

Queensland Branch Inc.

# *Central and Coastal Region*



# Annual Report 2009



*Celebrating 100  
years  
of Scouting in  
Mackay*

*1909 - 2009*

**Agenda** for the Annual General Meeting of the Central & Coastal Region being held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Annual General Meeting of the Central and Coastal Region

Wednesday 16th July 2008  
Mackay Aero Club, Casey Avenue, MACKA Y

**OPENING AND WELCOME:** Meeting called to order 7.15pm. By Executive Chairman John Taylor.

Executive Chairman John welcomed guests from Mackay Regional Council, Mayor Col Meng and Councilors Darryl Camilleri and George Christensen; The Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM; and Region Commissioner Lance Hodda and his wife Lynn.

He then handed the meeting over to the Patron, Ray Braithwaite to Chair the AGM.

Chairman of proceeding's Patron, Ray Braithwaite called for Grace to be said by Jane Mumford, and opening prayer by Margaret Hodda.

**PRESENT:**

Chief Commissioner Maurice Law AM, RC Lance Hodda, Lynn Hodda, Cr Col Meng, Cr Darryl Camilleri, Cr George Christensen, Mr Mike Wright, Mrs Juanita Wright, Mr Frank Gilbert (President – Mackay Rotary Club) ARC Bob Hodda, ARC Margaret Hodda, ARC Brian Harvey, Mr Ray Braithwaite OAM (Patron), Mr John Taylor, Mr Ray Cross (Secretary), Mrs Chris Cross, Mr Reg Ross (A/Treasurer), Mrs Pam Ross, Mr Greg Sutherland, Rover Brendan Ross, RA Harry Roestenburg (also President of Mackay West Rotary Club), Rover Mindy Winter, RL Tim Johnson, Mrs Judy Johnson, Mr Barry Spratt & Mrs Bonnie Spratt (Caretakers), RL Jane Mumford, Mr Scott Marshall, ASM Dennis Tuckerman, ASM Heather Tuckerman, RL Ken Whyte, Karen Turner, RL Joseph Kearns, Mr Bob Sim.

**APOLOGIES:**

Hon.Tim Mulherin MP, Hon. Jan Jarrott, Cr Di Hatfield (Mackay Regional Council), Cr Greg Thomson (Mackay Regional Council), Mrs Gwen Sim, Mr Ian & Mrs Val Hamilton, Mr Duncan & Mrs Ivy Pratt, Mr Chris Wright (President – Port of Mackay Rotary Club), GL Lesley Bullemor (Bowen), Wendy Harm, Julie Thompson, Jo Brzozowski, Ron Laffin, Mrs Blanche Sutherland, Mrs Mavis 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were circulated to the meeting.

Chair sought resolution to move they be accepted. Moved by Ray Cross, Seconded by Greg Sutherland, 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 asked the meeting to refer to his report in the document, making special comment about the considerable effort made by Mackay Rotary Club members, Mike Wright, Ray Muller and Ross Hyland, who removed the shed from Bayersville and re-erected it at Rowallan Park. He also noted that whilst the Executive have been able to achieve significant infrastructure improvements at Rowallan Park, this has been achieved by dipping into reserve funds and grants. The future

viability of the Park is dependent on its continued and increased use by the Scouting fraternity and other groups.

Chairman John thanked past Treasurer John Alcorn for his support and thanked Reg Ross for taking up the role to complete the year's financial report as acting Treasurer.

**Executive Treasurer Report:** Acting Treasurer Reg Ross 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. Reg commented that the cost to run the Region and noted that the nett loss reflected the depreciation costs. Costs generally continue to rise, and whilst the executive is focused on achieving income increases at Rowallan Park by improving facilities through grants and capital expenditure, the facility still needs greater use by the movement.

**Region Commissioner Report:** RC Lance Hodda commented that last year we celebrated 100 years of Scouting world-wide, followed by 100 years of Scouting in Australia this year, which will then be followed by 100 years of Scouting in Mackay next year.

At present, there are 218 youth members and 115 leaders, and he thanked the leaders and the executive committee for their support through the year. He also thanked the Rotary Clubs of Mackay, Mackay North, Mackay West and Port of Mackay for their support and input.

RC Lance Hodda moved that the all reports be adopted, seconded by Brian Harvey, Carried.

**Councilor Col Meng (Mackay Regional Council Mayor):** commented that the youth of today are the up and coming leaders of tomorrow and need community support. There are challenges out there like the Seaforth Recreational Facility that the State Government has decided to vest itself of that need to be made profitable for the benefit of the community.

**Councilor George Christensen:** Scouting plays an important role in its part of the community for learning, discipline, camaraderie. In his Council portfolio of Community Facilities and Services, he has open ears for community groups.

**Councilor Darryl Camilleri:** Reviewed the financial performance of the Region and commented that whilst the profitability was not there, there are significant depreciation of assets recorded and valuable assets. It would be good to see Rowallan Park become profitable.

**Mr Greg Sutherland:** Noted that two Rotary Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to Bob and Margaret Hodda by the Mackay Rotary Club in recognition of their services to Scouting and the Community, and extended congratulations to both. (Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest award Rotary offers recognizing a person for significant contributions to the community through a particular avenue of service. The award is funded through a US\$1000.00 donation from the donor club to the Rotary Foundation from where the award is allocated. The donation to the Rotary Foundation is then used to generate funds for use on International and District community service projects).

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

##### **Region Executive:**

- Chairman – Mr John Taylor
- Treasurer – Mr Reg Ross
- Secretary – Mr Ray Cross
- Members:
  - RC Lance Hodda
  - ARC Brian Harvey
  - RA Harry Roestenburg
  - ARC Bob Hodda
  - ARC Margaret Hodda
  - Mr Greg Sutherland

**Auditor.** Treasurer Reg Ross advised the meeting that Mr Michael Curtin had carried out the audit for the Region for the past four 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 2008-2009.

