



South Coast Scouting

South Coast and Tablelands Region

Newsletter – December 2014



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Regional Commissioner



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Regional Chairman



Merry Christmas







Merry Christmas and welcome to the December 2014 Newsletter.

2014 has been a busy year with many wonderful activities undertaken by our Youth Members and Leaders.

Many Groups will be winding down for the Christmas break and recharging the batteries to do it all again in 2015. Next year will again be even busier in the lead up to AJ2016.

To all the Vennies & Leaders heading to AV2015 in South Australia have a great time. The organisers are promising it will be Heaps Good!

Robyn Bates  
Editor

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



***"Leave the world in better conditions in which you found it".***

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The **Grey Wolf Award** is the ultimate award for a Cub Scout. It requires participation in a number of outdoor activities, attendance at Pack Councils, achievement of a number of Level 2 Achievement Badges and Special Interest Badges, and the development of a Jungle Book group resource.

When each component of the Grey Wolf Award has been completed, a request is submitted to the State Office for approval by the Branch Commissioner (Cub Scouts).





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# 2015 Calendar



State		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
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)				7-8				18-19				7-8		
Commissioners Conference (CC)			14-15				27-28			12-13				
Region Com Forum				8				19				8		
District Leaders Conference (All Sections) Bundilla														
State Council AGM														
Special Needs Conference (Disabilities) (BPSC)								25-26						
State Leader Training Conference								29-30						
State Environment Activity Camp (Ingleside)				tba										
SCT Region		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
SCT Region / RCAC (Reg Comm Adv Council)				21-22	tba		13-14	mksc				21-22	venue tba	
SCT Region / DC Forum				21-22	tba		13-14	mksc				21-22	venue tba	
SCT Region / RC Council (RC/DC)				21-22	tba		13-14	mksc				21-22	venue tba	
RC Conference (RC, DC, DL, GL, G Ch, G Tr)						tba								
SCT Region Christmas lunch													6 or 13	
SCT Region Exec Committee		22		26		28		23		24		26		28
SCT Region AGM							14							
Reg Group Promotion day / Founders Day			22											
Mt Keira Camp Mngmt Com		19		16		18		20		21		16		18
D C W Meeting				2		4		6		7		2		





Special Events		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
BPs Birthday Bash - SCT Founders Day Lunch			22											
Awards Day Luncheon	sat									5				
Mt Keira Scout Camp 75th Anniversary												7-9		
Christmas in July - Mt Keira							18,19							
Scout Day Easter Show														
Scout Job Weeks						1-31								
World Scout Day									1					
Jamboree of the trail						9								
JOTA / JOTI											17-18			
Harmony Day				21										
Mc Happy Day												tba		
Agoonaree										tba				
St George Day Service					23									
Scout Environment month										1-30				
SCT Australia Day Activities (Flagstaff Hill)		26												26
SCT Korimul Gang Show auditions				29										
SCT Korimul Gang Show rehearsals begin					26									
SCT Korimul Gang Show MKSC Camp								10-12						
SCT Korimul Gang Show (IPAC bump in)									18					
SCT Korimul Gang Show (IPAC) - 4 shows									20-22					
CCOGS (Combined Camp of Guides and Scouts)			21-22											
Head of the River Camp (Shoalhaven District)	tba													
Long Canoe Run (ShoalHaven District)	tba													
Brass Balls Challenge (Bendeela)	tba													
QS & BP Awards - Gov house				tba					tba					
Scout Medallion Presentation				29					16					
Viva La Gong - Wollongong												7		
Billy Cart Derby Day - Port Kembla												14		
Illawarra South Founders Day Event			25											
Illawarra South Anzac Day Camp						1-3								
International Elective							27							
International Showcase										12				



