

JOEYS MAKE TIME TO REMEMBER

By Jenny Saberton

When they can, North Turramurra Joeys like to visit the Sphinx and Sandakan Memorial at the entrance to Ku-Ring-Gai National Park, where they can reflect on why Remembrance Day is observed. This November they were pleased to be able to get out and about and make the trip to the end of Bobbin Head Road.

It was also great fun making White Christmas to enjoy at their Christmas Party.



FAIRLIGHT/MANLY CUBS – MAKING A DIFERENCE

By Kevin Bryant

Fairlight / Manly Cubs decided to make a difference this Christmas by organising wash bags for homeless people in our local area.

We were inspired by a talk given by Community Northern Beaches Executive Director, John Kelly earlier in the year.

The Cubs brought the wash bag and suggested contents and made a personalised card along with handmade wrapping paper.

We delivered the wash bags to Community Northern Beaches at their offices in Manly and they will be given out to those in need over the Christmas period.

"The idea is a really good one and will make a difference given our homeless clients won't receive too many presents!" "We are very grateful that your group has chosen CNB to be the recipient of this donation, and the card is a great personalised touch" said representatives of the organisation.



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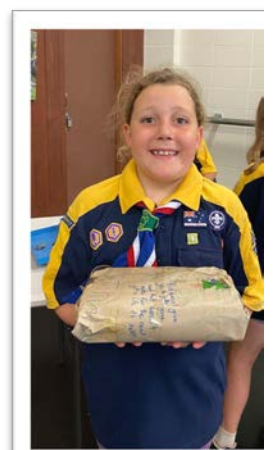
The gift



Wrapping the gift



Delivery day



1ST EAST RYDE – JOEY CHALLENGE AWARDS

By Lyn Mann

1st East Ryde had 3 Joey Challenge Awards presented on 9th December. These are our first in the new program.

The photos are from Jayden's Adventurous Journey 4km along Terry's Creek Marsfield and return via Vimiera Road. The grey skies did not worry the intrepid hikers and parents. Jayden led from the front and parents at the rear. We found a fantastic overhang cavern and beautiful waterfall. Most of us had not been on this track before so it was quite a surprise.

We are so pleased to have awarded 3 Peak Awards to Ryan, Angus and Jayden. The Joeys themselves have reflected on just how much they have grown in skills and confidence, while having heaps of fun – and their families are amazed too!



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1st TAMBOURINE BAY CELEBRATIONS

By Kim Loane

1st Tambourine Bay Sea Scouts concluded a challenging couple of years, like we all did, with the presentation of four Peak Awards. Three Queen's Scout Awards – the first in twenty-six years and a first-ever Australian Scout Medallion.

Our NSW Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM JP, presented the Queen's Scouts awards to Robert Mueller, Duncan Loane and Tim Battle at a ceremony at Tambourine Bay on Friday 3 December 2021.



When the bushfires struck, these three Venturers were halfway through their Queen's Scout program. A Venturer Award hike was rescheduled and then cancelled when the track did not re-open. A new hike was planned during the first COVID lockdown, and as soon as restrictions lifted, a hiking party was quickly put together to make sure the hike could proceed. One of the Queen's Scouts developed skills in scuba diving for his Outdoor badge, a new and exciting skill that could be scheduled around lockdown periods. Our Queen's Scout candidates spent their lockdown periods taking up all kinds of socially-distanced lifestyle and pursuit activities such as perfecting the art of making kombucha, propagating native plants from seed and refurbishing old furniture.

There have only been twelve prior Queen's Scouts awards achieved at Tambourine Bay in its 67-year history, the last being in 1995.

