

West Pennant Hills Scout Group



Campbell Park Scout Hall, Wilga Street, West Pennant Hills, 2125

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2011 NEWSLETTER TERM 3



Wanted! – Venturer Leader

West Pennant Hills has a large Venturer Unit but will soon be without a Venturer Leader.

We want you! Would you like to pass on some of the skills you learned & make sure others have the opportunity to enjoy the fun and good times you had during your Scouting career? Or are you a Parent or Friend of our Group that would take on this exciting challenge?

We are looking for someone to take on the rewarding task of providing guidance and leadership to a keen and enthusiastic group of Venturers!

Please contact Kevin Pidd for further details or no obligation questions on 0408 257 408. or kpidd@novell.com

Watch out there's a Mummy About!



Here's **Heather Randle** one of our Cubs, dressed as a Mummy during the **Mothers & Cubs Craft night**

The Cubs decorated mugs for Fathers day.

Well done Heather you look great!



Scouts Air Activities

We have finished on a high note, with 10 Scouts (together with some parents and siblings) attending the Scouts Air Activities centre at Camden Airport on Sunday 18 September. As always, this was a most enjoyable day with all scouts enjoying a short flight in one of the Association's 4-seater Cessna aircraft before receiving formal instruction on some of the more technical aspects of flying. We were even able to play some games and practiced our knots and lashings to fill in the time between flights!



**Hall Cleanup 9am - 12:30 pm
Saturday 22 October**

We need to clean the roof & tidy up the grounds & do some minor repairs and tidy in the hall. All parents/helpers welcome!

Family Camp 25-27 November at Camp Kariong

**Group Christmas Party Barefoot Bowling
Beecroft 2-5pm Sunday 11th December**

Want to contribute to our **Newsletter** ? Contact your **Leader** or Email: leaders@wphscouts.org.au

Want to join us ? Email our Leader: kpidd@novell.com

Website: <http://www.wphscouts.org.au/>

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Cubs Update



Term 3 has been very busy for the Cubs. We have had 1 cub make the move to Scouts, this was Kieran Randle. Kieran was also able to complete his Gold Boomerang before he moved to Scouts. Well done Kieran.

There also has been another cub that has achieved his Gold Boomerang and this was Matthew Anderson, well done Matthew.

Harry Macourt has achieved his Silver Boomerang whilst Melanie Nordsvan, Sam Pauly and Heather Randle have achieved their Bronze Boomerang. Congratulations to all these Cubs on their achievement.

The cubs had a Pack Holiday at Camp Kariong, the theme for this Pack Holiday was Pirates. The cubs had a wonderful time!

For the cubs that attended they were also able to get their Codes and Signals L1 badge.



A big thank you also goes to the parent/helpers on that weekend that made it a huge success. Of course all the Cubs wish to thank Rama for coming along on the weekend as the Pack Holiday would not have been possible.

There was the family cycle day held at Meadowbank to which we had 21 cyclist attend from the Cubs and Scouts with a sausage sizzle at the end of the ride. Even though the weather look like it was going to rain in the morning it turned out a glorious day.

The Cubs this year for father's day painted a mug for their Fathers'. The night we did the fathers; day craft was also mother/cub night and I hope that all the mothers had some fun that evening.

The cubs have finally been able to visit Macquarie University to look at the stars, this also completed most of the Space Badge L1. We have been trying for may years to visit Macquarie University but due to adverse weather it has not been possible.

Mark Randle (Bagheera) WPH Cub Group

Scouts Update



It's been another busy term for the Scouts! We leapt right into the thick of things early in the term, sending 2 patrols and 2 leaders to State Rally. This is an event run by NSW State Branch designed to allow less experienced scouts to participate in some easygoing lightweight hiking and camping, within the safety of Cataract Scout Park.

Competition points are awarded for practical skills such as menu planning and gear packing, as well as participation in various activity points. Sueme and Archie were kept busy on the "Commando Emergencies" activity which saw the scouts having to negotiate a military-style obstacle course while "under fire" from a tennis ball launcher, before constructing a rope stretcher and administering first aid to a "wounded" patrol member. Although the "Insert Dog Here" team wasn't competitive due to the number of PLs and APLs it included, "Team Aperture" placed within the top 10 teams for Benowie District, and within the top 20 teams in the Sydney North Region – a great effort for a group of first timers!

The middle of the term saw us focussed on construction activities in preparation for 9 of our Scouts attending the District Pioneer and Construction course. This is an intensive weekend learning knots and lashings and culminates in all scouts helping to construct a major item – this year the Pioneer scouts constructed a 10m long spar bridge, and the Adventurers created a tower platform to provide access to a flying fox rigged up for the day. Later in the term we all worked hard on our Father's Day craft, and as part of Scouts in Action week were challenged by some activities emphasising the difficulties which must be overcome every day by people living with various physical disabilities.

