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KEEPING A FAMILY TRADITION

By Rick Shires



Recently, Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins, presented Zac from Elanora Heights Scout Group with his Grey Wolf Award, the Peak Award for Cub Scouts. Due to Covid-19 restrictions Zac's presentation was delayed for close to a year.

Grey Wolf Awards are a goal for Zac's family members to achieve. Older sister Monique and older brother Jake have both gained their Grey Wolf awards.

Following Zac is younger sister Lacy who is also striving to gain her Grey Wolf award, without expectations from the family. Mum Emma is a Cub Scout Leader.



Pictures: Neville Tomkins presents Zac with his Grey Wolf award.

1st Elanora Hts. Honour board

Zac with Toby—his Group Leader

ROVENTURE 2021: VOYAGE FOR A VACCINE



I know what you first thought when hearing the idea for this year's Roventure. Voyage for a Vaccine, what even is that? It's not a camp anymore? How will any of this work? And yet, this wacky, wild idea somehow turned into one of the best Roventures anyone had been to in a long time (according to the participating rovers and venturers themselves!) On Sunday the 28th of February, approximately 150 venturers and rovers from around Sydney North Region took to Sydney Harbour in search of the one and only: COVID Vaccine. Their voyage took them from Cockatoo Island to the city, then up North to Milsons Point and all the way East to Watsons Bay. Teams were required to complete difficult, exciting and entertaining challenges on their journey, and as I'm sure you can see from the photos, had a lot of fun in doing so.

One of the activities (undoubtedly the best one of all) had Crunits travel to the Botanical Gardens to meet the organisers; 2nd Gordon Rover Unit, who then led the teams through a series of challenges involving lots of Oreos and snakes. Throughout the day, the Gordon Rovers were greeted by excited, smiling groups, although there was the occasional team who were exhausted from running around Sydney Harbour all day. Comments from Rovers and Venturers that visited the base included "pretty sick day" and "very lit". Venturers really enjoyed "exploring Sydney city", "completing the puzzles" and "getting to know the Rovers really well over the course of the day". But everyone agreed that the best part of the day was being able to sabotage other Crunits by taking secret selfies with their unsuspecting group, creating some fun and exciting rivalries between the different teams. Roventure was undoubtedly an amazing bonding experience for venturers and rovers that will help to establish a closer relationship between these two sections in Sydney North for years to come.

However, there could only be one winner. So, a big congratulations to the Crunit from Forest Rovers and Belrose Venturers who took out the win!!



2nd Gordon Rover and Venturer Crunit



The winning team from Forest Rovers and Belrose Venturers with their pirate-themed skin

But what if you missed out on this awesome day? Not to worry, I am sure that Roventure 2022 will be just as incredible! Will the organising Crew continue the Voyage for a Vaccine theme? Or will they come up with their own crazy idea? Make sure to keep in touch with your linking rover crew and stay tuned for more info coming in 2022!

By Charlotte Mason

SAILORS BAY MURAL

By Adrian Spragg

Correction!

In the December Compass this beautiful artwork was attributed to Artist, Hugues Sineux when it was actually created by Sophi Odling

A special thank you to Anthony, who removed the redundant light cabinet above the panic door, and dragged the 75 forward back onto the concrete now that Xmas trees are over. With minor repairs and the walls pressure cleaned we were ready on Monday, for Sophi Odling 0409 484262, to work her magic. Sophi spent all Tuesday prepping the wall and returned for 2 hours the next morning, so it looked like the picture below. Sophi then returned the next week to complete the mural over 3 days.

A pity about the hole in the wall left of the panic door.



After three days the wall is transformed

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April 2022



2nd GORDON JOEYS-HOPPING ALONG

Sarah Schneider

20 little Joeys are now part of the newest section of 2nd Gordon Scouts and are happily hopping and singing along.

Our first night consisted of the opening ceremony, a fun relay game followed by the erection of a huge tent. We ended off with our new J-O-E-Y-S song (sung to the tune of Bingo), the closing ceremony and the all important handing out of our Joeys mascot - one well behaved Joey gets to look after 'Joey' until the following week.