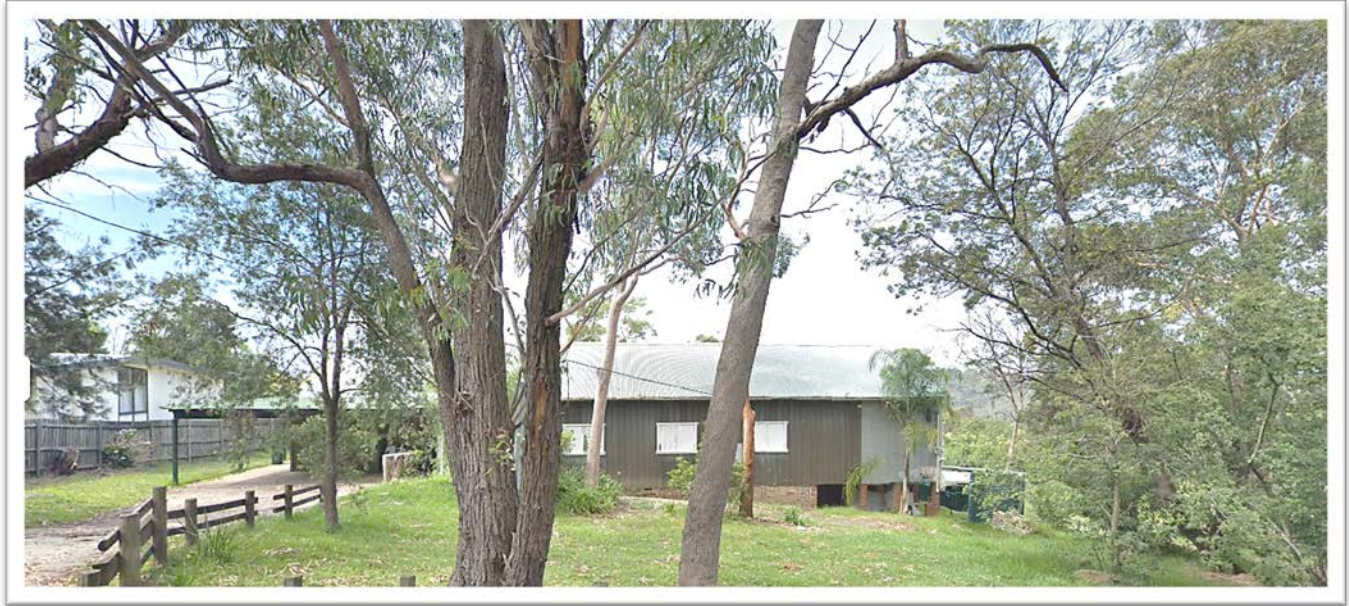
Our Turrumburra District Scout Commissioner, Matthew Brownlie, presented the Australian Scout Medallion award to Ben Butcher at a ceremony at Tambourine Bay on Monday 6th December 2021. Ben is the first-ever Scout at 'Tambo' to achieve an ASM.

Ben also completed his award in full despite facing the same challenges as the Queen's Scouts, which included a last-minute, replanning of his three-day Adventurous Journey.

The resilience of the four boys has been thoroughly demonstrated.



SCOUT HALL FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: **ARE WE FIRE SAFE READY?**



It's the time of the year when the Group need to concentrate on the extremities of their hall for Bush Fire Safety. It is also important that the members of the Group Committee are aware of their responsibilities during the year, and one of which relates to Fire Safety measures.

All Safety appliances at the Scout Hall, including portable fire extinguishers, fire blankets, smoke detectors, exit signs and emergency lighting need to be serviced every 6 months and evidence of such servicing is to be provided to Sydney North Region Office. Every 12 months the Group needs to obtain an Annual Fire Safety Statement, and again, a copy sent to S.N.Office. Usually the fire-servicing contractor who provides the Annual Fire Safety Statement will do it in a form suitable for lodgement with Local Councils and the Commissioner of NSW Fire & Rescue as required under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.

A copy of the current Annual Fire Safety Statement is required to be on displayed inside the Hall, it is also necessary for an Emergency Evacuation Plan and Emergency Contact List to be prominently displayed in the hall. Remember there are no exceptions to this requirement.

Also, don't forget the WHS P10 Hall Safety Inspections must be completed by the end of March each year, so that we continue to keep our properties Safe.

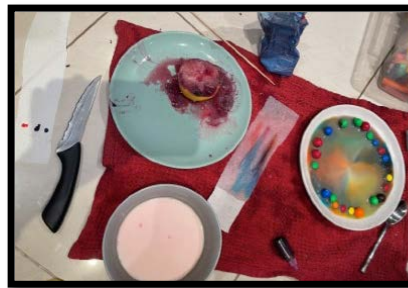
Regards
Ian Bowers
Property Team Member

2nd Gordon Joeys – our lockdown antics

By Sarah Schneider

2nd Gordon Joeys survived lockdown! And with great attendance too. We had on average 20-25 Joeys online each week.

We celebrated Naidoc week the first week of lockdown, had fun doing a virtual scavenger hunt the next and our talented singing teacher/leader ran a music and body percussion the week after that. Two Joeys and a cub then took the Joeys through a slime making activity. Following that was an 'insect' night.



A highlight for all were the 2 cooking evenings, one being pizza in a mug and the other 'Wombat biscuits'.



We had a science evening doing fun experiments, did online yoga and mindfulness one session, and a had a scary halloween night with some crafts. We were also fortunate to have a lovely representative from Sydney Wildlife do a talk with us about injured birds and Australian animals in general - excitingly, we saw a very new baby possum.



2nd Gordon Joeys started in February this year with 13 Joeys and 3 leaders. We now have 28 Joeys and 4 leaders and we're moving along nicely!

BUSH TUCKER CULTURAL DAY

By Rick Shires

The Ingleside Environment Centre Scout Fellowship team held a Bush Tucker/Cultural Day recently at Ingleside Scout Camp.

The activity was attended by over 50 Youth and Leaders, even though it rained constantly. Participants attended activities such as being led by a guide to find edible bush foods found on the site. These included various Banksia's Lomandra, Dianella, native sarsaparilla and native raspberry. Other activities included a talk on indigenous culture and cooking dampers. Thanks to all the Leaders who made it successful, Joanne made a special effort coming from Camden.



NORMANHURST SCOUT GROUP SUPPORTS FUSION.

BY Suzanne Leverton



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What a fantastic way to end the week! We just had a visit from this incredible young man, Kiyan, and his dad who dropped off all these groceries he collected on behalf of the Normanhurst Scouts . What an amazing effort! Thank you Kiyan and all who supported him in this endeavour. We are proud of you, Kiyan, for your hard work and inspiring community spirit!

#community #feedtheneighbourhood #communitypantry
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a member of Normanhurst Scout Group. As part of Scout Group's commitment to our Community I am organising a collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries to help people in our community who are doing it tough at the moment. Any items received will

Merry Christmas from Hornsby Gang Show



FIRST ROUND AUDITIONS WERE GREAT

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Hornsby Gang Show Auditions
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SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS

Ryan Cassidy
Cromer Dee Why Cub Pack

Alex and Cameron Arnold
1st East Ryde Cubs "Explorer"

SNR ROVERS – face to face breakout

By Kellie Chilvers
Region Rover Council PR

Hooray! We are finally able to meet face-to-face again! It has been very exciting to see the awesome things that all the Crews have been getting up to now that we are all out of lockdown. The National Plasma Challenge finished up at the end of October, and Sydney North Region ranked first in the region rankings, while Yaralla, Forest and Normanhurst both reached the top 10 for crew rankings!



The first day of the Region Service project went really well, with Rovers rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty to do some bush regeneration. Unfortunately, day two of the project was rained out, so look out for more information about a new date in the new year.



The Region dinner was a great success, being our first region social event in a while. The ROSCARs were announced, with Yaralla taking out Most Improved Crew, Forest earning Most Outstanding Crew, Dan Hose getting Most Outstanding Rover, The Bobbin Head Cycle Classic was named Best Service Activity, and Gordon's Roventure given the title of Best Activity. Congratulations to all those crews and individuals, you really earned it!



SNR Rovers – (Contd.)



Forests Clause for a Cause was heaps of fun! They raised \$1400 for Youth Off The Streets, all while providing an excellent night for Rovers across the Region, Amy and Naomi took out Best Dressed Individuals, while the Reindeer from MCMK and Normanhurst took out the best dressed group.



The NSW Rover Awards Ceremony was held in early December, where individuals and Crews received awards for commitment to Rovering, and outstanding service within the section.

We would like to congratulate Elyse and Courtney for receiving the Stan Bales Rover Service Award, MCMK and 2nd Gordon Rover Crews for achieving the Quality Rovering Award, as well as Charlotte, Luke, and Kate on receiving the Rover Recognition Award. The Lones Rover Crew's RA Trevor received a Silver Wattle for amazing service to the Rover section.

We look forward to more awesome events in the new year, especially Noot Noot Summer Moot in March! We can't wait to get back to your regularly scheduled Rovering now that we are out of lockdowns. We hope everyone has a great Christmas, and we are looking forward to more Rovering in the new year!



It's on again in 2022...

The 70th 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 (Gerringong).

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...

18 to 20 March 2020

Balmoral Oval/Balmoral Beach, Sydney

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Mark it in your diary now!