Joey Scouts		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
State Konara														
State Joey Council			14-15				27-28			12-13				
Region Wandarras														
Region fun day -														
Joey Camp -														
Joey environment day - Mt Keira Scout Camp	tba													
Cub Scouts		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
State Cub Council			14-15				27-28			12-13				
State Cub Campfire														
7th NSW Cuboree	2017													
Region Cub Council				1	Tapita lee	17	Benga lee				4	Jamb		
State Palaver						22-24								
Cub Scout Leadership Course / Camp						16-17	Benga lee					14-15	Noon	
Cub environment Camp - Mt Keira Scout Camp										4-6				
Scouts		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
AJ2016														2-14
State Rally								31	-2					
State SYC														
State Mindari			14-15				27-28			12-13				
Region Mindari			28			23		18			4			
Region SYC (Scout Youth Council)			28			23		18			3			
Jamborette Organising Committee			28			23		18						
Region Jamborette											2-5			
Region POW WOW weekend (leaders only)										19-20	*start of school holid ays			
Region Weekend Wide Game South						23-24								
Region Weekend Wide Game Cataract												21-22		
Region Pig Skin				27-29										
Scoutventure	tba													
Scout Leadership Course - Keirawarra							20-21							
Scout Leadership Course - Ill South							20-21							
Scout Leadership Course - Shoalhaven														
Scout Leadership Course - Southern Coast				14-15										
Scout Leadership Course - Sthn Ranges			21-22											
Scout Environment Camp - Mt Keira Scout Camp							17-19							



Venturer Scouts		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Regional Vent & Rover Caving weekend							4-5							
Regional Vent & Rover Canyoning Weekend				7-8									5-6	
Venturer L/ship Course									8-9					
Vent Initiative Course						9-10								
Unit Management course							6-7							
Rover - Venturer Rally						9-10								
SCT Scoutventure														
State Venturer Council			14-15				27-28			12-13				
Dragon Skin - easter					3-6									
16 Aust Venture		2-13												
Vent/Rover Environment Camp - Mt Keira Scout Camp							24-26							
Rover Scouts		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Region Rover Moot		16-18												15-17
Region Rover Council			10		14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8	
Region Rover A G M				14										
Rover - Venturer Rally						9-10								
Weekend Wide Game - Venturer/Rover/Scout												21-22		
Weekend Wide Game South - Venturer/Rover/Scout						23-24								
Jamborette											2-5			
Dragonskin					3-6									
Progressive Dinner										26				
MKSC Service weekend									8-9					
Regional Vent & Rover Caving weekend							4-5							
Regional Vent & Rover Canyoning Weekend				7-8									5-6	
St Georges Day					23									
Hike for Hunger												tba		
Hike for Hunger - Sydney												7		
Lord Mayors Picnic													31	
Branch Rover Council			13			30			1	12		21		
State Rov AGM&Conf					18-19									
Snow Moot														
State Moot														
State Rover Ball			21											
State Rover bush dance														
Uni Breaks					6-10		29	-24		28	-2			
Uni Exams							13-25					7-19		
Vent/Rover Environment Camp - Mt Keira Scout Camp							24-26							





Adventurous Activities		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Canoe/Kayaking Assessment (Bengalee)	SIS 10			7-8							31	-1		
Abseiling/rockcraft Please email the Region Office for training courses.														
Flying Fox Course - Bengalee									8-9					
Bushwalking Level 1 and level 2 See state training calendar or email the Region Office for training courses.														
First Aid		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Apply First Aid Course - Bomaderry														
Apply First Aid Course - North Wollongong														
Remote First Aid Course - Bengalee														
Remote First Aid Course - Mt Keira SC														
Leader Training, visit nsw website		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Cataract Training														
Joey Scout BST not at cataract														
Cub Scout BST									15-16					
Scout BST			7-8			16-17		25-26			24-25			
Venturer BST									15-16					
Rover BST not at cataract														
LOA BST not at cataract														
<b>ALL ADVANCED COURSES AT PENNANT HILLS</b>														
Public Holidays		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J16
Australia day / Easter		27			3-6									
ANZAC Day					25									
Queens Birthday/Lab Day							8				5			
Mother / Father Day						10				6				
School Holidays		1-27			3-19		27	-12		19	-5		20-31	1-26
Christmas Day/Boxing Day													25/26	



## Property Strategic Plan:

Following on from the request by State Office for Region to develop a strategic plan for the management of property across the Region, we have completed and submitted a plan to State at the last Chief Commissioners Council (November).