Seconded Greg Sutherland, Carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** RC Lance Hodda made the following presentation of Awards

- Judy Johnson – 10 years service Award
- Brian Harvey – 15 year service Award
- Jane Mumford – 15 year service Award; Wood Badge; Cert 4 Business; Cert 4 Leadership
- Margaret Hodda 45 year service Award
- Greg Sutherland – Certificate of Merit
- Dennis Tuckerman – 40 year Service Award
- Cr Col Meng – Centenary of Scouting (World) scarf & Centenary of Scouting (Australia) woggle.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

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

Commissioner Law apologized for Ryan Zodiak being unable to attend the meeting, and drew attention to the following points:

- a) The last few years we have seen Scouting in street parades, currency and commemorative coins and postage stamps
- b) The newly appointed PR officer brings 10-11 mentions in the media on some days throughout the state.
- c) We need to promote what Scouting is doing.
- d) There is assistance provided by BHQ staff for Grant Applications.
- e) This Region needs to look at ways to improve income at Rowallan Park. Brisbane is promoting Adventure camps in the School holidays as an example.
- f) Other Regions have become accredited as Day Care providers and are running Day Care Centres on scouting themes.
- g) The side effect of Daycare is that it leads to scouting membership by using a basic scouting program
- h) Letters of Support from the Regional Council are always appreciated when Grant Applications are prepared.
- i) A blue-print of application formats is available for use by the Regions
- j) There is always a challenge to encourage more leaders.
- k) The BHQ is now working on a 2020 plan. It would be good to see the Central and Coastal Region move to a surplus of funds in that period.
- l) With adult support – membership at Youth level will rise
- m) Without the support of Rotary in this Region, Scouting would cease to exist.

**MEETING CLOSED:** There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

## Chairman's Report

I would like to begin this report by expressing my sincere thanks to the small dedicated group who make up the Executive Committee of the Central and Coastal Region. These include Ray Cross, Secretary (Port of Mackay Rotary Club), Reg Ross, Treasurer (Rotary Club of Mackay North) and Greg Sutherland, Resource Committee (Rotary Club of Mackay). Representing the uniformed section are Region Commissioner Lance Hodda, Assistant Region Commissioner Brian Harvey, Rover Advisor Harry Roestenburg (Rotary Club of Mackay West) and Assistant Region Commissioners Margaret and Bob Hodda . As usual it has been a year of challenges and achievements.

I am pleased to advise that the activity building at Rowallan Park which was one of our main projects for last year is now being fitted out with a new kitchen. This welcome facility has been made possible due to the efforts of the Rowallan Park Fellowship who successfully applied for a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Funds provided by the Queensland Scout Foundation grant helped us to update the old tractor to a more reliable 120HP Deitz tractor. This acquisition has made the tireless work performed by Barry Spratt towards the upkeep of the grounds just a little easier.

Rowallan Park would not survive without the support of the service clubs of the Mackay district, particularly the Rotary Clubs. This support is both in a financial sense as well as a physical sense. Late last year, members of the Rotary Club of Mackay together with members from the Rotary Club of Mackay West dismantled a shed from the Motordome and moved it to Rowallan Park for future expansion. In addition, a building was brought down from the Proserpine Dam and was reassembled on a concrete slab supplied by the Rotary Club of Mackay West. Special mention should be made of our 'resident builder', Mike Wright who together with Rotary members from Mackay Club and West Mackay Club completed the concrete slab one weekend with the frame and walls erected during the following week. Mike Wright was responsible for completing this project.

As the facilities of Rowallan Park continue to improve, the caretakers of the Park, Bonnie and Barry Spratt, maintain their dedication to the upkeep and expansion of the Park and they are to be congratulated for their fine efforts.

With so many ongoing building projects, each year Rowallan Park is expanding and offering so much more to the community groups who take advantage of this facility, however there is always the financial struggle to provide enough funds to fulfil the potential of this fine asset.

I cannot complete this report without reference to the sad passing of one of our former executive members, Barry Stewart. Barry was the secretary of the Executive Committee for several years and was an extremely positive and enthusiastic contributor to the Scouting movement. He will be deeply missed by the Scouting community and the community at large.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Rowallan Park a **HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** and thank everyone who has contributed towards its success since 1949.

John Taylor (Rotary Club of Mackay)

Chairperson

Central and Coastal Region Executive Committee

## Region Commissioner's Report

Scouting in the Central and Coastal Region continues to deliver the Aims and Principles of the Scouting Movement as set by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell over one hundred years ago through the current delivery of the Youth Program System developed and accepted nationally for the youth members of our community.

However, insufficient numbers of adult leaders in the ranks of Groups as well as in the strength required for the Region support, is a major factor which has led to the significant drop in youth membership.

We need adults from all sections of the community to give some time to the Movement and help train our young people to meet the challenges of the future. The Scout Movement offers excellent training for the adults through a Government Accredited Educational Standards System whereby "professional discussion leads to the possibilities of recognition of prior learning and recognition of current competencies" in conjunction with accredited training to suit the selected role within the Movement. If the adults of today do not take the time to be with, and teach our youth members of the community now, they will undoubtedly miss out on a part of their growing up and learning that could well be detrimental to their future and that of our Nation.

Scouting is one hundred years old in Mackay this year and Rowallan Park boasts its sixtieth anniversary. A good book to read is "In the Light of all the Years" written by Ralph Fones which gives an interesting insight into the history of Scouting in Queensland. The local history is about to be documented by some "older members" of the Movement and will include articles such as the support of the local community, business houses such as J Michelmores & Company, Shepherds Anvil Stores, the Sugar Mills, Pioneer Shire Council, Mackay City Council, Mirani Shire Council, Sarina Shire Council and Rotary Club of Mackay just to mention a few. These organizations had serious input into the plans set by one Noel Weder who was the driving force behind the purchase of Rowallan Park for the Scout Movement in 1949.

World Scout day is declared on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August each year which has prompted the Central & Coastal Region to plan for an activity filled weekend to be staged at Rowallan Park on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of August to celebrate the 100 years of Scouting in Mackay, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rowallan Park, World Scout Day and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Queensland. Quite a memorable milestone!

