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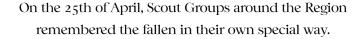
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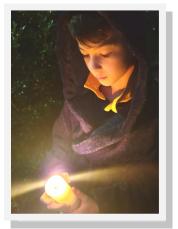
















More ANZAC Day pictures sent in By of Nick Buchner













Message from

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC

Governor of New South Wales

and Mr Dennis Wilson

As your Chief Scout, and as an Honorary Member of Scouts NSW, we are honoured to convey our thanks to all members of Scouts NSW for the qualities you have demonstrated during the unprecedented COVID-19 emergency that has faced our community.

We are extraordinarily proud to be connected to such an impressive youth leadership Movement. From the briefing your Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins, gave us recently, I know how incredibly proud he, too, is of all of you – Youth, Leaders and Supporters alike.

Not only have you demonstrated the courage, flexibility and resilience that are the hallmarks of Scouting, you have also shown enormous commitment by continuing to deliver and undertake programs enjoyed by thousands of young people and their families around New South Wales.

It has been inspiring to hear how Scouting has transitioned to virtual Scout Halls and 'Scouting at Home' adventures across New South Wales. Yet at heart, we know each of us looks forward to returning to outdoor education and shared adventurous experiences – and this time will come again.

For now, 'Be Prepared', stay safe and stay connected.

To all our Youth Members, Leaders and Supporters, we convey our personal thanks and the thanks of the people of New South Wales for the important role you play in our local communities – fulfilling the Scout's promise - right across New South Wales.

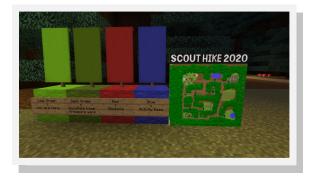
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Scoutcraft Minecraft Server

By Mark Ferris - Scout Leader 2nd Turramurra

In the wake of recent events, 2nd Turramurra Scout group started a Minecraft server for scouts to socialize on as well as run events based around construction and navigation. The server was a great success and as such it was opened to Scouts from other groups to join. When a scout joins the ScoutCraft server for the first time, they arrive in a scout hall suspended in a giant tree. From there it is up to them to go off in troops, patrols or on their own to navigate across varying terrain, construct bases, survive the elements and trade with fellow scouts.

On 1st May, around 40 Scouts participated in the first big event on Scoutcraft; Scouthike 2020. Just like the Sydney North Region event, this Scouthike event was set in a pine forest with activity bases scattered throughout. There were five activities as part of the event including scout related trivia, an obstacle course and a navigation exercise. All participants were able to finish all five activities with little or no help. The feedback from parents and scouts (and venturers) has been positive. There is another upcoming navigation event on Friday 29th May at 7pm.

The server is white listed only – meaning only Scouting Members are able to join. For more information please visit www.scoutcraft.com.au

To get involved:

- You need to have a Minecraft Account (PC Java version)
- Email through the Scouts following details so I can whitelist them:
- o Scouts Name
- o Scouts Minecraft Name (Exact spelling)
- o Scouts Membership Number
- o Scout Group
- o Adult Contact Name + number & email

Pay \$10 (to help cover the cost of keeping the server running) — Put the scouts name in transaction description — They will be whitelisted within 24 hours.

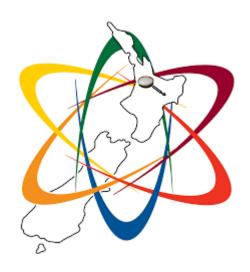


NZ Jamboree 2019-20

By Scott Romanis, 2nd/3rd Pennant Hills

The New Zealand Jamboree was an amazing experience that I recommend for all scouts if they get the opportunity. After arriving by plane and staying at a hotel for two nights, we took a coach to Mystery Creek where the 22nd NZ Jamboree was hosted. Unlike our Australian Jamborees, New Zealand Jamborees are completely youth lead. The Jamboree patrol was made up of ten scouts who designed all the activities, although all the activities were still run by Leaders, Rovers and Ventures. The Rovers ran a base called Valley of the Lost Scout which was essentially a challenge valley or hill for us with the obstacles not being as good. The amount of mud that was used made up for that. Ventures ran an inflatable base with different inflatable activities like obstacle courses. Leaders ran bases like abseiling, rock climbing, quadbikes, archery and woggle making. One of the best things to do in the afternoons was to go badge swapping.

