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The Latest Local Scouting News, Announcements & Events

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REGION COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

A word (or two) from Bear . . .



Hello Scouters of the North West Region,

It is with pleasure I present the Region Commissioners Report for this Month.

Scouting in the North West has leapt back into action for the final term this year with all Groups reporting various and interesting activities for our Youth Members. Some of our Groups have found interesting ways to meet the restrictions still imposed on us by the Carona Virus “COVID19” and there is growth in some of our Groups that, given the restrictions mentioned, is wonderful to see.

Last weekend saw the first Leaders training course, a Basic Practical Supplement course, held at Lynchwood Scout Camp here at Tamworth with around 25 to 30 Adults involved. These Leaders gathered from all around the Region with a couple of Leaders coming from other Regions. I have received very positive feedback from some of those involved and hopefully this will see Groups from around the Region receive enthusiastic and excited adult volunteers who will be fully trained and appointed into their roles. We have plans to follow up in 2021 with an Advanced Leadership course at Lynchwood so that many of these same Leaders can receive their Wood beads.

We have run a canoeing camp in place of the night canoe hike at Lake Keepit that was well attended, and again good feedback has been received from this event as well. We did have to cancel the night canoe hike that had been programmed due to a lack of available Leaders who are trained in the activities qualification but some quick thinking turned it into an overnight camp that followed the COVID restrictions.

I am very pleased to report that our Youth Members are working hard on their Award Schemes, with a couple very close to the peak awards, more on that next month.

Growth in numbers of Adults and Youth members has occurred in most Groups but special mention must go to the 2nd Armidale Scout Group which is in the process of reopening their Joey Mob and are reporting great interest from parents around the community. My thanks to the Joey Leader Beck Smith and the Group Leader, Bruce Myers – a grand achievement given the very strange year that we have experienced in 2020. BRAVO!

Another Group that needs to be mentioned is the Tamworth Oxley Scout Group who seeking to balance the need to meet COVID restrictions and the numbers of Cubs who want to come and play have opened another meeting night for the Cub Pack – This allows the Cubs to meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and both nights have waiting lists. (This may lead to a second Cub Pack at Oxley should they be able to recruit and train new Cub Leaders to meet the requirements of Scouting). BRAVO to the Group Council for Oxley Scouts for your efforts.

All Groups in the North West have felt the particularly painful sting of a lack of fundraising opportunities with the restrictions of COVID on their local communities with many regular dates in the calendar cancelled or postponed. This lack of incoming funds has had a beneficial effect in that Group Leaders and Treasurers are having to become skilled at managing Youth Member numbers before billing periods. We did see a drop in numbers just before the October date as Groups resigned Youth Members who were not coming along and were in arrears, whilst on the surface this seems harsh, it is a vital necessity to manage these numbers so the Groups are not burdened with extra billing that they cant afford.

Some Groups have started to fundraise in interesting ways - 1st Moree Scout Group had a Krispy Crème Doughnut Drive (that was very successful...) and will later this term have a Christmas tree drive, the Inverell Scout Group is having a "pie drive" and Tamworth Hillvue is holding a "mango drive". I am starting to see a theme here... Another mention goes to Armidale who was able source a \$1500 donation through a Community organisation called Findex. The message here is that our Groups are not going quietly into the night, they are fighting hard to meet the demands of COVID and keeping themselves afloat. BRAVO to all of our Volunteers!

Renovations and repairs have been going on at a lot of our Scout halls and facilities and I would ask the Deputy Region Commissioner, Mr John Thompson, to provide a small report on the status of the Crown Lands grants that we are using to work on a number of our properties, but as a small instalment I can mention that the dangerous trees at Lynchwood have been removed and the Gunnedah Scout Hall is looking fresh and revitalised. I know that other works are completed or near completion at Inverell and Narrabri and I hope to come out and visit all of our North West Groups before the end of this Scouting year.

I would ask that all reading this report please ensure that they start to spread the word that Scouting is not just another youth organisation. We have over a century of asking our Scouters to promise to do their best and live by the Scout Law. And it is the Scout Law that makes us so very much better than every other organisation around. In its simplest form we ask, no strike that, we demand that everyone making the Scout Promise, **BE RESPECTFUL, DO WHAT IS RIGHT and BELIEVE IN MYSELF**. Far too often we see problems arise from Scouters who have forgotten their Scout Promise to Live by the Scout Law. I would encourage everyone reading this to spread the word - the theme for next year, 2021, for the North West Region, will be to understand and live by the Scout Law and Promise. I will be sending each Youth Member and their parents, each Leader in Scouting, and every adult supporter a copy of the Scout Law and Promise and I will be asking every Section to ensure that their Youth Members know the Law and Promise by heart and are able to give examples of how they do this and describe what daily good deed they have done. This will be Region Commissioners directive at the start of next year and there will be no exceptions.