Night two was an indoor hockey game with a bean bag which was a real hit. We then had the Joeys learn the directions of the compass. Programming the light-up BeeBots afterwards was a real highlight.

On founders night, we celebrated Lord Baden Powell with left handed photo 'leaves' on a tree, 'Wood Badge' bead necklaces and by going through the Scouting promise. The Joeys took it all in (we hope!) in earnest after an exciting game of Rob the Nest.

Our fourth evening is to be the much anticipated fishing outing to Bobbin Head. We're also going to be meeting up with the 2/3 rd Lindfield Joeys for a community service activity for Clean Up Australia Day.

We've had invaluable help from the 2nd Gordon Cubs each week. And we're soon to go from 3 leaders to 4 meaning we'll be able to take on a few more Joeys from the waiting list.



Our new Joey flag being displayed with pride



Flag Parade is serious business



Hornsby Heights “Drop Bears”

By Larissa Tompsett

1st Hornsby Heights ‘Dropbears’ kicked off 2021 with their long-awaited Survival Camp on the 19-21st February at Camp Windeyer.

The event was preceded by a 3 week lead up of activities and challenges, where Tribes were given the opportunity to earn Dropbear dollars as they practiced survival fire lighting, knots and lashing and shelter building. Revised first aid skills and compared survival kits, even preforming a bag tetris by placing their belongings on their towel - bumper for those that packed a small trek towel. We also auctioned off some travel essentials like paddles and barrels for those who thought they might need them.



On Friday afternoon, Scouts arrived for the first challenge in the carpark at Crosslands Reserve. In order to get to camp, they needed a canoe, which was locked on the trailer, and the key was frozen in a large block of ice, too

easy! Now to get your tribe and their gear across the river with only 1 canoe - I bet the tribe who bought the paddles was happy with their purchase!

On arrival at camp, Tribes were issued with the next challenge - to stake their claim



on a base camp, take their food and equipment issue and set up their shelters. This took quite a while as most Scouts struggled with the concept of sleeping under a tarp in a tent inner with no poles or pegs.

With the weather prediction not looking good, it was decided we would offer each tribe the option to buy their poles and fly's back from us, with their earned Dropbear dollars, at Survivor auction that night, and then we continued with selling many other luxury items such as toilet rolls, saws, solar lights, additional matches and more.

Saturday morning dawned with a heavy dew but turned into a sunny day. We were feeling grateful for those fly's at this point and the opportunity to purchase more items from the Survivor shop - newspaper, hats, fire lighters and a very expensive gas stove (DB\$500 was the asking price).

The first activity was a construction challenge to make a



Hornsby Heights “Drop Bears” (Contd.)

washstand that would hold 2 basins of water, the prize -watermelon. There were many disasters, but the Red Tribe won with a sturdy piece that wouldn't break your back to stand at.

The next activity was a Scavenger hunt organised by James our Unit Leader, looking for puzzle pieces that formed a campsite map which revealed a secret. The prize - a BBQ chicken and poppers for Green Tribe.

We followed this by a Unit expedition onto the river to invest our new young Leader 'Bubbles' on a giant pink flamingo. It was great opportunity to cool off before lunch.



After lunch tribes participated in a water torture endurance challenge, where they were asked to plug a small hole in a plastic bottle - again sounds easy, right? Until we started offering bribes and challenges to leave their bottle. This process took 90 min to whittle down to a winner who walked away with chips and cordial for Blue Tribe.

After a short break, the next challenge was issued - a food challenge organised by Alex our Unit Leader. This again was a test of endurance and perseverance as each round of food got worse. It started off with liquorice, olives and capers, but moved very quickly to spam, tree fungus and raw Brussel sprouts, and then one step further to snails, mealworms and cicada shells. With 4 Scouts left and only one winner allowed, a survivor salad was made as the final challenge - congratulations to Yellow Tribe for a very determined Tribe Leader who desperately wanted the pasta bolognese for dinner.