What is evident from our perspective is the size of the task at hand in bringing all properties up to standard in terms of building standards, legislative and risk management requirements. Over the coming months a program will be developed where a systematic approach will be undertaken to achieve stronger discipline concerning hall maintenance and building more substantial relationships with local government authorities in the processes of renewal of leases and licensing agreements.

Also, Region is currently managing a number of vacant properties which we are looking to either re-start Scout Groups, provide an income that will sustain the property in the short to medium term or in the case of freehold parcels establish a use or sell. Of course, the renewal of leases and licences on these vacant parcels will also be under much tighter scrutiny.

We will be advising Groups to plan for ongoing maintenance through the setting aside of a percentage of Group income to accommodate such maintenance in a sustainable way, which in turn, will ensure greater hall compliance to the required standards.

## Region Team Appointments:

I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the Region Team;

Robert Sackett	Region Commissioner, Promotion & Media
Rae Heaton	Region Commissioner, Administration
Mark Woodard	Region Leader, Venturer Scouts

Mark will be appointed Region Commissioner, Venturer Scouts once his Leader of Adults training has been completed.

Please welcome each new member of the team and we look forward to working with each of them into the future.

## Over The Edge:

I had the pleasure of attending the inaugural 'Over The Edge' event in Wollongong recently, where over 70 adventurous souls braved the 45 metre abseil descent from the roof of Wollongong City Council's Administration Building.

The event was organised and managed by Ben Low (VSL, 1<sup>st</sup> Balgownie) and his team to raise funds for Camp Quality and Scouts attending the World Jamboree in Japan.

Among the many to dare, were some notable identities in Ryan Park, MP; The Lord Mayor, Gordon Bradbery OAM, Councillors John Dorahy & George Takacs with a number of Council staff, members of the public, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders. Also in attendance was Aaron Wardle, Contingent Leader, Australian Contingent to the World Jamboree and numerous other Region and Group personnel to support the event.



Our congratulations to Ben and his team on not only conducting a professional and safe event, but also raising the awareness of Scouting in the community, while enjoying an absolutely terrific venue.

### **Mt Keira Scout Camp turns 75 years:**

November, 2015 will see the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mount Keira Scout Camp. Planning is underway to celebrate this event, so please keep your calendar open.

### **Christmas Holidays:**

As Christmas approaches and the year draws to a close, all too rapidly, we are reminded that it is a time of rest, celebration and renewal in terms of family and faith to which we all should partake. So please enjoy your break, rest and rediscover the people that support you in allowing you to participate in Scouting.

Both Deniece and I offer the Season's Greetings and Best Wishes to all involved in this wonderful game of Scouting. Our personal thanks and best wishes are extended to you and yours at this time in hope that you enjoy a happy, safe and holy Christmas and New Year period.

See you along the trail,

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I had a wonderful eight weeks touring the country in July and August this year. It reinforced to me what a great country we live in and how lucky we are to live on the south coast of NSW. Many places reminded me of the pockets of rain forest, the magnificent gorges and waterways that abound in our area. Checking out the prices for tours and involvement in various outdoor activities reminded me how fortunate the leaders and youth of our association are to be able to participate in canoeing, hiking and rock activities that would cost parents a small fortune if done through private providers.

Thank you to all the leaders that make time in their busy lives to get qualified in adventurous activities so they can take the youth out. Keep track of what you do in the outdoors by recording it in a log book. This demonstrates your currency in skills and is also nice to look back on and remember some great activities you have been involved in. Take along the new leaders and involve them in the planning, preparation and running of activities. This makes it easier for them to learn and become another valuable resource for your group.