In closing I would also like to announce a change in the Region Team. Mrs Janine Wilkie (ikki) has asked to step back from the duties at Region Cub Coordinator (for older Scouters the Region Cub Commissioner) as she would like to focus on growth of the Cub Section(s) at Tamworth Oxley. Seeing that Ikki's need was greater than mine, I have agreed to this. Janine stepped up when the need was there to help the Region out and she quietly achieved everything that I could hope for in a Cub Coordinator. Bravo to you Ik for your efforts.

We have been lucky to have another wonderful Leader offer her services and I would like to welcome Mrs Jill Heath back into the North West Region Team. Jills service to Scouting is extensive and exceptional and, as I have mentioned, we are very lucky to have her on board. Give Jill a nanosecond to get comfortable and then welcome her with any enquiries that your Cub Section may have.

As you can see I am very happy the way the North West Region is going along and all I can ask is that when you meet your Child's Section Leader you say "Thank You"

Regards,

"Bear"
Brett Grimmond

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LEADERSHIP
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26TH AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE 2022

AJ2022 is ten days packed with adventure, excitement and fun. It's a Scout camp that is so big, it has its own shopping centre, radio station, daily newspaper, medical centre, bus station and arena. Scouts come from all over the world to have an experience of a lifetime.

WHEN: Monday 3rd January - Thursday 13th January 2022

WHERE: Elmore Field Day site Campaspe Shire in Northern Victoria

THEME: Take it to the Next Level

FAMILY DAY: Saturday 8th January

For more information check out <https://www.aj2022.com.au/>. You can also follow the news on the Jamboree Facebook page, and you can even buy Mutant Camel swap badges from the Scout Shop.

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THE APSLEY Advocate

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5 August 2020

Men's Shed on the move

A new partnership was signed last Tuesday between Walcha Men's Shed and Scouts NSW which will see the Men's Shed move their operations to the Scout property located in Fitzroy Street.

Walcha Men's Shed has been operating now for almost ten years, however their current lease will not be renewed so they have been looking for a new 'home'. After much searching the Men's Shed settled on the Scout Hall, and this Binding Agreement is for a 20 year lease with year by year options after that period, with the Agreement taking effect on 1 August.

The plan will see the Men's Shed construct a brand new shed thanks to a grant from the NSW Government's Stronger Communities Fund. Although Scouts haven't been operating in Walcha for around 10 years, they are hoping to get a Cub section started again next year. The Men's Shed will allow the Scouts access to their new kitchen, lunch room, toilets and storage as a part of the Agreement.

"Demolition of the current Scout building will get underway in the coming months, while plans are finalised for the new building. These plans will then be submitted to Council for approval before tenders are called for our new Men's Shed," Member, Gerry Moran said.

This lease is the first of its kind between Scouts NSW and a community organisation. "Scouts have a focus on community partnerships, so this Agreement was a great fit. It was a pleasure to push hard to get this happening for the Walcha Men's Shed," Brett Grimmond, Scouts NSW NW Region Commander commented.



SIGNED AND SEALED: Walcha Men's Shed representatives John McPherson and Gerry Moran, sign a Binding Agreement with Scouts NSW John Thompson and Brett Grimmond, with Walcha Mayor Eric Noakes.

SCOUTS NSW EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE 2019/2020

Scouts NSW assistance packages for bush fire and drought-affected Groups.

Our aim is to help our Scouts, families and Groups who are severely impacted by prolonged drought and the recent bush fires stay connected to the Scouting family by providing practical and emotional support with fees, uniforms, equipment, mental health first-aid training and Scouting activities. Also, to assist Scout Groups which have lost uninsured equipment rebuild to attain their optimum capability.

Purpose of the Form

To gather enough information to allow the Trust Management Committee to assess the needs of the applicants and recommend accordingly for those who qualify.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/scouts-nsw-emergency-relief-assistance-2019-2020/>



NSW LONES would like to welcome Kyle and Lilly Lawrie to their Group, they were invested at SEE Park in Grafton in July.

