern Districts					24-25						8-9		
Woonona - Region Camp										4-6			



Venturer Scouts	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Region Ven Activity													
Venturer L/ship Course													
Vent Initiative Course													
Unit Management course													
Ro Venture			14-16										
SCT Scoutventure													
State Venturer Council		8-9				28-29			13-14				
Dragon Skin - Easter				18-21									
16 Aust Venture													2-13
Rover Scouts	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Region Rover Moot	17-19												
Region Rover Council		11		8	13	10	8	12	9	14	11	9	
Region Rover A G M													
Ro Venture			14-16										
Weekend Wide Game											21-23		
Weekend Wide Game South			23-25										
Jamborette										3-6			
BPA Survival Night													
Caving Weekend						5-6							
Progressive Dinner													
Service Camps								9-10					
Regional Caving weekend													
Regional Canyon Weekend			22-23									6-7	
St Georges Day				23									
Hike for Hunger													
Hike for Hunger - Sydney													
Lord Mayors Picnic													
Branch Rover Council		1				7		14	20		22		
State Rov AGM&Conf				12									
Snow Moot													
State Moot													
State Rover Ball													
State Rover bush dance				31		1							
19 Aust rover moot	1-11												



Adventurous Activities		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Canoe/Kayaking Assessment (Bengalee)	SIS 10			29/30								1-2		
Abseiling/rockcraft														
Caving														
Flying Fox Course - Bengalee									15 - 17					
Brass Balls Challenge														
First Aid		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Apply First Aid Course - Bomaderry														
Apply First Aid Course - North Wollongong			23	29 (for dragonskin)		17								
Remote First Aid Course - Bengalee														
Remote First Aid Course - Mt Keira SC						17/18								
Leader Training, visit nsw website														
Public Holidays		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
Australia day / Easter		27			18-21									
ANZAC Day					25									
Queens Birthday/Lab Day							9				6			
Mother / Father Day						11				7				
School Holidays		1-27			12-27		28-13			20	6		20-31	1-26
Christmas Day/Boxing Day													25/26	



Welcome to 2014. I hope your break over the Christmas / New Year period was enjoyable and refreshing and that you are returning with all batteries fully charged.

I must report with great sadness that three of our numbers have 'Gone Home' during the past few months. **Lindsay and Betty Neilson** were great stalwarts of the Movement across numerous appointments but are particularly remembered for their contribution to Mt Keira Scout Camp and Keira Katerers among many others. Also, the passing of **Arthur Baker** came as a shock to those of us who knew and worked with Arthur in Scouting at National Jamborees, 1st Corrimal, Korrahill and Keirawarra District. Lindsay, Betty and Arthur will be sorely missed and our sincere condolences are extended to both families at this sad time.

Last month I reported that the Chief Commissioner required Fire Safety Statements to be completed for all Class 9 Buildings and forwarded to Region before the end of January, 2014. In most cases that did not happen and we are now moving towards approaching Scout Groups to understand why this requirement was not met and to inform defaulting Groups that they will not be able to utilise the Group Headquarters until Fire Safety Certification is achieved. While this is not what we want to do, we are required by law to meet compliance.

From all reports the State Cuboree was a huge success with Cub Scouts from the Region having an absolute blast from morning to night and then on into the evening. Thank you to all those, who participated in support of the event on a job well done. I suspect that other reports in this publication will carry more detail of the event. Great preparation for AJ2016 and beyond.

The Group Support Package development is on target to be rolled out for trial over next couple of months. Currently David North and his project team have collated the package and have commenced a critical review of contents along with inviting other key personnel to provide their comments before being presented for adoption. Once that has occurred, up to 10 Scout Groups will be invited to participate in the trial of the package over an extended period, prior to roll out across the whole Region. The package is aimed at assisting Scout Groups in the management of the Group from an internal and external perspective and promises to be an advantage to all using it.

The Region's Strategic/Development Plan is finalised and is being formatted for distribution to the District Commissioners Team and Region Team. The elements identified within the Plan all relate back to and are in support of the State Strategic Plan. The main driver of our Plan is the support to the whole Region from Region to Districts to Groups and will guide our path into the future.

2014 promises to be a year full of opportunity and I would expect that we do not lose our focus of providing exciting and adventurous programs that not only challenge the youth of the Movement, but provides all of us who are involved with challenges which extend our knowledge and experience.

