



Queensland Branch Inc.

Central and Coastal Region

Annual Report 2008



2008 THE YEAR OF THE SCOUT



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Central & Coastal Region being held on Wednesday, 16th July 2008 at the Mackay Aero Club commencing 7:00pm.

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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND BRANCH Inc.
CENTRAL & COASTAL REGION

MINUTES of the AGM of the Central and Coastal Region Friday 6th June 2007
Mackay Aero Club, Casey Avenue, MACKA Y

OPENING AND WELCOME: Meeting called to order 7.15pm. by RC Bob Hodda.

Chairman of proceeding's Patron, Ray Braithwaite declared the meeting open. Regional Leader Don Gray (Chaplain) led prayer. The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced official guests, Scouts Queensland Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM and Ryan Sodziak, guest speaker.

Regional Leader Don Gray said Grace.

PRESENT:

Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM, RC Bob Hodda, Asst State Executive Officer Scouts Australia Qld Branch Ryan Sodziak, ARC Margaret Hodda, ARC Brian Harvey, ARC Wayne Harm, RL Wendy Harm, Mr Ray Braithwaite OAM (Patron), Mrs Mavis Braithwaite, Mr. John Alcorn (Treasurer), Mrs Carolyn Alcorn, Mr Ray Cross (Secretary), Mrs Chris Cross, Rover Brendan Ross (Rover Aide), RA Harry Roestenburg, Rover Mindy Winter, RL Tim Johnson, Mrs Judy Johnson, Mr Barry Spratt & Mrs Bonnie Spratt (Caretakers), RL Mary Wallace, Mr. Ian Wallace, Councilor Joan Williamson, RL Jane Mumford, Ms Jo Brzozowski, Mr Geoff & Mrs Judy Jesshope, Mr Des Allen, RL Don Gray, Mr Scott Marshall, ASM Dennis Tuckerman, ASM Heather Tuckerman, Stuart Wolsey, RL Julie Thompson, Natalie Askew, RL Ken Whyte, Mr Mike Buckeridge (President Elect – Mackay Rotary Club), Mrs Karen Buckeridge, GL Nadine Cini, GL Crystal Neilsen.

APOLOGIES:

Mr John Taylor (Executive Chairman), Mr. Reg Ross (Executive Committee member), A/RC Lance Hodda, Lynn Hodda, Mr Bob Sim, Mrs Gwen Sim, Mr Rod Lean, Mrs Lyn Lean, Shannon Lean, Mrs. Lynn Laffin (Northern Beaches Guides), Mr. Ron Laffin), Mr. Greg Sutherland, GL Jo Timms, T McNeill, Karen Turner (Regional Leader for Guides), Mrs. Pat Kearns, Mr Ian & Mrs Val Hamilton, Councillor Julie Boyd Mayor of Mackay, Councilor David Price Mayor of Mirani Shire, Cr. Joan Byers, Hon. Tim Mulherin MP, Hon. Ted Malone MP, Hon. Jan Jarrott, Duncan & Ivy Spratt, Ms Janet Brown, GL Lesley Bullemor (Bowen), Mr Bruce Miller, Mr Gordon & Mrs Laurel Rollinson, Ms Tina Ball (Environmental Protection Authority), Di Hatfield (Rotary Club of Port of Mackay), Tony Vella (Rotary Club of Mackay), Doug Neville (Rotary Club of Mackay West), Mr Phil & Mrs Debbie Rutherford, Daniel Askew, Mandy Pateen, Lyn O'Neil, Michael Bates, Diane Boucher, Les Proud, GL Janet Brown, Proserpine Committee members.

RC Bob Hodda acknowledged those attending the meeting and invited guests, and Chairman Ray Braithwaite.

The Secretary, Ray Cross read out apologies (refer above list) and sought resolution from the floor that apologies be accepted. Meeting endorsed resolution unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Copies of Minutes of previous AGM of Wednesday 21st July 2006 were circulated to the meeting.

Chair sought resolution to move they be accepted. Moved by Harry Roestenburg, Seconded by Brian Harvey, Carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil tabled.

It was noted that in respect to this AGM, only correspondence had been the dissemination of invitations.

BUSINESS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

REPORTS: Chair noted that various reports had been presented within the official AGM Annual Report document disseminated to those present.

Executive Committee Chairman Report: John Taylor recorded an apology for the meeting. Executive Secretary presented a brief overview on John's behalf.

Executive Treasurer Report: Treasurer John Alcorn referred all to the Audited financial accounts and advised the meeting that those accounts represented a true picture of the financial state of the Region. John commented that the cost to run the Region and noted that the nett loss reflected the depreciation costs. Costs generally continue to rise, and the executive is focused on achieving income increases at Rowallan Park by improving facilities through grants and capital expenditure.

Chairman, Ray Braithwaite commented on the foresight in acquiring Rowallan Park and the asset value to Scouting.

The Treasurer moved that the Financial Report be adopted, seconded by Margaret Hodda, Carried.

Reports as detailed in the 2007 Annual report were spoken to by:

Community Relations – Mary Wallace

Environmental Education – Jo Brzozowski

Information Technology – RC Bob Hodda (in absence of Lance Hodda)

Regional Events – Jane Mumford

Training Development – Margaret Hodda

Joey Scout Section – Wendy Harm

Rove Section – Brendan Ross

Scout Fellowship – Bonnie Spratt on behalf of Ron Laffin

Councillor Joan Williamson acknowledged the value of Rowallan Park and the Leaders and Executive for the role they played in the community.

Mike Buckeridge on behalf of the Rotary Club of Mackay, congratulated Scouting on 100 years of Scouting, and indicated that Rowallan Park was on his Club's agenda under Youth Services. He pointed out that Rowallan Park is a great asset acknowledging the development plan in place.

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Des Allen said that there is great responsibility for resources and pointed out ways of developing income streams at facilities in other regions.

A motion was put accepting all reports by Bob Hodda, Seconded John Alcorn. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor: Treasurer John Alcorn advised meeting that Mr Michael Curtin had carried out the audit for the Region for the past three years, is well qualified to do so and that he has agreed to continue that role. John moved that Mr. Michael Curtin be appointed as the region auditor for the year 2007-2008.

Seconded Margaret Hodda, Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS: No items were raised for discussion.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER: Commissioner commended the local Rotary Clubs and other community service organizations for their assistance to Scouting and the development of youth. It was of significance to note that Mackay Rotary Club has been closely involved with providing assistance for Rowallan Park since 1968.

He also indicated that even though his retirement from this position was pending, he maintains an ongoing interest in Rowallan Park and its future development.