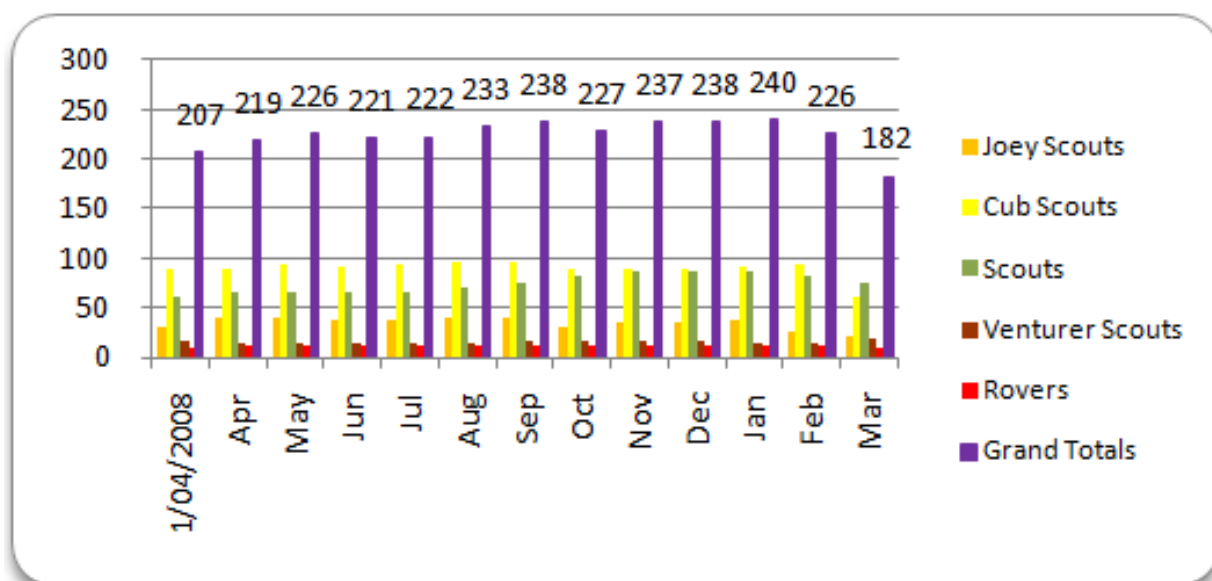
Words from a Campfire Yarn back in 1957 goes like this: "*Consideration of the past is useful only if constructively applied to the present and the future. It is no help if it is purely sentimental....*". Worth thinking about?

Whilst the Region is working towards the accreditation of being "chartered" and is covered in ARC Brian Harvey's report I feel a special mention is deserving to the Rowallan Park Fellowship. Having been formed only two years ago as the Central & Coastal Region Scout Fellowship, Rowallan Park Patrol it was granted its "Charter" on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 thus

recognizing the level of achievement in accordance with the Accreditation guidelines. I am sure we all join in the congratulations to the Fellowship which has also successfully applied to have a name change to “Rowallan Park Fellowship” and being a formation within the Central & Coastal Region. The work carried out by the members – most of whom belong to the pensioners’ league by the nature of their age – is to be commended, along with the fundraising efforts which help the projects along at the Park for the enjoyment of the Scouting and Guiding members as well as the community at large.

As of the 31 March 2009 Central and Coastal Region has 182 Youth Members and 70 Leaders and Adult Support Members. Central and Coastal Region experienced a 12% decrease in numbers last financial year. Unfortunately Leader numbers decreased as well. There are a number of significant reasons for this drop. The main contributing factors are the demand on peoples time through their family and work commitments and the many other activities, such as sport, that are available to the youth members. Families cannot financially support numerous extracurricular activities for their children and they simply have to make a choice as to which one they want to be involved in.

Looking at the number of “C5 - Activity Advice and Approval” forms that I have seen over the past 12 months and the varied activities they have covered, in general, the youth are being offered a varied and active program. It has always been determined from my past experiences, if you provide a quality program, youth recruitment and retention is easier to maintain



Central and Coastal Region Youth membership 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

**Region Team** consists of the following members:

- Assistant Region Commissioner – Group Support  
*Brian Harvey*
- Assistant Region Commissioner Campsites and Community Development  
*Bob Hodda*



- Assistant Region Commissioner Training Development  
*Margaret Hodda*
- Region Leader Information Technology  
*Dougal McWhinney*
- Region Leader Community Relations  
*Mary Wallace*
- Region Leader Region Events  
*Jane Mumford*
- Region Leader Water Activities  
*Ken Whyte*
- Region Leader Joey Scout Section  
*Wendy Harm*
- Region Leader Cub Scout Section  
*Julie Thompson*
- Region Leader Scout Section  
*Tim Johnson*
- Region Leader Venturer Scout Section  
*Judy Johnson*
- Region Rover Representative  
*Stuart Wolsey*
- Region Representative to the Branch Executive and Branch Council  
*Margaret Barber*

**The Region Executive Committee** consists of the following members:

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

**Mr Ray Braithwaite** – Patron of Scouting in the Central & Coastal Region and Chairman of the Annual General Meeting.

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 in Mackay achieve it's 100 years. Recruitment and Retention of Youth Members and

Leaders must continue to be our future focus. Together we can assert the future for Central and Coastal Region.

Lance Hodda

Region Commissioner  
Central and Coastal Region

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### **Community Relations Report**

The news that I had to report to the Midweek/Daily Mercury for the 2008/2009 year was mostly achievements of members rather than Region Events or Group Activities.

Australian Scout Medallion presentations were made to Jacob Wrench, Mackay City Central Group and Matthew Timms, Banksia Group. Grey Wolf Award presentations were made to Brandon Paton, Melanie Edmonds and Hunter Kay from Banksia Group, and Aimee Wilson and Kirsty Hodda from Sarina Group. The Adult Leadership Award presentations and the Posthumous Award to the family of Wally Douglas, who for many years operated the radios for JOTA, were reported in the Midweek. The Posthumous Award was also published in Encompass.

A member of Calen Canefields Toastmasters ran a Speechcraft Course for the Banksia Venturer Scouts which made an excellent story in the Midweek and Encompass which is the Queensland Branch monthly Newsletter.

The 100 metre damper for 100 years of Scouting in Australia to raise money for the Wesley Foundation was reported in the Daily Mercury prior to and after the event. Thanks go to Jane Mumford for taking care of that in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Mackay North. I sent photos and a report which was published in Encompass.

Due to the passing of a long serving Scouting member, Mrs Mavis Larkin, I co-ordinated the compilation of an obituary for the Daily Mercury. Mr Bob Hodda wrote the Scouting history and Margaret Larkin contributed the family history.

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.

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

Mary Wallace  
Region Leader  
Community Relations

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## **Rowallan Park Campsite and Activity Centre**

We can boast a very productive and successful year even though our income from the Park did not take care of our running expenses. No doubt, we could blame the global financial crisis and move on but sorry to say this is not the total cause of the balance sheet difficulty. Escalating costs of fuel and other maintenance essentials including slasher blades, ride on mower blades, oil and grease, water pipe fittings, along with many other necessary items too numerous to mention have an impacting influence when the overall usage has declined for various reasons, not excluding the continuing wet weather that has discouraged visitors and in many cases prevented occupancy of the facilities.

