

Coast Guard base, 21/June/2009

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This outing was a major element of the Citizenship award that we focused on during term two and satisfied question 7 for a visit to an organization that serves the community. It also satisfied question 3 of the Emergencies elective award for a visit to an emergency services base.

After a week of rain, Sunday morning was fine and sunny for our outing. We left Bangor at 10:30 with 15 Scouts and five Leaders in a car pool heading for the Solander Radio Base at the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard base at Kurnell.



Bangor Scouts at the Solander Radio Base.

The Solander radio base provides coverage for the waterways of Botany Bay and Port Hacking and is staffed by volunteers on weekends and public holidays. PL Glen McMahon welcomed us and gave an informative talk about the base and how it operates.



Attentive Scouts



Informative presentation

After the information session we inspected the radio base and the Scouts asked questions of the radio operators. It was interesting to see the array of radios and the computers used to log the calls.



Radio operators on duty.



Insignia.



One of the patrol boats.

After touring the base we enjoyed a picnic lunch on the beach and then headed home. Thanks to Bilby for organising the outing.

