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World's Greatest Shave—1st Seaforth Sea Scouts

By Sam Pickard



On the 28th of April some members of the 1st Seaforth Sea Scouts (Eddie Chapman, Jude Fell and myself, Sam Pickard) took part in the World's Greatest Shave.

The World's Greatest Shave is a fundraising event that raises money for blood cancer research and patient support, including accommodation.

One of the side effects of the treatment for blood cancer is that you lose your hair. This is why we have all shaved our heads.. As a scout group we raised \$6,300. That is enough money to fund a research project or provide accommodation for a regional family whose loved one is in hospital.

Now I have to wear a beanie - but at least that was my choice.

Going, Going.....



GONE!



Some of our girl scouts also coloured their hair
(Isla McMillan, Jessica Forster and Arabella Kuras)



Congratulations! OAM awards for Sydney North people

Mrs Norma Notley OAM, Honorary Leader (Group), 1st North Ryde Scout Group, Moocooboolah District, Sydney North Region, has been recognised “for service to youth through Scouts”. Norma has been a Leader with Scouts NSW for a record 67 years, and was awarded the Silver Emu on 1 August 2017 for further distinguished service to Scouts Australia.

Norma received her first warrant as an Assistant Cub Leader, 1st North Ryde Cub Pack in 1959, before becoming a Cub Scout Leader in 1982, and the Group Leader in 1989. In 2004, Norma was appointed Group Public

Relations Officer, and Group Adviser in 2015, a position she held for 5 years. Since 2020, Norma has been Honorary Leader (Group).

On 30 January 2021, I had the privilege of presenting Norma with the Chief Commissioner's Certificate of Appreciation for her extraordinary service and commitment to Scouts NSW. It coincided with Norma's 100th birthday, and a group of 100 youth members, Leaders and Supporters - past and present - singing her Happy Birthday, from her front lawn.

Norma is adored by youth, Leaders and Supporters alike. She is an inspiration to so many of us.



Norma Notley with the Chief Scout, NSW, Her Excellency, Margaret Beazley, AC, QC, and the Chief Commissioner, NSW, Neville Tomkins, OAM, JP

Mrs Denise Davies OAM, is the Leader-in-Charge, Heritage Scout Fellowship, Member of the NSW Trust Management Committee and State Adviser, Scouts NSW. She has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia “for service to youth through Scouts”.

Denise has contributed generously of her time and ideas to Scouts NSW. Her formal roles have included:

- Supporter with Baden-Powell Scout Centre (since 1987) - this includes fulfilling the key role of Operations Manager for the Centre as a full-time volunteer for several years
- Member, Jamboree Fund Committee (2009 – 2010)
- Branch Adviser, NSW State Headquarters (2009 – 2018)
- Committee Member, NSW Trust Management Committee (2012 – current)
- Founder and Member, Scout Heritage Fellowship (2013 – ongoing) - this includes running the Scout Heritage Museum
- Member, NSW Asset Purchasing Committee (2013)

State Adviser, NSW State Headquarters (2018 – current).

In February 2020, Denise was presented with the Silver Koala Award for her distinguished service to Scouts Australia. She has been a Member of Scouts NSW for close to 38 years. Denise is also an active and committed volunteer with Landcare giving freely of her time and ideas, as she does for Scouts NSW.

KENNETH IAN TULK**9th June, 2021**

Sadly, Kenneth Ian (Ken) Tulk passed away on Wednesday 9th June, aged 91.

Ken devoted over 45 years as an adult in Scouting, starting as a Scout Leader at 2nd Normanhurst in 1973. After two years as District Scout Leader, he returned to 2nd Normanhurst as the Group Leader for five years until 1995. Even then he remained as an Honorary Leader and joined the Hornsby Scout Fellowship in 1997, a position he held until his passing.

He was awarded the Scout Wood Badge in 1982 and the Silver Emu in 2001.

He worked at 6 Australian Jamborees and the World Jamboree in 1987 and also the first two NSW Jamborees. He was responsible for the setting up of the Australian Village for Jamborees.

Ken was a wonderful worker for Hornsby Gang Show. He joined the cast in the show's early days and took on the roles of Finance Manager and Guest Liaison Manager in recent years. There are those who will remember countless nights when he and his wife, Laurie opened their home for Management meetings and delicious suppers.