Keep the E1 forms coming into Region Office, Scout policy states they should be submitted 14 days prior to the activity. We recognise that last minute changes may need to be made to a program for reasons of safety or availability but it shows the planning has been done and is part of the paperwork that needs to be completed.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Christmas and lots of energy to get out and about in the New Year.

**Keep the OUT in SCOUTING!**

Yours in Activities

**Jenny Pavey**

**RC Adventurous Activities SCT**

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Is your “environment” program limited to an annual clean up or tree planting day? Does your section really get in touch with their local environment? Is hiking for your troop about getting from A to B or do you take time out to take in what is around you? Don’t get me wrong, trying to fit all the various program and award scheme areas into an annual program is tough, and “Environment” is probably just another of those areas that we just don’t squeeze in.

There are lots of opportunities for your section to participate in Environmental events throughout the year with many being run by local councils and community groups. In order to assist in linking not only members from across our large region together, but also members with events in their local community, a SC&T Environment Facebook page has been set up. As information on events becomes available a post with a link is being added to the page. In the future I’m hoping that we can also encourage youth members to upload pictures of their local natural environment as well as photos of Scouts getting out and about to celebrate the environmental diversity of our region. If you know of an upcoming community environment event that isn’t up on the Facebook page, please let me know and I will include it. Follow the links from the Regional Website home page to the Facebook group.

For the first time South Coast and Tablelands Region will be holding section based Regional Environment Camps out of Mt Keira Scout Camp during 2015. Four events are planned with a joint event for Rovers and Venturers, separate events for Cubs and Scouts, with an Environment Activity Day in the planning for Joeys. Dates for the events are below and more details will be available during term 1 next year.

Joey Scouts	21 June 2015
Scouts	17-19 July 2015
Venturers and Rovers	24-26 July 2015
Cub Scouts	4-6 September 2015

There are a number of Green Dates during term 1 that could be included in your programming. How about having a Ride to Scouts night or as a Cub Pack have a go at your Weather Badge to celebrate World Meteorological Day. Most local councils hold community days for Clean Up Australia Day that groups can also get involved with.

## Term 1 Green Dates

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Clean Up Australia Day	<a href="http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au">www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au</a>
March 19 <sup>th</sup> – Ride2School Day	<a href="http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2school">www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2school</a>
March 21 <sup>st</sup> – World Forestry Day	<a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests/info/escape">www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests/info/escape</a>
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – World Water Day	<a href="http://www.unwater.org">www.unwater.org</a> / <a href="http://www.worldwaterday.org">www.worldwaterday.org</a>
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – World Meteorological Day	<a href="http://www.wmo.int">www.wmo.int</a>
March 29 <sup>th</sup> – Earth Hour	<a href="http://www.earthhour.org">www.earthhour.org</a>

Programming for the Environment doesn’t need to be complicated. It can be as simple as a Kim’s Game in the local park, or a Green Scavenger hunt on a camp.

Wishing everyone in the Region a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and hopefully I will get an opportunity to meet you at a SC&T Scout Environment event in 2015.

Yours in Green Scouting

**Alex**

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It's on again in 2015...

## ***The 65<sup>th</sup> Sirius Cup Regatta***

### **What is it?**

- a chance for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to get together at a camp based around water activities
- the Scout Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, just a hop, skip and a jump from the waters of Middle Harbour, as a tent city comes to life from Friday afternoon
- Scouts come from all around including interstate, Lake Burley Griffin, Lake Ginninderra and Lake Tuggeranong from the ACT, from the north (Belmont North, Woy Woy), from the west (Penrith) and from the south (Gerrington).

### **More Details...**

- the Sirius Cup Regatta is the premier Scout sailing regatta on the Branch calendar and it is held annually
- there are 5 divisions of sailing races
- canoeing races for Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders
- rowing events
- iron man events for all-comers
- activities for the land lubbers
- evening entertainment



### **The when and where...**

**13 to 15 March 2015**  
**Balmoral Oval/Balmoral Beach, Sydney**

For more details, please visit <http://siriuscup.webs.com/> or email [siriuscup@yahoo.com.au](mailto:siriuscup@yahoo.com.au)

**Mark it in your diary now!**



# 2015 KORIMUL GANG SHOW

## 40 YEARS

The Korimul Gang Show is back for another show in 2015. We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year and in that time we will have produced 22 Productions of this great Scouting show.

*Auditions will be held at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong hall on Sunday,  
29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - 1.00pm-5.00pm.*

Again the show is open to all members, there is no age limit, for the auditions, we are all there to have Fun and Excitement.

There will be 4 shows at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre from 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2015.

Make seeing the Korimul Gang Show part of your Programme for 2015, come on your meeting night and bring the Parents and your Committee, a Fun night out for all!

All you need to do, is buy the tickets.

I will see you all next year.

**Alan Dunmall**  
**Executive Producer - Korimul Gang Show 2015**



## REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Cast members must attend all sessions marked in bold, except for auditions where you must attend only one half hour session on one of the audition days.

DETAILS	DATE	TIME	VENUE #
Orientation Day	29 March 2015	1:00pm - 2:00pm	4TH
Auditions	29 March 2015	2:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 1	26 April 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 2	03 May 2013	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 3	10 May 2013	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 4	17 May 2013	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 5	24 May 2015	1:00pm - 4:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 6	31 May 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
<b>Rehearsal 7</b>	<b>07 June 2015</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b>	<b>4TH</b>
Rehearsal 8	14 June 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 9	21 June 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 11	28 June 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 12	05 July 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
<b>Camp</b>	<b>10 July 2015 to</b>	<b>6:30pm -</b>	<b>MKSC</b>
<b>Camp</b>	<b>12 July 2015</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>MKSC</b>
Rehearsal 14	19 July 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
Rehearsal 15	26 July 2015	1:00pm - 5:00pm	4TH
<b>Rehearsal 16</b>	<b>02 August 2015</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b>	<b>4TH</b>
<b>Rehearsal 17</b>	<b>09 August 2015</b>	<b>9:00am - 5:00pm</b>	<b>4TH</b>
Full Dress Rehearsal	15 August 2015	9:00am - 5:00pm	4TH
Full Dress Rehearsal	16 August 2015	9:00am - 5:00pm	4TH
Full Dress Rehearsal	18 August 2015	9:00am - 5:00pm	IPAC
Bump In/Tech Rehearsal	18 August 2015	9:00am - 4:00pm	IPAC
Full Dress Rehearsal	19 August 2015	6:00pm - 10:00pm	IPAC
Performance 1	20 August 2015	6:00pm - 11:00pm	IPAC
Performance 2	21 August 2015	6:00pm - 11:00pm	IPAC
Performances 3	22 August 2015	12:00pm - 4:00pm	IPAC
Performances 4	22 August 2015	6:00pm - 11:00pm	IPAC

# 4TH = 4th Wollongong Scout Hall      MKSC = Mt Keira Scout Camp  
IPAC = Illawarra Performing Arts Centre





What a fabulous year for the Cub Section.

We started with Cuboree at Cataract and the Cubs who attended experienced “Once Upon a Time” and what a GREAT TIME it was!

Thank you again to the Leaders and Parents who gave up their holidays to give the Cubs a great experience.

Our Region was present at Wollongong Australia Day Celebrations.

Each of our Districts have been holding camps, activities and events that have been well supported. Many sharing these with other Districts and Groups.

Since the beginning of 2014 we have had 37 Grey Wolf Awards in our Region.

I love seeing the Jungle Book resources they create to leave with their pack as they advance on to Scouts.

Jamborette had a few Cubs enjoy a day of buccaneer adventure. Great effort to the group's whose Cubs attended in full pirate regalia!