See you along the trail,

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As your Regional Commissioner, Special needs I wish to seek support of suitably qualified or enthusiastic people throughout the Region, to develop a working team to support Scouts with special needs across the Region.

In developing a special needs network the role of the team will be centred on;

- Providing specialist expertise to the Region to the leaders and Scout on special needs.
- Providing advice on youth programs and adult training teams in the area of Scouting for people with special needs.
- Assist and advise individual formations in membership, program delivery, activities and major events relating to Scouting with special needs.
- Provide updates within relevant Scouting channels regarding Scouting for people with special needs.
- Undertaking tasks set by the Regional Commissioner or State Commissioner.
- Undertake data collection, with consent on the types of Scouts' disabilities that we are supporting to better direct resources in the Region.

The team as a whole will meet on a regular basis for project review and development as well as support requirements resource allocation. The team will be based on the District model with, in some cases the possibility of more than one person per District relative to numbers and needs.

A project we have in mind is the inclusive Scouting initiative, this identifies a partnership between the Scouts, set at the Venturer Scout level, and people living in the community in a range of situations from individual units, group homes and living with family members, who have a disability. The Scouts & leaders would have some skills development in communication methods, dealing with minor challenging behaviours and the protocols required, prior to meeting with the people at their homes. We will be working with the non-government disability organisation House With No Steps initially with expansion across a number of areas.

Inclusive Scouting is a way of developing social and community skills for people who, in many instances have only paid Staff to interact with. By introducing Scouting to the mix, it is my hope that the Scouts may also develop social relationships that can endure past their scouting days, with the people they are supporting.

All enquiries please contact Region Commissioner, Special Needs, Anthony Pritchard 0412 300 096.

Group Anniversaries In Date Order



In this list I have put the Groups in order in which their anniversary occurs through the year. Remember, this is when the Group was registered & may not be exactly when it started.

1 st Huskisson	29/1/1953	61 st anniversary in Jan 2014
1 st Bomaderry	12/2/1945	69 th anniversary in Feb 2014
1 st West Wollongong	19/2/1947	67 th anniversary in Feb 2014
1 st Korrahill	1/3/1998	16 th anniversary in Feb 2014
1 st Helensburgh	9/3/1916	98 th anniversary in Feb 2014
1 st Albion Park	12/3/1943	71 st anniversary in Mar 2014
1 st Thirroul	21/3/1940	74 th anniversary in Mar 2014
1 st Culburra Beach	26/3/1975	39 th anniversary in Mar 2014
1 st Bega	7/4/1921	93 rd anniversary in Apr 2014
1 st Jerrabomberra	13/4/1993	20 th anniversary in Apr 2014
Dapto	15/4/1976	37 th anniversary in Apr 2014
1 st Moruya	22/4/1925	89 th anniversary in Apr 2014
1 st Braidwood	21/5/1928	86 th anniversary in May 2014
1 st Mt. St. Thomas	28/5/1953	61 st anniversary in May 2014
1 st Batemans Bay	3/6/1926	88 th anniversary in Jun 2014
1 st Bungendore	14/6/1933	81 st anniversary in June 2014
1 st Burra	25/6/1986	28 th anniversary in Jun 2014
Unanderra	14/7/1997	17 th anniversary in Jul 2014
1 st Cobargo	19/7/1935	79 th anniversary in Jul 2014
Balgownie	25/7/1935	79 th anniversary in Jul 2014
1 st Narooma	29/7/1981	33 rd anniversary in Jul 2014
2 nd Queanbeyan	4/8/1926	88 th anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st Eden	17/8/1931	83 rd anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st St. Georges Basin	25/8/1975	39 th anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st Illaroo	27/8/1975	39 th anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st Wamboin	29/8/1984	30 th anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st Warilla	30/8/1962	52 nd anniversary in Aug 2014
1 st Burrill Ulladulla	31/8/1977	37 th anniversary in Aug 2014
4 th Wollongong	16/9/1941	73 rd anniversary in Sept 2014
1 st Dapto	10/10/1932	82 nd anniversary in Oct 2014
1 st Keiraville	21/10/1952	60 th anniversary in Oct 2014 significant
1 st Merimbula	27/10/1932	82 nd anniversary in Oct 2014
1 st Russell Vale	27/10/1955	59 th anniversary in Oct 2014
Central Oak Flats	31/10/1979	35 th anniversary in Oct 2014
1 st Cooma	11/11/1922	92 nd anniversary in Nov 2014
1 st Shellharbour	15/11/1948	66 th anniversary in Nov 2014
1 st Austinmer	16/11/1923	91 st anniversary in Nov 2014
1 st Nowra	1/12/1921	93 rd anniversary in Dec 2014