A great sewer and handyman, there are many 2nd Normanhurst Scouts and Hornsby Gang Show members who still proudly wear the scarves Ken happily produced.

Ken will be sorely missed by Laurie, his daughters Lindy and Meg and their families and all of us who knew and loved him.



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April 2022



Cub Scouts, Sleep Out to Help Out....

By Kevin Bryant

Fairlight Manly Cubs held a fundraising sleep out to buy special beds for the local homeless community.



Cub Scouts from Fairlight Manly Pack have had a taste of what it's like to sleep rough.

The Cubs slept in sleeping bags on cardboard boxes at (newly renovated) Manly Scout Hall to raise money for homeless people on the Northern Beaches.

They were treated to a BBQ breakfast after their nights sleep.

The money raised will be used to purchase a number of Backpack Beds which will be distributed to local homeless people via [Community Northern Beaches](#) (CNB), based at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, 52 Raglan Street.

It felt good to help the Homeless Outreach Program.

CNB is so close to our Scout Hall but we had no idea about the amazing work they do. It's great for the Cubs to do something so tangible, to make a difference — to be literally helping out their neighbours through their efforts.

CNB Executive Director John Kelly said: "It's great to see such a level of engagement in these children. The Backpack Beds will be really helpful and the kids should be proud of themselves for wanting to help out."

So far, the campaign has raised **\$1,137**, which is enough to buy 9 beds. The Cub Scouts hope to buy 15.

To help CNB buy more beds [click here](#)

Take a look at the at the fun activity it turned out to be.



Cub Scouts, Sleep Out to Help Out.... (Contd.)



1st East Ryde Joeys Go Camping

By Lyn Mann

With much excitement, 1st East Ryde Joeys had their first Unit Camping experience towards their Camping Stage 1 badge. Previously, we had prepared well by erecting and packing away hike tents in our Scout Hall, talking about camp etiquette and setting up a practice camp leading up to our actual Camp.

Many Joeys constructed and lit their own small fire, which then was combined into the main campfire for Saturday night's singalong.

All the Kangaroos (ie parents of Joeys) had a great time too. Several were also camping for the first time. Everyone participated in the Camp Roster so the tasks were shared around.

We encouraged the Joeys to help with as many camp tasks as possible, because their parents are not servants!

We extend our thanks to Haggis and 1st Boronia for the use of their wonderful hall and grounds. For our first timers, it was good to be close to home and still feel like we were miles away. We'll be back.

Hop Hop Hop

Mokee, One Tonner, Emu and Kanga



2nd Turramurra Cub Scouts—back to basics

By Alan Bourne

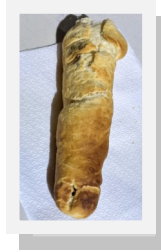
2nd Turramurra Cub Scouts enjoyed a fabulous night recently, preparing and cooking damper twists on a stick. It was an opportunity to tick some boxes in the Cub Scout record book. Outdoor cooking is just one element in OAS core subjects - *Bushcraft* and *Camping*.

Hygiene and safety were discussed first and then each patrol set about preparing the damper mix, rolling it out flat and cutting strips to wrap around their sticks.

The two fireplaces had been prepared earlier, so by the time the Cubs were ready to cook we had two fireplaces aglow with hot coals (and no flames). The twists took about 15 to 20 minutes to prepare and 10 minutes over the hot coals to cook. The Cubs filled the twists with Nutella or jam before consuming.

No one thought to ask the Cubs to make a few for us leaders too, so alas, we missed out.

Final task for the night was to clean up.



UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES. FOR ALL.

SCOUTS Australia offers unlimited opportunities, however financial difficulties can make it difficult for some young people to access the program.

At NSW Scouts, we believe that everyone should be given the same opportunities, so in 2017 we established the Family Support Fund. This ensures youth from families of financially disadvantaged backgrounds, or who are experiencing financial stress, can participate fully in Scouting.

Please help us to help families in need. Every dollar you can donate will go directly to a disadvantaged youth member. To donate, or for further information, please visit:

www.nsw.scouts.com.au/familysupportfund

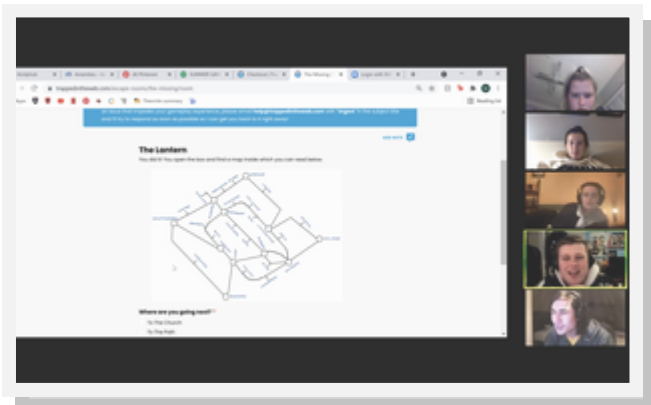


SNR Rovers—locked down but not locked up!



By Kellie Chilvers
Region Rover Council PR

Well, we are back to another set of online meetings as we face another lockdown. It's great to see crews adapting to this 'new normal' and still putting together fun nights for their Rovers. Kissing Point joined with Yaralla and Kananga for a baking lesson taught by one of their crew members. MCMK has done virtual escape rooms, where they worked as a team to solve puzzles and clues to solve a murder case. Platabeen all made PowerPoint presentations on some niche topic areas which they presented to their fellow crew members.



We are extremely saddened to hear the Hornsby Gang Show had to be cancelled after just two shows. The Rovers involved all put 110% into the shows, both in cast and backstage crew. We missed out on Rover night this year, but that makes us even more excited for next year's show.



SNR Rovers—(Contd.)

Before the lockdown began, Kissing Point and MCMK both completed some awesome service activities. Kissing Point participated in The Push Up Challenge, where they are aiming for 7500 push-ups in 25 days; all while raising vital funds and awareness for Lifeline. Amazing work Tom, Toby, Patrick and Fiona!



MCMK went to work at a local childcare centre, fixing up the gardens for a veggie patch and a mud kitchen. We have heard that the children are absolutely loving their new play spaces.

Keep an eye out for all the activities coming up post-lockdown! The rest of 2021 is going to be great, stay safe!



2021 Venturer Environment Camp

By Rick Shires

Ingleside Environment Centre Scout Fellowship held an Environment Camp for Venturers 25th-27th June at Ingleside Scout Camp. Venturers from Asquith, East Ryde, Castle Hill and Seaforth attended. An activity on bottled water was held on Friday night.



Bush regeneration and erosion control was discussed followed by practical demonstrations. This led to Venturers continuing work outlined in the Bushland Management Plan written by LandCare for Ingleside Scout Camp.

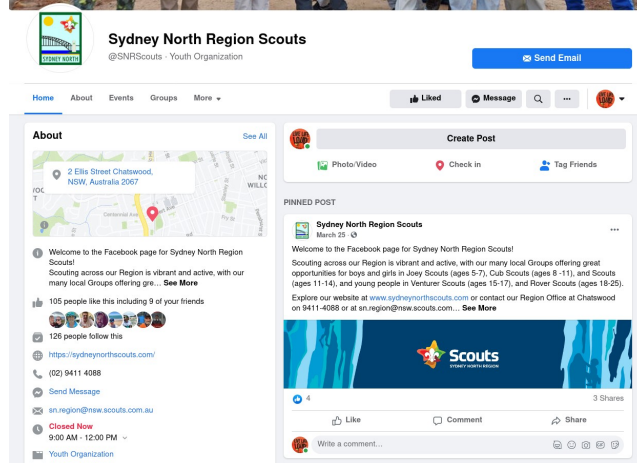
Water monitoring and a macro-invertebrates survey followed by conducting a survey of macro-invertebrates enables you to find out how healthy your waterway is.



During the water monitoring activity on Saturday afternoon further COVID restrictions were implemented and unfortunately, remaining activities had to be postponed till another time.

The interest and enthusiasm shown by the Venturers and Leaders made the camp a success even though it had to be cut short.

NEW LOOK FOR SNR WEBSITE AND NEW 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

- Finally, all Leaders and other adult members are reminded about the Region's closed Facebook group, *SNR Scouting members* - www.facebook.com/groups/snrscouting This is an internal group for members of all sections in the Region to share ideas, stories, and resources. If you have not joined it already, do it today!



HORNSBY GANG SHOW - We made it!

Two fantastic shows and then it was all over. Sad, that we didn't finish our much awaited 2021 season but glad, that at least we were able to come together to rehearse and share the wonderful Gang Show spirit and at least we got to perform two shows.



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Cubs and Joeys

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Make it an interesting unit activity and
send your entries to:
Amanda.Muxlow@nsw.scouts.com.au



2nd Gordon Cubs helping Sydney Homeless

By Javier Christie

The Cubs at 2nd Gordon are used to throwing curve balls at Leaders, having been youth led for many years. When it comes to planning activities, there is usually no shortage of ideas, or limits to what they want to try. However, it still came as a surprise that the Cub Unit Council voted on and agreed to undertake a community project in Term Two.

After much deliberation and advice from parents the Cubs decided they wanted to help Sydney's most needy. Given it is now winter, they chose to help the homeless rough sleepers who often went hungry and cold. 'Sydney Street Kitchen' was selected as the organisation to partner with. Unlike many charitable organisations who mostly focus on monetary donations, Sydney Street Kitchen allowed the Cubs to actively participate in caring for the homeless. This was the main pull factor for the Cubs, as it meant that every Cub could contribute and had a role to play.

A call went out to parents to donate food. Cub parents graciously donated a small mountain of ingredients that the Cubs had requested. Thanks to their generosity, the Cub's plan could now be put into action. This plan was to assemble take away 'Breakfast Packs', so that the homeless could take them to eat whenever hunger struck. These packs were chosen, as it was well within their capability to make, being kids. It consisted of Weet-Bix bars, loose sultanas, long life milk, a chocolate muesli bar and a spoon to eat it with. All of this was packaged in a takeaway container.



Once the ingredients were dropped off, the Cubs gathered in the Scout Hall the week before these packs were to be distributed. They met an hour before the regular Monday Cub meeting to put their plan of action into place. Tables were arranged to facilitate a production line. The aim was to make as many Breakfast Packs as time and ingredients would allow.

As Cub Leaders, we have never seen such focus to an activity. Cubs rolled up their sleeves, gloves on and just got on with what needed to be done. They did not stop 'till the ingredients ran out and almost all worked in silence. It was clear they knew their actions were going to directly help someone in greater need. There was an immense sense of pride in their work.

By the end of the hour, the Cubs had packed 180 Breakfast Packs! This was well beyond expectations as the target was 100. There was a huge sense of achievement amongst them. By working together, they managed to achieve something none of them would have thought possible a term earlier.

The packs were driven to the city by a couple of parent volunteers. The Cubs diligently handed out the Breakfast Pack to the homeless men and women on the evening of May 29th in Martin Place. Hundreds had gathered there to grab a meal and take anything being donated. The Cubs saw firsthand the gratitude on people's faces as they gave out each pack with pride. They also got the



2nd Gordon Cubs helping Sydney Homeless (Contd.)

opportunity to speak with many of the homeless. Quite a few had commented that this was the first time they had seen Scouts on the streets helping the homeless. By the end of the night all 180 packs were gone.



Well done to the Cubs and the parents who whole heartedly supported this cause. They have made us Leaders at 2nd Gordon proud. Now that the community spirit fire has been lit, we are confident the Cubs will follow on to do many more such activities in terms to come.

Training calendar – Scouts NSW Division

To book into any class phone St John Ambulance, **quote the course number** and say you are a member of Scouts.

Class numbers may vary according to Covid-19 restrictions

Note to Venturers: Venturers or older Scouts who plan to go to Dragon Skin 2022 that each Patrol **MUST** include at least one person with a current first aid certificate. We only have limited spaces in courses in term one, so it is always a good idea to avoid the rush and enrol in a course before Christmas.



Date	Day	Course Type	Course Number	Loca-
15/8/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning	121.4.PF1.AU15.SMOUN	Barra Brui
11/9/21	Sat.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day1 OR 1-day emergency care course	121.4.PF2.SE11.SMOUS (Provide first aid) 121.4.EF1.SE11.SMOUS (Emergency Care)	Kingsgrove
12/9/21	Sun	Provide First Aid 2-day course	(re-scheduled from July)	
19/9/21	Sun	day one of Remote first aid	121.4.PF1.SE19.SMOUN 121.4.FAR.SE19.SMOUN (re-scheduled from July)	Barra Brui
25th- 26th /9/2021.	Sat-Sun	day two and three of Remote first aid (note – first weekend of school holidays)	121.4.FAR.SE19.SMOUN (re-scheduled from July)	Barra Brui
17/10/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning	121.4.PF1.OC17.SMOUN	Barra Brui
13/11/21	Sat.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day1 OR 1-day emergency care course	121.4.PF2.NO13.SMOUS (Provide First Aid) 121.4.EF1.NO13.SMOUS (Emergency care)	Kingsgrove
14/11/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 2-day course		
20/11/21	Sat.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning (Scouts) OR Provide F/A Remote Situation day 1 (Scouts)	121.4.PF1.NO20.SMOUN (Provide first aid - Scouts) 121.4.FAR.NO20.SMOUN (Remote first aid - Scouts)	Barra Brui
21/11/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning (bushwalkers) OR Provide F/A Remote Situation	121.4.PF1.NO21.SMOUN (Provide first aid - bushwalkers)	Barra Brui
27/11/21	Sat.	Provide F/A Remote Situation (Scouts and bushwalkers) day 2	121.4.FAR.NO20.SMOUN (Remote first aid - Scouts)	
28/11/21	Sun.	Provide F/A Remote Situation (Scouts and bushwalkers) day 3	121.4.FAR.NO21.SMOUN (Remote first aid - bushwalkers)	

Hello Leaders,

I am very excited to begin this new role of SN Regional Commissioner—Environment. Enjoying the outdoors and Environment Education are a big part of my professional and personal life and I would like to begin by finding some like-minded people who would be interested in joining my SNR Environment Team.

I understand that a number of dedicated leaders have been involved at Ingleside Environment Camp over the years and I welcome your passion and expertise from the years of experience. I would also like to open up the invitation to other Leaders who have a passion for the environment.

My role will involve supporting the seven Districts of SNR, I won't be able to do it alone. The Environment Team would help to support me by:

- Building resources to support Scouts in Environmental projects and initiatives;
- Helping to plan and run environment initiatives at District and Regional events (such as camps or ScoutHike)
- Making connections with local organisations and community groups with an environment focus;
- Visiting Groups within your District to educate them in environmental initiatives and support local projects.

If you are interested in joining the SNR Environment Team, please send me an email to briefly introduce yourself and let me know how you would benefit the team. My email is Kathy.Jones@nsw.scouts.com.au

If you are part of a business or local community organisation with an environmental focus I would also love to hear from you, as we may be able to come up with some innovative ways to support Scouts in the future.

Looking forward to hearing from you,



Kathy Jones
Assistant Scout Leader, 2nd/3rd Pennant Hills
Regional Commissioner—Environment
Sydney North Region

Attention: Venturers, Rovers and young Leaders

Undertaking an Apprenticeship in Carpentry, Electrical, Landscaping, Concreting, Plumbing, Horticulture, Environment and looking for Work Experience? Maybe you are looking for General Labouring Experience!

Sydney North Region is calling for *expressions of interest* from Venturers, Rovers and Leaders from across the Region to work in a volunteer role with the Warden Team at Ingleside Scout Camp to enrich the Camp across many areas.

Ingleside is a Region campsite within the metro area of the Sydney North Region with various facilities to support the Youth Program. While Ingleside has a focus on the environment, the camp offers other exciting opportunities as well as supporting general Scouting activities across all Sections.

We are looking for Venturers, Rovers and Leaders who are interested in volunteering at the Camp while working through apprenticeship and/or work experience opportunities.

If this is a role that suits you and you are looking for experience within these types of areas, please submit your *expression of interest* by email with an outline of your interest area and your personal objectives relating to this role. Please send your email to Randall Jones, Regional Commissioner Activities Centres, at randall.jones@nsw.scouts.com.au when you are ready to take action. This opportunity will always be open if the timing is not right at the moment, so please keep it in mind!

For all enquiries, please forward an email to Randall at randall.jones@nsw.scouts.com.au or call during the evening on 040 974 3254.



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