Bob then presented Certificates of Appreciation to Leaders and Executive Committee members for their valued contribution to Scouting throughout the year.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chair invited Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM to address the meeting.

Commissioner Law gave an insight into the changes that Scouting must make to how it manages the business if it is to remain sound. In particular he referred to:

- (1) There has been a general growth in numbers in Scouting
- (2) There is to be a centenary march by Scouts through the City of Brisbane and presentation of the Keys to the City.
- (3) Through a partnership with the Mater Hospital funded by a Qld Government grant into Obesity research, Scouting is to run the activity side of the research project.
- (4) The Surf Lifesaving Clubs are also celebrating 100 years and are sharing activities with Scouting. Programs by SLSC contribute to various Scouting awards, and the retention of Nippers during the off-season will be enhanced by camping etc using the Scouting facilities. SLSC is looking for more parental involvement, similar to Scouting's desire.
- (5) A Centenary Public Relations Officer has been appointed in Qld. 2008 is to be announced by the Prime Minister as "The Year of Scout", with a Circulation coin to be released on Founder's Day and a Centenary of Scouts Stamps issue.
- (6) Commissioner Law announced the retirement of RC Bob Hodda, and advised of his ongoing role in Scouting as the ARC Campsites & Community Partnerships.
- (7) The newly appointed Regional Commissioner is Lance Hodda.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chair introduced Guest Speaker Ryan Sodziak

Ryan spoke of his role in Branch Headquarters and the key issues at the moment:

- (1) Communications are evolving from paper to electronic
- (2) Partnerships are being developed with business houses. Membership cards are being produced for all members and an example of where this is leading in special rates with Anaconda camping suppliers.
- (3) Training programs are being designed to have a more flexible delivery in recognition of the time slot available by participants. Internet based training is seen as a future option.
- (4) The membership database is being revamped with an external provider for on-line usability.

Chair thanked Ryan on behalf of those present.

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Commissioner Des Allen presented RL Ken Whyte with a Certificate of Thanks for his contribution to Scouting in Brisbane.

MEETING CLOSED: There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 10.55pm.

Executive Committee – Chairman's Report

It is with much pleasure that I report on another challenging and beneficial year of the Executive Committee of the Central and Coastal Region.

I am proud to inform you that this year has seen the fulfillment of several of our goals from last year. The new activity shelter is now in place. The aim was to have this project completed by June 2008. Because of the successful application for funding from the Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund, Rowallan Park now has an activity shelter to be proud of. This project was completed in the last month and I am sure there will be many worthwhile events taking place here in the future.

Not only have we been fortunate to be able to see the completion of the activity shelter, but the shed which was acquired last year from Bayersville has now also been erected. This shed has been located overlooking the dam. This project was only made possible by the tireless efforts of a small group of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Mackay headed by Mike Wright. It was due to his dedication and fortitude that this valuable acquisition to the park came to fruition. As well as the physical donation of time and effort on the part of members of the Rotary Club of Mackay, this club has also given welcome financial assistance to this project.

A third project which was on the drawing board for last year's report has also successfully been achieved with the acquisition of a new John Deere ride on mower.

Camp Eagle is now set up in the Rowallan Park grounds. This facility is for the use of the local Mackay Chaplaincy who intends to use this for disadvantaged youth. Permission has been granted for eco toilets to be built on the grounds and this will prove to be a valuable asset for other users of the park as well.

We were very sad to lose our long standing treasurer, John Alcorn who has moved to the greener pastures of the Atherton Tableland. His position has been ably filled by the dynamic Reg Ross. Thanks to the other members of the executive committee – Ray Cross, Secretary and Lance Hodder (now District Commissioner), Brian Harvey, Harry Roestenburg, Margaret and Bob Hodder. The continuing support of the Committee members makes my job as Chairman a pleasant task.

Thanks also to the caretakers of Rowallan Park, Bonny and Barry Spratt for their dedication to the upkeep of Rowallan Park. The Scouting organization appreciates all your efforts.

Rowallan Park requires an increasing investment of funds to keep it viable and it is vital to maximize the use of this important local resource. I would like to express my thanks to the efforts of Jo Brzozowski who has taken on the role of promoting the use of Rowallan Park. With her valuable assistance we hope more groups will take advantage of the wonderful natural surroundings this Park has to offer.

The Scouting movement is extremely grateful for all the assistance and support offered by many people, service clubs and businesses in the Central Region.

As a committee we will continue to strive to fulfill the potential of our most valuable asset of Rowallan Park and promote a better lifestyle for the Scouts and other youth of this region.

John Taylor

Chairman

Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee

The Region Commissioner's Report

My first 12 months as Region Commissioner, Central and Coastal Region, has passed. I must say, I am sure there was not 12 months as stated on the calendar. So much has happened. Firstly we celebrated the World Centenary of Scouting in 2007. This has been followed by the Centenary of Scouting in Australia in 2008. These events have provided for some very busy times for the Leaders, but a lot of fun for the Youth members. We had some very good rain which caused the postponement of a number of planed events. I think we were so grateful for the rain, nobody complained.

The biggest challenge we face within Central and Coastal Region is Adult support and more specifically Leaders, or the lack of in most cases. At present many of the Group Leaders and Section Leaders are filling multiple roles to keep the Youth Sections and Groups operational. Because of these situations we are in danger of losing good Leaders because of "burn out" and or number restrictions and waiting lists being introduced to youth sections. Generally, getting the youth members is not the issue. Getting the Leaders, and in some cases, retaining these Leaders is the problem. With the right Leader and a healthy program the youth members just happen. I have personally seen this on many occasions during my time as a Leader. There seem to be many more pressures and demands on peoples time these days. Unfortunately I do not have the solution to this problem.

Central and Coastal Region's number, both Youth and Leader's grew quite strongly in the first 10 months of this financial year. However, we had some significant losses during February and March of 2008 leaving us with an overall increase in membership for 2007 / 2008 of some 5%. I guess the positive side is that we had a positive, be it ever so slight, and not a loss. At present we have 218 Youth Members and 115 Leaders and Adult Support Members.

This year the Rechartering of the Regions has been introduced. Each Region Commissioner has until November 2008 to have his or her Region rechartered. I am confident Central and Coastal Region will be in a position to present the completed documentation to the Chief Commissioner at the Region Management Seminar at Rowallan Park in August.