CALENDAR

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November 2020

1/11	Joey/Cub Canoeing	CANCELLED	
6-8/11	Scout Leadership Course	Lynchwood Scout Camp	CD: 23Oct
7/11	Cub Scout Leadership Course	Tamworth Hillvue Hall	CD: 30Oct
7/11	Youth Helpers Course	Tamworth Hillvue Hall	CD: 30Oct
21-22/11	BOS Training	Lynchwood Scout Camp	CD: 23Oct
28/11	Cub Scout Leadership Course	Armidale Secondary College	CD: 20Nov
28/11	Narrabri Raft Race	Narrabri Lake	CD: 13Nov

December 2020

5/12	Joey Cub Canoeing	Narrabri Lake	CD: 20Nov
18/12	School Holidays Start		
25/12	Christmas Day		
26/12	Boxing Day		

January 2020

26/01	Australia Day	
26/01	School Holidays Finish (EAST)	

February 2020

2/02	School Holidays Finish (WEST)	
13/02	Group Leader / Region Team Meeting	
14/02	First Aid Course	
22/02	Founder's Day	(See your local group)

REMINDER:

- All Scouting members who have been requested to activate their scout emails must do so, because as of the 31st of December personal addresses will not be used by State or Region offices.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

INTEGRITY

We demonstrate Integrity by:

- o Acting with honesty, truthfulness and fostering appropriate healthy professional relationships
- o Recognising and fulfilling where possible, our obligations to our community
- o Taking responsibility for our own actions and developing integrity in others
- o Acting with impartiality, truthfulness and honesty.

RESPECT

We demonstrate Respect by:

- o Showing consideration to others, recognising each individual's uniqueness and diversity
- o Minimising our impact on the environment and seeking to be good caretakers for future generations
- o Committing to members well-being and on-going learning through the practice of positive influence, good judgement and empathy in practice.

COURAGE

We demonstrate Courage by:

- o Providing challenging, developmental opportunities to empower young people
- o Being good role models in Scouting, demonstrating positive attitudes and willingness to live by the Scout Promise and Laws
- o Being fair and reasonable

This Code of Conduct is expected of all adults, members and Associates, uniformed and non-uniformed, who work within the Movement, recognising that at all times they should act responsibly and exercise a Duty of Care.

1. Adults in Scouting respect the dignity of themselves and others.
2. Adults in Scouting demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, recognising that at all times their words and actions are an example to other members of the Movement.
3. Adults in Scouting act at all times in accordance with Scouting Principles, thereby setting a suitable example for all.
4. Adults in Scouting do not use the Movement to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are not compatible with Scouting Principles.
5. Adults in Scouting act with consideration and good judgement in all interpersonal relationships both inside and outside Scouting.
6. Adults in Scouting respect everyone's right to personal privacy at all times. They take special care where sleeping, changing of clothing, bathing and ablutions are associated with any Scouting activity.
7. Adults in Scouting avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with youth members wherever possible.
8. Adults in Scouting, for their own protection, should avoid potentially compromising situations by ensuring, where reasonably possible, that at least two adults are in attendance whilst supervising and/ or accompanying youth members. It is recognised that in certain circumstances, it may be necessary for a leader or adult, whilst acting responsibly and exercising their Duty of Care, to be alone with a youth member.
9. Adults in Scouting are committed to providing a safe environment for youth members participating in the Scout Program, their parents or guardians and visitors. That safe environment must be in accordance with Scouts Australia's policy of zero tolerance towards bullying, neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse of any kind. Adults in Scouting recognise that abuse can take many forms and can be perpetrated through various mediums, including through technology, and will be alert to abuse in all of its manifestations.
10. Adults in Scouting must report any conduct seen or heard that does not comply with this Code of Conduct. Specifically, Adults in Scouting must report promptly any suspicion or allegation of child abuse of youth members in their care. Where mandatory reporting is required, incident reports must be made to the police or designated State/Territory Authority in accordance with State or Territory Law and the nominated Scouting person should be advised. In all other cases the incident must be reported to the nominated Scouting person who shall report any suspicion or allegation of child abuse to the appropriate authority.

YOURS IN SCOUTING



Scouts NSW is an approved provider of the Active Kids rebate.