When the Jamboree ended some of the Aussies stayed for a tour in Rotorua. The best part of this tour was going white water rafting down a local river where we went down a seven-meter waterfall which is the highest commercial waterfall in the world. Overall, the NZ Jamboree has been the highlight of my year.





Eastwood/Marsfield Scout Group ANZAC Day at home

By Cassie Donald

On the 25th April 2020, Eastwood/Marsfield would generally attend the North Ryde RSL dawn service or they would attend other services near them. This year was different for Eastwood/Marsfield Scout Group. As a group each youth member did their own ANZAC day service at the top of their own driveways. Each youth member did something different. Prior to ANZAC day some of the youth members coloured in poppies, some of them painted poppies on milk containers and some of the youth members made a reef. Some of the leaders couldn't go to their driveway so they used a computer.

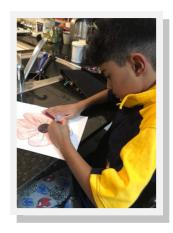




















ShipwreckeD at WinDeyer

By Mary-Jo Ison, 'Akela' - 1st Waitara

On the weekend of 14-15 March, just before all the lockdowns started, 1st Cherrybrook Billabong Cubs and 1st Waitara Cubs enjoyed a fabulous weekend "Shipwrecked at Windeyer".

14 pint-sized, rascally pirates and 6 adult sized, dastardly pirates spent the weekend learning about canoe "ship" paddling and safety, armed themselves making shields and swords, sang silly songs and performed skits around a large campfire to earn their gruel for supper. They went canoeing the vast waterways to improve their sea skills and culminated in a search for the hidden treasure chest. None were even forced to walk the plank!

While a small band, we all really enjoyed the weekend. The rations were plentiful and the conditions not too harsh for all the pirates to bunk down in.

We were able to greatly enjoy all the hard work done at Camp Windeyer following the huge flood a month before where the water level was a foot above the building floor level. We also did activities in a beautiful new shelter recently built by Epping Rovers which was greatly appreciated.







Scouting through COVID-19

By Lucie Malone RRC PR Co-ordinator



Putting the OUT in Scouting has been a fundamental goal for Rovers globally. For over one hundred years, friendship, services and new challenges have seen the Rovering community seeking adrenaline-packed adventure, and a global pandemic has certainly not stopped the Sydney North Region. Circumstance have made these traditional adventures that little more challenging, however, we are learning to embrace the couch-based superhero stance to stay connected, just with a bit more creativity.

Virtual meetings are becoming the new norm for units across the Region with weekly activities, particularly taking on a new air of innovation. Craft nights have never been more popular, with new sewing skills, egg colouring and even pet rock paintings taking our screens by storm. Master chefs are popping up across the Region as units take mystery box challenges and cooking classes to a digital platform. Scavenger hunts have seen Rovers race through their homes to not just increase that step count, but also find the most obscure item imaginable, while camp nights have seen the

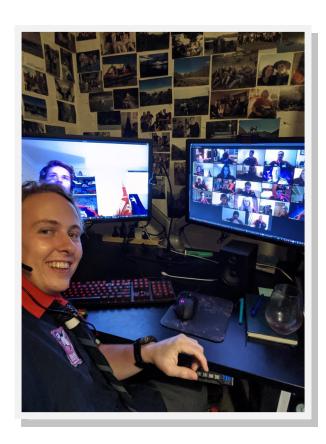
inner children emerge with blanket forts and lounge room sleep outs. Get to know your unit has been a popular trivia topic of choice along with a range of online games nights and even dinner parties keeping members busy, not to mention the yoga sessions and boot camps or even book club meetings planned for upcoming weeks.