Banksia Scout Group, one of the Regions largest Scout Groups, has Jo Timms as the Group Leader. Jo and her team have again had a very busy year. Adult Leadership is still in short supply and as a result Jo is still the Scout Leader as well the Group Treasurer, a situation that is less than desirable. All sections have been very active at Banksia. This is evident by the number of C5s (Activity and Approval Form) that I see from Jo and the number of Grey Wolves and Scout Medallions that have been presented during the year. The local pizza place can contribute some of his profits to these presentations.

Bucasia Scout Group saw the Resignation of Nadine Ceni as Group Leader due to family and work commitments. I thank Nadine for the work that she put into Bucasia Scout Group as Group Leader and "fill in Cub Scout Leader. At present Bucasia Scout Group consists of 1 Scout Leader, Shannon Lean, and 3 very determined Scouts. Brian Harvey , ARC Special Duties, is currently Leader In Charge until we can get things organised.

Bowen Scout Group, with Group Leader Leslie Bullemour and her dedicated team and have successfully rechartered the Group as well as introducing a Rover section. Bowen is another regular group who is very regular with C5s. They may not be a large group, but they do not lack drive and determination, often travelling to participate in Region and local events. I have enjoyed Leslie's email containing a "home safe" and camp summary. Bowen's community involvement continues to be strong. They are currently leading the communities Seagrass Watch program.

Mackay City Central, under the Leadership of Group Leader Paul Becker, continues to be a strong team of dedicated leaders and committee. Now that new Leaders have been recruited for the Joey Scout and Venturer Scout Sections I am confident that Group numbers will continue to grow. Paul is currently working with ARC Brian Harvey to complete the recharter for the Group. Mackay City Central also had 3 Leaders attain their Woodbadge this year, and excellent achievement.

Moranbah Scout Group, with Group Leader Janet Brown as Team Leader, has had its ups and downs over the past year. Firstly Janet had strong section Leaders and no committee, then no leaders and a Strong Committee. Janet, and her team, has worked hard to keep Moranbah Scout Group operational. The level of Region support has not always been there. However, Janet currently has a committee and section leaders

and with support from the Region Team I am confident that Moranbah Scout Group will become a chartered group before the end of 2008.

Proserpine Scout Group had Greg Walker resign as Group Leader. Greg held this position effectively for a number of years. I thank Greg for the time and effort he gave to Proserpine Scout Group and Scouting in general. Bronwyn Wren graciously accepted the role as Leader In Charge and as done a wonderful job with her team keeping Proserpine Scout Group functioning as well as being involved within the community.

Sarina Scout Group continues to be very active attending Region events and within the local community under the Leadership of Group Leader Brett Tomlinson. Brett has created a Rover Section making Sarina one of 3 Groups in the Region to have all 5 sections. There has been a shuffling of deck chairs in Sarina with Leaders now in all 5 sections as well. Brett has also completed the documentation to rechartered Sarina Scout Group for the 4th consecutive year.

Whitsunday Coast has continued to move forward with Group Leader Kathy Ball as team leader. The group has been very active over the last 12 months with Group, Community and Region events. Last year, Whitsunday Coast enjoyed the unforgettable, once in a life time experience, of marching in the Centenary Parade in Brisbane as a Group. It is now official; Whitsunday Coast Scout Group is now a Chartered Scout Group. The hard work and perseverance put in by Kathy and her team has been rewarded.

The Region Team

Assistant Region Commissioner Special Duties (South) - Brian Harvey

Supporting the Region Commissioner and the Scout Groups in the Southern part of the Region including Banksia, Bucasia, Mackay City Central, Moranbah and Sarina.

Assistant Region Commissioner Special Duties (South) - Vacant

Supporting the Region Commissioner and the Scout Groups in the Northern part of the Region including Bowen, Proserpine and Whitsunday Coast

Assistant Region Commissioner Campsites and Community Development - Bob Hodda

This role takes in the supervision of Rowallan Park and the Rowallan Park Fellowship.

Assistant Region Commissioner Training Development - Margaret Hodda

This role includes the Region Adult Training Development as well as special training courses for youth leadership training courses.

Regional Leader Information Technology – Vacant

This position is responsible for the Region's computer operations, website creation and maintenance, computer training and assisting the Region Team and Groups with electronic presentations.

Region Leader Community Relations – Mary Wallace

Mary is responsible for keeping Scouting in the local media and before the public. Building relationships with the various media outlets. Assisting Leaders to maximise their opportunities for media coverage of events and activities. Mary is also responsible to the publication and distribution of the Region Newsletter.

Region Leader Region Events – Jane Mumford

Jane's role includes the co-ordination of Region special events such as Aquatastic, Megativities and Centenary Celebrations.

Region Chaplain and Personal Safety Officer - Donald Grey

This position is encompasses our Duty to Our God and Personal Safety Issues as well as assisting the ARC Training Development with training in these areas. Unfortunately, Don has tendered his resignation due to increased work commitments. Don has done tremendous service to Central and Coastal Region. I would like to thank Don for his time and efforts over the past 6 years.

Region Leader Water Activities - Ken Whyte

Ken is responsible for ensuring that the Region meets the demand for all water activities and that sufficient training courses are available and conducted to enable allop of our members to enjoy the events and be suitably proficient in accordance with the award scheme and safety requirements. Inspection of all watercraft and appropriate certification is also a part of this role.

Region Environmental Co-ordinator - Jo Brzozowski

In addition Jo's primary role of Venturer Scout Leader with Banksia Scout Group, Jo promotes the Environmental Education for the Region as well as being involved with the environmental development of Rowallan Park in accordance with the Rowallan Park Scout Plan.

Region Leader Joey Scout Section – Wendy Harm

Provide support and assistance for Joey Scout Section Leaders. To ensure that the Youth Program as compiled and presented by Qld Branch Headquarters and the Branch Commissioner Team for Youth Program is delivered to the Groups / Sections as intended according to the appropriate BHQ guidelines.

Region Leader Cub Scout Section – Julie Thompson

Provide support and assistance for Cub Scout Section Leaders. To ensure that the Youth Program as compiled and presented by Qld Branch Headquarters and the Branch Commissioner Team for Youth Program is delivered to the Groups / Sections as intended according to the appropriate BHQ guidelines.

Region Leader Scout Section – Tim Johnson

Provide support and assistance for Scout Section Leaders. To ensure that the Youth Program as compiled and presented by Qld Branch Headquarters and the Branch Commissioner Team for Youth Program is delivered to the Groups / Sections as intended according to the appropriate BHQ guidelines.

Region Leader Venturer Scout Section – Judy Johnson

Provide support and assistance for Venturer Scout Section Leaders. To ensure that the Youth Program as compiled and presented by Qld Branch Headquarters and the Branch Commissioner Team for Youth Program is delivered to the Groups / Sections as intended according to the appropriate BHQ guidelines.

Region Rover Representative – Scott Marshall

Scott is currently the Region Representative for the Rover section and is a member of the Region Management Team to advise of the Rovers requirements within the Region as well as keeping the Rover section conversant with Region Business and Activities.

Region Representative to the Branch Executive and Branch Council – Margaret Barber

Margaret has recently accepted to continue in this role. Margaret's responsibilities include monitoring the Region's interests and voting accordingly at the monthly meetings of the Branch Executive and the bi annual Branch Council Meetings held at Branch Headquarters as well as keeping the Region Commissioner informed of the proceedings and results.

Region Council

The Region Council consists of members of the business community of Mackay and District. Mr Bob Sim (retired) is a long standing member along with Mr Duncan Pratt (builder) who help support the Movement in various ways. From advice on who to contact to seek needed assistance.

The Region Executive Committee consists of the following members:

- John Taylor – Chairman
- Reg Ross – Acting Treasurer
- Ray Cross – Secretary
- Reg Ross – Resource Committee Chairman
- Greg Sutherland – Resource Committee Member
- Assistant Region Commissioner Bob Hodda
- Assistant Region Commissioner Margaret Hodda
- Assistant Region Commissioner Brian Harvey
- Harry Roestenburg
- Region Commissioner Lance Hodda

The responsibility of the Regional Executive is to manage the affairs of the Region as an economical business proposition providing the necessary financial and material support to the Management Team and the Region in general so that the program delivery at Group level is of the highest standard and the members have the appropriate working tools / materials / activity places etc to encourage adult and youth member participation for the long term program in accordance with the State, Region and Groups Scout Plan and Charter system.

Mr Ray Braithwaite – Patron of Scouting in the Central & Coastal Region and Chairman of the Annual General Meeting for many years. Ray was a District Commissioner for Mackay District prior to Margaret Hodda and he has held the position of Patron for the Mackay District since about the time he retired from this role. He went on to inherit the Patron of the Region when the District level of administration was dropped from the Region. His assistance and advice to the Scouting community of Mackay & District has been invaluable over many years.

Chief Commissioner Mr. Maurice Law AM, the Branch Team and the staff at Branch Headquarters have provided support to Central and Coastal Region as well as to me personally as I have found my way as Region Commissioner. A lot of the support we enjoy is not always evident to all, and it is easy to talk about difficult issue and ignore the good. There have been a number of initiatives implemented at Branch that have made it that little bit easier for us (e.g. Electronic Group Mail, SMS for Group Leaders).

In conclusion, I would like to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation to Region Executive Committee, Region Management Team, Section Leaders, parents and community organisations for their support and contribution to Scouting. It is this passion and enthusiasm that people have for Scouting, the satisfaction that one derives from seeing the youth achieve their goals and succeed to become the Leaders of tomorrow that has seen Scouting achieve 100 years. Recruitment and Retention of Youth Members and Leaders will continue to be our future focus. Together we can assert the future for Central and Coastal Region.

Lance Hodda
Region Commissioner

Community Relations Report

2007 being 100 years of scouting we were able to have many of our news items published in the Midweek.

In June, with a tremendous effort from Bob Hodda and Jo Brzozowski we had a two page spread in the Midweek on publicity for Rowallan Park.

Other items that were published from April 2007 to the end March 2008 were, The Chief Commissioner visit, a report on retiring Region Commissioner Bob Hodda, Enviro fun day activities, Rowallan Park Environmental Open Day, Vanuatu Leaders visit, Dawn of the new century of Scouting, Front page photo and story of Central and Coastal Regions scouting members at the parade in Brisbane, Memorabilia Display at the Mackay City Library, Region Cub Scout Rally, JOTA & JOTI, Megativities camp, five Australian Scout Medallion presentations to Banksia Scouts, one Grey Wolf Award to a Banksia Cub Scout, and in March this year the Region Aquatastics carnival at Calen State College Pool.

Published in the Scout About a story on the Paul Harris Fellow Award presented to Bob and Margaret Hodda and the great achievements of the Banksia Group and their Australian Scout Medallions and Grey Wolf Award.

I also had some items published in the Bowen Independent, Whitsunday Guardian, and Whitsunday Times.

I would like to make mention of the fabulous endeavours of Bowen Scout Group Leader, Lesley Bullemor who provides the Bowen Independent with regular items for publication. Her promotion of scouting in Bowen reflects the increase in membership numbers in the Bowen Scout Group.

There were four Central and Coastal Region Newsletters published during the scouting year.

Thank you to the leaders who regularly contribute to the newsletter, and those who send me items to publish or invite me to their group presentations to do a news story for them.

2008 scouting was off to a wet start and the Founders Day activities had to be cancelled due to the saturated conditions. Activities are now on track and of recent times I have had plenty of news items to report.

I would like to move the adoption of my Community Relations Report.

Mary Wallace
Region Leader
Community Relations

Rowallan Park Campsite & Activity Centre Report

Rowallan Park has been delivered a very successful year by some very dedicated people whose ongoing enthusiasm is received with thanks by the community, Scouts Australia Queensland Branch and the Central & Coastal Region Members and, of course me, the writer who has enjoyed some fifty-two years with this property as a member of the committee plus some very enjoyable years prior to this time as youth member. I know I will not see another fifty-two years. However I do hope to see quite a few more years and in that time I have a dream to see Rowallan Park a thriving enterprise catering for the youth of our community and the young at heart. I also realize that when one reaches these senior years one must remain young at heart at a time when you hesitate to buy green bananas in case you do not last long enough to let them ripen.

In those “early” days Rowallan Park was known as Glendaragh, the name sourced from the fact that it was part of the property of the old Glendaragh Station which was broken up into individual blocks of many acres each following the death of the Jane Brothers who owned the Station and remained bachelors throughout their lifetimes thus leaving no family to continue the business.

The Scouting Movement and the community were very lucky. An Assistant District Commissioner and Training Team Member, Mr Noel Weder (dec) was asked by a Branch Headquarters Commissioner, Hamlin Harris, to keep an eye out for some suitable property to train Scouting Leaders and for the youth members to have plenty of bush activities and fun. Noel worked for a local Real Estate Agent, Charlie Rake, so was placed in a good position to seek out this fine piece of property which was fortunately too rugged for the farmers to purchase to grow economic crops. It suited the Scouting Movement just fine and with the combined help of Mackay business people and Rotary this magnificent piece of rugged bushland became “ours”.

We, as a community must keep the dream of Noel Weder alive and activity drives the dream. Noel organized his grave on the terrace and I was the one who unknowingly placed his head stone in place. I maintain he organized this location “to keep an eye on us” and the progress we make. I often walk past his last resting place and say “OK, OK we are getting on with it – we may be slow but we are getting there! Just watch!”

Well, in the past financial year Rowallan Park has moved closer to providing some updated facilities and made some significant decisions that are directed at keeping the past of the property and encouraging an adventurous and successful future.

The greatest need currently is for people from the Scout Movement and the community to use the facility so that the income from the usage will not only help our economic position but also show the value to the Movement and the community of the beautiful bush setting situated so close to the heart of our great city of Mackay. It is a great place for tourists to visit, a great setting for weddings, family camps, school excursions, all organizations, be they charitable, Service Club oriented, religious bodies and even the Scout and Guide Organizations – and the list is only shortened by a lack of imagination. Always remember – activity will drive the dream – young at heart leaders will lead the young to Rowallan Park and the young will bring everybody back if they have a good time and enjoy what we have tried to keep for the community over many years.

Some acknowledgements are listed hereunder to reflect on the past financial year in what the writer suggests was a successful year even with the usage of the Park falling below expectations.

- Thanks to John Alcorn we received a substantial grant which allowed the replacement of our old 17 year old ride on mower with a new John Deere unit. Total cost of approximately \$7,800.00.
- The Region Executive Committee was successful with a grant to assist with the replacement of the old activity shed on the parade ground. Total costs at this stage of approximately \$70,000.00.
- Mike Wright and the Rotary Clubs have successfully removed a large building from Bayersville and reassembled it adjacent the Barry Spratt Dam to house our watercraft and also to double as an activity building. Costs of which I have no approximate figure as most of the costs were met by Rotary Club of Mackay.
- Camp Eagle Retreat Ltd moved into the area North West of the Barry Spratt Dam having signed an agreement for the use of the property to conduct large scale school based camps organized by the High School Chaplain Phil Hall and Pastor of the Iona West Uniting Church Ewan McDonald.
- Rowallan Park Fellowship have been extremely active with fund raising projects such as sausage sizzles at Bunnings as well as receiving a Government Water Grant for \$20,000.00 to install fresh water tanks at the Johnstone Lodge along with the local reticulation. Ron Laffin and his team of “Friends of Rowallan Park” have been plagued with wet weather since the grant was announced but the completion of the project is now close.

- With Region Management approval Harry Roestenburg accepted my invitation to become my successor as the Leader in Charge of Rowallan Park development and maintenance and I have much pleasure in welcoming Harry to the role. Harry and his Rover Crew accepted the challenge to refurbish the old Munburra Railway Station to become the Region Rover Headquarters and his interest in Rowallan Park and its future encouraged the appointment to meet our succession plans incorporated in the overall Rowallan Park Scout Plan.
- Barry Spratt built a scoop for the tractor along with a ripper to loosen the soil for easier access for the scoop to operate. Many hours of work and scrounging has resulted in a very workable outfit. This outfit played a large part in the earthworks for the new activity shed on the parade ground perimeter as well as being a helpful tool in the general maintenance of roadways and campsite locations.
- Barry and Bonnie Spratt have just completed four years as resident Caretakers with their service being recognized by the pleasant presentation of the property at all times by visitors and members alike.
- Jo Brzozowski has continued to work on the environmental projects with the assistance of the Rover Crew, Rowallan Park Fellowship and other community supporters too numerous to mention. This is an enormous ongoing project and an exceptional learning program for all of our members and the community at large.
- Provisional work has been in the negation process regarding the access road and more will be needed in the next financial year to hopefully meet our future requirements and service the property well into the future.
- Plans also include the possibility for additional projects which will have a significant positive affect upon the profitability of the property into the future. Such projects will include a sports field in place of the old parade ground incorporating a water catchment process into an environmental pond in the current location of the "little dam". Plans include that the sports field will be irrigated from this water catchment's scheme as well as it being lighted by solar power. We have a keen interest in this facility being used extensively by sections of the local community.
- Upgrading of the accommodation facilities have part of the planning discussions so anybody with a couple of loose million dollars are most welcome to come and discuss the distribution of same at Rowallan Park with me. You will get my full and undivided attention!

Whilst our finances may not reflect my statement that Rowallan Park has been involved in a very successful year I believe that the above summary, errors and omissions accepted, indicates the affirmative – it has been a very successful year for Rowallan Park. I choose not to attempt at listing the name of each and everyone involved in my thanks of their work and support as there are far too many to mention. Hopefully, suffice to say thanks to all of those individuals involved along with the Region Executive Committee, Rotary Club of Mackay in particular, Rotary Club of West Mackay, Rotary Club of Port of Mackay, Rotary Club of North Mackay, Rowallan Park Fellowship, Region Management Team and the Local Business People/Houses who have contributed to the past year with their welcome support.

In conclusion I stress the importance of recognition of our Scout Plan (Business Plans) for Rowallan Park; the importance to recognize these plans as **"our dreams"** and to also recognize that only **"activity drives the dream"**; we need you to use Rowallan Park; we need you to support Rowallan Park.

All the best to each and everyone for the new financial year, may it be a success personally and for Scouting as well!

Yours in Scouting,

Bob Hodda

R W (Bob) Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner
Campsites and Community Development

Joey Scout Section Report

Well, another year has flown by while Joey Scouts around the region have been very busy. There has been plenty of 'Out' in 'Scouting'.

Joey Scout numbers are around 30 which is less than last year and Leader numbers are about 7 as well as 2 Youth Helpers. We now have Mobs in Moranbah, Mackay City Central, Proserpine, Banksia, Sarina, Whitsunday Coast and Bowen.

The newest of these Mobs are Moranbah, Proserpine and Mackay City Central.

During 2007 we held our annual Regional Mob Holiday. Our theme for this camp was Outer Space. Activities included: A space Log, building rockets, making and test flying comets, making star shaped sun catchers, plenty of games and a camp fire at night with songs and stories. As usual the Joey Scouts had a ball, and the Leaders and parents were exhausted but was well worth the effort.

We also had our annual Joey Scout Jaunt which was held once again at the Airlie Beach Lagoon in August. Our theme was a Beach Party and included plenty of beach games, sand sculpting, beach volleyball and a scavenger hunt.

Activities done by Mobs during the year include: Sarina and Banksia joining to complete their Mob Buddy Badge on a Pirate camp with beading and a visit to the movies. Bowen Mob completed their Environment badge at Camp Kanga at Easter time. And they have been tree hugging at Mullers Lagoon. Whitsunday Coast was the only Group from our region that went to the Brisbane Centenary Parade to celebrate 100 years of Scouting, and this year their Joey Scouts have been learning about community helpers and visiting the Fire, Police and Ambulance stations. They also joined with Proserpine for a camp fire and songs to celebrate Founders Day. What a great night.

Other activities during the year included: Clean Up Australia Day, Anzac Day March and sleepovers, Harmony Day, Aquatastic, JOTI/JOTA and Bring a Friend Month. As you can see we are a very busy section.

Thank you to the Leaders for their dedication and hard work. They continue to produce some fantastic programs and activities of a high standard.

Thank you also to the parents who continue to support our leaders and scout activities such as Regional Mob Holiday and Joey Scout Jaunt, every year. It can be a difficult job made easier with their support and is very much appreciated.

Thank you

Wendy Harm

Regional Leader

Youth Program Support – Joey Scouts.

Cub Scout Report

As this has been my first year as Regional Cub Scout Leader, Youth Program (Support) it has been great to work with the Leaders within the region

It has been good to meet various Cub Scout Leaders in the Region, and the enthusiasm that comes from the Leaders who want their Cub Scouts to experience scouting at its best.

Packs within the Region have sent me information on some interesting activities in their groups.

Bowen had a group camp which the Cubscouts attended, the Theme being Pirates Paradise.

Whitsunday Coast Cubscouts had a combined sleepover and hike with Bankisa cubscouts pack.

Whitsunday Cub Scouts went to Brisbane for the centenary celebrations and did various activities and badge work while they were down there.

Bowen, Proserpine, & Whitsunday had a combined Centenary camp which was held on the Easter weekend this year held at Camp Kanga, Proserpine.

The Grey Wolf Award has been awarded to Cub Scouts from Banksia and Sarina packs this is a fantastic achievement. I have been invited to attend all activities; unfortunately it has been difficult for me to attend due to my work commitments.

Over the past 12 months the Regional events on the calendar for the Cub Scout section have been very successful with 2 Cub Scout Leadership courses being held at Rowallan Park , where Cub scouts travelled from Bowen, Whitsunday Coast, Sarina and our local groups Mackay City Central and Banksia to attend the course.

The Cub Scout Rally held at Rowallan Park was well attended due to the time being school holidays. The theme was Fun at the Fair. We were very fortunate to have a Professional Clown who came from Whitsunday Coast and to volunteer his time was fantastic with a face painter which was very popular with the Cub scouts and myself.

Regional Commissioner Lance was great with his support in providing the computer base.

Packs from Sarina, Bowen, Whitsunday Coast, Mackay City Central, and Banksia & Proserpine travelled to support and enjoy the activity.

The support from Leaders and Scouts within the Region for all events held over the past year has been fantastic and without there help the activities would not be such a success for the Cubscouts.

The coming event on the programme is the Central and Coastal Cubscout Rally, this year the theme is The Olympics.

Also later in the year a Cub Scout leadership course is on the programme.

I look forward to the next 12months and the friendship, fun, enjoyment and challenges which I will experience along the way

Julie Thompson

Regional Leader

Youth Program Support – Cub Scouts.

Region Scout Report

I was very disappointed with the response to some of the regional events, as some groups did not attend some events as they had planned other events.

Rainbow Bird was very poorly supported – only four Scouts, two leaders and myself. The event was held at Cape Conway National Park and we did the Great Walk along the top of the mountain range. Almost 30km covered in two days.

I also attended Scout meetings at regional group, helped run the Scout Leadership Course at Rowallan Park and the Regional Scout Camp. At Regional Scout Camp there was a set menu, but the group I ate with did not know about the set menu – I had pasta, not roast beef.

I assembled the Sarina Scouts monkey bridge at the National Thanksgiving Day. It was a great hit. It would have been better to have had some help as it was a great chance to hand out promotional material.

On 1st August we had a fire on the hill at Slade Point to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. It was planned to circle the earth at sunrise with fire by the world of Scouts.

I also helped out at the Children's Christmas Party at the Racecourse, as Judy and I have been doing since it started many years ago.

Yours sincerely

C.R. Johnson (Tim)

Taipan

Region Leader – Scout Section

Regional Events

Every year when the dreaded call comes from the RC reminding you that the annual report is due, I am often stuck for ideas for the first paragraph without using the tried and true clichés about time going so fast and what wonderful activities we have had. So I think I'll try a new angle.....the year that was.

June 2007

On Monday the 25 June, at 8.25 pm our six Vanuatu leaders arrived in Mackay. John Row, Alfred Tony, Timothy, Glarinda, Mathen and Willie, all leaders with the First Tagabe Scout Group had accepted our invitation to a week of informal training in an effort to gain as much knowledge as possible to pass on to their Scout group. The Tagabe Scout Group is trying to rebuild Scouts in Vanuatu and to do this they need to become strong, well trained leaders. Once their group is strong in the knowledge of scouting and they have the relevant infrastructure in place their vision is to spread the scouting movement throughout Vanuatu...a huge task.

Mackay welcomed the group with rain, rain and more rain along with cold, cold weather but that did not deter them at all. We made lots of visits.... the Mackay Show, a combined Rover/Venturer activity, Pindi Pindi State School, Wallace's Cane Farm, Bowen Scout Group, a hotel with our Rovers, the local South Sea Islander community and the Sarina Sugar Shed. We were interviewed on FM 105.9, spent the day in training with local leaders, went shopping, went to Scouts at Mackay City Central Group, had a BBQ at the harbour, had lunch with the Sarina Scout group, viewed Hay Point, looked over Shute Harbour and shared a couple of meals and plenty of fellowship with the local leaders.

On Sunday morning a very significant and emotional time was shared at Rowallan Park in a very private ceremony. The Vanuatu leaders paid respect to their ancestors at the Kanaka graves, appreciative of the fact that we have respected and looked after them for many, many years. The bond between the Vanuatu and Mackay Scouts became even stronger.

On Sunday night a farewell BBQ was held, a great night of fellowship, food and laughs was shared by all. Emotions ran strong as the Vanuatu leaders thanked us with simple yet heart felt words and actions.

Early Monday morning it was time to say our final farewells. The Vanuatu leaders turned up with their Aussie flags flying and definitely more luggage than when they arrived, photos, hugs, tears and "when are we going to Vanuatu Dad?" surrounded usall too soon the Vanuatu leaders were on their way back home.

Although the rain caused the postponement of some of the scheduled activities, the leaders assured us they were returning to Vanuatu with strong memories and an increase in knowledge of the basic running of the local scout groups and the award schemes. Central and Coastal Scouts and the First Tagabe Scout Group will always share a special bond, we will continue to share in their vision and support them in any way we can.

August 2007

On Wednesday August 1 the region woke early and in small yet significant groups throughout the region, participated in the Scouting Sunrise. This ceremony was held simultaneously around the world to share "one world, one promise"... the motto of Scouting's Centenary. Whilst Central and Coastal Region may have been a little ahead of the rest I doubt any who stood looking out to sea and re affirmed their Scout promise just as the sun was rising, doubted the power of the moment.

October 2007

Our Brownsea Island Camp...the centenary celebration camp postponed due to the rain in June....was finally held on the weekend of 21/22 in conjunction with JOTA/JOTI. Around 150 youth, leaders and family travelled from around the region to Rowallan Park for a weekend of activities. Some of these activities included canoeing, waterslides, damper making, walking the trails, rope bridges, screen printing commemorative scarves and making hobby horses for the picnic races on Sunday morning. We also held a Scout's owns, played wide games, told the Rovers how awesome they were (No, the lollies were not an incentive!), participated in JOTA and JOTI activities and held a birthday carnival on Saturday night with sideshow alley, a jumping castle and karaoke. The groups camped and catered for themselves, coming together for the activities and we were joined by the local guide association on the Saturday night. The organisation of such an event is always a little daunting but as ever when you see and hear the youth members across the weekend you remember what scouting is all about.

February 2008

Rain, rain and more rain saw the cancellation of our Founder's day campfire in Mackay, but groups throughout the region celebrated the occasion in many different ways.

March 2008

Calen College Pool on March 8 was a sea of colours and activity. Aquatastic 2008 was in progress! Bowen Scout Group was presented with the team spirit award 2007....the golden snorkel. This new perpetual trophy replaced the plastic, wet paint snorkel that the group have proudly been displaying this last year. Alas a mere three hours later Bowen Scouts had to hand over the golden snorkel to this years winners...Whitsunday Coast. Our Aquatastic is a fun afternoon of traditional and non traditional water activities for all the youth of the region, add the ever popular sausage sizzle and loads of enthusiasm AND lots of water and sunshine and we have the recipe for a great day

That's about it for the year in review...a couple of more activities are still in the pipeline to celebrate Australia's Centenary of scouting...but as they say...stay tuned.

Last but in no way least...now that is a clichés no report from Regional events can finish without my heartfelt thanks to the leaders throughout the region who give their all to Scouting ...seriously THANK YOU

Jane Mumford

Region Leader
Region Events

Water Activities

In the last year water activities have been part of the Central and Coastal Regions activities. An Anchor Badge course for 12, which included certification of canoes for the Banksia and Bowen groups. Other water activities have been part of Region events at Rowallan Park involving Joeys, Cubs and Scouts conducted throughout the year.

In groups with canoes there has been limited use of these assets which has at times been restricted due to rainfall and increased river flows which as prevented planned trips occurring. For the coming year there will be at least one Anchor Badge course together and with completion of the new "Canoe Shed" at Rowallan Park and other water activities including rafting on the dam.

Ken Whyte

Region Leader
Water Activities

Memorabilia and Heritage

This year, although not a very active year for the Central & Coastal region for the Memorabilia & Heritage Section, there was a '100 Year of Scouting for Queensland. A display which was held at the City Library for a full week from 23rd to 28th June and manned each day by myself and my wife Heather. The public stated that not enough media coverage was available to the public.

Those of the public who saw the display said that the display was well presented and a great success to Scouting. We did have a few adults and parents enquire for leadership and for their children.

Finally, I wish to notify the Region that without somewhere to display the memorabilia and heritage equipment, even though it is in a vermin-proof container, the condensation will destroy photos and other valuable equipment. Somewhere to have the equipment on display at Rowallan Park is of most urgency.

Dennis & Heather Tuckerman

Memorabilia & Heritage and Friends of Rowallan Park

Training Development Report

The ever changing training arena brings with it many challenges. Changes to the Training Program format during the last twelve months have resulted in tasks being undertaken repetitively and additional time being expended by certain members to accommodate the changes and keeping our Leaders in the Region informed of these changes. Having Leaders available to attend the courses as scheduled remains difficult. We intend trying a slightly different strategy in the presentation of some courses in the hope that more Leaders might attend. It is a concern that there are several Leaders who have been in the Movement for a considerable period of time and have not yet completed their basic training.

During the period under review Courses held and attendance results are as follows:

• Leadership Training 2 Field Day	9
• Leadership Training 3	10
• Skills Training 1 across five Sections	14
• Skills Training 2 across five Sections	11
• Venturer Scout Unit Management Course	9
• Anchor Badge Course	10

We also had two very successful Environmental Activity days conducted by Jo Brzozowski at Rowallan Park and Proserpine.

Courses which failed to go ahead were an LT2 Field Day, Skills Training 3 and Wood Badge Training 1.

Personal Leader Adviser and Assessor Courses which were to be held on 16th & 7th February 2008 were postponed at the last minute due to the extreme wet weather which came our way at that time. These courses are to be rescheduled at a date to be confirmed.

Four Leaders gave their best efforts and completed their Wood Badge I level of training. Debbie Rutherford, Gary Wrench and Bruce Miller of Mackay City Central Group and Region Leader Jane Mumford have been awarded the Wood Badge Beads, scarf and parchment in recognition of their achievements. Congratulations to all.

Scouting has experienced a sad loss this year in the passing of Wally Douglas and Col Martin. Both were called to Higher Service in May and June respectively. Wally has been a Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) stalwart since 1983. He has provided and operated his own equipment as well as coordinating other members of the Amateur Radio Operators so that our youth and adult members have the opportunity to participate in this important annual event. Col Martin has touched the lives of thousands of people through his involvement in several roles he held within the Movement over some 45 plus years. Col was also a member of the Training Team and had an uncanny method of testing the ability of individuals and bringing out the best in them. Col had a strong belief in the necessity to preserve the Aim, Principles and Method of Scouting along with Scouting traditions and protocol in order that members, young and not so young, may experience what Scouting really stands for and thus carry on these important values for future generations.

I wish to thank everyone who has assisted me throughout the year in providing training to our members. Your support in this important area is greatly appreciated.

I encourage all Leaders to remain focused on their training commitments and to make every effort to take advantage of training opportunities. I wish you fun, satisfaction and success in your Scouting roles throughout the coming year.

Margaret Hodda

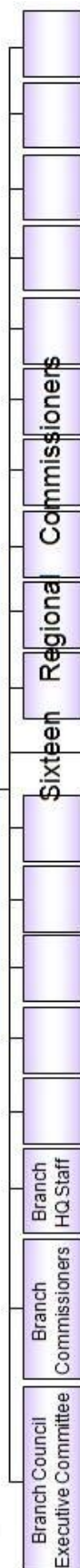
Assistant Region Commissioner
Training Development



Region Structure

Version 13

Queensland Branch Headquarters
Maurice J. Law A.M. – Chief Commissioner



Central and Coastal Region
Regional Commissioner
Lance Hodda

Region Program Delivery

Assistant Region Commissioner
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Campsites and
Community Partnerships
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Rowallan Park
Fellowship
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South
Brian Harvey

Banksia
Scout Group
Jo Tims

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Scout Group
Vacant

Mackay City
Central
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Scout Group
Janet Brown

Sarina
Scout Group
Brett Tomlinson

Seaforth
Scout Group
Vacant

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Whitsunday
Coast
Scout Group
Kathy Ball

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Scout Group
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Region Formations

Region Leader
Chaplain &
Personal Safety
Don Gray

Region Leader
Water Activities
Ken Whyte

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Specialist Outdoor
Activities
Vacant

Region Leader
Information
Technology
Vacant

Region Leader
Region Events
Jane Mumford

Region Leader
Community Relations
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Region Leader
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Julie Thompson

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Scouts
Tim Johnson

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Venturer Scouts
Judy Johnson

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John Taylor

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Ray Cross

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Reg Ross

ADULT
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Reg Ross

Region Leader –
Development
Vacant

Region Rover
Representative
Scott Marshall

Heritage & Memorabilia
Dennis & Heather
Tuckerman

Region Representative
to Branch Executive &
Branch Council
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Region Council
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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2008

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

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Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Committee's Report
For the year ended 31 March 2008

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2008.

Committee Members

The names of committee Members at the date of this report are:

John Taylor
Reg Ross
Ray Cross
Bob Hodda
Margaret Hodda
Harry Roestenburg
Brian Harvey
Lance Hodda

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Scout Association.

Significant Changes


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
31 March 2008	PrevYearEnd
\$	\$
(29,232.78)	(24,026.20)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on :



John Taylor



Reg Ross

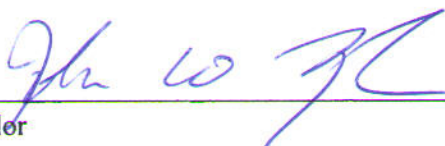
Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Statement by Members of Committee
For the year ended 31 March 2008

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.


In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region as at 31 March 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



John Taylor
President



Reg Ross
Treasurer

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Trading Account

For the year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Trading Income		
Badge Shop Sales	517.00	2,542.05
Total Trading Income	517.00	2,542.05
Cost of Sales		
Add:		
Opening Stock		1,951.93
Purchases	302.80	1,350.15
	302.80	3,302.08
Cost of Sales	302.80	3,302.08
Gross Profit from Trading	214.20	(760.03)

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Income		
Trading profit	214.20	(760.03)
Affiliation Fees	2,085.00	2,805.00
Annual General Meeting	740.00	
Commissions Received	112.50	
Donations	4,885.00	5,860.68
Fellowship Group Deposit	152.80	522.50
Grants Received	5,259.50	
Income for Vanuatu Trip	96.00	
Interest received	2,376.55	2,171.38
QBE Insurance Reward	50.00	87.50
Rowallan Park Income	10,031.45	12,210.00
Training Administration Income	10,487.80	7,861.80
Profit on Sale of Plant & Equipment	250.00	
Total income	<u>36,740.80</u>	<u>30,758.83</u>
Expenses		
A.G.M Expenses	725.00	
Audit fees	330.00	330.00
Bank Fees And Charges	17.00	
Depreciation	21,140.00	24,134.00
Membership Fees to Branch H.Q	370.00	1,319.45
Miscellaneous	501.85	359.25
Postage & stationery	471.69	437.65
Repairs & maintenance	1,441.73	5,190.35
Rowallan Park Expenses	23,614.13	16,192.89
Training Admin Expenses	17,362.18	6,821.44
Total expenses	<u>65,973.58</u>	<u>54,785.03</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(29,232.78)	(24,026.20)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(29,232.78)</u>	<u>(24,026.20)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Items recognised directly in equity:		
Net increase (decrease) in Asset Revaluation Reserve	(38,670.36)	10,525.09
Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity	<u>(38,670.36)</u>	<u>10,525.09</u>
Total changes in equity of the association	<u>(67,903.14)</u>	<u>(13,501.11)</u>
 Opening retained profits	 (148,124.31)	 (124,098.11)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(29,232.78)</u>	<u>(24,026.20)</u>
Closing retained profits	<u>(177,357.09)</u>	<u>(148,124.31)</u>

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Detailed Statement of Financial Position As At 31 March 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Westpac Cheque Account	7,500.03	12,735.56
Training Admin Account	5,215.18	7,607.83
BHQ Development Fund	38,491.01	38,670.36
Central Coast Region Reserve Account	53,325.80	
	<u>104,532.02</u>	<u>59,013.75</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>104,532.02</u>	<u>59,013.75</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	109,753.09	119,873.00
Value of Furniture, Equipment	17,808.13	14,039.13
	<u>262,561.22</u>	<u>268,912.13</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>262,561.22</u>	<u>268,912.13</u>
Total Assets	<u>367,093.24</u>	<u>327,925.88</u>
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Unsecured:		
O/S chq from 2006 Envirofund	1,000.00	
Other creditors	5,220.00	
	<u>6,220.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,220.00</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>6,220.00</u>	

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Detailed Statement of Financial Position As At 31 March 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Net Assets	<u><u>360,873.24</u></u>	<u><u>327,925.88</u></u>

Members' Funds

Reserves

Deposit into BHQ Development Fund		38,670.36
General reserve	538,230.33	437,379.83
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>(177,357.09)</u>	<u>(148,124.31)</u>
Total Members' Funds	<u><u>360,873.24</u></u>	<u><u>327,925.88</u></u>

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2008

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Fixed Assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region

Auditor's Report

Scope

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2008 of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act Queensland and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region to maintain an effective control over donations, subscriptions and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region as at 31 March 2008 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

M. P. Curtin

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