Active Kids is an NSW Government program which helps families across the State meet the cost of getting their children into sport and active fitness and recreation activities, such as Scouts!

Parents and carers of school-aged children can claim two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per child each year. Voucher 1 is valid from January through to December and Voucher 2 is valid from July to December.

Every child (4.5 – 18 years old) enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12 is eligible for an Active Kids voucher. This includes those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW.

Use BOTH Active Kids vouchers with Scouts

Families can apply for and redeem both of their Active Kids vouchers with Scouts! Voucher 1 can be redeemed from January to December, and Voucher 2 can be redeemed from 1 July to December.

Both Active Kids vouchers redeemed with Scouts NSW will go towards membership costs (and the one-off joining fee for new members), ensuring families who want their children to enjoy the Scout program can send their children to Scouts.

Using your Active Kids vouchers is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Apply for your Active Kids voucher on the Service NSW online portal.
2. Download a copy of your voucher.
3. Select one of the buttons below to redeem your Active Kids voucher with Scouts and complete the Redemption Process.

If you are a current member, please ensure you have your child's Scouts NSW membership number ready when applying to redeem the voucher. If you do not know your child's membership number, please contact your Group Leader.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/activekids/>





JOHN OXLEY ANCHOR MEMORIAL

This wonderful old photo was forwarded to the Region Office by the NW Region President, Mr Bruce Stewart. After some research done by our RC it revealed a story—with some relevance for the Peel Valley Venturers.

An Anchor commemorates the route taken by John Oxley in his exploration of New South Wales in 1818, and marks the spot where Oxley crossed the Peel River in 1818.

The foundation stone for a permanent memorial was originally erected in 1918 and was unveiled during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the Peel Valley by John Oxley.

On 28th May 1818, Oxley led another expedition from Bathurst and followed the Macquarie River until it too disappeared into an ocean of reeds (Macquarie marshes). From the 6th July Oxley's party proceeded north-east until they discovered the Castlereagh River, then turning east they found the rich Liverpool Plains reached and named the Peel River, crossed the southern part of the New England Range near Walcha, found the Hastings River and followed it to its estuary which was named Port Macquarie. (Monument Australia: <https://www.monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/landscape/exploration/display/23350-john-oxley-expedition>)

Located in Hallsville, New South Wales, next to the main road between Tamworth and Manilla, is the anchor from HMS Sealark. Known as the Oxley Memorial, as it is dedicated to the first Surveyor General of New South Wales, John Oxley, who took this route in 1818. The plaque reads that it was "donated by the Naval Board Melbourne". A contemporaneous newspaper article said that "the anchor, which has been on Garden Island since the Sealark went out of commission, was landed at man-o'-war steps and conveyed to Darling Harbour railway station for transport to Tamworth". The memorial was erected in 1926. (Wikipedia)

Lieutenant Oxley's Exploration is a wonderful opportunity for a Green Cord Journey or Queen Scout Expedition.



About the Family Support Fund

The Family Support Fund was established by the Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM, JP in 2017. The Fund aims to assist current and prospective youth members to afford the cost of Scouting. Assistance is limited to those families, youth and young Leaders in genuine need of financial assistance.

Grants can be requested for any young person, **aged 6 to 18 years**, residing in NSW, and will assist with membership fees, uniform and activity costs for up to 12 months.

Grants are also available for **Rovers and trainee Youth Leaders** who are not yet financially independent and in genuine need of financial assistance.

The Family Support Fund is run wholly for the benefit of successful applicants. 100% of funds donated are distributed to families (apart from any corpus that might be established). Donations to the fund through Scouts NSW of \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Helping Families in Need.

To find out if you are eligible to apply visit

<https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/familysupportfund/>



1ST NARRABRI WEST

Joeys with their shields they made at their
Land Before Time Sleepover.

Cubs making pouches for the injured
animals for the local wires shelter.

Joeys at the local Wires Shelter.

Mother's Day Dinner prepared by Scouts
and Venturers.

Joeys with their cheque for the Ronald
McDonald Foundation.





**1ST NARRABRI WEST SCOUTS
WORKING TOGETHER ON
THEIR LASHINGS AND
CONSTRUCTION.**

This activity is a part of Jesse Weekes A.S.M, a lightweight camping and Pioneering camp for the younger Scouts over two weekends.



Group Section Times

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Cub Scouts: Thursday 5:00PM–6:30PM
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INVERELL

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Thank you all for reading this issue of the Kalori.
If you wish to have something in the Kalori please mail it to the Region office email.