After dinner the leadership team went missing, so the challenge was issued to hunt them down. What was each Leader worth? Catch as many as you can to find out! After alliances were formed and search parties made several passes of the campground, all leaders were found and their value revealed - eggs, bacon, hash browns, milk, fresh bread, sauces and maple syrup - The tribes ate well for breakfast!

Sunday morning was a drizzly start but quickly cleared into a warm and humid day. After our delicious breakfast we met in the bush chapel for Tribal Council (Scouts own), instead of voting people out we celebrated our strengths. Lead by James, all notes posted into the nomination box were read out with many names appearing multiple times.



Following directly afterwards was the final camp challenge, a journey through the obstacle course while nursing a leaky bottle of water. This was challenging while going over and under things and traversing muddy swamps. Red Tribe celebrated with chocolate cake for morning tea.

It was now time to start packing up and dismantling shelters, the ferry service started early getting gear back across the creek, with Tribes offered a second canoe and paddles if they had their campsite inspected first. Yellow Tribe enjoyed a relaxed and dry journey.

To close of the camp, dollars counted, scores were tallied, and idol values revealed to produce the winning tribe - Red Tribe was very gracious splitting their loot with the rest of the Unit.

While the camp was a success and a glorious return to unit camping, it would not have been possible without the support of our 3 Unit Leaders. Alex, Nicola and James opted to join the Leadership team rather than join a tribe and rose to the challenge with activity preparation, and leadership. The adults didn't touch the BBQ all weekend and had very little to do with the shopping and menu preparation with Nicola managing this process as her ASM project. There may also have been a revelation of what crazy things leaders might get up to when the Scouts aren't paying attention.

Can't wait for the next adventure.





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ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES



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SNR Rovers—Marching into 2021

By Lucie Malone
RRC PR Co-ordinator



Just as we thought 2020 was behind us, 2021 wanted some action as well!!! Welcome to the new year with new restrictions for a hand-full of our region's Units. Activities over the Christmas period once again returned online for our Northern Beaches Fam with summer plans cancelled or again postponed, meaning many Christmas and New Year celebrations continued well into January region-wide. In other areas of the region, summer



favourites were still possible, just with revised social distancing precautions. Canyoning and hiking were indeed popular, followed by the classic beach or outdoor summer games, which saw units soak up the summer sunshine. Restrictions eventually eased with jam-packed Unit camps occurring left, right and centre. Kissing Point Rovers enjoyed a cheeky south coast road trip while Normanhurst camped at Barrington Tops and Platabeen at Austinmer, just to name a few.

Despite the sad news of DeMOOTcracy, Dragon Skin and even Scout Hike's cancellation, the excitement of Gordon's Roventure was felt by all. The pirate-themed scavenger hunt saw mixed teams of both Rovers and Ventures from across the region fight it out for the title as they sailed the seas of Sydney Harbour. A massive congratulations are to be given to Forest Rovers and Belrose Ventures, who proved unstoppable, securing the win, along with Gordon for organising a much-needed region event, helping the rekindling of morale and motivation region-wide.

Additional noteworthy events saw the Sydney North Region team run the final ever Rover Section specific BPS course – a bittersweet moment for all.



SNR Rovers—Marching into 2021



As AGM season is upon us, the region as a whole is beginning to reflect on what a year the 2020/21 period has been for Sydney North Rovers. From the couch-based superheroes of early 2020 to the newly inspired and energised Rovers of 2021, the want embracing all activities and opportunities available with innovation and tenacity is clearly visible. With jam-packed programs and new idea's galore, the Rovers are undoubtedly excited to see what is next. Whether that be the 2022 Irish World Moot, the Bogon Rover Chalet July adventure or merely the Australian Day Clean up actives planned across the next few weeks, a desire to embrace scouting and what it has to offer is certainly stronger than ever. I mean, what else can 2021 throw at us??



A GOOD DEED BY-MCMK

By Peter Marshall

Running Scout and Guide activities is not without its challenges at the best of times but throw in COVID and the requirements for social distancing and other limitations, the mission is all the more difficult. And so it has been for Hornsby Gang Show who's 2020 season was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 and 2021 has started with the need to do things differently to be compliant with COVID regulations.

Hornsby Gang Show's normal rehearsal venue at South Hornsby is usually a great home for the Scouts and Guides of the Gang, where they can meet, rehearse and prepare for the season ahead but it is space limited and the square metre rulings significantly limited the numbers that could attend the venue at any one time. This would mean that in order to keep the cast and crew safe and compliant the cast could not rehearse together which is not ideal for a cast of 80 trying to work together to produce an exciting show for 2021. This forced us to find alternate locations for rehearsals to ensure we had the space needed to properly prepare the cast whilst keeping COVID safe.

To our rescue has come **Mount Colah/Mt Kuring-gai Scouts** and **Mt Colah Guides** who have given a temporary home to Hornsby Gang Show for a significant portion of the 2021 rehearsal schedule in



their large combined hall in a fantastic location with indoor and outdoor areas to spread the cast. Add the benefit of being conveniently located next door to a Council facility that provided even more space and the Scouts and Guides of Hornsby Gang Show are excited with the show that is coming together. Without this generous support of **Mount Colah/Mt Kuring-gai Scouts** and **Mt Colah Guides** the job of preparing the cast for the 2021 season would have placed a significant burden on the production and support teams. Hornsby Gang Show would like to acknowledge both of these groups and give a big **"BRAVO"** to thank them for their unwavering support.



Gang Show rehearsing safely at MCMK

A GREAT BUNCH DO JOEY/CUB TRAINING

By Lyn Mann

It was a Joey/Cub basic course at 1st East Ryde hall on 13 and 20 Feb and run by myself, Sam Wood and Lindy Muir. What a great bunch of people and how lucky their Joeys and Cubs are to have such enthusiastic new leaders!



Bubble Cups are always a big hit with kids of all ages!

Terrey Hills Scouts reduce their carbon footprint

By David O'Bryen

The Scout Law requires Scouts to "Care for others and the environment", so at Terrey Hills Scouts, we were delighted to participate in a Federal Government initiative that has enabled us to have 19 solar panels and a solar battery installed at the Hall. The system has made us self-sufficient for power and current plans to interconnect the Guide Hall will see both halls relying on solar for all of their energy needs.

Excess production is fed back into the grid, so next time you switch on an electric appliance, you might just be using energy produced by 1st Terry Hills Scout Group.



Sydney North Region Scouts
and Guides present



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**25 June - 3 July
2021**

**Scouts and Guides on stage in a
musical variety show!**

Friday - 25 June 2021- 7.30pm
Saturday - 26 June 2021- 2.00pm & 7.30pm
Sunday - 27 June 2021- 3.00pm
Wednesday - 30 June 2021- 7.30pm
Friday - 2 July 2021- 7.30pm
Saturday - 3 July 2021- 2.00pm & 7.30pm

**Pioneer Theatre -
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Tickets at
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* Adults - \$27.00
* Concession/Children - \$22.00
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Wonderstruck

Wonderstruck Tickets are on Sale!

The tickets for this years show are officially **on sale** so it's time to mark your calendar and let your unit, friends and family know how they will be Wonderstruck by our show!