We wish Eliza the best for leading her Green Cord hike during the holiday break - we'll look forward to hearing about your adventures next term!

Mary Page (Sueme) – Scout Leader



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GROUP REPORT



Welcome to the term 3 Newsletter. I am sure everyone agrees that the new format is exciting and informative.

It is hard to believe that term 3 is almost at an end, it seems that only yesterday we were doing our 2011 plans and now we are starting our 2012 plans. 2012 is a big year for the Scout section as it is the lead up year for AJ2013 in Maryborough so Scouts, older Cubs and Venturer helpers will need to get ready for this major event. More information from leaders will follow soon.

The 15th Australian Venture – Wild Dayz is happening in January 2012 in Tasmania. This is the Venturer version of Jamboree with suitably high powered activities. Two Venturers are planning to attend, Eliza and Laura, and the group has agreed to support them by matching fund raising dollar for dollar.

Term 3 has been eventful for West Pennant Hills. We were awarded the Quality Scouting Award enabling each Cub, Scout and Venturer to wear a special badge saying that West Pennant Hills Scout Group is doing all the right things to make Scouting fun and rewarding. I would expect most groups to achieve this standard but the reality is that only about 20% of groups do so thank you to our leaders and committee for their effort. We welcome to the committee to new members, Peter Macfarlane (Nick, Venturers) and Michelle Schaafsma (Laura, Venturers) who have agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Many thanks to Bernard Waller who is moving on after having done a great job over the last three years.

The committee has been doing a great job organising some group functions namely – Hall Clean Up Day - Saturday 22 October 9am-12pm – many hands make light work Family Camp – Camp Kariong 25-27 November Group Xmas Party – barefoot bowling – Becnroft Bowling Club – Sunday 11th December 2-5pm Queen's Scout Award – West Pennant Hills has produced its first Queen's Scout in ten years so stay tuned for some details on a Group celebration for Bronte Wilson's fantastic achievement. Mark these events in your diary, they are always great fun.

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Finally, I would like to welcome some new families to the Group, Chen (Cubs), Dewey (Cubs), Juvekar (Scouts), Murray (Cubs) and Tran (Scouts).

My apologies if I have missed anybody. Scouting is an organisation focussed on youth and it is wonderful to see new members joining while sad to farewell those leaving Venturers (Ward, Wilson and Watson) it is with a sense of achievement that we farewell these Senior Scouts to their next adventures in the Rover section.

Yours in Scouting,

**Kevin Pidd
Group Leader**

Queens Scout Award Bronte Wilson



Bronte Wilson has received the Queens Scout Award as a West Pennant Hills Venturer!

This is a fantastic achievement for Bronte, and we are all very proud of her.

Congratulations Bronte Wilson!

Please see her name on the QS Board below!

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Our newsletter goes out to loads of the local families of our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers!

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WEST PENNANT HILLS



QUEEN'S SCOUTS

1st WEST PENNANT HILLS

- 1968 SIDNEY MARSHALL
DAVIS PAGE
- 1969 IAN McDONALD
- 1971 GEOFFREY HUMPHREYS

2nd WEST PENNANT HILLS

- 1971 DONALD JONES
- 1972 HUGH FARQUHAR
- 1974 STEPHEN WARDROP
- 1977 IAN CANTLE
- 1991 STUART WARREN
- 1993 ROWENA SIMIC
- 1994 REBECCA MURPHY
- 1996 CORY CUMMINGS
STEVEN RIDDELL
DAVID SIMIC
- 1997 AMY QUIRKE
- 1998 PHILIP EBBOTT
BRETT MURPHY

3rd WEST PENNANT HILLS

- 1982 GRAHAME CLARE
TRACEY ROSE
- 1983 MARK STEWART
- 1984 BRUCE PETERSON
PETER SANDERS
- 1985 MARK BOKENHAM
STEVEN GREEN
MELINDA SPENCER

3rd WEST PENNANT HILLS

- 1986 JENNIFER FISHER
CRAIG WISE
- 1987 IRMINA NAHON
ANDREW SPENCER
- 1990 STEVEN WISE
- 1992 ANDREW JONES
- 1994 KYM NICHOLSON

WEST PENNANT HILLS

- 1998 REBECCA ANDERSON
GRANT D'ARCY
- 1999 DAVID KELLY
SUZANNE SATTLER
THOMAS ZELLER
- 2011 BRONTE WILSON



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