They have gone home

Betty and Lindsay Neilson

23rd November 2013 and 11th December 2013



As you depart from Mount Keira Scout Camp you leave something of yourself behind, but in so doing you take part of the Camp with you. This was so for Betty and Lindsay.

Betty (34 years) and Lindsay (58 years) gave over 90 years of service between them to Scouts (in various positions) including:

- 1955 Lindsay joined East Maitland Group.
- 1968 Betty became an Assistant Cub Scout Leader at Tenterfield.
- 1973 Lindsay joined South Coast & Tablelands Region as District Venturer Scout Leader, Keira District.
- 1973 Betty transferred to Keiraville Cub Scout Pack.
- 1983 Lindsay became part of the Mount Keira Deputy Camp Warden Team, referred to as “Dad’s Army”.
- 1983 Betty became part of the Mount Keira Deputy Camp Warden family.
- 1996 Lindsay was appointed an Honorary Leader, South Coast & Tablelands Region.
- 1998 Lindsay joined the NSW Police Scouters & Guiders Scout Fellowship.
- 2005 Lindsay was awarded the Silver Kangaroo.
- 2006 Betty was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

Betty and Lindsay were part of the inaugural “Keira Katerers” Team which was set up in 1994 to cater for Schools, Conferences, Deputy Camp Warden Functions etc. All profit was spent on improvement of the catering equipment at the Camp. Their combined contribution to the Camp is fondly remembered.

Like others before them Betty and Lindsay had a special part in their hearts for the Camp and those of us who were privileged to know them mourn great friends and good Scouts.

**Betty and Lindsay lived by the Mount Keira Scout Camp Motto
“Developing Future Citizens by Fostering the Spirit of Scouting”.**

Anne Stone
December 2013



Gone Home

Arthur Baker

20 August 1949 – 13 January 2014.

Arthur Baker, or Yogi to his Scouting friends, first came to our notice on 17 January, 1992 when he joined 1st Corrimal Scout Troop and became the Scout Leader.

During his time at 1st Corrimal the Troop was forced to meet with 1st Fernhill Troop after a fire had destroyed the Group Headquarters. This led to the Korrahill Scout Group formation and a healthy membership across all Sections from Joeys to Rovers.

Later appointments included Personal Leader Advisor, Region Leader and District Scout Leader in Keirawarra District.

Arthur's event record was a Canadian National Jamboree, 3 Australian Jamborees and numerous Region Jamborette, just to name a few. He retired from Scouting in 2004 due to his failing health and the need to experience life further with things he had not done.

Arthur is survived by his wife Diane and 3 sons (Darren, Murray and Bradley) and our thoughts and sympathies are with them as they face life without Arthur, but be rest assured his friendship, contribution and memory will live on.

Vale: Arthur Baker - Scout

Phil Crutchley,

Region Commissioner



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Whether you have been naughty or
nice this year,
Come join us for a Christmas In July
Celebration.

Mt Keira Scout Camp (in the Lodge)

Saturday, July 12th at 6:00 pm

Or

Sunday July 13th at 12:00 pm

BYO Drinks

Santa may even pay us a visit!

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Numbers are limited so book in early.

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NSW Cuboree 2014- Once Upon a Time

What a great experience for the 6 Mega Packs our Region sent to Cuboree!

MASSIVE THANK YOU TO Brett Boyes- DCSL Southern Ranges, Nerida Smith- DCSL Keirawarra, Peter Sawyer-DCSL Illawarra South, Natalie Sadler- (acting) DCSL Shoalhaven, Kim Burke- CSL 1st Burrill/Ulladulla and Chris Owers- CSL (amongst other titles) Albion Park, their HARD WORK and TEAM WORK was nothing short of amazing as Mega Pack Coordinators. The pack badges were brilliant. GO GINGY! Southern Ranges mascot was left at every base they attended!