Yes, our programs may have been revised, but learning new skills and having fun can still be done. Even Region-based activities have turned to online platforms, with events like Region Rover Council meetings, treasurer and ScoutLink courses and even V-Moot held online with impressive attendance. ANZAC Day, a traditionally notable service session for units across the Region, was still commemorated. From "Light up the Dawn" driveway participation to the national camp-out and even bake sessions, our Rovers were able to remember and reflect upon the sacrifices of our past and present service personnel while in isolation.

Despite the physical distance, Rovers across the Sydney North Region are connected in some ways more than



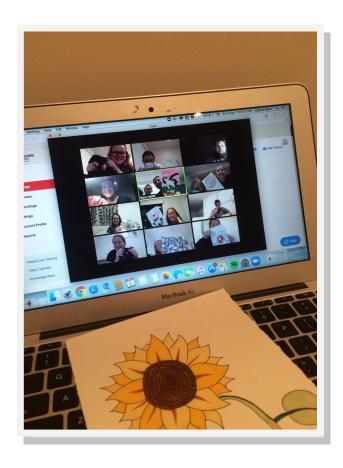




Rovers in Action

Scouting through COVID-19 continueD...

ever. The face-to-face interaction may have been limited, and programs changed, however, the 'Scouting Spirit' remains strong as we have turned to embrace the IN. I mean, what better way to socially distance yourself from the fridge than a Zoom call with some of your closest friends.





Ku-Ring-gai Scouts go online!

By Leah Fisher

Group Leaders in the Ku-ring-gai District swiftly took action to stop face to face meetings on 22 March 2020 for Scouts early in the Covid-19 challenge, in consultation with their District Commissioner Allen Hyde. The first virtual meeting was held on 26 March 2020 with North St Ives Joey Scouts. The District hosted a (Virtual) Easter Picnic on11 April via Facebook with many groups joining the celebration. ANZAC #LightUpTheDawn and #TheirServiceOurHeritage event on 25 April 2020 was another online event which was embraced by the District.

Ku-ring-gai District section Leaders have enthusiastically taken on the challenge to keeping Scouting alive during the isolation of COVID-19. The aim for the District was to provide some form of normal life for our youth. The video conferencing tools available have allowed Leaders to engage with our youth.



The platform used by each group was driven by the Leader's familiarity with their platform, Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams or the Google suite of tools. We thought that the youth would use whatever software the leaders nominated. Totally changing the format of the program was enough of a challenge for leaders without having to learn to use new software tools. All ten groups are participating online.

2nd Turramurra Cubs, Scouts and Vennies have all been participating in FUN and interesting nights, hosting the first two hour Zoom meeting on Thu 26th March, subsequently reduced to a on hour meeting, engaging youth and leaders. Cubs nights, lasting 40 minutes, have included scavenger hunts around the house, doing push-ups to keep active. As part of the Communications Proficiency badge Scouts became news reporters, professionally reading their news items to the Troop over Zoom.

Patrol Leader (PL) have been training and encouraging all the troop to decide and make a start on other Proficiency badges. Target Badges have been managed using a Google Classroom with completed work recorded as an assignment. Badges have included Campcraft – Knots & Lashings and Citizenship - Q4 (Good Turn) & 5 (Breaking the





Ku-ring-gai scouts go online continue)...

Assistant Scout Leader, *Mark Ferris*, has created a compete SCOUTHIKE environment for our Scouts on a Minecraft server. Over 40 Scouts from many Groups have joined the event. To read Marks article, go to page 4. *TurraScoutTube* - (a youtube channel) homes a collection of videos including Scouts Aust/NSW videos, Group and District videos.

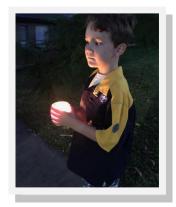




Scout Leader Peter Tuckwell says "We have learnt that you cannot achieve the same volume of work over zoom that you would on a Scout night but you can have meetings that work, especially if Scouts do some work during the week,

With help and encouragement from Tuck (2nd Turramurra), 1st Gordon moved Scout meetings online over the Easter holidays. It didn't quite make up for missing the Easter camp at Glenrock, but the Scouts have quickly taken to Zoom and enjoy seeing their friends every Friday night. Weekly offline challenges set by the Leaders and online fun sees the four Patrols vying closely for the Patrol Challenge Cup. Favourite activities have included a camp out/camp in, scavenger hunts around the home, quizzes and Ready Steady Cook. In a wonderful effort, each Scout made a presentation to the troop on the ANZAC theme with many completing the badge Their Service Our Heritage. This week Scouts are building a marble run in their homes to demonstrate online and the patrols are making up a series of dance steps to music. The Troop is looking forward to an outdoor post COVID-19 celebration to 'do the dance' together.

Resilience, creativity and willingness to share learnings has been an important part of the District totally transforming Scouting in Ku-ring-gai District for Covid-19. The District Leaders are so proud of how the District has jumped into the challenge wholeheartedly.







Ron Seymour

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JOEY SCOUTS 30 Years!

BADGE ORDER FORM



Submit to your Region Office, 2 Ellis Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 with payment.

Payment can be made by Group Cheque (made out to "Scouts Australia") or

Direct Deposit (one per Group / details below) to Sydney North Region Account.

Please email me your Order Form at RC.Joeys.SNR@nsw.scouts.com.au

Banking Details for Direct Deposits

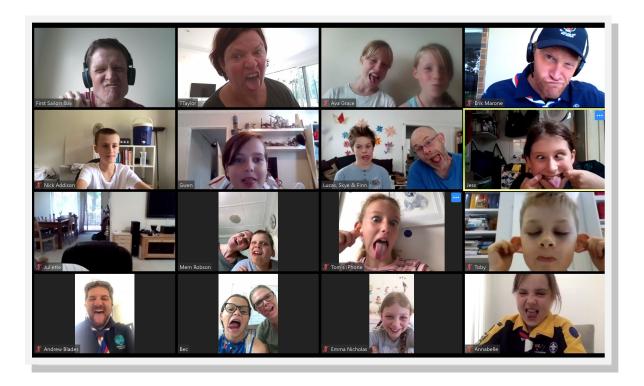
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Number of Badges required @ \$2.50 each
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1st Sailors Bay cubs had their first Unit Council via Zoom



1st Sailors Bay participates in the Bear hunt



1st North Turramurra remembering on ANZAC Day

By Julie Rodgers



Felicity (Joey) and Caitlin (Cub) coloured a wreath and "shared" the project with their younger brother. They then stuck them in their front window.



They also made ANZAC biscuits, following a story that 1st North Turramurra Joeys had in their ANZAC program Zoom meeting.

Searching for Pen Pals?

The Balgowlah Cub Scouts were looking for pen pals as a way to make new friends and stay connected during self-isolation. Contact **eaglescubscouts@gmail.com** for more information.



If you are interested, you can do the same! For older Scouts and Venturers, there are several ways this can be done, such as through websites like **ipfworld.com** where you can sign up individually, with a friend or in a group.

How I celebrated ANZAC Day...

By Harry Wall, House Co-Captain Flynn, 6VC

On this day 25th April, we honour all the men and women who have participated in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations around the world.

Traditionally, the day starts with a dawn service that includes one minute of silence and "The Last Post" being played on a bugle. "The Last Post" was originally played during the war to inform soldiers the day was over. Parades are also held, with ex-servicemen and women marching in uniform. Flowers and wreaths are laid on graves or memorials, a poppy or sprig of rosemary is worn. Rosemary signifies remembrance and the poppies symbolise bloodshed in war.

This year was different with everyone in isolation due to Coronavirus. Unfortunately, there wasn't the traditions that we're accustom to but we were still able to commemorate ANZAC Day.

I am a member of 1st Sailors Bay Sea Scouts and we made poppy wreaths out of egg cartons and built a shrine at our Scout Hall. At 6am I joined in the "End of your Driveway ANZAC Day Vigil" dressed in my Scout uniform, lit some candles and played "The Last Post" on my trombone.

After an early morning start there's nothing better than tucking into homemade Anzac biscuits for breakfast. The mothers, sisters and wives sent ANZAC biscuits to the soldiers. They were perfect for the long journey as they were hard and long lasting. They were eaten instead of bread (which went stale quickly). Some of the soldiers crushed them, mixed them with water and ate them like porridge.







Should you like to know more about the history of ANZAC Day, you can visit the Virtual War Memorial https://wwma.org.au/.

"As we stand apart let's stand together for those that have come before" - LEST WE FORGET.

ANZAC Day 2020

By Henry Coad

For the last two years as a Scout with 1st Lindfield I have been attending the dawn service at Chatswood, followed by the juice and ANZAC biscuits at the RSL club. This has been a great experience, to be able to show up and give a bit of thanks to those who have given me the freedoms I enjoy today.

This year has been pretty different. COVID-19 has really stuffed up so many things but what I really like is that people have been thinking about how to do the same things – just differently. That has been what we've been doing in the Scout troop and what Scouts Australia have been doing with the camp at home for ANZAC day. And when I saw the effort that the RSL club was doing, I figured we should all do our bit.

This year I had a bit of help from my Mum – we made ANZAC biscuits – the really big ones that you get on ANZAC morning at the RSL club, we did a bit of crafty lantern making and Mum did some chalk drawing in our driveway. I read out the Ode so that she could scrawl it along the entire length of the gutter in front of our place. Dad helped too. I printed the RSL pamphlets so I could drop them in them around the neighbourhood. All up I distributed about 70 to homes around my place.

In the morning we got up early. It was a perfect morning, really still and not too cold. We got the extra bluetooth speaker out so we could listen to the ABC. It was really special listening to the Ode and the hearing the Last Post as the morning started to dawn and the birds began their morning rituals. Dad even spotted a possum falling out of a tree – that must have been the bugle!

I hope you like the pictures. The flag that we laid on the driveway has a story too. It was given to my Dad by my great uncle who served on HMAS Sydney in the Korean War (1953). It's made of fine wool and is all hand stitched. It's a pretty impressive bit of history that we are lucky to have. We always display it on ANZAC Day and give thanks to those who have fought for us.





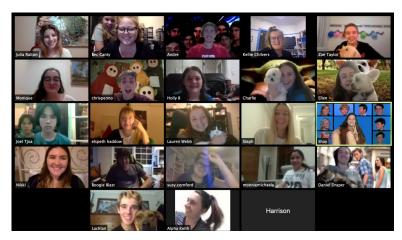




Hornsby Gang Show - The show must go on!

By Chris Pennington







As a youth cast member of Hornsby Gang Show, it was devastating to hear that our 2020 season had been cancelled due to Covid-19. The comradery in making our show each year is something that has brought many memories throughout my years as a part of the show.

Even though we all are not meeting in person, that hasn't stopped us from making the effort to stay connected. We have a cast Facebook group where we're all able to chat, check in on each other and have friendly competitions. Recently we had a massive online trivia game through a zoom call, which was a ton of fun and brought on some much-needed laughs. Our rehearsal teams have been keeping up to date, with the production team organising online events during this extended off-season. Our arts training will continue, with creative workshops delivered online. Look out for some of our work on social media over the next few months! We have a Hornsby Gang Show meme page which we regularly update for the cast to have some good laughs and even run tournaments, voting for favourite items that we've done over the years in the show. Some cast members are hopping online to play games together or even just chatting through messaging apps.