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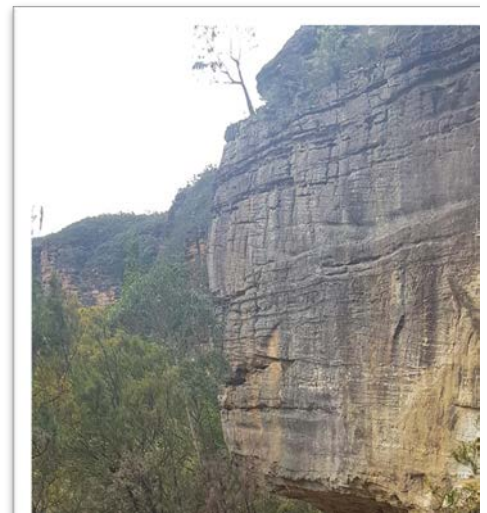
By Glenn Satchell

With a term of Zoom meetings and home schooling behind us we were keen to get out and do some hiking and camping. With the end of lockdown approaching and the easing of restrictions allowing travel within the Greater Sydney Area a plan was put in place for a weekend hike in the Blue Mountains. The destination chosen was Kedumba Creek Camp Ground, an easy walk from Kings Tablelands Rd near Wentworth Falls.

An early start from the scout hall got 16 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to the car park at the end of the fire trail. From there it's an easy downhill stroll with fabulous views to the surrounding cliffs and the flat and grassy campground.



The campsite is a former farm dating from the mid-1800s, including an old slab cottage which has been recently restored.



BROOKVALE CURL CURL KEDUMBA CREEK HIKE (Contd.)



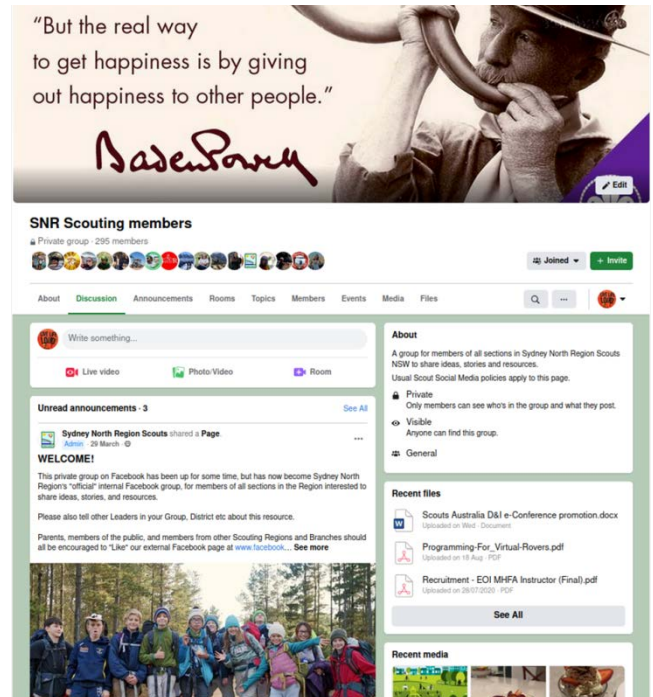
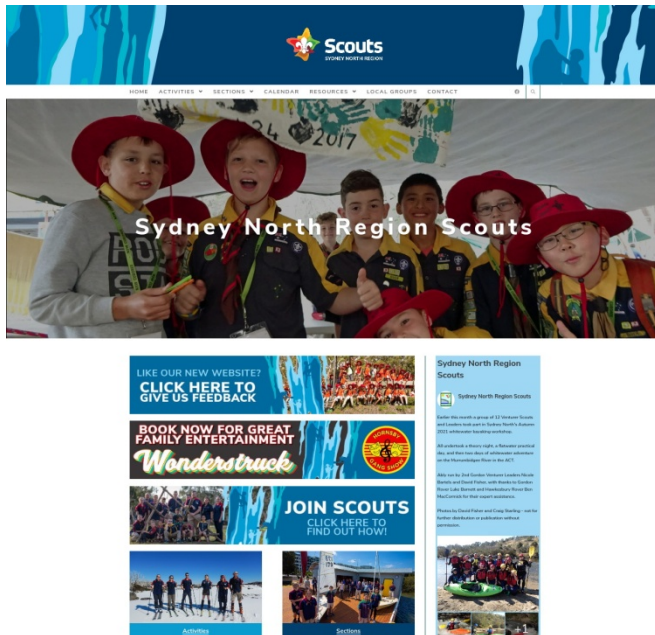
Continuing downstream takes you to the Coxs River and on to Warragamba Dam. Going upstream takes you past Mt Solitary towards Katoomba.

The path is well-graded fire trails all the way, zig-zagging down through the cliff line, with some steep sections to negotiate on the way out. Distance is around 9km from the car park to the campsite - three hours down and four hours out.