To Ben Low, Mel Pyrah, David Bentley and Paul Jessop thank you for your efforts in providing great quality activities for the Jungle Book base. We didn't lose a single one. (Let's not talk about Ben trying to kill off Dapto group one by one!) Only kidding, to put the enormous amounts of cubs through the base (400 at a time) and only have 2 injuries (not major) was a brilliant achievement. Their smiles was our pay packet.

Our Region's Scouts and Venturers who gave up their holidays to help on the activity base, were amazing, adaptable and FUN as well as being fabulously helpful.

The parents and other Leaders who attended and gave such wonderful support to their Packs , a big thank you.

It is a shame we had barely enough Leaders and Parent Helpers for the Megapacks as cooks and support so we had very few to help on our Region's Activity Base. We had alot of help from Greater Western Sydney and Sydney North to keep our base rolling and giving every cub the best chance to enjoy the brilliant activities we had on offer. We even poached a few from the Megapacks to help out some days. I have to say a massive THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS AT OUR REGION OFFICE for their efforts to coordinate ALL the applications for the WHOLE OF CUBOREE and their support and information to all enquiries.

Irene Kalsow- Assistant State Commissioner for Cub Scouts was a great source of support and information as well and my personal thanks goes to her.

Thank you Jan Goodall in her final dig as Camp Chief for Cuboree.

I know the Cubs had a memorable time and have come back with many stories.

Pack Leaders please let them speak at a pack meeting to promote Cuboree or for Camps in general. Two excellent Cubs , Cody McCamish- 1st Eden and Eloise Aylward- 1st Keiraville had the experience of attending State Cub Council and we as a State Team have already discussed and started to implement the issues and items that the Cubs bought up and suggested.

Jamborette 2014

There will be a Cub Day on the Sunday of Region Jamborette on the long weekend in October at Moruya.

I would like all older Cubs (10 and over) to consider going with the Troop for the Jamborette to "Try Scouts". I have spoken to Peter Gear - RC Scouts about this and hope the Scout Leaders from across our Region will get involved and support this effort to introduce Cubs to the Scout Section and perhaps aid in retaining them once they link up.



Out and About

Not many were involved in Out and About in November, if you held an activity in 4th Term that had your Cubs out in uniform on a day activity, please contact me via email (sonia _ 64 @ bigpond.com) to purchase a badge. They were \$2.50 but as they are now 2013 badges you can purchase them for \$2.00 each for your cubs. They are a colourful blanket badge. Alternatively if you have held an activity since or plan one in first term let me know.

Cub Scout Leadership Course

This is a day or weekend activity held for older Cubs to encourage Leadership potential. It is NOT a requirement for the Grey Wolf award. The dates for the ones being held in our Region will be coming out via email as soon as the first Seonees have been held across our Districts.

We need leaders to run bases and show interest in having one run. Please contact your DCSL.

Grey Wolf Awards

It is time for all Leaders to look over your packs and their age ranges to see if any Cubs have potential as Future Grey Wolf applicants. Please give them your support and encouragement. See your DCSL for ideas on resources the Cubs can create based on the Jungle Book that will be used after the Cub has gone up to Scouts in the pack.

Future Activities

I would like to hold Region Palaver again. What is Palaver?

It is a weekend of basically Cub Leaders acting like Cubs! This includes camping (bunk rooms or tents, depending on the venue), and being involved in the activities run on bases, bases are provided by DCSL's and run on a pack meeting theme.

You can gain great resources as in many pack programmes and connecting with other Cub Leaders from across the Region.

We noted that there is a need for this with less hands on training weekends and the experiences had at Cuboree.

If you would like to see this event up and running, speak to your DCSL, attend Seonee and bring it up or have input. Venue suggestions welcome.

I feel that this would be great to hold in 3rd term or early 4th.

Do your Best and Good Hunting

Mang-Sonia Clarke
Region Commissioner - Cubs



Well here we are, Christmas and New Year have come and gone and 2014 is up and running. I hope that everybody had a joyous and peaceful festive season and you are all looking forward to new and exiting challenges this year.

AJ2016 - Cataract Scout Park - January 2016

The Australian Jamboree to be held at Cataract Scout Park in January 2016 may seem a long way away, but, it will be here sooner than you think. Planning for AJ2016 is well under way. Now is the time to start thinking about whom will be eligible and if you are a leader, what role you might want to take. In the coming months information about AJ2016 will start filtering out. So look out for it and start thinking about fundraising.

Region Mindari, RSYC and JOC Meeting - 1st Moruya Scout Hall - 1 March 2014

The Region Mindari, Region Scout Youth Council followed by the Jamborette Organising Committee meeting will held in Moruya on 1 March. We will be able to take the opportunity to inspect the Moruya Showground where this year's Jamborette will be held.

Pigskin - Tallaganda State Forest - 4-6 April 2014

This year's Pigskin will be held in the Tallaganda State Forest. The forest is south west of Braidwood. I visited the area recently and it is a beautiful part of the world. Registration will again be online through the SC&T website and the information will be posted soon.

Weekend Wide Game South - Potato Point - 24-25 May 2014

WWG Sth is not that far away. Check the website for details.

Royal Commission

In the news lately there have been reports of bribery and corruption allegations and the formation of a Royal Commission to look into it all. Speaking of bribes, I'd like to humbly suggest a Royal Commission to look into the affairs of one: Graham Parr the District Scout Leader of the Deep South. Reliable sources inform your correspondent that, not only did Parr win the prestigious, *Cobargo Citizen of the Year Award* he also won first prize in the lucrative *Heaviest Pumpkin* at the Cobargo Show. Parr's pumpkin, weighing in at 163 Kg's, is also tipped to win at the Far South Coast National Show at Bega next weekend. These matters need serious consideration and only a Royal Commission will see justice done.

Adventurer Level Cords

Congratulations to the following Scouts who have been awarded their Green Cords:

Robert Martin	1 st Mt Kembla	December 2013
Claudia Robinson	1 st Figtree	December 2013
Ben Woodard	1 st Keiraville	December 2013
Jack Gill	1 st Moruya	December 2013
Naomi Bolten	1 st Shellharbour	January 2014

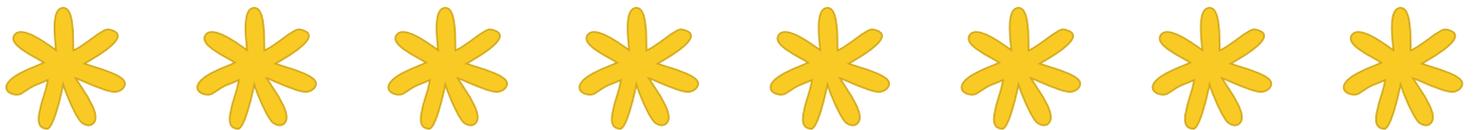


Australian Scout Medallions

Congratulations and a big BRAVO to the following Scouts who have achieved the ASM:

Elizabeth Martin	1 st Mt Kembla	December 2013
Reiley Todd	1 st Keiraville	December 2013
Isabella Todd	1 st Keiraville	January 2014

Peter Gear
Region Commissioner Scouts





Welcome to another year! As usual, the year starts for me and Greg with the need to attend the Annual General Meetings of all our ten crews. While Groups are no longer required to hold AGMs, Rover Crews still need them to elect new office bearers and in preparation for the Regional rover council AGM in March. At that meeting, a new Executive for the RRC will be elected. At this point I want to acknowledge the splendid job that the outgoing executive team have done over the past year. They have revised our Strategic Plan and delivered on pretty well all of the ambitious list of undertakings that they committed to. Bravooo!

Two members of the Goulburn Crew attended the National Moot in Perth over New Year and into the first days of January. The photos on facebook sites left little doubt that they and all others attending had a great time. I very fondly recall my first National Moot - also in Perth but now some 42 years ago!

A regional camp was held in mid December at Stewart's Crossing on the Upper Shoalhaven - a beautiful spot if you don't know it already!. There were about thirty attending and the Queanbeyan, Tablelands and Goulburn crews were the best represented - probably because they live nearest! I am hoping that this will encourage them to coordinate and share some of their programmes in future.

Region Moot was held at Mt Keira in mid January. The attendance of about 120 is likely to be one of the highest in the state again this year. Mt Keira is a wonderful moot venue and the weather was perfect too. All attending had a great time and I was asked to pass on the Camp Warden's thanks for the excellent condition in which the site was left at departure. That is always a pleasure!