It is devastating to not get to perform this year, but no effort has been wasted as we are set to do our show still, just next year! The cast has continued to stay connected, which is no surprise in the Gang Show community.

Follow us on socials to keep up to date with the Gang!

Facebook: @hornsbygangshow Instagram: @hornsby_gang_show



Can we increase the uptake of Virtual Scouting at Home?

By Carolyn McGregor CSL 1st Lane Cove

All of us have had to adjust to the COVID-19 restrictions & learn how to work and study from home. For families, the extra load of home schooling while working from home has added extra stress. Scout Leaders have also had to adjust to preparing in a different way. Some of us (like me) have had a steep learning curve navigating the various ways to invite and host a virtual meeting. (Hint to self: when hosting a Campfire Pack Meeting in the backyard at night - think about extra lighting when demonstrating knots & how long my support person had to hold a torch!).

Our Group has promoted the weekly challenges on-line Scouting@Home and have also used some great ideas from other websites and even a pizza competition for the best weekly Scout Troop challenge. However, we are still not experiencing a high response rate.

ANZAC Day Activities such as participating in Driveway Dawn and making ANZAC biscuits were the best received yet the Camp@Home ANZAC DAY 2020 attracted just one member from our Group.

The Cub Pack was given six options to choose from to achieve the Their Service Our Heritage Badge during the holidays.

Low take up forced a reconsideration of ways of inviting participation: Cub Pack communication is directed to parents who are finding Scouting activities hard to fit in with the challenges of working from home and supervising on-line schooling. Emails can be lost in the volume of daily communications, even if these are not relegated to the junk files.

Incorporating a 'review' time near the end of the virtual meetings has provided some feedback from the youth members as to the activities they enjoyed and those that were not as popular. The challenge remains to encourage those youth members who are not participating in the virtual meetings to take part. Maybe the best way forward is an "internal membership drive" and call each of these families to find out how we can best involve their children.

Concentrating on quality virtual meeting content that will be enjoyed, and then shared by word of mouth by the youth members the old-fashioned way may help to increase participation levels, or in these times, to retain members for the resumption of face to face scouting. Back to on-line searching for me!















By Neville Tomkins OAM JP Chief Commissioner

I hope the slight relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions has brought joy to your family and household, as it has to mine.

As we know, the COVID-19 pandemic has created mental health challenges for our Members – Leaders, youth and Supporters alike.

To support our Members, Elston Hynd AM, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Scouts Australia has been working with Jay Thompson, a Mental Health Nurse with the UK National Health Service, and a Scouter of Scouts UK to produce the following webinar/youtube:

https://scouts.com.au/blog/2020/05/16/managing-mental-health-during-covid-19/

I have reviewed the youtube and its accompanying explanation from my role as Chair of the Mental Health Working Group, Scouts Australia. Note the webinar is best suited to Leaders, Supporters, Rovers and Venturers. It lasts for 36 minutes.

I recommend it to you and I encourage you to share it with your Teams and Members. You are welcome to promote it through your communications (including Region Newsletters). We will also provide a link to it through the Scouts NSW website.

I hope it is of use to you and your Team.





1st Turramurra

1st Turramurra Scout Leader and Group Leader represented their Group by laying a wreath at the Turramurra Park War Memorial gates.





ANZAC Day - Forest Rover Crew

Naomi Butler from Forest Rovers would like to share with us a few photos in which members of the Rover Crew stood with their families on ANZAC Day to remember the fallen.



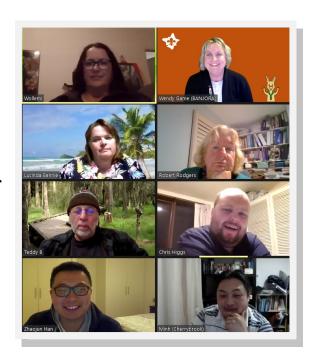


Joey Scouts Report—Scouting at Home

By Wendy Game

I would like to congratulate all Joey Leaders that have taken on the challenge of offering Joeys an online program during these difficult times of social distancing. Covid-19 has forced us to adapt our delivery of the program from face-to-face to a remote delivery model, this change has been easier for some than others, as we are being brought into the 21st Century using video conferencing.