The access road was grossly affected by the continued wet weather which caused us to close it to all traffic for a period of time this year except for the Caretakers who were forced, on occasions, to leave their vehicle in Mackay and seek the use of four wheel drive transport to negotiate the access road to home. The industrial waste bin was taken to Glendaragh Road by tractor for collection due to the wet and risky conditions.

However, with the help of Rotary Club of Mackay, Rotary Club of Mackay West, Rotary Club of Port of Mackay, Rotary Club of Mackay North, Government Grants, support from numerous Mackay Business Houses, Rowallan Park Fellowship, Mackay Regional Council, our Region Executive Committee, our Caretakers, Members of the Movement and individuals from the community we hope to overcome this minor problem promptly as well as meet the planned commitments for the coming financial year.

The debt is largely made up of the public liability insurance, personal accident insurance and building/machinery insurance which are an essential part of the operation, as well as being a compulsory commodity to give us our certificate of currency to the end of March 2010. This does not include any funds required for maintenance, machinery breakdown; electrical failures, water reticulation leakage or capital works programs which must be configured into our current budget.

Building upgrades completed this past financial year include the Water Activity Centre adjacent the dam, the Activity Building on the terrace adjacent the Johnstone Lodge, the re-erecting of the building removed from the Proserpine Dam site as the Machinery Workshop adjacent the Caretakers cottage and the preparation of the earthworks to extend the existing Machinery Shed. This work was partially funded by Government Grants, some small donations from various sources with the balance sourced from our own funds, whilst the labour content was donated mainly from the Rotary Clubs.

Storm water drainage and earthworks have been carried out by our caretaker/plant operator Barry Spratt to the new buildings as well as maintenance to existing drainage and roadways within Rowallan Park.

We were able to purchase a second hand 120 horse power Deutz tractor to upgrade our existing 1982 Ford 4600 series machine which has served us extremely well since we purchased it in 1984. This unit was partially funded by grants with the balance sourced from our own funds. The fitting up of this new machine to accommodate our existing attachments was done by our caretaker/operator Barry Spratt, with considerable assistance from the Mackay Business houses who continue to support Rowallan Park.

The old utility was upgraded with a replacement Nissan 4 x 4 utility supplied by Harry and Mindy Roestenburg of Henderson Motors. The old unit was originally supplied by Harry & Mindy. Henderson Motors generously carried out the maintenance of this machine which has served us

reliably well for many years. We take this opportunity to publicly thank Harry and Mindy for their generous donation and continued support.

Harry has also accepted the role of Assistant to the ARC Campsites, Community Development and Fellowship role to ensure the leadership and management of the Park in the interests of succession planning, as well as filling the role whilst leave is taken for me to pursue the ambitions of the “Grey Nomads”. We thank Harry for accepting this role which I am sure will provide an abundance of good times and happy memories for he and his family over time.

Camp Eagle under the guidance of High Schools’ Chaplain Phil Hall, has received strong support with setting up of their Retreat adjacent the north western corner of the Barry Spratt Dam. They have conducted a couple of successful “camps” and plan to become more active with their corner of the Park. The plans for two environmentally friendly ablution blocks within their allocated area are set to proceed within the near future. Harry Roestenburg has given Phil full support from the Rowallan Park side as well as support from his Rotary Club to assist the project establishment and future success.

Tim and Judy Johnson donated an International truck to the Park that was surplus to their requirements. They have also donated many hours of time to supporting Rowallan Park through fundraising and attending working bees on a regular basis. We offer our thanks for their continued support.

Maintenance has been a major consumer of available time with continuous mowing/slashing, repairs to internal roadways, searching for water main leakages and their subsequent repairs, repairs to blocked sewerage mains and in one case exposing a fractured line and its subsequent replacement, repairs to the ablution block which included the replacement of toilet cisterns with double flush units, replacement of rusted out water pipes and many other essential ongoing items that are part of the “everyday life of the volunteers” who work extremely hard to provide comfortable and presentable facilities for the community.

We take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Clubs, the Mackay Business Houses and Companies who have supported us during the year as well as the many individuals who have willingly given up their time to help maintain and/or support Rowallan Park for the Movement and the community. ARC Brian Harvey and Caretaker Barry Spratt have personally delivered thanks messages and plaques to many of the business houses and companies and will continue with this practice to provide recognition of our thanks for public display. There is always a difficulty in recognizing the efforts of people within these pages for fear of missing someone who has made some contribution. There are so many who contribute and the results are very obvious when you take the time to pause in an appropriate position anywhere within the Park to take a snap shot of the beauty therein. It is even more satisfying when the kids are in camp with the melodious tune of happy voices mingled with nature’s bird songs escorting the animals who scurry about or just casually graze throughout the property with the smells of wood cooking fires charging up the appetites of our young citizens. This is true thanks to all and I am sure it produces a most gratifying feeling to the contributor / observer. You are always most welcome to share these cherished moments so please call frequently.

**The Rowallan Park Fellowship** continues with its support providing funds for various essential items by conducting varied and various fundraising activities as well as providing many hours of volunteer time towards the maintenance and capital works that is part of Rowallan Park.

The Commonwealth Water Grant was a huge task for the Fellowship as they struggled with inclement weather each time a working bee was scheduled and the numerous ailments of the aged members within the ranks to complete the task of harvesting the water from the Johnstone Lodge Facility into two 25000 litre tanks now securely positioned on the southern side of the kitchen and uphill of the ablution block. The reticulation system supplies water to the ablution block at this stage thus saving water previously pumped into the main park storage tanks and reticulation system. Should we have a shortage of water in the rainwater harvest tanks, ball valves are installed in the systems to provide continuity of water supply to the showers and toilets at all times.

The Fellowship members have conducted some social events which were very popular as well as carrying out catering services for various training courses and working bees held at the Park.

Members have been supporting Region Leader Jane Mumford with her preparation and organizing for the Scoutfest to be held at Rowallan Park on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Mackay, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rowallan Park, and World Scout Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August along with the Q150 Queensland Anniversary Celebrations.

The AGM was held at the Mackay Northern Beaches Bowls Club on April 15<sup>th</sup> with an evening meal followed by the meeting and appointment of the 2009-10 committee members. Outgoing Chairperson Ron Laffin, Treasurer Gordon Rollinson and Secretary Bonnie Spratt received a vote of thanks for their role in filling these positions for the past two years while Incoming Committee was appointed to their relative positions. Incoming Chairperson was Bonnie Spratt whilst the incoming Treasurer was Michael Oakley. A Secretary was not confirmed at this meeting.

Bob Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner

Campsites, Community Development and Fellowship

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### **Joey Scout Section Report**

During 2008 we held our annual Region Mob Holiday in June. Our theme for this camp was Mad Mob Olympics to coincide with the Beijing Olympics. Activities included an Opening Ceremony with the lighting of the cauldron, a march past with banners produced by the Joey Scouts, track races, baton relay, javelin using pool noodles, discus, weightlifting which included water balloons on each end of the pool noodles, shot put, 50 yard swim, volley ball, hammer throw, a marathon walk, tug O war, Olympic Ring relay, hurdles, and a shape challenge. The Joey Scouts also made their own torches to light the cauldron, and they also made their own Gold Medals to take home at the end. On the last day we all made several Friendship Flags with our hand prints so that one flag went back to each group to hang in their den. Over the weekend we also used the characters from the Beijing Olympics as decoration in the kitchen. The Joey Scouts seemed to enjoy this theme which was very active and challenging.

Our annual Joey Scout Jaunt was held in August 2008 with a Beach Olympics theme held at the Airlie Beach Lagoon. Included activities were tug o war on the beach, sack races, 3 legged races, sand castle competition, spade and sand relay, and a game of Gladiator with pool noodles. We had to

keep this one under control as the Joey Scouts tended to get a bit carried away. They did enjoy burying one of our Youth Helpers in the sand up to her neck, which was great fun to watch.

In June 2008, Conrad Lamb from Banksia Joey Scout Mob earned and was presented his Promise Challenge Award and Badge.

Other activities done by Mobs during the year included Clean Up Australia Day, Anzac Day March and sleepovers, Harmony Day, Aquatastic, JOTI/JOTA and Bring a Friend Month. I have heard that some Mobs and their Leaders are enjoying and sharing their time together, but unfortunately they forgot to tell me about them so I can't tell you about them.

Thank you to the dedicated Joey Scout Leaders in our Region for the wonderful job that they do. Also thank you to the parents who support our Leaders so they can produce a wonderful program. Their support is much appreciated, especially when it comes to Mob Holiday which is a very big task made much easier.

Well next year I hope to be tripping around the country side of Australia so I won't be here to do the next report, or the Mob Holiday or Joey Scout Jaunt. I will be taking a year off Scouting.

Wendy Harm

Region Leader

Youth Program Support – Joey Scouts.

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### **Cub Scout Section Report**

The past year has been a successful year in the Cub Scout Section and it has been great to work with the Leaders within the Region on the various activities which have been held throughout the year.

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

I do receive information sometimes that Cub Scouts around the Region are achieving well in their badge work and some have become recipients of the Grey Wolf Award.

In the Central and Coastal Region there have been two Cub Scout Leadership Courses held with large numbers attending from the various Packs. The Leader participation was excellent, which enabled the program to run smoothly, and the Cub scouts were able to enjoy the activities being held on the day. These courses are designed to develop leadership skills in the Cub Scout which enables them to then assist the Leaders in the Pack. The role of a Sixer or Second in the Pack is of great importance and by attending a Leadership Course it then develops a child more fully in their role. The Cub Scouts use the new skills in the Pack, and it is mandatory to complete a series of activities to receive their Promise and Law Challenge and the Cub Scout Leadership Badge.

The 8 Year Old Camp was held at on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Rowallan Park. This camp is designed to specifically target the Award Scheme in Cub Scouts which is the Boomerang Award Scheme. Attendance was mainly from local Groups and our Leader and Parent support was fantastic. We ate like kings and the food was delicious. The Cub Scouts had a fun filled exciting time. Their test work was delivered in various ways through games and activities. The reward was to have their Passport marked off on the day.

Coming events on the calendar are the 9 year old day activity being held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at Rowallan Park. The 10 year old day activity on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September is being held at Rowallan Park, and the last event for the year will be the Cub Scout Leadership Course on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, also being held at Rowallan Park

I look forward to the next twelve months and the friendship, fun, enjoyment and challenges which I shall experience along the way.

Julie Thompson

Region Leader – Cub Scouts

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### **Scout Report**

Scouts have been active throughout the year with the annual Region Camp being held at Rowallan Park. Some stiff competition resulted in a Patrol from Sarina Troop and a Patrol from Mackay City Central Troop being declared shared winners of the perpetual trophy.

Rainbow Bird camp was held at Cape Hillsborough and provided Scouts and Leaders with the opportunity to demonstrate and/or gain experience in light weight hiking, camping and navigation skills. A light hearted side to the weekend was the fun activities on the beach.

Scouts and Leaders were involved in the erection and supervision of Sarina Group's rope bridge at the National Day of Thanksgiving on the grounds of the Mackay Regional Council civic precinct and again at the Youth Week activities held at Sarina Beach. The rope bridge is a good promotional tool and is popular with young people.

Fourteen Scouts participated in a Scout Leadership Course held at Rowallan Park. Four Leaders delivered the course program which teaches leadership skills and allows Scouts the opportunity to apply their skills as an individual and also as a team player. This is done through practical activities relative to their role as a Scout practicing the Patrol system while also developing leadership skills for the future. The Leadership Course is a prerequisite for a Scout to earn the Australian Scout Medallion which is the highest award in the Scout Section.

Region Leaders prepared and served billy tea and damper at the Mackay Regional Council Australia Day celebrations in Mackay. Sarina Group did likewise at the celebrations held in Sarina.

I am concerned that some of our Leaders require additional training support in practical skills, particularly in the knotting and map and compass areas. This is evident at our camps. I would like to hold day workshops to assist these Leaders.

Tim Johnson (Taipan)

Region Leader - Scouts

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## **Venturer Scout Report**

The Central and Coastal Region Venturer Scouts are certainly looking wide with their participation in a Unit Management Course, a Leadership Course, hikes in the Eungella National Park and Conway State Forest and achieving Tapes in all areas of the Award Scheme. Activities have ranged from quilting to lifesaving; water polo to hockey; music to mythicism.

Members enthusiastically participated in the Central Queensland Roventure hosted by the Mackay Rovers at Marlborough. Two members attended the Australian Venture in Perth.

Although small in numbers, they are certainly not small in achievements with the Venturer Scouts participating in service projects throughout the community. Mackay City Central Unit has taken on the task of assisting the Caretaker at Rowallan Park. Banksia Unit has several different projects on the go with the Blood Bank, Surf Lifesavers, Meals on Wheels and the other youth sections of the Movement receiving their attention.