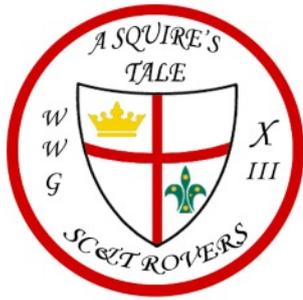
Rover numbers across the Region continue to grow steadily. And amazingly, steady growth has actually been the case in all crews this year - a very uncommon thing compared to the usual ups *and* downs! Indeed, recent figures from Branch indicate that our growth over the past five years is easily the strongest of any region in the State. We are now solidly above the 100 mark! As a result, we are generally a very young region. This gives both loads of potential for the future and a real need to address the issues of training requirements.

The new Baden Powell Scout Award scheme is now in place and includes a common Squire Training requirement nationwide. I believe that this is a good thing and I encourage all current and future rovers to give the Award serious consideration. The Rover career of up to eight years allows plenty of opportunity time-wise and the scheme allows a very wide range of opportunity for personal challenge and growth.

The calendar for the year ahead is fully charged and includes lots of service opportunities - both to junior sections and to the community. I am hoping for a big year - we certainly have the chance!

Bob Nightingale

Region Commissioner - Rovers



WWG North XIII

A Squire's Tale

Chaos in the kingdom at the meet of Squires in November. The bait in Arthur's Trap set.

'A Squire's Tale' – Weekend Wide Game's 13th North event saw SC&T Rovers turn Cataract Scout Park into a medieval township. 200 Scouts in 40 Patrols attended the Squire meet, with major activities including a famous 'Castle Siege', a void of random encounters, a village of Slums and Camelot (filled with Medieval Madness). The Castle Siege, had a medieval castle constructed out of Scaffolding & Hessian. With Archers and Swordsmen protecting the walls and door, Scouts were required to team up with a Warlord of their choosing to attempt to break into the castle. The record for the largest Warlord cavalry was held by Lancelot (Hugh Powell, 1st Figtree Rovers), with over 20 patrols (about 100 scouts) by Saturday afternoon. The service leaders were definitely shocked as his army began to gather in the marshalling point!

To access the Castle Siege, squires were required to pass through the void of random encounters. From monks in distress, to heroic quests, squires would assist where possible, with a chance to be turned on at any point! Several duels took place, along with an insult sword fight against leaders.

A village of Slums, popular for waging a classic stone throwing activity, gave squires the chance to gain some gold, from waging activities, to renting a gold farm for a set time. Those thought to be funny were faced with the challenge of becoming the town crier.

"Camelot! The town that never sleeps. It's Camelot..." Who ever thought the Black Knight would train squires on how to yield a sword! Many squires were relieved when he offered training to them this year! Along with training, squires were able to duel one another (or a nominated Service Leader), in Sword fights, jousting and target shooting (with spear guns). Along with the physical options in Camelot, medieval puzzles including Ye Olde Pharmacy and Viking Chess were possible.

But as per medieval times, you weren't always safe. With Hell Hounds and Sidhe roaming the dark forest, Squires were always on the lookout. Several times, both the Hell Hounds and Sidhe were spotted grouping around Camelot and The Void. They began to attack, attacking anything in their path. With little to no time for Squires to hide, the township's alert system sounded and Squire's took shelter if it wasn't too late!

Venturers and Rovers had unique involvement opportunity in this year's event, as seen by many Squires. Along with the "terror" caused from Hell Hounds and Sidhe, Venturers and Rovers were the Service Leaders protecting the Castle. Seen to be throwing Tennis Balls and buckets of water from the castle's towers, or yielding a sword protecting the Castle's door from Squire's who dared to attempt the determined Venturers and Rovers. Even at their best ability, Venturers and Rovers were defeated several times over the weekend. Our 4 Warlords consisting of Lancelot (Hugh Powell), Unicorn Boy (Craig Davis), Queen of Cornwall - Iseult (Faith Clark) and for a short period the Black Knight.



The results for WWG XIII – A Squire’s Tale are below.