If you are struggling to write programs and offer online meetings, I encourage you to reach out to other Leaders for assistance. I encourage all Leaders to share ideas, programs and even hold joint meetings.



There have been numerous resources created by

Scouts all around the world as we continue to face the Covid-19 challenge. Below are the links to the various resource hubs from different scouting organisations.

Scouts Australia - https://scouts.com.au/blog/2020/04/03/planning-and-programming/

Scouts NSW - https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/things-to-do/scoutinghome/

Scouts QLD - https://scoutsqld.com.au/scouting-home/

Scouts UK - https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?setting=At%20home

BSA - https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/

As with any resources you find on the internet, you will need to confirm its appropriateness for the age section.

Leader Wandarrah meetings have also taken on a whole new "*The Brady Bunch*" look and are also great platforms to share ideas or just to have a cup of tea and a chat.



Joey Scouts—30 Years

Joey Scouts began in Australia in 1990 which means that they will be celebrating 30 years of Joey Scouts in 2020. To celebrate, Scouts Australia have created a uniform badge that all Joeys and Joey Leaders can wear on their uniform!

Peak Awards

For those Joeys that are currently undertaking their final steps towards achieving their Promise Challenge Awards, Scouts have recognised that COVID-19 poses some significant challenges. We know how much time, energy and dedication our youth members have committed to the completion of their Peak Award.

Earlier this month, I emailed all Joey Leaders in the Region a copy of the modifications to be made during these restrictions to ensure no Youth Member is disadvantaged in completing their Peak Award, whilst we adhere to social distancing policies.



If your Joey Mob is completing an Adventure, Care & Share, Buddy, Environment or a Special Interest Area Participation Badge in the new youth program why not plan a visit to Ingleside Scout Camp. For just a gold coin donation your Mob/Unit can participate in one of a number of great activities that Ingleside has to offer during the year; whether it is Bird & Tree Awareness, Water Bugs, Bush Tucker or Bush care. They also have a great camp blanket badge you can purchase!

Downpours of rain did not dampen our enthusiasm when Joeys from Berowra and 2nd/3rd Lindfield were **Water Bug Detectives** for a day as they joined in on the annual Water Bug Activity Day in March where the Joeys catch, count and identify some of the water bugs in Wirrianda Creek ((macroinvertebrates; such as worms, molluscs, spiders, crustaceans and insects)). It was a great day and great to see all those Joeys Out&About!















Imagine your child having to miss out on this fun

Well, some do!



Scouts NSW has established the Family Support Fund to ensure youth from families of financially disadvantaged backgrounds or who are experiencing financial stress can participate fully in Scouting.

For more information or to make a donation, go to: https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/familysupportfund/

Editorial

When it comes to disasters, whether it's fires, floods or even Covid-19 we can always rely on Scouts to take up B-P's motto of "Be Prepared".

In this issue we see how the Scouts and their families in our Region have stepped up and found a way to carry on, keep in touch and ensure that Scouting stays alive and well for our youth members and themselves and simply – just got on with it.

2020 will truly be a year that goes down in history. A land-mark year that will become part of the world's folklore, when today's children will tell their children what it was like in the 'olden days' and how they survived 2020.

Congratulations to all our youth members who submitted their stories for this special youth edition of Compass and to Mikaela for the many hours she has spent putting all your work together.

Keep writing and sharing your stories.

Penny Becchio

Please send submissions for Compass whenever you have something ready. If you miss the current edition we will hold it over for the next one. We are very pleased to receive fantastic articles submitted by a growing number of our youth members. The attention to detail and the quality of their writing is outstanding—keep them coming.

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