November has had our Cubs OUT AND ABOUT earning a badge for being out in public in uniform with their pack. Badges still available if you do an activity before the end of 2014, talk to your District Cub Leader. They are \$2.20 per badge. (camp blanket badge only)

2015 brings the 75th Anniversary of Mount Keira Scout Camp with a weekend of activities planned for November.

Region will run two Cub Scout Leadership Courses/Camps in 2015 for Cubs 9 ½ and over who show leadership potential as chosen by their Cub Leader. They will be in May at Bengalee and November at Noonamena.

Plans are being finalised for Cub day at Jamboree 2016 and more information will be out in March.

All of the Regions Cub Leaders are invited to go to the Blue Mountains for a “World Cruise” Palaver weekend in May 2015.

Please don't forget to invite your District and Region Leaders to events and camps as we thoroughly enjoy being with the Youth Members.

Remember this is their movement.

I would like to thank the Region Team and the Office Volunteers and Staff for their dedicated support and efforts for Cuboree and to me personally.

I wish all a very safe, happy and fun filled Christmas and will see you in 2014.

Good Hunting and Do Your Best.

**Sonia Clarke**

**Mang**



Cubing is never boring in Edén.....



Presentation of GWA to Edén Elliott onboard the Endeavour



# Scouts – Regional Commissioner Report



By now most troops will have conducted information nights with regard to the Jamboree. As well, most Scouts and Leaders will have decided whether or not they will be attending and plans for fundraising activities should be well under way.

When Scout Leaders have a rough idea of how many Scouts in their Troop will be attending, you should let me know your numbers through your District Scout Leader so I can start thinking about the configuration of the Jamboree Troops.

Registration and masses of other information can be found at:  
<http://www.patroltent.com/PageD.asp?p=163&m=4>

Scout Leaders must use the **Scout Leader Check List**, after a Scout submits their application to you. The **Scout Leader Check List** can be obtained from either your DSL or me. There is also a, **Group Leader Checklist**, which can also be obtained from either your DSL or me.

## Jamborette 2014 - Damsels and Desperados of the Southern Seas

The Jamborette at Moruya Showground on the long weekend in October was a tremendous success with everybody getting into the pirate theme by dressing up. The prize for the best dressed Troop was jointly awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Shellharbour and 1<sup>st</sup> Unanderra.

A huge B-R-A-V-O-O-O to all the people who helped to make this year's Jamborette such a wonderful experience for the Scouts and Cubs who attended.

## Jamborette 2015 - The Kangaroo March - Moss Vale Showground

Next year we will be doing something a little different for the Jamborette. 2015 marks the hundredth anniversary of the Kangaroo March. The Kangaroo March was a World War I recruitment march from Wagga Wagga to Sydney. Next year there will be a re-enactment of the Kangaroo March, and as it happens they will be at Moss Vale Showground at the same time as we are. So, we will be combining with the Kangaroo March for our Jamborette.

Plans and activities are still being organised and there will be more information to come in the coming months. However, Scouts and Leaders should start researching any of their ancestors who were involved in WWI and begin to try and acquire old military uniforms to dress up in.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mt Keira Scout Camp - 6 & 7 November 2015

Celebrations for the 75th Anniversary of Mt Keira Scout Camp will be held at the camp on the weekend of 6 & 7 November 2015.

Troops are hereby invited to submit a proposal to be part of these celebrations. The plan is that a *Traditional Scout Camp*, (patrol tents dining flies etc) be set up on the camping flat at Keira and that the participants build impressive looking constructions. Priority will be given to troops who will be camping in old style patrol tents and who plan to build the most spectacular structure or structures.

This activity would be a good opportunity for a Scout to implement a Medallion Project.

**ONLY THE BEST TWO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SELECTED.** That is all the room we will be allowed.

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 2015 AND SHOULD BE FORWARDED  
TO YOUR FRIENDLY REGION SCOUT LEADER.**



## **DRAFT Region Scout Calendar**

Please check the latest draft of the Region Scout Calendar, (found elsewhere in this publication) because there have been a few of changes. Please also let Aunty Kerrie or me know if you see any problems.