We are looking forward to another fun and rewarding year with many new adventures underway.

Judy Johnson

Region Leader – Venturer Scouts

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## **Rover Report**

Mackay Rover Crew has been a busy Crew again this last year starting out the year with eight members. Many events were attended by the Crew, the first of which was June Moot.

June Moot was held in Gladstone and was a celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Central Queensland Rover Council (CQRC). The event had good attendance from past, present and also future members. The weekend was full of fun and games including a mini show with stalls and games run by current Central Queensland Rovers. The next event on the calendar was Service Moot, and although being run by Bundaberg it was held in Mackay.

The major service item for the weekend involved planting trees at Blacks Beach to aid in the prevention of erosion and also to improve the area as a nesting ground for turtles. Hundreds of seedlings were planted in the dunes by the willing participants and thousands of litres of water were carted into the area to water in the new trees as well as maintain previous plantations. Those present were treated to some local information, particularly in relation to the turtles nesting, which gave the exercise much more meaning. Drawing towards the end of the year Christmas was looming, and with Christmas of course comes Christmas Moot.

Hosted by Fitzroy Rover Crew the event was held on the banks of a beautiful river just north of Rockhampton. A range of Olympic themed activities took place on the weekend, with some misguided costumes of the same theme making an appearance after dark. It was an unusually comfortable weekend for an area with no amenities. The Fitzroy Crew organised toilets, showers and even a generator to power such necessities and the slushy machine (it was pretty hot). A spanner was thrown in the works when mid-way through the night's revelry a freak storm sent gazebos rolling across the paddocks and saturated many a bed. Through team work and some cosy



sleeping arrangements all ended well with minimal damage. Some members of the Mackay Crew went a step further this year and attended some events in the Brisbane area. The first of these was Banana Bash.

Held in a new location with short notice there were understandably some teething problems, but apart from these minor hiccups the event ran quite smoothly. Whether people chose to devote their weekend to working on and driving a car, sitting back as a spectator or a combination of these, a good time was had by all. Of course there was a spot of rain during the event which changed many strategies and made for great watching as the cars drivers did their best to keep the cars on the straight and narrow while still posting competitive times. Mackay's time to shine was RoVenture this year.

The event was held in Marlborough to marginally reduce travel times for those coming from the south, as well as to experience a new venue. Held at the local show grounds the event was a great success with participants travelling from as far away as Maryborough! The cyclone slightly north loomed but couldn't put a damper on proceedings with no real weather indications of its presence. Over the Easter long weekend two events took place.

Some of the Crew flew to Brisbane to attend the booked out St. George's Ball where a grand night was had by all. The Ball is a great event to make new friend as well as catch up with old ones while winding down from our busy lives. The other event on that weekend was a fundraiser running the food stall at the Opposite Lock four wheel drive competition near Cathu State Forest. With the assistance of the Banksia Venturers a good sum of money was raised with every cent being well earned on that wet weekend. Other events attended by the Crew included Wombat Moot in Gladstone, Queensland Moot in Landsborough and of course the 'Booting' of our long time member Scott Marshall and completion of Squire Training for both Michael Stiplovsek and Natasha Salty. Being the busy bunch we are the Crew has also had a couple of projects on the go.

With the Rover Den (Railway Hut at Rowallan Park) up to a sealed state we were able to concentrate on a trailer which has been set up for use by the Rovers when camping away.

I apologise as I am sure there is much that I have missed as there is so much to be involved in the scouting world, particularly as a Rover.

Yours in Scouting

Stuart Wolsey

Crew Leader

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### **Region Events Report**

In hindsight it has been a fairly quiet year for events in the Region. There have been many an activity but only a couple I have had to organise, but never the less here is the year in review.

#### **December 2008- onehundredmetres4onehundredyears**

A great idea at the time... the Region wanted to support the Scouts Queensland Centenary Project to help raise monies to support the Wesley Research Institute so we hatched a plan....let's prepare and cook a hundred metre damper at the local Troppo Markets and get each metre sponsored by local

business at a cost of \$100. Simple! The Rotary Club of Mackay North and the Show Society came on board to help advertise the event and dig the long trench required. Sponsorship letters were sent out and wood ....that's lots and lots of wood... was collected to supply the coals. Next came the task of pre mixing and bagging 150kg of flour, 15kg of milk powder, 20kg of margarine and a bit of salt so our youth members only had to add water and lay the damper on the day. With a fire permit in hand and a fire and coal team organised we were set, everything was under control. Wrong! Sunday December 14 was hot...very, very hot. The youth members, leaders and parents turned up in force ...and sweated...we mixed , laid alfoil and damper...and sweated...the boys(wearing a welding mask to get anywhere near the coals)shovelled coals...sweated...it was one of the hottest December days in a long, long time. The temperature on the day was beyond our control but we made that one hundred metres of damper. As a result we raised \$4048.85 to be forwarded on to the Centenary Project. A job well done team.

### **February 2009-World Scout Day Committee Formation**

At the end of 2008 ARC Bob Hodda had a little word in my ear....always a bit of a worry...about the milestones in the history of Mackay Scouting in 2009. It was to be one hundred years since the first group opened in Mackay and our scout reserve Rowallan Park would be celebrating it's sixtieth birthday. He had an idea!!! As a result we have formed a committee to plan a weekend of celebration to coincide with World Scout Day on August 1 &2 at Rowallan Park

### **March 2009- Aquatastics**

Our annual Swimming Carnival, Aquatastics which was to be held on Saturday March 7 was postponed due to the region being under an official cyclone warning. The day was re scheduled to May 9.

No annual report is complete without an official thank you to all our fellow Leaders and families who help us achieve the varied activities for the youth members of the Region. I personally find it more and more difficult with work commitments to achieve the tasks my role requires and I know it would be impossible to do so without the support of Peter, Jacob and Louis and those of my fellow Leaders, in particular Judy, Tim and Mary...Thank-you.

Jane Mumford

Region Leader – Region Events

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### **Assistant Region Commissioner – Group Support**

I am pleased to present an overview of the Group activities in the Central and Coastal Region for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Other Leaders have presented in detail what has taken place in their areas of responsibility, so I will try not to duplicate their report.

All Groups in our Region have had a great year of Scouting with many fun and enjoyable activities, but how much better it could have been if only we could manage to recruit more Leaders. There are quite a number of our hard working and dedicated Leaders performing more than one role, and it is always a concern that they may "burn out" due to overwork. If we could share the workload with

more new Leaders, it would be much easier for everyone. We are prepared to train new recruits so they can join in the fun of Scouting and become great Leaders. Fortunately we do have new Leaders signed on in some Groups, but every Group could do with more. If anyone is interested in finding out more about becoming a Leader, I am only too happy to talk to them about it.

I am very impressed to see that some Youth Members have received the Joey Scout Promise Challenge Award, the Cub Scout Grey Wolf Award or Scout Medallion. A considerable amount of work and dedication from the participants, Leaders and also parents, is required for these achievements. It is always a great honour to be invited to these presentations. Well done to you all

It is always a pleasure to attend Leader Award presentations, and I wish to congratulate all those who received well earned recognition for their efforts in Scouting.

Group Chartering has been progressing quite well, with the remaining unchartered Groups close to completing the necessary requirements. Hopefully all Groups will be chartered before my next report.

Mainly because of a Leadership shortage, Bucasia Scout Group has been temporarily closed. The Den is currently being used to store and display our Scout memorabilia, and for a meeting place. It is our intention to make more aesthetic improvements to the building to encourage local youth to join the movement, and have a strong and successful Scout Group there again. There are many young families in this area, and I can see no reason why this Group will not thrive once more.

Several Groups have benefited financially from Grants. Bucasia Den has a new roof, Whitsunday Coast has new storage facilities and kitchen, and Proserpine is waiting to have their building restumped. Every den has had a rainwater tank installed also.

I wish to express sincere thanks to the dedicated Group Leaders and their teams, who are constantly challenged to present exciting, enjoyable and safe programs for the youth members. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I wish you all Happy Scouting in the year ahead.

Brian Harvey

Assistant Region Commissioner – Group Support

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### **Training Development Report**

Scouts Australia conducts a Wood Badge Training Program as a system for training and development of all its Adult Leaders. It comprises Introductory, Basic and Advanced levels which are competency based and relate to the functions of each Leader. Additional training programs enhance the acquisition of further skills and knowledge.

The training program in Central and Coastal Region has continued to progress at a steady pace with fewer Leaders attending scheduled training courses. I believe this to be resultant from the slow recruitment of new Leaders along with work and family commitments placing increasing demands on people's time.

The following course attendance results have been recorded for the year under review.

Skills Training 1:           1 Joey Scout Leader, 1 Cub Scout Leader, 1 Scout Leader, 2 Venturer Scout Leaders and 1 Leader of Adults

Skills Training 2:           1 Venturer Scout Leader

Skills Training 3: 1 Venturer Scout Leader

Wood Badge Training 1: 1 Leader of Adults

Training of Trainers 4: 7 Leaders

Assessor: 7 Leaders

Anchor Badge: 7 new participants plus 2 upgrades to next level.

Congratulations to Group Leader Lesley Bullemor who completed her Advanced Training to Wood Badge and Certificate 4 level. Lesley strived under sometimes difficult circumstances to achieve her goal and upheld one of the old Scout Laws which said, *"A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties"*.

The Training of Trainers 4 and Assessor Courses were a first for Central and Coastal Region and were conducted by Leader Trainer David Thomas. These courses provided additional qualifications for the seven Leaders who attended and in turn added strength to resources in our Region.

A more effective Personal Leader Advisor system is in the planning stages. Its implementation is one of my goals requiring completion. Resource materials are yet to arrive from Branch Headquarters.

SCOUTOUT was held at Rowallan Park on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008 under the leadership of Branch Commissioner Scouts, Pieter Van Der Kamp. A total of 28 people attended including Leaders and Scouts from our Region along with fellow Scouts and Leaders from Gladstone and Dysart. It was a fun filled weekend with many interesting activities. One of the most popular being rope making.

Last year one of our highly respected Leaders for some 36 years, Mrs Mavis Larkin was called to Higher Service. Mavis spent most of her Scouting career in the Cub Scout Section where she was an inspiration to Cub Scouts and Leaders alike. I recall Mavis running Introductory Courses for New Leaders. Mavis would always commence by asking those present why they joined the Movement. She would then add that if they were there for any other reason than to serve the youth of the community, they were there for the wrong reason and may as well leave the course now. Her message was clearly understood.

It takes a sizeable team to make training courses materialize. I take this opportunity to thank the trained Leaders who have assisted in staffing the courses and sharing their skills with new Leaders. My thanks go to Bonnie Spratt and members of the Rowallan Park Fellowship who have so generously attended to catering requirements. These people are capable of providing restaurant class meals in the kitchen at Rowallan Park. Thanks also to Barry Spratt for his preparation of the campsite facilities in accordance with our needs. The additional undercover facilities now available at Rowallan Park are most welcome when it comes to multi section training. Congratulations and thank you to the many people who have made this possible.

I encourage all Leaders to remain focused on their training commitments and to take advantage of training opportunities as they come available. I wish you fun and enjoyment as you continue your Scouting journey.

Margaret Hodda

Assistant Region Commissioner - Training Development

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### **Heritage and Memorabilia Report**

The memorabilia for the Region has been stored in an all weather cargo container at Rowallan Park but owing to the container having no ventilation, condensation and heat inside the container has caused damage to files and memorabilia stored in boxes. The damage was noticed after the "big

wet". Shelves were damaged so much by the water and heat that they crumbled causing the cardboard boxes and contents to become a soggy mess. Items which were able to be salvaged are now stored in the old Headquarters Hut at Rowallan Park.

The Bucasia Scout Den has recently been made available for storage and display of the memorabilia. Some repairs and refurbishments to the den are necessary before we can transfer the items currently stored at Rowallan Park. I will require some assistance when the move is able to take place.

A memorabilia and promotional display was set up in the Mackay Regional Council Library for a two week period during 2008. This was highly successful and members of the public who visited the display were quite impressed. For many it brought back memories of their Scouting days of yesteryear.

We are currently planning another display from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009, again at the Mackay Regional Council Library. This year we will be celebrating 100 years of Scouting in Mackay. We expect to have two members of the Queensland Badge Heritage-Memorabilia Club come up from southern Queensland to assist with the display. We take this opportunity to thank the Mackay Regional Council for allowing us the opportunity to promote Scouting to the public from this venue.

Dennis and Heather Tuckerman

Heritage and Memorabilia

Rowallan Park Scout Fellowship

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### **Environmental Education Report**

The environmental education program seems to be gaining some active interest within the Region with evident participation from most of the Groups.

A very successful environmental education participation program was conducted at the Proserpine Scout Den during the past year whilst programs at Rowallan Park in the past have been well attended with the youth award scheme being targeted for achievement recognition.

Reports from the Proserpine day show a significant balance of nature at the den with resident Bower Birds and Native Frogs in abundance. This is supposed to be a show of a healthy environment.

Bowen Group is currently involved with local seagrass surveys whilst their den is classed as environmentally friendly.

Whitsunday Group is into the Landcare mode whilst Banksia Group have engaged their interest with the Mackay Regional Council Botanic Gardens.

Mackay City Central Group Venturers are currently involved at Rowallan Park working with the Caretaker in the maintenance and development of our Campsite and Activity Centre.

Whilst I have not had hands on experience with Sarina and Moranbah Groups there has been considerable award scheme recognition by way of badge work presentation to identify the need for more time to be spent with these Groups in the future.

In an endeavour to keep pace with the environmental interest within the Mackay District which encompasses the Central & Coastal Region we have attended meetings of the Landcare organization, National Resources Management organization, Clean Waterways organization as well as the Mackay Regional Council Environmental Section with the ever helpful guidance of Environmental Officer Stuart Fyfe.

The biodiversity trails at Rowallan Park became somewhat overgrown at the beginning of this year with some good seasonal rains, but the beauty of the bush land with an abundance of wildlife is there for those who wish to take some relaxing time to walk with nature. The property is close to the city with some tropical forest land that can take your imagination to walking the trails of the National Park at Eungella and other nature reserves.

Rowallan Park trails and Campsite is available for everybody to share and enjoy. Not too far to travel, bring your own picnic lunch and for just \$2.00 per head per day you can really get the stress of city life out of your system. This price even includes a booklet about what is along the trails and you get the Caretakers comments for free. You can't beat that for a truly good environmental deal!

See you out there sometime, everybody is welcome!

*Pera*

Jo Brzozowski

Environmental Educational Co-ordinator

**Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region**

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 March 2009

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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 2009**

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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region for the financial year ended 31 March 2009.

### **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 profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended 31 March 2009	Year ended PrevYearEnd
\$	\$
1,654.23	(29,232.78)

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

  
 John Taylor

  
 Reg Ross

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**Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region**  
**Statement by Members of Committee**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2009**

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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 2009 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:

  
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John Taylor  
President

  
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Reg Ross  
Treasurer

**Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region**  
**Trading Account**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
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<b>Trading Income</b>		
Badge Shop Sales	<hr/>	517.00
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<hr/>	<b>517.00</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
<b>Add:</b>		
Purchases	<hr/>	302.80
	<hr/>	302.80
 <b>Cost of Sales</b>		 <b>302.80</b>
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<b>Gross Profit from Trading</b>	<hr/>	<b>214.20</b>

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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 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Trading profit		214.20
Affiliation Fees	2,217.00	2,085.00
Annual General Meeting	620.00	740.00
Badge Sales	382.28	
Commissions Received		112.50
Donations	575.00	4,885.00
Fellowship Group Deposit		152.80
Fund Raising	1,726.10	
Grants Received	30,909.00	5,259.50
Income for Vanuatu Trip		96.00
Interest received	2,212.13	2,376.55
QBE Insurance Reward	37.50	50.00
Rowallan Park Income	13,311.95	10,031.45
Training Administration Income	13,002.04	10,487.80
Write off Stale Enviro Fund Chq	1,000.00	
Profit on Sale of Plant & Equipment		250.00
Total income	65,993.00	36,740.80
<b>Expenses</b>		
A.G.M Expenses	560.00	725.00
Audit fees	330.00	330.00
Bank Fees And Charges	161.78	17.00
Depreciation	25,910.00	21,140.00
Gifts	28.00	
Membership Fees to Branch H.Q		370.00
Miscellaneous	417.65	501.85
Postage & stationery	476.40	471.69
Repairs & maintenance	1,976.13	1,441.73
Rowallan Park Expenses	24,053.70	23,614.13
Training Admin Expenses	9,684.11	17,362.18
Uniforms and Badges	741.00	
Total expenses	64,338.77	65,973.58

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 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	1,654.23	(29,232.78)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	<u>1,654.23</u>	<u>(29,232.78)</u>
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<u>1,654.23</u>	<u>(29,232.78)</u>
<b>Items recognised directly in equity:</b>		
Net increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve		(38,670.36)
<b>Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity</b>	<u>1,654.23</u>	<u>(38,670.36)</u>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<u>1,654.23</u>	<u>(67,903.14)</u>
 Opening retained profits	 (177,357.09)	 (148,124.31)
Net profit attributable to the association	<u>1,654.23</u>	<u>(29,232.78)</u>
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<u>(175,702.86)</u>	<u>(177,357.09)</u>

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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 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Westpac Cheque Account	3,729.20	7,500.03
Training Admin Account	6,493.76	5,215.18
BHQ Development Fund	40,025.89	38,491.01
Central Coast Region Reserve Account	16,877.03	53,325.80
Cash on hand	100.00	
	<u>67,225.88</u>	<u>104,532.02</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>67,225.88</b>	<b>104,532.02</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Value of Land (Freehold only)	135,000.00	135,000.00
Value of Buildings and fences	155,063.86	109,753.09
Value of Furniture, Equipment	14,205.13	17,808.13
	<u>304,268.99</u>	<u>262,561.22</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>304,268.99</b>	<b>262,561.22</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>371,494.87</b>	<b>367,093.24</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
O/S chq from 2006 Envirofund		1,000.00
Other creditors	8,967.40	5,220.00
	<u>8,967.40</u>	<u>6,220.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>8,967.40</b>	<b>6,220.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,967.40</b>	<b>6,220.00</b>

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 2009**

	2009 \$	2008 \$
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>362,527.47</u>	<u>360,873.24</u>
 <b>Members' Funds</b>		
<b>Reserves</b>		
General reserve	538,230.33	538,230.33
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	<u>(175,702.86)</u>	<u>(177,357.09)</u>
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<u>362,527.47</u>	<u>360,873.24</u>

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2009**

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**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 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

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### 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 2009 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.

### Verification Statement

We have sighted the associations financial records and the financial records show that Scout Association of Australia - Central & Coastal Region has bookkeeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.

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 Date 5/6/09  
Michael P Curtin, BBus. CPA

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