Ticket prices for this years show are:

- Adults \$27.00
- Child / Concession \$22.00 (children under 17, students, concession)

Plus booking and processing fee

Order tickets at: www.gangshow.com/buy-tickets



PERFORMANCE DATES AT:

**PIONEER THEATRE
14 PENNANT ST, CASTLE HILL**

- Friday 25 June 2021—7.30pm
- Saturday 26th June 2021—2pm and 7.30pm
- Sunday 27th June—3pm
- Wednesday 30 June—7.30pm
- Friday 2 July—7.30pm
- Saturday 3 July—2pm and 7.30pm



KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT RAFTS LAUNCHED ON NARRABEEN LAKE

By Leah Fisher

Sunday 21st February 2021 started as a drizzly Sunday morning, on the banks of Narrabeen Lake where 122 Scouts formed twelve crews gathered for the annual Ku-ring-gai District Raft Challenge, supported by twenty-five leaders. Raft Challenge 2020, which was held following extreme flooding of the Lake was a distant memory. This Raft Challenge was the first time that the District had gathered together face to face in twelve months, due to the Coronavirus Virus Pandemic of 2020 and 2021.

Raft captains and crew had planned with their troops in the preceding weeks to deliver eight rafts with traditional construction methods and six innovation rafts, the highest number ever entered. Documented planning was one of the six judged categories, resulting in a four way tie with perfect scores.

There was an air of competitiveness, trepidation and excitement as the Scouts constructed their rafts and donned their themed costumes. Some Scouts were clearly confident, others terrified, varying depending on the confidence of the Scouts in their ability to construct and race their chosen designs. Scout leaders stood by and watched, hoping that their Scouts had learnt the leadership, team work and Scout Craft lessons that they'd been working with the Scouts in the previous months.

This year we simplified the scoring system and more closely aligned it with the new youth Program.

The day ended with sunshine and many happy Scouts, Leaders and parents.



2nd Turramurra—Submarine Crew

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT RAFTS LAUNCHED ON NARRABEEN LAKE **Contd.**

Overall Score Winner – Raft Challenge Trophy - 1st Pymble Scout Unit - Rolling Airlines

First in Traditional division 2nd Gordon Scout Unit / The Pog

First in Innovation division 1st Pymble Scout Unit / Rolling Airlines

No.	Score Attribute	Units / Raft / Captain
1	PLAN: Idea preparation and planning	5-way tie
2	DO: Collaboration (Leadership, Teamwork, Sportsmanship)	2 nd St Ives / Rayne / Amy T
3	DO: Traditional Scout Skills	1 st Turramurra / The Forklift / Alana L
4	DO: Innovation (Originality, Simplicity, Sustainable use of materials)	2 nd Gordon / The Wooden Titanic / Will S
5	DO: Dress Up and Raft Decoration	North St Ives / UFO (Unidentified Floating Object) / Jocelyn L
6 Trad	DO: Performance - Traditional Rafts	2 nd Gordon / The Pog / Jade D
6 Innov	DO: Performance - Non-Traditional Rafts	1P/ Rolling Airlines / Tom P



2nd Gordon—Infected Pineapples

KEEPING YOUR HALL– UP TO DATE & SAFE

By Ian Bowers

To All DC's , Group Leaders / Leader in Charge, you are the responsible person in maintaining a Safe Environment for all who use your scout hall, e.g. Our kids, Our Leaders and those who hire your hall.

Has the Group Leader raised with their Leaders the Responsibility of checking and raising any Hazards that could cause harm to Youth Members in each Section, either inside or outside the Scout Hall?

I'm very concerned that there are currently 20 Scout Groups within our region, that have not carried out a complete Scout Hall Safety inspection of their Hall using the P10 form, this is not acceptable.

Scout Hall Inspections Checklist:

Inspecting for Hazards: - (When Should I Inspect for Hazards?)

Before each Section Meeting: As Leaders you may find new Hazards.

Monthly:

Any Hazards can be raised at Group Council and Group Committee Meetings,

General Hall Inspection:

Every 6 Months. (Making sure the Group keeps a Copy, to monitor and follow up on any outstanding Hazards / Safety Concerns)

Meaning:

So, what is a Hazard: - Anything that might cause Harm to a Person or property.

So, what is a Hazard Identification: - It is the process used to identify all possible situations where people may be exposed to injury, illness, or disease.

Therefore, - Who Manages any of the above Hazard – Group Leaders / Group Committees, to sort out any of the Safety Concerns, and keeping the DC up to date on their completion.

To make it easy for the person doing the Inspection, in the **NSW Scout Forms list**, you will notice there are now is **2** Hall Inspection Checklists Forms, the Old Version P10 and now a new (**Online version P10 preferred**)

TERMITE - NOTICE:

Within Sydney North Region, several Scout Groups are experiencing TERMITES infestation. Causing the Group to close down, and some finding temporary accommodation, to continue Scouting, this major Hazard is costing the Group is Thousands of Dollars \$\$\$\$\$\$ for repairs.

Latest New Preferred Version P10: The Termite Section is just below **Scout Hall Grounds** and just above the item on Fences.

If unsure on a section of the P10 Form – Please consult your DC.



Termite Damage, can be Below Floor Level and Inside the Hall Roof,

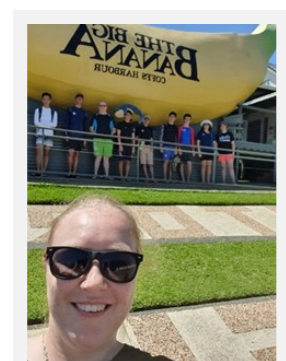
Termites can attack at any time of year, but, they are most certainly active in 'Termite Season' in Sydney North Region over the past few years, so your group should have Professional Pest Company carry out the inspection, and that not just a informal walk around the hall, and ticking the box in the P10 form. General costing to the group is approx \$250.

If you noticed any changes in the wood in your Scout Hall, such as holes, pieces breaking away. Termites are more than likely active, and will eat the structure from the inside out.

EPHING VENNIES—ROAD TRIP

By Izzy Denniss—Unit Leader

Over the holidays, Epping Vennies went on an awesome road trip. We left from Epping at 7:00am on the 11th of January went on our way to Port Macquarie. When we arrived, set up and went for a hike that afternoon. The next morning, we went for a surf lesson with some interesting results. Some of us proved naturals and some of us sucked so bad that we were applauded every time we managed to get onto our knees. After our action-packed morning, we went to the Koala Hospital and saw some adorable Koalas. They were sooo cute! The next morning, we left for Coffs Harbour. After a trip to the strawberry fields and a



further 2-hours in the minibus (sooo long), we got to the hall. That afternoon, we took our first of 2 trips to the Big Banana (it is just too great, you have to see it twice) where we got some rock candy and took some photos. The next morning, we got out early and went for a walk on Mutton Bird Island. We didn't see too many Mutton Birds, but it was still a pretty good walk. In the afternoon, we were going to go for a snorkel trip, but the water was too cloudy, so instead we headed down to the beach for an afternoon of swimming and jetty jumping. Bruce really enjoyed that. Later in the afternoon, we headed back to the Big Banana for some more pics before we headed off down to the golf range for a quick round of mini golf before heading back for a good sleep before our long trip the next day. The next morning, we took a trip to Tree Tops, before starting out on a 7-hour journey to Dubbo (this one, strangely, didn't feel as long). We had a quick stop at the Trout Hatchery on the way, which was surprisingly interesting. After having a long trip down mystery road, we finally reached Dubbo where we fell into our slightly damp beds for a good night's rest. Saturday brought us a great day at the Zoo. We saw all of the zoo on bikes (would definitely

recommend) and only had one fatality (a bike, not a person). After our amazing day, we headed back to the hall for a photo chase with Bruce and Sammy. Sunday, the last day, was great. We rented kayaks and paddleboards and went for a trip on the creek, with only 1 almost drowning. If you have access to a paddleboard, try to beat our record: 1 minute standing on 1 leg on a paddleboard (I don't think you'll be able to beat it – it's just too good). We headed back to the hall for a quick change before heading off to the gaol, where we started a mutiny and put our Unit Leader in the stocks. We thought about leaving her there, but she threatened to leave us there, so we let her out. After a quick shower, we headed off for a fancy dinner, before spending out

last night under the stars at the observatory.

Monday morning came and we went to one final place, the Royal Flying Doctors



Museum, before we had parade and packed up and went home, glad to be back, but sad that it had to end. We would totally encourage any group to do a road trip, it was amazing fun. Thanks to Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour and Dubbo Scout Groups for letting us stay in your halls and use your facilities!



FRIENDS OF INGLESIDE SCOUT CAMP



You are invited to join the Friends of Ingleside Scout Camp. The Group of interested people meet on the first Tuesday and Second Sunday of the month from 930am-noon to help maintain the camp facilities.

The following dates are scheduled;

April: Tuesday 6th Sunday 11th

May: Tuesday 4th Sunday 9th

June: Tuesday 1st Sunday 13th

Further enquiries warden@inglesidescoutcamp.com.au



Will you run a St John course for our Group?

An in-house course at your hall may sound like a great idea, but there are other options.

Organising an in-house course is a lot of work. Why not send at least one member of your Group to every course run by the Scouts NSW Division of St John Ambulance? This would train at least 21 of your members annually and 63 in each 3-year cycle. We organise the course and St John handles enrolments.

The Scouts Division is a small group who can wear either the green St John uniform or the blue Scout uniform. For many years we have delivered first aid courses to Scouts and bushwalkers and provided first aid at major Scout events. Twenty-one courses are scheduled for 2021, running in Sydney North at Bara Brui and in South Met at Kingsgrove. We are the **ONLY** group running St John Ambulance Remote First Aid courses with a volunteer trainer and contextualised for Scouting and bushwalking.

Five ways to make this work

1. Incorporate the Division's course dates into your Group's calendar
2. Ask "*when are you going to do a first aid course?*" - make first aid training an expectation rather than an option. Grow first aid skills in your group long-term - the young Scout doing Emergency Care should come back for Provide First Aid before their first Dragonskin, and then upgrade to Remote First Aid as a Venturer, Rover or Leader
3. Sending one member to every first aid course is good, but sending a Patrol is better.
4. Beware of deadlines because everyone else has the same deadline. Venturers going to Dragonskin can find it hard to book in term one. Get your unit to focus on first aid training the previous year.
5. Send people to the right course:

Younger scouts attend day one of a 2-day Provide First Aid course, gaining an Emergency Care certificate covering CPR, bleeding and fractures. A full 2-day course is often too challenging for very young members.

Older Scouts are recommended to attend the 2-day Provide First Aid courses and gain Provide First Aid certificates.

Venturers renewing Provide First Aid and Leaders can attend a 1-day Provide First Aid course with on-line pre-learning.

Leaders, Rovers and Venturers can also attend the 3-day Remote First Aid course.

Anyone needing an annual refresher of CPR can attend the morning session of any Provide First Aid course.

You still want to organise an in-house course?



Contact St John Ambulance and ask for a quote for training with a staff trainer. See page 21 for course dates.



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

Date	Day	Course Type	Course Number	Location
1/5/2021	Sat.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning	121.4.PR1.MY01.SMOUS	Kingsgrove
15/5/21	Sat.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day 1 OR 1-day emergency care course (younger Scouts)	121.4.PF2.MY15.SMOUN (Provide First Aid)	Barra Brui
16/5/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day 2	121.4.EF1.MY15.SMOUN (Emergency care)	
3/7/21	Sat.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day1 OR 1-day emergency care course (younger Scouts)	121.4.PF2.JY03.SMOUS (Provide First Aid)	Kingsgrove
4/7/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day 2	121.4.EF1.JY03.SMOUS (Emergency care)	
18/7/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 1-day course with pre-learning OR Provide F/A Remote Situation day 1	121.4.PF1.JY18.SMOUN (Provide First Aid) 121.4.PRS.JY18.SMOUN (Remote first aid)	Kingsgrove
24/7/21	Sat.	Provide F/A Remote Situation day 2		
25/7/21	Sun.	Provide F/A Remote Situation day 3		
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 1-day course with pre-learning	121.4.PF1.SE11.SMOUS	Kingsgrove
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 Day 1 OR 1-day emergency care course (younger Scouts)	121.4.PF2.NO13.SMOUS (Provide First Aid)	Kingsgrove
14/11/21	Sun.	Provide First Aid 2-day course Day 2	121.4.EF1.NO13.SMOUS (Emergency care)	
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.PRS.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 day 1 (bushwalkers)	121.4.PF1.NO21.SMOUN (Provide first aid - bushwalkers) 121.4.PRS.NO20.SMOUN (Remote first aid - Scouts) 121.4.PRS.NO21.SMOUN (Remote first aid - bushwalkers)	Barra Brui
27/11/21	Sat.	Provide F/A Remote Situation day 2 (Scouts and bushwalkers)		
28/11/21	Sun.	Provide F/A Remote Situation day 3 (Scouts and bushwalkers)		

1ST/2ND HARBORD—CLEANING UP

By Justin O'Hare

Today 1st/2nd Harbord, Cromer /Dee Why and 1st Balgowlah cleared a big section of weeds along the South bank of Greendale Creek in Curl Curl.

Next Sunday we are hosting a Cleanup Australia Day site at the same place.



'TINY' CHALKS UP 50 YEARS SERVICE

When Philip "Tiny" Ruming was presented with his 50 year service award, many supporters came out to celebrate. Tiny is a much admired and valued member of the Scout Water Base Fellowship.



Council's Single-Use Plastics Policy

Single-use plastics make up a large proportion of litter in NSW. They cause enormous damage to the environment as they do not biodegrade and have been proven to cause significant harm to people and the environment.

In 2020 Hornsby Shire Council adopted a Single-Use Plastics Policy. The policy is intended to phase out and, where possible, eliminate single use plastic items including:

- plastic water bottles
- plastic drinking straws
- single-use plastic bags
- coffee cups (with plastic lining)
- ready-to-eat plastic serving containers / utensils
- balloons

Starting 1 July 2021, the policy covers all events and other activities held on council owned or managed land. Please do not use single-use plastic items at any of your events, including with any food or beverage served or distributed during activities in Council parks, reserves or any other Council owned or managed land.

To access the policy document and our handy 'Waste Management Guidelines for Event Organisers' please visit <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/waste/single-use-plastics-policy>



Direct Billing

From 2021, Scouts NSW is introducing direct billing for the annual State Membership Fee.

While in previous years, members were billed the Scouts NSW State Membership Fee via their Scout Groups, from 2021 each youth and adult member of Scouts NSW will directly receive an invoice for their Scouts NSW State Membership Fee.

This change in process aims to streamline and enhance the billing transaction experience for our members, Scout Groups and Regions, while providing a greater understanding of the role the State Membership Fee plays in delivering the essential services and operational support to Scouting in NSW.

This web page provides the information and resources to guide you through the change to direct billing, including what to expect when the process goes live.

[Direct Billing - Scouts NSW](#)

Annual Report Presentation

Each Year Groups hold an ARP – Annual Report Presentation

This year, the ARP Pack can be downloaded in full.

The pack includes the following:

- Annual Report Document Check List
- Guide to ARPs in Scouting
- A list of links to the various documents needing completion

To download the contents of the Group ARP Pack, [click here](#).

Remember, all Annual report presentations need to take place and **all documents required submitted prior to 30 April 2021 to the Region Office.**

Scouts NSW website

If you haven't had a look! The Scouts NSW website has a wealth of information, forms and policies. Please have a look at:

[Home - Scouts NSW](#)



The Sydney North Region website can be found at:

[Sydney North Region Scouts - Sydney North Region Scouts - Home Page \(sydneynorthscouts.com\)](#)

With a new & improved website COMING SOON !!!!



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Monday to Thursdays – 9am to 12:00pm then
1:00pm – 4:30pm

Belinda Hose – Monday to Thursdays

Wendy Game – Monday 9-1

Tuesday 9-4

Wednesday 9-4

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