Game Tag	Group Name	Patrol Name	Score
SCOB02	1st Keiraville	Kingfisher	109.85
SCOC02	1st Balgownie	Bally1	82.64
SCOB06	1st Figtree Scouts	Dingoes	64.64
SCOD08	1st Bulli	Beasts	63.23
SCOC09	Central Oak Flats Scout Group	Merlin	61.34
SCOA08	1st Jamberoo	The Knights of the Heptagonal Table	59.07
SCOD07	1st Bulli	Cuddly Fairies	58.54
SCOA03	Brookvale Curl-Curl	Tasmanian Penguins	54.16
SCOA07	1st Albion Park Scout Troop	Sustainability	51.95
SCOB03	Dapto Scouts	Connors Last Crusade	50.72
SCOC10	Central Oak Flats Scout Group	Lancelot	48.74
SCOB01	Southwell Scouts	Southwell 2	48.40
SCOC11	1st Thirroul	Greedy Gorillas	44.84
SCOB04	1st Keiraville	Rosella	43.79
SCOB08	1st Keiraville	Hawk	43.37
SCOB05	1st Keiraville	Lyrebird	40.11
SCOA05	1st Mount Kembla	White Knights	35.07
SCOD03	1st Warilla Scout Troop	The Misfits	34.01
SCOB10	Southwell Scouts	Southwell 1	28.27
SCOC03	1st South Penrith	Super Slushies	27.09
SCOD04	1st Russell Vale	Pink Panthers	25.78
SCOD02	1st Russell Vale	Fripped Neck Lizards	24.79
SCOC05	1st South Penrith	Space monkey s	22.27
SCOB07	Dapto Scouts	Goose	20.20
SCOA02	Brookvale Curl-Curl	Sleepless Knights	17.08
SCOA06	NSW Lones	I Lost the Game	16.11
SCOC08	1st Thirroul	Menacing Monkeys	13.56
SCOD05	1st Bomaderry Scouts	Knights Who Say Ni	12.32
SCOC06	1st South Penrith	Boom Box	6.13
SCOA10	1st Mount Kembla	Quango Wangos	5.94
SCOC12	1st Balgownie	Bally2	0.65
SCOC12	Central Oak Flats Scout Group	Arthur	0.55
SCOD09	1st West Wollongong	Sir Wally Gongs Marauders	-3.25
SCOA09	1st Grose Vale Scout Troop	Skyhunters	-5.14
SCOD06	1st Mt St Thomas	Eagles	-5.75

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The South Coast & Tablelands Weekend Wide Game Committee would once again like to extend a heartfelt “thanks” to all the Venturers, Rovers & Leaders who assisted throughout the weekend. An additional thank you to our Caters – Alan Goodger, Matthew Riley & Peter Perusco, as well as our First Aider Colin Thompson – your assistance is highly appreciative.

Yours in Scouting,
Ben Nichols

WEEKEND WIDE GAME DATES FOR 2014
WWG South VI - Potato Point - 24/25 May 2014
WWG North XIV - Cataract Scout Park - 22/23 November 2014



SC&T Region Rovers Present

WEEKEND WIDE GAME SOUTH VI

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24th & 25th May 2013

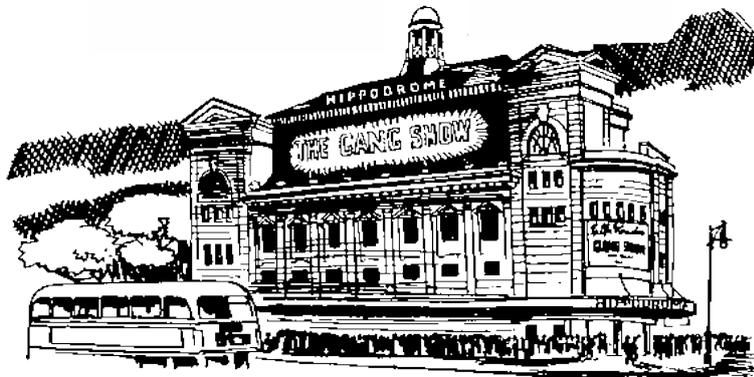
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The Gang Will Be Back in 2015.....



On behalf of the cast and crew, I would like to thank those Groups, who helped us celebrate our 21st production of Korimul Gang Show.

This year we are resting and getting ready to return in 2015, The production team, already have a number of items penned in for next years' show, plus some fund raising events for this year.

Due to cost increases, next years' show tickets will have to increase,

So please save some money to help your Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures attend a night at the Korimul Gang Show as part of their

Meeting night or make it a Group night with parents.

Remember, Korimul Gangs Show, is a great Scouting Activity.

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