### **A Change to the Region Mindari - Farewell Sparky, Welcome Hawkeye**

Personally and on behalf of the Region Mindari, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Lesa Cockburn for all her help and hard work for the Southern Ranges District and our Region. Lesa has been an enormous help to me with regard to Region Scout matters and especially with the organisation of Pigskin and Jamborette.

Luckily, we are not losing Sparky to the Scout Movement, she has taken on the role as: District Leader Training, Southern Ranges District. She has assured me that we will see her at Region Scout events.

Thank you Sparky, I really have appreciated the work you have done in your District, your assistance with Region events, wise council and insight.

### **THANK YOU AND B-R-A-V-O-O-O, SPARKY!!!**

And...welcome Mark (Hawkeye) Ellis to the Region Mindari as District Scout Leader, Southern Ranges District. I look forward to working with you. I have every confidence that you will be a great member of the Region Mindari team.

## **Adventurer Cords - 2014**

Congratulations to all the Scouts listed below who have achieved their Adventurer Cord this year.

Naomi Boulten	1 <sup>st</sup> Shellharbour	January 2014
Jack Gill	1 <sup>st</sup> Moruya	March 2014
Kate Zuiderwyk	1 <sup>st</sup> Bulli	May 2014
Madeline Dower	1 <sup>st</sup> West Wollongong	June 2014
Ben Heyman	1 <sup>st</sup> Shellharbour	June 2014
Liam Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> Kiama	July 2014
Sophie Bean	1 <sup>st</sup> Illaroo	July 2014
Alex Grant	1 <sup>st</sup> Balgownie	September 2014
James Walker	1 <sup>st</sup> Moruya	October 2014
Connor Bellhouse	1 <sup>st</sup> Shellharbour	October 2014
Zac Cockburn	1 <sup>st</sup> Bungendore	October 2014
Aiden Hatton	1 <sup>st</sup> Austinmer	October 2014
Grace Cummins	1 <sup>st</sup> Keiraville	November 2014
Lachlan Page	1 <sup>st</sup> Ulladulla	November 2014





## Australian Scout Medallions

Congratulations also, to the following Scouts who have achieved the highest award in the Scout Section, the Australian Scout Medallion. B-R-V-O-O-O!!!

Liam Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> Kiama	July 2013
Kate Zuiderwyk	1 <sup>st</sup> Bulli	August 2014
Sophie Bean	1 <sup>st</sup> Illaroo	October 2014
Ben Heyman	1 <sup>st</sup> Shellharbour	November 2014
Zac Cockburn	1 <sup>st</sup> Bungendore	November 2014
Conner Bellhouse	1 <sup>st</sup> Shellharbour	November 2014
Grace Cummins	1 <sup>st</sup> Keiraville	December 2014

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a peaceful an joyful summer.

**Peter Gear**





While I was away, holidaying on the other side of the world, Greg Pearce has done an absolute sterling job of chasing up all our rovers to complete the newly compulsory training modules. This was quite a challenge as very few had access to e-learning. Thankfully this situation has recently been relieved.

Weekend Widegame ran smoothly last weekend in spite of very hot days on Friday (set up) and the Sunday. We had nearly 200 scouts, nearly 50 venturers and a total attendance of just over 300 including rovers and leaders. Many thanks go to the rovers and leaders who ran bases.

The Regional Rover Council will combine its December meeting with a weekend camp and Christmas party in Goulburn this year.

The calendar is now filled for next year and importantly includes a new Rover Venturer Rally in May - as well as the now familiar Region caving and canyoning weekends, two Weekend Widegames and much more.

We are delighted to welcome Mark Woodard as the new Regional Commissioner for Venturers and it was great to see him at a recent RRC meeting. His enthusiasm will surely help many more venturers transition into rovers for 'the best time of their lives'!

Best wishes to all for Christmas and for all of 2015

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