NPWS has done a great job on the campsite with fireplaces, picnic tables and chairs, plenty of firewood nearby and pit toilets. The area is huge, flat, smooth and excellent for camping under the trees. Book via the NPWS website, cost is \$6 for up to 6 people, you can make multiple bookings for larger groups. This was a great end to lockdown; the Scouts were so full of happiness just being together again. The great weekend made the hike seem like a fair price to pay.



NEW LOOK FOR SNR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE



- Sydney North Region's website has been fully updated... take a look at our new site - same familiar URL - sydneynorthscouts.com
You'll find information about all sections, activities courses, resource material, calendar dates, and much more.
And it's mobile and tablet-friendly!

Spread the word and please let Leaders, members, and others in your Group or District know.

Further enhancements coming very soon include a new online Activities Application System.

- Sydney North Region also now has a public Facebook page, to promote Scouting in our Region to the world!
See www.facebook.com/SNRScouts Please encourage parents and other supporters to "Like" this page

Content submissions for the website news blog, calendar, Facebook page, or other material can be sent to webmaster@sydneynorthscouts.com

SNR CANYON ADVENTURE – DECEMBER FUN

By Scott Osborne

After keeping a very close eye on the weather for the preceding week, the Sydney North Region December Canyon Adventure Weekend got the green light to begin!

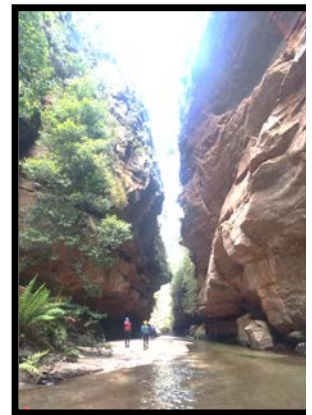
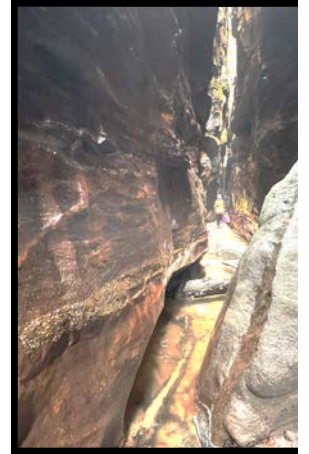
Meeting at a very misty Mt Tomah early on Saturday morning, the 22 Novices & 10 Trainee Guides were assigned into parties led by an experienced Guide, before heading up the mountains to Mt Wilson for an exciting day Canyoning!

While the weather varied depending on what side of the ridge you were on, it was great to be back in the outdoors! With names like Gobsmacker, Empress, Serendipity, Kelvinator, and Whungee Wheengee (sorry South Bowens group, but your canyon has a 'boring name') all our canyoningers knew they were in for an exciting day!

The recent wet weather had changed some of the canyons, raising water levels and making everything slippery. But on the plus side all the waterfalls were pumping, the abseils were exciting, and creeks flowing well enough to make swimming between pitches easier and the optional jumps much safer!

Enjoy these photos, and get inspired to join us on our next adventure in March!

A big thanks to Craig Stanfield for organising the weekend!



SNR LEADERS RECOGNISED

On Sunday the 5th December some of the many SNR Leaders recognised in the 2021 Awards List were acknowledged and presented with their awards. Presentations were made by Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM, JP and Region Commissioner, Kerry Griffin. Mask wearing was the order of the day so let's see if you recognise anyone.



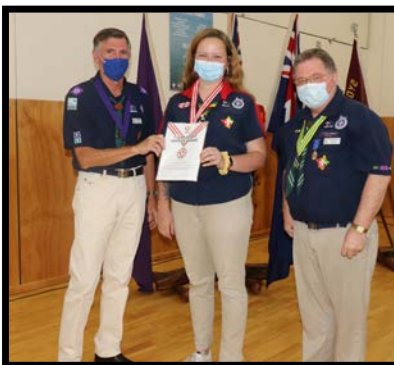
Sandra Walker



Peter Navin



Nick Buchner



Courtney Turner



Elyse Versace



Ray Becchio



Suzanne Levertton



Wesley Levertton



Claire & Peter Geary & family



I want to wish all our members, Leaders, and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. I also want to offer my thanks for all your hard work and dedication to Scouting, particularly in this past challenging year. We look forward to your continued support in 2022.

*Kerry Griffin
Region Commissioner
Sydney North Region*



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Wendy & Belinda wish every member, leader,
supporter, and their families all the joy &
happiness this holiday season has to offer. Have
a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled
with peace, joy and adventure. Looking forward
to seeing you all in the new & improved 2022.



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