Terms & Conditions Apply: everything is subject to space, scouting related, and pictures must be decent quality.

See you in the next issue!

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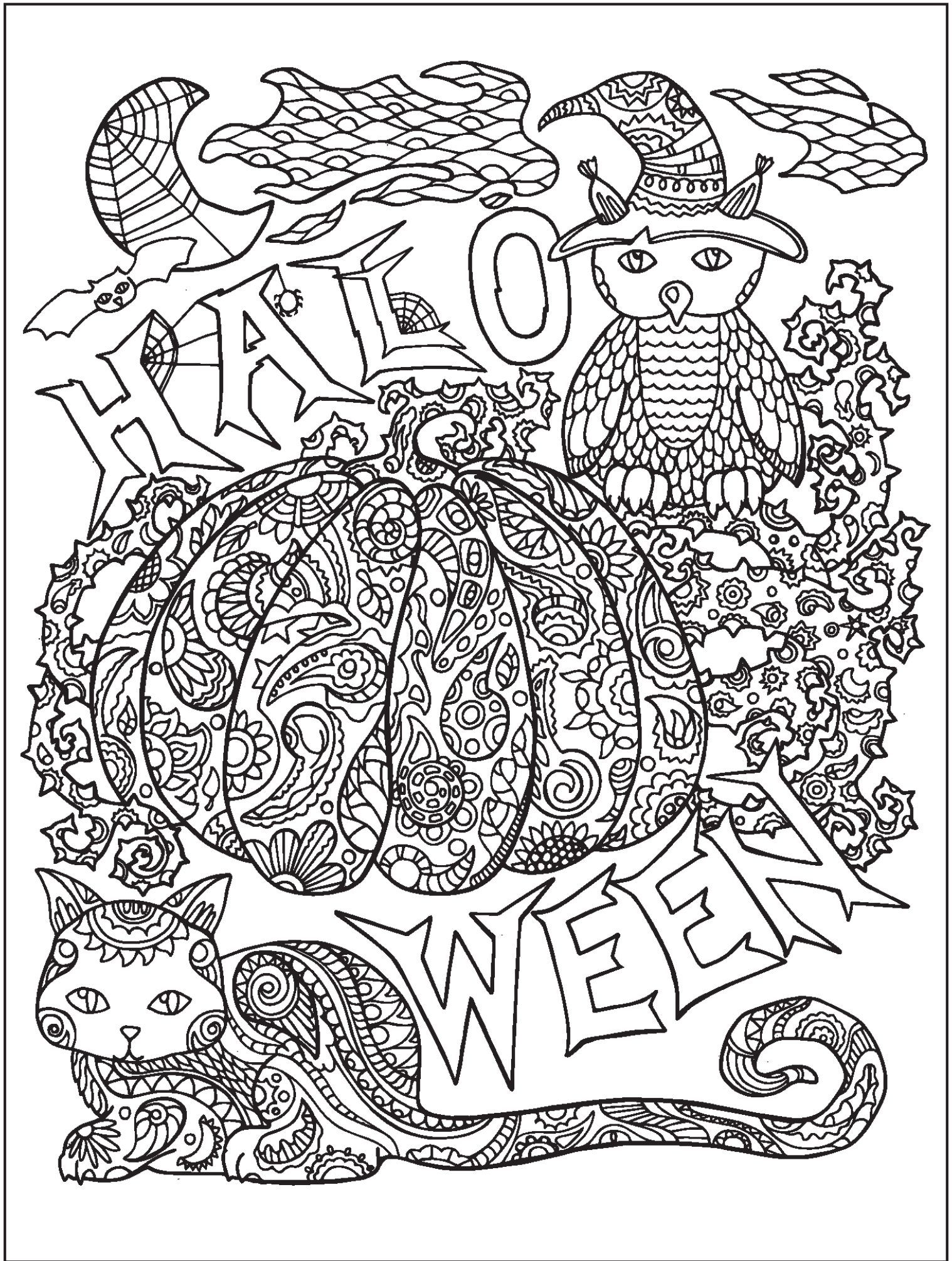
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"My belief is that we were put into this world of wonders and beauty with a special ability to appreciate them, in some cases to have the fun of taking a hand in developing them, and also in being able to help other people instead of overreaching them and, through it all, to enjoy life...that is, to be happy."

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell